

**HOLY WEEK**

**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

Holy Week has as its purpose the remembrance of Christ's passion, beginning with his Messianic entrance into Jerusalem. On Palm Sunday we bless palms at every mass and we read the passion of the Lord.

On Holy Thursday, at 10:30 a.m. in St. John the Evangelist Cathedral, Lafayette, Bishop Jarrell and the priests of the diocese concelebrate the Chrism Mass. It is at this mass the Bishop blesses the Holy Oils of the Sick and of Catechumens, as well as consecrates the Holy Oil of Holy Chrism. These oils are used during the year in the celebration of the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, holy orders and the sick. These oils are received into each church parish during the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper.

**THE EASTER TRIDUUM**

The holiest three days of the liturgical year are the Easter Triduum (Latin for three days), which begins on the evening of Holy Thursday and continues through Easter Sunday evening.

How are these days measured? The ancient people measured the end and beginning of a day when the sun sets. The first day of the Easter Triduum begins on Holy Thursday when the sun sets and continues on Good Friday until the sun sets. The second day of the Easter Triduum begins at sunset on Good Friday and continues until the sun sets on Holy Saturday. The third day of the Easter Triduum begins at sunset on Holy Saturday and continues until the sun sets on Easter Sunday. For practical purposes we say the Easter Triduum begins with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday and continues until Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday.

Through the centuries, Christians have set these days aside – free of social engagements, entertainment and work, if possible. It is a time of prayer, special fasting, and expectation.

The Triduum is “all one piece,” that is, one single celebration of the dying and rising of Christ (referred to as the Paschal Mystery). The Holy Thursday evening Eucharist especially recalls the Last Supper and draws Christians into the suffering, dying and rising of Jesus. The heart of the Good Friday liturgy is the Passion according to John and the veneration of the cross. In the night of Holy Saturday and through the morning of Easter Sunday, Christians bless the new fire and baptismal water, celebrate baptism, confirmation and Eucharist – and experience the “passing over” of Christ from death to life.

Adoration at all adoration chapels is suspended during the Easter Triduum. Also confession is also suspended during the Easter Triduum. Adoration resumes on Easter Sunday at sunset (the end of the third day). Ordinarily confessions resume on Easter Sunday at sunset (the end of the third day); although for practical purposes we say confession resumes on Easter Monday.

The schedule for the Easter Triduum at St. Landry Church is:

- Holy Thursday, March 20, 2008**  
6:00 p.m. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by adoration
- Good Friday, March 21, 2008**  
6:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion
- Holy Saturday, March 22, 2008**  
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil (Service of Light, Liturgy of the Word, Celebration of the Sacraments of Christian Initiation, Liturgy of the Eucharist)
- Easter Sunday, March 23, 2008**  
8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Easter Masses  
NO 5:00 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday at St. Landry Church.  
No 6:00 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday at Our Lady Queen of Angels Church.  
NO 5:30 p.m. Mass at Holy Ghost Church on Easter Sunday.

**SISTER B. DEROUEN, O. CARM.  
Palm Sunday**

*Christians cannot just hear the teachings of Jesus; we must walk in His footsteps.*

This God we serve is many-faceted: a God of order, a God of peace, a God of justice, a God of relationship, a Trinity. All the Beatitudes say Be just in your relationships; love one another. We are reading this reflection at the beginning of the holiest week of the year, the week when Jesus makes very clear what God asks by adding: as I have loved you. Then He goes on ahead, leaving the challenge of His bloody footsteps for us to walk in. The 4th Beatitude is the turning point: The Christmas Jesus becomes the Crucified Jesus, a transition we all must undergo if we want to know the Resurrected Jesus, if we want to be a saint.

**SUGGESTED ACTIVITY:** Center yourself in your holy place. When you feel ready, slowly read the Beatitudes aloud, pausing anywhere you feel moved. Don't be concerned about finishing. It is more important to let Christ's words go deeper. Rest in them.

