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**April 4, 2020: Palm Sunday Of the Passion of The Lord**

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Bill Schaffer Jason Poiroux

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**MASSES**

Weekdays: Tuesday 5:30 P.M

Wednesday 7:30 A.M

Thursday 7:45 A.M

Friday 7:45 A.M

Vigil Mass Saturday 5:00 P.M

SUNDAY MASS 10:00 A.M

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Weekdays by Appointment

Saturday 4:30 P.M

Sunday 9:30 A.M

**BAPTISM:** By Appointment

**MATRIMONY:** Contact the Office 6 months before the celebration

**ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:** Anytime: Please call the Office

**ROSARY & ADORATION:** Every Wednesday at 7:30 am before Mass

**Funerals**

Call the office before making plans with the funeral director.

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**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

**Today's Readings: Matthew 21:1–11; Isaiah 50:4–7; Psalm 22:8–9, 17–20, 23–24; Philippians 2:6–11; Matthew 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11–54]**

**THE JOURNEY NEARS ITS END**

On any long journey it is only natural to tire as we progress; we often need, as we near our destination, a bit of a "boost" to help us make it through the last leg of the trip. The triumphant beginning of Passion Sunday serves that purpose. It energizes our Lenten pilgrimage so we have the stamina to walk the last few—and by far most difficult—days with Jesus in Jerusalem. As our blessed palms stir the air around us in triumph, we should ask ourselves how committed we truly are to taking these last steps with him. Perhaps we might choose a "traveling companion" with whom we can identify. Would it be Judas or disloyal Peter? Perhaps one of those who waved palm fronds with enthusiastic sincerity, but who later mocked Jesus when his fortunes seemed to turn? Maybe we would choose Simon, to help carry his cross; perhaps the brave, faithful women who went to Calvary, who waited with linen and myrrh to honor his dead body. Or we might identify with the pagan Roman centurion, who made his profession of faith at the foot of the cross.

**More Catholic Trivia**

**Question -- Do the concreated bread and wine cease to be the Body and Blood of Christ when the Mass is Over?**

**Answer --** No. During the celebration of the Eucharist, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, and this they remain. They cannot turn back into bread and wine, for they are no longer bread and wine at all. There is thus no reason for them to change back to their "normal" state after the special circumstances of the Mass are past. Once the substance has really changed, the presence of the Body and Blood of Christ "endures as long as the Eucharistic species subsist" (Catechism, no. 1377). Against those who maintained that the bread that is consecrated during the Eucharist has no sanctifying power if it is left over until the next day, St. Cyril of Alexandria replied, "Christ is not altered, nor is his holy body changed, but the power of the consecration and his life-giving grace is perpetual in it" (Letter 83, to Calosyrus, Bishop of Arsinoe [PG 76, 1076]). The Church teaches that Christ remains present under the appearances of bread and wine as long as the appearances of bread and wine remain (cf. Catechism, no. 1377).

**Question -- Why are some of the consecrated hosts reserved after the Mass?**

**Answer --** While it would be possible to eat all of the bread that is consecrated during the Mass, some is usually kept in the tabernacle. The Body of Christ under the appearance of bread that is kept or "reserved" after the Mass is commonly referred to as the "Blessed Sacrament." There are several pastoral reasons for reserving the Blessed Sacrament. First of all, it is used for distribution to the dying (Viaticum), the sick, and those who legitimately cannot be present for the celebration of the Eucharist. Secondly, the Body of Christ in the form of bread is to be adored when it is exposed, as in the Rite of Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction, when it is carried in eucharistic processions, or when it is simply placed in the tabernacle, before which people pray privately. These devotions are based on the fact that Christ himself is present under the appearance of bread. Many holy people well known to American Catholics, such as St. John Neumann, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. Katharine Drexel, and Blessed Damien of Molokai, practiced great personal devotion to Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament. In the Eastern Catholic Churches, devotion to the reserved Blessed Sacrament is practiced most directly at the Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, offered on weekdays of Lent.



