

LIGHT

“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light” (Ephesians 5:14). We are at the midpoint of our Lenten journey of conversion. As always, God never gives up on us, especially those who have “fallen asleep” along the road to conversion. The most powerful stories of conversion are proclaimed during these final weeks of Lent.



They have the power to shake us out of our sleep. Today’s Gospel story of the healing of the man born blind exposes the real blindness in the time of Christ—the blindness of the self-righteous religious leaders. In a few weeks, at the Easter Vigil, the Church will proclaim “Christ our Light” as the paschal candle is carried into darkened churches throughout the world. May the darkness of sin that still pervades our lives, communities, and world, be dispelled by the Christ who comes to bring sight to the blind and light to the world. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch

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



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Monday, 4/4

9AM: Burl Colomb, J. T. McBride.

Tuesday, 4/5

5:30PM: Caroline, Arthur & Irasema deLafayette, Colleen Price.

Wednesday, 4/6

9AM: Vincent & Hazel Mayard, Mardee Palmisano.

Thursday, 4/7

9 AM: Steve & Vernida Broussard.

Friday, 4/8

9AM: Mr. & Mrs. Gus DaGain, Mr. & Mrs. Max Merrick, Jean Merrick, T. R. Roy, III.

Saturday, 4/9

4PM: Rene & Miles Arceneaux, The Abboud Family, Mrs. Bruno “Boo” Kidder, Bob Buniva & Parents, Stella & Lynn Veron, Amelina & Alphonse Eldridge, Nina Breaux, Peter John Mayeux, Maurice & Gerry Lantier, Laura G. Rhodes, Jean Jones, Rose & Joe Lipp, Rhoda Bess Goodson.

Sunday, 4/10

9AM: For the Parishioners.

11AM: Elmer & Betty Luquette, Mr. & Mrs. Lefiad Simon, J. T. McBride., Elrida Breaux, Paul Lawrence Miers..

5PM: Harold Guillot.

Thursday, April 7th
9:30 am—12 Noon

Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Pray for our Troops



Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. This we ask in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen

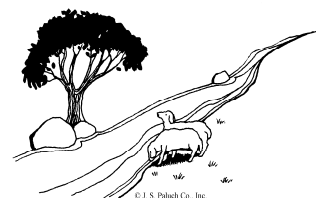
Church Offerings

March 27th Offerings \$16,477.50

Thank you for your generous spirit of giving.

Discovering the Sacred Within Covenant for 2011

I will learn to say “never again” to habits in thought, word, and deed that may bring harm or injury to the Body of Christ to which I am honored to belong.



Fourth Sunday of Lent

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Psalm 23:1



Question of the Week

Gospel Reflection: John 9:1-41

The blind man gains not only his sight but also insight. When Jesus identifies himself as the Son of Man, a title for the Messiah, the man says, "I do believe Lord". Who are the "truly blind" people in the story?

Question for Adults: How can you keep from going through life blind to the reality of Jesus and his love in your life? How will you stay alert to really see and care for those who need Jesus' healing touch?

Question for Children: What are some questions you have about Jesus and the Gospel?

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.

LENTEN FAMILY RETREAT

A Family Retreat day of reflection: ***A Journey Home*** is scheduled for ***April 10th*** from ***12Noon-4:45pm*** in ***Mission Hall, Bldg M,*** with a ***Mass at 5:00pm.*** The afternoon will be filled with time for family bonding and sharing, prayer and reflection, and family activities for everyone, ages 3 to adult! Baby sitting will be provided.. Lunch will be provided by the KC's.

What a wonderful opportunity to prepare our hearts and homes for the celebration of Easter and to renew our energy and strengthen family bonds as we take a journey home together.

Presenters are Natalie Bertrand and Andrea Johnson. To register please call the ***church office 984-9636*** or ***Adult Faith Formation 654-9671.*** Flyers and registration forms at all church entrances.

The Central Region of the Diocese of Lafayette presents **"Food for the Journey"**,



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a monthly lunchtime speaker series designed to help Catholics live out our faith in our daily lives. Our speaker for April will be Rev. M. Keith LaBove, Pastor of St. Patrick Catholic

Church and Hospital Chaplain for the Central Region, Diocese of Lafayette. Please join us on Tuesday, **April 5th** at Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1801 W. Pinhook Road, beginning just after 12:00 noon.

An optional buffet lunch is available beginning at 11:30 am. Cost is \$12 and includes meal, drink, dessert and tip. All are welcome—come "eat and fed". For more information please contact Mary Bergeron at 654-8682

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS: Please join us for our monthly "Holy Hour for Vocations" for the Spiritual Renewal of all Priests on **Monday, April 4th**, 6:00-7:00pm at St. Patrick Church, 406 E. Pinhook Road. All are invited and encouraged to join us for this Holy Hour of prayer

THE WORK OF PRAYING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Fridays during Lent at 5:30 PM
Led by Deacon Rickey Picard

We invite you to come as a family on the **Friday's** during Lent at **5:30 PM** where we pray Jesus' Way of the Cross. The Stations of the Cross reflect the story of one man and yet they are the story of every person. The work of praying the stations requires that each person consider

his or her own life in light of the story being presented.



ALTAR SERVER "REFRESHER" TRAINING
Saturday April 9th and
May 14th
9:00 – 11:00 am



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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.**

LENTEN PRAYER EXPERIENCES



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

Thursday, March 31st 6:30-8:00 pm in Church
Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina
Presenter: Robin Hebert

The principal architect of Centering Prayer is Father Thomas Keating. Whatever your place is on your journey of prayer we invite you to come with your open heart. Centering prayer is a simple method to bringing people into the fourth station of Lectio—the place of contemplation and resting in God.

Thursday, April 7th 6:00pm-8:00pm
Mission Hall Bldg. M
Labyrinth Contemplative Walk
Presenter: Aimee Dominique

Join us as Aimee speaks on the how the labyrinth is used today as a tool for prayer. We will have a canvas labyrinth set up for the evening. The labyrinth is an ancient pattern found in cultures around the world in many different forms. The labyrinth entered Christian prayer life during the Middle Ages, when it was incorporated into cathedrals across Europe. Only one remains in its original form at Chartres Cathedral in France.

Thursday, April 14th 6:30 – 8:00pm in Church
Introduction to Journaling
Camille Copeland and Elsa Mendoza

Gratitude journal, healing journal, self-discovery journal, dialogue journal,—Join us this evening as we explore a few of the types of journaling and it's place in enriching our relationship with God.

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