

Effective March 18, 2020 and for the next **thirty days**, in the Diocese of Biloxi all daily and Sunday public Masses will **not** be celebrated. All Catholics are dispensed from the obligation of attending Mass. However all churches will remain open with limited hours for parishioners and others who wish to pray and seek spiritual assistance. You may go to the parish website by visiting **www.stjosephmosspoint.com** for the weekly bulletins and current parish schedules.

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Cathedral will livestream daily Mass **Monday through Saturday at 8 a.m.** and on **Sunday at 11 a.m.** To view the Masses, visit the Diocese of Biloxi's **YouTube Page**. **Holy Week and Easter schedule:**

Tuesday – 10 a.m. – *Chrism Mass*

Thursday – 6 p.m. – *Mass of the Lord's Supper*

Friday – 12 noon – *Stations of the Cross*

3 p.m. – *Veneration of the Cross*

Saturday – 7 p.m. – *Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass*

Sunday – 11 a.m. – *Easter Sunday Mass*

You can also view Mass from St, Louis Cathedral (New Orleans) **Monday – Friday at 12:05 p.m.** by visiting **www.thedailymass.com**

COLLECTIONS – March 28 - April 3

ST. JOSEPH

Regular Collection – \$ 2,660.00

Building Fund – \$ 215.00

St. Vincent de Paul – \$ 40.00

Donation in memory of Norma Welch – \$ 50.00

ST. ANN

Regular Collection – \$ 934.00

Building Fund – \$ 125.00

While our church is faced with an unprecedented situation at this time, we must remember to keep our focus on the future and the eventual end to this crisis. Please continue to be generous with your parish contributions. You may drop your contribution off at the church office during regular business hours or mail to St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church, P.O. Box 8549, Moss Point, MS 39562 or to St. Ann Mission, P.O. Box 244, Hurley, MS 39555.

NO CCD & RCIA at St. Ann until further notice

St. Ann will be open on Sunday morning from 7:30 – 10 am. Deacon Frank will be there the entire time. He is allowed to distribute the Holy Eucharist to those ready to receive, inside the church or in your vehicle outside. Just couples or family groups at one time for Communion.

Follow us on Facebook @StAnnCatholicChurch to get updates and spiritual messages. God bless us all as we yearn for the Eucharist.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Now we have come to the center of the Christian year, beginning with today, Passion Sunday, Holy Week, and culminating in the Pasch, the Sacred Triduum. Some have called the culminating event in this week's journey of faith "The Three Days of Easter." The origins of many of our observances, including today's blessing of palms and solemn entry into the church, harken back to old Jerusalem.

In the late fourth century, a woman living a consecrated life in southern France made a four-year pilgrimage to Jerusalem. There, she encountered the rich liturgies of the city, bursting with Christians. She was a keen observer, and fortunately for us wrote vivid letters of her experience to a circle of women friends she calls her sisters. By the time of her journey, it is clear that even some catechumens were undertaking the dangerous journey so that they could be formed at the very site of the events of Christ's passion and rising. At the heart of the pilgrim experience were processions, such as today's joyous procession to the Mount of Olives, and brilliant catechesis from the bishop every day, as well as intense fasting and prayer. When you resolve to keep this week holy in your own life, and especially when you commit to participate in the full Triduum with prayerful worship and fasting at home, a very ancient tradition is within your grasp.

Thank you to each of you for your generous donations to the **2020 Catholic Sharing Appeal**. If you have not yet made a pledge, please prayerfully consider making your gift as we enter Holy Week and continue to "**Bring Christ to the World**," especially those living in South Mississippi.