**WEEK OF MARCH 16, 2008  
READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING**

- Reading I Isaiah 50:4-7  
The Suffering Servant speaks to the weary.
- Psalm 22 “My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?”
- Reading II Philippians 2:6-11  
Jesus emptied himself, and accepted death on a cross.
- Gospel: Matthew 27: 11-54 They came to a place called Golgotha and crucified Jesus there.

**THEME  
Holy Week---the mystery of our faith**

Today we hear St. Matthew's account of the Passion. The death of the Lord is followed by earthquakes, tombs splitting open, and the raising of the dead. These dramatic events cause those who were keeping watch over Jesus to cry out, “Truly, this was the Son of God!” As we listen to the proclamation of the very center of our faith, let us pray that we, too, will be moved to lift our hearts and voices with these same words.

**Question for Children:**  
Share how you sometimes make sacrifices for the good of others.

**Question for Youth:**  
Today begins the holiest week of the year. It is a once-a-year opportunity to really reflect on Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. How will you be open to how you might be changed?

**Question for Adults:**  
Name one specific way that you live your baptismal call to enter into the death of the Lord by forgiveness, generosity, hospitality, or other ways.

**SERVICE OF THE SEVEN LAST SAYINGS**

The Opelousas Area Ministerial Alliance invites you to attend its first annual “Service of the Seven Last Sayings of Christ” on March 21, 2008—Good Friday 9:00am to 11:00am. This event will be held at St. Mark United Methodist Church—534 South Market St. The offering from this event will be used to benefit one of the Opelousas ministries supported by the OAMA.

**MASS  
INTENTIONS**



**FOR THE  
WEEK**

**Saturday, Mar. 15** ..... 4:00 p.m. Ollie & Buddy Bordelon, Jeanette Lalonde, James E. Martin, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, St. Ange Fournier Jr., Walford LeBlanc Jr. (H), Hazel Reed  
**Sunday, Mar. 16** ..... 8:00 a.m. Eddie Beough, Martin J. St. Amand, Youle & Therese Fontenot, Hilary Dupre, Clay (DA) & J.C.(B) Billeau  
**10:00 a.m.** ..... Tom Hammill, Quentin R. Joubert, Wilfred, Annette Richard & Marian Smith, Anna Ruth DaGian, Edith W. Roy, Lena LaBorde Doucet, Lawrence Wiltz, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe  
**5:00 p.m.** ..... St. Landry Church Parishioners, Lee Martin, Shirley Chachere  
**Monday, Mar. 17** ..... 12:10 p.m. Travis Michael Williams (B)  
**Tuesday, Mar. 18** ..... 12:10 p.m. Terry & Eula Lavergne  
**Wednesday, Mar. 19** ..... 12:10 p.m. Thanh Nguyen  
**Holy Thursday, Mar. 20** ..... 6:00 p.m. Ruby & Joseph Lalonde, James E. Viviano (DA)  
**Good Friday Services** ..... 6:00 p.m. NO MASS  
**Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil Mar. 22** 8:00 a.m. Noemie F. Greco (BD), Jeanette Lalonde, Terry & Eula Lavergne, Martin & Angela Cosgrove, Ernie & Steven McKinney, Lawrence, Lilly & Mickey Hollier, Glenn & Vickie Vidrine, Francis (B), Elise & Al Gautreaux, Raymus, Mary & Beedy Herpin & Geraldine Bellard Herpin, Claiborne Ryder, Hoffman Family, Alexis, Carl & Curley Lanclos, Deacon Carlo Cannatella, Dotsie Edwards  
**Easter Sunday, Mar. 23** ..... 8:00 a.m. James P. Dugal, Ruby & Joseph Lalonde, Ann Tuminello, Martin J. St. Amand, Ernest & Basilese Fontenot & Fly., Louis & Emma Brown & Fly. Arthur Fontenot, Youle & Therese Fontenot, M/M Ezra Martin & Denise Hull, Irl White, Kossuth Doucet fly, Conrad O. Martin Fly., Hilary Dupre & Carolyn D. Arnaud, Carol Pitre, Mayance Dupre  
**10:00 a.m.** ..... Mary Manuel, Ruth Mouton, Quentin R. Joubert, Wilfred, Annette, Richard & Marian Smith, Bill & Birdie Moreau, Lee Martin, Agnes & Pat Doucet, Anna Ruth Halphen Da Gian, Bobbie, Julie & Ruth Mouton, Ronnie & Steve Ardoin & The Ryder Family, Jerry Chauvin, Raymond J. & Doris H. Philippe, Allen Richard, Gilbert Hidalgo & Leonce Richard Family  
**5:00 p.m.** ..... No Evening Mass

