



MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Obligation has been dispensed in the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux at this time.

Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM | in church | live-streamed | In-car mass and communion

Sunday 8:00 AM | in church

Sunday 10:30 AM | in church | live-streamed | In-car mass and communion

Sunday 5:30 PM | in church

Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | 5:30 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.

Father Brice Higginbotham | Pastor
Father Brett Lapeyrouse | Parochial Vicar

I AM THE TRUE VINE



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

READING I

ACTS 9:26-31

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord. He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him. And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus. The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

I will fulfill my vows before those who fear the LORD. The lowly shall eat their fill; they who seek the LORD shall praise him: "May your hearts live forever!"

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of the nations shall bow down before him.


R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

To him alone shall bow down all who sleep in the earth; before him shall bend all who go down into the dust.

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

And to him my soul shall live; my descendants shall serve him. Let the coming generation be told of the LORD that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born the justice he has shown.

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your



WEAR A MASK

- 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

READING II

1 JOHN 3:18-24

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything.

Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

ALLELUIA

JOHN 15:4A, 5B

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord.

Whoever remains in me will bear much fruit.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

JOHN 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower.

He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.

You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you.

Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither;

people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."



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CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSES FOR EASTER SEASON

Entrance Antiphon

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

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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

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

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Mystery of Faith

A - We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.
B - When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.
C - Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us (Repeat)
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Communion Antiphon

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

PARISH NEWS



Welcome to the Table of the Lord

Andrew Aucoin
 Terrance (Joseph) Aucoin
 Winston Aucoin
 Rose Autrey
 Ava Billiot
 Jack Bolano
 Brooke Bolner
 Cooper Boudreau
 Joseph Bruni
 Noelle Cheramie
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 Katalaya Giroir
 Richard Goodwin



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 Reed Jackson
 Luke Leblanc
 Levi Lecompte
 Adam Matte
 Ethan Matte
 Breckin Monceaux
 Gabriella Morell
 Layla Naquin
 Cleo Price
 Emma Reasoner
 Graham Richard
 Cambrie Scully
 Reid Stanley
 Thomas Theriot
 Emmy Vining
 August (AJ) Ziegenbusch

COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Over the next few weeks, all registered families will receive a letter with a Communication Update Card. Please complete this card and bring it to Mass with you on May 15th and 16th for our Communication Update Weekend!

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.



Margaret Lynn Melancon Bergeron

Edgar Overton Barousse, Jr.

"Whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

- John 3:16

"And over all these put love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony"

- Colossians 3:14

Sarah Rulf and Dylan Melancon
 April 23, 2021

Karley Guidry and Luke Marino
 April 30, 2021

PARISH RETREAT RESCHEDULED

Friday, May 21 7-9PM
 Saturday, May 22 9AM-9:30PM
 Sunday, May 23 8:30AM-1PM

The Father's House is a healing retreat originating from FOCUS, an organization that evangelizes the college campus. The retreat will consist of several guided meditations, talks, small group sessions and time of prayer.

Cost: \$80 | \$40 Parishioners

To register, visit www.holycrossmc.org/the-fathers-house-retreat

CONFIRMATION

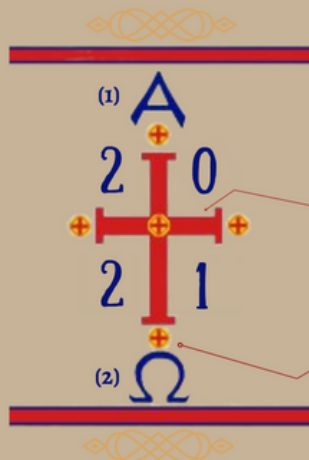
Confirmation Practice and Reconciliation
 Sunday, May 16, 2021 | 4:00-5:30 PM

Confirmation | Sunday, May 23, 2021

5:30 PM Mass Please pray for our confirmandi as they prepare for confirmation.

