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MASS SCHEDULE

Sat. Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. Sunday:

7:30 p.m.

Mon.-Fri.: 7:00, 8:30 a.m.

Saturday: 8:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00-3:45 p.m. Sunday: 8:30-9:15 a.m. &

6:45-7:15 p.m.



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HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK &

Holy Communion will be brought to the home. Please call the church office when someone is ill and unable to come to church, or when someone is in a hospital. Prayers may be requested for the sick and elderly.

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Our St. Joseph Perpetual Adoration Chapel is located on the first floor of the Msgr. Champagne Complex on the corner of Jefferson Hwy. and Ravan Ave. and is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. (For everyone's safety, only assigned adorers are allowed entry with a key code between the hours of 6:00 pm and 7:00 am) Prayerfully consider spending an hour a week with Our Divine Lord. If you cannot commit to a specific hour, why not consider being a substitute? If you are interested, please contact the church office at 737-2915.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The sacrament is administered upon request to those near death, gravely ill, permanently handicapped, very elderly and those undergoing major surgery.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

3rd Sunday of each month following the 11:30 a.m. Mass.

BAPTISM SEMINAR

Parents and Godparents are required to attend a baptism seminar held at 7:00 p.m. every month in the Mary Room at the rectory. Parents must attend the baptism seminar before their child can be baptized.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements should be made 6-8 months in advance by the bride and groom in person. Call one of the parish priests before coming. Couples must attend one of the pre-marriage courses.

FUNERALS

The family of the deceased should consult one of the parish priests concerning the time and place of the funeral before making commitments with the funeral home.

NEWCOMERS

Welcome, we are happy to have you. Please fill out a registration form in the binder at the front entrance of the church.



St. Rita Harahan, Louisiana

Sunday April 13, 2025



Sat. April 12, 4:00 pm Deborah Mula

Dennis Estay Mary H. Gilligal
Peter Vallelungo Gary Boihem
Terry Power J. Gayle Calongne
Barbara Brehm Calongne Julie Ann Calongne
Geraldine C. Feugas Dorothy V. Calongne

Robert Snell Billy Yochum

Lloyd Schroeder, Sr. Tommy O'Neill—healing

Lieu Bui—healing Charles J. Becnel
Melissa Korn—intentions John Bell, Jr.
John Quinn Greg Poteet

Geri Gelpi—intentions Chris Martin—healing

Chad Bellanger—healing

Sun. April 13, 7:30 am Monica Flick

9:30 am John McCrossen

Bob & Betty Eble Chrystopher R. Yarbrough

Keith Matherne David Chapman

Patti Dowie—healing Ignatia "Sugar" Christiana Lawrence J. Cristina, Sr. Vera & Nicholas Mistretta Timothy Power—healing Alvin Castay—healing

Deceased members of the Cavalier Family

Maria Lieu Bui Kiernan Lawless

Thomas Carter Jeanette LeBlanc -Intentions

Judy Roman - special intentions Alden Ross - special intentions

Enola Richard—special intentions Dayna Forman—healing

Amy Sprout and Staff of St. Anthony Nursing home

11:30 am Joseph Liem Vu

7:30 pm Parishioners **Mon. April 14, 7:00 am** Robert Snell

8:30 am Billy Yochum

Tues. April 15, 7:00am Sister Bernadette Marie OP inten-

tions & healing

8:30 am Mr. Douglas Evans Daunis

Wed. April 16, 7:00 am Robert Snell

8:30 am Mary and James Giovenco

Thurs. April 17, 7:00 am Morning Prayer

8:30 am Morning Prayer

7:00 pm Dale St. John Sr.

Fri April 18, 7:00 am Morning Prayer

8:30 am Morning Prayer

3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord' Passion

Sat. April 19, 8:30 am Morning Prayer

Scripture Readings

For the Week of April 13, 2025 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Lk 19:28-40; ls 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-

24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14-23:56 or Lk 23:1-49

Monday Holy Monday

Sunday

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

Tuesday Holy Tuesday

Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a; 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17; Jn

13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday Holy Wednesday

Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34; Mt

26:14-25

Thursday Holy Thursday of the Lord's Passion

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

Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

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 Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter

Gen 1:1-2:2 or Gen 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22; Gen 22:1-18 or Gen 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; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; 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 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

