



MASS SCHEDULE

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Saturday Vigil | 5:30 PM

Sunday | 8:00 AM | 10:30 AM | 6:30 PM

Monday | 5:30 PM

Tuesday | 5:30 PM

Wednesday | 5:30 PM

Thursday | No Mass

Friday | 5:30 PM | Way of the Cross 6:00 PM (Lent)

Confession offered prior to each Mass

ADORATION

Tuesday | 6:00 AM - 5:00 PM

ST. ROSALIE CHAPEL (Stephensville)

Saturday Vigil | 4:00 PM



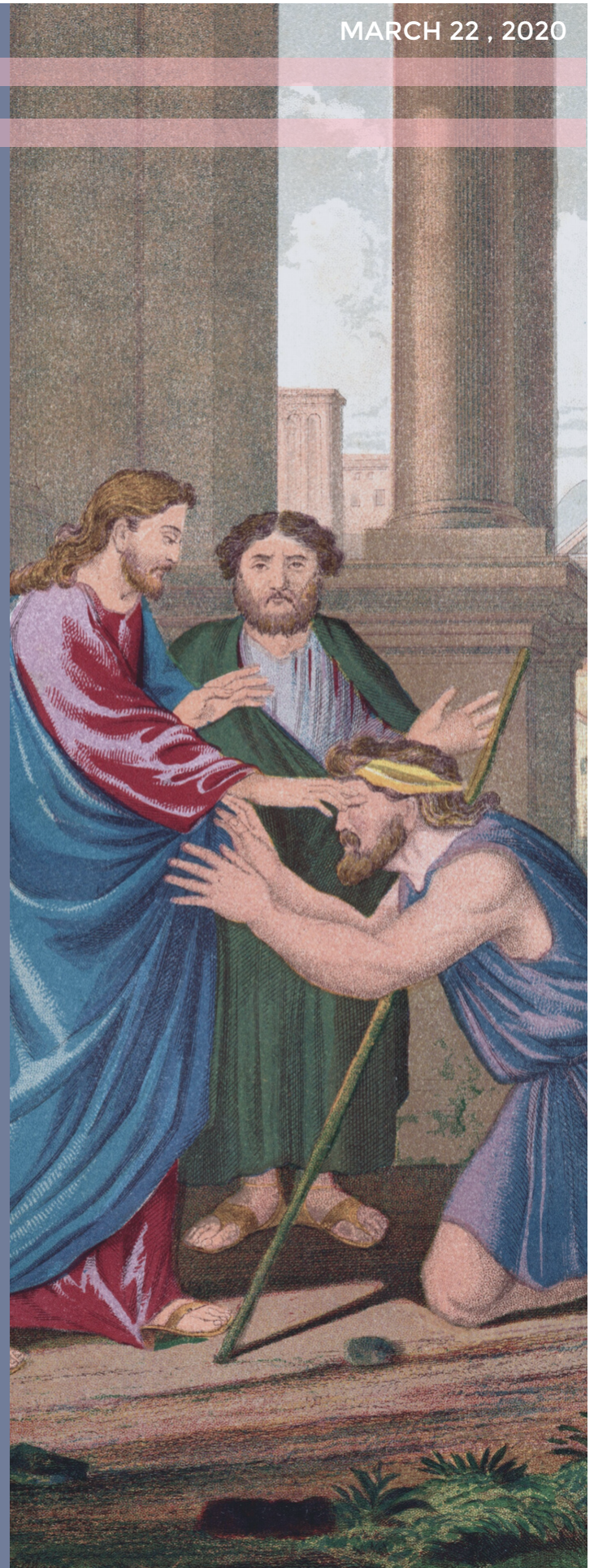
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LAETARE SUNDAY

READING I 1 SAMUEL 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A (31A)

The LORD said to Samuel: "Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons." As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is here before him." But the LORD said to Samuel: "Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart." In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any one of these." Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" Jesse replied, "There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep." Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here." Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance. The LORD said, "There - anoint him, for this is the one!" Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 23:1-3A, 3B-6

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. Beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. **R** He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley, I fear no evil; for you are at my side. With your rod and your staff that give me courage. **R.**

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. **R.** Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come. **R.**

READING II EPHESIANS 5:8-14

Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

GOSPEL JOHN 4:1-41

As Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day.

