



MASS SCHEDULE

All masses have been suspended until further notice. This includes public celebrations of weddings, funerals, and confirmations. Daily mass will be said privately by Father Brice for mass intentions.

Holy Cross Church is open daily for personal prayer and reflection | 6:00 AM - 7:00 PM

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READING I ACTS 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

R. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever." Let the house of Aaron say, "His mercy endures forever." Let those who fear the LORD say, "His mercy endures forever." **R.**

I was hard pressed and was falling, but the LORD helped me. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior. The joyful shout of victory in the tents of the just. **R.**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. This is the day the LORD has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it. **R.**

READING II 1 PETER 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith, to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time. In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the

READING II ...

genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

GOSPEL JOHN 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now, Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

How to receive a plenary indulgence on Divine Mercy Sunday

The standard three conditions:

- Sacramental Confession
- Eucharistic Communion: Bishop Fabre has waived this requirement for our parishioners at this time.
- Prayers for the intentions of Pope Francis

On Divine Mercy Sunday, there is an additional condition:

- Take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, in a spirit completely detached from sin,

OR

- In the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, recite the Our Father and the Creed adding a devout prayer to the merciful Jesus (e.r. "Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!")

A partial indulgence

- granted to the faithful who, at least with a contrite heart, pray to the merciful Lord Jesus a legitimately approved invocation. [e.g. Jesus I trust in You. My Jesus mercy. or any other approved invocation]

Those who cannot go to church or the seriously ill

Conditions for a Plenary Indulgence:

- totally detesting any sin,
- the intention of fulfilling as soon as possible the three standard conditions of confession, communion and prayers for the Holy Father
- recite the Our Father and the Creed before a devout image of Our Merciful Lord Jesus
- pray a devout invocation to the Merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you).



In-car Confession and Drive-in Eucharistic Adoration will be offered again on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19 10:30-Noon.

Father Patrick Rivere from St. Thomas Aquinas blesses palms on Palm Sunday.



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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.

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

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, Virgie Watkins, H. S. & Marie Hover, Betty Zander, Luella Smith, Betty Smith Boudreaux, Leonard & Darby Families.
St. Rosalie: Brandon Terry, Howard Thibodaux, Rosemary Cutrera, Nolan Rhodes

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

For the People (pro populo)

MONDAY, APRIL 20

Maria Nguyen Thi Kem, Maria Nguyen Thi Hieu, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Phero Nguyen Van Loc, Mike, Jonathan, Rudy & John Perce, Alfred/Perce 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, Frank & Josephine Resignola, Nolan Rhodes, Carolyn Barbier, Logan, Sr., Irene, & Gwen Fromenthal, Norbert & Elise Templet, Patsy Connor, Elaine Voisin, Calvin Leleux

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

Holy Cross Parish, Norman H. Breaux, Sr. Family living and deceased, Governale & Resignola Families, Arden, Ashton, & Allie Adams, Allie Adams, Jr. & Sylvia Adams, Sostenes Ruiz, Ronnie Cuvillier

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

Maria Nguyen Thi Kem, Maria Nguyen Thi Hieu, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Phero Nguyen Van Loc, Tracy Lajaunie

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, Todd Watson, Jr., Orelia Degraffenaried, 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, Michael McAdams, Sr., Lawrence Pennison, Edward Cedotal, Chantel Cortez, Jerry Fabre, and all those affected by the Covid-19 virus



ANTIPHONS

Entrance Antiphon: I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia, alleluia.

Offertory Antiphon: The earth trembled, and was still, until God arose in judgment, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: Christ our Passover has been sacrificed; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia.

**Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood,
Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son,
Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins
and those of the whole world**



**For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have
mercy on us
and the whole world.**

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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY | ACTION OF
THE BAPTIZED: THE CHURCH SUFFERING

The second level of the Church family are those who have also died, like our saintly brethren, but who have yet to be fully purified. We know from scripture (2 Macc. 12:46) and from the Tradition and Authority of the Church that praying for those who have died is a good and righteous action (and a spiritual work of mercy). We as Christians know that purgatory exists because while nothing unclean can enter heaven (Rev. 21:27), venial sins do not merit eternal damnation (1 Cor 3); though they still make one “unclean.” Thus, we living members are called, as the Church Militant, to pray for those who still undergo the fires of purgation in order to enter the gates of heaven, fully cleansed as the worthy spouse of Christ.



