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A CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

This is for students in grades kindergarten, one, two and three and is held during the Sunday 9:30 am Mass.

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on the first Sunday of each month at 12:30 pm. Please call the Church Office at least three months before the anticipated date of birth. To schedule an interview and date for Pre-Baptism Seminar, call Deacon Ray Bertin at 455-7071, ext. 226. The celebration of infant Baptism will be arranged during the interview process.

MATRIMONY

The prospective bride or groom must contact one of the parish priests or deacons at least 6 months in advance.

FUNERALS

Families should contact the Church Office before making any arrangements with the funeral home.

VISITATION OF THE SICK

Please notify the Church Office when someone is in the hospital or sick at home and unable to attend Mass.

ROSARY GROUPS

1st Saturday of each month following the 7:30 am Mass in Church.

Every Saturday 3:20 pm-3:40 pm, before the 4:00 pm Mass in Church.

Rosary & Divine Mercy, every Wednesday 9:30 am to 10:30 am in the St. Ann Room.

NOVENA TO ST. ANN

Every Tuesday after the 8:45 am and 7:00 pm Masses. Twice a year a solemn nine day novena is held at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm, consisting of Mass, homily and novena prayers. July 18th through 26th (Feast of St. Ann) and the Thursday after Ash Wednesday through Friday of the first week of Lent.

"LITTLE CHURCH"

"Little Church" is a babysitting service which is available every Sunday during the 9:30 am Mass for children ages 1 to 5 years old. Please bring your children to the Parish Ministry Center, behind the church.

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April 9, 2017**

WEEKEND EUCHARIST

Saturday: 7:30 am Mass

4:00 pm Vigil Mass

Sunday Masses:

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am and 5:00 pm

WEEKDAY EUCHARIST

Monday - Friday: 6:30 am & 8:45 am

Tuesday: 7:00 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday: 9:30 am to 6:00 pm

ending with Benediction

First Friday: 9:30 - 10:30 am

RECONCILIATION

Tuesday: 6:00 to 6:45 pm

Saturday: 3:00 to 3:45 pm

5:00 to 5:30 pm

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Ann, a Roman Catholic Parish of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, is a faith family serving the needs of the parishioners and the wider community.

Home to the National Shrine of St. Ann, we are committed to providing opportunities to all for worship and service, evangelization and education, stewardship and ministry.

St. Ann Parish welcomes and invites all people to join us in proclaiming and living the Gospel values of Jesus Christ.



~ Palm Sunday.~

Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Matthew 26:14-27:66

For five weeks of Lent we have been preparing, by works of charity and self-sacrifice, for the celebration of the Lord's saving work. United with Jesus in his suffering on the Cross, may we share his resurrection and new life ... The Mass today is divided into two distinct parts: the blessing



of palms, the reading of the Gospel before the Mass, the procession with palm branches and the Mass proper. In a very real way the whole key to Holy Week is summarized in today's second reading from St. Paul: **"Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness, and found in human appearance, humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross ..."**

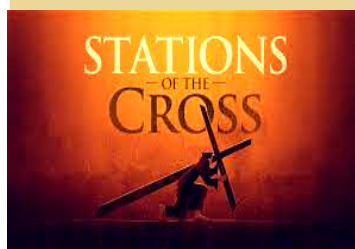
The Passion of Jesus this year is read from Matthew's Gospel, which focuses particularly on the obedience of Jesus to the Father. Jesus' obedience - our freedom! Jesus is the Suffering Servant of the Old Testament. In our own way we are responsible for the suffering of Jesus too ... We are sometimes like Peter, who denies him, and like the disciples who fell asleep in Jesus' time of need in the garden. Sometimes we have to be **pressed into service** to help Jesus carry his cross or to do something in the Church. Maybe we have washed our hands like Pontius Pilate ... Who are you?

