LAETARE SUNDAY





LENT MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Obligation has been dispensed in the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux until further notice.

Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM | in church | live-streamed | In-car mass and communion for at risk parishioners Sunday 8:00 AM | in church Sunday 10:30 AM | in church | live-streamed | In-car mass and communion for at risk parishioners Sunday 5:30 PM | in church

Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Friday 5:30 PM Thursday 12:10 PM

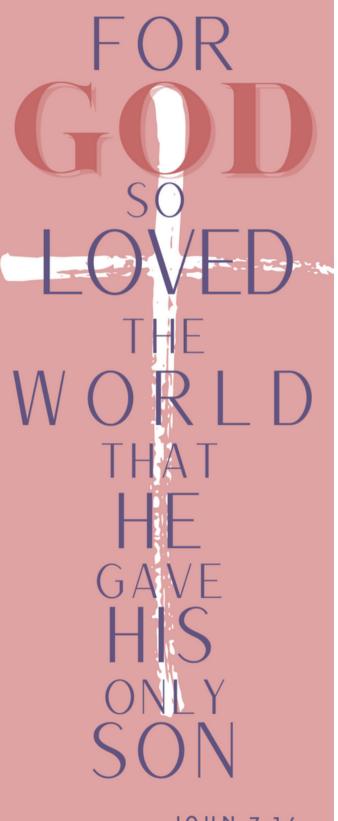
STATIONS OF THE CROSS | FRIDAY 6:00 PM

ENCOUNTER NIGHTS | Wednesday 6:30-8:30 PM

CONFESSION: St. Jude Chapel prior to all masses

ADORATION | Tuesday 6:00 AM - 5:00 PM

ST. ROSALIE CHAPEL (Stephensville) Saturday 4:00 PM Confession prior to mass.



MARCH 14, 2021

JOHN 3:16

LAETARE SUNDAY

READING I 2 CHRONICLES 36:14-16, 19-23 In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people added infidelity to infidelity, practicing all the abominations of the nations and polluting the LORD's temple which he had consecrated in Jerusalem. Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy. Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects. Those who escaped the sword were carried captive to Babylon, where they became servants of the king of the Chaldeans and his sons until the kingdom of the Persians came to power. All this was to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah: "Until the land has retrieved its lost sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled." In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD inspired King Cyrus of Persia to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom, both by word of mouth and in writing: "Thus says Cyrus, king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD, the God of heaven, has given to me, and he has also charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of his people, let him go up, and may his God be with him!"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

By the streams of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion. On the aspens of that land we hung up our harps. **R.**

For there our captors asked of us the lyrics of our songs, And our despoilers urged us to be joyous: "Sing for us the songs of Zion!" **R.**

How could we sing a song of the LORD in a foreign land? If I forget you, Jerusalem, may my right hand be forgotten! **R.**

May my tongue cleave to my palate if I remember you not, If I place not Jerusalem ahead of my joy. **R.**

READING II

EPHESIANS 2:4-10

Brothers and sisters: God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ — by grace you have been saved —, raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them

GOSPEL

JOHN 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

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Hand sanitizer is available. You may also bring your own.

- Please leave kneelers down for ease in sanitizing after mass
- Please receive Communion on your hand, holding it out flatly so that the priest can distribute without contact.
- There will be no offertory procession. Place your offerings in the designated baskets as you arrive or depart Mass. You may also set up recurring payments at give.holycrossmc.org/give

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSES FOR LAETARE SUNDAY

Entrance Antiphon

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

Kyrie

Kýrie, eléison, Kýrie, eléison Christe eléison, Christe eléison Kýrie, eléison, Kýrie, eléison

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offertory Antiphon

Praise the Lord, for he is good. Sing a psalm to his name, for he is delightful. The Lord does whatever he wills, in heaven and on earth.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dóminus Deus Sábaoth. Pleni sunt cæli et terra glória tua. Hosánna in excélsis. Benedíctus qui venit in nómine Dómini. Hosánna in excélsis.

The Mystery of Faith

Mortem tuam anuntiamus Domine, et tuam resurrectionem confetemur, donec venias.

Lamb of God

Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccáta mundi: miserére nobis, Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccáta mundi: miserére nobis, Agnus Dei, qui tolis peccáta mundi: dona nobis pacem

Communion Antiphon

This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.



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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD & CONSECRATED LIFE

Good and gracious God,

You call all your children to a life of holiness and to faithfully follow you.

You continue to provide for the needs of the faithful by calling men and women by name to lead your Church.

Bless our parish, Holy Cross, and the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve your people as priests and in consecrated life.

Inspire us to know you better and to hear your call.

We ask all of this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

LAETARE SUNDAY

GRANT OUR LOVED ONES YOUR PEACE; LET LIGHT PERPETUAL SHINE UPON THEM.



