

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun. Mar 25– Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
Mon. Mar 26– Is 42:1-7 Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 Jn 12:1-11
Tues. Mar 27– Is 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 & 17 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wed. Mar 28– Is 50:4-9a Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 & 33-34
Thurs. Mar 29– Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15
Fri. Mar 30– Is 52:13-53 Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Pass. Jn 18:1-19:42
Sat. Mar 31– Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 34 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 & 22 Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Ex 14:15-15:1 Is 54:5-14 Is 55:1-11 Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4 Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28 Epistle-Rom 6:3-11 Gospel Mk 16:1-7

**March Birthday List
Happy Birthday to::**

Clinton Giron	1
Calvin Johnson	3
Yvette Spearman	5
Blake Thompson	5
Adam Jacobs	8
Michael Jackson	13
Emma Nelson	17
Tara Thompson-Ware	18
Enrique Warnell	20
Hazel Johnson	21
Dominique Guillory	24
Orion Guillory	24
Felicia Richard	24
Florence Craig	24
Lisa Jackson	26

Happy Anniversary
 Gerald & Virginia Richard 22nd
 Walter & Rose Davis 29th

**MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEKEND
HOSPITALITY**

Saturday: Shirley Allison, Rose Davis, Walter Davis & Johnny Riggs
 Sunday: Phyllis Thibodeaux, Dorothy Jacobs, Elizabeth Mitchell, Veronica Bradford

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

Saturday: A: Mona Richard
 L: Gary Mims & Eva Platt
 Sunday: A:
 L: Gary Mims

ALTAR SERVER:

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

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

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

**COORDINATORS OF
MINISTRIES**

Bishop Faith Appeal - Shirley Ray
Bereavement Committee - Rose Bottley

Donut Sunday's - Freda Guillory*
 Donuts and coffee in the Education Building 1st, 3rd & 4th Sunday of each month.

Extraordinary Minister of Communion - Shirley Ray

Finance - Andre' Robertson * finance meetings are held every 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Fund Rising - Walter Davis

Hospitality/Ushers - Rose Davis

Lectors - Gary Mims

Life Center - Adam Jacobs

Plumbing - Joe Fontenot

Mission & Retreat - Cecilia Davis

Music Director - George Alexander
 * choir rehearsal's are every Tuesday at 6:30 pm

Pastoral Council meetings held every 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Socials - Knights of Peter Clever & Ladies Auxiliary * Parish Luncheon, the second Sunday of each month.

Youth - Felicia Richard

Stewardship-Wayne Sparrow

1st Friday of each month Fr. Donatus has 11 am Mass at Orange Villa located on 3rd Street. There will be NO evening Mass that day, adoration only, everyone is invited to come.

Attendance

Saturday: 37 Sunday: 56

Weekend Collection

Mail In	\$ 47.00
Loose	\$ 207.13
Fish Fry Fund.	\$1,216.00
Saturday	\$ 241.00
Sunday	\$1,327.00

Total Deposit \$ 3,038.13

Expenses: security adt <\$ 48.70>
 center point energy <\$ 203.15>
 liturgy <\$ 83.79>

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Office Hours: Tuesday thru Thursday
 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



**Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord**

March 25, 2018

**“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

Weekdays:

Tuesday-Friday 6:00 p.m.

Adoration & Benediction

1st Friday each month 5p.m.-6:30p.m.

Marriage:

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

MASS INTENTIONS

**During Lent “Only” Masses
Monday thru Saturday at 7:00am**

Sunday, Mar. 25, 2018 9:00 am Mass

Mon. Mar. 26, 2018 7:00 am MASS

Tues. Mar. 27, 7:00 am & 6:00 pm

Wed. Mar. 28, 7:00 & 6:00 pm

Thurs. Mar. 29, 7:00 am & 6:00 pm

Fri. Mar. 30, 7:00 am & 6:00 pm
& 5:00 pm

Exposition & Adoration of
the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, Mar. 31, 2018 7:00 am
3:20 - 3:55 Reconciliation
4:00 p.m. Mass

(N.B. You can request Mass to be offered for you/your love ones, or any deceased person. Speak with the Pastor or call the office to schedule your mass intention).