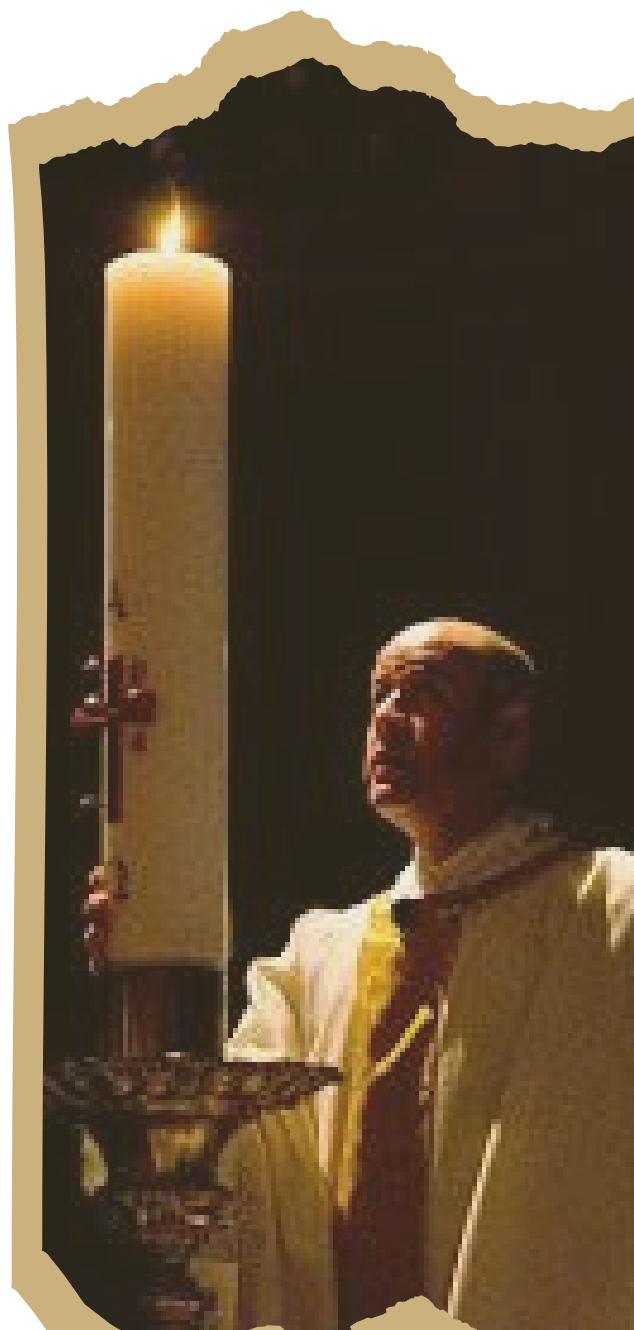
PASCHAL CANDLE

The Paschal candle represents Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. Made of pure beeswax, it represents the sinless Christ who incarnated the womb of His Mother.



The priest inscribes in the candle a **Cross**, the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, (1) Alpha and (2) Omega 'the beginning and the end' and the current year.

Five grains of incense inserted into it in the form of a cross, recalling the aromatic spices used to anoint Our Lord's Body, and the five wounds in his hands, feet, and side.



Reflection

- How has the Light of Christ shone in my life during this Easter season?
- Where do I need to allow the Light of Christ in my life, that he might grasp my hand and pull me from darkness to light?

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | DISCOVER THE RISEN BRIDEGROOM: THE CANDLE

Catholics use candles constantly during liturgical celebrations. During Easter, we are presented with the most prominent candle of the Liturgical Year: The Paschal Candle. In this substantial sign of Christ, there are many components which lead us to meditate on the Bridegroom: the Alpha and the Omega carved into its side, reminding us of the passage from Revelation wherein the King of heaven is identified as both the beginning and the end of all things; the five grains of incense pushed into the soft flesh of the candle, indicating the five wounds of Christ which were of a pleasing fragrance to the Father (2 Cor. 2:14-17); the passing of the candle through the darkness of the church on the night of the Easter Vigil, indicating Christ leading his people through darkness and into the light of salvation; the simple nature of the candle: the tender and sweet-smelling wax, created by virginal bees (Christ's body), surrounding the wick (Christ's soul) on fire with Divine life and love (Christ's Divinity).

“IN THE IMPENETRABLE GLOOM OF DEATH CHRIST CAME LIKE LIGHT – THE NIGHT BECAME AS BRIGHT AS DAY AND THE DARKNESS BECAME AS LIGHT. AND SO THE CHURCH CAN RIGHTLY CONSIDER THESE WORDS OF THANKSGIVING AND TRUST AS WORDS SPOKEN BY THE RISEN LORD TO HIS FATHER: “YES, I HAVE JOURNEYED TO THE UTTERMOST DEPTHS OF THE EARTH, TO THE ABYSS OF DEATH, AND BROUGHT THEM LIGHT; NOW I HAVE RISEN AND I AM UPHELD FOR EVER BY YOUR HANDS.” BUT THESE WORDS OF THE RISEN CHRIST TO THE FATHER HAVE ALSO BECOME WORDS WHICH THE LORD SPEAKS TO US: “I AROSE AND NOW I AM STILL WITH YOU...AND FOR YOU I WILL CHANGE DARKNESS INTO LIGHT...BY HIS DEATH HE NOW CLASPS THE HAND OF ADAM, OF EVERY MAN AND WOMAN WHO AWAITS HIM, AND BRINGS THEM TO THE LIGHT.”