Weekly Collection Totals

Apr. 6

\$9089.00

Mar. 30

\$9899.28

Weekly Parish Expenses

\$14,945.60

These Figures exclude extraordinary income & expenses

Thank You for your continued contributions



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Palm Sunday

Church office Hours: 9:00 am—4:00 pm Lunch 12:00 pm— 12:30 pm

Sun. April 13 Palm Sunday

10:30 am CCD

Mon. April 14 6:00 pm Holy Hour (confessions available)

Tues. April 15 8:30 am School Mass PK-7

6:00 pm St. Vincent

6:00 pm Holy Hour (confessions available)

7:00 pm Choir Practice 7:15 pm Search Class

Wed. April 16 6:00 pm Holy Hour (confessions available)

Thur. April 17 Holy Thursday

7:00 am & 8:30 am Prayer Service Church Office Closes at Noon 7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Fri. April 18 Good Friday

7:00 am & 8:30 am Prayer Service

10:00 am Legion of Mary

3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

6:00 pm Confessions

7:00 pm Stations

Sat. April 19 Holy Saturday

8:30 am Morning Prayer 3:00 pm -4:00 pm Confession

8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass

Pray for Them

John, Earl Deibel, Mary Ann Schmitt, Catherine Kives, Doris Portera, Fr. Randy Roux, Dc. Nolen LeBlanc, Pat Trahan, Dale Fishel, Jo Maraist, Mark Crawford, Gloria Krieger, Edwyna Combe, Letty Loomas, Harold Bartchy, Lena Sparacio, Deacon Gary Borne, Bobbie Ann Bergeron, Suzanne Unger, Cynthia B. Farrara, Dora Higgins, Amanda Livaudais, Mr. Tim Smith Sr. & Family, Mr. Tim Smith Jr. & Family, Henry S. Tuminello, Joyce Benoit, Alvin M. Castay, Sr., Leslie and Al Mendoza, Louise Chapman, Tim Walker, Nellie Barsoza, Francis Parks, Joel Stansbury, Yvonne Rousset, Donald Geier, Dan Peeler, Rebecca Wahl, Paige Brock, Kathy Livaudais, Janet Wild, Fred Grilletta, Louella Lange, Theresa Arroyo, Philip Godbold, The Picou Family, Melissa Korn, Pankratz, Stephen Parks, Frances Kemp, George & Grea Fay, Eric Rousselle, Steve Culotta, Joe Miceli, Sylvia Belile, Fredrick Jones, Ronald Waguespack, Mary Giovenco, Robert Kemp, Danny & Emily Barre, Linda Bauer, Carl Dolly, Esther Coy, Patrick Lonergan, Charlotte Thibodeaux, Sandra LeBlanc, Glenda Melton , Sergio Morris, Dianne Smith, Jean Dietzway, Diana Parks Sean Nettles Sr., Geri Gelpi, Patricia Touro

Name will remain on the list for 6 weeks. If at the end of 6 weeks you wish for them to remain on the sick list for 6 more weeks you must call the office. This request must be made by the individual or an immediate family member.



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.

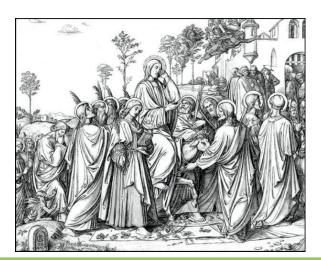
When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with

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 or http://www.custodia.org



St. Rita Harahan, Louisiana



One Who Serves- Palm Sunday

In the long form of the Passion from Luke's Gospel, Jesus refers to himself as "the one who serves" (Luke 22:27). This reminds me of today's second reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians. He says that Christ "emptied himself, taking the form of a slave" (Philippians 2:7). Jesus is not just being humble here. He gives us an example of how far God will go in loving humanity.

I suspect the apostles were confused when Jesus talked this way. Yet he tells them to be like a servant—expect little reward for what you do for others. Now the apostles might have thought, "Sure, I can do that. I'll preach about the Kingdom of God for free. Then I'll really look important and holy." So Jesus reminds them that the world looks at the person being served as more important than the servant. But he is one who serves. and if the apostles are to be leaders of the church they will need to be servants, too. Why? Because that is how God comes to the people.

In the Passion according to Luke, Jesus heals one of the men sent to arrest him. Barabbas, a murderer, is set free so Jesus can be crucified. As he is led to the cross, he consoles the women who weep for him. And even on the cross, he is the suffering servant who asks the Father to forgive those who are killing him.

With the example of service that Jesus shows toward those who put him to death, can we at least be "one who serves" those around us? Can we at least forgive those who hurt us—maybe even pray for our leaders, especially the ones with whom we disagree.

