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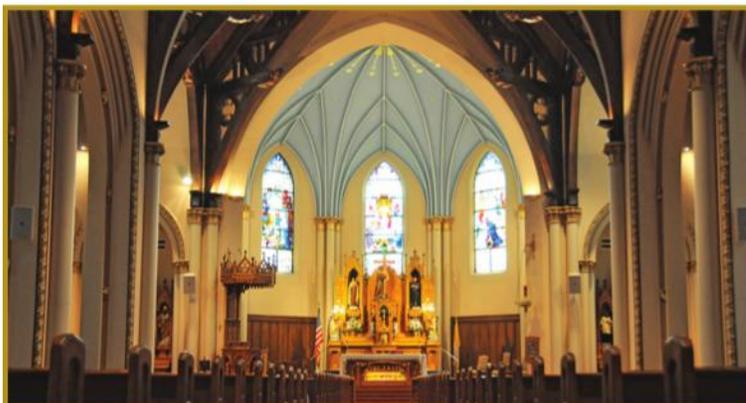
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PARISH PRAYER

Loving Father, You gather us together as a Roman Catholic family, to thank and praise You in shared faith and lived love.

May we be drawn more completely into the life of Your Holy Spirit and hear Your personal call for each of us, helping us to reveal Your presence in this world. Inspired by Your love and moved by the example of our patron, St. Francis, let us be instruments of peace, to sow love where there is hatred, pardon where injury, faith where doubt, hope where despair, light where darkness, joy where sadness. Knowing that it is only in giving that we receive, in pardoning that we are pardoned, in dying that we are born to eternal life, we make this prayer through Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are a welcoming Christian community in New Orleans that is centered in the Eucharist. We are committed to the teachings of Jesus Christ, the traditions of the Roman Catholic Church and the dignity of human life. We are a family that strives to learn and share our faith by living the Beatitudes and by reconciling ourselves with God and one another.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil	4:00 p.m.
Sunday	9:30 & 11:30 a.m.
Holy Days	To Be Announced
Monday	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday-Friday	8:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday	3:00 to 3:45 p.m.
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.

At other times by appointment

NOVENA

In honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help on Tuesday following the 6:00 p.m. Mass.

ADORATION

Monday 8:30am-4:30pm - In the Parish Center

ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS

Second Thursday of the Month at 6:00 p.m.
 In the Parish Center

INFANT BAPTISMS

Celebrated on the 4th Sunday of each month after the 11:30 a.m. Mass excluding the season of Lent. First time parents and godparents are expected to participate in a Baptism preparation seminar which may take place during pregnancy. Please contact the Parish Center for more information.

MARRIAGE ARRANGEMENTS

The policy of the Archdiocese requires a minimum six-month preparation period for marriage, during which the couple meets with the priest or deacon and participates in the Archdiocesan marriage preparation program. Engaged couples should telephone the Parish Center no less than six months prior to the anticipated date of marriage for an appointment with the priest or deacon.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

The parish priest is to be contacted before the family makes any arrangements with the funeral director. Family members are also asked to meet with the priest to prepare for the Funeral liturgy.

Uptown Canticle by Father Michael

We invite you to celebrate a COVID-19 Coronavirus Holy Week and Paschal Triduum. The Vatican published guidelines for Easter celebrations during the coronavirus. “Easter is the heart of the entire liturgical year and is not simply one feast among others,” the document states, and that the Easter Triduum “cannot be transferred to another time.” Therefore, at St. Francis of Assisi as in many parishes throughout our country we will celebrate Holy Week and the Paschal Triduum in a virtual way.

What we celebrate during this Sacred Paschal Triduum is God’s glory, God’s holiness manifested in the divine Son, and our participation in that same holiness. Jesus’ paschal event – passing through death to risen Life – is an invitation to us to enter in God’s holiness, God’s Life. Holiness is neither a possession nor an external quality; it is who we are as we conform ourselves to the divine Son. As St. Teresa of Calcutta said, “You have to be holy where you are, wherever God has put you.” God wants nothing less of us than to share in the risen Life of the Son. We are fully alive when we open ourselves to risen Life. This is the journey of these Triduum days; this is the journey of our Christian life. All our liturgies during Holy Week and the Paschal Triduum are closed to the public.

Instructions on how to view the live stream of all our Holy Week Liturgies are at the end of this article.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, April 5, with the blessing of palms, will be live streamed from our parish church at 9:30 am. Anyone wishing a palm branch may pick up one in church from Sunday to Thursday. Between the hours of 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Holy Week Masses for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday - live streamed at 9:00 am from the chapel in the Parish Center. For instruction see below.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) Father Michael will be available on the front porch of the rectory at 631 State Street Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 4:00 – 5:00 pm. Penitents will have to make their confession face to face and six feet from the confessor.

