

**"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest." Luke 19:38**





## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



Sunday, April 13, 2025

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Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11;  
Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49

Monday, April 14, 2025

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

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

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

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

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

Thursday, April 17, 2025 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 18, 2025 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, April 19, 2025 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;  
Lk 24:1-12

Sunday, April 20, 2025 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.



### COLLECTIONS FOR APRIL 5-6, 2025

#### ST. JOSEPH

Envelopes, Loose, Checks ..... \$8,430.00  
Online (3/31-4/6/25) ..... \$1,079.00  
Total Collected ..... \$9,509.00  
Budgeted Weekly Expense ..... \$9,224.51  
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense] ...-\$ 284.49

Maintenance Fund ..... \$1,699.99

#### ST. ANTHONY

Will be reported in next week's bulletin

Pope Francis has asked our parish 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 the situation even more dire. 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 [myfranciscan.org](http://myfranciscan.org) or [www.custodia.org](http://www.custodia.org)

### Sponsor of the Week



## MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

### ST. JOSEPH

**Saturday, April 12, 2025**

**4:00 p.m.** – Ehret Fly., Boudreaux Fly., Falterman Fly., Frank Maness, Jr., Hazel Maness, Roy Allain

**Sunday, April 13, 2025 (Palm Sunday)**

**7:30 a.m.** – Amy Loup

**9:30 a.m.** – Fonseca, Brunet, Cambre & Boudreaux Flys., Thank You Dear Jesus, Sue An Abbey Guillermo, Sawyer Zapalowski, Andrew Schurb, Norman & Diddy Orgeron, Lena Mae Jacobsen, Molly Ward, Carrie & Nuncio Marchiafava, Sr., Robert Griffin, Butch Price, Kenneth LeBlanc & Family of Darnell LeBlanc, Ryan Chritopher Paul Hernandez, Tanina Smith Lampton, Bonnie Bundy Morice, Hazel Tazuin Maness, Kenneth J. Bouvier, Hubert & Victoria Gauthreaux, Robert Francis Songy

**11:30 a.m.** – For All Parishioners

**6:30 p.m.** – For the Haitian Community

**Monday, April 14, 2025**

**12:10** – Kelly Alfortish

**Tuesday, April 15, 2025**

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**Wednesday, April 16, 2025**

**12:10** – Norma Donahue

**Thursday, April 17, 2025 (Holy Thursday)**

**There will be no 12:10 Mass**

**7:00 p.m.** – Casler Fly.

**Friday, April 18, 2025 (Good Friday)**

**There will be no 12:10 Mass**

**3:00 p.m.** – Reading of the Passion

**Confessions**

**6:00 p.m.** – Stations of the Cross (No Mass)

### ST. ANTHONY

**Saturday, April 12, 2025**

**5:00 p.m.** – Lloyd R. Leaber, Jr.

**Sunday, April 13, 2025 (Palm Sunday)**

**10:30 a.m.** – Phan Nguyen

**Monday, April 14, 2025**

**8:30 a.m.** – Lawrence R. Murphy

**Tuesday, April 15, 2025**

**8:30 a.m.** – Kass Family

**Wednesday, April 16, 2025**

**8:30 a.m.** – Br. Amedy Esquibel

**Thursday, April 17, 2025 (Holy Thursday)**

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

**7:00 p.m.** – Phan Nguyen

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**6:00 p.m.** – Stations of the Cross (No Mass)

**Saturday, April 19, 2025 (Holy Saturday)**

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

**8:00 p.m.** – Dee Dee Gautreaux, Charles Gautreaux, Desmond Walker, Jr., Susan Stumpf Landry, Lloyd Leaber, Jr.

**Sunday, April 20, 2025 (Easter Sunday)**

**10:30 a.m.** – Phan Nguyen

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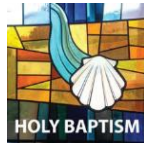


**SUNDAY AND MONDAY  
BINGO'S AT GRETNA  
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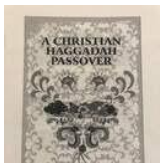
**Baptismal Seminar**

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



**Save the Date!!**

**Seder Supper - April 14th - 6:30pm**



Please join us on Monday, April 14th for our Annual Seder Supper (Pot Luck) in the St. Joseph Auditorium. Lamb and roast provided. Call Val Coles to RSVP (504)432-7618.