GOSPEL...

Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" -which means Sent. So he went and washed, and came back able to see. His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am." So they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He replied, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went there and washed and was able to see." And they said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I don't know." They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." Now the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight. They asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?" His parents answered and said, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ, he would be expelled from the synagogue. For this reason his parents said, "He is of age; question him." So a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give God the praise! We know that this man is a sinner." He replied, "If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see." So they said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?" They ridiculed him and said, "You are that man's disciple; we are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from." The man answered and said to them, "This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything." They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out. When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind." Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not also blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains.

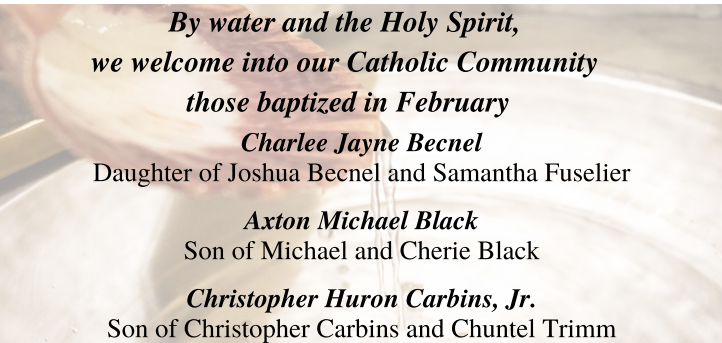


ANTIPHONS

Entrance Antiphon: Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Offertory Antiphon: I will praise you, O Lord, with my whole heart; deal bountifully with your servant. I will live, and I will keep your words. Revive me according to your word, O Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die forever, says the Lord.



*By water and the Holy Spirit,
we welcome into our Catholic Community
those baptized in February*

Charlee Jayne Becnel
Daughter of Joshua Becnel and Samantha Fuselier

Axton Michael Black
Son of Michael and Cherie Black

Christopher Huron Carbins, Jr.
Son of Christopher Carbins and Chuntel Trimm

Holy Cross Knights of Columbus received a directive from Supreme Knight Carl Anderson instructing immediate **cancellation of all meetings and social events** until the threat of the Coronavirus has passed. All 3rd and 4th degree meetings are canceled until further notice; all business will be handled by phone and email. The fish fry fundraiser scheduled for April 19th will be **rescheduled at a later date. Tickets can still be purchased from all KC members and will be honored at the rescheduled event.**

All parishioners 18-60 years of age are required to fast and abstain from meat on **Good Friday** unless prevented by ill health, pregnancy, or nursing. **All Fridays** during Lent are days of Abstinence.

PALMS NEEDED: Bring palms **Saturday, March 28.** have them washed and ready and place them on the tables in front of church.

EASTER MEMORIALS: To make a donation for Easter flowers and decorations in memory of a deceased loved one, please use the envelopes found in pews. Place the envelope in the Offertory Collection or send to the parish office by **April 2.**

Information as of March 16, 2020

CHECK SOCIAL MEDIA FOR UPDATES AND SIGN UP FOR FLOCKNOTE FOR LATEST NEWS

Mass Schedule: Masses will be held with the exception of 6:30 pm Mass on Sunday March 15 and 22. The obligation to participate at Sunday Mass has been dispensed by Bishop Fabre for the weekends of March 14/15 and March 21/22.

- If you are ill, elderly, or immuno-suppressed, please do not attend Mass.

Special Precautions for Sunday Mass

In addition to the previous instructions given, we will also make the following adjustments:

- There will be no offertory procession.
- Rather than passing a collection basket, a basket for your weekly financial offering will be located in the main aisle of the church, on the table where the bread and wine are usually located. NOTE: We are very close to our goal of finishing the fiscal year “in the black” and each Sunday’s offertory is a key part in our efforts to be the best possible stewards of the financial resources given to us. Therefore I ask that, if at all possible, we continue in our regular tithing. If you are not at Mass this weekend, we have three convenient options for making a financial offering.

1. Mail payment to the office: Holy Cross Parish, 2100 Cedar Street, Unit 3, Morgan City, LA 70380.
2. Make a payment via Venmo: @holycrossmc
3. Make a payment via PayPal by going to holycrossmc.org/giving and clicking the donation link.