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Holy Thursday – April 9 - Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 7:00 pm will be live streamed from our parish church. The Vatican guidelines omit the Washing of Feet and the procession with the Blessed Sacrament to the Chapel Repository. We suggest that you make a spiritual communion as you view the live stream of the Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper. St. Thomas Aquinas once defined a Spiritual Communion as “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament [in Communion at Mass] and in lovingly embracing Him as if we had actually received Him.” You may want to use this prayer composed by St. Alphonsus Liguori in the 19th century:

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Good Friday – April 10

The church will be open from 8:00 am – 2:30 pm and then again from 4:00 – 7:00 pm

Good Friday of the Lord’s Passion will be lived streamed on our Facebook and on our website from our church at 3:00 pm.

Stations of the Cross has been recorded and can be viewed anytime during the day see instructions below.

Uptown Canticle - continued

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night – April 11

This night is like no other. However, this night will be different from previous Easter Vigils. We will postpone the initiation of the Elect for baptism and the Candidates for reception into full communion to an appropriate Sunday in the Easter Season or later. We will live stream the entire the Easter vigil from our church. The Vigil will begin at 8:00 pm because it must start after sunset.

Easter Sunday – April 12

The 9:30 am mass will be live streamed from our parish church . We have postponed our annual Easter Egg Hunt for Easter Sunday for a future date.

Instructions on how to view the live streaming of the Holy Week Liturgies:

On your computer, desktop, laptop, iPhone or iPad go to [Facebook.com/sfauptown](https://www.facebook.com/sfauptown). If you do not have a Facebook account, you will be prompted to log in, create an account, or NOT NOW. If you do not want to create a Facebook account, please click “Not Now” and you will still have the opportunity to watch Mass.

Our Holy Week Liturgies can also be viewed on our website stfrancisuptown.com.

Let us implore the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor to hasten to help us and our patron St. Francis of Assisi to make us instruments of the Lord’s peace.

CHURCH SUPPORT

Since all public Masses have been suspended, we have no source of income via the normal Sunday collections. Please consider supporting the Church during this time so that we can continue to provide ministry at St. Francis of Assisi, pay our employees, and pay our bills. We realize that many people are in difficult financial situations. We are grateful for any support you can offer.

You can mail in your contributions or try our online giving which allows you to donate to our general collection while providing you the autonomy to change and alter your donation at any time. Donations can be scheduled as a one-time gift or recurring gift. For a recurring gift. go to our website: www.stfrancisuptown.com. Click: E-giving. If you need assistance with online giving, contact Matt in our office.

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WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

April 5th - April 11th

Sunday	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Mt 21:1-11; 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	Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday	Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday	Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday	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	Holy 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	Holy Saturday Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or Gn 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, 20-22; Gn 22:1-18 or Gn 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; Ps 43:3, 4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mt 28:1-10

Virtual Walk of 9 Churches

St. Francis will host a Virtual "Walk" of Nine Churches on Good Friday, April 10 from 10:00-11:00AM on Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/301247477> which will include the Stations of the Cross and time for reflection.

For more information, contact Christi Schott at 225-571-1547 or cschott@stfrancisuptown.com.

Mothers Prayers - Virtually

Join us in weekly prayer for our children/grandchildren

Wednesday's 10:00am & Sunday's 8:00pm

For more information contact
Melisa Rey 504.227.3766 or
familylife@stfrancisuptown.com

Adult Confirmation - Update

Adult Confirmation classes will begin April 22 and meet for six weeks online on Zoom. The sacrament of Confirmation for adults is celebrated each year on Pentecost Sunday (May 31) at the St. Louis Cathedral. If you are over 18, have received the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist, and wish to be confirmed, please contact the Christi Schott at (225)571-1547 or cschott@stfrancisuptown.com for more information.

Praying the Rosary

Our parishioner Missy Duncan is leading us in praying the rosary Monday - Saturday at 9:30 am via a meeting on Zoom. Anyone can join.

To get Zoom:

1. Go to Zoom.com.
2. Create an account. (free)
3. At 9:30 AM log onto your Zoom account and click "Join Meeting"
4. The meeting ID is 527 214 055

If anyone would like to test it before the meeting goes live, or to have support setting it up please call Melisa Rey at 504.227.3766.