Thien Hai Joseph Nguyen

40 DAYS: A LENT ENCOUNTER

Join us for Encounter Night 4 this Wednesday night March 17 6:30-8:30. The theme will be Holy Week: Palm Sunday to the Chrism Mass. Music will be provided by Hallie Autin and time for Adoration and Confession will be part of the evening.

EASTER MEMORIALS

To make a donation for Easter flowers and decorations in memory of a deceased loved one, please use the envelopes found in church foyer. Place the envelope in the Collection Baskets or send to the parish office by Wedneday, March 24

CENTRAL CATHOLIC GRADES PRE K3 - 12 VIRTUAL AUCTION MARCH 25, 26, 27

Sign-up before March 25th! Bidding will begin at 4:00 AM on Thursday, March 25th and will close at 10:00 PM on Saturday, March 27th



BIDPAL.NET/CENTRALCATHOLIC

COLLECTING PALMS FOR PALM SUNDAY

We will begin collecting palms on Saturday, March 20. Please have them washed and ready. Place them on the tables in front of church.

OPERATION LENT

Please place suggested items in the baskets at church entrance. Thank you for your generosity! • <u>First Week of Lent - February 20-21</u>:

• <u>First Week of Lent - February 20-21</u>: Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste

<u>Second Week of Lent - February 27-28</u>.
Shampoos, Conditioners, Deodorants, Lotions

• <u>Third Week of Lent - March 6-7:</u> Underwear and socks for men, women and children

- Fourth Week of Lent March 13-14: Soups and Canned Meats
- <u>Fifth Week of Lent March 20-21</u>: Children's pajamas

2021 ANNUAL BISHOP APPEAL Being a Partner in Hope

Father Brice and Father Brett are grateful for the response that Holy Cross Parish has shown to the 2021 Annual Bishop's Appeal. On behalf of Bishop Fabre, we thank all who have made their commitment and strongly encourage all parishioners to participate in such a worthy cause. Return your card in the offertory or mail it. Online gifts may be made on at htdiocese.org/bishopsappeal or our website.

PARISH NEWS

Weekday Masses During Lent Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 5:30 PM Thursday 12:10 PM

> Stations of the Cross Fridays 6:00 PM

Men's Rosary Fridays 6:45 AM Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet Saturdays 4:55 PM

Encounter Nights: Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 PM February 24 to March 24

Holy Thursday, April 1 Mass of the Lord's Supper 7 PM + Adoration and Confession 8:30-11 PM

Good Friday, April 2 Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3 PM +* Confession following Mass

> Holy Saturday, April 3 Sacred Paschal Vigil 8 PM +*

Easter Sunday, April 4 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM +, 5:30 PM Mass St. Rosalie 9:30 AM Mass Confession prior to each Mass

VEILING of Sacred Images

livestreamed and

in-car communion

*Use of incense



The custom of veiling the religious images comes from John 8:46-59 when Jesus hid Himself when the Jews threatened to stone Him. Before the vigil Mass of the Fifth Sunday of Lent (Saturday, March 20, 2021), statues and images except the Stations of the Cross and stained-glass windows are veiled.

Families are encouraged to imitate this practice and veil prominent religious images in their homes. The cloths are to be plain fabric, preferably light material, with no decoration. Traditionally the fabric is purple. Crosses and crucifixes are then unveiled on Good Friday for Veneration, while statues are uncovered as you celebrate Easter.

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

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- 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?

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



CAMILLE IZAGUIRRE

LECTOR

PATTERSON, LA

- How do you serve Holy Cross? As a lector and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
- Favorite thing about Louisiana: Friendly people and the Cajun Cuisine
- Favorite saint: The Blessed Mother because she is both a woman and a mother. I feel a connection with her and talk to her constantly about all the joys and struggles of life and motherhood.
- A bucket list item: Only 2 left- seeing the Grand canyon and Graceland
- Favorite holiday: Thanksgiving food and family and no pressure of presents
- Favorite hymn: "Ave Maria"
- Favorite Halloween costume: Lady Gaga
- Favorite Christmas movie: Elf
- Favorite pizza topping: Supreme
- Favorite quote: Pray, Hope, and Don't Worry Padre Pio
- Farthest you've been from home: Germany
- Favorite foreign food: French
- Favorite book: Outlander it has everything: adventure, romance, drama, comedy, and epic settings.
- Advice you would give your 18 year old self: Follow your heart.
- Invite three people (dead or alive) to a dinner party: My Mama Ollie, Mommom Mary, and Poppop Daniel because I miss them so much.

