

# PALM SUNDAY

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

MARCH 28, 2021

Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

PHILIPPIANS 2:8-9

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It may be Palm Sunday, but the Passion is far more prominent in today's liturgy, which invites us to follow Jesus from his triumphant entrance into Jerusalem to his crucifixion and burial. It simply overflows with the sorrow and intimacy that will be dominant themes in Holy Week.

The first reading from the book of Isaiah gives voice to the suffering of an innocent person—perhaps a prophet—or the people as a whole. The refrain for the Psalm is Jesus' cry from the cross (Mark 13:14), a cry of absolute, existential loneliness. The great kenotic (emptying) hymn in Philippians provides a stunning portrait of Jesus' ultimate emptying, simultaneously intimate and cosmological.

## INTIMACY

All four Gospels have a Passion narrative. While there is agreement on the main events—an intimate meal shared by Jesus and the disciples, betrayal by Judas, prayer in Gethsemane followed by Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion—each Gospel has unique variations that give it a particular meaning or tone. In today's Gospel from Mark, Jesus is anointed by an unnamed

woman in the house of Simon the leper. All the Gospels have Jesus being anointed by a woman, but only Mark puts this scene just before the Last Supper. Jesus says the anointing is preparation for his burial; it is as if the woman could see a prophet's suffering in Jesus' life and feel it in his presence. Moved by compassion, she empties her jar of expensive nard on his head, pouring out her love in a profoundly intimate act. Perhaps she will also join the women who witness the crucifixion from afar (Mark 15:40-41), after the Twelve seem to be long gone.

Palm Sunday invites us to follow Jesus through the rest of Holy Week. By moving us to feel the injustice and the suffering endured by Jesus, this week's liturgies and devotions present us with those same choices. Perhaps, like the unnamed woman, we can open ourselves to others' suffering and respond with love and compassion. Or perhaps, like the Twelve, we will be conspicuous by our absence.

Today's Readings: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

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### LITURGY GUIDE

#### SUNDAY MASS

10:30 a.m.

(Temporary due to Covid-19)

#### RECONCILIATION

By Appointment

Live Stream Mass on Facebook @

[stpaultheapostlecatholicchurchbr](https://www.facebook.com/stpaultheapostlecatholicchurchbr).

10:30 a.m. Mass



**Baptism:** Call the Rectory to make arrangements. Infant Baptism is on the first Sunday of the month. Attendance of the pre-baptism workshop is required.  
**Marriage:** Make arrangements six (6) months in advance of wedding date with the pastor.  
**Communion to the Sick:** Please call the office to make arrangements to bring communion when someone is unable to attend Mass due to illness.

## TODAY'S READINGS

**Gospel at the Procession with Palms** — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16).

**First Reading** — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

**Psalm** — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

**Second Reading** — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

**Gospel** — The account of Christ's passion according to Mark (Mark 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]).

## READINGS FOR HOLY WEEK

**Monday: Monday of Holy Week**  
Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

**Tuesday: Tuesday of Holy Week**  
Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17;  
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

**Wednesday: Wednesday of Holy Week**  
Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31,  
33-34; Mt 26:14-25

**Thursday: Holy Thursday; Paschal Triduum begins 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 Friday: Good Friday of the  
Lord's Passion; Fast and Abstinence  
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, 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15**

**Saturday: Holy Saturday; Vigil of Easter**  
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; Julian Calendar Palm  
Sunday**  
Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;  
1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31



### MASS INTENTIONS

7:30 a.m. - In Memory of Ms. April Dunn  
on the First Anniversary of her death.

10:30 a.m. - Parishioners of St. Paul the  
Apostle



### HOLY WEEK

**Holy Thursday:** Mass of the Lord's Supper - 6:30  
PM (followed by the adoration. Please be prepared  
to spend some time in personal prayer with the  
Blessed Sacrament)

**Good Friday:** Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and  
Death - Starts with Stations of the Cross at 2 PM

**Holy Saturday:** Easter Vigil - 8 PM

**Easter Sunday** - Mass of the Resurrection - 9 AM

### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**(CONFESSION):** We will celebrate the Sacra-  
ment of Reconciliation (Confession) On Wednesday  
March 31 from 5.30 PM to 6.30 PM Fr. Arockiam  
will hear confessions. Please wear mask and follow  
social distancing. Please consider going to confes-  
sions before Easter. It is the best way to bring peace  
to your soul and spirit.

