



Dear sisters and brothers,

This is Palm Sunday – the beginning of the most sacred, most faith challenging time for us as Christians.

The week began with Jesus’ Triumphant entry into Jerusalem to shouts of, “Hosanna!” But just 5 short days later, oh how the tide turned. Many of those same folks were now shouting, “crucify him” him at the end of the week, egged on by the haters of Jesus, all leading to his being arrested on trumpeted up charges, tried and convicted as a common criminal suffering and crucified to death. But we know that was not the end of the story – nor was it the end of the life of Jesus, for the ground could not hold him, death could not bind him and three days later he rose with a power that breaks all the chains of hate, corruption, injustice, oppression, brutality, abuse and evil in every form. This is called the “Week that changed the World” and rightly so.

In his book, *The Freedom Revolution and the Churches*, Robert Spike recalls an incident from the early years of the turbulent civil rights movement. Flying out of Jackson, Mississippi, Spike overhears the conversation of a Catholic sister, sitting across the aisle from him, with her seat companion. The sister is lamenting all the unrest in Mississippi, and she complains about the "outside agitators," the students and church leaders who have come to her state in support of civil rights, certain that their presence is provoking violence on the part of white racists. "I do not question their dedication, nor even the rightness of their position," said the sister. "But surely it is a bad thing to create turmoil by stirring up people who feel differently." As the sister talks, all the while she is nervously fingering a cross hanging around her neck.

There's a tragic irony in the sister's words and actions, not unlike that of the first Holy Week. For the one whose cross the sister holds most dear, Jesus, would never have taken the risk of going to Jerusalem and proclaiming a new way of living, would never have confronted comfortable patterns and ultimately endured the cross, had he followed the sister's philosophy.

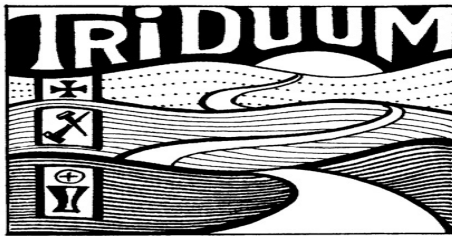
The cross of Jesus demands much the same of you and me today. At no time in my life as this been greater because it is in the cross of Jesus, in spite of all of the injustices and battles waged for a better life for all people that my weary heart is strengthened! It is strengthened because the *breaking forth with the power of the "new life of the Resurrection is real for me and* is too powerful to be “arrested.”

This *breaking forth* is visible and active and effective in institutions, organizations, groups, and individuals who challenge laws and policies that hurl rocks of judgment, ridicule, hate, and ultimately death. Our *breaking forth* is a testament to the world that “in my distress I called upon the Lord, and he hears our voice.”

Join us throughout this Holy Week’s Masses, Services and prayer services to ensure that this continues to be the week that changes our world for the better for all people. There is life-giving power of Jesus in His suffering, cross and resurrection that gives us the power to proclaim a new way of living today!

In the Divine Word, I am

*Fr. Rick Andrus, SVD*



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**Altar Servers**

- 7:30 a.m. Chelsea Buckley, Garrick Camel, Jr., Da’Marquis London, Kelby Chenevert, Breanna Dillon, La’Kosha Chambers
- 10:30 a.m. Jermon Dunn, Rudolph Richard, III, Joseph Richard

**Readers**

- 7:30 a.m. Paulette Robertson, Ronnice Johnson,
- 10:30 a.m. Martha Davis, Barbara Cornell

**Eucharistic Ministers**

- 7:30 a.m. Perry Chenevert, Audrene LeBlanc, Elaine Doyle, Alice Zacharie
- 10:30 a.m. Gigi Mathis, William Alsobrook, Jr., Wanda Alsobrook, Larry James, Wanda Davis, Darlene Richard

**Mass Intentions**

- 7:30 a.m. Mr. Thomas Hebert
- 10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle

**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: **Holy Thursday; The Sacred Paschal Triduum**  
**Chrism Mass:** Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21  
**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: **Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday);**  
 Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
- Saturday: **The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night;**  
**Holy Saturday**  
 a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;  
 b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11;  
 c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;  
 d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;  
 e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;  
 f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11;  
 g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;  
 h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mk 16:1-7
- Sunday: **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**  
 Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

