



*April 5, 2020
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
Donna Badon..... Christian Formation
Carolyn Dupuy Bookkeeper
June Hebert Director of Religious Education
Pedro Hernandez..... Custodian
Layne Mire Parish Secretary
Celeste Veillon Music Director
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 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

Dear Parishioners,

The official title for today's feast is *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*. We often refer to it as Palm Sunday for brevity's sake, but the longer title reminds us that the central focus of Holy Week is always Christ's passion. We unite ourselves with Christ's suffering on the cross in order to inherit the glorious crown he won for us.

Father John Kavanaugh, S.J., once observed that Christ "*entered the Garden of Gethsemane to rectify the Garden of Eden.*" The forced disruption of our lives caused by this global health crisis can be a blessed opportunity for us to spiritually accompany our Savior as he brings light to a world covered in darkness.

So how do we observe Holy Week without being able to attend church together? We can't hold a Palm Sunday procession as usual but I encourage everyone to find a quiet spot either indoors or out and prayerfully read the Passion (Matthew 26:14 – 27:66). You may wish to listen to a song or two associated with this day such as "All Glory, Laud, and Honor," or "O Sacred Head Surrounded."

As mentioned last week, I will bless palms on Palm Sunday in the hope that you will be permitted to stop by the church and pick one up for home. I urge caution as you take a palm so as to not endanger yourself or others.

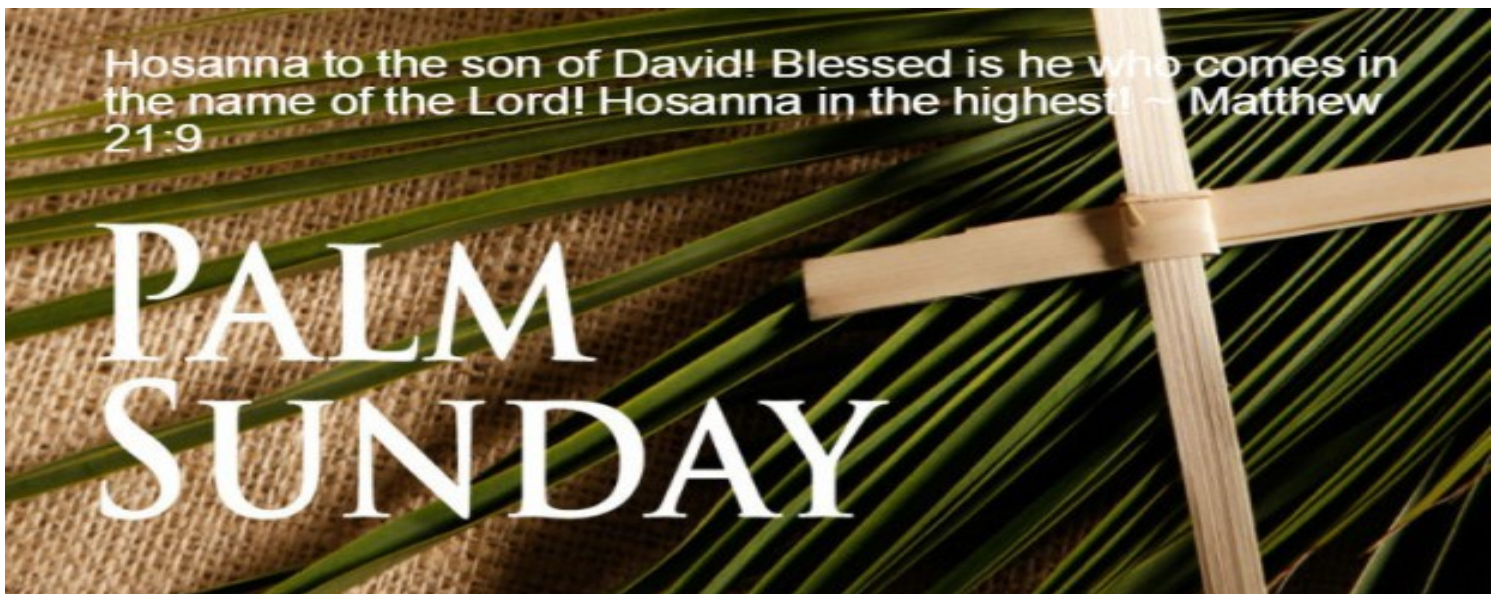
On Holy Thursday evening, you can watch a televised service of the Mass of the Lord's Supper, or read the Gospel for the Mass (John 13:1-15). The Mass on Holy Thursday celebrates both the institution of the Eucharist and the institution of the priesthood, which makes our separation from one another especially piercing on this day. But we are never separated from the Lord so pray with spiritual hymns such as "Our Blessing Cup (Psalm 116)," or "Ubi Caritas."

