

# Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

*Celebrating 45 Years As A Family*  
**A Year Of The Grace Of Mission**

## FEAST OF FAITH

### The Liturgies of Holy Week

Holy Week is the culmination of the liturgical year. During these holy days, the liturgy will lead us, with Jesus, to the depths and to the heights.

It begins with a harsh juxtaposition, as we carry palms in remembrance of Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem and then listen to the Passion according to Matthew, as the King is handed over for crucifixion. Then, on Holy Thursday, we remember the night Jesus was handed over—the night he gave himself for us and to us, to live in our midst forever in the sacrament of his Body and Blood. On Good Friday, we touch with our hands the mystery of the Lord's



cross, the instrument of torture that has become the tree of life. Then, at the great Easter Vigil, the lighting of the paschal candle speaks to us of the triumph of light over darkness, of life over death. The resurrection of the Lord becomes a living reality in our midst as the catechumens for whom the Church has prayed throughout Lent are plunged into the mystery of Christ's death and share in the glory of his resurrection. These are indeed holy days, the culmination of the Church's liturgy, and an invitation to participate in the very life of Christ. Come, let us worship. Corinna Laughlin, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

### A FAMILY PRAYER FOR LIFE'S JOURNEY

God of the journey,  
 be our traveling companion.  
 Guide us over terrain  
 both pleasant and perilous.  
 Share our laughter  
 when the sun shines.  
 Lead us to shelter  
 When the storms come.  
 Over hills and through valleys, forests  
 and deserts, bless us with steadfast hope.  
 For with you, the Holy Pilgrim,  
 we are never alone.  
 Never unheld.  
 Never unloved.

### Our Mission Statement

The mission of Holy Cross Catholic Church is to foster the teachings of Our Lord Jesus Christ in all people in order to empower them to bring change and healing to all.

Through the celebration of the Sacraments, religious education programs for all age groups, and other programs, we are to enhance and enrich the discovery of the Sacred found in all



#### Monday, 4/18

**9AM:** J. T. McBride, *Special Intention.*

#### Tuesday, 4/19

**5:30PM:** Kelly Perrin.

#### Wednesday, 4/20

**9AM:** Gertie Monceaux, Gerry Lantier, *Special Intention.*

#### Thursday, 4/21 HOLY THURSDAY

**6:30PM:** Mass of the Lord's Supper

#### Friday, 4/22 GOOD FRIDAY

**3PM:** Good Friday Services.

#### Saturday, 4/23 EASTER VIGIL

**8PM:** Joseph Sylvester, Jack Hudson, Mrs. Brunp"Boo"Kidder, Bob Buniva & Parents, Nina Breaux, Peter John Mayeux, Doris Ann Hruzik Bacque, Anzema & Nameye Bacque, Jerry Bacque, Ken Bacque, Vivian Broussard, *Special Intention*, Bernadette Landry, Laura G. Rhodes, Jean Jones, George Baudoin, Walter & Amy Pellerin, Rhoda Bess Goodson.

#### Sunday, 4/24 EASTER SUNDAY

**9AM:** For the Parishioners.

**11AM:** Mr. & Mrs. James Gautreaux, Mr. & Mrs. Elie LeBlanc, Lisa Fasnacht, Elmer & Betty Luquette, Maurice & Jerry Lantier, *Special Intention for Higginbotham Family*, Mr. & Mrs. G. J. Roussel, Sarah Savoie, Mr. & Mrs. Lefiad Simon, Kelly Perrin, Gladys & Emick Pothier, Bonnie Barron, Rita LaBiche, Ryan Granger, John Latiolais, Sr.

**5PM: NO MASS.**

### Church Offerings

April 10th Offerings \$ 17,967.50

Thank you for your generous spirit of giving.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is heard 30 minutes before weekday masses and between 2:45pm-3:45pm on Saturday afternoons or by appointment.

**LITURGY OF THE HOURS  
HOLY SATURDAY MORNING**

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Office of Readings & Morning Prayer  
Saturday at 7:00 am in Church**

On this most solemn of days, we invite all to gather in Church for Morning Prayer and the Office of Readings of the Liturgy of the Hours. Holy Saturday commemorates the day Jesus lay in the tomb, as such; it is a day for continued meditation and reflection.

**SERRA CLUB  
OUTSTANDING ALTAR SERVER**

**Congratulations to David Furka** who will be recognized on April 13<sup>th</sup> and will represent Holy Cross at the annual Serra Club ceremony that recognizes an Altar Server from each parish in the Central Region.



