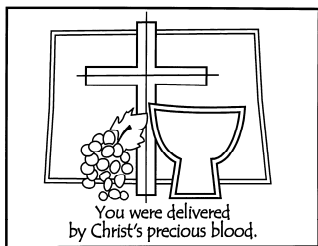


Third Sunday of Easter
Celebrating 45 Years As A Family
A Year Of The Grace Of Mission

GOD'S PLAN

Saint Peter speaks to us twice today. In the first reading, we hear an excerpt from his sermon on Pentecost; in the second, part of his first letter. Once a frightened, uneducated fisherman who often said just the wrong thing, now Peter is speaking what he knows to be true. Everything Jesus had said now makes sense. His death and rising were all part of God's plan, and our faith and hope can be centered on God.



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Today's Gospel tells the story of Jesus' walk to Emmaus with two of the disciples. Frightened, sad, and confused, the two of them don't recognize Jesus, who tells them what we heard Peter say above: All this had to happen as part of God's plan. In the end, these disciples recognize Jesus as we are to recognize him—in the breaking of the bread.
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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 people.



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- Monday, 5/9**
9AM: J. T. McBride.
Tuesday, 5/10
5:30PM: Colleen Price, Corrine Credeur, Ernest Roger.
Wednesday, 5/11
9AM: Henry Perret, Sr..
Thursday, 5/12
9AM: In Thanksgiving to Holy Souls.
Friday, 5/13
9AM: Mr. & Mrs. Gus DaGain, Mr. & Mrs. Max Merrick, Jean Merrick, T. R. Roy, III, Kelly Perrin.
Saturday, 5/14
4PM: Claire Thom, Lisa Fasnacht, Rene & Miles Arceneaux, The Abboud Family, Bob Buniva & Parents, Nina Breaux, Peter John Mayeux, Deacon Norbert Luke & Parents, Mr. & Mrs. Ben Johnson & Eileen, Laura G. Rhodes, Jean Jones.
Sunday, 5/15
9AM: For the Parishioners.
11AM: Elmer & Betty Luquette, Rhoda Bess Goodson, J. T. McBride, Mr. & Mrs. Lefiad Simon, Sadie Smith, Murphy Langlinais.
5PM: Andrus Tib Broussard.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

**PASTOR AND SHEPHERD
 FATHER BLESSING**

Fr. Blessing will be celebrating the **35th Anniversary** of his ordination on **Saturday, May 21st**. His endearing presence and creative spirit has touched our hearts in many ways. Please join us at our **4:00pm** Eucharistic Celebration and as we honor him with a reception following Mass in **Mission Hall, Bldg M**.

You may visit the Alcove to our Blessed mother where we have made available cards for you to personally express your appreciation.

Church Offerings
May 1 Offerings \$18,581.16
 Thank you for your generous spirit of giving.



*The Flowers On
 The Altar This Weekend
 Are In Loving Memory Of*
Maurice & Jerry Lantier



Question of the Week

Gospel Reflection: Luke 24: 13-35

The two downhearted disciple's journey to Emmaus, a stranger joins them. The disciples are delighted with the stranger's teaching. But they do not realize that the stranger is Jesus until he takes bread, blesses it, breaks it and gives it to them. At Mass we too meet Jesus along with road of our lives, and Jesus gives himself to us through these very actions.

Question for Adults: Where have you encountered Jesus "on the way"?

Question for Children: Do I feel Jesus walking with me when I am troubled or sad? What do I talk to him about?

MARRIED COUPLES

What a wonderful and holy time of year, a time to remember all the love and specialness that brought you together and filled your hearts with Joy. Take some time out and relive and refresh that specialness between you. Give each other the best gift there is...the gift of yourselves.



Join us on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and rekindle and renew the deep love that God wants for you. The next available WWME weekend is June 10-12, 2011 at the Abbey in Covington, Louisiana. To receive an information and registration brochure, call (800) 586-5469 or 225-752-5084. For more information, please visit www.wwme.org

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.



WHAT: YOUTH ASSEMBLY

WHEN: MAY 10TH 6:00 PM

WHERE: Mission Hall Bldg. M

WHO: GRADES 7TH-12TH

Come meet the new **Youth Directors** and find out what the **Youth** will be doing at **Holy Cross!**

Parents are asked to attend!
Refreshments will be served!

SENIOR CITIZENS' GATHERING



Our monthly Senior Citizens' Gathering will be held on **Wednesday, May 18th**, in the gym. Bingo will begin at 10:30 followed by lunch. This will be our last gathering until September.

We would like to thank our cooks, **Ralph & Jeanette Bender, Buddy Guidry, Ronnie & Paula Gibbens, Suzanne Bernard** and **Yvonne Bienvenu** as well as all those who helped us serve lunch. Thanks also goes to **Zee Beck** for calling our bingo each month. And special thanks goes to **Texas Roadhouse** and **Erin & Nat Belloni** for donating the delicious bread to go along with lunch each month.

Spiritual Direction offered at Holy Cross



Holy Cross has several certified lay Spiritual Directors who are available to assist you if you would like to deepen your prayer life or discern how and where the Holy Spirit is leading you. For more information please contact the Adult Faith Formation office at 337-654-9671



MAY THE MONTH OF MARY



MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Dear God, Source of all goodness, we thank you for giving us Mom and for the many ways she shows us your love. On this special day, we ask you to bless her with your joy and peace as she cares for us. Help her to find strength for the many challenges she faces. Remind us to share our gratitude for all she does and especially for who she is.



