

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord April 13, 2014

God greatly exalted [Christ]
and bestowed on him the name
which is above every name.

— *Philippians 2:9*

THE ATTITUDE OF CHRIST JESUS

The Lenten cycle brings us to this “mixed” Sunday of palm branches and painful suffering. Our liturgy opens by recalling Jesus’ triumphant entry along the main road into Jerusalem, then moves quickly to the back streets of betrayal and humiliation, the courtyards of torture and abandonment, the hill of execution.

Isaiah’s strange and gripping “Song of the Servant of God” was to become the song of Jesus. It is the song of one who strides forward consistently in the face of criticism, even scorn: “I have not rebelled, have not turned back.” It is to become our song, as faithful followers of Jesus Christ.

How are we to react when we hear the account of the passion and death of the Lord? Paul tells us that our attitude must be Christ’s, who “emptied himself, taking the form of a slave.” We pray that we may absorb the attitude of Christ, and face life squarely in its triumph and its pain.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
 Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
 Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34;
 Mt 26:14-25
 Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3ab, 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, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26;
 Jn 13:1-15
 Friday: 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: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6,
 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;
 b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16:5, 8-11;
 c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;
 d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;
 e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;
 f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11;
 g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or
 Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;
 h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;
 Mt 28:1-10
 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 Mt 28:1-10 or (at an afternoon
 or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: Monday of Holy Week;
 Tuesday: Tuesday of Holy Week; Income Tax Day
 Wednesday: Wednesday of Holy Week
 Thursday: Holy Thursday; The Sacred Paschal Triduum
 Friday: Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good
 Friday); Fast and Abstinence;
 Saturday: Holy Saturday;
 The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

WEEKLY COLLECTION 04/06/2014

COLLECTION FROM MASSES Stewardship Offering - St. John

Identified Contributions (224 Families)	\$	10,585.50
Unidentified Contributions	\$	631.00
Total	\$	11,216.50
Building Fund-Maintenance (29)	\$	1,769.00
Youth Ministry (6)	\$	85.00
Easter Flowers (3)	\$	80.00
Legacy of Faith Cap. Camp. (121)	\$	132,140.78
Legacy: Pledge Down payments (7)	\$	48,685.00
Campaign Total	\$	3,418,462.36

Stewardship Offering - Our Lady

Identified Contributions (41 Families)	\$	2,915.10
Unidentified Contributions	\$	207.00
Total	\$	3,122.10
Building Fund-Maintenance (3)	\$	85.00
Easter Flowers (1)	\$	25.00
Youth Ministry (2)	\$	110.00
Capital Campaign for SJB (1)	\$	150.00
Campaign Total for SJB	\$	3,418,612.36

PLUS:

ONLINE GIVING

Stewardship Offering -St. John

Regular Contributions (29)	\$	2,193.00
Building Maintenance Fund (6)	\$	180.00
Easter Flowers (1)	\$	10.00
Holy Land (1)	\$	10.00
Catholic Home Mission (1)	\$	10.00
Capital Campaign (29)	\$	2,716.00
Capital Campaign Total	\$	3,421,328.36

Stewardship Offering-Our Lady

Regular Contributions (3)	\$	470.00
Building Maintenance (3)	\$	45.00
Easter Flowers (1)	\$	25.00

ATTENTION ONLINE GIVERS:

*If you signed up to make your contributions to
our Capital Campaign for the new church,*

PLEASE use the

“Capital Campaign - Phase II” fund.

Many of you signed up before this option was available.

*If so, please discontinue your online contribution to
Capital Campaign and
resubmit using **Capital Campaign -Phase II.***

SANCTUARY LIGHT

APRIL 12TH - APRIL 18TH

*The Sanctuary Light at St. John will burn
in memory of **Jess & Carmen Gill.***

*The Sanctuary Light at Our Lady will burn
in memory of **the Caldwell & Cazedessus families.***

Reflecting on God's Word

Today's Gospel before the blessing of the palms presents an exuberant scene. Imagine the large crowd just outside Jerusalem spreading their cloaks on the road, breaking off palm fronds, strewing them about and waving them as Jesus passes by. Hear the people shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David." As Jesus enters the city, the people there are asking, "Who is this?" The crowd accompanying him answers: "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth of Galilee. This is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." A journey of joy.

But a few days later Jesus took his last journey: a winding walk from the upper room on Thursday night out to the garden of Gethsemane, then to the house of Caiaphas, on to Pilate's house and courtyard, and, finally, to the hill of Calvary. During this time, he was spat on and struck, stripped, scourged, and crowned with thorns; he was denounced, mocked, and ridiculed. Most likely some of the same crowd that cried out "Hosanna" cried out, "Crucify him!" It ended with his being nailed to a cross, and after three torturous hours, he died. At this journey's end, there was one final cry from a small group, a centurion and the men with him: "Truly, this was the Son of God!" (Matthew 27:54).

Allow some time to relive these two journeys. You might hear some things you haven't noticed before. Perhaps the words of one of the secondary characters or Jesus' response to a particular situation or his silence before another will speak to you this time.

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Living God's Word

We pray that we will follow Jesus faithfully all the days of our life, recognizing him as the one who continues to come in the name of the Father bringing life. We ask that we may trust in God as Jesus did until we see God face to face.



