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Mass Times

Saturday: 4:00 pm (Anticipated)

Sunday: 10:00 am

Tuesday – Friday: 8:30 am (in Chapel)

Monday: Communion Service 8:30 am

Holy Hour: First Friday following 8:30 am Mass.

Perpetual Help Novena: Tuesdays after Mass

Confessions

Saturday: 3:15 – 3:45 pm

And by request

Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 3:30 pm



New Parishioners: Welcome to the Parish! Please complete a registration form (found on the tables at the doors) and introduce yourself to the priest.

Baptisms: Please contact the Priest or Deacon to arrange for a seminar and time for the Baptism.

Weddings: Arrangements should be made at least six (6) months in advance of the date of the wedding. Please contact the priest before committing to any other arrangements.

Funerals: Please contact the church as soon as the need arises and before making any arrangements with the funeral parlor.

The Pastor's Corner

Passion, Death, Resurrection

Jesus' passion was an unequalled suffering. The Son of God incarnate, Whose divinity surpasses and embraces all humanity, offered Himself as a sacrifice for all. No one, not even the saintliest person, can take on the sins of others or offer himself as a sacrifice for humanity as a whole. Only God can, and did.



It is this gift and mystery of faith which is at the heart of the Lenten journey. Christ's suffering love was poured out for all of us and for each of us. Jesus suffered abandonment, desolation, torture, agony and the extreme physical suffering of crucifixion.

On contemplating a depiction of Jesus' crucifixion and death, we are drawn into participation. From His tortured facial expression, body language and gushing of blood and water, we recognize that this wholehearted suffering was done willingly for us, for our redemption and for all of humanity. Through the gift of crucified love, we are reconciled to God.

The Good News of Good Friday is that death no longer has the final word on the human condition. To enter into the mystery of Jesus' Passion and Death on the cross is to be filled with hope in the victorious power of God Who will raise His Son from the dead. As we journey from Good Friday to Easter Sunday, we know and believe in faith that the horror of Jesus' crucifixion will most certainly give way to the radiant glory of His, and our own, Resurrection. This gives us the confidence to pray, "We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You, because by your holy cross, You have redeemed the world."

Excerpt from an essay by Jem Sullivan
Magnificat, April, 2019



Divine Mercy Sunday (Sunday after Easter-April 28)

Divine Mercy Sunday is a very special Sunday when the Divine Floodgates from Heaven are opened wide, and Jesus offers us the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment to any soul, even the most hardened sinner, who goes to Confession and receives Him in Holy Communion, on that day.

Leaflets containing the Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet are available at the church doors. The novena begins on Good Friday.

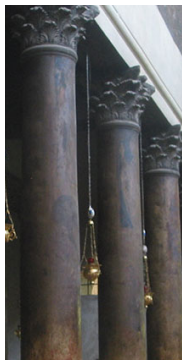
Good Friday Holy Land Collection

The Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land have the unique responsibility of caring for the Holy Places as well as caring for the Christians living in the Holy Land. It is vital that we care for the Christians living in the Holy Land in order to maintain a Christian presence in a land that is filled with a majority Islamic and Jewish population. Holy Land Franciscans staff and maintain the Holy places and shrines. This enables those who live in the Holy Land and those who visit to deepen their faith and their spiritual and cultural connection to salvation history.

The Franciscans provide pastoral care in 29 parishes in the Holy Land offering worship, Christian formation, youth and family programs.

Church of the Nativity
← Before restoration
(covered in smoke, filth,
etc.-from 1400s)

After restoration →



Holy Week Services

Holy Thursday (April 18)

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 6 pm
Eucharistic Adoration until 9 pm

Good Friday (April 19)

Church opens at 8 am for prayer
Living Way of the Cross, 2:30 pm
Solemn Services, 3 pm (reading of the Passion, Homily, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion)
Evening Service, 6 pm, Stations of the Cross, Homily, Veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday (April 20)

Reconciliation, 2:30-4
Easter Vigil Mass, 8 pm

Easter Sunday-Resurrection of the Lord

April 21—Family Mass, 10 am

Chrism Mass
Tuesday, April 16 10:00 am
St. Louis Cathedral
Everyone Is Invited

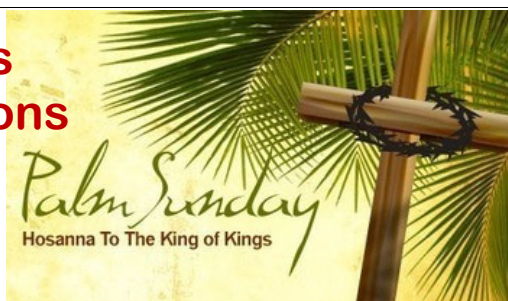


The Mass takes its name from the blessing of the holy oils used in the sacraments (baptism, confirmation and anointing of the sick) throughout the year.

