

Second Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday

MASSES & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, April 8, 2017

5:30 P.M. MASS – Fran Meaux, Jeremy Rider, Helen Lofton, Henry, Lula & Betty Fontenot, Preston Bertrand, Keith LeJeune, Marvin & Sheryl Banks, Freddy & Becky Gorman

SUNDAY, April 9, 2017

7:30 A.M. MASS – *Pro Populo* (For the People)

10:00 A.M. MASS – Edward Maddox, Living & Deceased members of Taylor & Remy Fly., Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Jennifer Sonnier, Glenn H. Piotrowski, Maria Piotrowski

MONDAY, April 10, 2017

6:30 A.M. MASS – D.C. Reed, Jr.

TUESDAY, April 11, 2017

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, April 12, 2017

6:30 A.M. MASS – Katherine, Joe, Ray & Louis Karam

THURSDAY, April 13, 2017 (Holy Thursday)

7:00 P.M. MASS – Dorothy Berry

FRIDAY, April 14, 2017 (Good Friday)

3:00 P.M. Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord

SATURDAY, April 15, 2017 (Easter Vigil)

9:30 P.M. MASS – Fran Meaux, Jeremy Rider, Elmo Smith, John C. Durio, J.C. & Bertha Smith, Hubert Bertrand, Emily Adams, Henry, Lula & Betty Fontenot, Keith LeJeune, Alcide Harmon

SUNDAY, April 16, 2017

7:30 A.M. MASS – *Pro Populo* (For the People)

10:00 A.M. MASS – Edward Maddox, Dreau Granger, Weston Monceaux, Sr., Phillip Courville, Joseph, Mildred, Hosey, Florence & Francis Guillory, Andrus Joseph & Ella May Frilot, Charles Mancil, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons

Last Week's Collection

\$6,424.66

2nd Collection Good Friday – Holy Land

2nd Collection Easter Sunday – Seminary

PRAYER LIST

Bernard Aguillard, Marvin Banks, Phil Beard, Charles Beaubouef, Quintan Bell, Joan Bertrand, Preston Bertrand, Alvin & Sonja Billodeaux, Bruce & Diana Brakel, Corey Briscoe, Douglas Briscoe, Lincoln & Louise Briscoe, Luke Burnham, Bernice Bushnell, Helen Bushnell, Kristin Carlton, Linda Beaubouef Cazes, David & Natalie Carrier, Ailene Chapman, Vivian Cole Fly., Florence Comeaux, Richard Cooper, Virginia Cottongin, Aiden Darbonne, Rynree Darbonne, Carol Deshotel, Jackie Deville, Cindy Doise, Jabe Doyle, Poochie Duplechain, David Fontenot, Donald Fontenot, Justin Fontenot, Mary Ophelia Fontenot, Steven Fontenot, Verlis Fontenot, Tim Germany, Elaine Giles, Daniel Goodly & Fly., Freddy & Becky Gorman, Jennifer Granger, Rachael Granger, Cathy Deshotel Guillory, Todd Guillory, Victoria Lynn Guillory, Harrison Harmon, Joseph Harmon, Mildred Harmon, Ester Harmon, Shirley Hebert, Jan Horton, Charlene Ireland, John, Shenita & Perella Jackson, Grady Johnson, Joey James, Brayden Johnson, Rudolph & Joyce Johnson, Paul LaFleur, Kristen Labauve, Essie Langley, Grayce LaRacca, Dwain LeBleu, Tina Morgan Lantier, Keith LeJeune, Lou, Joseph, & Adam LeJeune, Mitch LeJeune, Willie Mae LeJeune, Brian Manuel, Chip Manuel, Kevin Manuel, LuLu Manuel & Fly., Nolton Manuel, Shirley Manuel, Trista Marler, Reed McIver, Bonnie McNabb, Patricia Mikas, Rita & Billy Miller, Joy Mancil, Ray Marcantel, Trista Marler, Brandy McCarty, Christina McNutt, Ronald Meaux, Russell Meaux, Clifford Montou, Janice Moreau, Glen Morgan, Carolyn Morgan, Nicholas Odum, Joey Owen, Gabriella & Martel Papillion, Howard Patin, Devin Pelt, Sally Pitre, Linda & Don Potier, Jimmy Prudhomme, Ena Prudhomme Fly., Erin Ramos, Ronnie Ramos, Ashton Read, Reid Redlich, Ann Reed, Cheryl Reed, Sarah Reed & Fly., Lynda Reed, Ervin Reed, Will Reid, Leonard Richard, Donald Rider, Sharon, Richard, Jonathan, Hayley, Jayden, Ryleigh, Skylic, Jackson, Martha, Rusty, and Patsy Rider, Salis Rider, Michael Roger, Ann Rooney, Vera Ross, Fr. Fred Russi, Evelyn Sandell, Tina Sapienza, Quentin Savoie, Sister Ann Margaret Savant, Tucker Scimemi, Helen Shreeman, C. Sonnier, Remy Spring, Kolton Squier, Leah Squier, Margie Smith, Donald P. Sonnier, Barbara Strickland, Kelly Strother, Lucille Strother, Carl Tarver, Celeman Thomas, Matthew Truman, Katelyn Tunks, Dollyanna Victorian, Steve Vidrine, Zachary Villereal, Linda Voeller, JoAnn Welch, Robbie Willis, Odelia & Ernest Wilson, Nicole Young, Theresa Young

Divine Intimacy Reading Guide

April 9 th – April 16 th	Entry Number
Sunday	133
Monday	134
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Vocations Candle – Mrs. Vergie Granger

Vocations Cross – Todd & Kellie Manuel

Easter Lily Donations

Donations for Easter Lilies are being accepted. The cost per Lily is \$20.00. You may put your donation in the collection (must be properly labeled) or bring it to the church office.

Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass is Wednesday, April 12th at 10:00 A.M. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Lake Charles.

Ultreya News

The next Women's Cursillo is April 27 – 30. If you know of someone that is interested in attending please make sure they attend Ultreya this Sunday at 5:00 P.M. The May Ultreya Meeting has been moved from May 14th to May 7th because of Mother's Day. This will allow time to be able to attend Ultreya and spend time with family on Mother's Day.

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This Week @ SJoA

- ❖ Sunday, April 9th – Ultreya at 5:00 P.M.; Solemn Holy Hour at 6:00 P.M.
- ❖ Monday, April 10th – Bazaar Meeting at 5:30 P.M.; K.C. Meeting at 6:00 P.M.
- ❖ **Wednesday, April 12th – ADORATION 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.; NO CCD or Youth Group**
- ❖ Thursday, April 13th – Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 P.M. followed by Adoration until 12:00 A.M.
- ❖ Friday, April 14th – Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord at 3:00 P.M.; Rosary/Adoration of the Cross/Confession at 7:00 P.M.
- ❖ Saturday, April 15th – R.C.I.A. Group Prep. At 11:00 A.M.; Clean Church / decorate at 4:00 P.M.; Easter Vigil Mass at 9:30 P.M. followed by coffee & donuts reception in the hall

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SAVE THE DATES

First Penance

Saturday, April 22nd at 10:00 A.M.

First Holy Communion Mass

Sunday, April 23rd at 10:00 A.M. Mass; a reception will follow in the parish hall.

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Sunday, April 23rd at 6:00 P.M.

High School Confirmation

Tuesday, April 25th at 7:00 P.M. at Sacred Heart in Oakdale.

Baccalaureate Mass

Sunday, May 7th at 10:00 A.M. Mass. Only Gowns are to be worn.

Ladies Altar Society News

Recently the LAS held elections. We congratulate Karen Teigen (President), Lynn Chaumont (Vice President), Pat Cole (Treasurer) and Pat Klein (Secretary) for their new offices. I know they will fulfill their responsibilities with diligence. At the same time, we thank Donna Stewart, Lucy Brandon, Sandy Scimemi, and Pat Cole for serving in those positions. I also want to thank the LAS for making the veils for the crosses and statues (the veils are new this year) and for hosting the reception each night during the Lenten Mission a few days ago.

Congratulations to the Banks family

Last Saturday I received **Marvin Banks** into the Catholic Church. One day later I administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to him and then he received his first Holy Communion. His son, **Jon Gerald**, kneeling at his father's side, also received the Sacrament of Confirmation. It was a humble privilege to administer the sacraments to them and to be of assistance to the Banks family during this important time. As a parish, we keep them all very close in our hearts and remember them constantly in our prayers.

Considerations for the Conclusion of Lent and the Sacred Triduum

Does Lent end on Holy Thursday? In a certain sense, Yes.

Does this mean the time for penance is over? Absolutely not.

Are you certain? Yes. Here's why:

Good Friday is a day of penance, whereon the Catholic Faithful are obliged to fast (from food, drink, entertainment) and abstain from meat and anything cooked with meat.

- *Code of Canon Law*: "The days and times of penance for the universal Church are each Friday of the whole year and the [entire] season of Lent" (1250).
- *Code of Canon Law*: "Abstinence and fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and **Good Friday**" (1251).
- *Code of Canon Law*: "The law of abstinence **binds** those who have completed their fourteenth year. The law of fasting binds those who have attained their majority, until the beginning of their sixtieth year" (1252).

What about Holy Saturday? May I treat it as just any other day, especially since Good Friday will have passed? No.

Are you certain? Yes. Here's why:

- Regardless of what you may have heard from anyone, even be he a Priest, here's what the **Second Vatican Council** teaches about penance on Holy Saturday:
- "During Lent penance should not be only internal and individual, but also external and social . . . [and] let the Paschal Fast [which begins on Good Friday] be kept sacred. Let [the Paschal Fast] be celebrated everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, **prolonged throughout Holy Saturday**, so that the joys of the Sunday of the resurrection may be attained with uplifted and clear mind" (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 110).

Thus, when we consider Magisterial (i.e., authoritative Church) teaching, we can see that even though Lent ends on Holy Thursday, our penance does not. In fact, on Holy Thursday, and for all of Good Friday and Holy Saturday (until the conclusion of the Easter Vigil Mass), we have entered into a **super Lent**. The Sacred Triduum, then, is like Lent on steroids. It follows that our penances should not be lessened but intensified.

To conclude, I would pose these questions for our reflection: Why are we so anxious to cease our penances, especially before the time of penance ends? Who is it in the Bible that wanted to remove Jesus from the Cross before He had accomplished the redemption? Who was it that tried to persuade Our Lord to abandon the Cross prematurely? Was it was not the Pharisees and unbelievers, the *enemies* of God?

- "And those who passed by derided Him, wagging their heads and saying, 'You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save Yourself! If you are the Son of God, **come down from the cross** . . . let Him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in Him'" (Mt. 27:40, 42).
- "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me" (Mark 8:34).

"God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ" (Galatians 6:14). The Cross **is** the way of Christ . . . the way of redemption . . . the way of a true Christian. Let there be no revelry on Good Friday or Holy Saturday, for such would be offensive to Our Crucified Savior.

Latin Truth

Latin is the great **unifying agent** of Catholic worship: "Latin unites the Western Church together in one Catholic body with a union which is that of a family or a household. Every Catholic is at home in every Catholic church of the world. Moreover, Latin keeps the whole Church in union with the See of Rome, the source and principle of Catholic unity." (Bishop Hedley)