

What do the Saints Say?

Bede. After our Lord had departed to the other side of Jordan, it happened that Lazarus fell sick: *A certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany. Lazarus signifies helped.* Of all the dead which our Lord raised, he was most helped, for he had lain dead four days, when our Lord raised him to life.

Augustine. The resurrection of Lazarus is more spoken of than any of our Lord's miracles. But if we bear in mind who He was who wrought this miracle, we shall feel not so much of wonder, as of delight. He who made the man, raised the man; and it is a greater thing to create a man, than to revive him. Lazarus was sick at Bethany, *the town of Mary and her sister Martha.* The place was near Jerusalem.

Chrysostom. First we are to observe that this was not the harlot mentioned in Luke, but an honest woman, who treated our Lord with marked reverence.

Augustine. John here confirms the passage in Luke (Luke 7:38), where this is said to have taken place in the house of one Simon a Pharisee: Mary had done this act therefore on a former occasion. That she did it again at Bethany is not mentioned in the narrative of Luke, but is in the other three Gospels.

Augustine. A cruel sickness had seized Lazarus; a wasting fever was eating away the body of the wretched man day by day: his two sisters sat sorrowful at his bedside, grieving for the sick youth continually. They sent to Jesus: *Therefore his sisters sent unto Him, saying, Lord, behold he whom Thou loved is sick.*

Augustine. They did not say, Come and heal; they dared not say, Speak the word there, and it shall be done here; but only, *Behold, he whom Thou loves is sick.* As if to say, It is enough that Thou know it, Thou art not one to love and then to desert whom Thou loves.

Chrysostom. They hope to excite Christ's pity by these words, Whom as yet they thought to be a man only. Like the centurion and nobleman, they sent, not went, to Christ; partly from their great faith in Him, for they knew Him intimately, partly because their sorrow kept them at home.

Augustine. *When Jesus heard that, He said, This sickness is not unto death.* For this death itself was not unto death, but to give occasion for a miracle; whereby men might be brought to believe in Christ, and so escape real death. It was *for the glory of God*, wherein observe that our Lord calls Himself God by implication, thus confounding those heretics who say that the Son of God is not God. For the glory of what God? Hear what follows, *That the Son of God might be glorified thereby*, i. e. by that sickness.

Chrysostom. *That here signifies not the cause, but the event. The sickness sprang from natural causes, but He turned it to the glory of God. Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus.*

Augustine. He is sick, they sorrowful, all beloved. Wherefore they had hope, for they were beloved by Him Who is the Comforter of the sorrowful, and the Healer of the sick.

Chrysostom. Wherein the Evangelist instructs us not to be sad, if sickness ever falls upon good men, and friends of God.
11:6-10

Chrysostom. To give time for his death and burial, that they might say, *he stinks*, and none doubt that it was death, and not a trance, from which he was raised.

Then after that says He to His disciples, Let us go into Judea again.

Augustine. Where He had just escaped being stoned; for this was the cause of His leaving. He left indeed as man: He left in weakness, but He returns in power.

Chrysostom. He had not as yet told His disciples where He was going; but now He tells them, in order to prepare them beforehand, for they are in great alarm, when they hear of it: *His disciples say unto Him, Master, the Jews sought to stone Thee, and goes Thou thither again?* They feared both for Him, and for themselves; for they were not yet confirmed in faith.

Augustine. When men presumed to give advice to God, disciples to their Master, our Lord rebuked them: *Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day?* He showed Himself to be the day, by appointing twelve disciples: i. e. reckoning Matthias in the place of Judas, and passing over the latter altogether. The hours are lightened by the day; that by the preaching of the hours, the world may believe on the day. Follow Me then, says our Lord, if ye wish not to stumble: *If any man walk in the day, he stumble not, because he sees the light of this world: But if a man walk in the night he stumble, because there is no light in him.*

Chrysostom. As if to say, The upright need fear no evil: the wicked only have cause to fear. We have done nothing worthy of death, and therefore are in no danger. Or, If anyone see this world's light, he is safe; much more he who is with Me.

