



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Catholic Parish

REV. PRABHU AROCKIASAMY, PASTOR
ED CONNICK, DEACON

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION,
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AND MASS
SCHEDULES

SATURDAY
3:15PM
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & CONFESSION
3:30 PM – HOLY ROSARY
4:00 PM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY
8:00 AM – EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
8:30AM- HOLY MASS
10:30 AM – EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
11:00AM- HOLY MASS

REGULAR
WEEKDAYS
MONDAY-
COMMUNION
SERVICE TUESDAY–
FRIDAY

8:00 AM – HOLY
MASS
ANNOUNCEMENTS

To return Lawn Party ticket stubs, along with check/cash, please put in envelope clearly marked "Lawn Party" and place in collection basket. For more tickets, call the church office at 251-479-9885.

4/5/2023 Sedar Meal (Passover meal) @ 5:30pm, all are welcome. Please write your names or how many people will attend from your family. These numbers will help us prepare the meal. When you come please bring a cover dish.

In case you haven't marked your calendar, the St. Matthew's All School Reunion will be held on Sunday, April 16th. @ 11:00 am till 2pm! After 10am mass, people for reunion move to the school yard to visit with old friends until approximately 2pm!

For Country store contributions, please contact Ms. Darlene O'rourke

The next & final Lawn Party meeting will be on 4/16/2023 after

8:30am mass. All are welcome to attend the Meeting. Tomorrow after 8:30am mass, we have monthly breakfast.



WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday 2
Mt 21:1-11
Is 50:4-7
Phil 2:6-11
Mt 26:14—27:66
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Monday 3
Is 42:1-7
Jn 12:1-11
Monday of Holy Week

Tuesday 4
Is 49:1-6
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Tuesday of Holy Week

Wednesday 5
Is 50:4-9a Mt 26:14-25
Wednesday of Holy Week

Thursday 6
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14
1 Cor 11:23-26
Jn 13:1-15
Holy Thursday - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday 7
Is 52:13—53:12
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9
Jn 18:1—19:42
Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Saturday 8
Gn 1:1—2:2
Gn 22:1-18
Ex 14:15—15:1
Is 54:5-14
Mt 28:1-10
Holy Saturday
At the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter

Collection details:

3/26/2023—\$ 2905
Parish Project—\$ 50
Flowers—\$ 460
Total Deposit—\$ 3,455 Today's
second collection for
Aid to Church in Europe & Africa



KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS
AND LADIES
AUXILIARY
#8740



In the beginning
was the word...

Our Lady of Lourdes Liturgy



Our Lady of Lourdes
Parish Hall
Tuesday
at 6PM

Bulkheads • Boathouses • Dredging • Boatlifts



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Holy Week Schedule

2 April 2023 Palm Sunday
6 April 2023 Holy Thursday @ 5:30 pm Mass (no morning mass)
7 April 2023 Good Friday @ 3:30pm Stations of the Cross
& 4:00pm Veneration of the Holy Cross (The Passion of the Lord)
8 April 2023 Easter Vigil @ 5:30pm
9 April 2023 Easter Sunday @ 9:30 am Mass (only one mass)

Easter is the time to share our easter joy and peace of our Risen Lord with others. Also as we would share our love during this time; you're requested share your prayers, personalized easter cards, gifts with your Pastor & Deacon.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY APRIL 1
4:00 PM
+ BILL & PAT
DUMAS

SUNDAY
APRIL 2
8:30 AM
+ LEO
MARSH
11:00 AM
+ MARY ARNETT

TUESDAY
APRIL 4
8:00 AM
+ JOHN
ARNETT SR.

WEDNESDAY
APRIL 5
8:00 AM
+ JOHN &
KATHLEEN
HOHMAN

THURSDAY APRIL
6

5:30 PM
TOM & CESILIA
WILSON SPECIAL
INTENTION

SATURDAY
APRIL 8
EASTER VIGIL
5:30 PM
PATRICIA
ROGERS

SUNDAY APRIL 9
9:30 AM
SPECIAL
INTENTIONS OF
BEASLEY
FAMILY

Eastern Shore Medical
Weight Loss

251-625-4030

Physician Supervised
FDA Approved



**ENCYCLICAL LETTER FRATELLI TUTTI
OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS ON FRATERNITY
AND SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP**

60. In the New Testament, Hillel's precept was expressed in positive terms: "In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets" (Mt 7:12). This command is universal in scope, embracing everyone on the basis of our shared humanity, since the heavenly Father "makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good" (Mt 5:45). Hence the summons to "be merciful, just as your Father is merciful" (Lk 6:36).
Foot Note : Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium (24 November 2013), 235: AAS 105 (2013), 1115.