MARIE MINTON

LECTOR



MORGAN CITY, LA

- How do you serve Holy Cross? Lector and Bereavement Team Leader
- Favorite thing about Louisiana: So many of the people I love live here!
- Favorite saint: St. Francis of Assisi because he is such a strong advocate for peace.
- A bucket list item: Visit the Grand Canyon
- Favorite holiday: I don't have a favorite, but I love the excuse to eat classic jelly beans at Easter!
- Favorite hymn: "Make me a channel of your peace"
- Favorite Christmas movie: Home Alone 2
- Favorite pizza topping: Peperoni, Peppers, Mushrooms
- Favorite quote: Que Sera sera
- Farthest you've been from home: Los Angeles, CA
- Favorite team sport: Football!
- Favorite foreign food: Italian
- Favorite book: Twas the Night Before Christmas because it never gets old.
- Advice you would give your 18 year old self: Save more money!
- Invite three people (dead or alive) to a dinner party: My two youngest sons never got to meet my dad. I would invite the three of them so they could meet and get to know each other.
- What do you think heaven is like? Every day is "The Best Day Ever"

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

Hours | Monday-Friday 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM *closed 12:00 Noon - 1:00 PM

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ST. ROSALIE CHAPEL Stephensville | 985-384-3551

SACRAMENTS Baptism: 3rd Sunday of each month. Matrimony: Register on our website 8-12 months prior to marriage.



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

George Williams Family, M/M Curtis Verret, Jason Hotard, Joe Young, Lee J. Guarisco, Paul & Marie Vella, Louis J. "Billy" & Pat Adams Family living & deceased, Virgie Watkins, Al Belaire, Patience LaFleur Bryant, Rowena LaFleur, Michael S. LaFleur,

St. Rosalie: Jerry Acosta, Sr., Brandon J. Terry

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

Donald & Leona Smith, Smith & Wilma Alpha, Hal Thomas, Max Griffin, Gracie Andrews, Rudy Mendoza, Josephine Guarisco, Blake James Melancon, Agnes K. Robicheaux, Marie Nguyen, Marie Thi, Dominico Hien, Dominico Nguyen, Justin Trimm, Jude Hebert, Ronnie Trimm, Kevin Collins, Albert Mason, Sr., Dorothy Angell, Russell Verett, Maria Villar

MONDAY, MARCH 15

Holy Cross Parish, Beth Fairley, Charlie Roy, Charlie Garber, Chuck Garber, Miles Taylor, John Pecoraro

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

Holy Cross Parish, Norman H. Breaux, Sr. Family living and deceased, Governale & Resignola Families, Joseph & Esther Birdsall & Family, Patsy Haeuber, Grant Dozar Family, Georgia Carbin

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

Georiga Carbin, Marie Nguyen, Marie Thi, Dominico Hien, Dominico Nguyen, Joe Stevens, Walter Brizzard, Jr., Darby & Leonard Families

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ashlee Jimenez, Jerry Acosta Jr., Gwen Trahan, Ronald & Debbie Leonard, Gary Vining, Jane Webster, Lucy Lacasse, Carol Bergeron, Herverd Martin, Rella Fontenot, Andrea Turner, Ferris and Margaret Romaire, Bobby Acosta, Ellen Ruiz, Gunnar Tisdale, Pearl Haase, Alanna Sloane, Myrl & Edgar Barrouse, and everyone affected by Covid-19.

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE (985-384-3551) OR REPLY TO THE WEEKLY EMAIL TO PLACE SOMEONE ON THE SICK LIST.

WEEKLY COLLECTION MARCH 6-7

HOLY CROSS		ST. ROSA	ST. ROSALIE	
Envelopes \$8,170.00		Envelopes	\$ 35.00	
Loose	621.00	Loose	300.00	
Online	1,249.24	Online		
Total	\$10,040.24	Total	\$335.00	
Online Offertory: give.holycrossmc.org/give				

MASS VOLUNTEERS

WEEKEND OF: MARCH 13-14

SATURDAY 5:30PM Lector: Andrea Ziegenbusch Bulletins: Andrea Ziegenbusch Usher: Melina Michel Sanitizer: Diane Irwin SUNDAY 8:00 AM Lector: Kendra Thomas Bulletins: Kendra Thomas Usher: Thaddeus Marcell Sanitizer: Jennifer Young SUNDAY 10:30 AM Lector: Vera Judycki Bulletins: Shelly Morell, Maria Barbier Usher: Randy Aulds Sanitizers: Lynette and Randy Aulds SUNDAY 5:30 PM Lector: Catherine Nini Bulletins: Selena Shannon Usher: Nathan Rhodes Sanitizer: Christine Myers

WEEKEND OF: MARCH 20-21

SATURDAY 5:30PM Lector: Lori Jo Case Bulletins: Melina Michel Usher: Melina Michel Sanitizer: Jolene Holt SUNDAY 8:00 AM Lector: Sophia Saleme **Bulletins: Amber Monceaux** Usher: Thaddeus Marcell Sanitizer: Jay Prestenbach SUNDAY 10:30 AM Lector: Carrie Stansbury Bulletins: Lynette Aulds, Mary Shannon Usher: Randy Aulds, David Irwin Sanitizer: Randy Aulds SUNDAY 5:30 PM Lector: Kellye Patterson **Bulletins:** Colleen Hunter Usher: Nathan Rhodes Sanitizer: Selena Shannon



