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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 4:30 p.m.
 Sunday 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
 Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 a.m.
 Friday 8:00 a.m., with Adoration until 11:30 a.m.
 First Saturday of the month only 8:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30–4:15 p.m.
 Tuesday thru Friday 7:40 a.m. or by appointment

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Matthew P. Lorrain Pastor
 Carolyn Dupuy Bookkeeper
 June Hebert Director of Religious Education
 Pedro Hernandez Custodian
 Layne Mire Parish Secretary
 Celeste Veillon Music Director
 Lil Stutes Mothers' Day Out

OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Friday 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
 Office closed for lunch 12:30–1:30 p.m.

BAPTISM

Celebrated monthly after the 11:00 am Mass. Also celebrated during Mass on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and Easter Sunday. Parents should call the office to enroll in our baptismal preparation program, preferably early in pregnancy. Parents are encouraged to register in the parish and actively practice their faith.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Inquiries – Please call the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE

Contact the Pastor at least 6 months prior to proposed wedding date. Preparation program is required. Couples should be actively practicing their faith.

CARE OF THE SICK

Emergency calls answered as soon as possible. Communion calls to homebound weekly by request. Please notify the office if someone is homebound.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Family should contact the Pastor to begin funeral arrangements.
 For Cemetery information, please call Jerry Deshotel 281-0333.

PRAYER LINE

Please call the Church Parish Office.

Dear Parishioners,

Bishop Duca will celebrate the Chrism Mass at 10:30 a.m. this Tuesday at St. Joseph Cathedral. This is the Mass where the Bishop blesses and consecrates the holy oils to be used in all parishes this coming year. Cathy and Dickie Hebert will represent our parish to receive the holy oils at the Mass, and everyone is welcome to attend.

Please be reminded that our Mass on this Wednesday of Holy Week returns to its regular time of 8:00 a.m. We will not celebrate an evening Mass or the Stations of the Cross or confessions this Wednesday evening.

The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening will be at 7:00 p.m. We have selected twelve parishioners representing various walks of life to participate in the washing of the feet at Mass. Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament will continue for one hour following the Mass.

On Good Friday, the Way of the Cross will be prayed at 12:00 noon. I will be in the confessional during the Way of the Cross in case anyone missed the opportunity for confession. The Celebration of the Lord's Passion will begin at 3:00 p.m., and we will once again have the opportunity to venerate the blessed cross by which Christ conquered sin and death. Remember that Good Friday is a day of both fast and abstinence.

On Holy Saturday, the Easter Vigil will begin after nightfall at 8:00 p.m. as required by the Church. The Vigil begins in the front of the church with the blessing of the Easter fire and the lighting of our new paschal candle. This is the service where we welcome our new Catholics into the Church. Our Masses on Easter Sunday will be at the regular times of 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.

This is the final week of classes for our Christian Formation students. I thank June Hebert, Karen Lemoine, and all of our dedicated catechists for giving so generously of themselves this past year. I also thank all of our parents and students for making the commitment to learn more about our faith in order to grow closer to God.

Our Catholic Daughters are holding their annual Jambalaya dinner fundraiser this weekend on Sunday, April 10, so please support them and their good work by purchasing a dinner or two. Sunday is also the eleventh anniversary of the dedication of our restored church. If you remember, the church was rededicated on April 10, 2011.

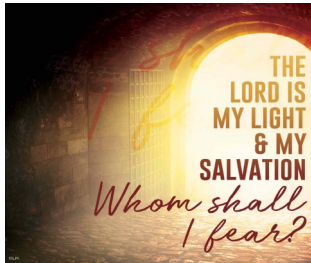
In her book "Small Surrenders," Emilie Griffin writes: "Two thousand years later, the ancient story moves us. No matter how often we hear it, it stirs up another meaning. Sometimes this Passover time may coincide with some life crisis of our own. Sometimes Holy Week comes at a flat and restless time...It is a story we can barely grasp, yet it is meant for us. The story draws us in." Be assured of my prayers for you this week.

In Christ,
Father Matt





Holy Thursday: April 14th Mass @ 7:00pm
Good Friday: April 15th Way of the Cross @ 12:00pm, Passion Service @ 3:00pm
Easter Vigil: April 16th @ 8:00pm
Easter Sunday: April 17th Masses @ 7:30am, 9:00am & 11:00am



The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of the Comeaux, LeBlanc & Ocmand families.

Pew Sales

Many of us claim figurative ownership of a pew in church. We can be found faithfully in it at Mass unless an encroacher has taken it before we arrive, in which case, we're nearly praying they don't return to it next week. In years past, though, parishioners could claim a legal title to their seats.