SECRETARY

Cindy Hampton (409) 882-0935

PARISH COUNCIL

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PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

The Passion of Jesus Christ

The Passion of Christ is not simply a record of Jesus' suffering and death. It is a process through which all of us must go, indeed, are privileged to go. The reason we undertake the annual Lenten pilgrimage is to get somewhere. Easter is that somewhere, but there is no Easter without Jesus' passion. Neither is there an Easter in our lives without our sharing in that Passion. But to what sort of passion are we summoned? Are we to be betrayed, abandoned by friends, condemned, and put to physical death? For some of us, the answer may be yes. But for all of us, the passion we are called to share mirrors Jesus' passion in a way that, while not so concrete, is nonetheless very real. We are called to share the passion of letting go of selfish desires, of grasping, of being pretentious, of wearing masks. The Passion of Christ calls us to become vulnerable as Jesus was vulnerable, to wear our hearts on our sleeves, to forgive rather than to seek revenge, to call out resolutely for wholeness and not for division, and to give ourselves over completely to life.

GOSPEL AT THE PROCESSION: Mark 11:1-10

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: Mark 14:1-15:47 [15:1-39]

Comment

In the first reading, Isaiah speaks of the fulfillment of God's covenant in terms of the actions of God's humiliated Servant, who will ultimately be exalted. The meaning of this passage from humiliation to glorification—from death to life—is made clear in the great hymn to Christ that makes up the reading from Philippians. Like the Suffering Servant, Jesus is obedient, even to accepting a humiliating death. However, because of Jesus' obedience, God glorifies him and bestows upon him his true identity: Messiah and Lord.

The Gospel takes the symbolism of the first reading and the poetry of the second and gives them flesh and blood. The Servant of God, taking on our flesh, suffers and dies that God's new covenant might take root in our hearts and lead us through death to life, safe and at home with God.

Mark's account of Jesus Christ's passion records the events leading to his death with tragic and horrid realism. Like the rapid fire of a machine gun, Mark quickly relates Jesus' cruel betrayal, denial, condemnation, and humiliation. Tersely, he describes Jesus' suffering and crucifixion. Hanging against the darkening sky, Jesus is taunted for his trust and obedience: "Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe." As if anything, save death, could melt such hardness of heart.

Jesus does not do anything so simple as descend from the cross. He performs no conjurer's trick. He dies. And by his death he gives life to fledgling faith—"Truly this man was the Son of God!"—and new hearts to all the world.

Reflection

Of the Passion accounts, Mark's is the most concrete, the most blunt. It is unadorned tragedy. Thus, it is all too easy for us to become overwhelmed or blinded by it, to be unable to look beyond the events it relates with the eyes of faith. The Passion is a tragedy, but it is also a story of glory. That is why we read the Passion today, the first day of the week we call "holy."

The Passion of Jesus Christ sets the tone for all that takes place this week: the reconciliation of sinners, the commemoration of the Passover and the first Eucharist, the veneration of the cross, the expectant vigiling, the welcoming and initiation of the elect, the bright light and overwhelming joy of Easter. The Passion of Jesus Christ leads us to all these. The Passion of Jesus Christ enables us to recognize God present in the humiliations and failings of life. The Passion of Jesus Christ makes any passion we may undergo "holy."

Walk 2 Celebrate Life

Hope Women's Resource Clinic's, walk 2 Celebrate Life. A 2-mile walk, April 28th, 2018 Walk: 9:00 am Family Festival: 9:30am - 11:30am at Tyrrell Park, Beaumont. You must register on line and there you will receive more information

We are encouraged this Lenten season to drink **BEER**

Bible -read the word of God

Empathy -have compassion for one another

Eucharist -accept him into your life

Reconciliation -reconcile ourselves to God

PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Mary Brown
Mary Crossley
David Jayce Carey
Courtney Chavis
Therese Ferguson
Hollis Fain
Joe B. Forward
Ella Mae Garrett
Anna Garrick
Beatrice Guillory
Mark Mitchell Jr.
James Mims
Westley Popillion
John Richard, Sr.
Morman Richard
Alma C Thibodeaux



