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Sat: Vigil 5:00 p.m.

Sun: 7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday (Tue - Fri): 7:00 a.m. First Friday: 7:00 a.m.

Holy Days: 7:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

One (1) hour before Weekend Masses or by appointment

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

First Friday: 7:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

CHOIR REHEARSALS:

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SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

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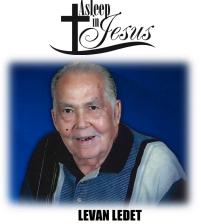


MASS INTENTIONS

SAT. 04/12/2025 5:00PM J.C James (L) **Evonne Cummings Thompson** SUN. 04/13/2025 7:30AM Kristina M. Chanev (D) Family & Friends SUN. 04/13/2025 10:00AM Una Robertson (D) - Lorita M. Shields TUE. 04/15/2025 7:00AM Timothy Burris (L) - Stephanie Goodwin WED. 04/16/2025 7:00AM Anna Mai, Joseph & Nguyen, Maria Tran & All Souls (D) - Kieunhi Nguyen 04/17/2025 6:00PM **THUR Holy Thursday** (No Morning Mass) People of the Parish FRI 04/18/2025 NO MASS **Good Friday SAT** 04/19/2025 8:00PM

Holy Saturday (No 5:00pm Mass)

People of the Parish



1929-2025



JENNIE MARIE LOTT 1932-2025



Joseph Preston Marcel (Brother of John Marcel) passed away on April 9, 2025 at the age of 88 yrs. Arrangements are pending in Port Arthur. Eternal rest grant unto his soul.



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Lord, we pray for all our current military service members who put their own lives on the line every day to protect our families and our country.

Army: Barbara Baber, Sade Beck, Wadie Troy Butler, Patrick Clay Jr, Kalah A. Guidry, Angel Guillory, Geraldine Guillory, Kerry Hubbard, Kory Hubbard, LaTroy King, Gary Christian Robertson, Anthony Lamar Smith II, Jordan T. McCorkle, Essence L. Casteel Navv: Alvin Balthazar, Debreanna Brown, Ceaser, Jermaine Kevin Crockett, Alexander Guillory Jr, Courtney Harris, Nia D. Hawkins-Camp, Xavier Henry, Randolph J. Navy III, Anthony N. Russell Air Force: Samuel Houston, Roderick Jones, Joshua Creeks, Joffre Lander Marines: Reginald Ward

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



We sing some of the saddest words in all of scripture in the psalm today: "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" Isaiah resisted this despair as he was struck and spat at,

professing his confidence in God. Paul testifies that Jesus was willing to empty himself, to humble himself, accepting even death on a cross. In the Passion, we hear Jesus pray to the Father, "not my will but yours." May today's readings reassure us that even in our worst despair God will never truly abandon us.

Did you know that Catholics can make an Act of Spiritual **Communion?**

When unable receive Holy to Communion, pray the prayer below:

A Prayer for 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 in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, Come 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 vou.

Stewardship Reflection

That we have the courage to defend our Catholic faith when the opportunity arises. "...I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me." (Luke 22:34) How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about God or our Catholic faith? How did you react? Do you remain quiet so as not to cause disturbance? Or, because you don't want people to think negatively about you? Or, because you don't think you know enough about the Catholic faith? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful conversation when opportunity to talk about our faith arises. Joyfully share your faith with others.



April 14......6:00pn 6th – 10th CCE Classes

April 19-21

NO CCE Classes -Easter Break

April 26......9:30am

PreK – 5th CCE Classes

April 28.....6:00pm

6th – 10th CCE Classes



April 13 (Palm Sunday) – CCE Passion Play at the 10:00am Mass

April 20 (Easter Sunday) – Easter Egg Hunt in the Prayer Garden 11:30am

April 26 – 1st Communion Retreat 9:00am – 12:00pm

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. As we walk with Jesus this week, we remember the countless women, children and men who carry heavy crosses even today: crosses of hunger, of vulnerability to climate change, or of a lack of resources. How—like Simon of Cyrene—can you help to carry the crosses of our sisters and brother in your local community and around the world? Visit www.crsricebowl.org to learn more. Please return your Rice Bowl Donation Boxes no later than Sunday, April 27, 2025.



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ATTENDANCE

In-person Mass attendance on Saturday, April 4th and Sunday, April 6th was **444** and the 7:30am Sunday Mass Livestream received **61** views. Please join us via YouTube Livestream, or bring a friend to come worship with us in the church.