Tom Schmidt



Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

Sunday April 13, 2025

It Is Finished -Good Friday

During this Triduum, we are focused closely on our Savior's last and most difficult days on earth.

Reading St. John's narrative of Christ's Passion and Death, no more words are needed, and yet our hearts are overflowing with gratitude and awe at this graphic expression of the great love that overflows from the Heart of Jesus for each one of us.

He freely laid down His life for us, the life of the only Son of God in the flesh. He allowed His pure Heart, the Heart of Incarnate Love, to be pierced and poured out for us. As the great High Priest, Jesus offered the supreme Sacrifice to our eternal Father to atone for our sins, the Sacrifice that is offered each day on the altar at every Mass. Because of this great Sacrifice, we are able to become sons and daughters of God.

And as we look on Him whom we have pierced, whose beauty was distorted by our selfishness and whose wholeness was crushed for our sins, we begin to understand that he bore the guilt of us all. His serenity and his obedience to the Father were steadfast in spite of cruelty and mockery and torture. "Like a lamb led to the slaughter," He allowed himself to be condemned and killed. He freely laid down His life, He "surrendered himself to death," to give us the abundant life for which we are created.

Today, I look at the scene on Calvary and know that it is I who have crucified my Lord. My own selfwardness and refusal to love him and my neighbor as I should have caused the sufferings I see as He is sentenced, scourged, mocked, crowned with thorns, and nailed to the cross He embraced for love of me. Forgive me, Lord. Open my heart to this scene and teach me how to suffer with you, to be one with you, for others.

St. Paul tells us that we can make up in our own bodies what is lacking in the sufferings of Christ (Col 1:4). What was lacking? Did Jesus hold anything back? No. He gave everything for us. So what is lacking in the sufferings of Christ is the suffering of his Mystical Body – what is lacking is MY suffering. He did not hold anything back; Jesus just "left me a little room" to join Him there on the Cross.

Lord, help me to understand that in bearing life's difficulties with patience and generosity and offering them in union with your own Passion, you allow me to join you there, to take my place near you in this act of redemption, and in some mysterious way to help relieve the pain your heart bore. Teach me how to take up my own cross each day (Luke 9:23), and follow you more closely, in love and humility. Lord, I thank you for dying on the cross for me.

By Kathryn Mulderink

Palm Sunday

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the

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holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life.

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, u are a sign of God's love to those

know that you are a sign of God's love to those who carry their cross of suffering and pain.

Palm Sunday

st Rita/St. Charles Borromeo ACTS Women's Retreat

The goals of the retreat are to allow an opportunity for each person to focus on their faith and its application during their daily lives, to build purpose in their prayer life, to increase their presence at the liturgy, and to cultivate friendship among members of the church community. A representative will be at all Masses this weekend. **Registration forms will be available**

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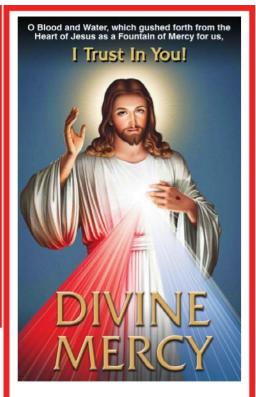
When he died of leukemia at the age of 15, he told his mother, "I can die happy."

The exhibit is intended to remind viewers that Our Lord is truly present in the Eucharist, and to inspire hearts to adore Him. Each panel in the exhibit presents a Eucharistic miracle, or a saint with a special devotion to the Eucharist, with photos and illustrations complementing the text.

This exhibit continues this goal of increasing faith, devotion, and love for the true presence of Our Lord in the Eucharist.

The exhibit will be on display at **St. Anthony of Padua Parish** the weekend of April 26-27, 2025.

234 Angus Dr. Luling, Louisiana



Divine Mercy Sunday

"On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are open. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. –Our Lord to Blessed Faustina (Diary 699)

Great Graces can be received on Divine Mercy Sunday

Requirements:

- Go to Confession during Lent and Easter week
- 2. TRUST in God's Mercy
- Go to Mass and Communion on Mercy Sunday (as always, while in the state of grace)
- 4. Venerate the Image of The Divine Mercy
- 5. Be merciful to others by actions, words, and prayers.

There will be NO Divine Mercy Mass at St. Joseph Church this year. Attend your parish church on Mercy Sunday.





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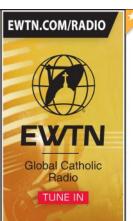
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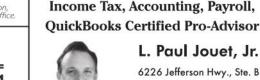
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