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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 10

Masses at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 Noon
and 4:30 p.m. (Vigil at 4 p.m. on Saturday)

Palms will be blessed and distributed at all Masses.

The Parish Seder Meal will be served in the cafeteria following the 4:30 p.m. Mass. *Share a meal with our faith community, while experiencing the way that our Jewish brothers and sisters observe the Passover meal.*

(Reservations must be made by Sunday, April 3rd.)

Monday—Tuesday, April 11-12

Masses at 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Extended Confession at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 13

Masses at 7 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Holy Thursday, April 14

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 p.m.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will follow until midnight in the Chapel.

Good Friday, April 15

Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3 p.m.
Commemorate the death of the Lord and venerate the Holy Cross.
Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 16

Solemn Morning Prayer at 10 a.m.
Easter Vigil Mass at 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 17

Masses at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 12 Noon
(No evening Mass)

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Christ is Risen!

Happy Easter!

From Fr. Joseph, Fr. Cletus & Parish Staff

The Parish Office is closed
Friday, April 15 & Monday, April 18
and will reopen on Tuesday, April 19.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

May you always know the peace of Jesus, the Light of His Love and the joy of His Life within you. Amen.

We are happy to announce that forty-six(46) of our school and PSR students will receive their First Holy Communion on **Saturday, April 2.**

Sister Julia, Mrs. Cavnag and Mrs. Gass have done a wonderful job preparing the children for this sacred event.

Congratulations to all the children and their families!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 24

With the canonization of St. Faustina, St. John Paul II declared, "The Second Sunday of Easter, henceforth throughout the Church, will also be called **Divine Mercy Sunday.**" Our Lord told St. Faustina that on that day:

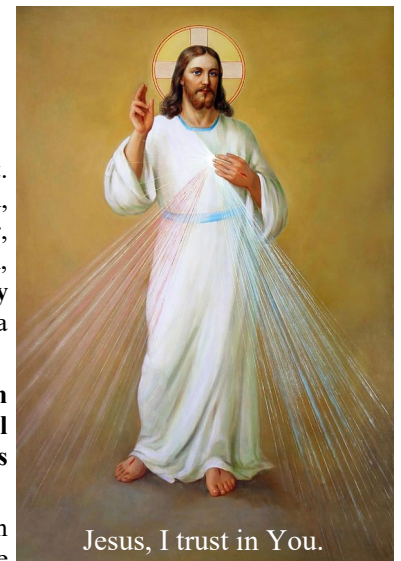
"The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment."

To receive this grace of mercy on **Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24**, the following is required:

While in a state of grace, you must do one of the following works:

- 1) in any church or chapel take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of the Divine Mercy OR in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed adding a devout prayer to our Merciful Lord, such as "Merciful Jesus, I trust in You.";
- 2) go to confession within 20 days before or after Divine Mercy Sunday;
- 3) receive Holy Communion while in a state of grace within 20 days before or after Divine Mercy Sunday;
- 4) pray for the intentions of the Holy Father within 20 days before or after Divine Mercy Sunday; and
- 5) have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin.

Don't miss this opportunity!



Jesus, I trust in You.



The Sacrament of Reconciliation will have a new schedule beginning April 18, as follows:
Sunday, 4:00 - 4:25 pm.,
Wednesday, 5:00 - 5:50 pm
& Saturday, 3:00 - 3:45 pm;
and by appointment by calling the Parish Office, 504-888-0703.



Fr. Joseph and special helpers made the rounds on the school campus Friday, February 4, for our annual Blessing of the Throats following the Feast of St. Blaise.



On Wednesday & Thursday, March 9 & 10, Msgr. Christopher Nalty presented our Lenten Mission. His talks focused on The Merciful Love of God the Father and, in particular, His Justice and Mercy. Each night Msgr. Nalty expanded on the themes in three areas: How God is Just and Merciful; How we are called to be just and merciful; and, that We will have a Final Judgement.

We are thankful to Msgr. Nalty for his hard work in preparing our mission. He has given us much to reflect upon.

Fr. Joseph thanked all who contributed toward making our Mission possible.

Any future mission theme suggestions are welcomed to be submitted for consideration by Fr. Joseph, Fr. Cletus and the Deacons, Steve and Tim.