Pew sales were once our parish's major fundraiser. Each year parishioners would bid on the pews they hoped to reserve. The church wardens recorded the sales in their books of minutes so we have a record of who purchased pews each year, the price and even the layout of the church.

The sales were held around Easter often on Palm Sunday. Rental lasted a year. Half of the price was due upon purchase with the other half to be paid by the end of the year on a note bearing interest. For the year 1878, the interest on the note was 8 percent.

The pews were numbered and sold according to the aisle on which they were located. The sales listed the Grand Alley North and South for the pews on either side of main aisle. The Holy Virgin and St. Joseph Alleys sales followed. This should sound familiar to us because our present church is designed with the same layout as the old church.

For 1889, 86 pews were sold for a total of \$829. This equates to approximately \$25,300 in 2022 dollars.

A few of the pew sales that year included the following:

Grand Alley – South
 Pew 1, Alcee Landry, Price: \$73.50
 Pew 18, Fernand Millet, Price \$1.50

Grand Alley-North
 Pew 7, J.E. Caire, Price \$21.00
 Pew 16, Mrs. Guy Labauve, Price: \$4.00

Holy Virgin Alley
 Pew 1, Emile Landry, Price: \$10.50
 Pew 15, Odillon Foret, Price \$2.00

St. Joseph Alley
 Pew 3, John Cazenave, Price: \$12.25
 Pew 8, Victorin Comeaux, Price: \$11.00

History provided by Brian Falcon.

Christian Formation



First Eucharist Sacramental Prep:
 All 2nd Grade Students from Religion Classes & Catholic Schools MUST attend Sacramental Prep Classes on April 11th or 12th from 5:30-6:30pm in the Activity Center.

Senior Mass & Reception:
 2022 Graduates are invited to attend Mass at 11:00am on April 24th and enjoy a reception with their family members in the Activity Center following Mass.

First Eucharist Retreat:
 All 2nd Grade Students from Religion Classes & Catholic Schools and ONE Parent MUST attend the Retreat on April 30th from 9:00am-12:00pm in the Activity Center.

First Eucharist Sunday, May 1st at 2:00pm in Church

Children's Church Sunday, April 24th 9:00am & 11:00am Mass

Please call June 749-3387 to become a Catechist for this Ministry.



Adult Confirmation
 Any adult, 18 years or older, that is interested in being confirmed can attend classes beginning Thursday, May 5th. Confirmation will be held on June 5th. Please call the Church Office to register.

Grief Recovery Meeting
 There will be a Grief Recovery Meeting at 6:30pm on April 18th at the WBR Senior Center, 235 Elaine Street, Brusly. Please call Joanna Hynes, 924-6621, for more information.



PRAY FAST GIVE

Pray: Pray for those who are seeking a religious life. Please contact Father Josh Johnson, 225-336-8778 if you want this Vocation.
Fast: Follow the Lenten guidelines and abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.
Give: Donate generously to the poor of the Holy Land and the Retirement Fund for our Diocesan Priests.

St John the Baptist Parish Council Members

2021-2022

Bob Bewick

Audy Bourgeois

Christie Chapman, Secretary

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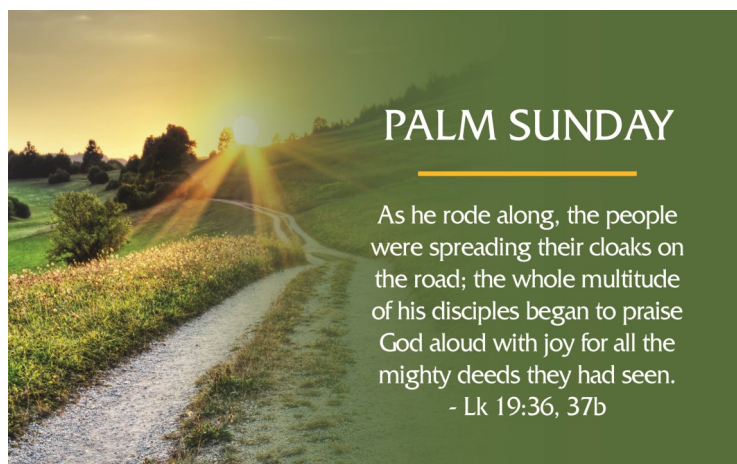
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Derek Scott, Vice-Chairman

Jewel Woods



Readings for the week of April 10, 2022

- Sunday:** Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/
Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49
- Monday:** Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
- Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/
Mt 26:14-25
- Thursday:** *Chiasm Mass:* Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16abc, 17-18/
1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
- Friday:** Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25/
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
- Saturday:** *Vigil:* Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or
Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/
Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—15:1/
Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/
Is 54:5-14/ Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/
Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/
Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/
Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/
Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/
Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Lk 24:1-12
- Next Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/
Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or, Lk 24:13-35