Sunday, 4/2
- CLOW
- 3 yr. old, Pre-K, K, Parish Hall 9:15am

Monday, 4/3 - Winter Nights All Week
- No RE
- Perpetual Help Devotion, Church 7 pm
- Knights of Columbus, Min. Ctr 7 pm

Wednesday, 4/5
- Sewing Ministry, Parish hall 9 am
- No RE
- St. Vincent DePaul, Min. Ctr 7 pm

Thursday, 4/6
- Centering Prayer, Min. Ctr 10 am
- RCIA, Chapel 7 pm
- No Youth Group
- Friday, 4/7
- Garden Café, Min. Ctr 7:30 am
- Saturday, 4/8
- Men’s Fellowship, Chapel 7:30 am

Sunday, 4/9 - Palm Sunday
- No CLOW
- 3 yr. old, Pre-K, K, Parish Hall 9:15am
- ICF, Parish Hall 2:30 pm
- Confirmation, Parish Hall 7 pm

SCHEDULE OF MASSES
Daily Masses:
Monday-Friday, 8:00 am and 6:30 pm

Saturday Masses:
8:00 am & 5:00 pm

Sunday Masses:
7 am, 8 am, 9:15 am,
10:45 am, 12:15 pm,
6:00 pm

CONFESSIONS:
Saturday: 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

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Mass Intentions
4/3 8 am - Elisa DeSilva
6:30 pm - Paulo Javier Gener+
4/4 8 am - Jean Remorini+
6:30 pm - Paul & J.P. Sbragia+
4/5 8 am - Gavino Angeles+
6:30 pm - Joy Hall
4/6 8 am - Joy Hall
6:30 pm - Joy Hall
4/7 8 am - David Macaluso+
6:30 pm - Dennis Witschel+
Saturday, 4/8
8 am - Orlando Villanueva+
5 pm - Carondelet HS Community
Sunday, 4/9
7 am - Bill Sutherland+
8 am - Cuc Dao+
9:15 am - CTK Parishioners
10:45 am – Beatrice Kurpinsky+
12:15 pm - Pablo Aquino+
6:00 pm - Jose Roberto Arong+

To Hear the Gospel and Make a Difference
My Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Depending on whether you read this on Saturday or Sunday, we have only 12 or 13 days left of our Lenten observance. Just for the record, Lent officially begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes as the Mass of our Lord’s Last Supper begins on Holy Thursday evening. That mass usters in the Triduum that culminates with the celebration of our Lord’s resurrection at the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday.

So, how has this season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving gone for you this year? There is a fixation, I think, on the idea that we should give up something, almost anything, as an act of penance for our sins during this season, and that’s not a bad practice. One year, when I was a small boy, I told my mother that I was thinking about giving up something different for Lent. She curiously asked me what I had in mind and I told her, “I think I’m going to give up making my bed.” She just smiled and told me, “Son, I think you’ll have to find something to give up that you enjoy doing a little more than making your bed.” So whatever we give up should be something that we genuinely enjoy having or doing if it’s going to count as a Lenten sacrifice.

The point we can miss in this practice of giving things up is what we do in place of that missing part of our daily routine. Giving up going out to eat during Lent grows into a more meaningful penance if we divert the dollars that we would have spent on those meals to organizations that work to feed the hungry. Giving up watching television becomes a more meaningful penance if we transform those hours of entertainment into hours of prayer or service. Our acts of self-denial take on greater significance when we use them as a means for growing in our relationship with God.

You might be thinking, “Why talk about this now that Lent is almost over?” Thankfully, our God is not time bound or limited in his divine mercy, so it’s never too late to start. While we might count the forty days of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, God does not. While we might focus on how we have not been able to keep up our Lenten practices, God does not. God knows each and every one of us, he knows our hearts and our struggles. And he is there beside us as we make our way through this season, offering us his strength and encouragement. Our God is the God of innumerable second chances, and when we stumble and fall, he is there to help us up, dust us off and start us once again on the path that leads us to him.

