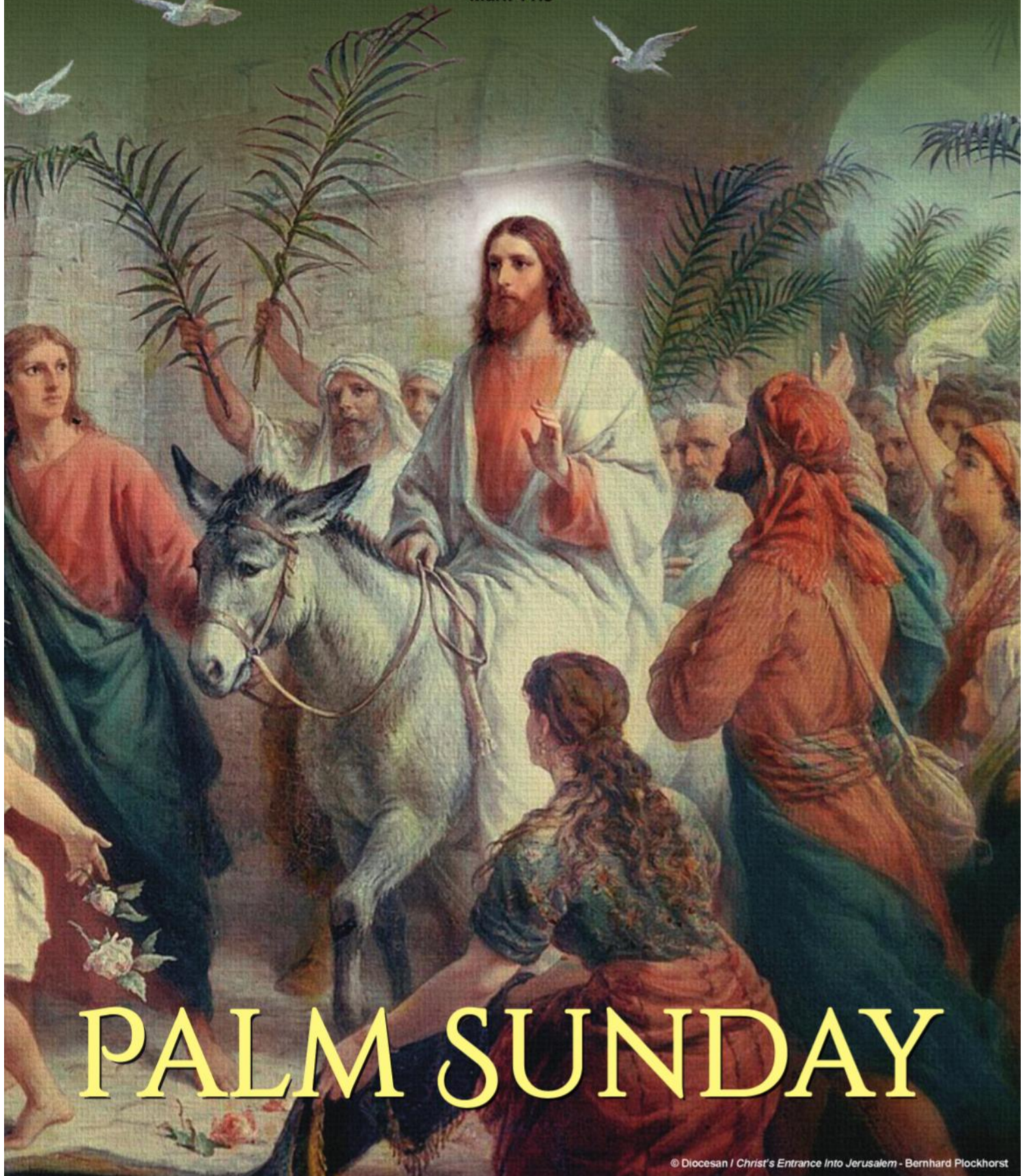


**“Blessed is He who comes in the name
of the LORD!”**

Mark 11:9



PALM SUNDAY

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



Readings for the week of March 24, 2024:

Sunday, March 24, 2024 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;
Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

Monday, March 25, 2024

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

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

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

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

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

Thursday, March 28, 2024 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, March 29, 2024 Good Friday

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, March 30, 2024 Holy Saturday

Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20&22; Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; 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 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Rom 6:3-11; Mk 16:1-7

Sunday, March 31, 2024 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; 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.



COLLECTIONS FOR MARCH 16-17, 2024

ST. JOSEPH

Envelopes, Loose, Checks \$4,144.76
Online (3/11-17/24) \$ 669.00
Total Collected \$4,813.76
Budgeted Weekly Expense \$9,224.51
Net Income [+ or - budgeted expense] .. -\$4,410.75

Seminar Education \$1,043.41

ST. ANTHONY

Envelopes, Loose, Checks \$5,680.00
Online (3/11-17/24) \$ 220.00
Total Collected \$5,900.00
Budgeted Weekly Expense \$5,342.00
Net Income [+ or - budgeted expense].. -\$ 558.00

Seminar Education \$ 765.00

Pontifical Good Friday Collection March 29, 2024

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. The war made their situation even more dramatic. 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

MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

ST. JOSEPH

Saturday, March 23, 2024

4:00 p.m. – Patsy Grefer, Joseph A. Aucoin, The Ehret Fly., Angelo Arnona, The Falterman Fly., Fr. Michael Fraser, Fr. Martin van der Werff, Fr. H. William Reed, Stan Vassal Fly., Marian & B.H. Miller

Sunday, March 24, 2024

7:30 a.m. – Amy Loup, Eric & Alice Houin, Patricia Chiasson, Joseph J. Cronin, Jr., Liam Samanie, Dennis M. Quinn, Michael Doming, Holley Doming Foret

9:30 a.m. – For All Parishioners

11:30 a.m. – Alvin Simoneaux

6:30 p.m. – For the Haitian Community

Monday, March 25, 2024

12:10 – Mary St. Germain

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

6:30 p.m. – For All Deceased Parishioners

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

12:10 – Norma Cheramie Donahue

Thursday, March 28, 2024 (Holy. Thursday)

There will be no 12:10 Mass

7:00 p.m. – Vera Mann

Adoration following Mass until 10:00 p.m.