David and his family are active members of our parish. **David** has been an **Altar Server** for **eight years** and has been an active member of the Holy Cross Church Youth Group. He is a junior, has maintained a 4.0 GPA at St. Thomas More High School and is active in the STM Marching and Concert Bands. He belongs to Boy Scout Troop #271 and has achieved the rank of Eagle. He is the son of Angela and James Furka.

**THANK YOU!**

**Lent, Holy Week, Easter**

On behalf of the Holy Cross community we extend our appreciation to all who participated in the décor for Lent, Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter. Special thanks to **The Ladies Altar Sodality**, Sacristans: **Johnnie Viguerie, Jerry & Rita Mason**, and **Renella & Tony Boudreaux, Teri Broussard, Plant care and Church Care Ministers** and **other helpers** whose contribution helped us celebrate and sustain our prayer during Lent preparing us for the Joy of Easter.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

With great appreciation to **Father Blessing, Deacon Mike Clark, Deacon Rickey Picard**, our **Music Ministers** and **Adult Choir, Altar Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic ministers, Greeters, Ushers, volunteers** and **staff** who participated in the Palm Sunday, Sacred Triduum and Easter Sunday preparations. Our celebrations were inspiring faith community gatherings preparing us for living our faith as **Alleluia joy-filled people!**



As we turn our gaze from our Lenten disciplines of Fasting, Prayer and Almsgiving, we eagerly look forward to Holy Week, especially the Sacred Triduum (Trih-doo-um), that interlude of grace. We invite all at Holy Cross to prepare by setting aside ordinary activities, giving full attention to the holiest days of our year.

**PALM SUNDAY**

**April 17th**

*Palms will be available after all Masses*

The second offering is for Catholic Relief Services  
Rice Bowl offering (boxes) will be collected

**HOLY THURSDAY**

**April 21st**

Mass at the Cathedral of St. John The Evangelist for the Blessing of the Oils and the rededication of all priests and deacons of the Diocese at **10:00 am**

**EVENING MASS  
OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**6:30 p.m.**

*We have only one offering*

**GOOD FRIDAY**

**April 22 at 3:00 pm**

*The offering is for the Shrines in the Holy Land*

**HOLY SATURDAY  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS**

**April 23 7:00 am in Church**

**EASTER VIGIL**

**April 23 at 8:00 pm**

*The second offering is for the Needy of our area.*



**EASTER SUNDAY**

**April 24th**

**9:00 am & 11:00 am**

*The second offering is for the needy of our area.*

**There will be NO 5:00 pm mass  
on Easter Sunday**

The celebrations of Holy week are a climactic conclusion to our Lenten experience. As we move from the "hosannas" of Palm Sunday to the remembrance table of Holy Thursday, may our faith strengthen us to go from the Good Friday Cross of Calvary to the living waters of Holy Saturday and to the joy of Easter **"Alleluias!"**

**MASS TO RECOGNIZE  
ALL GRADUATING  
HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS  
SUNDAY, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 11am Mass**

We invite all graduating seniors from all area high schools, and their families to come to the **11:00 am Mass on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>** to be recognized and to receive a special blessing. Seniors will be called by name a few minutes before Mass begins as they process in and will sit together so **please arrive by 10:40 am** to help us determine how many pews we need to reserve.

**If possible, please contact *Elsa Mendoza*; 984-9636 ext.213 or [worship@holycrosslafayette.com](mailto:worship@holycrosslafayette.com) and let us know you plan to attend.**



**GRADUATING  
SENIOR ALTAR SERVERS**

Congratulations to **Kaitlyn Hebert**. She has served faithfully in this ministry for many years and will graduate from St. Thomas More High School this May! We invite the community of Holy Cross to join us at the **11:00 am Mass on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>** as we recognize her for her service to our parish. We will call upon God's blessing that she may remain strong in faith and an eager witness of her Catholic Christian faith as she graduates and continues her studies.

**LOVE OFFERINGS  
Vestment-Chasuble**

We thank the people who collectively have contributed for the purchase of the Marian vestment/chasuble. Their offering is greatly appreciated. We welcome additional love offerings in memory or in thanksgiving of a loved one to complete the purchase of the Chasuble to be used by the Priest Celebrant for Christmas, Easter and other special occasions. For more information please contact Elsa at 984-9636 ext. 213

**Chasuble**

The Chasuble is the vestment the priest celebrant wears for the celebration of the Eucharist. Its historical tradition and significance comes from the first century as a coat that was initially worn by both sexes; today it symbolizes solemnity and formality; often represents how the love of Christ "covers" us all.

**EASTER EGG HUNT**

The Knights of Columbus will have their annual **Easter Egg Hunt** on **Saturday, April 23**, beginning at **10am** at the KC Hall.