Martha Delmas, Mary Kirchoff, Heather Cotton, David Stovall, Maribeth Thompson, Becky Latner, Laurie Rel, Leigh Taylor, Andrea Graham, Robert Dixon, Amy Lacy, Ava Smith, Chip Conklin, Ida Clark, Isabel Rel, Clayton Williams, Becky Thompson, Pat Potter, Marie Murray, Toby Robison, Linda Graham, Larry Robertson, Ed Thornton, Margaret Hampton, Frank Pigorsch, Stephanie Ray, Jerry Wigfield, Tom Thornton, Mike Knowles, Steve Sevier, Penny Dupont, Sister Luella Dominic Petry O. P., Sister Stephanie Sema-SSMI, Doug Jones, Joe Gable, Ann Gable, Lenny Motykiewicz, Ali Stringfellow Ray, Lisa Kloechener, Valeria Wallace, Donnie Wilson, Joe Watts, Sean Guillotte, Michelle Cook, Reggie Stewart, Nonie Reed, Betty Gunter, Tiffany Fontenot, Jimmy Marchand, Glenn Boney, Wayne Seymour, Frances Walley, H. Sanders,, Patricia Davis, Maurine Habley, Ray Thornton, Joe Whitson, Cory Moncrief, Carolyn Collier, Vicenta Obsenares, Edgar Gunter, Victoria Porter, Jonathan Cruz, Gennie Garret, Bob Echement, Lilly Breaux, James Wink, Mike Wilson, Leyah White.

**Pray for the eternal repose of the souls of the most recently deceased members of the parish:**

Ida Clark, Theresa Wakeman, Jack Forbes, Cathy Kirchoff, Frank Church,

**Pray for the Special Intentions of those serving in the Armed Forces:**

Brent Smith, Travis Wilson, SPC Jackson Triston, Jr., Captain Will Hurd, Bryant Bailey & Zachery Bailey.

**Known Birthdays for April**

04 <sup>th</sup> : Bobbie Poiroux	23 <sup>rd</sup> : Michael Bray
07 <sup>th</sup> : Michael Kirchoff	24 <sup>th</sup> : Caroline Moser
09 <sup>th</sup> : Brandon Cauley	25 <sup>th</sup> : Michael Leahy
10 <sup>th</sup> : Avery Schmierer	25 <sup>th</sup> : Bailee McCall
11 <sup>th</sup> : Mary Holland	26 <sup>th</sup> : Cameron Schilling
11 <sup>th</sup> : Kristen McCall	26 <sup>th</sup> : Deacon Graham
19 <sup>th</sup> : Thomas Reed	27 <sup>th</sup> : Gennie Garrett
19 <sup>th</sup> : Abbi Stringfellow	28 <sup>th</sup> : Martha Delmas
20 <sup>th</sup> : Jay Ramsay	29 <sup>th</sup> : Deborah Sema
20 <sup>th</sup> : Katherine Poiroux	30 <sup>th</sup> : Ruth Riddick
20 <sup>th</sup> : Aaron Poiroux	30 <sup>th</sup> : Kyle McBride
20 <sup>th</sup> : Colleen Gray	

**Known Anniversaries for February**

1<sup>st</sup>: Veronica & Reggie Stewart, 7<sup>th</sup>: Mildred & Joe Smith and Julia & David Schmierer, 23<sup>rd</sup>: Kathie & Steve Sema, Jr., 29<sup>th</sup>: Ann & Jim Jackson and Autumn & Scotty Bowden

**Upcoming Parish Events**

**April 5<sup>th</sup>:** Mass broadcast live at 10 am via Facebook from St. John the Baptist.

**April 9<sup>th</sup>:** Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, streaming live on Facebook at 6:30 pm

**April 10<sup>th</sup>:** Good Friday Celebration streaming live on Facebook starting with Stations of the Cross at 3 pm and then the Lord's Passion, 6:30 pm.

**April 11<sup>th</sup>:** Easter Vigil for Holy Saturday streaming live on Facebook starting at 7:30 pm (Sunset)

**April 12<sup>th</sup>:** Easter Sunday Mass during the day streaming live on Facebook at 10 am

**May 20<sup>th</sup>:** Faith Formation Retreat

**June 24<sup>th</sup>:** Healing Mass (Nativity of St. John the Baptist)

**August 19<sup>th</sup>:** Faith Formation Retreat

**Private Mass will continue for intentions**

**Week of April 7 – 10**

No Masses as this is Holy Week

**Week of April 14 – 17**

Ruth Schaffer, Mary Todd Kirby, Tim Kerby, Matthew Barron & John F. Schaffer by Kris & Bill Schaffer

**Week of April 21-24**

Wilhelmena Boswell, Naomi Williams & Vern Sullivan by Rita Sullivan

**Week of April 28 – May 1**

April 28 & 29 – Deceased relatives/friends of Sylvia Gray  
April 30 & May 1 – Deceased family members of Betty Gunter

**Week of May 5-8**

May 5 & 6 – Deceased relatives/friends of Colleen Gray  
May 7 & 8 – Deceased relatives/friends of the Switzer & Weber families by Maria Switzer

**Capital Campaign**

Campaign Goal is \$195,000.00

Pledged to date **\$473,266.00**

Because of your support we are at 243% of our campaign goal.

