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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Weekdays:

5:30 pm (Tuesday and Thursday)

9:00 am (Wednesday) 6:30 am (Friday)

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 9:00 am — 5:00 pm

Tuesday: 9:00 am — 5:00 pm

Wednesday: 9:30 am — 5:00 pm

Thursday: 9:00 am — 5:00 pm

Friday: 9:00 am — 12:00 pm

(Closed daily from 12:00 pm — 1:00 pm for Lunch)

PASTOR:

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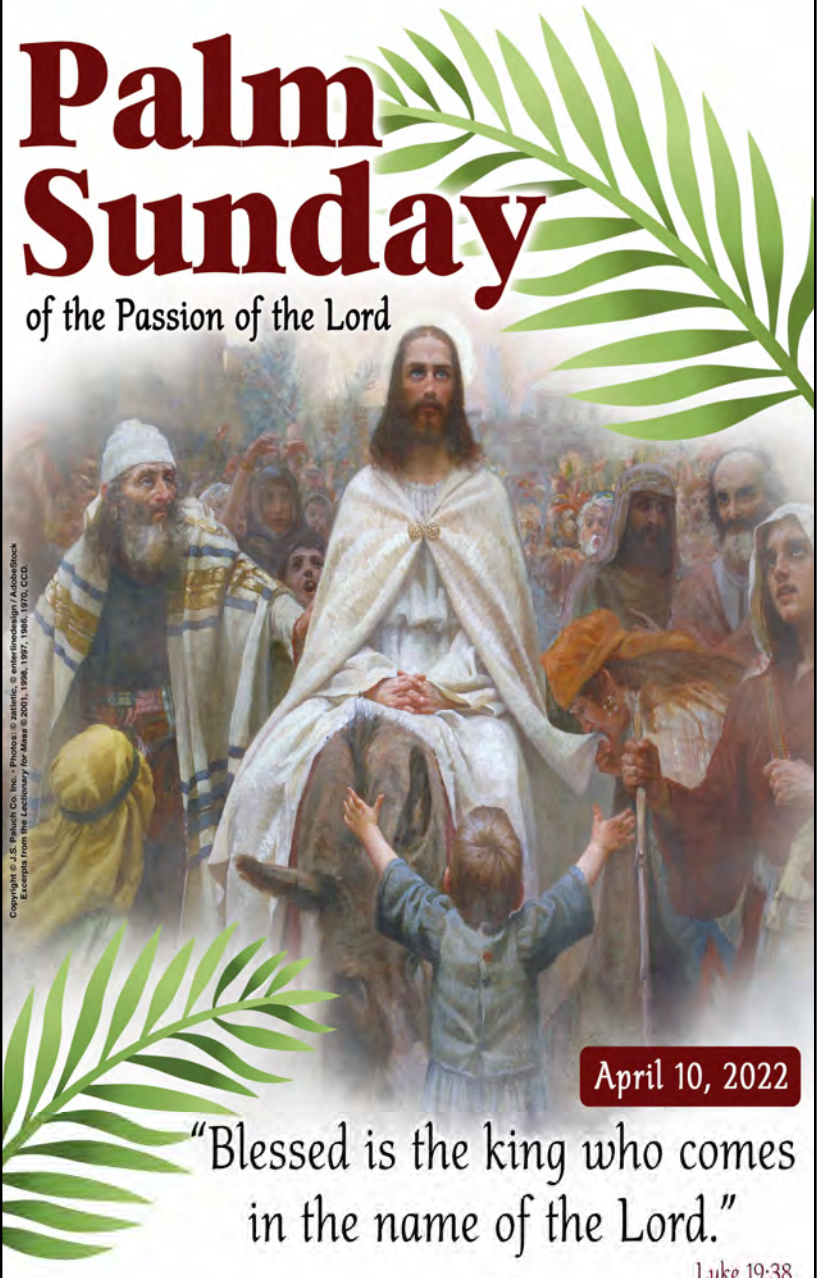
RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:00 pm — 3:45 pm and
30 minutes before weekday Masses

ROSARY:

Wednesday: 8:20 am (*Pro-Life*)

Thursday: 5:00 pm




Palm Sunday
of the Passion of the Lord

April 10, 2022

"Blessed is the king who comes
in the name of the Lord."

