

April 9, 2017  
Palm Sunday  
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# ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

• catholic church •



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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  
Sammy Collura ..... Permanent Deacon  
Carolyn Dupuy ..... Bookkeeper  
Pat Durbin ..... Parish Secretary  
June Hebert ..... Director of Religious Education  
Karen Lemoine ..... Christian Formation  
Celeste Veillon ..... Music Director  
Larry Durbin ..... Maintenance Supervisor  
Richard Rabalais ..... Maintenance

### 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 Judy Thousand, 749-9257 or the Parish office

*"Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest." And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee." - Mt 21:9-11*

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 Muench 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. Chris and Marcie Buckle 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 led by Deacon Sammy 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 last Christian Formation classes for this current school year are Monday and Tuesday, April 10 & 11. 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.

We will be offering a short course on the Sacrament

of Confirmation for any adult aged 18 or older who has not yet been confirmed and wishes to receive the sacrament this spring. The course is comprised of four sessions to be held on the evenings of April 27, May 4, 11, and 25. Those completing the short course will be confirmed by Bishop Muench on June 4, Pentecost Sunday, at St. Joseph Cathedral. Please call the parish office for more information or to register.

I recently attended the dedication of St. George Parish's new church located on Siegen Lane in Baton Rouge. I served as associate pastor at St. George under Father David Vavasseur from 1988-1992. It reminded me that this Tuesday is the sixth anniversary of the rededication of our church after its restoration. If you remember, our church was rededicated on April 10, 2011. We congratulate the parishioners of St. George on their magnificent achievement.

In Christ,  
Father Matt

## *Christian Formation Update*

### LAST CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES

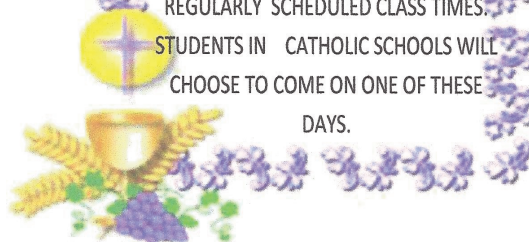
WILL BE ON MONDAY, APRIL 10TH AND TUESDAY, APRIL 11TH.

MANY THANKS TO ALL OF OUR DEDICATED CATECHISTS WHO MADE THIS A SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR OUR YOUTH HERE AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION



### *First Communion*

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION SESSION FOR ALL SECOND GRADERS AND ALL OTHER STUDENTS PREPARING FOR FIRST EUCHARIST ON MONDAY, APRIL 10TH OR TUESDAY, APRIL 11TH AT THEIR REGULARLY SCHEDULED CLASS TIMES. STUDENTS IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WILL CHOOSE TO COME ON ONE OF THESE DAYS.



# PALM SUNDAY

Holy Week begins with Passion Sunday, or Palm Sunday, and the Gospel story of the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem is read as part of the entrance rite. The Gospel tells us that the people cut branches from the trees and laid them in the road in front of Jesus as part of the procession. Palm is used to celebrate this festive entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem. Palms are from a common tree whose branches are readily available. The palm is blessed and people are given a branch to take home. A year later the palm will be burned to form the ash for Ash Wednesday. In other places, churches use olive branches or pussy willows. The blessing in the Sacramentary uses the generic term "branches."



## A VOCATION VIEW

Blest are they who come in the Name of the Lord! Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, brother or sister? If so, call Fr. Andrew Merrick at 225.336.878, [amerrick@diobr.org](mailto:amerrick@diobr.org).

### PLEASE NOTE

*Our Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court No. 2079 will have their annual Jambalaya dinner on Sunday, April 23, 2017 (11 am—1pm) in the Activity Center. Tickets are \$7.00 each and can be purchased from any CDA Member.*

## HOLY WEEK Holy Thursday April 13—7:00 pm



Good Friday—April 14  
12:00 Noon—Way of the Cross  
3:00 pm—Veneration of the Cross

Saturday, April 15—Easter Vigil  
8:00 pm

Easter Sunday—April 16  
7:30 am; 9:00 am; 11:00 am

## Altar Servers

If you are scheduled to be an Alter Server during Holy Week, please be sure to come to practice at the following times! Please call the Parish Office (749-2189) to let us know that you will be there.



**ALTAR SERVER PRACTICE FOR HOLY WEEK**  
Tuesday, April 11 In Church  
Holy Thursday—4:30 pm  
Good Friday—5:00 pm  
Easter Vigil—5:30 pm



**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, APRIL 14th and MONDAY, APRIL 17th FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAYS**

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Use Special Envelopes for The Following Collections  
HOLY LAND COLLECTION

Good Friday—April 14

&

RETIREMENT FUND FOR  
DIOCESAN PRIESTS—Easter Sunday—April 16

RICE BOWLS SHOULD BE TURNED IN BY  
EASTER SUNDAY



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### ADULT CONFIRMATION

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 4, 2017.

Anyone wishing to be Confirmed must attend the Classes which will be held here on Thursdays, April 27 and May 4, 11 & 25.

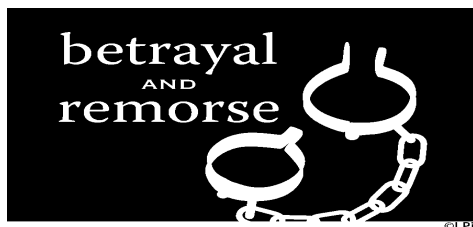
**PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO REGISTER!**

### Readings for the Week of April 9, 2017

- Sun.: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54
- Mon.: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1-3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
- Tues.: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15, 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- Wed.: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
- Thurs.: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25, 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, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
- Fri.: Is 52:13--53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1--19:42
- Sat.: Gn 1:1--2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8-11/Ex 14:15--15:1/Ex 15:1-6, 17-18/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/Is 55: 1-11/Is 12:2-6/Bar 3:9-15, 32--4:4/Ps 19:8-11/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19/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/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35

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**PALM SUNDAY**

"Peter said to him in reply, 'Though all may have their faith in you shaken, mine will never be.'" Peter thought pretty highly of his faith. On the eve of Christ's death he professed, in essence, that he was more committed to Jesus than anyone else. And yet, we know how the story turns out: when put to the test in the moment that mattered, Peter "began to curse and to swear, 'I do not know the man.'"

On this Palm Sunday, we hear many stories of betrayal. The crowds, who once hailed Jesus with "hosannas," will soon be chanting, "Let him be crucified!" Judas, who was counted among the closest companions of the Lord, turns him over to the chief priests for thirty pieces of silver. And Peter falls short in the moment of truth, and then "went out and began to weep bitterly."

Here in the hours before Christ faces crucifixion, he is surrounded by false friends. Just when he most needs the support, he is abandoned. No wonder he feels the suffering even of being forgotten by his Father while he hangs on the cross, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" What trials Jesus endured, not only physically but emotionally as well.

It's easy to glaze over this as a story from the past that does not involve us. But in truth, Jesus suffered all of this for each one of US. He would have preferred things to go otherwise, but submitted to his Father's will because he knew "it must come to pass in this way." Jesus' passion and death took place in order to bring US salvation. So today, may we not be counted among his many betrayers, but may we be truly grateful for the gift of the cross and show it through a life of sincere faith.