The early Church Fathers spoke about the people who accompanied Jesus to Jerusalem, especially St. Andrew, Bishop of Crete. He said: "So it is ourselves that we must spread under Christ's feet, not coats or lifeless branches or shoots of trees which waste away and delights the eye only for a few brief hours ... Let us spread ourselves like coats under his feet ..." Let us offer not palm branches but the prizes of victory to the one triumphant over death, and who offers us life in time and in eternity. Let these coming days of Holy Week help you to find the answer to the question: Who are you? For it is in walking the road with Jesus through these days that we come to know ourselves more clearly in him. Remember, **it was love and not nails that held Jesus on the cross.**

Reflection: Fr. Billy

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	April 9
4:00 pm Vigil	Alberta Basha, McClelland & Gardner Families, Iris Fitzpatricki, Carmel Patterson, Jennie DeGenova, Louis & Ruth Duvic, Elaine Wingerter, Gloria Robeles, Paul M. Brue (Health)
8:00 am	Anthony Musso
9:30 am	Norma Rivero
11:00 am	James Miller, Carmel Patterson, Vivian Wesner, Grace Schifflet, Mabel Couvillion, Jennie DeGenova, Edward Couvillion, Souls in Purgatory, Frances McCloskey, Allen Weber, Martha Laizer, Leo Taconi, Jr.
5:00 pm	Parishioners
Monday	April 10
6:30 am	Chris Alessi
8:45 am	Mr. & Mrs. Bertrand J. Ibos, Sr.
Tuesday	April 11
6:30 am	Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Alexander
8:45 am	Josephine Lopiccolo
7:00 pm	Curtis Dupree
Wednesday	April 12
6:30 am	Beryl Chaix
8:45 am	Mr. & Mrs. George M. Gilibert
Holy Thursday	April 13
8:45 am	Morning Prayer
7:00 pm	Parishioners of St. Ann
Good Friday	April 14
8:45 am	Morning Prayer
3:00 pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday	April 15
8:45 am	Morning Prayer



Stations of the Cross
Friday, 14th
St. Ann Church
7:00 PM



April 9 - 15, 2017
"Sanctuary Candle"
In Memory of Ollie French, III



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Monday, April 10th

- ◆ Masses: 6:30 AM & 8:45 AM

Tuesday, April 11th

- ◆ Masses: 6:30 AM & 8:45 AM & 7:00 PM
- ◆ 40 Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 6:30 AM Mass until 10:00 PM on Wednesday in the **Adoration Chapel ONLY**
- ◆ Mass of Chrism at St. Louis Cathedral: 10:00 AM
- ◆ Confession 6:00-7:00PM

Wednesday, April 12th

- ◆ Masses: 6:30 AM & 8:45 AM

Holy Thursday, April 13th

- ◆ Morning Prayer [Liturgy of the Hours] 8:45 AM
- ◆ Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 PM followed by procession to the Day Chapel, and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight.

Good Friday, April 14th

- ◆ Morning Prayer [Liturgy of the Hours] 8:45 AM
- ◆ Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 3:00 PM
- ◆ Stations of the Cross: 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday, April 15th

- ◆ Morning Prayer [Liturgy of the Hours] 8:45 AM followed by RCIA Preparatory Rites
- ◆ Easter Vigil: 8:00 PM. The entire celebration of this Vigil should take place at night, that is, it should begin after nightfall and end before dawn. The Easter Vigil is not to be celebrated at the time of day that is customary to celebrate anticipated Sunday Masses. [No 3:00 PM Confessions or 4:00 PM Mass]

Easter Sunday, April 16th

- ◆ Masses: 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM [No 5:00 PM Mass]

**Parish Calendar**

- 4/9 6 PM FAMILY FEST COMMITTEE MTG./CAFETERIA
10:40 AM FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE/CHURCH
12:20 PM FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE/CHURCH
- 4/11 40 HOURS OF EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT/CHAPEL
10 AM CHRISM MASS AT ST. LOUIS CATHEDRAL
6 PM CONFESSION/CHURCH
6:20 PM PSR CLASS/CAFETERIA
7:30 PM BOY SCOUTS IN CAFETERIA
7:30 PM CATECHIST CLASS/ST. RAYMOND
- 4/12 40 HOURS OF EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT/CHAPEL
9:30 AM PRAYER GROUP/ST. RAYMOND
10:40 AM FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE/CHURCH
12:20 PM FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE/CHURCH
1 PM SEWING SEAMS OF FAITH CLASS/ST. RAYMOND
7 PM ADULT CHOIR/ST. CECILIA
7 PM YOUTH CHOIR REH./CHURCH
- 4/13 8:45 AM MORNING PRAYER (LITURGY OF THE HOURS)
9:30 AM SCHOOL STATIONS OF THE CROSS GRADES 2-7
9:30 AM ADULT CATECHISM/ST. RAYMOND
1:30 PM FACULTY REFLECTION/CHURCH
7 PM EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
- 4/14 8:45 PM MORNING PRAYERS (LITURGY OF THE HOURS)
3 PM CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION
7 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS/CHURCH
- 4/15 8:45 AM MORNING PRAYER (LITURGY OF THE HOURS) FOLLOWED BY RCIA PREPARATORY RITES
8 PM EASTER VIGIL
- 4/16 EASTER SUNDAY WE REJOICE!

