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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday at 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday at 8:00 a.m.

Friday at 8:00 a.m., with Adoration until 11:30 a.m.

First Saturday of the month **only** at 8:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 3:30-4:15 p.m.

Monday, Wednesday thru Friday at 7:40 a.m. or by appointment

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Arun John, IMS, Pastor
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BAPTISM

Celebrated monthly after the 11:00am Mass. Parents should call the office to enroll in our baptismal preparation program, preferably early in pregnancy. Parents are encouraged to register in this parish and actively practice their faith.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Inquiries: Please call Carolyn Dupuy, 225-276-6269.

MARRIAGE

Contact the Pastor at least 6 months prior to your 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.



Dear Parishioners,

An interesting as well as challenging old fable tells us of the colt that carried Jesus on Palm Sunday. The colt thought that the reception was organized to honor him. "I am a unique donkey," this excited animal might have thought. When he asked his mother if he could walk down the same street alone the next day and be honored again, his mother said, "*No, you are nothing without Him who was riding on you.*" Five days later, the colt saw a huge crowd of people in the street. It was Good Friday, and the soldiers were taking Jesus to Calvary. The colt could not resist the temptation of another royal reception. Ignoring the warning of his mother, he ran to the street. But, then he had to flee for his life as soldiers chased him, and people stoned him. Thus, the colt finally learned the lesson that he was only a poor donkey, without Jesus to ride on him. As we enter Holy Week, today's readings challenge us to examine our lives to see whether we carry Jesus within us, and bear witness to Him through our way of living, or are we Christians in name only?

The Church celebrates today both as Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. It is on Palm Sunday that we enter Holy Week, welcoming Jesus into our lives, asking Him to allow us to share in His suffering, death and resurrection. This is the time of the year we stop to remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation. Holy Week liturgy reminds us of the actual events of the dying and rising of Jesus. The liturgy enables us to experience in our lives, here and now, what Jesus went through then. In other words, what we commemorate and relive during this week is not just Jesus' dying and rising, but our own dying and rising in Him; which will result in our healing, reconciliation, and redemption. Just as Jesus did, we too, must lay down our lives freely by actively participating in the Holy Week liturgies. In doing so, we are allowing Jesus to forgive us of our sins, heal the wounds in us caused by our sins and the sins of others, and transform us more completely into the image and likeness of God. Proper participation in the Holy Week liturgy will deepen our relationship with God, increase our faith, and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus. Let us remember that Holy Week can become "holy" for us only if we actively and consciously take part in the liturgies of this week. Today's liturgy combines two contrasting moments of glory and suffering: the welcome of Jesus in Jerusalem, and the drama of His trial culminating in His crucifixion.

As we will be commemorating the Passion of the Lord, we have to ask ourselves, "Are we going to be part of the people who crucify Him? Or are we going to be the people who repent from sin and seek to live a life worthy of the King?" Many of us would have read the following with a mental picture of Jesus Christ crucified, "I asked Jesus, how much do you love me?" And Jesus answered, "This much." Then He extended His arms on the cross. There's a sequel to this, which perhaps is not known much, but is worth reflecting upon. Jesus then asked me, "How much do you love me?" And I picked up the hammer and the nails saying, "This is how much I love You!" and I began to crucify Him. The Passion of the Lord is a result of our sins. The Crucifixion of the Lord is a consequence of our disobedience. So again, are we going to be part of the people who crucify him? Or are we going to be the people who repent from sin and seek to live a life worthy of the King? We must make a choice. I pray that we all make the choice to be part of the people who repent from sin in order to live a life worthy of the King. May we make every effort in keeping this week "holy."

May God bless you all!

Fr. John

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Religion Classes for K-8 end on April 16th.

Graduation Mass & Lunch for our high school Seniors will be at 11:00am on Sunday, April 27th.

First Eucharist Retreat for Parent & Child from 9:00am-12:00pm on Saturday, May 3rd in the Activity Center.

First Eucharist will be celebrated at 2:00pm on Sunday, May 4th.



Pictured is our Christian Formation Students at Arise Youth Rally Middle School on March 29th at St. Alphonsus Church



The Women's A.C.T.S. Retreat is scheduled for July 10-13. Registration will open April 26-27 after all Masses. Application forms will be available in the back of Church that weekend.