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence, and a day to focus on the cross. The gospel for today is the Passion from the Gospel of John 18:1 – 19:42. You might pray the Stations of the Cross privately or as a family, and you might also pray with hymns such as "Were You There," "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley," or "What Wondrous Love Is This."

On Easter Sunday I will once again light a new Easter candle and bring it into the church to light our way for the coming year. The celebration of Christ's Resurrection is never canceled or postponed, and I pray we will experience it anew in our hearts as we wake on Easter Sunday morning. The Gospel for Easter Sunday is John 20:1-9.

I will continue to post my homilies on my Facebook page, and I pray you have a blessed Holy Week even given these exceptional circumstances.

In Christ,
Father Matt

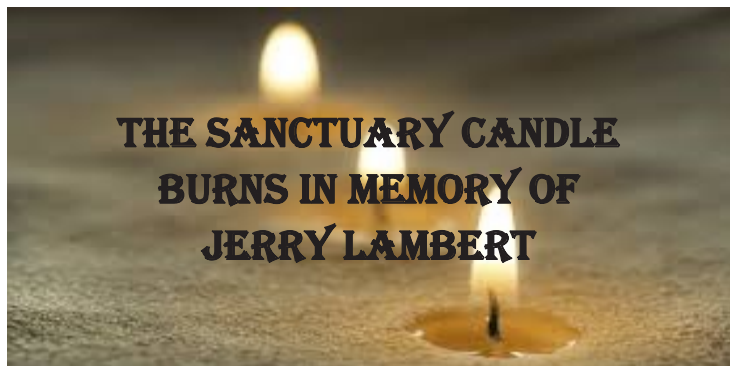


**CANCELLATIONS AND POSTPONEMENTS
THROUGH APRIL 13TH
IN OUR CHURCH PARISH**

- **All Christian Formation Classes are canceled.**
- **Mothers Day Out Program is canceled.**
- **Friday & Sunday Homebound Communion is suspended during this time.**
- **Bereavement Meals are suspended during this time.**
- **NO DONATIONS will be accepted by the Zippers and their shop will remain closed during this time.**
- **There will be NO Daily or Weekend Masses during this time.**
- **The CHURCH OFFICE will be closed during this time.**



**First Communion & Retreat
Scheduled for April 18th &
19th will be postponed due to
the social distancing order
extended through April 30th.
A new date will be issued after
April 30th.**



**Holy Week on Catholic TV
Cox Cable Channel 15
April 9, Holy Thursday
Mass 7:00pm
April 10, Good Friday
Stations of the Cross
9:30am & 7:00pm
April 11, Saturday
Easter Vigil 8:30pm
April 12, Easter Sunday
10:30am
These times are subject to
change.**

**Prayers and Sympathy are
extended to the family of
Catherine "Fay" Songy
Hebert upon her death.**

Sympathy and Prayers are
extended to the family of
Nancy Hebert Bourgoyne
upon her death.

**BLEST ARE THEY WHO COME IN THE NAME
OF THE LORD!**
*Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest,
brother or sister, please call Father Andrew
Merrick at 225-336-8778 or
email him amerrick@dlobr.org*

**Stewardship of Finances
March 29, 2020
26 Identified \$1,797.00**

**THANKS to ALL of you for using the
automatic bank draft and to those
mailing in your donations!!**

CORONAVIRUS PRAYER

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love. Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another. Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace. Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace. Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace. Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. Jesus Christ, heal us. Amen.



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*Say to daughter Zion,
"Behold, your king comes to you,
meek and riding on an ass,
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden."
- Mt 21:5*



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Readings for the week of April 5, 2020

- Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54
- 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
- Thursday: *Chrism Mass*: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 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/Mt 28:1-10
- 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 Mt 28:1-10