A novena is typically nine days of prayer in preparation of a celebration of a feast day.

The Divine Mercy - Novena of Chaplets
can be said anytime, but the Lord specifically asked that it be recited as a novena. He promised, "By this Novena (of Chaplets), I will grant every possible grace to souls."

The Novena begins Good Friday for nine days.

copies available at the entrance of both churches or in the Parish Office.

† ~ † THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE † ~ †

Sunday, April 13th

Palm Sunday of the Passion of our Lord

- 7 a.m. Mass / Coffee & Pastries
- 10 a.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy / Rosary
- 11 a.m. Mass / Children's Liturgy
- Noon *Family Fun Day* with BBQ, Egg Hunt & Bake Sale

-OLA

- 8:30 a.m. Rosary / Choir
- 9 a.m. Mass / Children's Liturgy
- 10 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

Monday, April 14th

- 6:30 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Group
- 6:30 p.m. Scouts
- 6:30 p.m. The Passion movie

Tuesday, April 15th

- 5 p.m. Children's Choir
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Choir
- 5:30 p.m. K-4th Religious Ed
- 6 p.m. Adult Choir

-OLA

- 6:00 p.m. Way of the Cross
- 6:30 p.m. Mass

Wednesday, April 16th

- 7 a.m. Mass
- 6 p.m. 5th - 8th Religious Ed

Thursday, April 17th

Holy Thursday

- 6:30 p.m. Mass with washing of the feet
- Following Mass - 10:00 p.m. Adoration

Friday, April 18th

Good Friday

- Noon Way of the Cross
- 6:00 p.m. Veneration of the Cross

-OLA

- 3:00 p.m. Veneration of the Cross

Saturday, April 19th

Holy Saturday

- 10 a.m. -Noon: Confession
- 7 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 20th

Easter Sunday- the Resurrection of our Lord

- 7 a.m. Mass / Coffee & Pastries
- 10 a.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy / Rosary
- 11 a.m. Mass

-OLA

- 8:30 a.m. Rosary / Choir
- 9 a.m. Mass



Fill a Prescription for the Needy

Please take a bottle at the entrance of church and fill it with your contribution and drop the bottle into the bucket.

Your financial gift will literally save lives.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Monday

6:30 p.m. *The Passion movie (SJB)*

Holy Thursday:

6:30 p.m. *Mass with Washing of the Feet (SJB)*

Following Mass till 10:00 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Good Friday:

Noon: *Way of the Cross (SJB)*

3:00 p.m. *Veneration of the Cross (OLA)*

6:00 p.m. *Veneration of the Cross (SJB)*

Holy Saturday

10:00 a.m. - Noon *Confession -SJB*

7:00 p.m. *Easter Vigil Mass -SJB*



Marvin Ashford, Jr., Army Med Corps

James A. Benning, USMC

Drew Michael Boatner, USMC

Matthew Boyd, Army

Andrea Byrd, USCG

Eugene Cazedessus, USMC

LeLand Crochet, III, USMC

Matthew Charlet Dart, USN

Patrick Deslatte, USN

Jacqueline Deslatte, USN

Stephen DiLorenzo, Army

Christopher Fisher, Army

Adam Foster, USN

Brad Gautreaux, USMC

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Joseph N. Jones, Jr., Army

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Markus Kippers, USN

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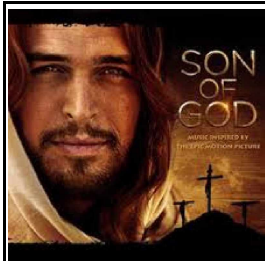
James Rouchon, USMC

Gordon M. White, USAF

Tyler Wigger, USN

Christopher Williston, USAF

Please join us
on **Monday of Holy Week**
at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall
for our annual showing
of ***The Passion of the Christ***.



April's **Book of the Month**
Son of God
by Roma Downey
and Mark Burnett

The story of Jesus the Messiah
comes to life in this epic new book.

Though based on the New
Testament accounts, *Son of God* reads like a
contemporary novel. The character of Jesus and the
personalities and motives of all those who surround him
come vividly to life.

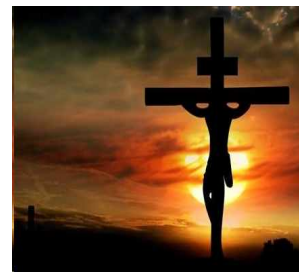
The Book Club will meet on
Tuesday, April 22nd at 10:00 am and
Thursday, April 24th at 6:00 p.m.
at St. Paul's Study.

Thank you to the parishioners that donated
blood at our last blood drive.
Seventeen units of lifesaving blood were
donated for our community.



Downtown Way of the Cross Good Friday

Join Catholic Charities and St.
Joseph's to reflect on Christ's
continued suffering in our world
today. Walk the Way of the Cross
through downtown Baton Rouge
and draw strength from the power of His resurrection;
beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 10:30 a.m.
at St. Joseph's Cathedral.



THE CROSS

We should glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection,
through whom we are saved and delivered.

Please pick up
your St. Joseph Altar Candles
in the Parish Hall.

