

**PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD**



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**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday | 1:00pm-4:00pm  
Tues., Wed., Thurs. | 8:30am-Noon, 1:00pm-4:00pm  
*Closed Friday – Sunday*

**MASS TIMES**

Saturday Anticipated Mass | 4:00pm  
Sunday Mass | 8:00am, 10:00am, 5:00pm  
Weekday Masses | Monday-Friday 12:05pm, Saturday 8:00am

**CONFESSION TIMES**

Weekdays | 30 minutes before Mass  
Saturdays | 3:00pm-3:45pm  
Sundays | 4:15pm - 4:45pm

**CLERGY**

Father Neil Pettit, Pastor  
Deacon Dwayne Joubert, Pastoral Associate  
Deacon Sammy Diesi

**PASTORAL STAFF**

Dcn. Dwayne Joubert, Office Administrator  
Lois Joubert, Bookkeeper  
Priscilla Guidroz, Receptionist  
Abigail Caffery, Director of Sacred Music





# MASS INTENTIONS

## SATURDAY, MARCH 25

4:00pm M/M Norris Leger, Toby & Winnie Lalonde & Family; Angela Darbonne; Lee R. & Beverly Faul and Mark Capone, Jr.; Gervis "BB" Babin; Alton Ray Barron; Robert Sr., Madeline & Albert Going

## SUNDAY, MARCH 26

08:00am David LeDoux; M/M John, John Jr., Jacob & Michael FaKouri; Oline D. Roberts; Barbara S. Nezat; Good Samaritan & Family; Youle, Therese & John Ray Fontenot and Martin J. St. Amand; Jimmy Guillory; Evelyn Kidder, Bernel, Arthur & Eva Fontenot; Randolph LeBlanc & John Danos; Family of Maddux John Cade Dupre; Brad Douget; Elaine Guillory; Barbara St. Amand; Yola Huckaby  
10:00am Audrey Meche Dubuc; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Warren Soileau; Thomas B. Schexnayder; Eula Comeaux; Ezra & Velma Martin and Denise Hull; Deceased Parishioners of Opelousas Community Choir; Wayne Lavergne  
5:00pm St. Landry Church Parishioners

## MONDAY, APRIL 03

12:05pm J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; John Dupre (BD); Marlene N. Beauxis Nicole Fontenot Perry

## TUESDAY, APRIL 04

12:05pm Evelyn Kidder; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; J. Y. Fontenot (BD)

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

12:05pm J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon

## OCS CORNER

The OCS Senior Class will present the "Passion of Jesus Christ" on Palm Sunday at 6:30 pm in the school gymnasium. There is no admission fee, and there will be seating available for the handicapped. What a profound way to begin the holiest week of the year!

Congratulations to our Quiz Bowl team who finished THIRD in the Diocesan Quiz Bowl competition! The team of young men includes Tyler Villemarete, captain; Clayton Fontenot, Jacob Goulas, Dylan Hollier, Jackson LaGrange, Zachary LaGrange (runner-up individual high scorer), Noah Lindsly, Devon Richard, and Cameron Slate!

Thank you to those who have blessed OCS with gifts to the 2022-2023 Angel Appeal Drive! There is still time to mail your gift to the OCS Advancement Office, 428 E. Prudhomme St., Opelousas or make an online gift at [www.OCSvikings.com](http://www.OCSvikings.com). Thank you for these godsend!

## THURSDAY, APRIL 06

7:00pm J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Belva Fontenot (BD) & Family; Evelyn Kidder

## SATURDAY, APRIL 08

8:00pm Armand & Jeanne Bellard; The Hoffman Family; Beth Roy Martin (DA); Claiborne & Cecile Ryder; Raymus, Mary, Beedy & Geraldine B. Herpin; Guise Tran Ho; Deceased Family of Truong Si Chuyen; Deceased Family of Tran Ho; Phero Truong Si Chuyen; Joseph Stacy Sebastien; Jackie D. Bordelon; M/M Norris Leger, Toby & Winnie Lalonde & Family; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Alton Ray Barron; Marlene N. Beauxis; Orphan Souls

## SANCTUARY LAMP

Church: Jason Borne  
Adoration Chapel: Msgr. Emery Labbe  
**PRAYER INTENTIONS**

Joseph Ronald Arceneaux; Mercedes Bihm; Leslie Buller; Dora Clay; Glenda Darbonne; Leroy Darbonne; Denise Dejean; James Dupre; Johnny Fontenot; Jude Foster; Julie Ford; Allen Harrington; Brandon and Angie Hathon; Betty Johnson; Larry Johnson; Karen Lanclos Hessler; Ronnie Leger; Patti Lindsey; Judi R. Lucito; Taylor Marales; Shirley Marcus; Kathy Martin; Kenneth Moreau; Belle Pitre; Ben Pitre; Faron Racca; Richard Family; Matthew Gene Richard; John C. Saucier; Ronnie Savoy; Chris Soileau; Greg Tate; Mary Faith Wyble Thomasee; Hien Tran; Brett Walker; Bekhi Wimberly



## PRAYERS FOR OUR CLERGY

### PRIESTS

04/02 | Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel  
04/03 | Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell  
04/04 | Fr. Donald Saunders  
04/05 | Fr. Garrett Savoie  
04/06 | Fr. William Schambough  
04/07 | Fr. Gary Schexnayder  
04/08 | Fr. Andrew Schumacher

### DEACONS

04/02 | Dcn. J. Douglas Melancon  
04/03 | Dcn. Malcolm Melancon  
04/04 | Dcn. David Menard  
04/05 | Dcn. Cody Miller  
04/06 | Dcn. John Miller  
04/07 | Dcn. Michael Morrison  
04/08 | Dcn. Tuan Anh Nguyen

### SEMINARIANS

Dcn. Michael Vidrine | St. John the Baptist, Melville  
Trey Fontenot | Sacred Heart of Jesus, Ville Platte

## ADORATION OPPORTUNITIES

There are still a few time slots that do not have regular scheduled committed adorers! Visit the website or call the office for details.