**On Sunday, April 27th**, the day before 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.

**In Memoriam**

Let us remember to pray for the repose of the souls of **Tom "Tommy" Tuminello** and **Sr. Suellen Tennyson**. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. *Amen.*

**Jubilee 2025:  
Pilgrims Of Hope**

**January 1-December 28, 2025**

For the **2025 Jubilee Year**, Pope Francis has selected the theme, *Pilgrims of Hope*. It is his desire that this Jubilee year may contribute to restoring a climate of hope and trust around the world and allow for each of us to experience an encounter with Christ through pilgrimage to sacred spaces and in meeting the poor, sick, and vulnerable that we are called to serve.

**Designated pilgrimage sites:**

St. Louis Cathedral  
St. Stephen's Basilica  
National Shrine of Our Lady of Prompt Succor  
National Shrine of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos  
Shrine of the Vietnamese Holy Martyrs  
St. Jude Shrine  
St. Augustine Church  
St. Joseph Abbey – Covington  
St. Charles Borromeo – Destrehan  
St. John the Baptist – Edgard  
St. Joseph Church & Shrine – Gretna  
St. Ann Church & Shrine – Metairie  
For more information regarding Jubilee Year 2025, plenary indulgence, etc., visit:

<https://nolacatholic.org/jubilee2025>



**St. Anthony News**

**Congratulations to: Andrea Falcon, Isabella Garcia, Delaney Goens, Lora Hendrix, Talia Johnson, Rhea Kendrick, Quannus Pittman, Jr. and Dylan Tabony on making their First Confession.**



### **The Passion of our Lord**

The story of the Passion of Our Lord began with the fall of Adam and Eve in the Garden when they wanted to ascend from their human nature to the nature of God. In today's Gospel, which took place many years later, we read about the "New Adam," when Jesus chose to take on a human nature along with his Divine nature. Jesus, who is God, chose to be like man so that he could reverse the damage that our first parents did to their relationship with the Father. Even in this reversal some aspects of this transformation are very similar. Because of their decision, Adam and Eve were detached from the favor of God and had to go on pretty much on their own. The more that we look at it the more it appears that Jesus' choice to become man and suffer and die for our sins caused a brief separation in his communication with his father. I mention that because the passion of Christ would have meant very little if he had undergone the suffering as God and distanced himself from the qualities of the human nature that he came to rescue. Therefore, Jesus, the son of the Father, went through the passion in his human nature, feeling all of the agony, scourging, crowning, and crucifixion that we would feel if we were to have the same fate.

But I believe that for him the worst of the suffering was the detachment from the Father.

When Jesus accepted the sins of humanity in his passion these sins hindered his relationship with his father as we are inhibited in our relationship with God when we sin. For a moment think about how lonely he was. He prayed constantly throughout the day, and whenever he needed help, he asked the advice of his Father.

To put that in perspective think about someone with whom you communicate daily and depend upon, all of a sudden you are cut off from that source of direction, comfort, and peace. Most of us have lost a loved one, a person who was dear to us. Remember the quiet, the stillness, the sadness. Jesus gave up that contact and endured the suffering, the pain, and the humiliation of the death of a criminal in order to reestablish the communication with his Father that Adam and Eve deprived us of.

This week is Holy Week, a week when there are many services here at St. Joseph to give us the chance to utilize that communication link to Jesus and to his Father. Please join us as much as you can to celebrate our redemption purchased for us by the love and suffering of Jesus Christ.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Women's Day of Reflection Saturday, April 5, 2025 Speaker: Claire Gallagher Consecrated Virgin Archdiocese of New Orleans**



# Easter Triduum

**St. Joseph Church & Shrine  
St. Anthony Church  
Invites you to celebrate  
Holy Week & Triduum**

## **St. Joseph/St. Anthony Lenten Confessions at St. Joseph Church & Shrine**

**6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15, 2025**

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

### **St. Joseph**

**Holy Thursday, April 17, 2025**

**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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