

Ministers of the Liturgy March 19 & 20, 2016

Saturday - 4 P.M.

Intention: Mary Cali & Jacob Kerth, Sr.,
Flora Maria Be, Patrick C. McKinney,
Merle & Charles Dittmer, Hubert LaBorde,
George Spaulding, Don Rowan, Sr.,
Rose Marie Greco Federico, Joseph Segari,
Thanks to St. Joseph, Karen Hebert (L),
Clara G. Todaro, In Honor of St. Jude
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
A. A. Quigley, E. Van Hoven
Cantor: Trish Foti

Sunday - 9 A.M.

Intention: Parishioners
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
C. Rispoli, B. Soletto, J. & G. Rojas
Song Leaders: Traditional Choir

Sunday - 11 A.M.

Intention: Special Intention (L),
Melvin Ducote, Kelvin Ducote, Myron Yochim,
Joseph Donald Bernard, Hampton & Patty Weiss (L)
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
Larry Hogan, Gloria Ernst
K. & M. Sorensen, D. Childers, R. Meece
Song Leaders: Contemporary Choir

Sunday - 6 P.M.

Intention: Special Intention (L)
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
M. Drawe, D. Powers
Cantor: Lauren Gisclair
Pianist: Beth Kettenring

Weekday Masses (3/21-25)

Monday	7:00 a.m.	Mary Rosa Esler
	5:30 p.m.	Ryan Vignes
Tuesday	7:00 a.m.	Mary Rosa Esler
	5:30 p.m.	Isabella Forsythe
Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	Valery P. Arbo
	8:20 a.m.	Janet Trahan
	5:30 p.m.	George Spaulding
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Don Rowan, Sr.



Walk of Nine Churches

Everyone is invited to participate in the traditional "Walk of Nine Churches" on Good Friday, March 25. Parishioners should meet in the St. Benilde parking lot at 7:45 a.m. to depart via cars by 8 a.m. The first stop will be St. Stephen's Church, 1025 Napoleon Ave., New Orleans. If you are planning to attend, and for more information, please call Janie Wright at 834-9706.

2016 Born to Run New Orleans

The Woman's New Life Center is sponsoring a Fun Run/Walk on Saturday, April 9, at Audubon Park. Sign-in at 7:30 a.m.; one mile run/walk at 8:30 a.m., and 5K run/walk at 9 a.m. After the race there will be live music, food and family fun. To register and for more information visit www.womansnewlife.com/borntorun or call Allison at 504-496-0212.

Upcoming Workshop

Rejoice! Jesus is Risen! Easter Morning of Reflection Wednesday, April 6, 9:30-11:30am, Sr. Gloria Murillo, S.T.J., presenter at the Archdiocesan Spirituality Center, 2501 Maine Avenue, Metairie. The Easter Celebration is the feast of feasts, the greatest joy and gladness of all Christians. This Joyful Easter Morning invites us to spend some time in prayer, reflection and thanksgiving. We are invited to listen to Jesus' words of peace, joy and encouragement and to take seriously Jesus' invitation "Go....I am with you always, until the end of time." (Mt. 28:20) Register on the web: <http://asc.arch-no.org> or telephone (504) 861-3254 Cost \$25.00 (adjustments can be made).



Adoration Chapel Sanctuary
Light in memory of
Stuart and Gloria Fourroux

Adoration Chapel Candles
in memory of
Dianne Z. Harrison



Altar Ladies
Week of March 20
A. Delaup
Linens
Large - K. Birrcher *Small* - A. Duersel, J. Zeringue

Last Week's Collection

Envelopes	\$4,069.00
Loose	2,335.30
Repairs and Maintenance	1,650.00
Msgr. Richaud Endowment Fund	213.00
Totalling	\$8,267.30

Fr. Cooper's Corner

Palm Sunday 2016

As it does every year, today the Church invites us into a journey – the journey of Holy Week – during which we are given the opportunity to reflect upon the painful sequence of events in the life of Jesus – beginning with His triumphal entry into Jerusalem that we commemorate today through the events of the Last Supper, His agony and betrayal in the Garden of Gethsemane and to His crucifixion and death – sobering events, each of which must take place for God to glorify Jesus – and to bring salvation to a broken world – through His resurrection.

We begin with the gospel for the Blessing of Palms that sets the stage for the journey. It is noteworthy to begin this reflection by looking at the role of the crowds in Jerusalem. On Palm Sunday, they cried out: “Hosanna! Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.” Yet, the Passion narrative reminds us that on Good Friday, they cried out a different message: “Crucify him!” Are these the same people – changing their minds? Perhaps some are the same. But before we chastise them for their fickle ways, let us take some care to assess where we stand along the way – for therein can be found the real blessing of the journey and the hope that is given to us, through faith.

