

# St. Therese Catholic Church

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## PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION OF THE LORD

April 9, 2017

*“Blessed are you, who have come  
in your abundant mercy!”*

### Eucharistic Celebration

#### Weekends:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

#### Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:20 p.m. 3:55 p.m.

#### Infant Baptism:

Please contact the pastor two  
(2) months in advance

#### Adoration

Fridays: 6 p.m.

#### Weekdays:

Tuesday-Friday 8:00 a.m.

Thursday: Faith Program 5:30 p.m.

#### Adoration & Benediction

1st Friday each month 6p.m.-7p.m.

#### Marriage:

Please call Rectory six (6) months  
prior to proposed date

### SECRETARY

Cindy Hampton

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### PARISH COUNCIL

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday  
April 9 Mt 21:1-11 Jn 12:1, 12-13, Ps 24: (23):9-10  
Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24  
Ph 2:6-11

Monday  
April 10 Is 42:1-7 Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday  
April 11 Is 49:1-6, Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 & 17  
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday  
April 12 Is 50:4-9a, Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 & 33-34  
Mt 26:14-25

Thursday  
April 13 Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9 Ps 89:21-22, 25 & 27  
Rv 1:5-8 Lk 4:16-21

Friday  
April 14 Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc,  
17-18 1Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15

Saturday  
April 15 Is 52:13-53:12 Ps 31:2, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25  
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Phil 2:8-9 *Passion of  
the Lord*

### PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND

John Abram  
Mary Brown  
Mary Crossley  
David Jayce Carey  
Courtney Chavis  
Therese Ferguson  
Hollis Fain  
Joe B. Forward  
Theresa Garrett  
Anna Garrick  
Elias Gobert  
James Mims  
John Richard, Sr.  
Alma G Thibodeaux  
Alma C Thibodeaux  
Sammie Williams



### April Birthday List Happy Birthday to::

Joe Fontenot 2  
Taffy Arceneaux 2  
Ella Garrett 3  
Tremond Warnell 4  
E'Remious Gus 22  
Clifton Richard 23  
Tracy Richard 23  
Quinn Slocum 23  
Ryan Edwards 24  
Donovan Richard 25  
Diane Johnson 20

### Happy Anniversary

Leothus & Lucy Jones 8th  
Franklin & Doris Gans 11th

To all our sick and homebound **THANK YOU**  
so much for your unwavering commitment and  
contributions to your parish. To better serve  
everyone Fr. Donatus is available to visit **ALL**  
parishioners at the appointed time. Fr. Donatus  
has reserved Friday's for the Homebound.  
Please call for an appointment stating your

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday  
April 9 9:00 a.m. Edward & Ernestine  
Broussard requested by Mr. & Mrs.  
Joe Ware

Monday  
April 10 No Mass

Tuesday  
April 11 8:00 a.m.

Wednesday  
April 12 8:00 a.m.

Thursday  
April 13 8 a.m. & 6 pm Holy Thursday  
washing of the feet

Friday  
April 14 8 a.m. & 2 pm stations of the cross  
followed by 3 pm mass

Saturday  
April 15 4:00 p.m. + Dorothy & Omelia Pitre  
requested by Mary Lazenby

(N.B. You can request Mass to be offered for you/  
your loves one, or the deceased.. Speak with the  
Pastor or call the office to schedule).

### Bishop Faith Appeal

Goal : \$25,000.

*It is the time of year again where we to begin the  
work on our BFA goal., and for those of us that has  
not yet pledged please do so and for those of us that  
has Thank You so much. For any information  
please contact Robert Gobert at (504) 232-5640 or  
Shirley Ray (409) 779-9922. We are look forward to  
the continued growth of our parish*

### MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEKEND HOSPITALITY

Saturday: Richard Scott, Shirley Allison, Rose Davis,  
Walter Davis

Sunday: Staci Powers, Lucy Jones, Fred Green, &  
Horace Broussard

### ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: A: Gary Mims L: 1-G. Mims, 2-F. Guillory  
3-D. Broussard 4-L.Jones 5- L. Jackson 6-H. Broussard  
7- Youth Epistle Youth

Sunday: A: Freda Guillory L: Eva Platt & Youth

### ALTAR SERVER:

Saturday: Reagan Pitre & William Pitre  
Sunday: D'Ana Williams

### MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Saturday Cecilia Davis & Gloria Richard  
Sunday: Gloria Richard & Lucy Jones

### Stations of the Cross

Date: Apr 14, 2017  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Ministry: Knights of  
Peter Cleaver &  
Ladies Auxiliary

Each Friday a  
different ministry  
will be ask to lead  
the stations, every-  
one is encouraged to  
participate.