**Celebrating Holy Week to the Fullest – The Triduum.** At the end of Holy Week, we begin the “Triduum,” the three days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Together, they are a three-part journey of a single event that we should all do our best to participate in so that we can really experience the joy and the transforming power of Easter Sunday. On Holy Thursday, we celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper in the evening. It is during this Mass that we celebrate three fundamentals of our Catholic Faith: the gift of the Catholic priesthood, the gift of the Eucharist and with the Washing of the Feet ceremony, we remember the mandate of the new commandment to love as Jesus loves. On Good Friday, we listen to the Word of God as the Passion is proclaimed, venerate the Cross, the instrument that gained for us our salvation then we receive the Eucharist that was consecrated the night before during the Holy Thursday Mass. In the evening of Good Friday, we will meditate on the Seven Last Words of Jesus. On Holy Saturday, after a day of reflection with Mary at the tomb, we celebrate the Easter Vigil proclaiming the Resurrection and life of Jesus – a life that we are all invited to. There are many elements of the Triduum which call us and remind us of who we are as Catholics and Christians. The Triduum is the telling of our story, a reminder of what Jesus has done for us and given to us. We are called to enter into the Triduum whole-heartedly. Can we make time in our busy schedules to spend with Jesus this Easter, to watch, wait and pray?



**Sunday: 7:15 a.m. Blessing of Palms & Procession**  
**7:30 a.m. Mass** - Ladies Guild Turn Out  
**10:15 Blessing of Palms & Procession**  
**10:30 a.m. Mass**

**Monday: No Mass**  
 6:00 p.m. Word & Deed

**Tuesday: 8:00 a.m. Mass**

**Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. Mass**  
 4:30 p.m. Rehearsal for 7:30 Choir

**Thursday: 8:00 a.m. Food Pantry Open**  
**6:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper**  
**Adoration & Meal**

**Friday: Office Closed**  
**2:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross**  
**3:00 p.m. The Passion**  
**6:00 p.m. The Seven Last Words**

**Saturday: 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass**

**Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass**

**TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY**  
**Drivers for Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018**  
**9:30 a.m. Robert Martin and Pamela Claiborne**



**2018 ANNUAL RAFFLE:** If you want to start paying on the expected annual raffle ticket or donation of \$100, please use the green envelopes in the pew pockets and drop your payment in the collection basket or check “raffle ticket” online. Your payments or donations will be recorded and acknowledged.

The next **Word and Deed** gathering will take place Monday, March 26th at St. Paul Center from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Join the Word and Deed gathering for a prayerful and intentional beginning to Holy Week, strengthening us for our spiritual call to impact our world.

St. Francis Xavier is hosting a Zydeco Dance on Friday, April 6, 2018 from 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 am. Music is by Mike Broussard and the Nu'Edition Zydeko. Free Zydeco Lessons from 7:30 - 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20.00 and can be purchased at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com).

Also come out and join us at our Parish Fair April 7 & 8. April 7 starts with a cash Bingo at 6:30 p.m. April 8 food, fun and games. We will start selling BBQ chicken dinners after 8:00 Mass. A performance by the Southern University Pep band is immediately after 11:00 Mass. Country store, silent auction and more. *This is all a part of our yearlong centennial celebration.*

The 2018 Chrism Mass will be held Wednesday of Holy Week, March 28 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral. You are invited to witness the priests commitment and the blessing of the oils.

**Happy Birthday**

Dorothy Christopher 3/25	Yvonne Joseph 3/29
Brenda Hickman 3/25	Nicole McGee 3/29
Harold Christopher 3/26	Angela Baham 3/30
Chelsea Dickson 3/26	Jordan Daigre 3/30
Demond Garner 3/26	Brandon White 3/30
Tarhonda Chube 3/27	Sarah Latham 3/31
Jeanette Bishop 3/28	Joseph T. Mathis 3/31
Camilla Paul 3/28	Baylor Preston 3/31
Denise Hawkins 3/29	

Our Weekly Offering	
March 18, 2018	
Offertory Collection	\$ 4,062.40
Online Giving	\$ 840.00
Children's Offering	\$ 1.50
Building Fund	\$ 392.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 148.00
Catholic Relief Service	\$ 12.00
Operation Rice Bowl	\$ 164.46
Easter Flowers	\$ 142.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,762.36</b>