Luke 19:38

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Mass Intentions for the Week

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Tuesday, April 12, 2022

5:30pm Earl Weber Jr.
Roselyn "Butsy" Boudreaux

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

9:00am Patrick Richard, Marcella Brasher
Patty Babineaux Fontenot, Emily Dutil
Remy & Yola Barras, Doris Vann
Carlyle Hebert, Jr. (ann of death)
Leslie Romero (bd & ann of death)
Ralph & Lorraine Breaux, Lenora Richard
Emmet & Marguerite Conery, Sally Harper

Thursday, April 14, 2022 - Holy Thursday

7:00pm Nancy Gachassin

Friday, April 15, 2022 - Good Friday

3:00pm No Mass Intentions today

Saturday, April 16, 2022 - Easter Vigil

8:00pm Kevin Elmer (ann of death). Roy Flores
Mona B. Simon, Maudrey C. Landry (bd)
Carrol Romero, Jr. (liv)(bd)
Elise C. Verret (liv)(bd)

Sunday, April 17, 2022

7:00am Parishioners, Charles Froisy
Kimberly Ann Clements, John Soileau
Mrs. Terry Borel, Roderick Soileau
Jules & Leona Broussard

9:00am Msgr. H. J. Barsen, Agapito A. Castro
Clarence & Violet Lancon, Melvin Petry
Gerald "Bick" Girouard, Quang V. Nguyen
Larry John Romero, Janice D. Thibodeaux
Mitch & Bertha P Delcambre, Bill Smith
Ann B. Delcambre, John Ramirez
Jo Ann Ramirez, Larry & Melissa Armand
Domingue & Delcambre Fly, Kenny Byrom
Theonie & Ernest Breaux, Sr., Pat Jardell
Ernest P. Breaux, Jr. (liv), Bobby Norris
JoAnn Cangemi, Leroy & June Aucoin
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M/M Luke LeGendre, Rosa Cangemi
Marion Dennis, Tommy Breaux, Sr.
Patrick Richard, Nativity Parishioners
Warren & Annie Hulin, Elliot Armand
Sharon & Ken Goelzer, Bobby Armand
Laverne & Richard Armand, Joey Breaux

Sunday, April 17, 2022 (Continued)

11:00am Fr. A.J. Boumans, David Paul Comeaux
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Donna M. Lanza
James Elwood Comeaux
Dave J. Cavalier, Jr., Lynward Ransonet
Rev. Fr. Ralph J. Landry
James "Zeke" Abadie

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

*In Memory of:
Carlyle Hebert, Jr.*



VOCATION CROSS

At Mass each week, a family or individual accepts the responsibility of praying for vocations to the Priesthood or Religious Life. At Mass they are given a kit that includes prayers, the vocation cross and a statue of Our Lady of Prompt Succor to use as a focal point. The family or individual is either called up at the end of Mass to receive the kit or they can pick it up in the sacristy after Mass. There is a sign-up sheet located on the right side of the tabernacle. Call the church office if you have any questions.

"Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." (Mt. 9:38)



**St. Katharine Drexel
Coalition of New Iberia**

The Catholic Pastors of New Iberia have come together to form a Coalition of the ACTS Retreats. ACTS is an acronym for Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service. There are women's and men's ACTS Retreats. We have a men's retreat schedule for **May 19 - 22, 2022**. A women's retreat is scheduled for October 13 - 16, 2022. A "pulpit talk" was given at the Masses of February 26th & 27th. All men of each New Iberia Catholic Church are invited to attend the retreat. Please register online at

www.tinyurl.com/2022MensNewIberiaRetreat.