61. In the oldest texts of the Bible, we find a reason why our hearts should expand to embrace the foreigner. It derives from the enduring memory of the Jewish people that they themselves had once lived as foreigners in Egypt:

"You shall not wrong or oppress a stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt" (Ex 22:21).

"You shall not oppress a stranger; you know the heart of a stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt" (Ex 23:9).

"When a stranger resides with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the stranger as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt" (Lev 19:33-34).

"When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the sojourner, the orphan, and the widow. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt" (Deut 24:21-22).

The call to fraternal love echoes throughout the New Testament:

"For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself'" (Gal 5:14).

"Whoever loves a brother or sister lives in the light, and in

such a person there is no cause for stumbling. But whoever hates another believer is in the darkness" (1 Jn 2:10-11). "We know that we have passed from death to life because we love one another. Whoever does not love abides in death" (1 Jn 3:14).

"Those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have

seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen" (1 Jn 4:20).
Foot Note : SAINT JOHN PAUL II, Message to the Handicapped, Angelus in Osnabrück, Germany (16 November 1980): Insegnamenti III, 2 (1980), 1232.

TO BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES
CASINO BUS TRIP**

**BEAU RIVAGE— BILOXI, MS SUNDAY
APRIL 30, 2023
12:30 PM TO 7:30 PM
COST : \$ 45.00 EACH
COST INCLUDES \$ 10.00 FOR SPILT
THE POT
\$15.00 FREE PLAY DRINKS, SNACKS &
BYOB
MUST BE 21 YEARS OF AGE (MEN &
WOMEN)
Leave at 12:30 PM from the Church
Parking Lot.**



Bus departs the BEAU RIVAGE at 6:30 PM

DIP FOOD PANTRY

The DIP Ministerial Association sponsors a food pantry for those in need. The food distribution takes place on the first Saturday of the month from 9AM to 11AM at Parkway Southern Baptist (corner of Staples Road). All in need are welcome. The ministry also welcomes all non-perishable donations. Especially; 14oz canned vegetables; green beans, sweet peas, corn, carrots, 1lb bag of Rice, dried beans or peas, 1 box of spaghetti and 24 oz can of spaghetti sauce, Box of Mac and Cheese, 18oz jar of peanut butter
Anyone interested in assisting with this outreach **contact Deacon John Archer 925-548-5388**

**Flower cost for Easter Decoration is \$700
Flowers will be delivered on 4/5/2023. We will decorate Holy Saturday at 9:00 AM. We need your help.**

Calling All Green Thumbs

Spring is just around the corner. Plants will be sprouting and making babies. We need your help to assure that we will have plenty of plants for our annual lawn party. We ask that you help out when its time to repot your plants to please share with us. If you have a black thumb please purchase and donate. Bring your plants to the church and Barbara Thomas will baby sit them till lawn party. When you bring them, please call Barbara Thomas 251—422— 8829

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Dear Brothers and sisters Sisters in Christ Jesus, Today we begin Holy Week, the days during which we journey with Jesus on his way of the cross and anticipate his Resurrection on Easter. Today's liturgy begins with the procession with

palms to remind us of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. The events of Jesus' Passion are proclaimed in their entirety in today's Liturgy of the Word. Those events will be proclaimed again when we celebrate the liturgies of the Triduum—Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, and the Easter Vigil. In communities that celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation with catechumens, these liturgies take on special importance because they invite the catechumens and the community to enter together into the central mysteries of our faith. These days are indeed profound and holy.

In Cycle A, we read the Passion of Jesus as found in the Gospel of Matthew on Palm, or Passion, Sunday. (On Good Friday, we will read the Passion of Jesus from the Gospel of John). The story of Jesus' Passion and death in Matthew's Gospel focuses particularly on the obedience of Jesus to the will of his Father. As Jesus sends his disciples to prepare for Passover, he indicates that the events to come are the will of the Father (Matthew 26:18). In Jesus' prayer in the garden, he prays three times to the Father to take away the cup of suffering, but each

time, Jesus concludes by affirming his obedience to the Father's will (Matthew 26:39-44). Even Matthew's description of Jesus' death shows Jesus' obedience to the Father.

Another theme of Matthew's Gospel is to show Jesus as the fulfillment of Scripture. Throughout the Passion narrative, Matthew cites and alludes to Scripture to show that the events of Jesus' Passion and death are in accordance with all that was foretold. And if the events were foretold, then God is in control. In addition, Matthew is particularly concerned that the reader does not miss the fact that Jesus is the Suffering Servant of the Old Testament.

