

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 21, 2021



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 | Prior to all masses

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

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

... BUT IF IT DIES, IT
PRODUCES MUCH
FRUIT.

-JOHN 12



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READING I

JEREMIAH 31:31-34

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke my covenant, and I had to show myself their master, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives how to know the LORD. All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me.

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me. I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners shall return to you.

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

READING II

HEBREWS 5:7-9

In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.



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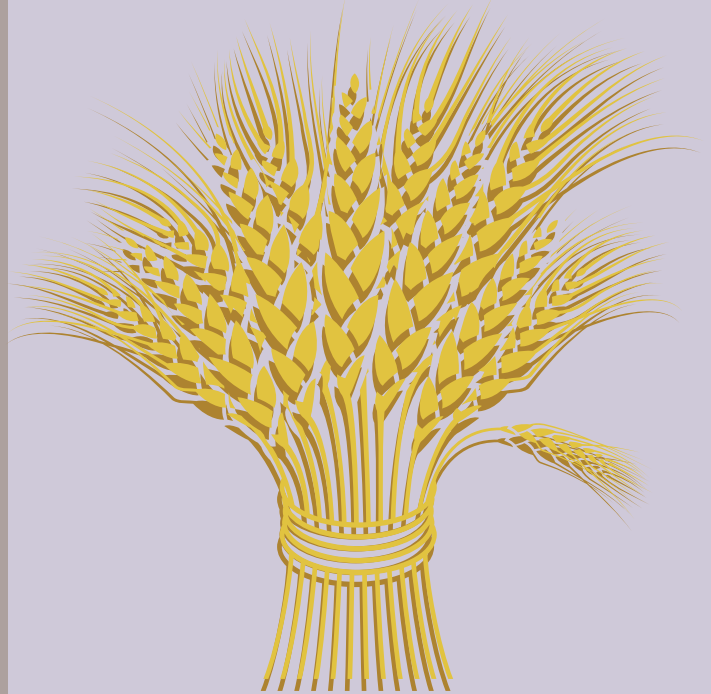
NO PHYSICAL CONTACT

- 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

GOSPEL

JOHN 12:20-33

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me. "I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.



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CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSES FOR LENT

Entrance Antiphon

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. Hide not your face from me.

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.

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OPERATION LENT

Please place suggested items in the baskets at church entrance. Thank you for your generosity!

- First Week of Lent - February 20-21:
Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste
- Second Week of Lent - February 27-28:
Shampoos, Conditioners, Deodorants, Lotions
- Third Week of Lent - March 6-7:
Underwear and socks for men, women and children
- Fourth Week of Lent - March 13-14:
Soups and Canned Meats
- Fifth Week of Lent - March 20-21: Children's pajamas

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 Wednesday, March 24 to be included in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

40 DAYS: A LENT ENCOUNTER

Our final Lent Encounter Night will be this Wednesday night March 24 from 6:30-8:30 PM. The theme will be Holy Week: The Sacred Paschal Triduum. Father Brice will explain the significance and importance of the Triduum, which can greatly deepen your experience for Holy Week. Time for Adoration and Confession will be part of the evening. Music will be provided by Greg and Lizzy Boudreaux from The Vigil project.

2021 ANNUAL BISHOP 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 htdioocese.org/bishopsappeal or our website.

CHURCH CLEANING

Holy Cross will be hosting a "Spring Cleaning" Day next Saturday, March 27th from 9 AM - Noon in the church. If you are interested in volunteering to spruce up the church in time for Easter, please contact the office.



FASTING AND ABSTINENCE FOR LENT

Good Friday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence. All parishioners 18-60 years of age are required to fast and abstain from meat unless prevented by ill health, pregnancy, or nursing. Additionally, all Fridays in Lent are days of Abstinence.

PARISH NEWS

VEILING OF STATUES

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.

CENTRAL CATHOLIC 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



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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.

HOLY WEEK 2021

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**

**+Livestreamed and In-car Communion
*Use of incense**



SACRAMENTAL AUSTERITY

We have learned over the past few weeks of the stability, strength, and purpose of the Church's architecture and her prayer. As Lent has continued and our church buildings and decorations have grown more austere, we must be reminded of the sacramental nature of austerity. We are a people of both joy and sorrow; feasting and fasting; abundance and austerity. This "lack" during our Lenten season should point our hearts toward what we lack after the Passion and Death of our Lord Jesus: we have nothing without him; and thus we find ourselves living out the deepest of poverty on that day, wherein God has gone to the realm of death in order to save us.



REFLECTION

- As these weeks of Lent come to an end, how can I increase my prayer, fasting, and almsgiving?
- Have I held anything back from the Lord which I know I should give him?
- How can I prepare myself for Holy Week?



