PALM SUNDAY





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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 | 12:05pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday First Saturday of the Month | 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 Sarah Meche, Receptionist / Secretary Abigail Caffery, Director of Sacred Music Charlie O'Chery, Director of Youth Ministry



SATURDAY, MARCH 23

4:00pm Lee R. & Beverly Faul, & Mark Capone, Jr.; Pamela Faith Zerangue Arceneaux; M/M Norris Leger, Toby & Winnie Lalonde & Family; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Sam (DA) & Elva Moncla

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

8:00am Pat Cypriano; Youle, Therese & John Ray Fontenot, & Martin J. St. Amand; M/M John, John Jr., Jacob & Michael Fa-Kouri; Richard & Cecile Leblanc; Clarice D. Faul, L.J. Dossmann & Billie Dossmann; Amanda Fournier; Bernel, Arthur & Eva Fontenot; Janis Courvelle (BD); J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon

10:00am John Olivier; Hushel & Brenda Bordelon; Fields & Voitier Families; Chris Dunbar; Wayne Wyble (DA); Geraldine Vidrine; Elizabeth Claire; Ezra & Velma Martin, & Denise Hull

5:00pm St. Landry Church Parishioners

MONDAY, MARCH 25

12:05pm J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Minne Mitche Valle; Lorinia M. Guillory (DA)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

12:05pm Cathy S. Fontenot (BD); J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Martin Sr., Angela, Martin Jr. & Wilda Cosgrove

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

12:05pm J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Clarice D. Faul, L.J. Dossmann, & Billie Dossmann; Amanda Fournier; Junior (DA), Loretta & Stephen Hargroder

Join the Choir for Easter Vigil Mass. Practice is at 5pm on Wednesday, (3/27).



PRAYERS FOR OUR CLERGY

PRIESTS

03/24| Rev. David James Furka

03/25| Rev. Abelardo Gabriel, SVD

03/26| Rev. William Gearheard

03/27| Rev. Taj Glodd

03/28| Rev. Msgr. Richard Greene

03/29 Rev. Mitchell Guidry

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03/25| Dcn. Kenneth Soignier

03/26| Dcn. John Bennett Soileau

03/27| Dcn. Byron James Soley

03/28 Dcn. Thomas Sommers

03/29 Dcn. Glynn Martin Stutes

03/30 Dcn. Clifford Tanner

The Valentin Hall office will close at 12pm on Holy Thursday (3/28) & reopen at 830am on Easter Tuesday (4/2).

The Adoration Chapel will close at 6pm on Holy Thursday, and reopen at 8am Easter Monday.

⊕ OCS CORNER

The Opelousas Catholic Passion Play will be on Sunday, March 24th at 6:30pm in the OC gym. This production is free of charge and open to the public.

Now registering Preschool 3 & 4 and Kindergarten! Come see what OC has to offer! There will be a tour day on Tuesday, April 9th for pre-K 3 & 4 and on Wednesday, April 10th for K. Both days will be from 8am-10am. Spots are limited! Kindly RSVP by contacting the Registrar at 337-942-5404 or brileyj@ocsvikings.com.

It's time for spring cleaning! OC is now accepting donations of yard sale items for a school yard sale later this spring. Yard sale items can be boxed, labeled "yard sale", and dropped off at the high school office. This is an easy way to support the school while cleaning out unwanted items!

The school will be closed for Easter break beginning with early dismissal on Thursday, March 28th with classes resuming on Monday, April 8th. For those looking for Easter week activities, there will be a girls volleyball camp led by Coach Alissa Doucet and the high school girls' volleyball team. This camp is for girls in grades 2-6 and will be held in the OC gym on April 2nd - 4th from 9am – noon. The cost is \$100. Please email douceta@ocsvikings.com for more information and to register.





■ Gospel Reading Reflection

This Sunday, called Palm or Passion Sunday, is the first day of Holy Week. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday are called the Triduumthree days that are the highlight of the Church year. There are two Gospels proclaimed at today's Mass. The first Gospel, proclaimed before the procession with palms, tells of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they blessed God and shouted "Hosanna!" This event is reported in each of the four Gospels.