Activities suspended and/or postponed until further notice

- All aspects of Youth Formation (including Mentor Formation meetings and the First Communion and Confirmation retreats previously scheduled for March 21/22).
- All organizational meetings (PIT, Finance Council, Finance Council, Knights of Columbus, Altar Society, Choir, etc.)
- Small Groups (on-campus or off-campus)
- Tuesday Adoration
- Easter Egg Hunt previously scheduled for March 22
- Seder Meal previously scheduled for April 8

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

Hours | Monday-Friday 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
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Peter Boudreaux | Principal

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SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Performed 3rd Sunday of each month.

Matrimony: Couple must register and make arrangements at least 6 months prior to marriage. Please check website and call office for all sacraments.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

Patience LaFleur Bryant, Michael S. LaFleur, Rowena LaFleur, Harold Smith, George Williams Family, M/M Curtis Verret, Jason Hotard, Zack Turner, Sherry Williams, Joe Young, Lee J. Guarisco, Betty & Merlin Broussard, Sr., Ronnie Trimm, Harold Smith

St. Rosalie: Brandon Terry, Howard Thibodeaux, Rosemary Cutrera, Nolan J. Rhodes

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

Holy Cross Parish, Mike, Jonathan, Rudy & John Percle, Alfred/Percle Families & Judy Aucoin, Donald & Leona Smith, Smith & Wilma Alpha, Hal Thomas, Max Griffin, Gracie Andrews, Murray & Margie St. Romain, Rodney St. Romain, Pat St. Romain, Blume Roy & Thelma Roy Brassette, David Family, Marie & Paul Vella, Sr., Willie & Julie Bradberry, Justin Trimm, Jude Hebert, Ronnie Trimm, Dorothy Stansbury, A. J. & Hilda Mayon, Joe & Shirley Baker, George & Maizie Chaisson, Maria Nguyen Thi Kem, Maria Nguyen Thi Hieu, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Phero Nguyen Van Loc, Roland J. Barras, R. L. & Edith LeBlanc, Barbara Greer, Patsy Connor, Logan Sr., Irene & Gwen Fromenthal, Norbert & Elise Templet, Jerry Theriot, Carolyn Barbier

MONDAY, MARCH 23

Maria Nguyen Thi Kem, Maria Nguyen Thi Hieu, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Phero Nguyen Van Loc, Jo Ann Rawls, Dot Stansbury, Sostenes Ruiz, Ronnie Cuvillier

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

Holy Cross Parish, Norman H. Breaux, Sr. Family living and deceased, David Robicheaux, Governale & Resignola Families, Sadie & Roy Adams, Martha & Wilson Adams

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

Maria Nguyen Thi Kem, Maria Nguyen Thi Hieu, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Phero Nguyen Van Loc, Ron Blereau, Catherine Parra

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Shonet Vedros, Nelda Comeaux, Antoinette Spinella, Bernie Hunter, Jerry Acosta, Jr., Aline Bertrand, Lois & Lester Fryon, Dot Myers, Calvin Blanco, Irma Blanco, Betty Boudreaux, Wayne Vidos, Nolan J. Rhodes, Todd Watson, Jr., Orelia Degraffenried, Delannie Howard, Ruby Beadle, Leslie LaBatut, Diana Greenwood, Roger Liner, Ray LaHoste, Ethan Marcel, Richey Garrett, Becky Gaudin, Steve Johnson, Jay Morell, Evelyn B. Willis, Caroline Noble

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS IN EFFECT

- If you are sick or are experiencing symptoms of sickness, you are not obligated to attend Mass and encouraged not to do so.
- The distribution of the Precious Blood via the chalice during Holy Communion is suspended until further notice.
- The exchange of physical contact during the sign of peace is also suspended; instead, verbally say "peace be with you."
- During the Our Father, Catholics should refrain from holding hands or extending hands. Proper posture is praying hands.
- Holy Communion will only be received in the hand.

Find more information at hdiocese.org/coronavirus.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Note: No cup ministers needed until further notice.

