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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
Monday, 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.
Monday, Wednesday thru Friday 7:40 a.m. or by appointment

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Arun John, IMS Pastor
Dana Babin Bookkeeper
Candice Breaux Youth Group Minister
June Hebert Director of Religious Education
Sara Hernandez Janitorial
Jayne Jason Child Protection
Layne Mire Parish Secretary
Lil Stutes Mother’s Day Out
Celeste Veillon Music Director

OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Office closed for lunch 12:00–1:00 p.m.

BAPTISM

Celebrated monthly after the 11:00 am Mass and also celebrated after the 11:00am Mass on the Feast of the Baptism of Our 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 Carolyn Dupuy, 225-276-6269.

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 225-281-0333.

PRAYER LINE

Please call Carolyn Dupuy, 225-276-6269.



PALM

SUNDAY

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday we commemorate the day Jesus entered Jerusalem and the people greeted Him with olive branches. Before the blessing of the palms, we will hear the story of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem and how the people were crying out, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest." In the Gospel reading that we hear today, we will see how quickly things changed for Jesus. Jesus' kingship seen as a sign of glory, soon becomes a source of mockery and derision. People who hailed Jesus and cried out, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord," soon change their tune and cry out, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!"

Gene Smith's book entitled, "When the Cheering Stopped," tells the story of U.S. President Woodrow Wilson. After World War I, President Wilson was a global hero. On his first visit to Europe after the War, cheering crowds greeted him everywhere. After a year, Wilson ran into opposition. His League of Nations was not ratified; and at home, his party was defeated in the election. In Europe, leaders were more concerned with their own agendas. As long as he spoke of peace, President Wilson was heralded as the new messiah. When he called for change that would lead to peace, the cheering stopped. President Wilson became a broken man and a failure.

It's a sad but familiar story. Jesus faced something similar during His journey to Jerusalem. As long as Jesus fed the hungry, healed the sick, or worked miracles, He was a popular man. They gave Him a royal welcome as long as they saw Him as a political messiah. But when Jesus began to emphasize that He was a king of love and peace, and not a military hero, and when He showed that His rule would be through humble obedience, then they saw Him as a threat to the religious authorities. When He started breaking the social and religious barriers, and He showed that He loved everyone and loved them unconditionally, and He asked people to have a change of heart, then the cheering stopped. The cheering turned to jeering. On the cross, Jesus became a human failure and literally a broken man. We know that people who become popular are those who make people feel good. But when one tries to change the "feel good" to do good, and one begins to challenge people's attitude and behavior, the cheering stops. This is exactly what happened to Jesus.

I think each of us at some time or other, has come across a time or situation like this in our lives. As long as we do things or say things that make people feel good, they cheer for us and they support and love us. But when we confront people with the truth, or with their evil intentions and cunning ways, these same people turn against us. Then the cheering will turn into jeering, as it happened to Jesus. When things happen in this manner, the only foundation that can help us to weather the change is a strong faith and commitment to God. Look at Jesus, when the worst thing happened in His life, He did not allow that situation to break Him. He did question God, but He knew that it was not what He wanted, but God's will must be done. He was aware that if God the Father had allowed the cross and suffering in His life, He would have the strength to carry it; and in the end, make Him victorious. That is the faith we need to have: if God has allowed certain things to happen in our lives, He will take us through them, He will help us to overcome them and in the end, make us victorious. God expects us to hold on to that faith, for which we need to pray for! Will I be the popular guy who makes people feel good, or am I ready to be the unpopular guy who challenges people to do good? What will I do if/when the cheering stops? I need to remember that the Jesus story does not end on the cross; there is the empty tomb. It does not end on Friday, but it begins a new chapter on Sunday.

May God bless you,

Father John

Christian Formation



There will be **NO Religion Classes for K-8th** on April 1st, 2nd & 3rd.

First Eucharist Retreat is from 9:00am-12:00pm on Saturday, April 13th in the Activity Center for parent and child.

First Eucharist will be at 2:00pm on Sunday, April 14th.

Our Graduate's Mass will be at 11:00am on Sunday, April 21st. Lunch will follow in the Activity Center.

Vacation Bible School will be from July 8th through July 12th.

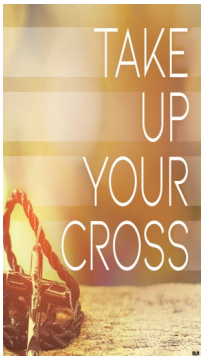
Thank You!

Thanks to **Ella Dean & Scrap Thibodeaux** and their group for the Bereavement meals in March. **Josie Theriot, 225-405-0531**, will be the contact for the Bereavement Committee in April.

Thanks to **Myra Aubin** and her team for cleaning our Church in March. To assist in April, please call **Karen Cordell, 225-749-3458**.

The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Jerry Wayne Graham.

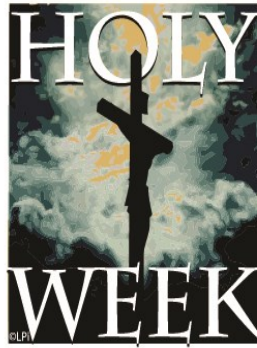
Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the family of **Betty Russo Blanchard** upon her death.



Pray for Vocations
Prayer is an essential part of vocation discernment. Please pray for Vocations. If God is calling you as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, please contact your priest or reach out to **Father Josh Johnson** at 225-336-8778 or email him: jjohnson@diobr.org or visit: www.diobr.org/vocations



The Church Office will be closed on April 1st, Easter Monday. Have a Blessed Easter!



Holy Thursday, March 28th:
Mass at 7:00pm
Good Friday, March 29th:
Passion at 12:00pm followed by the Stations of the Cross
Easter Vigil, March 30th:
Mass at 8:00pm
Easter Sunday, March 31st:
Masses at 7:30am, 9:00am & 11:00am

Divine Mercy Novena & Mass
Mass at 6:00pm every Wednesday through April 3rd, followed by the sung chaplet of the Divine Mercy Novena. This will conclude with the Feast of the Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 7th.



All Night Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, April 5th at 8:00pm through Saturday, April 6th at 8:00am. Sign-up sheets are in the back of Church.

1st Saturday Mass is at 8:00am on Saturday, April 6th.

The Catholic Daughters will meet in the Activity Center at 7:00pm on Thursday, April 4th.

Their pastalaya fundraiser will be on Sunday, April 28th in the Activity Center.

Knights of Columbus:
Meeting at 6:00pm in the Activity Center on Thursday, April 4th.

Donuts after 7:30am Mass, April 7th
Pro-Life Rosary at 4:00pm on Saturday, April 20th



Fill a Prescription for the Needy
Please help those in need by taking a prescription bottle from the back of Church, adding your donation to it, and returning it to the canister. **THANKS!**

The Zippers need your help!
The Zippers donate clothes to Career Closet at BRCC. They need a volunteer to deliver career clothing to BRCC once a month. If you can help, please call Andrea Normand, 225-506-8622 or email her: bruslyrn@bellsouth.net





PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. OLP

Readings for the week of March 24, 2024

- Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/
Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39
- 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: *Chrim 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, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 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: *Easter 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)/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7
- 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 Mk 16:1-7

Job Openings at our Diocese of Baton Rouge

Accountant: full time benefits eligible; works with Accounting Services Manager to train parish, school & agency bookkeepers

Accounting Clerk: full time benefits eligible; performs clerical and accounting duties for all related monies received

For requirements of these positions:
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