Stewardship of Finance

March 30th:

169 Identified Givers:	\$8,189.00
Loose Collection:	+1,149.00
Total Collection:	\$9,338.00

Catholic Relief Services Collection: \$855.00

There will be a Second Collection for the Priest's Retirement Fund during the weekend of April 19-20. Please be generous to all of our Retired Diocesan Priests. Thank you!



Divine Mercy Novena

The Divine Mercy Novena will follow the 6:00pm Mass every Wednesday through April 23rd. Divine Mercy Sunday is April 27th.



Stations of the Cross will follow 12:00pm Mass every Friday during Lent.



Easter Week Schedule

Thursday, April 17th: Holy Thursday Mass at 7:00pm

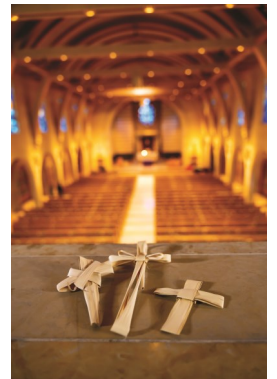
Friday, April 18th: Good Friday Passion at 12:00pm, followed by the Way of the Cross

Saturday, April 19th: Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00pm

Sunday, April 20th: Easter Masses at 7:30am, 9:00am & 11:00am

The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Davy Schlecht.

Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the family of Robert "Bob" Benoit upon his death.



Pray for Vocations

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Are you open to a consecrated life? If you are being called to serve Christ as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, please talk to your priest about your interest in this vocation or reach out to

Father Josh Johnson at the Vocations Office at 225-336-8778 or email him: jjohnson@diobr.org or visit: www.diobr.org/vocations



PALM SUNDAY

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

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

Readings for the week of April 13, 2025	
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:	<i>Chrim Mass:</i> Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21 <i>Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:</i> 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:	<i>Easter Vigil:</i> Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 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 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 (12a)/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12
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 Lk 24:1-12



The Brick Paver Project was a huge success!
Thanks to Mark Loreno for all of his hard work!
215 Bricks were sold.
It will take approximately 12 weeks for the bricks to arrive. The installation will begin after that. Stay tuned!

Food Pantry Distribution Dates:

April 14th

May 12th

Distribution takes place at 8:30am from the Activity Center. Please consider a monetary donation or any nonperishable items for our Food Pantry. Thank you.



Women's Ministry

The Women's Ministry will host a Yard Sale at the Zipper's Thrift Shop from 8:00am-12:00pm on Saturday, April 26th.

The Women's Ministry will host an 8 week Bible Study, "Unforgettable Women of the Gospels" by Melanie Rigney. This Bible Study will begin on Tuesday, May 6th through June 24th, from 10:00am-12:00pm in Christian Formation Room 2. To register, please contact Roxanne Loreno, 225-614-5424, or Alena Prejean, 225-235-1709.

K.C. Calendar Winners for March

Kent Clement, Shana Cordell, Lori Stafford, Charlene Morales, Blaize Blanchard, Elnora Blanchard, Anna Saucier, Dennis McCallon, Jude Callais, Greg Culberson, Seth Thibodaux, Beth Haydel, Lauren LeBlanc, Susan Blanchard, Carolyn Sheets, Wayne Rasberry, Mike Waller, Lanie Davis, Danette Dupont, Freddie Landry, Travis Rivet, Jason Simcoe, Joyce Guillot, Gabe Cordell, Dean Landry, Devon Dupont, Shane Bercegeay, Julie Durant, Trey Babin, Janie Tempanaro, Mary Pinardi

Compassion in Crisis of the Diocese of Baton Rouge

Walking with Moms in need

Free training to serve mothers effectively with emotional and logistical support

Saturday, May 3rd, from 9:00am-1:00pm

The Tracy Center, 1800 S. Acadian Thruway

To register: diobr.org/wwmn-event-registration or use the QR code on the flyer in back of Church.

There will be a Community Baby Shower for the Walking with Moms Program on June 14th at the Catholic Life Center. Volunteers are needed. Please call Deacon Randall Waguespack, 225-446-8515.

A Trip to Croatia, Poland & Medjugorje with Father John

September 22-October 3, 2025

12 day Pilgrimage through

Nativity Pilgrimage: info@nativitypilgrimage.com

You can register and obtain more information, by contacting Debbie Dupuy, 225-247-0052.