Mass Intentions



SUNDAY, April 5 - 9:30am - Parishioners

MONDAY, April 6 - In Thanksgiving to Our Lady Queen of the Holy Rosary

TUESDAY, April 7 - George P. Robbins, III

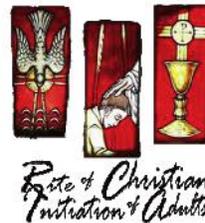
WEDNESDAY, April 8 - All Souls Book of Remembrance

THURSDAY, April 9 - Parishioners

FRIDAY, April 10 - No Intention

Mass Intentions will be rescheduled for this week's Saturday Vigil and Sunday (multiple intentions) .

Father Michael will live stream the celebration of Mass from the chapel in the parish center for our Facebook page, [facebook.com/sfauptown](https://www.facebook.com/sfauptown)



*Rite of Christian
Initiation of Adults*

Please continue to pray for those preparing for the Elect for Baptism and the Candidates for reception into Full Communion to the Church . We have postponed their initiation to an appropriate Sunday in Easter or later.

Prayer Intentions

Please remember the following parishioners and friends in your prayers: Jerry Abdo, Anne Atkinson, Ann Babington, Barbara Barrosse, Christopher Brewster, Antoinette Clark, Marvette Clark, Cathy Dermady, Rosita Duplantier, Margaret Fanning, Mildred Flynn, Tamberly Gray, Ryan Hartley, Sherry Heller, Juanita Herndon, Pat Jones, Leona Labat, Meredith Landry, William Robert Little, Robert Maddox, Cheryl Ann McDonald, Craig Melancon, Darnell Menasco, Lynn Middleton, John "Junior" Morreale, Joy Morton, Angelle Pecoraro, Paige Peterson, Melissa Phelps, Steven Philburn, Nedine Rende, Betty Richburg, Nell Ricker, Fred Riggle, Patricia Riggle, Justin Roy, Emma Ryan, Linda Sayegh, Robert Schwab, Louis Scott, Sr., Samantha Smith, Sara Surgi, Deacon Wil Toups, Residents of Hainkel, Covenant and Poydras Homes.

O heavenly Father, You sent Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to heal every infirmity and to deliver us from death. We pray that You heal Your servants from our parish family, friends, and relatives of every spiritual and bodily ill which afflicts them. Amen.

Our **Prayer Intentions** list is for anyone who needs prayers especially due to illness. If you would like to add anyone or if you wish to remove anyone from the list, please contact the parish office (504) 891-4479.



Church Sanctuary Lamp

Our Church Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of

Betsy Melancon

Spring Time Puzzles for Kids



Spring Time!



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- Birds
- Flowers
- Melt
- Warm
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- Grow
- Picnic
- Daffodil
- Hatch
- Plant



Where man sees but withered leaves
God sees sweet flowers growing.

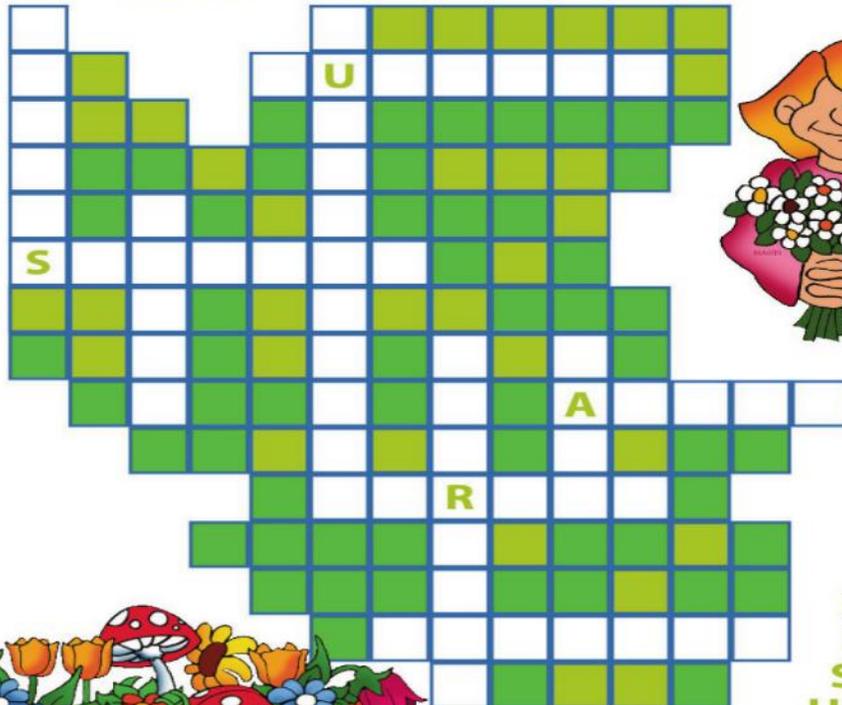


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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



Entering the Story

Almighty and ever-living God,
bring us into the story of your Son's passion
and death.

