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9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



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

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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.