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit- www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

EWTN HIGHLIGHTS FOR HOLY WEEK

Choral Meditations and Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper
Thursday, April 13 5:30-8:30 PM

Celebration of the Lord's Passion from Rome
Friday, April 14 11:00 AM-1:30 PM

Way of the Cross from Rome
Friday, April 14 6:30-8:00 PM

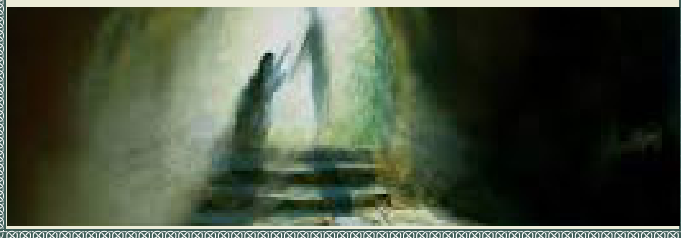
Easter Vigil Mass
Saturday, April 15 3:30-6:30PM

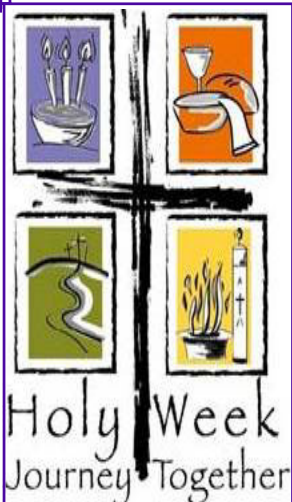
Solemn Mass of Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 16 4:00-5:30 AM

Easter Sunday Mass
Sunday, April 16 12:00-2:00 PM

School News

The students are completing many Lenten activities. The students will participate in Stations of the Cross on Holy Thursday. The students will have early dismissal on this day and the faculty and staff will remain for an afternoon Lenten reflection.





Walking Through the Triduum

A guide to the three-day celebration of the Church by Julianne Wallace

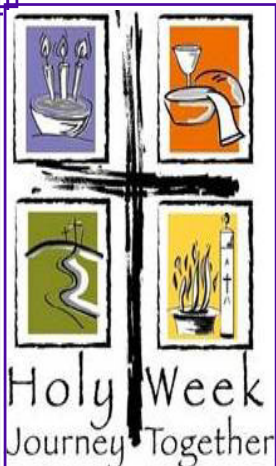
The Triduum is the time of the Church year when we celebrate the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This three-day celebration begins with the Holy Thursday Mass and continues on Good Friday with the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion. At the end of this liturgy, we leave the church in silence, waiting to celebrate the glory of our Lord's resurrection. Then, on Saturday at sun down, the Church re-gathers to celebrate the final, and most grand, moment of the Triduum: the Resurrection of our Lord. The Triduum is somewhat like a three-day prayer marathon, and if you are a novice there may be some rituals that are unfamiliar to you. This guide will help you walk and pray through the liturgies of the Triduum.

Holy Thursday The Mass on Holy Thursday is commonly known as the Feast of the Lord's Supper. This Mass is a time for Catholics to remember the Last Supper where Jesus and his apostles gathered to celebrate Passover. In the Holy Thursday celebration, two ritual actions stand out among the rest: the Washing of the Feet and the Celebration of the Eucharist.

The Washing of the Feet At the Last Supper, Jesus took a basin and a towel, got down on his hands and knees and washed the feet of all of his apostles. After this action he commanded the apostles, "I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do" (John 13:15). This is Jesus' commandment: Just as Jesus has been a servant to his apostles, so the apostles must go out into the world and be servants to everyone around them. We are called to do the same in our daily lives. The action of washing one another's feet reminds us of the call to humble servitude. Foot washing is not a re-enactment or recreation of a past event, but rather, it is a commemorative action that reminds us that God calls us first and foremost to be servants to others in our daily lives. The ritual washing of the feet can take place in many ways. Some churches choose to have 12 people, who represent the apostles, have their feet washed by the priest presiding over the celebration. Other churches invite the entire gathered community to have its feet washed. However the ritual takes shape (whether 24 or 600 feet are washed), foot washing should always be a reminder that Christ has called us to be servants to the entire world.

