

Ask Father #8: Why should we go to Holy Week Mass?

The main three days of Holy Week are Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. These are the three days of the Pascal Triduum and are the most solemn of the church's celebrations for the entire year. They are their own liturgical season. The Triduum reflects the last two days of Jesus' earthly life and his three days in the tomb. During these three days the church celebrates three unique liturgies. Coupled with good penitential observance throughout Lent, they constitute an annual mini retreat for Catholics.

Palm Sunday sets the way for the Triduum. On the Sunday before Easter, there is a mini liturgy that takes place before the beginning of mass. Palms are distributed and blessed. The account of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem is read and then with our palms reenacted. For the Gospel, the entire Passion account from the Liturgical Year is read. For this reason, this Sunday is also called Passion Sunday. The passion account can be read in parts for greater immersion into the mystery of the Lord's suffering. Here we take on the voice of the crowds demanding the crucifixion of the Messiah.

On Holy Thursday, two major masses are celebrated. In the morning, the bishop gathers the priests of his diocese at the cathedral for the Chrism Mass. It is called the Chrism Mass because at this mass the oils that will be used for the year are blessed or consecrated. The Chrism Oil has a pride of place over the other oils because of its use in unrepeatable sacraments. At the Chrism Mass, the priests of the diocese renew their ordination promises. In the evening, the Mass of the Lord's Supper is celebrated. It is so called because the washing of the feet is reenacted, and the readings of the Last Supper are read. The mass does not end with a blessing as we are used to but instead with a procession of the Eucharist to another place. Adoration is held for some time, and the altar in the church is stripped in preparation for Good Friday.

On Good Friday, the service begins in silence as it is a continuation of the previous day. The Gospel is taken from the Passion account from St. John's Gospel. The prayers of the faithful are set by the Missal and include prayers for the entire world. A cross is brought forward for us to venerate as a sign of adoration for Jesus' sacrifice. No mass takes place; instead, Eucharist consecrated at the previous day mass is distributed. Good Friday is a day of prayer, fasting, and abstinence.

On Holy Saturday proper, no sacraments take place. In ancient Jewish practice, the day begins at sundown. In Catholic liturgical practice, major solemnities begin at sundown. The Easter Vigil is the first celebration of Jesus' resurrection. At the Easter Vigil, a fire is lit outside the Church and is blessed. A new candle is blessed and lit from the fire. The priest and ministers walk into a darkened church. The Fire is distributed to the congregation to light their candles. When the candle finds its place in the sanctuary, a minister sings the Easter Proclamation. Then the stories of salvation history are read. The Gloria is sung to signify the resurrection of Christ, and the Gospel of the Apostles finding the empty tomb is read. If need, baptisms are celebrated, people are admitted to full communion, and confirmations are celebrated. All renew the promises of their baptisms and are sprinkles. The Triduum is concluded with the celebration of the Eucharist.

Submit your questions to askfralex@gmail.com

Yours in Christ,

Fr.. Alex Gaudet

MASS INTENTIONS**For the Week of March 19, 2018 – March 25, 2018****Monday, March 19-**

6:00P.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, S.N.B. & Fly., S.D., J.D.

Tuesday, March 20-

8:00A.M.- All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Rai & Thaddeus Pellegrin, S.N.B. & Fly., S.D., J.D.

Wednesday, March 21-

8:00A.M.- All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Russell Guilfou (B), S.N.B. & Fly., S.D., J.D.

6:00 - 8:00P.M. - "The Light Is On For You" (Confessions at all Churches in the Diocese)

Thursday, March 22 -

8:00A.M.- All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Jerome C. Fabre (B), Jerry Arceneaux (B), Mathew Arceneaux (DA), S.N.B. & Fly., S.D., J.D.

4:00 - 8:00P.M. - Confessions at St. Ann Parish

Friday, March 23-

5:00P.M. - Children's Way of the Cross

5:45P.M. - Way of the Cross & Mass - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Crystal Naquin Hebert (B), Emsy & Beldon Foret & Fly., S.N.B. & Fly., S.D., J.D.

Saturday, March 24 -

4:00P.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Rev. Carl J. Schutten (Ord.), Horace & Camille Boquet Fly., Alton (B) & Gladys LeCompte, Dennis & Beatrice Eschete, Laurelle Wolf, Edna, Macon & Roland Bascle, Remy & Bessie Reulet, Mark & Billie Pellegrin, Eric, Joel & Frank Rogers, Eldred & Maybelle Ellender, Carl, Beverly, Linda & Parish Boquet, Jerry & Gertrude Aucoin, Wilbert Dupre Sr., Wilbert & Elsie Hebert, Linda Ann Hebert, Salome H. Matherne, Matthew S. Matherne, Peter W. Hebert, Samuel Dominic Hebert, Jerry & Mathew Arceneaux, Charley Redmond, Alton LeCompte, S.N.B. & Fly., S.D., J.D., Jacob LeCompte Sr., Kenneth, Paul & Josie Domangue, Ramona & Alton Malcom, Larry & Troy Foret, Carla Lyons, Nikie Hebert, Nicole Staffley, Johnny Adam Switch, Celeste, May, Rosevelt LeCompte Jr. & Sr., Paul Chauvin, Mercedeze & Lloyd Duplantis, Miriam, C.J. & Lanny Naquin, Russell Portier Sr., Raymond McGehee, Katie Savoie, Holy Souls, Special Intentions.