So if you’ve been successful in your Lenten practices thus far, good for you! Keep them up until the Easter celebration and your soul will be all the better for it. But if you’ve struggled and stumbled and haven’t been able to make those practices a part of your daily life, put all of your effort into making these last few days of Lent more meaningful by adopting those practices starting today.

God isn’t a bookkeeper; he is our great lover! And as much as we may desire to have a relationship with him, his desire to have a relationship with us is even greater. If you need proof, look at the cross and remember that God gave himself over to that brutal punishment and death because he wanted to be in an intimate relationship with each and every one of us. And Jesus was raised from the dead on the third day as an eternal sign of the life that God offers us, a life that is without end!

My wish and prayer for each of you is that God will continue to bless you as we move through these final days of Lent and enter with great joy into the Easter celebration!

Deacon John
Carondelet’s annual Swing for Science golf tournament is back! This event features a 19th hole premium hosted cocktail reception, an exciting wine-and-sport filled silent auction and a delicious clubhouse banquet awards dinner. Join us on Monday, April 24 at Blackhawk Country Club, Danville. All of the proceeds for the event will benefit STEM education at Carondelet. For tickets, visit: www.carondeleths.org/golf.

Easter Flowers!!
Help add to the beauty and joy of our Easter celebration! We welcome the donation of colorful Easter plants in memory of loved ones; just drop them off Holy Saturday, April 15th between 9:00 and 11:00 am in the church. A memorial book will be available. If you prefer, you can take a flower donation envelope and help by making a donation to offset the costs of decorating both inside the Church and our outside mass area. Another way you can help celebrate is to write a note of welcome to one or several of our “new Catholics” who join our community this Easter. You can find their names and pictures in next weeks bulletin. Lastly, sign-ups for Holy Week are still available in the vestibule. Sign up to help.

Easter flowers for outdoor masses!
We invite you to bring a flower(s) as we prepare our Easter Resurrection cross. Please bring strong stemmed flowers (roses, mums, carnations, etc.). We will be decorating our cross from 10:30 am - noon on Holy Saturday morning, April 15th. Depending on the weather, you will find us on the grass area or in the gym. If you plan to attend the Easter egg hunt, bring along a flower. Thanks. Questions? Call Sr. Maureen at 686-1017.

Save the Date!
Quo Vadis Camp will be July 9-12, 2017 at the Oakland Diocesan Youth Retreat House in Lafayette. Quo Vadis Camp aims to assist young men to recognize and respond to their own vocation invitation from our Lord. Please spread the word. For more information call 510-267-8345.

This weekend we have a second collection to support our Youth Ministry, Religious Education and CTK School. Thank you for your continued support.

Scan this QR code to connect with our donation site.
Holy Week
-Palm Sunday April 9
-Mon., April 10, Tue., April 11, Wed. April 12 - 8 am mass (no evening mass)

Holy Thursday Liturgy April 13
-(no morning mass)
-Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7 pm
-Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the gym, 8 pm

Good Friday April 14
-(no morning mass)
-Taize Prayer around the Cross, 12 pm
-Stations of the Cross, 1 pm
-Preaching on the Passion, 1:40 pm
-Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, 2 pm
-Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, 6 pm

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 15
-7:30 pm (no morning mass)

Easter Sunday, April 16
-7 am, 8 am, 9:15 am, 10:45 am, and 12:15 pm
-Two outdoor masses at 9:15 am and 10:45 am. (No 6 pm Mass)

Knights of Columbus Easter Egg Hunt

The Knights annual egg hunt will be held on Holy Saturday, April 15, starting at 10:00 am on the CTK lawn area. All children ages 10 and under are invited to participate. Everyone that donates non-perishable food for the St. Vincent DePaul Society will receive a raffle ticket for a drawing for prizes. There will be games such as egg toss, and races for each age group after the egg hunt. There will also be hot dogs, nachos and drinks for sale. The Easter Bunny will be hopping by to take pictures around 10:15 am!