The Celebration of the Eucharist and the Eucharistic Procession At the very first Last Supper, Jesus also instituted the Eucharist for the Church. At this Holy Thursday celebration, we are reminded of who we are in Jesus Christ and that, through the sacrament of the Eucharist, we are and we become even more the Body of Christ together. At the conclusion of the Holy Thursday celebration, there is no concluding prayer. Once the celebration of the Eucharist is completed, there is a Eucharistic Procession (where the Eucharist that is left from Communion is processed to a Chapel of Reservation). This procession to the Chapel of Reservation reminds us of Jesus' time in the garden of Gethsemane, when he prayed so fervently through the night. The entire community is invited to join in this procession and then join in the silent prayer and adoration until night prayer is prayed and the Eucharist is put in the Tabernacle. The gathered community leaves in silence only to return in prayer the next day for the Good Friday celebration.

Good Friday: Liturgy of the Lord's Passion In this solemn celebration, we remember the Passion and Death of Our Lord. The service is marked by several important rituals including the proclaiming of the Passion according to John, the Veneration of the Cross, an extended form of General Intercessions and finally, the distribution of Communion (reserved from the Holy Thursday celebration of the Eucharist). For our purposes here, we'll describe the Veneration of the Cross and the expanded General Intercessions.



Walking Through the Triduum - continued

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The Veneration of the Cross It seems strange that in the Good Friday liturgy Catholics choose to venerate, or adore, the very instrument that was used to crucify Jesus. The veneration of the cross reminds us that through this cross, the Glory of the resurrection emerges. So, on Good Friday, we come forward to show our great reverence and respect for the Cross. People have various traditions when they approach the Cross. Sometimes they kiss the cross, kneel before the cross, or even just touch it in some fashion. As you participate in this ritual, venerate the cross in whatever way feels most normal. And most of all, just take in the experience of the gathered community coming so close to such a tragic, but integral, event in our faith.

The General Intercessions If you enjoy spiritual aerobics, then this ritual is for you! In this expanded form of General Intercessions, the presider and the deacon work together to pray 10 intercessions. These intercessions are the same intercessions the entire Church prays on Good Friday and they include praying for the Holy Church, praying for the unity of all Christians, praying for the Jewish people, praying for people who do not believe in Christ or in God, praying for people in public office, and praying for people who are suffering or facing difficult times. These prayers recognize how universal our Church is and that we should be aware of all of the faiths and traditions in the world that are different from our own.

The Easter Vigil The celebration of the Easter Vigil tells the whole story of our salvation — from creation to resurrection and beyond. Because of all the ritual moments, this service tends to be on the lengthy side (an average Easter Vigil will last at least 2-2 1/2 hours). But don't let the length of the celebration detract you from participating. The Easter Vigil includes the lighting of the Easter Fire and Paschal Candle (the large candle that we will use throughout the year), the singing of the Exsultet (the Easter Proclamation), the expanded Liturgy of the Word that traces time through Salvation History (the story of our Salvation), the Liturgy of Initiation (where new people come into the Church), and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. All these rituals come together for one purpose: to remember and recall the saving deeds of our God on our behalf. Here's an explanation of two moments from the celebration.

The Singing of the Exsultet The Exsultet, or the Easter Proclamation, is a hymn that is sung by a deacon, priest, or cantor. This hymn speaks of how God has interceded in our lives on our behalf. The Exsultet especially recalls the Holy Night when Jesus Christ rose from the dead. What makes this moment particularly dramatic is that the Exsultet is sung in a church lit only with the light of the Paschal Candle and other smaller candles, which people are holding. In order to pray this hymn along with the deacon, priest, or cantor, try reflecting on the words of the hymn throughout Holy Saturday.