*Remember this: whoever sows sparingly, reaps sparingly; and whoever sows generously, reaps generously.*  
 2 Corinthians 9:6

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND**



*Audrey Christopher, Edna Davis James, Mary Smart, Carolyn Christophe, Dorothy Bazile, Myrtis Coleman, Robert Seals, Mona Seals, Sylvia Collier, Steven Earl, Lena Batiste, Marie Myles, George Bell, Mary Lena Price, Irene Warner, Clayborn Johnson, Lois Joseph, Willis Reed, Jr, Joseph Broussard, Annie Joseph, Rosa Johnson, Harry Sils, Denovas Crockett, Gloria Williams, Jeanette Bishop, Jasman Benjamin, Earline Bell, Wilfred Fleming, Don Thibodeaux, Dwight LeBlanc, James Hayward, Dorothy Andrews, Ursula Brady, Gussie Trahan, Cheryl Crockett, Brenda D. Hickman, Marie V. Hawkins, Quincy Hamilton, Amber Hunt, Charles Davis, Jr., Martha Davis, Jessie Joseph, Rose Crockett Carter, Dianna Franklin, and Cruz Dudley Walker*


**PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK FAMILY MEMBERS & FRIENDS**



*Ronnie Gauthier, Helen Celestine, Florence Jackson, Geraldine Floyd, Betty Hammond, Frank Ross, Norma Fagan, Violet Holly, Eunice Royal, Mona Bossier Bailey, Walker Williams, Barbara Brennan, Tysha Collins, Richard Dillon, Calvin Thomas, III, Robert Lee Martin, Ann Pettit, Joan Pettit and Joel Rivera*







<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p> <p>Opston, Dorcenia, Wilbert, Philip, Opston, Jr., Albert &amp; Jerome Guillory, CB, Ruth &amp; Tia Davis, Catherine Williams, Yvonne Warren and Marcus Montigue</p> 	<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p> <p>George Coleman, Jr Geneva Coleman George Coleman, Sr. Carrie Coleman M.H. Weathersby Odelia Weathersby Donald Coleman</p> 	<p><b>JANI-KING</b></p> <p>Commercial Cleaning Service</p> <p><b>Monique Scott</b> <b>225 273-5464</b></p>	<p><b>Jacques's Photography</b></p> <p>3168 Anita Avenue Baton Rouge, LA 70805 355-2366 – Home 921-1563 – Mobile</p>	<p><b>State Farm Insurance</b></p> <p><b>Leonard Benjamin</b> <b>775-2492</b></p>
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<p><i>In Loving Memory of Our Loved Ones:</i></p>  <p>Roosevelt Bowers Joseph "Buddy" Walker Oscar LeDuff, Jr. Frank P. Bowers Carrie &amp; Douglas Rodney, Sr. Clara &amp; Willis Walker Sarah Rodney Domino Freddie Bowers Ora Bowers Ward Sybil Thomas Johnson Wilbert Domino, Sr.</p> 	
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<p><b>Space Available</b></p>	<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p> <p>Geneva Battley Spooner Della Battley Rodney</p>  <p align="center"><i>"Rest in Peace"</i></p>	<p><b>John K. Pierre</b> <i>Attorney At Law</i></p> <p>2900 West Fork Dr. Baton Rouge, LA 70815 225 295-5638</p>	<p><b>Chenevert Construction &amp; Remodeling</b> 344-0183</p>
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<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p> <p>Lionel Bazile, Sr. James Bazile Sheila Bazile</p>  <p align="center"><i>"Rest in Peace"</i></p>	<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p> <p>Aaron Bradley Joseph H.P. Martin</p>  <p align="center"><i>"Rest in Peace"</i></p>	<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p> <p>Milton, Rachel, Lillie, Lillian, Kirby, James "Pookie" Verdell, Corinne &amp; Michael Joseph, Lawrence, Sr. &amp; Shedrick Ashford, Ellis Myles, Sr., Rose &amp; Albert Hebert, Eula White</p> 	<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p>  <p>Wilfred Ferbos, Sr.</p>  <p align="center"><i>"Rest in Peace"</i></p>	<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p> <p>The Joseph Family</p>  <p align="center"><i>"Rest in Peace"</i></p>
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