All Catholics in New Iberia are asked to bring the ACTS program to prayer, praying everyone in New Iberia will be blessed with a more intense love of God and neighbor through the ACTS Retreats.

REFLECTIONS Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - Paul reminds us that our attitude must be Christ's - "he emptied himself and took the form of a slave." Behaving like a "slave" is not a good thing nor is that what Paul is trying to tell us. Just what was Christ's attitude? He did not seek power over people. He did not look for fame or honors. Rather he treated people with compassion and respect. He tried to help those in need, encourage those who were in despair. He cared for the people around him and always sought to do good. Are you more concerned with getting what you deserve or helping others get what they need? A Christ-slave is there to serve others before himself. Do you have Christ's attitude?

"The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced." - Isaiah 50:7

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SHARING GOD'S LOVE

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. –John 3:16



As we enter Holy Week, we remember how our Lord suffered and died so that each and every one of us might be saved from sin and have eternal life. Reflect on God's infinite love for you. How have you responded to that love this Lent, and how can you share it with others?

Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

PALM SUNDAY

April 10th

With the blessing of the palms this weekend, we begin the most solemn week of the liturgical year. During these few days we celebrate the central Mysteries of our faith: The saving death and resurrection of Jesus, the Sacraments of the Christian Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist & Confirmation), Sacrament of Holy Orders. We urge all parishioners to take part in the liturgy, uniting themselves with Christ in His sufferings, death and resurrection.

HOLY THURSDAY

April 14th

Holy Thursday commemorates the institution of the Eucharist and Holy Orders, so the liturgy of the day is especially devoted to these Sacraments. The washing of the feet, which symbolizes Christ's service and our service and humility is also part of the day's liturgy.

The Holy Thursday liturgy will begin at 7:00 in the evening. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for an hour following Mass. Please make plans to join our Lord in prayer.

GOOD FRIDAY

April 15th

The Good Friday Service will be at 3:00pm, and it will consist of the Liturgy of the Word, the Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion.

EASTER VIGIL

April 16th

The Easter Vigil will begin at 8pm in all parishes in the Diocese of Lafayette. It will consist of the Service of Light; the Liturgy of the Word, Baptismal Liturgy and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

April 17st

7:00 AM

9:00 AM

11:00 AM

Disch-DeClouet Social Service Center

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Disch-DeClouet Annual Campaign

The Disch-DeClouet Social Service Center is a non-profit organization with an all volunteer staff. The Center has served the poor and needy of Iberia Parish providing for critical and basic human needs (food, clothing, utility and rent assistance, and other help) for 46 years. We service approximately 400 families a month.

We are conducting our Annual Campaign which will run through the Lenten Season, and we need your help. We ask that you prayerfully consider investing in those less fortunate by sharing your gifts. Without additional financial support we cannot maintain the level of service that we have been giving for many years.

Please use the campaign envelope for your tax-deductible donation and see the brochure for more information. May God bless you for your generosity. Thank you!

John L. Indest

Executive Director

Our Lady of the Oaks, Grand Coteau Upcoming Retreat:

New Iberia Retreat for Men

May 19 - 22, 2022

Contact: Tommy Hebert 364-1003 or
Glenn Eldridge 519-0361

For more information, please contact Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House in Grand Coteau at (337) 662-5410 or visit the website at www.ourladyoftheoaks.com.

Call Our Lady of the Oaks for the any of their other retreats.

2021 Contributions Statement

If you would like to have a copy of your 2021 Statement of Contributions mailed to you, please call the office at (337)364-8360 to request one.

Families of Child Loss Memorial Event

Mass - Memorial Fun Run/Walk -

Food & Music - Family Time

Saturday, April 30th, Cecile Poche Park in Parks, LA
Flier for this event is on the bulletin board at the main entrance of church.