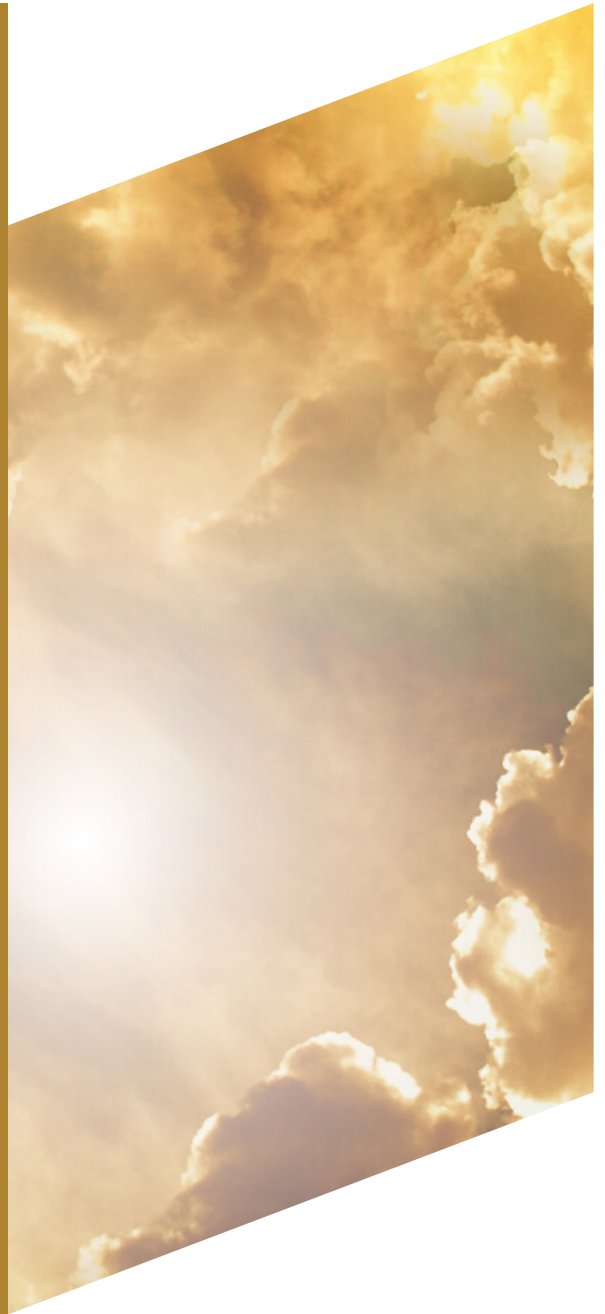
“TODAY BRING TO ME THE SOULS WHO ARE IN THE PRISON OF PURGATORY AND IMMERSE THEM IN THE ABYSS OF MY MERCY. LET THE TORRENTS OF MY BLOOD COOL DOWN THEIR SCORCHING FLAMES. ALL THESE SOULS ARE GREATLY LOVED BY ME. THEY ARE MAKING RETRIBUTION TO MY JUSTICE. IT IS IN YOUR POWER TO BRING THEM RELIEF. DRAW ALL THE INDULGENCES FROM THE TREASURY OF MY CHURCH AND OFFER THEM ON THEIR BEHALF. OH, IF YOU ONLY KNEW THE TORMENTS THEY SUFFER, YOU WOULD CONTINUALLY OFFER FOR THEM THE ALMS OF THE SPIRIT AND PAY OFF THEIR DEBT TO MY JUSTICE.”

- Words of Jesus Christ to Sister Faustina,
The Diary of St. Faustina, 1226

Reflection

- Do I pray for my brothers and sisters in purgatory?
- Can I be mindful of offering sufferings, joys, and the like in order for them to reach their goal of heaven?
- Do I simply “shoot for purgatory” in my daily life, or do I strive for heaven?

Jennifer Ely and Brice Higginbotham, *Liturgia*, (Unpublished).





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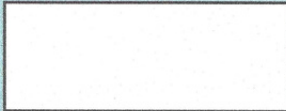
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