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Weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm
Sunday 7:30 am

9:00 am

11:00 am

Monday (Liturgy of the Word) 7:00 am

Wed., Thurs., Fri. (Mass) 7:00 am

First Tuesday of the Month 6:00 pm

(Mass, Novena, Benediction and Anointing of the Sick)

All other Tuesdays - Confessions 5:30 pm

(Mass and Novena) 6:00 pm

Baptism: Please contact the Parish Office

Marriage: Please contact the pastor a minimum of six months before the wedding

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 3:00 pm



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 14, 2019

One Who Serves

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?

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Holy Week Schedule

Monday, April 15 - 7am Liturgy of the Word

Tuesday, April 16 - 7pm Mass & Chaplet of Divine Mercy Novena

Wednesday, April 17 - 7am Mass

Holy Thursday, April 18 - 7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 19 - 12 Noon Stations of the Cross
3pm Veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 20 - 7:30pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 21 - 7:30am, 9am, 11am Masses

Holy Week Practice

Father Greg will have rehearsal Saturday, April 13 at 5pm for anyone participating in Holy Week services. Please meet in church immediately following 4pm Mass.



Our office will be closed 1/2 day Holy Thursday, April 18, Good Friday, April 19 and Easter Monday, April 22.

Happy Easter!!



Walk with Jesus

The St. John 8th grade class will perform their annual "Walk with Jesus" presentation at St. Clement Church on **Palm Sunday, April 14 at 6pm.**

The public is invited to attend this very special remembrance of Palm Sunday's entrance into Jerusalem to Easter Sunday's Resurrection.

What better way to begin Holy Week than to watch the students reenact Jesus' final days?

Holy Week Worship & Scripture April 15-21, 2019

Monday, April 15: 7am Liturgy of the Word
Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday, April 16: 6pm Mass & Chaplet of Divine Mercy Novena

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

Wednesday, April 17: 7am Mass

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

Holy Thursday, April 18: 7:30pm Mass

Chrim Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21—Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16c, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Good Friday, April 19: Is 52:13 -- 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 -- 19:42

Holy Saturday: (1) Gn 1:1 -- 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35c; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; (2) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16:5, 8-11; (3) Ex 14:15 -- 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;

(4) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; (5) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; (6) Bar 3:9-15, 32 -- 4:4; Ps 19:8-11;

(7) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Pss 42:3, 5bcd; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; (8) Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16ab-17, 22-23; (9) Lk 24:1-12

Easter Sunday: 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 or Lk 24:1-12 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

WELCOME We will welcome the following new members into the Church at the Easter Vigil:

**Carrie Chiaravalle
Natalia Mitchell
Hannah O'Connor**

Everyone is invited to a reception in their honor immediately following the Easter Vigil Mass in the parish hall. Special thanks to the Catholic Daughters for hosting the reception.

Holy Spirit Prayer Group

The Holy Spirit Prayer Group will meet Sunday, April 14 from 4pm-6pm in church. All are welcome!



Students Needed for Holy Thursday

We are looking for **2nd, 3rd and 4th grade** students who have made their First Communion and would like to participate in the Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper at 7pm on April 18. Young girls will process as flower girls with young boys. Sunday attire is acceptable.

If your child would like to participate, please call the church office (225.687.2402) or email marshaadupont@sj.brcxmail.com. Practice will be **Wednesday, April 17** at 5pm in church.



May Yard Rosary

May 1-31, 2019 — 7pm

In celebration of the month of Mary, all families are invited to join us during May for the recitation of the Rosary at the homes of parishioners.

If your family is interested in hosting an evening to pray the Rosary on your lawn, please call the church office at 225.687.2402 to be included on the Rosary calendar.

Chrim Mass

On **Wednesday, April 17 at 10:30am**, all parishioners are invited to the Diocese of Baton Rouge's Chrim Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral, 401 Main Street in Baton Rouge.