PRAYER & SICK LIST

The names on our prayer list will stay on for 90 days. If you want to add or delete a name, please call the office



@ 364-8360: Coty Lynn Romero, Rhonda Darden, Peggy Lancon, Art & Carmen Merryman, Nicole Guilbeau & Fly, Deacon John & Linda Sarkies, Fr. Eugene Tremie, Lester Simon, Gene Gonsoulin, Celia-Kate Williams, Jane Schaubert, Alexis Bourque, Alvin LeBlanc, Evan Garbarino, Stephanie Kelly, Harry Buteaux, Jovi Racca, Stephanie Trahan, Amber Gaspard, Rosetta Mouton, Keisha Castille, Tricia Estave, Christine Jumonville, Max Borres, Clifton Babin, Norvelle Belaire, Ace, Jenny & Jersii Mayeaux, J.R. Romero, Sr., Donna Snoddy, Raymond & Virginia Buteaux, Eric Simeon, Betty Romero, Juliette Dubois, Sarah Tabor Collette, Linda Bernard, Margaret Peltier, Xander Menard, Ellis Labat, Luis Aguilar, Lori Aguilar, Martha Lewis, Mardell Broussard, Fran Jackson, David & Robin Viator family, Sheryl S. Bourque, Ronnie Landry, Elise C. Verret, Michael & Claire Landry Family, Dustin & Nicole V. Ortego family, Gloria Landry, Linda & Clint Trahan family, Josephine Delcambre, Abby Musselwhite, Timmie Trahan, Alice Robicheaux, Enola Benoit, Jean-Paul Marceaux, Corliss Ramirez, John Ray, Farina Guidry, Glenn Mason, Mary Saltzman, Rachel Romero, Peyton Norwood, Nicholas Andrus, Neal Seago, Steven Meyers, Terry & Mary Broussard, Victor Bernard, Ruth Bernard, Sirena Rogers, Johnny Dore, Enrique Escot, Darlene Boutte, Jason Goutierrez, Sue Hartwell, Ted Habetz, Gayle Hebert, Shelton "Boo" Hebert, Patricia McGinn, Scotty McGinn, Karen Guilbeau, Rita Gary

Please also pray for those individuals who, although they are in need of your prayers, have requested that their names not be publicized for privacy reasons.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Q: What are the servant songs of Isaiah? How do they relate to Jesus' life and ministry?

A: The four servant songs (Isaiah 42:1-4, 49:1-6, 50:4-9, and 52:13-53:12) are strategically placed in Second Isaiah to offer hope and consolation to a suffering Israel during its Babylonian Exile.

Israel had been defeated by the Babylonians, who destroyed their temple, killed the last of the kings in David's lineage, exiled them from their land, and transported them to Babylon. This is the context in which Second Isaiah composes his powerfully poetic book of hope and consolation. A significant part of that message is the portrait of God's servant, who is called to be a source of hope and encouragement for the people.

Each of the four poems emphasizes God's choice and election of the servant. The last poem stresses the suffering and rejection of God's servant, along with his eventual death. Isaiah is certain that God will use the servant's innocent suffering as a way to redeem and remove the guilt and sin of others. Thus, the servant becomes a source of salvation for himself and for others.

Who is this servant? Many suggest that Isaiah was referring to Israel herself, as she underwent exilic suffering which would ultimately prove to be redemptive. Jesus' followers, including those for whom Mark wrote his Gospel, understood Jesus' ministry in terms of Isaiah's suffering servant whose innocent suffering and death became the means of salvation for all.

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GOSPEL FOR PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD, YEAR C – LUKE 22:14-23:56 OR 23:1-49

Palm Sunday is a strange day in our liturgical calendar. We begin by waving palms, but somewhere in the middle, we call for Jesus to be crucified. We celebrate today an equally paradoxical God, one who comes to save through suffering.

