THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER







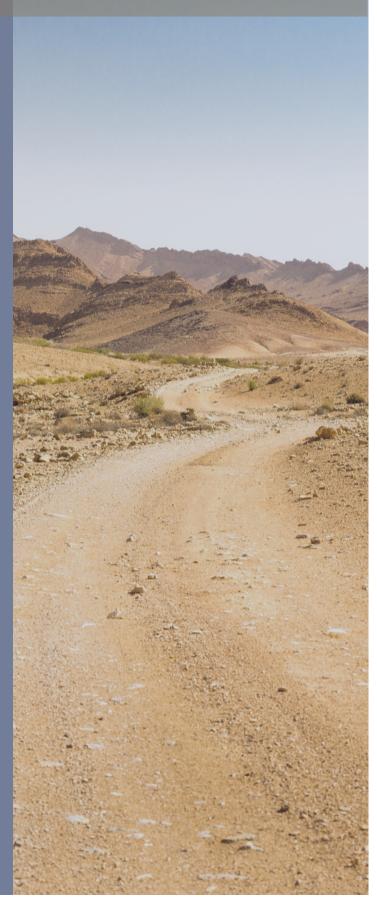
MASS SCHEDULE

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

Please complete the Parish Information Form and stay connected through Flocknote for updated information.





READING 1

ACTS 2:14, 22-33

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: "You who are Jews, indeed all of you staying in Jerusalem. Let this be known to you, and listen to my words. You who are Israelites, hear these words. Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God with mighty deeds, wonders, and signs, which God worked through him in your midst, as you yourselves know. This man, delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of God, you killed, using lawless men to crucify him. But God raised him up, releasing him from the throes of death, because it was impossible for him to be held by it. For David says of him: I saw the Lord ever before me, with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed. Therefore my heart has been glad and my tongue has exulted; my flesh, too, will dwell in hope, because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will you suffer your holy one to see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence. "My brothers, one can confidently say to you about the patriarch David that he died and was buried, and his tomb is in our midst to this day. But since he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants upon his throne, he foresaw and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that neither was he abandoned to the netherworld nor did his flesh see corruption. God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses. Exalted at the right hand of God, he received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father and poured him forth, as you see and hear."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge; I say to the LORD, "My Lord are you." O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup, you it is who hold fast my lot. **R.**

I bless the LORD who counsels me; even in the night my heart exhorts me. I set the LORD ever before me; with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed. **R**.

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices, my body, too, abides in confidence; because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption. **R**.

You will show me the path to life, abounding joy in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever. **R**.

READING II

Beloved: If you invoke as Father him who judges impartially according to each one's works, conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning, realizing that you were ransomed from your futile conduct, handed on by your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished lamb. He was known before the foundation of the world but revealed in the final time for you,who through him believe in God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

GOSPEL

LUKE 24:13-35

That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them,"What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?" And he replied to them, "What sort of things?" They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other,"Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

1 PETER 1:17-21

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EASTER 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.

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The Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You, Amen.



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SACRAMENTS Baptism: Performed 3rd Sunday of each month. <u>Matrimony:</u> 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, APRIL 25

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, M/M E. J. Lemoine Family living & deceased , Oswald Verret, Huey Landry, H. S. & Marie Hover

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

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, Oswald Verret, Carolyn Barbier, Nolan Rhodes

MONDAY, APRIL 27

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

Holy Cross Parish, Norman H. Breaux, Sr. Family living and deceased, Governale & Resignola Families

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

Maria Nguyen Thi Kem, Maria Nguyen Thi Hieu, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Phero Nguyen Van Loc, Sostenes Ruiz, Catherine Brown, Milton Parra, Catherine H. Bertaut

PRAY FOR THE SICK

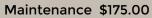
Shonet Vedros, Nelda Comeaux, Antoinette Spinella, Bernie Hunter, Jerry Acosta, Jr., Aline Bertrand, Lois & Lester Fryon, Dot Myers, Calvin Blanco, Irma Blanco, Betty Boudreaux, Todd Watson, Jr., Orelia Degraffenaried, Delannie Howard, Ruby Beadle, Leslie LaBatut, Diana Greenwood, Roger Liner, Ray LaHoste, 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, Rick Cuvillier, and all those affected by the Covid-19 virus

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April 11 & 12 **HOLY CROSS** Envelopes \$3,160.00 Loose 7.00 Online 1,18500 \$4,352.00 Total

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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER | ACTION OF THE BAPTIZED: THE CHURCH MILITANT

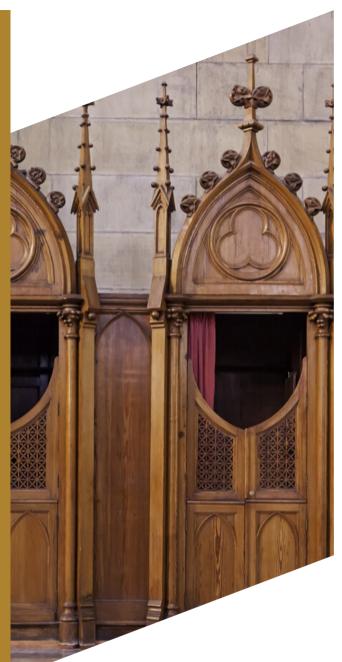
The final tier of the Church family is everyone still here on earth: The Church Militant. We are named as such because of the truth of the battle which we. with Christ our Head and Captain, wage: against evil, both exterior and interior, which seeks to drag us away from the perfect light of heaven. And so we daily wage war on the fiends of the netherworld, arming ourselves in light (Rom. 13:11-14) and casting off our worldly desires. We fight against our own flesh, against those things which would entice us away from the narrow path which leads to true and lasting happiness. We equip ourselves for such a journey by the sacraments, particularly by the worthy and regular reception of the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. We soldiers of Christ must discipline ourselves now in order to complete the journey to our heavenly home, where we will"[show] forth the merits which [we] won on earth through the one Mediator between God and man, serving God in all things and filling up in their flesh those things which are lacking of the sufferings of Christ for His Body which is the Church." (Lumen Gentium, §49)

"THERE ARE NOTES LIKE THE FOLLOWING:...'I DO NOT SEEK, I DO NOT DESIRE, THE GLORY OF THIS WORLD; I LOOK FORWARD TO GREATER GLORY IN HEAVEN'...'I WILL BE PATIENT AND GOOD TO A HEROIC DEGREE, EVEN IF I AM TO BE CRUSHED'...THESE WORDS REVEAL BOTH [ANGELO'S] HABITUAL HUMILITY BEFORE GOD AND HIS CLEAR CONSCIENCE OF HIS OWN WORTH BEFORE MEN...SO CLEAR AS TO BE DISCONCERTING."

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- Journal of a Soul, Introduction by Don Loris Capovilla on Angelo Roncalli (Later Pope St. John XXIII), xxi

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



Reflection

- Do I regularly practice an Examination of Conscience in order to better govern myself and avoid my favorite sins?
- Do I partake in the Sacrament of Reconciliation in order to keep myself close to Christ and ready myself for his Kingdom?