--Pope Benedict XVI,
Homily for the Easter Vigil 2007 -

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

The month of May is devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary, our mother and queen. When we dedicate this time to her, we are asking her to help us draw ever closer to her Son.



Things you can do to honor Mary in May:

1. Crown your statue of Mary. Fashion a crown out of the small flowers.
 - Prayer for the crowning: *"Mary, Virgin for ever, most worthy Queen of the world, pray for our peace and salvation, for you are the Mother of Christ, the Lord and Savior of all."*
 - Keep live flowers near your statue.
 - Write your intentions on a small paper and place under her feet.
2. Pray the Rosary together at least once a week this month.
3. Come early to 5:30 mass on Saturday and join in the Rosary.
4. Spend some time in Adoration on Tuesdays to adore Mary's son.



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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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 1

George Williams Family, M/M Curtis Verret, Jason Hotard, Joe Young, Paul & Marie Vella, Louis J. "Billy" & Pat Adams Family living & deceased, Patience LaFleur Bryant, Rowena LaFleur, Michael S. LaFleur, Barbara Russell, Joe Stevens, Rudy Mendoza, Rebecca Lipari
St. Rosalie: Jerry Acosta, Sr., Brandon J. Terry, Sandra Gros

SUNDAY, MAY 2

Donald & Leona Smith, Smith & Wilma Alpha, Hal Thomas, Max Griffin, Gracie Andrews, Marie Nguyen, Marie Thi, Dominico Hien, Dominico Nguyen, Roland J. Barras, Barbara Greer, R. L. & Edith LeBlanc, Carolyn Barbier, Thomas Frere McNulty

MONDAY, MAY 3

Holy Cross Parish, Boudreaux & Seward Families, Louie Stuer, Sonia Hebert, Louis J. Wilson, Sr.

TUESDAY, MAY 4

Holy Cross Parish, Norman H. Breaux, Sr. Family living and deceased, Governale & Resignola Families, Joseph & Esther Birdsall & Family, Georgia Carbin, Violet, Evans & Haidee Hebert, Bena Arnie, Angeline Adams, Jane Vaccarella & Family, Rosalie Pisani, Sidney Michel, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

Marie Nguyen, Marie Thi, Dominico Hien, Dominico Nguyen, Christopher Castalano, Yvonne Orlando, Biaggio Castalano, Dolores P. Cheramie, Nicole Price

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 Barrouse, Earline Suire, Marjorie Barras, Judy Solar, Lee Anne LeBlanc, Frances Gilmore, Brian Melancon, 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.

MASS VOLUNTEERS

WEEKEND OF: MAY 1-2

SATURDAY 5:30 PM Lector: Linda Arceneaux

Bulletins: James Hale

Ushers: James Hale

Sanitizer: Jolene Holt

SUNDAY 8:00 AM Lector: Tony Saleme

Bulletins: Ray Prestenbach

Ushers: Thaddeus Marcell

Sanitizer: Ray Presetenbach

SUNDAY 10:30 AM Lector: Claire Guarisco

Bulletins: Lynette Aulds

Ushers: Randy Aulds, David Irwin

Sanitizer: Peggy Lafleur

SUNDAY 5:30 PM Lector: Colleen Hunter

Bulletins: Colleen Hunter

Ushers: Nathan Rhodes

Sanitizer: Nathan Rhodes

WEEKEND OF: MAY 8-9

SATURDAY 5:30 PM Lector: Lisa Thibodeaux

Bulletins: Keith Thibodeaux

Ushers: Keith Thibodeaux

Sanitizer: Diane Irwin

SUNDAY 8:00 AM Lector: Kendra Thomas

Bulletins: Kendra Thomas

Ushers: Thaddeus Marcell

Sanitizer: Jennifer Young

SUNDAY 10:30 AM Lector: John Russo

Bulletins: Judy Russo, Maria Barbier

Ushers: Randy Aulds

Sanitizers: Lynette and Randy Aulds

SUNDAY 5:30 PM Lector: Catherine Nini

Bulletins: Selena Shannon

Ushers: Nathan Rhodes

Sanitizer: Nathan Rhodes

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