**Confessions: Saturdays 3:00-3:45 p.m.  
11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Mon.-Fri.**

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**  
**Your Stewardship To God**  
 Total Offertory Collection .....\$5,203.97  
 Maintenance Repair Fund .....\$484.00  
 BSA .....\$1,321.71  
*Every Gift Comes From Above.*  
*Thank you for your generosity!*

**SECOND COLLECTION  
WEEKEND OF MARCH 23**  
Opelousas Catholic Foundation

**REMINDERS FOR THIS WEEK**

Mon., Mar. 17	6:30 p.m.	City-Wide Penance Service
Tues., Mar. 18	6:30 p.m.	RCIA
	7:00 p.m.	Passion Play by OC Students
Wed., Mar. 19	4:00 p.m.	Altar Servers Practice for Holy Thursday
Thurs., Mar. 20	9:00 a.m.	Passion Play for OC Student Body
	6:00 p.m.	Holy Thursday Service
Fri., Mar. 21	9:00 a.m.	Ministerial Alliance Prayer Service at St. Mark Methodist
	2:00 p.m.	Altar Servers - Practice for Good Friday
	6:00 p.m.	Good Friday Services
Sat., Mar. 22	8:00 p.m.	Easter Vigil Mass
Sun., Mar. 23	8:00 a.m.	Easter Mass
	10:00 a.m.	Easter Mass

**O.C. CORNER**  
 The O.C. Senior Ministry students will present a “Passion Play” on Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in St. Landry Church for the community. Parents are reminded about the 1:30 p.m. early dismissal and the 6:00 p.m. PTO meeting on Wednesday. Report cards will also be issued. The O.C. \$10,000 Raffle is underway! Tickets are now being sold for \$5.00 each. Check with any O.C. family. The drawing will be held on April 16th.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Bonnie Amy, Marie Amy, Angela Aymond, Dorothy Beaug, Dusty Bellard, Shirley Bellard, Dougie Bergeron, Katherine Bertrand, Gloria Berzas, M/M Nathan Berzas, Stephen Berzas, Mary Aline Bihm, Lillie Briggs, Jackie Artigue Bordelon, Jared Broussard, Brad Campesi, Lucy Chapman, Leslie Chatham, Estelle Chautin, Dona Clary, Logan Comb., Norma Cortez, Shelton Daigle, Angela Dautrueil, Hilda Deballion, Lillian Delafosse, J.C. Diesi, Sharon Doucet, Connie Duffy, Landon James Duplechin, Norward Duplechin, Carl Dupre, Jane Dupre, Michael Dupre, Tristan Estis, Georgia Fiegel, Drake Fontenot, Harold Fontenot, Joseph L. Fontenot, Shala Fontenot, Lauren Gimenez, George Gremillion, Larry Greer, Ann Guidroz, Elaine L Guillory, Louis Guillory, The T. Guillory Family, Gabrielle Marie Hanson, Benny Hargroder, Brooke Hargroder, David Huckaby, Doris Hudspeth, Austin Jagneaux, Landon James, Frazier Jordan, Taylor Jordan, Agnes Kidder, Nathan Kimble, Brenda Lafleur, Sister Mary Joseph Lafond, Deionne Lalonde, Louis Lanclos, Velma Lanclos, Berchman Lavergne, Dotty Lavergne, Floyd Lavergne, Glenn Lavergne, Renella Lavergne, Dustin Lavoie, Mary Alice LeBlanc, Phyllis Cormier LeBlanc, Ronald Leger, Mildred Lemelle, Tonya Londerno, Thelma Macip, Andre Magallanes, Therese Major, Simone Marcantel, Mary Martin, Jeffery Miller, Theo Frank Miller, Shirley Morris, Julie Mouton, Dot Nezat, Katherine Olivier, Craig Ortego, Marty Ortego, Callie Palmer, Linda Pefferkorn, Johnny Pellerin, Yvonne Pellerin, Keith Perry, Mary Perry, Irene Pitre, Kermit Pitre, Joey Prather, Kathleen Prather, Gregory Richard, Jim Richard, Melanie Richard, Lilly Richard, Ronald Richard, Joseph James Robin, Marie Saucier, Gilfred Savoy Jr., Harold Savoy, Jane Smith, Geneva Soulier, Eddie Stanford, Aaron Stelly, Annabelle Stelly, Erika Stelly, Rodney & Viola Stelly, Melanie Stoute, Jeanette Tatman, Adolph Taylor Sr., Mrs. Titard, Lena Trahan, Ryan Trahan, Pierre Troclair, Trista Venable, Lou Vidrine, Charlene Ruffino Whaley, Ivan Winn, Wayne Wylie