**“O LOVE, O CHARITY BEYOND ALL
TELLING, TO RANSOM A SLAVE,
YOU GAVE AWAY YOUR SON.”**

- ROMAN MISSAL, THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE
HOLY NIGHT, EXSULTET, §19



CARRIE STANSBURY

LECTOR

CHAUVIN, LA

- Favorite thing about Louisiana: Culture
- Favorite saint: St. Francis of Assisi - when I visited Assisi and stepped into the church, I was profoundly affected by the Holy Spirit. I immediately felt God's presence.
- A bucket list item: River cruise in France or private charter in the Mediterranean.
- Favorite type of music: Variety-country, alternative rock, Motown
- Favorite holiday: Easter - without Jesus rising from the dead, we'd have no hope.
- Favorite hymn: Here I am, Lord
- Favorite Christmas movie: Christmas Vacation
- Favorite pizza topping: Everything!
- Favorite quote: No Good Deed Goes Unpunished!
- Farthest you've been from home: Croatia
- Favorite book: I read lots of David Baldacci murder mysteries. I like to try to solve mystery!
- Advice you would give your 18 year old self: Be more adventurous. Be kind to everyone.
- Invite three people (dead or alive) to a dinner party: My dad because I miss him, my husband's dad because I never met him, and I'd like to say hi, and an uncle that my mom says was my favorite person, but I don't remember.
- What do you think heaven is like? Peace and Joy

KENDRA THOMAS

LECTOR

MORGAN CITY, LA



- Favorite thing about Louisiana: My family is here.
- Favorite saint: St. Katharine Drexel. Her crowning achievement was the Building of Xavier University in New Orleans, the first U.S. Catholic institution of higher education for African-Americans.
- A bucket list item: To go on a safari in Africa
- Favorite type of music: Gospel, R&B, Hip Hop, Rap
- Favorite holiday: Christmas - I love decorating and seeing the looks on people's faces when they see it for the first time.
- Favorite hymn: Holy Water -We the Kingdom & Tasha Cobbs Leonard. Redeemed-Big Daddy Weave.
- Favorite pizza topping: All the meats!
- Favorite quote: Listen more. Speak less.
- Farthest you've been from home: Belize
- Favorite book: Becoming by First Lady Michelle Obama -a refreshing memoir that reveals glimpses into private moments of fear and frustration.
- Advice you would give your 18 year old self: Take a gap year before going to college to explore the world and yourself. Family is everything.
- Invite three people (dead or alive) to a dinner party: First Lady Michelle Obama, my grandfather the late Leon Hartman Sr., and Mother Theresa.
- What do you think heaven is like? Like a warm blanket on a winter's day. Pure peace.

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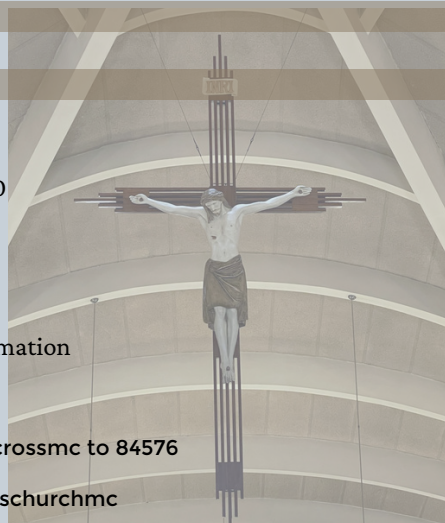
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SACRAMENTS

Baptism: 3rd Sunday of each month.

Matrimony: Register on our website 8-12 months prior to marriage.



MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

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, Huey Landry, Edith LeBlanc, Joseph T. Pitre, Patience LaFleur Bryant, Michael S. LaFleur, Rowena LaFleur
St. Rosalie: Jerry Acosta, Sr., Brandon J. Terry

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

Donald & Leona Smith, Smith & Wilma Alpha, Hal Thomas, Max Griffin, Gracie Andrews, Al Belaire, Calvin LeLeux, Justin Trimm, Jude Hebert, Ronnie Trimm, Tim O'Leary, Kevin Collins, Russell Verett, Maria Villar, Dorothy Angell, Albert Mason, Sr., Agnes K. Robicheux, Maria Nguyen, Dominico Nguyen, Maria Thi, Dominico Hien

MONDAY, MARCH 22

Georgia Carbin

TUESDAY, MARCH 23

Holy Cross Parish, Norman H. Breaux, Sr. Family living and deceased, Governale & Resignola Families, Joseph & Esther Birdsall & Family, Georgia Carbin, Beth Fairley, Charlie Roy, Charlie Garber, Chuck Garber, Miles Taylor, John Pecoraro, Grant Dozar Family, Martha & Wilson Adams, Sadie & Roy Adams

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

Maria Nguyen, Dominico Nguyen, Maria Thi, Dominico Hien

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 Romaine, Bobby Acosta, Ellen Ruiz, Gunnar Tisdale, Pearl Haase, Alanna Sloane, Myrl & Edgar Barrouse, Earline Suire, 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 13-14

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MASS VOLUNTEERS

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

WEEKEND OF: MARCH 27-28 PALM SUNDAY

SATURDAY 5:30PM Lector: Lisa Thibodeaux

Voice: Camille Izaquirre

Bulletins: Keith Thibodeaux

Usher: James Hale

Sanitizers: Diane Irwin

SUNDAY 8:00 AM Lector: Marie Minton

Voice: Kendra Thomas

Bulletins: Marie Minton

Usher: Thaddeus Marcell

Sanitizers: Jennifer Young

SUNDAY 10:30 AM Lector: John Russo

Voice: Lori Jo Case

Bulletins: Maria Barbier, Judy Russo

Usher: David Irwin

Sanitizers: Peggy Lafleur

SUNDAY 5:30 PM Lector: Bill Bourgeois

Voice: Colleen Hunter

Bulletins: Mary Domangue

Usher: Nathan Rhodes

Sanitizer: Nathan Rhodes

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