**Adoration Chapel**

**CLOSED**

The Adoration Chapel will be closed in observance of Easter Triduum from 7pm Holy Thursday and will re-open at 7am Easter Monday.

Could you not watch one hour with me? Mt 26:40



# GOSPEL READING REFLECTION



Today we begin Holy Week, the days during which we journey with Jesus on his way of the cross and anticipate his Resurrection on Easter. Today's liturgy begins with the procession with palms to remind us of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem.

The events of Jesus' Passion are proclaimed in their entirety in today's Liturgy of the Word. Those events will be proclaimed again when we celebrate the liturgies of the Triduum—Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, and the Easter Vigil. In communities that celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation with catechumens, these liturgies take on special importance because they invite the catechumens and the community to enter together into the central mysteries of our faith. These days are indeed profound and holy.

In Cycle A, we read the Passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Matthew on Palm, or Passion, Sunday. (On Good Friday, we will read the Passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John). The story of Jesus' Passion and death in Matthew's Gospel focuses particularly on the obedience of Jesus to the will of his Father. As Jesus sends his disciples to prepare for Passover, he indicates that the events to come are the will of the Father (Matthew 26:18). In Jesus' prayer in the garden, he prays three times to the Father to take away the cup of suffering, but each time, Jesus concludes by affirming his obedience to the Father's will (Matthew 26:39-44). Even Matthew's description of Jesus' death shows Jesus' obedience to the Father.

Another theme of Matthew's Gospel is to show Jesus as the fulfillment of Scripture. Throughout the Passion narrative, Matthew cites and alludes to Scripture to show that the events of Jesus' Passion and death are in accordance with all that was foretold. And if the events were foretold, then God is in control. In addition, Matthew is particularly concerned that the reader does not miss the fact that Jesus is the Suffering Servant of the Old Testament.

Jesus acts in obedience to the Father even in death, so that sins may be forgiven. Matthew makes this clear in the story of the Lord's Supper. As Jesus blesses the chalice, he says: ". . . for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins."

While the Gospels of Matthew and Mark have many parallels in their narrative of the Passion, there are a few details worth noting that are unique to Matthew. Only Matthew indicates the price paid to Judas for betraying Jesus. The story of Judas's death is also found only in Matthew, as is the detail that Pilate's wife received a warning in a dream and that Pilate washed his hands of Jesus' death. Finally, Matthew's Gospel alone mentions the earthquakes and other phenomena that happened after Jesus' death.

Matthew places the responsibility for Jesus' death on the Sanhedrin, the chief priests and elders who were responsible for the Temple. However, the animosity that those Jewish leaders and the Jewish people demonstrate toward Jesus is not to be interpreted in ways that blame the Jewish people for Jesus' death. Throughout Matthew's Gospel, the narrative reflects the tension that probably existed between the early Christian community and their Jewish contemporaries. At the Second Vatican Council, the Council Fathers made clear that all sinners share responsibility for the suffering and death of Jesus and that it is wrong to place blame for Jesus' Passion on the Jewish contemporaries of Jesus or on Jewish people today.

There are many vantage points from which to engage in Jesus' Passion. In the characters of Matthew's Gospel, we find reflections of ourselves and the many ways in which we sometimes respond to Jesus. Sometimes we are like Judas, who betrays Jesus and comes to regret it. We are sometimes like Peter, who denies him, or like the disciples, who fell asleep during Jesus' darkest hour but then act rashly and violently at his arrest. Sometimes we are like Simon, who is pressed into service to help Jesus carry his cross. Sometimes we are like the leaders who fear Jesus or like Pontius Pilate, who washed his hands of the whole affair. Jesus dies so that our sins will be forgiven.

The events of Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection are called the Paschal Mystery. No amount of study will exhaust or explain the depth of love that Jesus showed in offering this sacrifice for us. After we have examined and studied the stories we have received about these events, we are left with one final task—to meditate on these events and on the forgiveness that Jesus' obedience won for us.

## READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord's Servant will stand firm, even when persecuted.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 22:8-9,17-20,23-24

A cry for help to the Lord in the face of evildoers

### SECOND READING

Philippians 2:6-11

Christ was obedient even to death, and God has exalted him.

### GOSPEL READING

Matthew 26:14—27:66

Jesus is crucified, and his body is placed in the tomb.

## OFFERTORY

MARCH 19, 2023

Regular: \$13118.91 Goal: \$9000

Maintenance Fund	\$90.00
OCS	\$470.20
Needy	\$600.00
Easter Flowers	\$1718.00

## OFFICE CLOSURE

The Valentin Hall Offices will be closed Holy Thursday thru Easter Monday. Please call 942-6552 and press #4 for emergencies outside of office hours.

## REFLECTION BOOKS

Many thanks to the kind individual who donated the Lenten (Black) & Easter (White) reflection books! May God Bless you abundantly!

## YOUTH NEWS!

Our Youth Groups will meet THIS SUNDAY:

- Jr. High - 3:45pm - 4:45pm
- High School - 6:00pm - Will go to OCS to view the Passion Ply

### NOTE!

We will have a Bake Sale after all Easter Masses next weekend!



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