### OFFERTORY

#### March 21, 2021

Offertory Collection	\$ 4,628.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,066.67
Building Fund	\$ 126.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 170.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 170.00
4-Month Fund Raiser	\$ 100.00
Easter	\$ 15.00
Total	\$ 7,275.67

Online Giving: [osvonlinegiving.com/4266](http://osvonlinegiving.com/4266)

For pastoral needs, contact  
Fr. Arockiam Arockiam, SVD



### PRACTICE SCHEUDLE

**Wed. March 31** - 5 PM - Altar Servers who  
will serve on Holy Thursday.

**Fri. April 2** - 10 AM Altar Servers for Good  
Friday Service.

**Sat. April 3** - 10 AM Lectors  
10:30 AM Altar Servers

### BAPTISMAL SCHEDULE

**Baptismal Class for Parents and Godparents**  
Thursday, May 6, 2021 - 6:30 p.m.

Contact: Mrs. Vera Dunbar - 225-324-2939

Baptism will be celebrated on Sunday,  
May 16, 2021 During or After 10:30 Mass  
(For exceptions, please contact Fr. Arockiam SVD)



### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

In the name of Christ, we welcome you! We rejoice with the Legeaux/Peguero and West/Hebert families on their children's baptism, **August Legeaux Jr. and Mia West**, on Saturday, March 20, by Fr. Arockiam here at St. Paul. We also wish to extend a loving welcome to the families and their children as members of God's Family and our parish!

**BAPTISM:** We celebrated with the parents of baby **Karter Joseph**, Jarvis Joseph and Candace Lair-Joseph, at the 10:30 A.M. Mass last Sunday, March 21, as Fr. Arockiam baptized their son during the 10:30 A.M. Mass. "Every good and perfect gift comes from above." James 1:17

### FROM FR. AROCKIAM SVD

I thank Mr. Ernest Hebert, the building committee and F.C. Members, and the parishioners for helping to take care of the maintenance of the church exterior.

**COPIER NEEDED** - We are working on getting a new copy machine for our church office. We have received different quotes. It comes around \$6,200.00 plus Tax. If you know anyone who can give a better deal or if you have any suggestion or want to donate towards the purchase, please let me know.

**RENTAL PROPERTY** - The air conditioning unit at the rental property on Billops Street was replaced at a cost of \$6,500.00.

**ENVELOPE CHANGES** - At our Tuesday Mar.16, 2021 meeting, In consultation with St. Vincent DePaul Conference and Finance Council members I have decided that our Monthly St. Vincent DePaul Society Envelope will be titled as **ST. PAUL FOOD PANTRY/ ST. VINCENT DePAUL MINISTRIES**. Your donations will be shared for both Ministries.

**ST PAUL LEARNING CENTER** - Our Learning Center Buildings are not in use for more than a year. It is a concern. I invite any concerned parishioner with any ideas or suggestions for use of these buildings. If I don't hear from anyone in a couple of months, I will proceed with whatever the PPC and F.C. Members have to offer/suggest.

### DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN UPDATE



Thanks be to God and our church family; **St. Paul's Debt Reduction Campaign moves forward!** If you have not received or picked up your debt reduction packet, please pick it up from the Parish Office or on Sunday in the foyer of the church. Pray and consider pledging an amount above your regular tithes and offerings to help reduce the church's loan over the next 2-3 years. The amount of your pledge is personal and between you and God. **Give what you can!** **To return your census form and/or pledge, place the census form and/or pledge card in an envelope, and drop it in the collection basket on Sundays, give it to Fr. Arockiam, bring it to the parish office, or mail it in.** The census forms and/or pledge cards should be returned before or by Sunday, April 25, 2021. **Contributions toward your pledged amounts may be made online at [osvonlinegiving.com/4266](https://osvonlinegiving.com/4266), placed in any of the special debt reduction envelopes and dropped in the collection basket or delivered to the Parish Office.**

**Thank you for your prayers and support!**

Debt Reduction Campaign Summary	
Area of Focus	As of 3-21-2021
Our Goal	\$548,000.00
Total Amt. Pledged	\$184,600.00
Total Donations Collected	\$25,480.00
Total # of Members Pledged	49
Total # of Registered Members	553