As he enters his sacred city,
shake us out of our pride and self-interest.
As he perseveres when people turn
against him,
reveal the ways we betray and abandon him.

As he stoops to wash feet,
prostrates himself in prayer,
and bears the burden of his cross,
forgive us for having failed to do the same.
And as our Lord pours his Spirit out upon us,
remake us in his image.
Help us follow him through the darkness
and into eternal light and life with you.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, April 5, 2020

Shaken



Today's Readings: Matthew 21:1–11; Isaiah 50:4–7; Psalm 22:8–9, 17–18, 19–20, 23–24; Philippians 2:6–11; Matthew 26:14–27:66. As we hear in the opening Gospel, the city is “shaken.” People wonder who is entering their midst. During the short time Jesus spends in the city, he only rattles its residents more. He attacks the temple, the Torah, and the Jewish authorities until it all becomes too much—too much judgment, too much upheaval, too much change, and they put an end to it. They put an end to him.

But the shaking continues. Darkness enfolds the land, the earth quakes, and tombs split open as holy people are raised up. Creation proclaims what the people fail to accept:

the crucified Jesus is lord of all—lord of Jerusalem, lord of the nations, lord of heaven and earth. Let all creation bend the knee to the Lord.

All creation shook with homage to the Lord. Now it is our turn. The season of Lent gave us time to be shaken out of our complacency, to make changes, and to bend our knee before the Lord. We only have one week left to prepare ourselves for the holiest time of our liturgical year. This week we can open ourselves to being shaken still further by the only one who can rebuild our lives and ensure that we are never shaken again.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, April 6 The Lord of Life

As Jesus anticipates his death, we notice a terrible irony. People want to kill the one who raised a man from the dead. Moreover, Jesus is the servant God sent into the world. The Father, who breathes life into people and sustains creation with his Spirit, sent his Son to lead people out of darkness, to open their eyes and give them life. Although the people will crucify this servant, he will rise from the dead. During the Sacrament of Reconciliation, confess the ways you have harmed others. *Today's Readings: Isaiah 42:1-7; Psalm 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; John 12:1-11.*

Tuesday, April 7 Failures

When Jesus speaks of his glorification, he refers not only to being raised up to new life but also to being raised up on the cross. He undergoes his glorification as one friend betrays him and another denies knowing him. Jesus is the servant who seems to have accomplished nothing, to have failed in revealing his Father to the world. As God declared to his servant, however, Jesus' work has not been in vain. Should you try again at something you had given up on? *Today's Readings: Isaiah 49:1-6; Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17; John 13:21-33, 36-38.*

Wednesday, April 8 Facing It

We hear again from God's servant, who perseveres in doing God's will despite offensive and painful mockery. As Jesus eats with his disciples for the last time, he knows what he will endure because of his ministry, yet he "sets his face like flint" and remains steadfast. Despite all that is done to him, he will neither falter nor be ashamed. Is there a particular conflict you have been avoiding? How can you face it calmly and prayerfully? *Today's Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34; Matthew 26:14-25.*

Thursday, April 9 Holy Thursday

As Jesus celebrates the liberation of his people from Egypt and the many blessings God had bestowed, he prepares his disciples for the blessings of eternal life that God bestows through him. To share in this new life, we must be humble and selfless enough to give up the lives we have now. Read and pray with John 17. *Today's Readings: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15.*

Friday, April 10 Good Friday

God's servant offers himself up for judgment. Like Pilate, our decision about Jesus becomes a statement about us. We profess that Jesus is God's Son and our Savior, but have we followed his way, accepted his truth, and welcomed his life? Surround yourself with as much silence as you can today. *Today's Readings: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42.*

Saturday, April 11 The Easter Vigil

Ancient texts are proclaimed to us this holy night, but even these could not prepare people for the Resurrection. Creation again shakes in fear and wonder, yet we are told not to be afraid but to embrace our Risen Lord and to go quickly to share this joyous news. *Today's Readings: Genesis 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Psalm 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Psalm 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22; Genesis 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Psalm 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Exodus 14:15-15:1; Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Isaiah 54:5-14; Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Isaiah 55:1-11; Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28; Psalm 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 or Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Psalm 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Romans 6:3-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Matthew 28:1-10.*



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