Our Hymn Selections this weekend: (Subject to change)

Entrance: All Glory, Laud, and Honor
Today's Missal 40

Communion: What Wondrous Love is This
Music Issue 480

Post Communion: Ours Were the Grievs — Choir



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

These words of Jesus are an excellent invitation to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:
"So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?"
(Matthew 26:40)

Available hours for scheduled visitation to the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel are:

- Friday: 9am-10am
- Saturday: 5am-6am

To volunteer as a scheduled adorer or substitute, call JoAnn Daigle at 225.687.4621 or 225.776.4865.

NOTICE!! THE ADORATION CHAPEL WILL CLOSE AT 6PM ON HOLY THURSDAY AND WILL REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL 6PM ON EASTER SUNDAY.

Baptisms & Baptism Seminars



Baptism Seminars — 7pm Church Office Third Floor

- Monday, May 6, 2019
- Monday, June 3, 2019
- Monday, July 8, 2019

Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass

- Saturday, April 27, 2019
- Saturday, May 25, 2019
- Saturday, June 29, 2019
- Saturday, July 27, 2019

Dates are subject to change. Please call the Church office at 225.687.2402 during the early stages of pregnancy to confirm the dates of the seminar.

Adult Confirmation

If you are 18 years of age or over and have not been confirmed in the Catholic Church, please call the church office at 225.687.2402, to attend 6 classes on Confirmation beginning Sunday, April 28 (10-11am) through Sunday, June 2, 2019.

Confirmation will be on Pentecost Sunday, June 9, 2019 at St. Joseph Cathedral by Bishop Michael Duca. You may call the St. John Church Office for more information.



Outdoor Mass & Parish Picnic

Sunday, April 28, 2019

Plans have begun for our Annual Outdoor Mass. The 11am Mass and a full day of activities are scheduled for Sunday, April 28, 2019 at the Mark A. "Tony" Gulotta Bayou Plaquemine Waterfront Park.

Many volunteers are needed and we hope you can help. Please contact Susan at the church office, 225.687.2402, susanblandry@sj.brcoxmail.com.

Sanctuary Candle

April 21, 2019

St. John the Evangelist Church

Robert Jude Grace

St. Clement of Rome Church

Kenneth W. "Klu" Brown



Weekly Ministries

Join us....  Join us in celebration of the Risen Lord on Easter Sunday, following 7:30am and 9am Masses for coffee, donuts and other sweet treats at the piazza.

Coffee & Donuts — Easter Sunday, April 21, 2018

Jim & Catherine Etier (7:30 am Mass)

Lee Ann Howard & Amy Bradford (9:00 am Mass)

Note: There will be no Children's Liturgy Easter Sunday.



Altar Society

The Altar Society will be cleaning the church Tuesday, April 16 for Easter at 8am, followed by a breakfast meeting in the church office.

Volunteers are welcome!

Stewardship

March 30 & 31, 2019



Identified.....	\$7,947.00
Number — 259	
Unidentified.....	\$1,680.00

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Blessed are they who come in the Name of the Lord! Am I being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister?

If you feel God is giving you the blessing of a call to a Church vocation, contact Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

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One Minute Meditations

St. Isidore of Seville

Born in Seville, Spain, St. Isidore succeeded his older brother, St. Leander as Bishop of Seville, at a time of social and religious division. By founding seminaries and schools throughout Spain, St. Isidore effectively converted the invading Visigoths and turned Seville into a center of culture and learning in the ancient world. He presided over two important Church councils, wrote a thorough encyclopedia that became widely used for nine centuries, and donated generously to the poor.

Just adore

Do you ever run out of conversation during your prayer time? Worse, do you tire of praying the same things over again? Try sitting in silent adoration of the one who loves you most. What words can be better than that?

"There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and he who fears is not perfected in love"

(1 John 4:18)



Meet God at "Little Easter"

One amazing fact of which Easter reminds us is that God lives and lives with us. Yet, as the joy of the celebration fades, we may feel distant from our loving, living God. In fact, we can renew our Easter joy every week at Mass on Sunday, our "little Easter." It's a great place to find God.