THIS WEEKEND: MARCH 21-22

SATURDAY 5:30 PM

Commentator: Grace Guarisco | **Reader:** Rosemarie Vining

Extraordinary Minister: Lynn Beaudean, Grace Guarisco, Rosie Brown, Greg Brown, Bill Darce, Rosemarie Vining, Audrey Falcon | **Altar Servers 1**

SUNDAY 8:00 AM

Commentator: Charlie Ann Fuhrer | **Reader:** Joellen Fuhrer

Extraordinary Minister: Alicia Robicheaux, Nathan Rhodes, Dan Smith, Denise Smith, Lea Hebert, Sandra Guarisco, Charles Guarisco |

Altar Servers 4

Sunday 10:30 AM

Commentator: Allie Devillier | **Reader:** Claire Guarisco

Extraordinary Minister: Greig Chauvin, Andre Chauvin, Kimberly Besse, Claire Guarisco, Sherrel Allemond, Nathan Rhodes, Paul Vella |

Altar Servers 3

Sunday 6:30 PM 6:30 Mass Cancelled March 22

Commentator: William Bourgeois | **Reader:** Camille Izaguirre

Extraordinary Ministers: Maggie Bagwell, William Bourgeois, John Dubois, Tessie Dubois, Dwayne Barbier, Maria Barbier, Matthew Barbier |

Altar Servers 2

Refreshments: Kevin Voisin | **Collections Counters 3**

Children's Church: Lori Jo Case

Church Cleaning: March 15th-21st-Paul | March 22nd-28th-Nathan

NEXT WEEKEND: MARCH 28-29

SATURDAY 5:30 PM

Commentator: Bernie Hunter | **Reader:** Tim Gilmore

Extraordinary Minister: Greg Brown, Andrea Leonards, Dot Myers, Mary Siracusa, Loy Menard, Catherine Menard, Rosie Brown | **Altar Servers 6**

SUNDAY 8:00 AM

Commentator: Dee Hymel | **Reader:** Georgia Lajaunie

Extraordinary Minister: Georgia Lajaunie, Steve Morell, Shelley Morell, Kenneth Rhodes, Betsy Rhodes, Dee Hymel, Nathan Rhodes |

Altar Servers 7

Sunday 10:30 AM

Commentator: Stacey Landry | **Reader:** Carrie Stansbury

Extraordinary Minister: Mary Shannon, Alanna Sloane, Joey Sloane, Stacey Landry, Nathan Rhodes, Melina Michel, Paul Vella |

Altar Servers 8

Sunday 6:30 PM

Commentator: Lisa Thibodeaux | **Reader:** Luke Brinkley

Extraordinary Ministers: Lisa Thibodeaux, Keith Thibodeaux, Dawn Arceneaux, Kenny Arceneaux, Colleen Hunter, Donna Vorenkamp, Dwayne Barbier |

Altar Servers 5

Refreshments: Betsy & Kenny Rhodes | **Collections Counters 4**

Children's Church: Allison Longman

Church Cleaning: March 22nd-28th-Nathan | April 4th-All Teams/Volunteers

WEEKLY COLLECTION

March 14th & 15th

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Envelopes \$2,172.00

Loose 393.00

Online 268.00

Total \$2,833.00

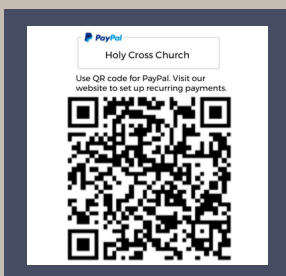
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CHURCH BUILDING: MYSTICAL PART II

When we pray in the liturgy, we indeed have the ear of God, who has promised to be present to us always through our liturgical prayer. But even more spectacularly, we don't just sit in churches, praying and hoping for heaven; when we enter into the church and into the liturgical action, we indeed are in heaven. The heavens are rent and we are taken up into the divine liturgy, the one that is ceaselessly prayed by the saints and angels before the throne of God. Our worship isn't just a sign of heaven or a symbol of what is to come: it is us entering into the heavenly realities now. We see the fullness of what heaven will be: constant and joyful praise and adoration of God with our brothers and sisters, forever.



“THE HEAVENS OPEN AND MULTITUDES OF ANGELS COME TO ASSIST IN THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS.”

- SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT

REFLECTION

- How can I enter more deeply into the mystical reality of the Church?
- What practices can I enact that will help me to hold fast to the understanding that the Church, with all its architecture and prayer, is my avenue to heavenly grace?





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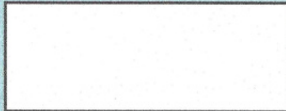
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