

**"Why chocolate is a very appropriate way to celebrate Easter"**

Fr. Joshan Rodrigues | Mar 19, 2018

Go ahead and start stocking up!

Anyone who knows me well is privy to the fact that I have a sweet tooth — and a sweeter tooth for chocolates. Bring me a bar of rich chocolate and you will have my loyalty! One of the many blessings of being temporarily sojourning in Europe is finding myself on the continent that takes its chocolates seriously.

So I was pleasantly shocked when I came across a beautiful article by Sara Maitland in The Tablet in which she performs a spiritual dissection of chocolate like I've never read before.

I have her to thank for combining two things I love very much: Chocolates and Catholicism.

Come Easter (or already now) and you will find chocolate stores stocked with chocolate eggs and bunnies of different sizes. But when we look at how chocolate is made, it resounds so much with what Easter is all about, that it is totally appropriate for celebrating God's providential love for us.

"At Easter, God gives us His greatest gift, and therefore celebrating this joy with chocolates is wholly appropriate. Chocolate is the 'fruit of the earth and work of human hands.' Converting the natural cacao bean into edible chocolate is a complicated, laborious process involving fermentation, drying, cleaning, roasting, shelling, grinding and heating, just to produce unadulterated chocolate in a rough form, which can then be refined and flavored." – Sara Maitland, The Tablet (April 22, 2017)

Chocolate therefore involves great labor. And this reminds us of the **sweat and tears that Jesus underwent** during his Passion and death. A seed must fall to the earth and die before it yields its rich fruit. It's the same with the cacao seed.

**Easter changes our mood.** We have been low-key, introspective, repentant and sorrowful through the Lenten season. But on Easter, our joy bursts forth on receiving the Good News of our Savior's victory over sin and death. Chocolate is also a mood-enhancer. Don't let me remind you of all those times when you have reached for a bar of chocolate during those depressing and low emotional moments. I have, too. It lifts our spirits and makes us feel good; it takes away some of the pain and brings us comfort.

Chocolate is unusually 'moldable' — it can take a great many different forms and flavors. Like God's living grace poured into our hearts, it can be 'different' for each person, while still unified in one body. There are forms of chocolate for children and for the most sophisticated adults; you can combine it with your favorite flavors and avoid those you don't like. This individual adaptation to need and desire shows how **God works differently in each of our lives**, he is generous and sensitive. There is no rigid formula for everyone.

The untreated cacao bean is extremely bitter, like the vinegar that Jesus was offered on the Cross. It is only through a long laborious process that it becomes sweet to us. The bean must be gathered (arrested), dried ("I Thirst"), shelled and ground (scourged and crucified), fermented (placed in the grave) and so transformed into sweetness and joy (resurrection).

This is why chocolate is such an appropriate symbol for Easter. So next time, when you crave a piece of chocolate, don't feel guilty. Let it remind you of the great love that God has for you. "Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!" Or as Forrest Gump famously said, "Life is like a box of chocolates."

P.S. Yes, this article was written in a moment of chocolate-induced frenzy.

**Schedule of Events:****Monday April 22**

Church office closed  
NO MASS

**Tuesday, April 23**

7:30 a.m. Confessions  
8 a.m. Mass

**Wednesday, April 24**

7:30 a.m. Confessions  
8 a.m. Mass

6:30 p.m. Pastoral Council Meeting

**Thursday, April 25**

7:30 a.m. Confessions

8 a.m. Mass

**Friday, April 26**

7:30 a.m. Confessions

8 a.m. Mass

**Saturday, April 27**

3 p.m. confessions

4 p.m. Vigil Mass

**Sunday, April 28**

7:30 a.m. Confessions

8 a.m. mass

9:30 a.m. Confessions

10 a.m. Mass

5 p.m. Nazareth Night



**MASS INTENTIONS**



**For the Week of April 23, 2019 –April 28, 2019**

**8:00 A.M. – Tuesday, April 23**

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

*Parishioners of St. Ann, Rai & Thaddeus Pellegrin, Macon Bascle family, Remy Reulet family,  
Mark & Billy Pellegrin, Randy & Ken, Edward T. Walker Jr*

**8:00 A.M. – Wednesday, April 24**

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

*Parishioners of St. Ann, Shirley Peterson, Lily & Ehren, Brooke & Brittany*

**8:00 A.M. Thursday, April 25**

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

*Parishioners of St. Ann, Lily Gros (B), Leon Champagne, Alice Hebert*

**8:00 A.M. Friday, April 26**

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

*Edward T. Walker Jr.*

**4:00 P.M. Saturday, April 27**

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

*Parishioners of St. Ann, Loyd Savin, Eldred & MayBelle Ellender, Theresa Rhodes,  
Lincoln, Lena, & L.J. Blanchard, Wilbert & Elsie Hebert, Linda Ann Hebert, Salome H. Matherne,  
Matthew S. Matherne, Peter W. Hebert, Samuel Dominic Hebert, Michael Lee McGee,  
Wayne G. Cancienne, Thaddeus Pellegrin, Wilbert Dupre Sr., Jerry & Matthew Arceneaux,  
Albert Pinell Sr., Roy & Julius Boquet, Mr. & Mrs. Wills Boquet,  
Eric, Joel & Frank Rogers, Clinton & Wilma Picou, Ramos & Coralie Hornsby,  
Jimmie & Virgie Prosperie, Dolores Viteaux, Cynthia Charpentier, Geri Rhodes, Alice Hebert*