Please help update our list. If any name is omitted and should be on the list, please call if anyone is well enough to be taken off the list, please call. We appreciate your cooperation.  
*St. Landry Church Staff*

**WELCOME INTO OUR CATHOLIC FAMILY  
BY THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM  
CAMRYN RENEE PITRE**  
 daughter of  
 Ronald James II and Stacie Lynn Venable Pitre

**FLOWERS FOR EASTER**  
 Donations are still being accepted to cover the expenses of Easter flowers.  
 Thank you for your generosity!  
**IN MEMORY OF:**  
**\$15.00 Bobbie & Ruth Mouton**  
**Ronnie, & Steve Ardoin & Ryder Fly.**  
**\$15.00 Lee Vivian & Kristie Artigue**  
**\$20.00 Raymus, Mary & Beedy Herpin**  
**\$20.00 Carl Lanclos**  
**\$20.00 Alexis, Carl & Curley Lanclos**  
**\$20.00 Sol & Katherine Reed**  
**\$40.00 In Thanksgiving**

**FORMING GOOD STEWARDS**  
 Mark your calendar with the services and events scheduled in your parish diocese throughout the week. Read, reflect, offer special penance expressions and show generosity of out-reach in service, invitations and welcome to others. Fast on Good Friday with good attitude and quiet reflection of Jesus' experiences.

**AROUND THE DIOCESE**  
**Dining Around:** A monthly social outing with others who have lost loved ones.  
 March 16 Carrabba's Restaurant  
 April 20 Nimbeaux's Restaurant  
 May 18 Blue Dog Café  
 Third Sundays of the month @ 11:00 a.m.  
 Contact Mollie Vincent for more info @ 898-0592  
**Living Life after the Loss of a Child:**  
 Thursday, April 10 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.  
 Hospice of Acadiana Conf. Center  
 2600 Johnston St. Suite 200, Lafayette  
**Pilgrimage to Russia & Fatima:**  
 Fr. Michael Russo will lead a pilgrimage to Portugal, Sept. 18 through 27th with an optional extension to Russia through Oct. 2nd. For more info, phone Our Lady of Fatima Church in Lafayette @232-8945

**THANK YOU FRIENDS OF THE BEREAVED**  
 The delicious food was greatly enjoyed and appreciated.....THE CAROL PITRE FAMILY...

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**  
 Church .....R.C.I.A. Members  
 Chapel ..... Special Intentions

**LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY**  
**Group IV**.....Sarah Wagley, Week of March 22, 2008  
**Group V**.....Betty Leleux, Week of March 29, 2008