Friday, March 29, 2024 (Good Friday)

There will be no 12:10 Mass

3:00 p.m. – Reading of Passion

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



If you or someone you know in St. Joseph or St. Anthony Parishes is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, please notify the office at 504-368-1313 and someone will be in contact with you.

ST. ANTHONY

Saturday, March 23, 2024

5:00 p.m. – Tre' Anthony Walker

Sunday, March 24, 2024

10:30 a.m. – Carmen Koenig Kass

Monday, March 25, 2024

8:30 a.m. – Harold Gaddis

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

8:30 a.m. – Simone Scanio

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

8:30 a.m. – Mary Fasullo

Thursday, March 28, 2024 (Holy Thursday)

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

7:00 p.m. – Billy R. Cannon

Adoration following Mass until 10:00 p.m.

Friday, March 29, 2024 (Good Friday)

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

3:00 p.m. – Reading of Passion

6:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 30, 2024 (Holy Saturday)

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

8:00 p.m. – The Cannon Family, The Escoffier Family, The Balbuena Family

Sunday, March 31, 2024 (Easter Sunday)

10:30 a.m. – Carmen Koenig Kass, Clay Leon III, Clay Leon IV

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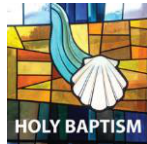


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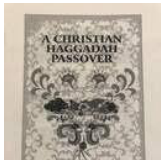
Baptismal Seminar

For information regarding Baptismal Seminars, please call the St. Joseph Parish Office or send an email to stjosephgretna@arch-no.org.



Save the Date!!

Seder Supper - March 25th - 6:30pm



Please join us on Monday, March 25th for our Annual Seder Supper (Pot Luck) in the St. Joseph Auditorium. Lamb and roast provided. Call Val Coles to RSVP (504)432-7618.

**The Gretna Historical Society -
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**Sunday, April 7 - 1-5pm
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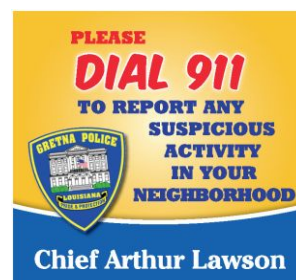
A Prayer to Sleeping St. Joseph

O Saint Joseph, you are a man greatly favored by the Most High. The angel of the Lord appeared to you in dreams, while you slept, to warn you and guide you as you cared for the Holy Family. You were both silent and strong, a loyal and courageous protector.

Dear Saint Joseph, as you rest in the Lord, confident of his absolute power and goodness, look upon me. Please take my need (mention your request) into your heart, dream of it, and present it to your Son. Help me then, good Saint Joseph, to hear the voice of God, to arise, and act with love. I praise and thank God with joy. Saint Joseph, I love you. Amen.



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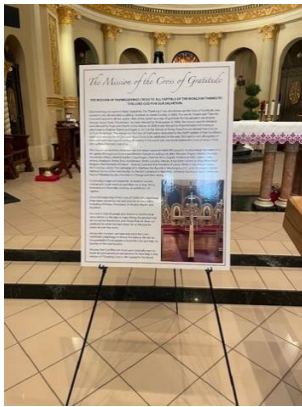
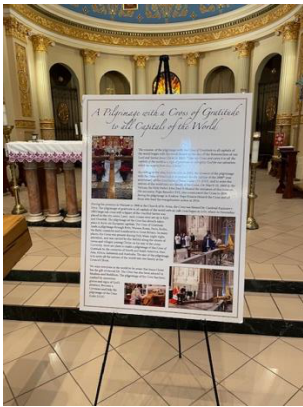
St. Paul was called to Philippi because it was a center for trade and growth which was governed by retired Roman soldiers and their families. The purpose of his mission was to lead the Philippians to put aside their personal ambitions and pride and humble their hearts to follow the example of the life of Christ. Jesus who put aside His divine nature and took on a human nature to show them and us that for which we were created. Jesus was obedient to His father and went through suffering, death on the cross, and resurrection to give us the opportunity to follow Him to eternal life. Paul was using this example, of the love that Jesus had for the Philippians to motivate them to follow the plan that God had for them and us.

The original plan was for Adam, the first man, who was given an opportunity to live a life of love and peace, for himself and for all of us, but he was convinced to give up his human nature in an attempt to become like God.

In looking back at the basics, as I am sure we all know, that there is pain and suffering in our lives. This is part of our human existence. We have medicines, exercises, and diets to help us deal with them, There is also another part to our being, and that is our spirit. There are ways to take care of that also. There are prayers, mass, and the sacraments. If we are focusing on the body and not the spirit, I would like you to think about this. When the spirit leaves the body, you die.

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6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26, 2024

Followed by Mass/Novena at 6:30 p.m.

With Confessions continuing after Mass

St. Joseph

Holy Thursday, March 28, 2024

There will be no 12:10 Mass

7:00 p.m. – Mass and Washing of Feet

Adoration following Mass until 10:00pm

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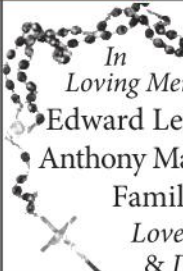
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