Sunday, March 25-

8:00A.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Mary Eve & Vayne Bascle, Lionel Bascle Fly., Arthe' Breaux Fly., Arthur Lee Fabre, Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Fabre, Mr. & Mrs. Irby Petit, Aubrey Lee Boquet, Lawrence & Eula Mazerac, Cindy R. Broussard, Margaret Miller (B), Joyce & Vin LeBlanc, Rita & Gilbert Bergeron Fly., Eddie Voisin Jr., Rhea P. Voisin, Julius & Melanie Boquet, Eula Mae Rodrigue, Paul Rodrigue & Roland Rodrigue, Eric Eschete (B), Rachael Falgout (B), Tammy & Corey Johnson (WA), Ella Mae Guidry, Jesse Fanguy Sr., Veronica Trahan, Ann Hebert, Terry Lirette, Wilma, Eugene & John Dusenbery, Norman Rodrigue, Werlien Prosperie, Eves & Verna Naquin Fly., Ronald Chauvin (D), Sterling Sr., Mary Elaine (D) & Sterling Authement Jr., Mark Naquin, Randy Naquin, Leona & Eugene Theriot Sr., Philip Theriot, Earline Jackson, Eugene Theriot Jr., Francis Theriot, Becky Gautreaux, Patricia Grabert, Israel & May Authement, Chris Boudreaux, Dorothy & Dean Bascle, David Bascle, Tel Meeker, Larry Falgout, Norman Falgout Jr., Eunice & Norman Falgout Sr., James Bergeron, Diana Bourg, Pam A. Boquet (DA), Ard Fly., E.J. & Ryan Usie, Judith & Donald Lirette Jr.

10:00A.M. - All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of: Parishioners of St. Ann, Joyce, Debbie, Celina & Herbert Belanger, Rosie & Richard Lafont, Sterling Sr., Mary & Sterling Authement Jr., Geraldine Dupre, S.N.B. & Fly., S.D., J.D., Henry Klingman (DA).

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 18th

Sanctuary Light - Jerry Arceneaux (B) & Mathew Arceneaux (DA) by Kathy, David, Theresa & Tim;
3 Altar Candles - Lincoln, Lena & L.J. Blanchard by Family;

CLEANING LIST: March 18th- Connie & Alton Neil, Ralph & Darlene Trahan, Connie LeBoeuf, HL & Yvonne Hawthorne

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

March 10 & 11, 2018: Envelopes: \$3,246.00 + Online: \$1,021.00 + Loose: \$506.00 = \$4,773.00

Maintenance Collection: \$961.00 + \$77.00 (This Week) = \$1,038.00 March Total

Catholic Relief Services Collection: \$954.00

Thank you for your generosity!

CCD NEWS: CCD Classes are as scheduled on Monday & Tuesday, March 19th & 20th.

* The Kindergarten Class is in charge of the 10am Mass on Sunday, March 25th.

** Must attend 3 Way of the Cross as a class. (Please sign in at the entrance of the Church)

*** Registration for the 2018-2019 School Year has begun during class times. You can also access Registration Forms online at stannbourg.org.

YOUTH NEWS: ***MARK YOUR CALENDARS! ST. ANN FAMILY BIBLE CAMP!! July 9th - 13th, 2018! 6:00-8:30pm each night!! SPREAD THE WORD!!**

****We still have spots open for Steubenville on the Bayou June 15-17, 2018!** Check with Mrs. Lisa for paperwork and registration fees.

******SPRING KIDS NIGHTS-** grades K-5th- 6-7:15pm - Mar. 27th, April 17th

*******SPRING JR. HIGH FUN NIGHTS-** grades 6-8- 6:30-7:30 - Mar. 26th, Apr. 16th

*******ABBEY FEST** is March 17th at St. Joseph Abbey - Prep Night: Mar. 12th- 6:30-7:30pm - Post Meeting- Mar. 18th 5:30-6:30pm - Post Meeting - Mar. 26th - 6:30-7:30pm

LIFT NIGHT! Come and get a taste of Steubenville! Great praise and worship music, an awesome talk, and some face-to-face adoration time! Join us Sunday night, March 18th, in the St. Ann Parish Center, from 6:30-8:00pm. Free admission and all are invited!! Hosted by Steubenville on the Bayou and sponsored by Lift 3:16. A great way to spend some time with Jesus during Lent!!