Fr. Cletus, Msgr. Christopher Nalty and Fr. Joseph at the Lenten Mission 2022.



Our parish celebrated **World Marriage Day** on Sunday, February 13, honoring couples present at the 10 a.m. Mass.

Fr. Cletus presented bouquets to the longest married couple and the most newly married couple.

Couples married over 50 years were also recognized with a special certificate.



Sal and Elaine Rando
Longest Married Couple at 65 yrs



Paul and Ashley Alvendia
Most newly married couple at 2 mths



Fr. Cletus praying a blessing
over all married couples



The Krewe of St. Edward rolled on Friday, February 25. Leading the parade were the Grand Marshalls: Fr. Joseph, Fr. Cletus and Sr. Julia. The variety of floats and costumes were spectacular! The PreK-K riders had a ball tossing the crowd throws while the Mardi Gras dancing music blared !!!

Good Shepherd Sunday, May 8, also known as the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**, is a day each year



when we pray with extra concern that God will send more laborers into His harvest. We keep in prayer and express our support for those clergy, religious & consecrated seculars closest to us in our parish: Fr. Joseph Man Tran; Fr. Cletus Orji; Dcn. Steve Koehler and Dcn. Tim Meaut; Sr. Julia Stump, Sr. Elizabeth Hebert, Sr. Loan Nguyen and Yvette Fouchi.

O Holy Spirit, Spirit of wisdom and divine love, impart your knowledge, understanding, and counsel to all that they may know the vocation wherein they can best serve God. Give them courage and strength to follow God's holy will. Guide their uncertain steps, strengthen their resolutions, shield their chastity, fashion their minds, conquer their hearts, and lead them to the vineyards where they will labor in God's holy service. Amen.

HILLTOPPERS NEWS

Seniors are on the move again. Hilltoppers enjoyed lunch on the Tchefuncte River in Madisonville at Morton's Restaurant on March 31, 2022. It was great to be out and about again. Many more outings will be planned in the future.

A representative from the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's department spoke to the group about protecting yourself from scams.

Monthly luncheon meetings are scheduled for the **fourth Thursday of the month** in the Parish Center. Meals are catered by Central Catering. For more information regarding membership, contact Jay Vallelungo at 504-885-8006.

STEAM NEWS

This month's **General Meeting**, our last of the year, will be held on **Wednesday, April 6** in the cafeteria. Doors open at **7:00 p.m.** and the meeting will begin at **7:30 p.m.** As always, dinner will follow the meeting. **This is one of our most important meetings of the year as we will elect new officers.** Please try to attend and cast your vote in electing our new board.

Our Lenten Fish Fry events were very successful. A special thanks goes out to the STEAM Board, our past Fish Fry Chairman, Daniel Haworth, and everyone else close to the Board who helped coordinate these events. It was a collective effort this year! We also thank the many volunteers for their help and support.

Looking ahead...STEAM's **Annual Crawfish Cook-off** will be on **Saturday, May 7 from 5-9 p.m.**



Join us for crawfish, pizza, vegetables, beer, soft drinks and desserts. **Pre-pay for this event online at www.steamevents.org.** For additional information, or to enter a team into the Cook-Off, please contact Robert LeNormand, the chairman of this event, at robert.lenormand@gmail.com.

Holy Spirit Novena



The first novena to the Holy Spirit took place in the Upper Room between the Ascension and Pentecost Sunday, with the Blessed Mother along with the Apostles and disciples gathered there. Our world today is in dire need of an outpouring of the Holy Spirit! Please join our parish community in preparation for the

Feast of Pentecost, Sunday, June 5, and **pray the Holy Spirit Novena beginning Friday, May 27 through Saturday, June 4.** Copies will be available on the back tables in church.

LADIES COUNCIL NEWS

Grandparents Day is **April 4 - 8** for PreK - 4th grade students and **April 12** for middle school students.

Our **April General Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, April 20 at 7:30 p.m.** in the cafeteria. Elections for next year, as well as the end of the year drawing, will be held during this meeting, so please join us for this important event.

Ladies Council will celebrate **Teacher Appreciation Week** from **May 2 - 6.** We have many special treats for the faculty to enjoy!

