A religious painting of Jesus Christ, likely a detail from a larger work. He is depicted with a crown of thorns, a beard, and a red garment draped over his shoulders. A spear is shown piercing his side. The background is dark and dramatic, with a bright light source behind his head, creating a halo effect. The text is overlaid in the center of the image.

MY GOD, MY GOD
*Why Have You
Forsaken Me?*

PSALM 22:2

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



Readings for the week of April 2, 2023:

Sunday, April 2, 2023 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11;
Mt 26:14-27:66 or Mt 27:11-54

Monday, April 3, 2023

Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15&17;
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31&33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday, April 6, 2023 Holy Thursday

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18;
1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday, April 7, 2023 Friday of the Passion of the Lord

Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25;
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday, April 8, 2023 Holy Saturday

Gn 1:1-2:2; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or
Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20&22; Gn 22:1-18;
Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Ex 14:15-15:1; Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6,
17-18; Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Is 55:1-11;
Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11;
Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4; Ps 51:12-13,
14-15, 18-19; Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;
Mt 28:1-10

Sunday, April 9, 2023 Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4
or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9



Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help is held each Monday at 8:30 a.m. at St. Anthony Church and each Tuesday at St. Joseph Church during Mass at 6:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction with Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held at St. Anthony Church on First Friday following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. All are welcome.



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Seminarian Education\$ 996.00

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Total Collected	\$8,884.00
Budgeted Weekly Expense	\$9,224.51
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Envelopes, Loose, Checks	\$1,101.00
Online (3/20-26/23)	\$ 85.00
Total Collected	\$1,186.00
Budgeted Weekly Expense	\$5,342.00
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense] ..	-\$4,156.00

Easter Flowers\$ 495.00

MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

ST. JOSEPH

Saturday, April 1, 2023

4:00 p.m. - Rev. Patrick Kennedy, Doris Taravella, Ehret Fly., Eddie Falterman, Loislyn Scardino, Patsy Grefer, Amy Loup, John W. S. Harvey, Jay Uzee, In Thanksgiving to St. Jude, Karen Barnes, Melissa Giangrosso, Toney Dowel

Sunday, April 2, 2023 (Palm Sunday)

7:30 a.m. – Karen Barnes

9:30 a.m. – John Lanier, Paul Walther, Sr., Josie & Junior Barbier, Ciaccio Fly., Wiley J. Beevers, Marie Lynn Reine, Josephine Pasateri Weigel, Leona “Sue” Cambre, John & Leonore Charles, Gustave Peter Cramond, Theresa DiPascal, Anna Walsh Klotter, Jim Walsh, Claire Walsh, Charles Lyons, W. Richard & Helen White, Bill Ryan

11:30 a.m. – For All Parishioners

6:30 p.m. – For the Haitian Community

Monday, April 3, 2023

12:10 – Jessie W. Boudreaux

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

6:30 p.m. – Ruth Casler

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

12:10 – Wiley J. Breaux, Sr.

Thursday, April 6, 2023 (Holy Thursday)

There will be no 12:10 Mass

7:00 p.m. – Isabella Rodrigue

Adoration following Mass until 10:00 p.m.

Friday, April 7, 2023

There will be no 12:10 Mass

3:00 p.m. – Reading of the Passion

Confession following Passion

6:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross (No Mass)

ST. ANTHONY

Saturday, April 1, 2023

5:00 p.m. – For All Deceased Parishioners

Sunday, April 2, 2023

10:30 a.m. – Carmen Koenig Kass, Nidia Rodriguez, Michael C. Arnold, Jr., Ester Bello

Monday, April 3, 2023

8:30 a.m. – Carolyn Calahan

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

8:30 a.m. – Billy R. Cannon

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

8:30 a.m. – Joseph A. Miller Family

Thursday, April 6, 2023 (Holy Thursday)

There will be no 8:30 a.m. Mass

7:00 p.m. – Marie Cox

Adoration following Mass until 10:00 p.m.

Friday, April 7, 2023 (Good Friday)

There will be no 8:30 a.m. Mass

3:00 pm. – Reading of the Passion

Confession following Passion

6:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross (No Mass)

Saturday, April 8, 2023

There will be no 8:30 a.m. Mass

8:00 p.m. – Henry Strohmeyer, Jr.

Sunday, April 9, 2023 (Easter Sunday)

10:30 a.m. – Margaret D. Arnold, Carmen Koenig Kass, Stephen Hasselbeck, Marie & C.W. Cox, Maurice Korndorffer

In Memoriam

Let us remember to pray for the repose of the souls of *Bishop Fernand J. Cheri, III, OFM, Melba Balbuena, Doris & Bobby Saddler, Ralph Walters, Harriet Charles, Lisa Gauthreaux, and Jack Berthelot.* May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. *Amen.*



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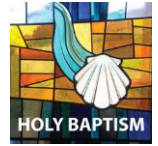
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**Pontifical Good Friday
Collection
April 7, 2023**

Pope Francis has asked our parishes to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few.

The pandemic hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you 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 or www.custodia.org

The St. Joseph Women's Club will hold their quarterly meeting on **Monday, April 10th at 1:00 p.m. in the Social Room of the Family Life Center.** All women, 18 years of age or older, are invited to attend.





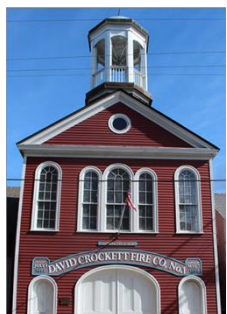
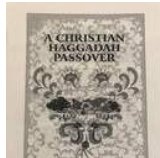
After mass on March 17, St. Patrick himself came to visit with those in attendance!



Due to tornado damage at Infant Jesus Church, the Westbank Charismatic Prayer Group will be meeting at St. Anthony Church on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Rosary at 7:00pm, Praise & Worship at 7:30pm, and Mass at 8:00pm.

Seder Supper - April 3rd - 6:30pm

Please join us on Monday, April 3rd for our Annual Seder Supper (Pot Luck) in the St. Joseph Auditorium. Lamb and roast provided. Call Val Coles to RSVP (504)432-7618.



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On Sunday, April 23, near the Feast Day of St. Gianna Beretta Molla (the Patron Saint of Doctors, Wives, and Unborn Children), Fr. Gary Copping will celebrate the Rite for the Blessing of a Child in the Womb at the 9:30am Sunday Mass. All expectant mothers, fathers, families, and friends are invited to celebrate Human Life and the Human Person in the Womb. Please save the date and let everyone know about this special blessing. Hope to see you all there.

Save the Date!!

May 27, 2023

Women's Day of Reflection



The St Joseph Women's Club will be hosting a Women's Day of Reflection on **Saturday, May 27th** with presenter *Noel Delery* from the Archdiocese of New Orleans Spirituality Center. This is a free all-day event for women of all Christian denominations beginning at 8:00am until 3:00pm, culminating with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament including Confession, Recitation of the Rosary and Exposition, followed by Mass at 4:00pm. More information to follow.

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St. Joseph Altar 2023

St Joseph Women's Club and the Parish wish to thank and acknowledge our Holy Family for their contribution to the Altar this year: **Joseph -- Carter Magness; Mary -- Sophie Nolen; Jesus -- Jackson Murphy; and Angels -- Kinsey Francis and Jeanne Magness.**



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