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

James Arceneaux  
Mary Feathers  
Alberta Fontenot  
Frances Freeman  
Debra Glaude  
Margaret Green  
Myrtle Guillory  
Marvin Hampton  
Celestine Johnson  
Calvin Johnson  
Stacy Johnson  
Rose Lee Johnson  
Lakeisha Guidry-Jones  
Leothus Jones  
Raffelitta Jonea Lee  
John Milton  
Ruby Milton  
Mr. & Mrs. Mace  
Bettye Odom  
Clayona Pilette  
Robert Simmons

### Attendance

Saturday 47 Sunday 57

### Weekend Collection

Deductible Non-Deductible

Mail In \$ 47.00  
Fish Fundraiser \$ 140.00  
Loose \$ 205.00  
Mass Stipends \$ 20.00  
Saturday \$ 933.00  
Sunday \$ 1,550.00

**Total Deposit \$ 2,895.00**

Utilities, <\$ 206.33> Liturgy <\$ 203.41>  
accountants <\$ 653.00> security & sup <\$ 387.75>

**Total Expenses <\$ 1,450.49>**

# PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

## The Great Week

Passion Sunday introduces us to the Great Week—Holy Week. It takes all the devotion and attention we can muster and all the time we have to gather ourselves and to gather with others to share in the suffering of the cross and the sure triumph of the Resurrection. This Sunday of the Passion is where we begin.

**GOSPEL AT THE PROCESSION: Matthew 21:1–11**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4–7    RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 22:8–9, 17–18, 19–20, 23–24**

**SECOND READING: Philippians 2:6–11    GOSPEL: Matthew 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11–54]**

## Comment

The solemn procession of this Sunday recalls Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. He enters humbly upon a donkey. He comes as a man of peace, a man of the people—fickle though they prove to be. At the beginning of Mass on this solemn Sunday, we gather for the blessing of the palms and joyously proclaim Jesus as our king. This procession has been part of this day since about the fourth century. It is a concrete and engaging act. This moment of triumph opens the door to Holy Week. The procession and the readings of the Liturgy of the Word give us a preview of the paradox of the happy fault that merits so great a redeemer, as the words of the Exsultet at the Easter Vigil will remind us. But the Easter Vigil is far off. And we, the faithful, are at the brink of the Great Week that ends in the joy of Easter.

On this Palm Sunday, the echoes of our song of glory and laud and honor fade as we ponder the long narration of Jesus' passion, death, and burial. The readings from Isaiah and the letter to the Philippians help us retain some balance as we consider death and its relationship to life; the Crucifixion and its relationship to the Resurrection. These first two readings are the same every year. Only the Gospels change. Each year, we read the passion narratives from Matthew, Mark, or Luke. The passion narrative according to John is reserved for Good Friday's celebration of the Lord's Passion.

This year's narration is from the Gospel according to Matthew. We hear the story of that singularly long day from the Lord's Supper on Thursday evening to his burial before sunset on the following Friday. Matthew's account is consistent with his whole Gospel. He addresses the Church; he teaches. He recalls the Hebrew Scriptures once in the narration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and five times in the narration of the Passion.

The first reading for the day is the third of five suffering servant songs found in the book of Isaiah. This reading prepares us for the proclamation of the Passion. It's a good thing, too, for it sets before us the portrait of a just and dignified person who honorably bears the humiliation that he does not deserve.

We move to the second reading, which is a liturgical hymn that sketches the full circle from the Word's union with the Father in heaven, to the Incarnation, to his glorification. For our sakes, he who was one with God did not cling to that exalted unity of being. For us, he took on the whole—the whole!—of human existence from birth to suffering to death. This was the source of his exaltation. He is Christ and Lord.

## Reflection

According to Matthew's Gospel narration of the passion and death of Jesus, his only words from the cross are those of deep anguish. His sense of abandonment is all we need to remind us that he knew the loss of all that his life stood for. He did not know how he would be released from this dark night of the soul and deep pain of the body.

We, however, stand on the resurrection side of the story. We are in possession of the whole story. We are able to understand the Passion and Crucifixion in the bright light of the Resurrection. We have courage enough to hear the passion story, because it ends in life. It reverses the expectation that life ends in death. As people of the Resurrection, our faith tells us that death opens to life.

Today the events that will be celebrated day by day during Triduum are narrated whole. Triduum begins with the celebration of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday and ends on Easter evening. During these most solemn days of the Church year, we will gather to reflect on the Paschal Mystery rendered present in our lives.