Holy Land Support

The collection taken up at the Good Friday services supports the work of the Franciscans who have worked to preserve those places where Biblical events occurred, including the birth, preaching and death of Jesus. The Franciscans have held this responsibility continuously for more than 800 years. Your generosity is vital to continuing their work in the Holy Land.

Mass Intentions



Each Mass is offered for the intentions of all present and for the following:

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

4:00 pm SJM Parishioners, living & deceased

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

10:00 am Intentions of all our parishioners who are ill, for Rustie Reynolds and for all who have asked for prayer,

And for the repose of the souls of

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| +Frank & Sarah Reyes | +Junior Frederick |
| +Thelma & Leon Woll, Sr. | +Rochelle Age |
| +Myrtle Lea Allen | +Rosemary Messa |
| +Claire & Harold Williams | +Lavene Nagin |
| +Cedric Malone, Jr. | +Gloria Perrault |

MONDAY, APRIL 15

8:30 am Communion Service

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

- 8:30 am +Josphe Chevis
+Urildia Flukie
+Octavia Prograis

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

8:30 am +Gloria Vega

THURSDAY, APRIL 18

6:00 pm Priests of the Archdiocese of New Orleans living and deceased

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

Good Friday-No Mass

Please pray for them: Valerie Smith, Mary Mitchell, Gloria Mitchell, Denise Thomas, Audrey Wilson, Gail Wright, Nadine Rochell, Gloria Harris, Gertrude Harris, William Mitchell, Maggie Haney, Dominic Carmouche, Loretta Parent, Walter Glapion, Yvonne Bechet, Gerald Mercadel, Sr., Susan Lauterbach, Thais Ardoin, Russell Jordan, Denise Rachal, Herbert Briant, Sr., Irene Ward, Marguerite Ragas, Irma Springer, Wilbert Clementin, Sr., Byron Williams, Jr., Kim Stovall, Michelle Irwin, Dennis LeBlanc, Betty Reynolds, Jill Courseault, Meredith LeBlanc and Clarence, Robert and Buster Mitchell.



Please pray for all of our parishioners, especially those who are homebound or in hospitals, nursing homes and hospice. Please notify the rectory of the change in status of you or your relatives on the prayer list.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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| 15 Monday | MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK
Isaiah 42:1-7; Ps 27; John 12:1-11 |
| 16 Tuesday | TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
Isaiah 49:1-6; Ps 71; John 13:21-33, 36-38 |
| 17 Wednesday | WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK
Isaiah 50:4-9a; Ps 69; Mathew 26:14-25 |
| 18 Thursday | MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116; Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15 |
| 19 Friday | CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (not a Mass)
Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Ps 31; Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42; |
| 20 Saturday | THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT
Genesis 1:1-2:2; Ps 104 or Ps 33; Genesis 22:1-18; Ps 16; Exodus 14:15-15:1; Exodus 15; Isaiah 54:5-14; Ps 30; Isaiah 55:1-11; Isaiah 12; Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ps 19; Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42-43 or Isaiah 12 or Ps 51; Romans 6:3-11; Ps 118; Luke 24:1-12 |
| 21 Sunday | EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118; Colossians 3:1-4; Corinthians 5:6b-8; John 20:1-9 |



Lectors & Commentators

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| Apr 13 | Gaynell Marchand, Michael Sinegar |
| Apr 14 | Adaline Patterson, Denise Thomas |



Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

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| Apr 13 | Janice James, D. J. Ferrier |
| Apr 14 | Evangeline Richard, Madeline Curtis |



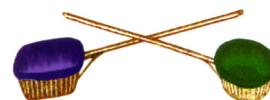
Remember to begin the Divine Mercy Novena on Good Friday!

Our Men and Women in the Service

Please remember to pray for our men and women who are serving in the armed forces, especially:

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| SSgt Bryan Stovall, Jr., USMC | PO2 Melissa Flot, USN |
| PVT Robert Cook, USA | SGT Robert Lambert, USA |
| SSgt. Anthony Montz, USAF | Alvin Benjamin, USN |
| SSgt. Davin Hornsby, USAF | A1C Andrew Montz, USAF |

Church Support



OFFERTORY COLLECTION (April 6-7)

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