The Priest. During Mass, the priest is not acting on his own but in the person of Christ ("In Persona Christi"). Bishops and priests act in persona Christi when they offer Mass, forgive sins, preach on behalf of the Church, and perform other acts of shepherding and teaching. So, we find God in the priest.

The Word. Much of what goes on at Mass is directly from Scripture – the prayers we say together, the hymns we sing, the readings, etc. Since Scripture is the inspired word of God, we can find God in his Word.

The Eucharist. What starts as bread and wine becomes the body and blood of Christ. So we meet God in the consecrated Eucharist.

The People. When we unite to praise God, we are his

Church. *"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them"* (Matthew 18:20). So God is there when we worship with others at Mass.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics veil statues in church during Lent?

Many churches veil statues in red or purple cloth during the last two weeks in Lent. This period of time is traditionally known as Passiontide, when we focus more intentionally on the coming events of Holy Week. Covering over the

images and crucifixes in our churches is a kind of "visual fast" and a reminder of this solemn liturgical season. The joy of the Easter celebration is visually communicated when the statues are un-veiled and the church is beautifully decorated.



The perfect love waits for you

It is said that in order to attract the perfect love, we have to become the perfect lover. God is the perfect love. All we need to do to claim his love is to become better lovers ourselves.

Be alone together. "Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you" (James 4:8). Two people in love need to be alone together so love can grow. Make time to be alone with God every day.

Meet for frequent dates. A loving relationship can't flourish on just one date per



week. Would you be able to get enough of your beloved by just getting together on Sundays? Try to make Mass more than once a week.

Reread his love letter. "I will never forget you. See, upon the palms of my hands I have written your name" (Isaiah 49:15-16). Re-reading love letters rekindles feelings of warmth between lovers.

The Bible is the longest, most passionate love letter there is. Read it to find out how God really feels about you.

from Scripture

John 20:19-31, Two Visits of Mercy

This Gospel passage is about the two resurrection appearances of Jesus to his Apostles in the Upper Room.

In the first appearance, Jesus forgave the Apostles and gave them his peace. He also gave them the Holy Spirit and the power to forgive sins in his name.

The second visit was for St. "Doubting" Thomas. He refused to

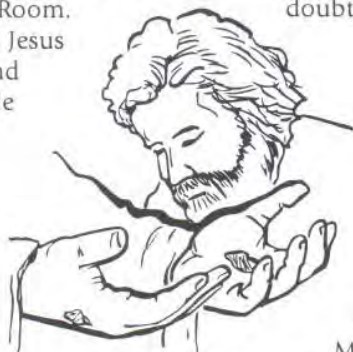
believe that Jesus was really risen, despite the evidence of ten eyewitnesses. While it is better to "see"

by faith and still believe, Jesus had mercy on St. Thomas's very human doubts and appeared to him. St.

Thomas was open to accepting the Truth when it found him.

From this Gospel passage, we know we can bring our doubts, fears, and need for forgiveness to God, especially on this second Sunday of Easter—Divine Mercy Sunday. We can trust

God, who in this passage, proves that his deepest nature is merciful love.



Q & A What does the Mass do for us?

The qualities of the Mass make participating in it essential for our spiritual health.

Thanksgiving: The Mass centers around the Eucharist – the "sacrifice of praise in thanksgiving" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), #1359*). In thanking God for his



blessings, we recall demonstrations of his goodness, power, and love. This reminds us that there is a God who loves us beyond imagining. He doesn't need our praise, but we need to experience thanksgiving.

Sacrifice: When the priest offers the Body and Blood of Christ under the appearances of bread and wine, Jesus' sacrifice on Calvary is renewed in an unbloody manner and made present for us again. At Mass, we can unite our own sacrifices to Christ's and offer them to the Father (*CCC, #1367, 1368*).

Communion: Under the appearances of bread and wine, Jesus is really and physically present (*CCC, #1376*). When we receive Communion, Christ comes to dwell in our hearts, to strengthen, heal, and love us. Communion unifies the whole Church in Heaven and on Earth (*CCC, #1370*).