**Stewardship for March 29<sup>th</sup>:**

Regular: \$1,347.00

**Catholic Charities**

As of today, we are at \$21,670.00 in our Catholic Charities Campaign which is 124.5% of our goal of \$17,400.00

**WHO WILL CHRIST SAY THAT I AM?**

The story of the Passion contains many characters with whom we can identify; likewise, it features a whole range of emotions, from the glory of Palm Sunday's beginnings to the insistent command of Christ that we imitate him by washing feet as our remembrance of him. He also commanded that we eat of the bread that is his body and drink of the cup that he will drink these days, filled with the blood of the new covenant. Ultimately, we—who are the Body of Christ through our baptism—must identify with Jesus Christ at the end of this Lenten trek. We must be witnesses to the humility and compassion he showed, even in the face of adversity, suffering, hatred, and rejection. Like him, with renewed energy, we must turn away from any desire to seek or justify revenge; instead, we must continually extend our hands in forgiveness, healing, and tenderness. As Christ, our reconciling embrace must stretch wide open, until we resemble him, arms stretched wide on the cross of our salvation.

**CRE Schedule for March & April 2020**

**Sunday, Apr. 05:** No Class, Spring Break Week

**Sunday, Apr. 12:** No Class, Easter Sunday

**Sunday, Apr. 19:** Class, First Holy Communion Family Retreat (8:45 am till 12 PM).

**Sunday, Apr. 26:** Class/Practice for First Communion

**Sunday, May 03:** Last Day of Classes / First Communion

**Sunday, May 10:** No Classes, Mother's Day

**End of Year Celebration** to be announced at a later date.

**HOMEBOUND MASS FILMING:**

The next Homebound Mass Filming will take place at St. Thomas in Chickasaw on April 21, 2020. Mass time will be 9:00 am and Father Saucier will be the Celebrant.

**NURSING HOME OUTREACH:**

Every First Friday of the Month there is a Mass celebrated at the Grand Bay Convalescent Home at 10:00 A.M. **Join US!**

**HOUSE BLESSINGS**

We highly encourage **House Blessings**. Please call Father Sherwin to schedule the blessing of your home.

**Announcements for Week of April 4, 2020**

- 1) Please pray** for the repose of the soul of Ida Clark, a lifelong parishioner of St. John's who was called home to the Lord on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.
- 2) A "Special Thanks"** to all parishioners who continue to support St. John's Parish with their financial contributions during this Pandemic. We still must pay our bills. Contributions for last Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, totaled \$1,347.00.
- 3) Live Streaming of our Mass** will continue, but please note the schedule for Holy Week. We will stream "The Mass of the Lord's Supper" on Thursday the 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. We will stream the "Stations of the Cross" on Friday, the 10<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm and we will stream "The Passion of the Lord" on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm and we will stream the Easter Vigil, to close out the Easter Triduum on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. We will also stream the 10 am Mass on Easter Sunday.
- 4) Homebound Mass Schedule:** Broadcast are at 10:30 am on WJTC channel 44 in Mobile area. In Montgomery on Spectrum Cable channel 180 and in Dothan on Spectrum Cable channel 304 and WOW Cable channel 6. Archangel Radio Mass broadcast is at 7 pm daily. EWTN broadcast Mass daily at 7 am, 11 am, and 6 pm.
- 5) Known Birthdays:** 4<sup>th</sup>: Bobbie Poiroux, 7<sup>th</sup>: Michael Kirchoff, 9<sup>th</sup>: Brandon Cauley, 10<sup>th</sup>: Avery Schmierer, **Known Anniversaries this week:** 7<sup>th</sup>: Mildred & Joe Smith and Julia & David Schmierer