The **Easter Bunny** will make his appearance, and there will be plenty of eggs to hunt, along with candy treats. All children are invited!

**Bring Your Easter Baskets !**

**THE JELLY BEAN PRAYER**

**RED** IS FOR THE BLOOD HE GAVE.

**GREEN** IS FOR THE GRASS HE MADE.

**YELLOW** IS FOR THE SUN SO BRIGHT.

**BLACK** IS FOR THE SINS WE MADE.

**WHITE** IS FOR THE GRACE HE GAVE.

**PURPLE** IS FOR HIS HOUR OF SORROW.

**PINK** IS FOR OUR NEW TOMORROW.

**AN EGG FULL OF JELLY BEANS**

**COLORFUL AND SWEET**

**IS A PRAYER, A PROMISE,**

**A LOVED ONE'S TREAT!**

Written by Charlene Dickerson

**SENIOR CITIZENS' GATHERING**

Our monthly **Senior Citizens' Gathering** will be held on **Wednesday, April 20th**, in the Gym. Bingo will begin at **10:30am** followed by lunch.



**ALTAR SERVER "REFRESHER" TRAINING**

**Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 – 11:00 am**


We are introducing some modifications and would like all Altar Servers to **"freshen up"** on the procedures. **All Altar Servers are required to attend one of these Saturday sessions before June.** Please contact **Elsa Mendoza** to register; **984-9636 ext 213.**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>17</b> <i>Palm Sunday</i>  LAST WEEK OF Religious Formation Class  Rev. Gregory Chauvin	<b>18</b>  LAST WEEK OF Religious Formation Class  Rev. Blaine Clement	<b>19</b>   Rev. Gregory Cormier	<b>20</b>  LAST WEEK OF Religious Formation Class  Sr. Citizens Bingo & Lunch  Msgr. Douglas Courville, JCL	<b>21</b> <i>Holy Thursday</i> <i>The Lord's Supper</i> 6:30 pm  Rev. Robert Courville	<b>22</b> <i>Good Friday</i> 3:00 pm  Rev. Angelo Cremaldi	<b>23</b>  <i>Office of Readings</i> <i>Morning Prayer</i> 7:00 am  <i>Easter Vigil</i> 8:00 pm  Rev. Barry Crochet
<b>24</b> <i>Easter Sunday</i> <i>Masses</i> 9:00 am 11:00 am <u>NO 5PM MASS</u>  Rev. William Crumley, CSC	<b>25</b>   Rev. Hampton Davis	<b>26</b>   Rev. Carlos DeLaCruz, SJ	<b>27</b>   Msgr. Jefferson DeBlanc, VE	<b>28</b>   Rev. Edward Degeyter	<b>29</b>   Rev. Herbert Delauney	<b>30</b>   Rev. Michael Delcambre



Please pray daily for our priest





Holy Cross Church is a **no longer accepting household items or clothing** at our **loading dock**.

Please bring any items to be donated to **Goodwill**, located at **3803 Ambassador Caffery Pkwy**.

*Thank You*

### 2011 Man-to-Man Catholic Men's Conference

The conference will be held at the Cajundome Convention Center on **Saturday April 30th**. Guest speakers are **Rudy Ruettiger** (yes, from the movie, Rudy), **Fr. Larry Richards**, **Jesse Romero**, **Fr. Ted Broussard**, and **Rick Cambre**. For more information or to register please visit [www.mantomancc.com](http://www.mantomancc.com)



### RENEW PRAYER TO MARY OUR BLESSED MOTHER


Mary, you are a woman wrapped in silence and yet the Word born of your yes continues to bring life to all creation. Mary, help us to say yes—to be bearers of good news to a world waiting.

Mary, you are a virgin and a mother empowered by the Holy Spirit. Help us to open ourselves to that same life-bringing Spirit. Mary, help us to say our yes.

Mary, you are gift of Jesus to us, mother of the church. Look upon our world and our lives. Pray for us to your Son that we might be renewed that we might help renew the face of the earth.

Mary, help us to say yes.

*Amen*



### LISTENING WITH THE HEART A Day Retreat for Women

Presented by:  
Robin Hebert and Lyn Holley Doucet

**Tuesday, May 17, 2011,  
9:00 am-3:00 pm**

**Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House**

Please use the registration form on the website: [www.ourladyoftheoaks.com](http://www.ourladyoftheoaks.com) Cost of \$25 is to be sent in with registration, space is limited. For more information please call Sissy; **337-662-5410**

**Registrations are handled by mail only.**

### Discovering the Sacred Within Covenant for 2011

*I will become more aware of the grace I have to make choices that bring healing and peace of mind into my life.*