Jesus acts in obedience to the Father even in death, so that sins may be forgiven. Matthew makes this clear in the story of the Lord's Supper. As Jesus blesses the chalice, he says: ". . . for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:28)

While the Gospels of Matthew and Mark have many parallels in their narrative of the Passion, there are a few details worth noting that are unique to Matthew. Only Matthew indicates the price paid to Judas for betraying Jesus. The story of Judas's death is also found only in Matthew, as is the detail that Pilate's wife received a warning in a dream and that Pilate washed his hands of Jesus' death. Finally, Matthew's Gospel alone mentions the earthquakes and other phenomena that happened after Jesus' death.

Matthew places the responsibility for Jesus' death on the Sanhedrin, the chief priests and elders who were responsible for the Temple. However, the animosity that those Jewish leaders and the Jewish people demonstrate toward Jesus is not to be interpreted in ways that blame the Jewish people for Jesus' death. Throughout Matthew's Gospel, the narrative reflects the tension that probably existed between the early Christian community and their Jewish contemporaries. At the Second Vatican Council, the Council Fathers made clear that all sinners share responsibility for the suffering and death of Jesus and that it is wrong to place blame for Jesus' Passion on the Jewish contemporaries of Jesus or on Jewish people today.

There are many vantage points from which to engage in Jesus' Passion. In the characters of Matthew's Gospel, we find reflections of ourselves and the many ways in which we sometimes respond to Jesus. Sometimes we are like Judas, who betrays Jesus and comes to regret it. We are sometimes like Peter, who denies him, or like the disciples, who fell asleep during Jesus' darkest hour but then act rashly and violently at his arrest. Sometimes we are like Simon, who is pressed into service to help Jesus carry his cross. Sometimes we are like the lead-

ers who fear Jesus or like Pontius Pilate, who washed his hands of the whole affair. Jesus dies so that our sins will be forgiven.

The events of Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection are called the Paschal Mystery. No amount of study will exhaust or explain the depth of love that Jesus showed in offering this sacrifice for us. After we have examined and studied the stories we have received about these events, we are left with one final task—to meditate on these events and on the forgiveness that Jesus' obedience won for us.

PRAYER LIST

Anita Barclay, Campbell Berger, Katherine Berger, Bethany Ann Boltz, Roy Williams, , Logan Bowers, Jerry Boyes, Patrick Webb Brownlie-Carey, Noli Causay, Teresa Coleman, Lee Cooley, Peter Cooley, Anita Cowart, Anne Davidson, Daniel Dorriety, Marquitta Dukes, Dodie Dumas, Louise Frontz, Janet Gafford, Tony Golemon, Mary Ann Keith, Dennis Keith, Liz Kilborn, Edward Kimbrough, Debora Klaus, Steven Kuszynski, Shirley Lacy, Michael Langan, Alfred Leonard, Margie Lord, Rodney Lundy, Mary McKeough, Patricia McRoy, Craig Miley, Archie Moore, Elaine Moore, Wally Neese, Kenny Nixon, Tiffany Neese, Darlene O'Rourke, James M. O'Rourke, Alex Paneda, Lita Paneda, Scott Peck, Ursula Quintana, Kaitlyn Reynolds, Simon Schum, Cindy Snow, Mandy Spotswood, Curtis Steiner, Rita Steiner, Todd Stringfellow, Barbara Thomas, Katelyn Tillman, Tyler Upton, Rudy Visperas, Melanie Wacker, Albert Washington, Heather Washington, Darlene Watson, Lou Watt, Brad Wells, Bubba Williams, Bobby Zarate, Diane Little, Joyce Ladnier, Roy Still, William Patrick A, Fred L. Lorge, Joan A. Lorge, Barbara Smith, Frank Seltzer, Dennis Cottrell, Pete, Sam Barksdale, Joey Murphy, Chuck Simmons, Damian Turk, John O'Conner, Fr. Francis J. Sofie Jr, Megan, Stephen Wiese, Matthew wiese, Raymond Floyes, Kay K Shaw, Lloyd J. Thompson, Ruby P Thompson, George E. Merren, Jr, Flora Decker, Mary Ann Fletchery, Pat McKeough, Mathew Wilson, Eddie Booth Jr, Helen Bender, Paige Ellis, Eunice Miles, Gloria Leslie, Diana Holifield, Bea Burton, Janet & John Frazier, Henry Hoven, Mark Westbrook, Ronnie Hudson, Jewanda Taylor Jowe, Nicholas Balch, Jean Stanley, Colleen O'Rourke, Perry Hockaday, David Curtis, Kristi D Young, Beth Kenny

MASS OPENINGS

- 23 April 2022—Opening (8:30 AM)**
- 27 April 2022—Opening**
- 28 April 2022—Opening**
- 30 April 2022—Opening**
- 2 May 2022—Opening**
- 3 May 2022—Opening**
- 4 May 2022—Opening**
- 5 May 2022—Opening**
- 7 May 2022—Opening**
- 9 May 2022—Opening**
- 10 May 2022—Opening**