



APRIL 9 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

HYMNS FOR TODAY'S LITURGY—

Entrance: #137, Offertory: #147, Communion: #333, Silent Recessional



Today is Palm Sunday—we will begin Mass outside with the Blessing of the Palms and then process into the church.



ENCOUNTER COMMUNITY: We encounter Jesus this week in Jerusalem, a community he knew well. We prayerfully enter into our own communities too, encountering those who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives? Please return rice bowls during Holy Week.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14 will be a day of fast and abstinence. Fasting means one full meal a day, with two lighter meals in the course of a day to maintain strength. Abstinence means abstaining from meat. (Ages 14 thru 60) Our Good Friday Collection supports Christians in the Holy Land, as requested by Pope Francis. Like Simon of Cyrene, you can help carry the cross under very difficult circumstances in the Holy Land.



EASTER LILIES: If you would like to help provide the lilies for the altar at Easter in memory of a loved one, please place your donation in an envelope marked with your name and that of the person(s) to be remembered and give it to Pam.

Our second collection next Sunday, April 16 is for the Education of Future Priests. Please be generous!

PLEASE PRAY for members of our parish, our families and friends who are in need of prayer, especially Betty Adkins, Larry Adkins, Dana Aubin, Paul Aubin, Denise Bell, Judy Berkowitz, Dolores Best, Cheryl Blalock, Sandy Brignac, Otto Browning, Aimee Burrow, Kristen Campbell, Earlyn Carmody, Doris Degenhardt, Ryon Degenhardt, Abbie R. Dupont, Geraldine Dupont, Robyn Dupont, Robert Endris, Jean Ferguson, Peggy Gauthier, Donna Gunter, Peggy Harkins, Connie Haynes, Paul Howrilla, Deanne Hunter, Beverly & George Kehle, Debbie Killebrew, Kirk Ladner, Martha Faye Minninger, Mike Minninger, John Mitchell, Gina Pfau, Inge Reep, Andy Reeves, Neil Rhodes, Charles Rhoten, Mary Schmidt, Paul Stevens, Hazel Strong, Jay Trimm, Lesa Waggener, Catherine Williams, Leon Williams, Robin Morris, Liz King, Warren Davis, Sheila Yeck, Patsy Hubert, Nicole McDonald, Josh McIntosh, Robert Caskey and our loved ones serving in the military.



OUR DIOCESAN SEMINARIAN THIS WEEK IS ANDREW NGUYEN: Contact Andrew with your prayers and best wishes at his email: anguyen@nds.edu. Our seminarians need and appreciate our continued prayers!

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: Good Friday, April 14 and Easter Monday, April 17.

In accordance with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People passed by the U.S. bishops in Dallas, the Diocese of Jackson wishes to encourage any victim of sexual abuse by a member of the Catholic Clergy to come forward and begin the healing process. When an allegation is found to be credible, counseling will be offered, so that the healing process can begin in accord with our present diocesan policy. We encourage any victim to contact Valerie McClellan, Victims Assistance Coordinator at (601) 326-3728.



EASTER EGG HUNT: Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be next Sunday, April 16 at 9:20 am for children – toddlers to age 9. If you attend the first Mass, please leave your child's basket in the car – you will have time to retrieve it for them before the hunt. If you plan to attend the second Mass, bring your child & their basket INTO THE CHURCH immediately following the first Mass and they will hunt eggs with the other children their age.

We will also be having our traditional Easter Reception in the Parish Hall at this time. We will have lots of guests (usually a BIG CROWD) so please help to supply the table with fruit, pastries, baked goods, finger sandwiches, breakfast casseroles & goodies of all kinds. Let **EASTER JOY** abound at this celebration!!

Meetings & Events for the Week of April 9 - 16

- Sun, April 9 – Mass (5:00 pm) (intention - †Colton Pigott)
- Tues, April 11 – Mass, 6:30 am, Chapel (intention – †) Divine Mercy Chapel & Rosary, 9:30 am, Chapel Ladies Bible Study, 10:00 am, Heritage Hall Chrism Mass, 5:45 pm, Cathedral, Jackson
- Wed, April 12 – No Mass today No Stations of the Cross today
- Thurs, April 13 - Holy Thursday Mass, 6:00 pm, Church
- Fri, April 14 - Stations of the Cross, noon, Church Good Friday Service, 6:00 pm, Church
- Sat, April 15 - Vigil Mass, 8:00 pm, Church
- Sun, Apr. 16 – Easter Masses, 8:15 am & 10:45 am Easter Egg Hunt, 9:20 am, church grounds Easter Reception, 9:20 am, Parish Hall

LENT/EASTER SCHEDULE

- Chrism Mass - Tuesday, April 11, 5:45 pm, Cathedral - Jackson
 - Holy Thursday Mass - Thursday, April 13, 6:00 pm
 - Good Friday Service - Friday, April 14, 6:00 pm
 - Easter Vigil - Saturday, April 15, 8:00 pm
 - Easter Masses - Sunday, April 16, 8:15 am & 10:45 am
- Please note we will not have a 5:00 pm Mass on Easter Sunday, April 16. Please plan accordingly.**

PRAY FOR OUR CANDIDATES: Please remember in your prayers Meg Case, our catechumen; and Marcia Boudreaux, Paul Bunch, Caroline Curro, Julee Fava, Denton Hartlein, Kate Holifield, Skip Holifield, John Lunardini, Joy Lundardini, Allen Phillips, Kelli Phillips, Portia Pride, Melissa Thomas and Stephen Thompson, our candidates, who are in the final stages of preparation to enter in to full communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil. We pray that God will guide them on their spiritual journey and open their hearts and minds to do his will in all things.