LADIES NIGHT OUT!!!

Come spend some time in community with all the ladies of our parish! Bring a covered dish to share. 6:30 - 8:30pm, Thursdays, March 15, April 5th, & 19th in the St. Ann Center. Babysitting is provided!

MASS, WAY OF THE CROSS & CONFESSIONS SCHEDULE DURING LENT

Weekday Masses: Monday at 6pm; Tuesday - Thursday at 8am; Friday at 5:45pm

Way of the Cross for Children: Friday at 5pm; Way of the Cross & Mass: Friday at 5:45pm;

Holy Thursday Mass (March 29th) at 7pm;

Good Friday (March 30th) Inside & Outside Way of the Cross & Passion begins @ 2:30pm;

& The Way of the Cross in Church at 6pm

Easter Vigil Mass: March 31st at 8:00pm; Easter Sunday Masses: April 1st at 8:00am & 10:00am

***"The Light is On For You" (Confessions throughout Diocese): Wednesday, March 21st, 6 - 8pm;
Fr. Alex will also offer Confession at St. Ann Parish during Lent on Thursdays from 4 - 8pm;***

THE ST. ANN LADIES' ALTAR SOCIETY will be accepting Easter Flower Memorials Donations at all masses on the weekends of March 11th & 18th.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 8932

On Sunday, March 25th Palm Sunday, the St. Ann Knights of Columbus will have a BBQ Chicken Dinner Fund Raiser. Tickets can be purchased from a Knight and will also be available outside of Church after all weekend Masses. Remember you can eat in the Parish Center or take it out. Cost \$10.00

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**Knight of the Month - Claude Triche
Family of the Month - Walter & Teetsie Chwalek**

EVENING OF DELICIOUS FOOD, GREAT FELLOWSHIP, & FUN: Wednesday, March 21st - 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Join Men of Faith for Laughter, Conversation, and YES FIRE! Hosted by Ivy Dupre, Jr. @ 216 Jeff Drive in Bourg, LA. Menu: Fried Fish, French Fries, Fried Bread and Corn on the Cob. Bring your favorite chair and drinks!

"WHY WE WORSHIP"

Why do we go to Mass every Sunday? Where did the Mass come from? Why do we have priests? What is an altar? ...and what sacrifice is being offered on it? The diocese has released a third study series on our Catholic Faith. The new study, entitled "Why We Worship/ Rediscover the Mass", is focused on deepening our understanding of why we worship the way that we worship as Catholics. This study is a 6-part series with Dr. Brandt Pitre and Fr. Mark Toups. This study is online for all parishioners.

- **WHY WE WORSHIP/REDISCOVER THE MASS AT ST. ANN PARISH** - Tuesday at 6AM - March 6, 13, 20, 27; Wednesday at 8:30AM (after Mass) - March 7, 14, 21, 28; Friday at 6:45PM (after the Way of the Cross & Mass) - March 2, 9, 16, 23 Sunday at 9AM (after 8AM Mass) - March 4, 11, 18, 25; or Register online at htdiocese.org/whyweworship and watch the videos online

The Chrism Mass is one of the most beautiful liturgies which the faithful may experience in the liturgical year. At the Chrism Mass, in addition to priests reaffirming their ordination promises, the Bishop will bless the oils to be used in the administration of the sacraments this year. All the faithful of our Diocese will have the opportunity to participate in this very inspiring liturgy on Thursday, March 29, 2018 at 10:30am at the Cathedral in Houma. Please mark your calendars and make every effort to participate with your brothers and sisters in this Mass.

MASSES	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	COMMENTATOR/LECTOR	ALTAR SERVERS	USHERS
<u>March 17 & 18</u>				
SATURDAY	Yvonne, Volunteer,			
4:00P.M.	Brian, Marianne	Randolph, Elia	Rebecca, Hunter	Steve B, Dave, Ollie
SUNDAY	Tim, Mona,			
8:00A.M.	Bert, Jesse	Doug, Christine	Lucas, Caleb	Doug, Numa, Claude
10:00A.M.	Paula, Leslie, David, Melissa	Youth	Luke, Henry, David, Cole	Lanny, Volunteer
<u>March 24 & 25</u>				
SATURDAY	Debra L, Adrian,			
4:00P.M.	Randolph, Kathie	Hayes, Cheryl	Tyler, Grace A	Steve H, Jan
SUNDAY	Christine, Dana,			
8:00A.M.	Carol, Monique	Nick, Claude	Lee, Trenton	Butch, Leroy, Walton
10:00A.M.	Cindy D, Melody, Gerald, Volunteer	Kindergarten/Volunteer	Kailey, Hailey, Peyton, Anna	Kenneth, Joseph