### CELEBRATING MARCH 28-APRIL 3 BIRTHDAYS

- Jeanette Bishop 3/28
- Camilla Paul 3/28
- Yvonne Joseph 3/29
- Angela Baham 3/30
- Brandon White 3/30
- Joseph T. Mathis 3/31
- Udella B. Henderson 4/01
- Tori Wilson 4/01
- Jordan Young 4/01
- Taylor Bowman 4/02
- Gabriel Camel 4/02
- Audrene LeBlanc 4/02
- April Givens 4/03

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND






*Audrey Christopher, Mary Smart, Carolyn Christophe, Myrtis Coleman, Robert Seals, Mona Seals, Sylvia Collier, Lena Batiste, Marie Myles, Willis Reed, Jr., Annie Joseph, Harry Sills, Denovas Crockett, Jasman Benjamin, James Hayward, Cheryl Crockett, Brenda D. Hickman, Charles Davis, Jr., Rose Crockett Carter, Dianna Franklin, Meredith Jones, Curtell Thibodeaux, Irene Warner, Louis Simms, Sadie Simms, Patrick Simms, and Yvonne Joseph*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

*Ronnie Gauthier, Helen Celestine, Florence Jackson, Betty Hammond, Frank Ross, Mona Bossier Bailey, Walker Williams, Barbara Brennan, Richard Dillon, Calvin Thomas, III, Joel Rivera, Dorie Martin, Alberta Conner, Martha Reinhart, Dana Simoneaux, Nichelle Hollins, Jessica Hughes, Ernie Butitta, Edna Dixon, Charles Bethley, Jenna Scott, Anthony Grand, Allen Paschal, James Pace, Connie St. Romain, Kirk Haynes, and Carey Haynes*

<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> 225 273-5464</p>	<p><i>Space Available</i></p>	<p><b>State Farm Insurance</b></p> <p><b>Leonard Benjamin</b> 775-2494</p>
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<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p> <p>Geneva Battley Spooner Della Battley Rodney Rosa Lee Johnson</p>  <p><i>"Rest in Peace"</i></p>	<p><u>St. Paul the Apostle Quick Reference</u></p> <p>Altar Servers - 7:30 - Shirley Dawson.....802-6128  Altar Servers - 10:30 - Christy Hall... ..223-7851  Infant Baptism - Deacon Benjamin Dunbar, Jr.....324-5808  Bible Study - Barbara Haynes.....665-2630  Bookkeeper - Debra Dudley.....383-2537  Center (Use of Center) - Mary Martin.....383-2537  Center Rental &amp; Repast - Velita Benjamin.....654-6705  Child Protection Coordinator - Vera Dunbar.....324-2939  Eucharistic Ministers - Nancy Ball.....397-4309  Liturgy Committee - Gigi Collin Mathis.....278-0071  Nurse - Maxine Watts .....278-6732  Office Assistant - Christy Hall.....383-2537  Parish Office - Secretary - Mary Martin.....383-2537  Pastor - Fr. Arockiam Arockiam.....383-2537  Readers - Fr. Arockiam Arockiam.....383-2537  Religious Education Director - Martha Davis.....357-4108  RCIA Coordinator - Fr. Arockiam Arockiam.....383-2537  Ushers - Edmonia Joseph .....772-2090  Youth Ministry - Justin Kennedy.....754-2609</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. Elizabeth &amp; Frank P. Bowers Carrie &amp; Douglas Rodney, Sr. Clara &amp; Willis Walker Sarah Rodney Domino &amp; Wilbert Domino, Sr. Freddie Bowers Ora Bowers Ward Sybil Thomas Johnson Maureen Bowers Johnson</p> 	<p><i>Space Available</i></p>
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<p><i>In Loving Memory of:</i></p> <p>Famye Reed and the Reed, Stewart, Davis , and Grainger Families</p>  <p><i>"Rest in Peace"</i></p>	 <p><b>"GET THE HOOK"</b> <b>HOOKIN UP</b> <b>MARINE AND TACKLE</b></p> <p>1968 Wooddale Ct. Baton Rouge, LA 70806 Ph. 225 999-5202 Email: hookinupmarineandtackle@gmail.com</p> <p><b>Kobi Chenevert</b>      <b>Store Manager</b></p>	<p><i>Space Available</i></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><i>Space Available</i></p>	<p><i>Space Available</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 , Terry Hebert, Eula White, J.D. Joseph, Aaron Bradley Joseph, Jessie Joseph Sr., H.P. Martin</p> <p><i>"Rest in Peace"</i></p> 
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