PRAY FOR THE SICK

James Arceneaux
Mable Durio
Alberta Fontenot
Frances Freeman
Debra Glaude
Margaret Green
Peggy Green
Myrtle Guillory
Rena Mae Jenkins
Celestine Johnson
Calvin Johnson
Stacy Johnson
Rose Lee Johnson
Lakeisha Guidry-Jones
Leothus Jones
John Milton
Ruby Milton
Bettye Odom
Clayona Pilette
Doris Robertson
Brushelle Scott
Richard Scott
Robert Simmons
Mary Ware
Joe Ware

INVITATION TO CHRISM MASS MARCH 27, 2018

Bishop Curtis J. Guillory, S.V.D., invites you to attend the Chrism Mass that Bishop will concelebrate with all the priests of the Diocese of Beaumont on Tuesday of Holy Week, March 27, 2018. The Mass will be celebrated at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica, 700 Jefferson Street, Beaumont, at 6:30 PM. In addition, during the Chrism Mass all the priests will, with Bishop and the Assembly, renew their priestly promises. The Chrism Mass manifests the diversity of the Body of Christ in the Diocese of Beaumont as seen in the many cultures participating, in the liturgical ministers and in the music. The Chrism Mass is a most prayerful way to journey through Holy Week.

TOLTON "From slave to Priest"

When: Monday, March 26, 2018
Where: Lamar University, Beaumont
Time: 7:00 pm
Admission: Free-Will Offering

The performance tells the remarkable true story of Fr. Augustus Tolton, the first African American priest. The program is filled with all the elements of professional theater, runs 75 minutes and is suitable for ages 10 and up

Thank You

We extend a heartfelt thank you to the Knights of Columbus of Hoisington Council, #1521, of Hoisington, Kansas and the special relationship to Fr. Eke, Fr. Francis and Fr. Donatus for their generous donation of \$500. in assistance and support of this Church.

Bishop Faith Appeal Goal : \$17,310 Paid:

It is time to begin our yearly commitment to our BFA goal for 2018. For any information please contact Shirley Ray at (409) 779-9922. We are look forward to the continued growth of our parish

To all our sick and homebound THANK YOU so much for your unwavering commitment and contributions to our parish. To better serve everyone Fr. Donatus is available to visit **ALL** parishioners at the appointed time. However, Fr. Donatus has reserved the second and forth Friday of the month for the homebound.

Lector's Meeting

Readers for Saturday Palm vigil Ma
First Reader: Eve Platt
Second Reader: Freda Guillory
Passion (Narrator N) Gary Mims
Passion (Voice V) Amiyah LeBlanc

Readers for Palm Sunday Mass
First Reader:
Second Reader:
Passion (Narrator N): Tina Kindle
Passion (Voice V): Dorothy Broussard

Holy Thursday
First Reader: Wayne Sparrow
Second Reader: Freda Guillory

Good Friday
First Reader: Dorothy Broussard
Second Reader: Lucy Jones
Passion (Narrator N) Cecilia Davis
Passion (Voice V) Hannah Allison

Saturday (Easter Vigil Mass)
First Reader: Tina Kindle
Second Reader: Eva Platt
Third Reader: Lucy Jones
Fourth Reader: Dorothy
Fifth Reader: Leo Jackson
Sixth Reader: Horace Broussard
Seventh Reader: Gary Mims
Epistle: Cecilia Davis

Easter Sunday
First Reader
Second Reader

Mission Readers (If needed)
Wednesday: Lucy Jones
b, Thursday: Dorothy Broussard
c, Friday: Leo Jackson

You're Invited

Everyone is invited to join our MSP Priests for the close of the 2018 Annual Conference Mass and Meet & Greet Social on April 6, 2018. Mass will begin at 6:30 pm at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 2508 Clay St, Houston Tx 77003. The Social will be immediately after mass in the parish hall. Please come out and support our Priest. See you there!