One of the more remarkable aspects of the Gospel narrative of the Passion on Palm Sunday is the WAY in which we hear it. Holy Week is the only time that the Gospel is proclaimed by someone besides a bishop, priest or deacon. Every individual in this church takes part. It is a great privilege. It gives us a role in Christ’s passion. But what do we say? Listen to the lines that we are given: “Not this one! Give us Barabbas!” “Hail, King of the Jews!” “Take him away. Crucify him.” We are the mob, and we assist in condemning Christ to death. And the great irony, of course, is that we do it while clutching palm branches. We might take offense at this statement, but we are really no different from the crowds in Jerusalem. We start out acting like angels, singing “Hosanna.” However, we end up just being the mob.

No – we are not the worst people who ever lived – far from it. Yet for the journey of this Holy Week to have meaning, we must own our place within it. To be a part of the Body of Christ is to be with Him on the cross. To be a member of the Church is to both acknowledge our sinfulness and the potential for good within us. The Church, this gathering of God’s people on Palm Sunday 2016, with Jesus in our midst, is no different than an earlier gathering – at the crucifixion when Jesus hung in the midst of two thieves – two broken, sinful men, still maintaining – at the very end – a potential for good within themselves. One of those thieves, in one of the passion narratives, taps that potential through faith and gives us words to live by: “Jesus, remember me.

Is not that what this journey – the journey of Holy Week and the journey of our lives as Christians is all about? “Jesus, remember me as I carry my cross. Let my cross – because of your cross – become life giving, transforming and

redemptive.”

Indeed, the cross of Calvary has the power to speak to every cross that finds its way to our shoulders – yours and mine. It speaks to crosses that we create as a result of our abuse and lack of respect of others, our greed, pride and selfishness. The cross of Calvary speaks to the crosses that emerge as we worry for loved ones, wait for lab results, and cope with loss and estrangement, as we try to figure out what to do in the wake of a job loss or financial catastrophe, as we find ourselves burdened with the frailty of age. As the cross of Calvary speaks to us in our brokenness, and sinfulness, we ask that Jesus remember us. We pray that we may be better than we are, and receive better than we deserve. We pray that we, who often deserve to be forgotten, may be remembered.

With faith, then, may we begin the journey of this Holy Week with the recognition that the crosses that we carry are not empty burdens with little or no value. When embraced with faith and the recognition of the need in our lives for a power bigger than ourselves through which we find meaning and hope, every cross – because of Jesus’ cross – can be carried into the world because God’s redeeming love and embracing grace. This is the word that Jesus proclaimed as He entered Jerusalem in triumph on Palm Sunday, fully aware that His cross was a prelude – not only to His death but also to His glorious resurrection.

April Calendar

April 2	Rosary & Altar Society Mass and Meeting Legion of Mary - 2:05 p.m. - Parish Office
April 4	RCIA - 7:30 p.m. - Library
April 5	Parish Council - 7 p.m. - Teen Center
April 6	Radio Rosary - 5:45 p.m. - Library
April 7	CALM - 7 p.m. - Church
April 9	Legion of Mary - 2:05 p.m. - Parish Office SBS Spring Gala - 7 p.m. - Landmark Hotel
April 10	Holy Name/Men's Club Mass and Breakfast
April 11	RCIA - 7:30 p.m. - Library
April 12	Chers Amis - 7 p.m. - Cafeteria
April 13	Grandparents' Club - 6:30 p.m. - Cafeteria
April 15	Pack 227 - 7 p.m. - Cafeteria
April 16	Legion of Mary - 2:05 p.m. - Parish Office
April 16/17	Hospitality Weekend - Lectors/EM/VBS/ Church Cleaning Crew
April 18	Men's Club - 7:30 p.m. - Cafeteria
April 19	SVDP - 6:30 p.m. - Parish Office Home & School - 7 p.m. - Cafeteria
April 22	H&S Father/Son Lip Sync Battle - 7 p.m. - Cafe
April 23	Day With Jesus - 9 a.m. - Cafeteria Legion of Mary - 2:05 p.m. - Parish Office
April 26	Advisory Council - 7 p.m. - Faculty Lounge
April 27	Young Adult Group - 7 p.m. - Teen Center
April 30	First Communion - 11 a.m. - Church Legion of Mary - 2:05 p.m. - Parish Office