"I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!" Jesus, who so often in the Gospels tries to hide his true identity, speaks thunderously to the Pharisees who would still the rejoicing crowd. At the Last Supper, Jesus confirms the Messianic promise to his disciples, saying, "I confer a kingdom on you, just as my Father has conferred one on me." Yet, before the night is over, Jesus has been betrayed.

We hear the tragedy unfold in Luke's Passion narrative. Jesus is abused by the council of elders, denied by Peter, whipped by Roman soldiers, and condemned to death by Pilate. But what else do we see? Jesus heals someone who came to arrest him, forgives his torturers, promises a repentant man paradise, and - by his loving endurance - converts a centurion at the foot of the cross. Jesus is both Redeemer of the World and Suffering Servant. In taking on the mantle of Messiah, Jesus does not only receive our praise and our accolades, but he bears our burdens and sins and does so with the deepest love. He may go about our salvation in a paradoxical way, but he is dearer to our own suffering hearts for it. This week, we remember that no sorrow of our own is beyond the reach of the compassion of God.

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TODAY'S READINGS

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
April 10, 2022

Reading I: Isaiah 50:4-7

- The prophet Isaiah spoke of gifts he received from the Lord as well as how he suffered for the faith. In what ways have you suffered for your faith convictions?

Reading II: Philippians 2:6-1

- In today's reading, we hear one of the earliest Christological hymns preserved by St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians. What do you find most striking in the hymn?

Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49

- In the Lord's passion according to St. Luke, three times Pilate declares he finds Jesus "not guilty" of the crimes brought against him. Even Herod (Antipas) found Jesus innocent. Why do you think recording the innocence of Jesus was so important to St. Luke?

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CURRENT EVENTS

Monday, April 11, 2022

Last Faith Formation Class 9 & 10 - 6:30pm

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

Mass at 5:30pm

Patriotic Rosary - 6pm

Confessions - 6pm - Church

Last Faith Formation Class 5, 6, 7 & 8 - 6:30pm

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20am - Mass - 9am

K.C. & Ladies Auxiliary Dinner & Meeting

Last Faith Formation Class - 1, 2, 3 & 4 - 5:30pm

Thursday, April 14, 2022 - Holy Thursday

Mass at 7:00pm

Nativity Church Office Closed

Friday, April 15, 2022 - Good Friday

Good Friday Service - 3pm

NO 6:30am Mass

Nativity Church Office Closed

Saturday, April 16, 2022 - Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil Mass - 8pm

No 4pm Mass, No Confessions

Sunday, April 17, 2022 - Easter Sunday

Masses at: 7am, 9am & 11am

If we really want to
love
 we must learn
 how to
forgive.

~ Mother Theresa

MASS SERVERS April 12 - 17, 2022					
DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 4/12/22	5:30pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	See Reader Schedule	Linda Viator	Sacristan
Wednesday 4/13/22	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	See Reader Schedule	Agnes Castro, Bea Romero Curt Fontenot	Sacristan
Thursday 4/14/22	7:00pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	See Reader Schedule	Mike & Brenda Comeaux André Schlicher	Cohen Schlicher Ryan Gonsoulin Judith Schlicher Luke Salsman
Friday 4/15/22	3:00pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	See Reader Schedule	Mike & Doris Degeyter Percy Barrilleaux	Cohen Schlicher Ryan Gonsoulin Judith Schlicher Luke Salsman
Saturday 4/16/22	8:00pm	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	See Reader Schedule	Willie & Cynthia Elmer Brenda Romero	Jesse Clay Autum Trahan Benjamin Trahan
Sunday 4/17/22	7:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	See Reader Schedule	Percy Barrilleaux, Brenda Oubre Ricky Segura	Lexi Anderson Serena Bedia
	9:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	See Reader Schedule	Karl & Sarah Boudreaux Wayne Duhon	Ryan Gonsoulin Cohen Schlicher
	11:00am	Msgr. J. Robert Romero	See Reader Schedule	Holi Cambre Peggy Fitch	Morgan Salsman Madalyn Salsman

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