



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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

READING I ACTS 2:14A, 36-41(49A)

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: "Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other apostles, "What are we to do, my brothers?" Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call." He testified with many other arguments, and was exhorting them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 23: 1-3A, 3B4, 5, 6
R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. **R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

Alleluia. He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side. With your rod and your staff that give me courage.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

READING II 1 PETER 2:20B-25

Beloved: If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps. He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth. When he was insulted, he returned no insult; when he suffered, he did not threaten; instead, he handed himself over to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

GOSPEL MATTHEW 17:1-9

Jesus said: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them. So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

A Message from Father Brice

Dear Everyone,

I find myself deeply grateful for you. I am deeply grateful for the devotion I see in your faces as you come to Adoration (remaining in your cars) on Sundays, the repentance in your souls as you drive-thru for Confessions, and the devotion I see as you come to Church to pray. Thank you! I am grateful for the many of you who are unable to leave your homes even for these things, praying and working from where you are! Thank you for checking on your neighbors (in a socially-distanced way), for calling those who are lonely, and for being conscious of the poor. I am proud of you, and I am grateful for you. I am especially grateful to our Parish Implementation Team (PIT) and our Pastoral Council for their service in these days.

Thank you also for your financial support. We are at about 40% of our usual collection numbers right now. This hurts us, but we will survive. Thank you to those of you who are still able and willing to support your parish financially. If you are unable, know that I understand. It's not just the church which is hurting financially during these times; many of us are hurting. Know of my prayers for you if you are struggling financially. And, for those of you who are able and those of you who are sacrificing to make yourselves able, thank you for your financial support. We have been able to receive some PPP funds from the government which will be helpful for us, and I look forward to releasing a financial report when we are able in the Fall.

Y'all, we're going to get through this. We're going to be okay. Will things be different afterwards? I hope so. I'm tired of running a "rat race" of life, and I think we all are. I delight to see so many people walking or biking around the neighborhood. My high school football coach always said that in every game there is a storm. If we weather the storm, we come out stronger on the other end and we win.

We're in a storm, a long one, but we are weathering it, TOGETHER.

Hold on to Jesus. Don't let go. Love your families and your friends intensely.

Do not give up praying. In fact, pray MORE in these days.

Jesus loves you. I love you.

We're getting through this together.

Open your Bible. Read Matthew 8:23-27.

Imagine yourself with Jesus and the disciples there.

What do you say to Jesus? What does He say to you?

How does it feel to be with him there?

- Father Brice



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.

In-car Confession and Drive-in Eucharistic Adoration

will be offered on Sunday, May 3 10:30 AM - Noon.

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



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SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Performed 3rd Sunday of each month.

Matrimony: 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, MAY 2

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, Nolan Acosta, Anne Provost
St. Rosalie: Brandon Terry, Howard Thibodaux, Rosemary Cutrera, Nolan J. Rhodes

SUNDAY, MAY 3

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, Helen & Maurice Blanco, Vernice Verrett

MONDAY, MAY 4

Maria Nguyen Thi Kem, Maria Nguyen Thi Hieu, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Phero Nguyen Van Loc, Yvonne Orlando, Sostenes Ruiz, Nicole Price

TUESDAY, MAY 5

Holy Cross Parish, Norman H. Breaux, Sr. Family living and deceased, Governale & Resignola Families, Violet, Evans & Haidee Hebert, Bena Arnie, Angeline Adams, Jane Vaccarella & Family, Roseline Pisani, Delmar & Frances Crochet & deceased family members

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

Maria Nguyen Thi Kem, Maria Nguyen Thi Hieu, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Dominico Nguyen Van Hien, Phero Nguyen Van Loc, Blake James Melancon

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, all those affected by the Covid-19 virus

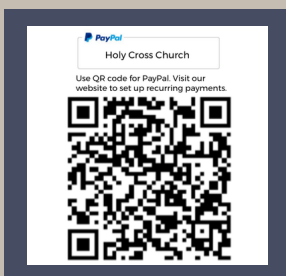
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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | BRIDE (& BRIDEGROOM)

The Church as a whole is the Bride of Christ. This is a term that is likely familiar to most Catholics. But do we often realize the intimacy of that title, or of Christ's title of Bridegroom? We learn from the second chapter of the Gospel of John that Jesus' first miracle was providing superabundant wine for the Wedding at Cana. Here he effectively revealed himself as the Divine Bridegroom, by stepping into a role which was customarily accomplished by the Jewish groom. This was Jesus' first miracle for a reason; simply put, if the heart of Jesus' mission had been to conquer death or Satan, his first miraculous action would have been to raise the dead or exorcise a demon. But his first sign was to step into the role of Bridegroom, exposing the heart of God's desire: to pursue his Bride above all else. Christ's love for his Bride is like a roiling volcano, of which we, from time to time in the liturgy, catch glimpses, as we pull back the veil between heaven and earth.

"CHRIST IS PRESENT AS THE TRUE GROOM OF THE SOUL, AS IS SAID BELOW (3:29): "IT IS THE GROOM WHO HAS THE BRIDE." THE DISCIPLES ARE THE GROOMSMEN UNITING THE CHURCH TO CHRIST, THE ONE OF WHOM IT IS SAID: "I BETROTHED YOU TO ONE HUSBAND, TO PRESENT YOU AS A CHASTE VIRGIN TO CHRIST" (2 COR 11:2). AT THIS PHYSICAL MARRIAGE SOME ROLE IN THE MIRACLE BELONGS TO THE MOTHER OF CHRIST, SOME TO CHRIST, AND SOME TO THE DISCIPLES. WHEN HE SAYS, WHEN THE WINE RAN OUT, HE INDICATES THE PART OF EACH. THE ROLE OF CHRIST'S MOTHER WAS TO SUPERINTEND THE MIRACLE; THE ROLE OF CHRIST TO PERFORM IT; AND THE DISCIPLES WERE TO BEAR WITNESS TO IT."

-St. Thomas Aquinas,
Commentary on the Gospel of John, §343-344 -



Reflection

- Do I love Christ with my whole heart?
- What might I be holding back from him in my heart?
- Can I learn to open myself little by little to the depths of his love for me?



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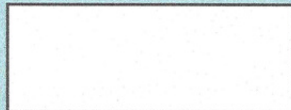
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