

4.7.2019

WELCOME!

Our parish community welcomes you! We are blessed by your active participation in our worship together. Thank you for helping us grow!

"Be faithful in little things."
-Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, C.Ss.R

WEEKLY PARISH OFFERINGS

SUNDAY MASS

8:00 am and 10:30 am

CONFESSION

Sundays beneath the stairwell
before, between, and after Sunday Masses
or by appointment: call Fr. Jim

DAILY MASS

Wednesdays at 8:30 am at
Steinway Piano Gallery on Hwy 31

Thursdays at 8:30 am at
Women's Health Center off Hwy 31

Parishioners can still sign up to have a Daily Mass in their home via the church website.

MINISTRY OF THE SICK

Please contact the parish office if you or anyone you know would like to receive weekly communion.

STEWARDSHIP: YOUR GIFT OF TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE

Contact these parishioners if you are interested in assisting in the following ways:

Altar Servers: contact Theresa West at (228) 209-4935;
Ushers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers: contact Joan Dryden at (251) 680-5541;
Coffee Social: contact Zannyha Wright at (334) 405-3631

LAST WEEK'S OFFERING

Tithe Collection: \$3,917.00 || Building Fund: \$1,553.15
CRS Collection: \$602.20 || Easter Flowers \$178.00
Online Giving in March: 3,927.50

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

4/14: Central and Eastern Europe/Africa Collection

HOLY WEEK STEWARDSHIP

Sign-up sheets for Holy Week liturgies are at the main entrance. Ushers, lectors and Eucharistic Ministers are needed for Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, (no Eucharistic Ministers on Good Friday), Easter Vigil, and the 8:00 am and 10:30 am Masses on Easter Sunday. Contact Joan Dryden for additional assistance.

GULF COAST CRAWFISH AND BBQ FESTIVAL

Join your Baldwin County Catholic community on the grounds at St. Patrick School in Robertsedale, AL on April 28th from 1-6 pm. All you can eat: crawfish and fixins, BBQ, cole slaw, corn, baked beans, jambalaya, crawfish pasta, and desserts! There will be silent auction, door prizes, children activities, plus live music by Grammy award-winning Terrance Simien and the Zydeco Experience.

Tickets are \$35, and children under 12 are free (only advance sales). Buy tickets at Catholic Social Services 251-947-2384 or on eventbrite.com until April 24th. All proceeds will benefit Baldwin County Catholic Social Services.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE MOBILE

Our vigil continues! Help us cover Planned Parenthood in prayer from 6am to 6pm from Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday. To sign up to pray on the abortion sidewalk, visit 40daysforlife.com/mobile. You are also invited to go see "Unplanned," the true conversion story of Abby Johnson, in our local Spanish Fort theater now!

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

We are now accepting donations for our Easter Flowers! Donations can be made in memory or in honor of loved ones, who will be recognized in our Easter bulletin. If you have tithing envelopes already, an envelope for Easter flowers is included in your box. If not, extra envelopes for are on the entrance tables. Thank you for your generosity.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CHAPLET

April 28 is Divine Mercy Sunday, a very special Sunday when the Divine Floodgates from Heaven are opened and Jesus offers us the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment to any soul who goes to Confession and Holy Communion, on that day. The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy will be recited on April 28th at 9:30 am.

UPCOMING EVENTS: HOLY WEEK

CHRISM MASS @ CATHEDRAL

APR 16 @ 11:00 AM

HOLY THURSDAY MASS

APR 18 @ 7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY

APR 19 @ 7:00 PM

EASTER VIGIL MASS

APR 20 @ 8:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

APR 21 @ 8:00 AM AND 10:30 AM

THE WILD GOOSE

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Wild Goose, a video-based series on the Holy Spirit, is our suggested Lenten adult faith formation. Workbooks are available at the entrance tables. View the six videos at home with your family with other parishioners. Contact Theresa West for more information. Free videos at Formed.org.

Parishioner Testimonials

"We are enjoying the Wild Goose series--learning more about the Holy Spirit and how it can influence our daily lives. It has been fun getting to know the other parishioners in our group and getting to share our personal experiences and learn each others' stories."

"It feels like a true family to be sharing like this in our homes. We see the Holy Spirit working to understand how much He is available to us and, in all of our experiences, just how much He leads us!"

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

Don't forget to bring your Rice Bowls back each week. The class that collects the most will have an ice cream party, after Lent. Yum!

Please Note:

No Sunday School classes on 4/14 or 4/21.
No Children's Liturgy of the Word on 4/21 (Easter).

LENTEN RESOURCES

- + Consider starting a **Mass Journal** during Lent. Read the upcoming Sundays Gospel prior to Mass. How that Gospel speak to you? the Homily? After Mass, consider one thing you can do that week for Lent.
- + Discover simple ways to transform your life in 40 Days! Sign up for **Best Lent Ever** at DynamicCatholic.com/Lent
- + **Stations of the Cross** for your Lenten devotion can be found at Laudate.com or on the Laudate app. This is wonderful way to start a new family tradition.
- + **Rice Bowls** are available for all parishioners at the entrance tables. Collect change during Lent for Catholic Relief Services.

CTK LIFE TEEN LENTEN DINNER

You are invited to Christ The King's Lenten Dinner on April 12th in the gym at Christ The King.

Shrimp pasta plate for \$8, cheese pizza for \$2, and a bake sale will all benefit Life Teen's mission trip to New Mexico this summer where they will be working on an American Indian Reservation. Katherine Hewlett from our parish is a part of the mission trip.