## Times for Holy Week thru Sunday of Divine Mercy

- April 11 & 12 8:00 am mass
- Holy Thursday, April 13, 6:00 pm  
1 reader-Lucy Jones                      2 reader-Freda Guillory
- Good Friday, April 14, Stations 2:00 pm followed by mass at 3:00 pm  
1 reader-Gary Mims                      2 reader-Dorothy Broussard  
Passion Narrator-Cecilia Davis    Voice-Amaya Leblanc  
Solemn intercessions— George Alexander & Mona Richard
- **Holy Saturday, April 15 Vigil of Easter 8:30 pm**  
1 reader-Gary Mims,                      2 reader- Freda Guillory  
3 reader-Dorothy B.                      4 reader- Lucy Jones  
5 reader-Leo Jackson                      6 reader- Horace B.  
7reader- Youth                              **Epistle Youth**
- Easter Sunday, April 16, 9:00 am (schedule)
- Sun. of Divine Mercy, April 23, 9:00 am (schedule)

## \*\*\* The Easter Lily Offering\*\*\*

It is customary for individuals to purchase Easter Lilies in memory of a family member or members for Easter. Everyone please take the opportunity to purchase and drop off your lilies at the church by Good Friday evening or contact the office. **EVERYONE** please join the tradition.

Easter Lilies were found growing in the **Garden of Gethsemane** after Christ's agony. We continue this tradition at Easter time draping the altar and surrounding the cross with masses of Easter Lilies, to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and hope of life everlasting.

## \*\*\*ATTENTION\*\*\*

As we know Holy Thursday is near if anyone would like to be part of the 12-people getting their feet washed please contact the parish office, first 12 will be chosen, children included.

## Adoration Schedule April 13, 2017 Mass 6:00 p.m.

Adoration Times:	
8:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.	Altar Servers, Youth
9 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.	Choir
9:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.	Lectors & Ushers
10 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.	Fundraiser & Christmas Party Committees
10:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.	Minsters of Communion
11 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.	Knights and Ladies of KPC
11:30 p.m. to Midnight	Priest & Parish Council Members

## NOVENA PRAYER TO ST. THERESE—THE LITTLE FLOWER

St. Therese, beloved friend, you promised to spend your time in heaven doing good upon the earth. WE come before you in our need. We believe that you listen to us and approach God for and with us. You are love in the heart of the God. Please accept these petitions, hopes, needs and dreams that I list below (pause). Please present them to our loving Father so that God may do what is best for us, for our loved ones, and for the fulfillment of God's Kingdom. Continue your shower of roses in our lives. We ask you, dear friend with the bold confidence and loving care. We make this prayerful petition in the name of Jesus and through the power of his Spirit. **AMEN.**

## \*\*\*Congratulation's\*\*\*

Essay & Poetry Contest Winners  
**Reagan Pitre** – Third Place

St. Mary Catholic School  
3rd Nine Weeks Honor Roll  
Distinguished (95 & Above)

**Hannah Allison**

Speaking on behalf of Catholic School's and its benefits  
**Reagan Pitre William Pitre Hannah Allison**

Stark Museum of Art's contest

**Reagan Pitre William Pitre Hannah Allison**

Congratulation's on having your paintings shown at the Stark Museum we the members of St. Therese are so proud of your accomplishments, continue the great work, your success is our success. We pray that God continued to Bless you all.

## \*\*\*ATTENTION YOUTH VOLLEYBALL\*\*\* April 29, 2017

What time does the Tournament begin?  
Registration begins at 8:45am  
Teams report to fields by 9:25am  
Games begin at 9:30am  
There is no set end time. Tournament play will be similar to that of a 'Round Robin' style; each team will play a total of three matches. Tournament winners will be determined by a team's net score (points for – points against). Is lunch included in the \$3/player fee?  
No. Youth are welcome to bring money for concessions or pack their own lunch. Lunch will be eaten according to teams, not parishes.

Funeral Liturgy of Msgr. **Bennie Patillo**, Pastor Emeritus of St. Elizabeth Parish, Port Neches, and former Vicar General / Chancellor.

Sunday, April 9, 2017  
Visitation at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica, Beaumont, 4 PM – 9 PM

Monday, April 10, 2017 9:30 AM, closing of the casket  
10:00 AM, Mass of Christian Burial celebrated by Bishop Guillory with concelebrating priests Burial at Greenlawn Cemetery, Groves

Reception : For those not attending the burial, immediately following the mass in the parish hall

For those attending the burial, at the parish hall upon returning from the cemetery Please keep Father Bennie in your prayer.