At the Liturgy of the Word on Palm Sunday, the events of Jesus' passion are proclaimed in their entirety. In Lectionary Cycle B, we read the passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Mark. We will hear these events proclaimed again when we celebrate the Triduum later in the week. On Good Friday, we will read the passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' passion and death are presented as the consequence of the tension between the Jewish authorities and Jesus that had been building throughout his public ministry. This tension reached its breaking point when Jesus drove the merchants and moneychangers from the Temple. After this event, the chief priests and scribes began seeking a way to put Jesus to death, and yet, this is only the surface explanation for his death.

When Jesus was arrested and brought before the Sanhedrin—the council of Jewish priests, scribes, and elders—he was charged with blasphemy, citing his threat to the Temple. When he was brought before Pilate, however, the religious authorities presented his crime as a political one, charging that Jesus claimed to be king of the Jews. In continuity with a theme of Mark's Gospel, the messianic claim of Jesus is widely misunderstood.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are rarely models of faith and do little to invoke confidence in their capacity to continue his ministry after his death. They fare no better in Mark's narrative of Jesus' passion and death. At the Last Supper, the disciples insisted that none among them would betray Jesus. When Jesus predicted that their faith would be shaken in the events ahead, Peter and the other disciples protested vehemently. Yet in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus returned three times to find them sleeping. Jesus prayed in agony over his impending fate while his disciples slumbered through the night. Just as Jesus predicted, Peter denied Jesus, and the disciples were absent during Jesus' passion and death. Only the women who had been followers of Jesus in Galilee are said to have been present at the Crucifixion, but they remained at a distance.

Throughout this Gospel, Mark challenges the reader to consider the claim with which the Gospel begins: Jesus is the Son of God. When we read Mark's account of the passion, we begin to comprehend the deeper theological statement being made about Jesus' death. In Mark's telling of the passion narrative, Jesus understood his death to have been preordained, and he accepted this death in obedience to God's will. Jewish Scripture is quoted only once, but there are several references to the fulfillment of the Scriptures. Jesus understood his anointing in Bethany as an anticipation of his burial, and he announced that this story would be told together with the Gospel throughout the world. Jesus predicted his betrayal by Judas as well as Peter's denial. At his arrest, Jesus acknowledged that the preordained time had arrived. Jesus was both confident and silent before his accusers. After he was sentenced to death, Jesus did not speak again until his final cry from the cross. The bystanders misunderstood and believed that he was calling for Elijah. The Roman centurion, however, affirmed what Mark has presented throughout this Gospel: Jesus is the Son of God. Nowhere was this revealed more fully than in his death on the cross.

During Holy Week, we prayerfully remember the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-7 The Lord's servant will stand firm, even when persecuted.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 22:8-9,17-18,19-20,23-24 A cry for help to the Lord in the face of evildoers

SECOND READING

Philippians 2:6-II Christ was obedient even to death, but God has exalted him.

GOSPEL READING

Mark 14:1—15:47

Jesus is sentenced to death and crucified. The centurion who witnessed his death declared, "This man was the Son of God."

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Carol Sue Arnaud: Nela Badeaux: Mercedes Bihm: Beverly Borne; Fr. Alan Breaux; Hilda Brooks; Leslie Buller; Dora Clay; Denise Cortez; Carl Crump; Glenda Darbonne; Leroy Darbonne; Denise Dejean; James Dupre; Ruby Blanchard Dupre; Johnny Fontenot; Jude Foster; Howard Fournier; Charlotte Guidry; Patty Hacket; Mary Hargroder; Larry Harper; Brandon and Angie Hathon; Karen Lanclos Hessler; Brian Jackson; Edval Jannise, Jr., Betty Johnson; Larry Johnson; Elaine & Ronald Joubert; Mike & Linda Labbe; Ronnie Leger; Anna Maria Leleux; Taylor Marales; Shirley Marcus; Kenneth Moreau; Mark Mouton; Craig Ortego; Shawn Perry; Ben Pitre; Amy Dupre Prestonback; Mavis Quebedeaux; Faron Racca; Richard Family; Matthew Gene Richard; Ronald & Elaine Richard; Joseph Donald Robin; Chris Soileau; Bubba Sonnier; Greg Tate; Linda Thatcher; Schleen Thibodeaux; Mary Faith Wyble Thomasee; Hien Tran; Allen Vidrine; Burnell Vidrine

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