Feasts & Celebrations

April 14 – Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (1st Century): On Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, we recall Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, when he was greeted by crowds waving palms and cheering. This Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week.

April 17 – St. Stephen Harding (1134): St. Stephen and two companions founded a new religious order in Citeaux. As abbot, he guided the community through many hardships. Finally, St. Bernard of Clairvaux and several companions

joined St. Stephen and he revived the order. St. Stephen founded twelve more religious communities throughout France. He is credited with writing the constitutions of the Cistercian Order.

April 20 – St. Agnes of Montepulciano (1317): Born in Tuscany, Italy, St. Agnes was a Franciscan nun who founded a Dominican order. At a young age, she begged her parents to let her enter the Franciscans. When she was thirteen, the pope asked her to found a monastery at Procena. Inspired by a vision, she founded a Dominican order at Montepulciano.



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MASS INTENTIONS — April 20-26, 2019

Holy Saturday, April 20-7:30 pm Mass — Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Labouré, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Currier Family; Trista Parro; Vincent A. Ferachi, Dr. Larry G. Ferachi; M/M Guy LoBue; Adolph Sr., Adolph Jr. & Ida Mae Jumonville, Freddie Hebert, John Sr., John Jr., Madeline & James Roth; Kelly Dugas, Vic & Dell Pollage, Ida Mae Pollage; Gasper Pizzolato, Jr., Samuel C. Pizzolato, Ester Pizzolato Schexnayder, Gasper Pizzolato, Sr. & Family; Dace K. & Earline Hahn, Sr., Kim Baggett, Luke Baggett; Johnny & Johnny Zito, Jr., Lena & Joseph Zito; Faye & Paul Troxclair, Alton & Jenny Boudreaux; Jim Gerace, Flor, Stella & Sonny Rills, Kye Boudreaux; M/M Vincent M. Ferachi, Cadence & Cassidy Diamond, Stephanie Revere, Tina Ferachi Loyacano, Ferachi & Marino Families; J. Hubert Millet, Milda Millet, Louis Family, Harold Marionneaux; Oniel Favron, Sr., Oniel Favron, Jr., Randy Favron, Sr., Patricia Savoie Hebert; Ione & Calvin Robbins, Calvin Robbins, Jr.; Dalfay Cavalier Family, Joseph C. LeBlanc, Sr. Family; Donald, Barbara & Dale David; Jimmy, Sarah, Jackie Migliacio, P.W. Albert, Jr.; Anthony F. Canella, Aaron & Delia LeRay, Shannie Verret; Winnie & Harry Gallagher; Frank Ragusa Family, Placito Mancuso Family, Mose Gibson Family, J.D. Collins Family; Mary Jo Primeaux; Dwight Marix, Lois Marix, Carlisle Marix; Aubrey Quebedeaux, Mit, Aline & Dub Comeaux; M/M Lindon Rivet & Family; Joe Messina, Irene & Lo Gulotta; Ernest & Josephine Lapeze, Lapeze & Ragusa Families; M/M Edmond Gomez, Kathleen Garrene, Chris Gomez; Paul & Emily Bourgeois & Family; Eddie & Virginia Clebert, NuNu & Pim Clebert, Ulger & Nilda Daigle, Clebert & Daigle Families; Ruth Elaine Ricard