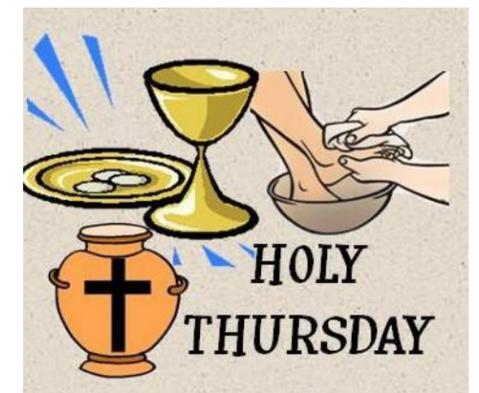
Dinner will be served at 6pm following Stations of the Cross in the church at 5:30 pm.

HOLY THURSDAY: GIFTS FOR THE POOR

There will not be a regular collection on Holy Thursday. Instead, please bring the following gifts for the poor. These will be distributed to The Prodissee Pantry and Catholic Social Services.

- Ziplock Bags Gallon Size
- Lysol Wipes
- Anti-bacterial Hand Sanitizer
- Laundry Detergent
- Bar soap
- Shampoo
- Baby wipes
- Dish Soap

Parishioners will be invited to take up these gifts to the altar in lieu of the regular collection.



FAMILY CONNECTION ON TODAY'S GOSPEL FROM LOYOLA PRESS

There are few people that we know better than the members of our own family. We know one another's strengths and abilities, and we also know one another's limitations and weaknesses. Like the Pharisees in today's Gospel, we may be tempted to focus on the faults and sins that familiarity with one another can sometimes reveal. As family members, however, we also have the ability to see one another's faults and sins within the context of the whole person. When we can keep this perspective, we are more likely to look upon one another with compassion. Family life, then, presents us the opportunity to see one another as God sees us, not with judgment and condemnation for our weaknesses and failings, but with mercy and compassion. When we learn to withhold judgment for the faults we know are there and seek the best in one another, we help one another to experience the depths of God's compassion, mercy, and love.

As you gather as a family, observe that when we know people well we know their faults as well as their strengths. At times, we can be tempted to focus on the faults we see in others. Discuss what your family life would be like if you always focused on one another's faults. Observe that in today's Gospel, Jesus refuses to focus on the sin of the woman brought to him for judgment. Read aloud today's Gospel, John 8:2-11. Ask: What did the people who focused on the woman's sin want to do? (stone the woman) What does Jesus say to the people who accused the woman caught in adultery? (that the person with no sin should throw the first stone) Are any of us without sin? (No.) Observe that we can help each other to grow in God's love by refusing to focus on one another's faults and sins. In this way, we can help one another to see ourselves as God sees us: with understanding and compassion. Conclude in prayer together asking God to forgive our sins by praying the Act of Contrition. **Read more at www.loyolapress.com.**

ON THE ROAD TO EASTER

Join us as we journey through the detailed and beautiful liturgies of Holy Week, including Palm Sunday and the Easter Triduum. Each week from now until Easter, we'll share historical insights into the traditions of the liturgies themselves; how we worship in our parish; and what you should look forward to this year. Collectively, these resources will prepare you to enter into some of the deepest mysteries of our faith.

4/7: Passion Readings & Paschal Fast

4/14: Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil

Passion Readings for Palm Sunday and Good Friday

This year, a significant change will be made regarding the proclamation of the Passion. The faithful will not be asked to read the part of the crowd as in years past. The reason for the change is simple. The part of the faithful is not to be the villainous crowd who shouts, "crucify Him, crucify Him." The role of the faithful during the passion is to stand with Mary and John at the foot of the cross, faithful and loyal to the end, recognizing the truth of the drama that unfolds. That truth is that Jesus died for our sins in one great act of forgiveness. Only Mary and John remain and those who would be faithful. The shouting crowd filed away one by one and never saw the mystery of God's love to completion. As disciples of Jesus, we sing with one voice an anthem of faithful love. *How will you participate?* That is also simple. We as a community at several points during the gospel will sing a faith response. Let us not take on the part of the merciless crowd but that of the faithful disciple.

Lent and the Paschal Fast

When does Lent end? Lent ends with nightfall on Holy Thursday. With nightfall on Holy Thursday, the Triduum begins and the mystery of our salvation unfolds. While the season of Lent ends officially, the Paschal Fast begins. *Are we fasting from food?* Possibly, but the Paschal Fast has more to do with quieting ourselves and turning our thought exclusively to the salvation brought to completion in the one selfless act of obedience, by Jesus, to the Father's will. For three days, the Church moves into a holy silence and breaks that silence (or fast) only to celebrate each evening the Lord's Death and Resurrection. Please make it your privilege and priority to be present in mind, body and spirit for the Holy Triduum.

DAILY READINGS | APRIL 8 – APRIL 13

April 8: Monday of the Fifth Week of Lent | DN 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 OR DN 13:41C-62 / PS 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6 / JN 8:12-20

April 9: Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Lent | NM 21:4-9 / PS 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 / JN 8:21-30

April 10: Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Lent | DN 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 / DANIEL 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 / JN 8:31-42

April 11: Thursday of the Fifth Week of Lent (Optional Memorial of St. Stanislaus) | GN 17:3-9 / PS 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 / JN 8:51-59

April 12: Friday of the Fifth Week of Lent | JER 20:10-13 / PS 18:2-3A, 3BC-4, 5-6, 7 / JN 10:31-42

April 13: Saturday of the Fifth Week of Lent (Optional Mem. of St. Martin) | EZ 37:21-28 / JEREMIAH 31:10, 11-12ABCD, 13 / JN 11:45-56

April 7, 2019 | Fifth Sunday of Lent
IS 43:16-21 | PS 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 | PHIL 3:8-14 | JN 8:1-11

DOING SOMETHING NEW

*"Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart;
for I am gracious and merciful."
Joel 2:12-13*

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