Pledge information as of **April 1:**

St. Joseph – total pledged – \$ **13,675** (80% of goal)

St. Ann – total pledged – \$ **5,948.75** (66% of goal)

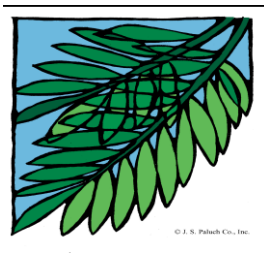


TRIDUUM

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SEEING CHRIST CLEARLY

We start today looking through the portals of Jerusalem, seeing crowds of people, cheering and waving palm branches in the air. The whole atmosphere is one of joy, triumph, and celebration. We can get distracted or enthralled by the scene, and not see clearly the features of Jesus as he enters. But our readings from Isaiah and Paul's letter to the Philippians clarify his features for us. He is the Suffering Servant, meek and mute before his captors and persecutors; he is the very image of the unseen God, yet will not clutch at equality with God before he endures his final confrontation in humility. Isaiah and Paul help us "behold the Lamb of God" before we hear the story of his final and greatest confrontation. It is important that we see Christ clearly before we hear the account of his passion, for we—his Body through baptism, the church—now bear his face. We must, with him, enter into this time of trial so we can, also with him, enter into his final triumph.



TODAY'S READINGS

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11).

First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalms — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22)

Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel — The account of Christ's passion according to Matthew (Matthew 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

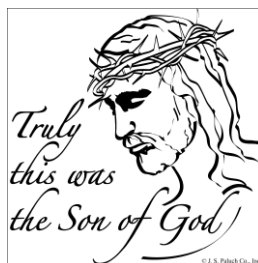
Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

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: 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

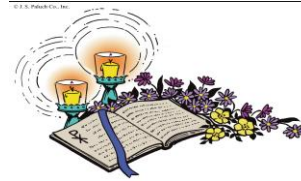
Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2,6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42



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.

—Entrance Antiphon, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, *Roman Missal*



Public Masses will not be celebrated, but Father Peter will continue to pray for these intentions in his private Masses.

Saturday – Jere' Larsen, Sr. (RIP)

Sunday – People of the Parish

Sunday – Mary Jo Garrett (RIP)

Tuesday – In thanksgiving for favors received

Wednesday – Peter Phoung Tran (RIP)

Thursday – Maria Ngat (RIP)

Kermit Loupe, Sr. (RIP)



Prayer Requests

Lord Jesus, who went about doing good and healing, bless our family and friends who are sick. Give them strength in body, courage in spirit, and patience in pain. If you would like to add someone to this list, please call the parish office.

Arthur Trochesset, Barbara N. Thomas, Audria Viers, the Holt family, Janet Wells, Nicole Mary Green, Effie Williams, Gary Brown, Kelly Chamberlain, George Hinkel, Eva Hinkel, Wanda St. Andrie, Laurie Laffery, Steve Martinez, Glenda Jackson, Charles Pinkney, Tom Browning, Judy Smith, Susan George, Jane Norton, Nikki Hans, Gloria Long, Linda Huy, Conner Driscoll, Amsley Goodings, Tenny Henderson, Ellen Scheeler, Lara Lander, Inge Bellone, Nathan Rowe, Anita Matthews, Denny Denmark, Tim and Annette Spiriti, Ron Hudson, Joan and Kermit Loupe, Norman Jardine, Gail Seely, Deborah Green, Kenneth Hoskins, Greg Davidson, Pat McAdams, Barbara Easley, Bruce Merrill, Elma Carter, Kay McBroom, Deacon Emery Elder, Karen Zettler, Kris Allen, Christi Seely, Betty Bodden, Tony Garriga, Heather Huy, Bill Massey, Doris Batte, Terri Byrd, Lynn Roberts, Roun McNeal, Kitty Griffin, Karen Freeman, Allen Elmore, all those affected by the coronavirus, our faith community, the unborn, all the faithful departed, peace in our world, the poor souls in purgatory, those preparing to be received into full communion with the church (Jerry Bishop and Lola Kimes), and all military personnel stationed in harm's way.

RESURRECTION TO COME

But from this earth, this grave, this dust,
My God shall raise me up, I trust. —Walter Raleigh

