



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 6:1-7

As the number of disciples continued to grow, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." The proposal was acceptable to the whole community, so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit, also Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicholas of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and laid hands on them. The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly; even a large group of priests were becoming obedient to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm 33:1-2,4-5, 18-19

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Exult, you just, in the LORD; praise from the upright is fitting. Give thanks to the LORD on the harp; with the ten-stringed lyre chant his praises.

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Upright is the word of the LORD, and all his works are trustworthy. He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness, To deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine.

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

READING II

1 PETER 2:4-9

Beloved: Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God, and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it says in Scripture: *Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion, a cornerstone, chosen and precious, and whoever believes in it shall not be put to shame.*

Therefore, its value is for you who have faith, but for those without faith: *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone, and A stone that will make people stumble, and a rock that will make them fall.*

They stumble by disobeying the word, as is their destiny. You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises" of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

GOSPEL

JOHN 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father."

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.

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.

Did you know?

The paschal candle is lit during all baptisms throughout the year, passing the light of Christ to each person baptized, starting with the Catechumens at the Easter vigil service. The candle may also be used at funeral services, and placed next to the casket during a funeral Mass. It is a reminder that the sacrament of Baptism is itself a death and resurrection in Christ, and testifies to Christian certainty in the resurrection of the dead and life with Christ in the world to come.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

"I GIVE THANKS TO MY GOD AT EVERY REMEMBRANCE OF YOU"

Philipians 1:3

O almighty and eternal God,
Lord of both the living and the dead,
Your tender mercy embraces all men foreknown to be Yours by faith and a good life. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary our Mother, and of all the saints, grant Your merciful pardon to all mothers for whom we pray, whether they still are living in this world or have departed from this flesh into the world to come. Especially, dear Lord, grant the requests I now make of You for my own beloved mother.
Amen.

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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.

ST. ALPHONSE DE LIGUORI

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 9

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, H. S. & Marie Hover, Chris Castalano, Biaggio Castalano, M/M E.J. Lemoine Family living & Deceased
 St. Rosalie: Brandon Terry, Howard Thibodaux, Rosemary Cutrera, Nolan Rhodes

SUNDAY, MAY 10

For the People (pro populo)

MONDAY, MAY 11

Maria Nguyen Thi Kem, Maria Nguyen Thi Hieu, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Phero Nguyen Van Loc, 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, 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, Carolyn Barbier, Logan, Sr., Irene, & Gwen Fromenthal, Norbert & Elise Templet, Blake James Melancon, Charleen Lorenzo, John B & Tracie Hover Family, Catherine Brown, Vivian & Ferris Romaine, Sr., Earnestine & Gibson Autin

TUESDAY, MAY 12

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

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

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, Betty Guidry, Red Cuvillier, Jessica Guidry, Emmett Matassa, and all those affected by Covid-19 virus

MONTH OF MARY

Our Lady of Guadalupe

- 1531
- Mexico City, Mexico, Hill of Tepeyac
- Appeared to: St. Juan Diego
- Feast day: December 12
- Patron of the Americas
- Our Lady's request: A temple be built on the site of her appearance, so that she will have a place to hear petitions and heal the suffering of the Mexican people.



Our Lady of Lezajsk

- 1578
- Lezajsk, Poland
- Appeared to: Thomas Michalek
- Our Lady's request: Build a Church. "Thomas, I chose this place. Here my Son will be loved and respected, and whosoever shall call upon my intercession, will receive my blessings."



WEEKLY COLLECTION May 3rd & 4th

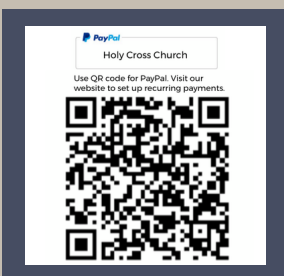
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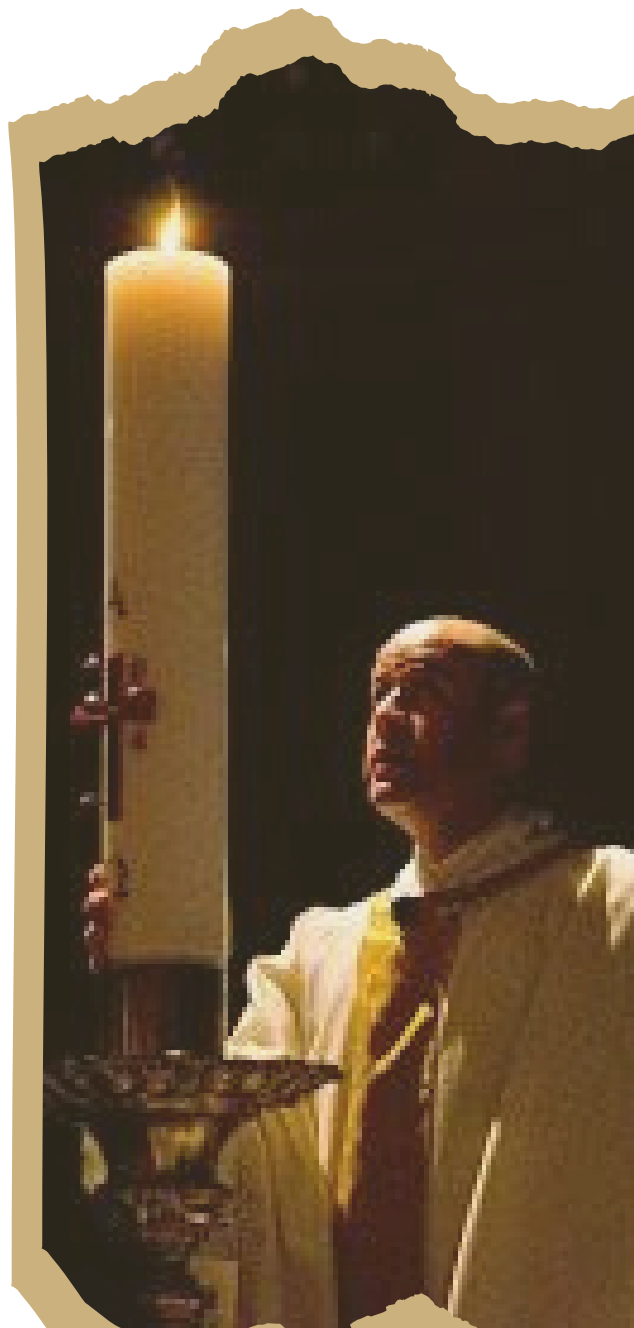
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Reflection

- 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).



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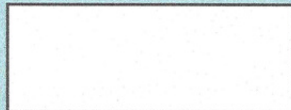
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