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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
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ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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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

Very Rev. Matthew P. Lorrain Pastor
Carolyn Dupuy Bookkeeper
Pat Durbin..... Parish Secretary
June Hebert Director of Religious Education
Karen Lemoine Christian Formation
Celeste Veillon Music Director
Pedro Garcia Maintenance
Katie Roettger..... Mothers’s 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 – 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 immediately, if possible. Communion calls to homebound and hospitals weekly by request. Please notify the office if someone is homebound.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Family should contact the pastor to begin funeral arrangements.

PRAYER LINE

Call the Parish Office

As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen.—Lk 19:36, 37b

Dear Parishioners,

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. Bishop Duca will also celebrate the Chrism Mass at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday 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. Marlene Curcio will represent our parish to receive the holy oils at the Mass, and everyone is welcome to attend.

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.

Our Catholic Daughters are serving Jambalaya dinners this Sunday, April 14, from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Both dine-in and take out are available so please support them and their good work by purchasing a dinner or two. Dinners are \$7.00 and tickets are available at the door.

We will honor all of our high school seniors at the 11:00 Mass on Sunday, April 28, and then treat them and their parents to a catered lunch in our Parish Activity Center. We are extremely proud of their

accomplishment and wish to assure them of our continued prayers as they plan for the next phase of their life's journey. We ask the graduates or one of their parents to please call the parish office (749-2189) if they can attend so that we can prepare the proper amount of food.

In his homily for Palm Sunday in 2002, St. John Paul II said: "The reading of his Passion sets us before Christ, living in his Church. The Easter Mystery that we will relive during the days of Holy Week is always present. Today we are contemporaries of the Lord and, like the multitude in Jerusalem, like the disciples and the women, we are called to decide if we are to be with him, or flee, or just be spectators at his death. Every year in Holy Week the curtain rises once again on the great scene in which the definitive drama is decided, not only for one generation, but for all humanity and for each one."

In Christ,
Father Matt

CHRISTIAN FORMATION INFO



All of our Seniors will be honored at 11:00 Mass on Sunday, April 28th. Lunch will follow in the Activity Center for all Seniors and their families. Please RSVP to Karen or June at 749-3387



BRUSLY LIONS CLUB CARD PARTY

Day: MONDAY

Date: April 29, 2019

Time: 10am to 3pm

Location: St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Activity Center in Brusly

Donation: \$25 will include crawfish etouffee lunch, home-made desserts and door prizes.

All proceeds benefit the Brusly Lions Club.

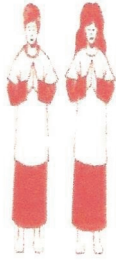
Thanks to your generous support the Brusly Lions Club is making a difference!

Contact Andrea Normand (225) 328-4843

For more information.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE
MINISTRY PRACTICE FOR THE TRIDUUM WILL BE ON TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2019 AS FOLLOWS



Holy Thursday—4:30 pm
Good Friday—5:00 pm
Easter Vigil—5:30 pm

If you are scheduled and unable to attend,
Please call the Parish Office.

Chrism Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral
Wednesday, April 17—10:30am

Holy Thursday Services
Thursday, April 18—7:00pm

Good Friday—April 19
Way of the Cross—12:00 Noon
Veneration of the Cross/Services—3:00pm

Easter Vigil
Saturday, April 20—8:00pm

Easter Sunday Masses—April 21
7:30am; 9:00am; 11:00am

Congratulations

L.B. John Fenton, son of Matthew & Erin Fenton was baptized here last week. WELCOME INTO OUR FAITH COMMUNITY!

Special Collections

PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as a witness of peace, supporting Catholics there in parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines and caring for refugees in the Holy Land. Place your envelope in the regular collection..

RETIREMENT FUND FOR DIOCESAN PRIESTS

Collection will be taken up on Easter Weekend. Please put your envelope in the regular collection.

TURN IN RICE BOWLS THIS WEEK!

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

April 7, 2019

285 Identified-	-----\$20,434.50
Loose Collection-	----- 1,004.00
TOTAL-	------\$21,438.50
Collection for Fr. Whitney-	-\$2,960.00



A VOCATION VIEW

Blessed are they who come in the Name of the Lord! Am I being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister? If you feel God is giving you the blessing of a call to a Church vocation call or email Fr. Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.



Plans are being made for classes to prepare any adults who for some reason are not yet confirmed. The actual Confirmation will be on Pentecost Sunday, June 9, 2019.

Anyone wishing to be confirmed must attend the classes which will be held on Thursdays May 9, May 23, May 30 and June 6.

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO REGISTER!



*The Sanctuary Candle is burning
In Memory of Carolyn Milazzo,
M/M Charles Milazzo & M/M J.C. Bourque.*

K.C.'s/C.D.A.

REGULAR MEETING—Wednesday, April 17, 2019
Activity Center
Officers' Mtg.—6:00 pm/Regular Mtg.—7:15 pm

Readings for the week of April 14, 2019

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40 (37)/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 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/ Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/ Mt 26:14-25/Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/ Ps 89:-22, 25 and 27 [2]/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, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf 1/Cor 10:16]/ 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 [Lk 23:46]/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 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or 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]/ 1 Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or Lk 24:13-35

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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.

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAYS .
The Parish Office will be closed on
Good Friday, April 19 and
Easter Monday, April 22
For Easter Holidays