The Liturgy of the Word The Liturgy of the Word for the Easter Vigil is comprised of nine readings and seven responsorial psalms. The first reading begins with the story of Creation and then, each subsequent reading recounts the story of our faith-lives through history. You'll hear the story of Issac and Abraham, you'll hear the story of Moses and the Exodus, and more. All of these readings lead up to the singing of the Gloria, when all the lights come on in the church and then the final reading, the Resurrection of Christ, is proclaimed. Why so many readings? Again, like the singing of the Exsultet, the readings recount the many ways in which God has interceded on our behalf throughout history. Most churches do not do the entire set of nine readings (for time's sake). But keep in mind that the point is to recall how God has interceded on humanity's behalf from the very beginning of time and that through this Easter Vigil we celebrate that God is present and always working in our lives, even still today.

Easter Throughout these three days we experience the highs and lows in our faith, ending with the ultimate high — the new life of the resurrection. The Easter Season begins with the Easter vigil and we enter a time (50 days) when endless "Alleluias" will ring out throughout all of our Liturgical celebrations. May you experience the joy of new life in your own way this Easter Season. Have a happy and blessed Easter!



This Week at Home

Monday, April 10

The Meal of Bethany

As you reflect on today's readings, you might want to take time to visualize the meal at the home of Lazarus in Bethany. Martha is serving; Lazarus is at the table; Mary is anointing Jesus' feet with perfume; Judas is protesting Mary's action; and Jesus is quieting Judas. The scene occurs just before Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and his Passion and Death. How are you preparing to spend time with Jesus as Holy Week begins? Will the week center on prayer? *Today's Readings: Isaiah 42:1–7; Psalm 27:1, 2, 3, 13–14; John 12:1–11.*

Tuesday, April 11

Betrayal and Denial

The setting for today's Gospel takes us to another meal, a meal very unlike the one in Bethany. At this meal, Judas leaves early to betray Jesus and Peter is told that he will deny the Lord. As we move closer to Good Friday, we need to consider our faithfulness. *Today's Readings: Isaiah 49:1–6; Psalm 71:1–2, 3–4a, 5ab–6ab, 14, 17; John 13:21–33, 36–38*

Wednesday, April 12

Servanthood

"It is the Lord God who helps me." Throughout today's First Reading, Isaiah attributes what he has and does to God. Because of what God has done, Isaiah can sustain the weary with his words and listen "as those who are taught." These are the thoughts of a servant who humbly acknowledges his place before God. Do you recognize what God is doing in your life? *Today's Readings: Isaiah 50:4–9a; Psalm 69:8–10; 21–22, 32, 33–34; Matthew 26:14–25.*

Thursday, April 13

Holy Thursday

The Sacred Paschal Triduum begins this evening. As we observe the washing of feet tonight, we consider how our reception of the Eucharist calls us to service. May we not only serve but allow others to serve us. *Today's Readings: Exodus 12:1–8, 11–14; Psalm 116:12–13, 15–16bc, 17–18; 1 Corinthians 11:23–26; John 13:1–15.*

Friday, April 14

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Our focus is on the Cross. We spend time in silence from noon until 3 pm, to unite ourselves to Christ's suffering. At the service in the parish, we hear the Passion of the Lord proclaimed and we adore the cross. Today is not business as usual, for we commemorate Christ's Death. *Today's Readings: Isaiah 52:13–53:12; Psalm 31:2, 6, 12–13, 15–16, 17, 25; Hebrews 4:14–16; 5:7–9; John 18:1–19:42.*

Saturday, April 15

Easter Vigil

At the Easter Vigil, we hear the story of salvation history, the account of how God has remained faithful to us. To prepare for the night, spend time in prayerful reflection with at least one of the readings. Consider how the reading tells of how God keeps the covenant with his people. Sit quietly as you prayerfully respond. *Today's Readings: Genesis 1:1–2:2; Psalm 104:1–2, 5–6, 10, 12, 13–14, 24–35; Genesis 22:1–18; Psalm 16:5, 8, 9–10, 11; Exodus 14:15–15:1; Psalm: Exodus 15:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 17–18; Isaiah 54:5–14; Psalm 30:2, 4, 5–6, 11–12, 13; Isaiah 55:1–11; Psalm: Isaiah 12:2–3, 4, 5–6; Baruch 3:9–15, 32–4:4; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ezekiel 36:16–17a, 18–28; Psalm 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4; Romans 6:3–11; Psalm 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23; Matthew 28:1–10.*

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