Easter Sunday, April 21-7:30 am Mass — St. John Parishioners

Easter Sunday, April 21-9:00 am Mass — Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Labouré, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Felix Berthelot, Alcee & Pauline Becnel, Evans & Virgie Dugas; Jaynell Lopez; Marie Ragusa LeBlanc, Terry Landry, Sr., Terry Landry, Jr.; J.R. Boudreaux, Virgie Junot & Family; May Berta & Robert Olano, Paul Joffrion, Sr.; Douglas Breaux & Family, Salvador F. Spano & Family; Vic & Dell Pollage; Vera & Burman Guidry, Mary & Clarence Berthelot; Anthony & Margie Vitale, Lloyd Bouchereau, Sr., Roy Couvillion; M/M John A. Caffarel, Sr., M/M G.E. Marix & Family; J.W. Bryant Family; Gladys “Butsy” Palermo, Peter A. Palermo, Patrick Burleigh; Douglas Bourgoyne; Humphrey Gulotta; Judge Edward & Lucille Engolio, Pauline E. deVerges, Edward N. Engolio, Jr.; Doyle & LaCasse Families; Leigh Woolie; Carlo, Andrew & Josephine Canova, Jerry & Cutsy Blanchard; Jep Daigle, Eddie & Virginia Clebert, Ulger & Nelda Daigle, Clebert & Daigle Families; Kenneth Ourso, Sr., Gina Ourso; Berthelot, Guillot, Schlatre, Cavet Families; Ronnie Palermo, Brown Family, Palermo Family; Mack, Laura, Michael & Lawrence Lazzaro, Kolby Lorio, James “Butch” & Sadie Tullier; George & Adele Zeringue, Norman & Maude Schlatre; Clinton & Wendell Fournierat; Lawrence & Winnie Miller, Paul & Myrtle Richard, Edward Miller; Adam H. Vercher, Emily Vercher, Donald R. Vercher, Ronnie Vercher; Edward Norman Boudreaux; Kenneth W. “Klu” Brown; Maggie & Joe Gullotto, Lola & A.J Adams; Kelly, Cody & Clint Navarre; Benny & Annie Vaughn; Brandon & Eddie Schouest, Jr., Josie & Eddie Vicknair, Jr.; Philomena & Joseph Rosso; M/M John R. Dugas, Gracie Roberts; Brian “Paco” Ourso, Allen Ourso; André Dupont; Frank, Josie, Victor & Anthony Canella; Pete Miranda; Angelo & Gloria Michelle, Brendon Joseph Landry, Ronald “Coop” Landry; Gerald E. Trent; Mitchell Dufour, Boudreaux & Dufour Families; M/M Ernest Hernandez, Margaret Hernandez, Gary Hernandez, M/M Clay Hernandez, Rhodes Bourgoyne, M/M Frank Hernandez; Emily & Edwin Melancon, Jules & Mary Victoria Durand, Devin Michael Durand, Catherine Melancon & Anthony M. Wilbert, Jr., Caroline Durand Comeaux; Sara & Wayne Grass, Frank & Evelyn Muscarello; M/M Alfred Roth & Family, M/M Leonard Daigle & Family, Henry J. Daigle & Family

Easter Sunday, April 21-11:00 am Mass — Cindy Dickerson; Fette Hebert; Frances Santangelo LeBlanc; Frank & Gladys Hidalgo; Ronald, Brendon, Dudley Landry, Sam & Agnes Coletti; Tina Ferachi Loyacano, Agnes & Sam Coletti Family; Shelby & Olive Dupont, Tody & Denis Dupont, Jimbo Jumonville, Myrtle Jumonville, Sally Dupont, Ory Dupont; Bobby Tullier, M/M Verner Comeaux, Sr. & Sons; Samuel Pizzolato; William Middleton, William Lewis, Middleton & Clouatre Families; Victor J. Canella; Mary & Chuchie Flatau, Anthony & Camella Orcino, Orcino & Flatau Families; Pim & NuNu Clebert, Lillie & Sidney Gomez & Family, Virginia & Eddie Clebert; Frank & Catherine Ferachi; Paul, Doris & Charles Barbier, Claude Millet; Kevin Mellieon

Tuesday, April 23-6:00 pm Mass — Roy A. Hebert; Kotchie Tullier, Rosie Z. Tullier

Wednesday, April 24-7:00 am Mass — Tommy Griffon

Thursday, April 25-7:00 am Mass — Marie Ragusa LeBlanc

Friday, April 26-7:00 am Mass — Margaret Simms Smith





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