**8:00 A.M. - Sunday, April 28**

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

*Parishioners of St. Ann, Lawrence & Eula Mazerac, Sue Bueche, Mary Eve & Vayne Bascle,  
Lionel Bascle family, Arthe' Breaux family, Arthur Lee Fabre, Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Fabre,  
Mr. & Mrs. Irby Petit, Aubrey Lee Boquet, Vin & Joyce LeBlanc family, Gilbert & Rita Bergeron family  
Sterling & Mary Ellen Authement, Sterling Authement Jr., Mark & Randy Naquin, Marion & Irma Bascle,  
Norman & Eunice Falgout, Eugene & Leona Theriot, Israel & Mae Authement, Tel Meeker, Larry Falgout,  
Dean & Dot Bascle, David & Iris Bascle, Tessa Dupre, Allen Theriot, Craig Dupre, Butch, Eugene Theriot Jr.,  
Earline Theriot, David Percle, Francis & Iris Theriot, Patricia Grabert, Becky Gautreaux, Phillip Theriot,*

*David Massey, Jenna Theriot, Norman Falgout Jr., Chris Boudreaux, James Bergeron,  
Margie & Elton Thibodaux, Paul Jackson, Angela Authement, Meva Blanchard, Emmy Authement (B),  
Dustin & Meagen Billiot (WA), Rebekah Falgout (B), Quinn Pellegrin (B), Wilma, Eugene & John Dusenbery,  
Ella Mae Guidry, Jesse Fanguy Sr., Ann Hebert, Veronica Trahan, Terry Lirette, Amelie Thibodeaux  
Clyde Pitre, Clyde, Elizabeth & Curtis Lirette, Matthew & David Naquin Sr,  
Andrew Sr., Edna, Elie, Morris, Bruce Pitre, Special intention, Marie Gaston, Ernestine Pitre,  
Linda Whipple Schouest, Douglas "Chubby" Chauvin, Chauvin, Boquet, LeCompte & Rhodes families,  
Carol Leonard, William P. Leonard*

**10:00A.M. - Sunday, April 28**

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

*Parishioners of St. Ann, Geraldine Dupre  
Keri Lynn Niette, Earl Duhon, Herbert, Celina, Joyce, Deborah & Ronald Belanger,  
Rosie & Richard Lafont, Melvin Hebert, Cecile Fabre,  
Living & Deceased Members of the Naquin, LaJaunie, LeBoeuf & Lapeyrouse Families  
Ruth Pinell, Edward T. Walker Jr., Daniel Toups, Maxine Christoffersen*

**MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF April 21 , 2019**

The Sanctuary Light burns this week in memory of *Ruth Pinell* requested by Leward & Peggy Boquet.

The Altar Bread is in memory of *Milton Babin* requested by Wendy Romero & family.

The Altar Wine is in memory of *Bascle & Reulet* family requested by Randolph & Kathie Bascle.

The Altar Candles burn this week in memory of *Keri Niette* requested by Leward & Peggy Boquet

The Missals are in memory of *Melvin Hebert* requested by Dickie & Sharon Bascle.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**April 13 & 14:** Envelopes: \$4776.00 +Loose: \$1826.35+ \$520.99 (Online) = \$7123.34

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**THANK YOU!**

*A huge THANK YOU to everyone who brought palms and those who helped to clean and prepare them.*

Fr. Cody would also like to sincerely thank everyone who assisted in the celebration of Holy Week.

**Mother's Day Corsage**

KC council 8932 will again offer Mother's Day corsages available before and after masses May 11-12. All donations go to Terrebonne-Lafourche Right to Life to promote and respect for all life, born and unborn.

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Week of April 28- Irma Authement

<b>MASSES</b>	<b>MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST</b>	<b>COMMENTATOR/ LECTOR</b>	<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	<b>USHERS</b>
<b><u>April 27 &amp; 28</u> SATURDAY 4:00P.M.</b>	Randolph, Kathie Sue, Steve	Elia, Connie	Tyler, Grace	Steve, Dave, Ollie
<b>SUNDAY 8:00A.M.</b>	Patsy, Dana Christine, Doug	Nick, Hayes	Lee, Volunteer	Dickie, Bob, Carol
<b>10:00A.M.</b>	Cindy, Leroy, Gerald, Melody	Ariel, Lisa	Kirkland, Kailey, Hailey, Mason	Lanny