**MASS INTENTIONS****For the Week of March 30 - April 5****Monday, March 30****All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:***Thibodaux & Scott family***Tuesday, March 31****All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:***Parishioners of St. Ann,**Holy Souls in Purgatory, Gary Thibodaux***Wednesday, April 1**

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Thursday, April 2

All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:

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Mandy Ellender (BD)

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Palm Sunday- Sunday, April 5

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10:00 A.M. – Sunday, April 5

All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:

Parishioners of St. Ann, Mazie Whipple McCullough, Albert & Ruth Pinell,

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6:30 P.M.-Sunday, April 5

All Donors and Benefactors of St. Ann Church & in Memory of:

Parishioners of St. Ann, Clinton & Wilma Picou

Scott & Donaldson family, Norris & Diana Bourg

Live Stream Mass:

Fr. Cody will stream a Facebook live Mass every day at 7 a.m. until further notice.

Go to St. Ann's Facebook page to view the Mass.

(<https://m.facebook.com/pages/category/Catholic-Church/St-Ann-Catholic-Church-1545293759129054>)

Videos of the Mass are available there even without a Facebook account.

Parish Contributions:

“How can I continue contributing to the parish during this time?”

- *Mail your contribution to:*
St. Ann Catholic Church
4355 Highway 24
Bourg, La. 70343
- *Sign up on our online giving platform at:*
https://www.stannbourg.org/online_giving

If you need any help or assistance please call Wendy Romero at 985-232-6903.

We know times are tough and uncertain.

Please know that our staff is trying to serve the parish to the best of their abilities.

Thank you for continuing to support our parish even in the midst of this crisis.

Veiling of Sacred Images in your Home

The custom of veiling religious images comes from John 8:46-59 when Jesus hid Himself when the Jews threatened to stone Him.

So they picked up stones to throw at him; but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple area. (John 8:59)

Before the vigil Mass of the Fifth Sunday of Lent (*Saturday, March 28, 2020*), all statues and images except the Stations of the Cross and stained-glass windows are veiled.

Families are encouraged to imitate this practice and veil prominent religious images such as crosses, crucifixes, and religious statues or figurines in their homes. The cloths are to be plain fabric, preferably light material, with no decoration. Traditionally the fabric is purple.

The veiling of sacred images is a beautiful tradition that leads the faithful to deeper contemplation as we walk with Jesus through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Our eyes are not drawn away to other objects; but instead we focus solely on Christ.

Crosses and crucifixes are unveiled on Good Friday for Veneration, while statues are uncovered as you celebrate Easter.

Prepare for Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 5 is Palm Sunday. **Palm Sunday** is the celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. This is the Sunday prior to Easter and is often celebrated by waving palm branches, reenacting the parade with Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey.

1. **Prepare a Palm Cross:** If you have access to palms in your yard or neighborhood, this resource provides step by step directions with pictures on how to fold a simple cross out of a palm.

2. **Stations of the Cross**

- Listen to Father Mark Toup's audio of his Way of the Cross that focuses on the Psalms www.htdiocese.org/covid-prayers
- Pray a Simple Way of the Cross for Children: wau.org/resources/article/re_stations_cross_kids/
- Laudate App includes Stations of the Cross - free on iTunes and Google Play

Activities and Crafts for Kids to learn about the Way of the Cross <https://www.catholicicing.com/stations-of-the-cross-for-kids/>

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Complimentary **MagnifiKid!** can be accessed at www.magnifikid.com/free

View and download each weekly booklet of a colorful Sunday missalette for children ages 6 through 12. While so many children are missing formal religious instruction and are unable to attend Mass, MagnifiKid! can be their special guide.

The Houma-Thibodaux Diocese page on the coronavirus includes a wide variety of resources for parishioners including prayers, masses, videos, podcasts and updated information.

Gain a plenary indulgence every day of COVID-19.

The Church grants a plenary indulgence to all those who are suffering from the coronavirus, to healthcare workers who are treating those affected, and to all the lay faithful.

In order to obtain the plenary indulgence, Catholics must have the will to fulfill the usual conditions as soon as possible and do one of the following spiritual acts:

For those suffering from the coronavirus & healthcare workers treating them:

- Attend Mass (even if this is only possible through video streaming).
- Pray the Rosary.
- Pray the Stations of the Cross.
- If Mass, Rosary, or Stations of the Cross is not possible, pray the Apostles' Creed, an Our Father, and a Hail Mary.

For the rest of the lay faithful:

- Visit the Blessed Sacrament.
- Read the Bible for at least half an hour.
- Pray the Rosary.
- Pray the Stations of the Cross.
- Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

The spiritual act must be offered for the following intentions: the end of the pandemic, relief for those afflicted, and eternal salvation for those whom the Lord has called to himself.