Outdoor Stations...... 3:00pm Good Friday Service.....4:00pm (No Mass) Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil) April 19 Mass......8:00pm (No 5:00pm Mass) Easter Sunday - April 20 Regular Mass Schedules 7:30am and 10:00am

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

■ Sunday – April 13

Palm Sunday
Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
Philippians 2:6-11

Luke 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49

Monday – April 14

Isaiah 42:1-7 Psalm 27:1-3, 13-14 John 12:1-11

■ Tuesday – April 15

Isaiah 49:1-6 Psalm 71:1-4, 5-6, 15-17 John 13:21-33, 36-38

■ Wednesday – April 16

Isaiah 50:4-9

Psalm 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34 Matthew 26:14-25

☐ Thursday – April 17

Holy Thursday
Isaiah 61:1-3, 6, 8-9
Psalm 89:21-22, 25,27
Revelation 1:5-8

Luke 4:16-21 Friday April 18

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25 Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 John 18:1—19:42

☐ Saturday April 19

(1) Genesis 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31 Psalm 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35 or Psalm 33:4-7, 12-13, 20, 22

(2) Genesis 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9, 10-

13, 15-18

Psalm 16:5, 8-11

(3) Exodus 14:15—15:1

(Psalm) Exodus 15:1-6, 17-18

(4) Isaiah 54:5-14

Psalm 30:2, 4-6, 11-12, 13

(5) Isaiah 55:1-11

(Psalm) Isaiah 12:2-3, 4-6

(6) Baruch 3:9-15, 32—4:4

Psalm 19:8-11

(7) Ezekiel 36:16-17, 18-28

Psalm 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or

Psalm (Isaiah) 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 or

Psalm 51:12-15, 18-19

(8) Romans 6:3-11

Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

(9) Luke 24:1-12





PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD(c)

April 13, 2025

Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into Your hands I commend My spirit" and when He had said this He breathed His last. Luke 23:46 Stop being a spectator; Commend your life to Christ!

The Passion (from the Latin word *passio*, "to suffer, bear, endure") of Jesus refers to the events leading up to His crucifixion. It includes His arrest, trial, suffering, and death, which is the sacrifice for humanity. The Holy Spirit has led each of the four Gospel writers to include the Passion in their books. The centurion who witnessed Jesus' crucifixion, the earthquake and the darkening of the sky, declared, "This Man was innocent beyond doubt" Luke 23:47. The spectators in the crowd, never got to know Jesus. If we want to personally experience this Man, who is Jesus, the Christ, the Son of God, then we must do two things that Jesus Himself did: and we will never be the same. 1. Align your will to God's will. [Jesus] prayed, saying, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from Me; still, not my will but yours be done" Luke 22:44. When you are driving and you notice (perhaps at a certain speed) that your steering wheel begins to pull left or right or shake, it's a pretty good indication that you need a wheel alignment. When things start pulling left or right; in your friendships, on the job, in your finances, in your life; it may be because you need an alignment. I am not talking about WHEEL; I am saying WILL. We need to align our will with God's Will. When you are going left on people; you may need a will alignment. Even Jesus had to align His Will with the Father's Will.

2. Commend your spirit to the Lord. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, Father, into your hands I commend My Spirit' and when He had said this He breathed His last" Luke 23:46. Jesus entrusted His Spirit to the Father. How do you commend (entrust) yourself to Christ?

Years ago I had to transport my Mother to the Urgent Care near my home. The doctor at that location wanted Mom to be taken to St. Luke's in the Medical Center for more observation. He told me that an ambulance would transport her. He also said that it may take a few hours before Mom would be given a hospital room so he suggested that I go home and call St. Luke's later to see if she had a room. When I called the hospital, Mom had a room, so I went to see her. The door to her room

was partially opened. A nurse and doctor were at the head of the bed asking her questions about a Living Will and resuscitation if a medical emergency occurred. I quietly walked in and stood at the foot of her bed where she could see me. When she saw me, she said, "Hi Mike". I responded, "Hi Ma, how are you doing?" "I am okay", she said. Then she pointed to me and told the nurse and the doctor at her bedside, "That's my son, whatever he says do, concerning me, you do that." For the first time it hit me, my Mother, the woman who brought me into the world, was trusting me with her life!



Mom has since died, but she illustrated to me (while in the hospital) how to commend (entrust) your life to someone. She trusted me to do the right thing concerning her life. Jesus prayed that His Father's will be done over His own and He entrusted His Spirit to His Heavenly Father. Until we do those two things we are only spectators in the crowd. If we, daily and consistently strive to align our will to God's will and entrust our life to Jesus we will know and experience the Son in a personal way. Palm Sunday, Easter, and the Easter season will have a special meaning because the Son of God is living in our hearts.

<>< Dcn. Jenkins



Health Forum and Medical Scholarship Luncheon

Theme: Getting Back to the Root of Good Health Saturday, April 26, 2025 10am to 2pm

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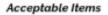


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