Weekly Readings

- Mon, Apr 10: Isa 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-14; John 12:1-11
- Tues, Apr 11: Isa 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-17; John 13:21-38
- Wed, Apr 12: Isa 50:4-9; Ps 69:8-34; Matt 26:14-25
- Thur, Apr 13: Exod 12:1-14; Ps 116:12-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; John 13:1-15
- Fri, Apr 14: Isa 52:13-53:12; Ps 31:1-25; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42
- Sat, Apr 15: Gen 1:1-2:2; Gen 22:1-18; Exod 14:15-15:1; Isa 54:5-14; Isa 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ezek 36:16-28; Ps 104:1-35 or Ps 33:4-22; Ps 16:5-11; Exod 15:1-18; Ps 30:1-13; Isa 12:1-6; Ps 19:8-11; Ps 42:3-5, 43:3-4 or Ps 51:12-19; Rom 6:3-11; Psalm 118:1-23; Matt 28:1-10

WE WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS: Lee & Gale Holland. We are so happy to have you with us and hope you will find a true home here at St. Joseph.

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF MARTHA HART, sister of parishioner Patti Darbonne, who died recently. Patti, Ned and all of Martha's family are remembered in our prayers. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

ATTENTION: RELIGIOUS ED PARENTS – Please do not block the side covered entry to the church when dropping off or picking up your children from Religious Ed classes. For safety, the path between parking lots needs to remain open. We ask that you park your car and walk in to drop off or pick up your child. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



HIGH SCHOOL PRAYER GROUP - will meet Wednesday, April 12, 5-6 pm, Youth Center.

LOOKING AHEAD: we will need lots of help stuffing candy into Easter eggs this Wednesday, April 12, 5:00 pm until we're finished. Also, we need lots of teen volunteers to hide eggs Easter morning at 9:15 am before the Easter Egg Hunt. Contact Patti if you can help (601) 540-7635.

BEIGNET BREAKFAST: We will need help preparing & serving beignets on April 20 beginning at 8:00 am in the Parish Hall. Please let Patti know if you can help out.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will be celebrated here at St. Joseph for our candidates from St. Joseph and Sacred Heart on **Sunday, April 23** at the 5:00 pm Mass. Bishop Kopacz will celebrate the Mass. Please pray for our candidates: Emma Adkins, Anna Baladi, Yael Basurto, Presley Baty, Maddie Bennett, Hayes Bishop, Georgia Blanchard, Frank Cordona, Meg Case, Kate Coffin, Reed Collins, Jace Corroero, Emily Hinds, Ben James, Brooks Lacoste, Jack LeDoux, Matt Mills, Caroline Moran, Meg Rice, Roland Robinson, Julia Smyth, Michael Stack, Cameron Vice and Catherine Whitten as they take this important step on their faith journey.

OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS FOR 2017 ARE: Jack Brunini, Cristian Collier, Molli Corley, Colin Didion, Elek Duhon, Katherine Dussouy, Preston Furr, Brody Hillhouse, Mattie Hodges, Meredith Holifield, Kehle Hutto, Luke Jordan, Harley McFadden, Jacob Milner, Parker Moity, Nate Muzzi, Graham Raffaele, David Luke Robertson, Luke Sheehan, George Schorr, Michael James Soucie, Bailey Sylve, Alexander Thompson, Cole Torricelli, Lexie Tripoli, Avery Trowbridge, Caitlyn Wagoner and Walker Wasson. They will receive **First Holy Communion** here at St. Joseph on **Saturday, April 29, 4:00 pm.** Please keep them, their parents and their teachers in your prayers.

SCHOOL NEWS

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL is now accepting applications for **students** for the 2017-2018 school year. For more information, please contact Kristi Garrard at 601-898-4812.

PASTORAL COUNCIL – Alicia Baladi, Stephanie Brown, Frank Blossman, Jim Caskey, Mike Hepburn, Stephanie Word
FINANCE COUNCIL – Eddie Adkins, Krista Andy, Patrick Beasley, Susan Beebe, Mona Cobb, Whitt Whitten

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sunday, April 9 –

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

- (8:15) Gracie Wilson & Adaire Young
- (10:45) Anthony & Mindy Fertitta Chad & Kelly Hirn
- (5:00) Andrew & Stephanie Brown

LECTORS

- (8:15) Eddie Adkins & Allison Balducci
- (10:45) Beth Schirmer & Matt Summers
- (5:00) Susan Beebe

HOSPITALITY

- (8:15) Dustin & Amy Pittman
- (10:45) Eric & Lori Kimes
- (5:00) Lott family

USHERS

- (8:15) Glenn Wilson & David Danaher
- (10:45) John & Kaye Kassel
- (5:00) Ron Baldwin & Dustin Grubb

ALTAR SERVERS

- (8:15) Damian Danaher & Madoc Roberson
- (10:45) Brooks Rice & Amelia Agostinelli
- (5:00) Bella Alimot & Whitney McCarter

VOCATIONS

- (8:15) Dustin & Amy Pittman
- (10:45) Stephen & Heather Muzzi

We still are in need of many, many volunteers for all ministries for Holy Week Masses/Services and for all Easter Masses. Please let Pam know as soon as possible if you are available to help out. Please see the insert in today's bulletin for specific ministries to be filled.

Collection Report

Week of April 2, 2017

- General: \$17,156.25 Building: \$1707.00
- MS Catholic: \$70.00 Catholic Relief Services: \$60.00
- Educ. Of Future Priests: \$25.00
- Holy Land/Good Friday: \$15.00