Be with our mother, grandmothers, and all loved ones living and deceased who have helped us become the good people we are today.

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

THE MAGNIFICAT

The *Magnificat* is a prayer of the Blessed Virgin Mary, taken from the Gospel of Luke (1:46-55). It was spoken by Mary on the occasion of her visit to her cousin, Elizabeth. In the Gospel scene, Mary greets Elizabeth, who is pregnant with John the Baptist. The baby leaps in Elizabeth's womb at the meeting of the two cousins. When Elizabeth expresses admiration for Mary's faith in God, the Virgin Mary responds as a steward of God's great gift of divine life that is within her.

The Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; and my spirit rejoices in God my savior. For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness; behold, from now on all ages will call me blessed. The mighty One has done great things for me and holy is His name.

His mercy is from age to age to those who fear Him.

He has shown might with His arm, dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart.

He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones but lifted up the lowly.

The hungry he has filled with good things; the rich he has sent away empty.

He has helped Israel his servant, remembering his mercy, according to his promise to our fathers. to Abraham and to his descendants forever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen

**"I love you,"
said a great mother.**

**"I love you for what you are
knowing so well what you are.
And I love you more yet, child,
deeper yet than ever, child,
for what you are going to be,
knowing so well you are going far,
knowing your great works are ahead,
ahead and beyond,
yonder and far over yet."**

~Carl Sandburg

LISTENING WITH THE HEART

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 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.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8 <i>Happy Mother's Day</i> Rev. Anderson DeSouza, SVD	9 Rev. Kenneth Domingue	10 Rev. Gregory Downs	11 Rev. Wayne Duet	12 Rev. Willard Dugas	13 Rev. Edward Duhon	14 Rev. Gilbert Dutel
15 Rev. Luiz Dutra	16 Rev. Dan Edwards	17 Rev. Darren Eldridge	18 Rev. Peter Emusa	19 Rev. Grady Estilette	20 Rev. Dyprian Eze	21 <i>Armed Forces Day</i> Rev. Richard

~ Please pray daily for our priest ~

MASS OF HEALING AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Wednesday, May 11—The knights and dames of the Order of Malta in Lafayette are sponsoring a “Mass of Healing and Anointing of the Sick” on Wednesday, **May 11, at 10:00am**. The Mass will be celebrated at **St. Mary, Mother of the Church**, located at 419 Doucet Rd. Celebrant for the Mass is Rev. Harold Trahan, Pastor Rev. Hampton Davis is the Chaplain and Homilist. To learn more or reserve a position, please call 988-0560 or email anointingmass@gmail.com

“LISTENING WITH THE HEART” A Day Retreat for Women

Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House, Grand Coteau, will host this Day Retreat presented by Robin Hebert and Lyn Doucet on **Tuesday, May 17, from 9:00am-3:00pm**. The cost is \$25.00. For more information please contact the Retreat House at 337-662-5410 or visit the website www.ourladyoftheoaks.com

THEOLOGY ON TAP

The next scheduled TOT will be on **Wednesday, May 18th**. In honor of Pope John Paul II’s Beatification, **Dr. Kevin Roberts, headmaster at Pope John Paul II Academy**, will be speaking on, “The Impact of John Paul II Academy, will be speaking on, “The Impact of John Paul II’s New Evangelization in America”. All young adults (18-35) married or single are invited to join the discussion on **May 18th at 7:30pm** at **Tsunami in Downtown Lafayette**. Clergy, seminarians and religious are always welcomed. For more information please call Mary-Rose-Verret at the Office of Marriage and Family Life, 337-261-5653.

PREPARE-ENRICH FACILITATIONS TRAINING

The Diocese of Lafayette will be hosting a Prepare-Enrich Facilitators training seminar for Priest, Deacons, and other lay people. We would like to invite you to attend this excellent training opportunity for this new premarital and/or counseling assessment tool. The training will be held on **Saturday, June 25**, from **9:00am to 4:00pm** at **Immaculata Center**, 1408 Carmel Dr. Deadline is May 20. This qualifies as continuing education. Please call the Office of Marriage and Family Life for more information, 337-261-5653 or you may print off a registration form, www.prepare-enrich.com, click on the Training tab and find training in your area.

Affiliated Blind of Louisiana

The Affiliated Blind of Louisiana is an organization for blind, visually impaired, and deaf blind individuals of our state. This year, we are celebrating 27 years of support services to this underserved population. ABL was formed by only a few blind and visually impaired individuals that believed achieving your dreams should not be hindered by a disability. Now, we are over 500 strong and provide rehabilitation services through our ABL Training Center and provide support groups throughout the state of Louisiana.

Louisiana JAM 2011 is our first annual music festival held on the ABL Training grounds at 409 W. St. Mary Blvd. in Lafayette. It will be held on **May 14-15**. This event will bring in revenue to provide services for the blind, visually impaired, and deaf-blind individuals throughout the state of Louisiana.

We are in need of volunteers to help with the Festival. If you are interested, please contact **Kim Hebert, 234-6492 ext 628 or 280-9106**.