Have a happy and blessed Easter!

CYO NEWS

Athletic activities are back in play: **Volleyball** in **April on Sundays & Wednesdays at 6 p.m.** and **Cabbageball** begins with practice in **May, on Sundays at 6 p.m.**, games begin in June. Come join our teams!

We are also selling **Krispy Kreme cards** for \$15 each - available at the Parish Center. These "buy one dozen get one dozen glazed free" cards may be used 10 times. It's a great savings!



We will be hosting our annual **Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday, April 10, following the 10 am Mass** for children. Happy Easter!

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



Thursday, May 5

2022 Theme:

Exalt the Lord Who Has Established Us.

Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude.

Colossians 2:6-7

Eddy Award Nominations



2022 Eddy Award nominations are now being accepted. These awards, presented at our annual **Founders' Day Mass** on **Wednesday, June 1**, recognize those individuals who have contributed in an extraordinary way to the life and success of our parish.

While we recognize that all members of the parish contribute to our community, the Eddy Awards recognize those individuals who, through their diligent efforts in various parish activities, have given in a special way to the community of St. Edward the Confessor.

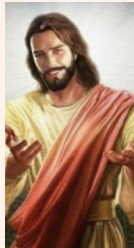
Nominees must be a parishioner for at least five years and involved in at least two ministries during that time. The nomination should be signed by three parishioners.

Please submit nomination letters describing the activities and contributions of the nominee to the Eddy Awards Committee at the Parish Office no later than **Friday, April 29**. For more information, call the parish office, (504) 888-0703.

Catholics Returning Home

This program is offered by our Evangelization Ministry for adult Catholics, non-practicing or practicing. If you have been away, no matter how long or no matter what reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church, to refresh and re-connect with your faith and feel at home in the Church again.

Please join us for a six-week series of listening sessions, community building and an updating of the Catholic faith, on Thursday evenings in the Parish Center beginning **April 21 through May 26** from **7:00-8:30 p.m.** There are no obligations attached and one is not required to attend all of the sessions. Please help spread the word to anyone who may be interested in finding their way back home to the warm embrace of the Church. For more information, or to let us know you plan to attend, please call the Parish Office at (504) 888-0703.



Have a Truly Holy Week & Blessed Easter!

Lent is almost over. Don't let it end without taking time to adore and thank our Lord for His great love for us!

Jesus, Himself, went apart and spent time in the Garden in prayer before His agony and death and was strengthened by angels. "He withdrew from them...and knelt down and prayed." (Luke 22:41) There he said to His disciples, and thus to us, "Pray, that you may not enter into temptation." (Luke 22:40)

As we try to imitate Jesus, let us follow His example and also heed His advice. Let us take time to come apart and pray. Let us pray to be strengthened to avoid temptation. Let us pray, as He did, to really be prepared to celebrate His Passion and Death. Let us pray and repent of *our sins* which brought Him to the cross. Let us pray in thanksgiving for so great a love! **Jesus is inviting you to come spend an hour with Him. "Could you not watch with me one hour?" (Matt. 26:40)** Our Adoration Chapel is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. **Please call Sheila Butler at 889-0334 to sign up, or for more information.**

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Blessing of Expectant Mothers, Sunday, May 1 at 10 a.m. Mass

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers takes place twice each year to offer prayers and support to families preparing for the birth or adoption of a child. Please join us!



*Sunday,
May 8*

GENERAL PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH STAFF	
Pastor:	Rev. Joseph Man Tran
Parochial Vicar:	Rev. Cletus Orji
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SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil (Saturdays) at 4 p.m.
Sundays at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 noon and 4:30 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Mondays through Fridays at 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. Saturdays at 8:30 a.m.
Holy Days of Obligation follow special schedules. See weekly bulletin.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 3:00 p.m., Sundays at 4 p.m., Monday - Friday at 5 p.m. through April 13; and, **beginning the week of April 18, weekdays only on Wednesday at 5 p.m.**; and, as always, by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

The last Saturday of the month following the 4 p.m. vigil Mass and by appointment.

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For information on submitting articles call the Parish Office or e-mail Jackie Sofio at jsfio@steddy.org.