

4.14.2019

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

NOTE: No WHC Mass on April 18 or April 25.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHRISM MASS @ CATHEDRAL

APR 16 @ 11:00 AM

PRODISEE PANTRY SERVICE

APR 17 @ 6:00 PM

HOLY THURSDAY MASS

APR 18 @ 7:00 PM

Includes Washing of the Feet and Gifts for the Poor (details below).

GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY

APR 19 @ 7:00 PM

Includes Veneration of the Cross.

EASTER VIGIL MASS

APR 20 @ 8:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

Thank you to all the students for participating in Stations of the Cross.

The Sunday School students were very generous in their Rice Bowl giving! Overall, \$187.13 was donated. The Middle School students collected the most with \$85.37! They will enjoy an ice cream party on 4/28.

Please Note:

No Sunday School classes on 4/14 or 4/21.
No Children's Liturgy of the Word on 4/21 (Easter).
Classes will resume 4/28.

Confirmation Students

Remember to attend Holy Thursday Mass (4/18) and to assist with Gifts for the Poor. The next service opportunity at Prodissee Pantry is 4/17. The next meeting will be at the Adoration Chapel at Christ the King on Sunday 4/28 @ 5pm.

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: \$3,676.00 || Building Fund: \$1,387.00
Easter Flowers \$605.00

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

See announcement below.

THE WILD GOOSE

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Wild Goose, a video-based series on the Holy Spirit, is our suggested Lenten adult faith formation. This was our final week. We hope everyone enjoyed growing in The Holy Spirit together. Videos are forever available for free at Formed.org.

Parishioner Testimonials

"The videos are very powerful. I learn something new even watching them a second or third time! I especially enjoy the small group experience of sharing, praying, and getting to know other parishioners."

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.

Lent ends with nightfall on Holy Thursday. Push through, and make this a good, spiritual week!

HOLY WEEK LITRUGY PRACTICE

Attention all scheduled Ushers, Lectors, Altar Servers, and members of the Liturgy Committee: Practice for Easter Triduum is Wednesday April 17th, here at Prodissee Pantry at 6:30pm. Please let Joan Dryden know if you cannot be there.

HOLY WEEK SECOND COLLECTIONS

Holy Thursday: Gifts for the Poor
Good Friday: Collection for the Holy Land
Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday: Building Fund

Thank you for your continued generosity!

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.

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.

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

Palm Sunday, also called Passion Sunday, marks the beginning of Holy Week. During this week, we prepare ourselves for Easter by prayerful reflection upon the events of Jesus' passion and death. During this week, your family might display a crucifix in a prominent place as reminder of salvation Christ won for us. This can also serve as the focal point for family prayer during Holy Week. Because of the length and complexity of the passion narrative, it is difficult for children to remain attentive when it is proclaimed in its entirety. Families can make it a tradition to read a portion of this Sunday's Gospel each day of Holy Week, providing ample opportunity for children to ask questions and respond to the events described there. In this way, the entire week can become a "way of the cross." Each day during Holy Week, the family can gather in a prayerful space with a crucifix as its focal point. The passion as found in Luke's Gospel might be read as follows throughout the week:

Sunday:	Luke 19:28-40 (Gospel at the Procession with Palms)	Wednesday:	Luke 22:39-71
Monday:	Luke 22:14-23	Thursday:	Luke 23:1-25
Tuesday:	Luke 22:24-38	Friday:	Luke 23:26-49
		Saturday:	Luke 23:50-56

After reading from the Gospel each day, the family might reflect on the reading together. Conclude your prayer time together by praying the Lord's Prayer and/or singing an appropriate hymn, e.g., "Jesus, Jesus," "Were You There?" or "What Wondrous Love is This." [Read more at www.loyolapress.com.](http://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.

See the bulletin insert for other details about Palm Sunday and Holy Week.

Holy Thursday: Will You Pray With Me One Hour?

The Prodissee Pantry will be open for prayer until 11:00 PM in the evening on Holy Thursday, commemorating the Lord's agony in the garden. There is a sign-up sheet at the entrance of the Church in order to make sure someone is present during the entire period of adoration.

Holy Saturday

The Pascal Fast is at its crescendo as the earth fell silent while we remember that Christ our crucified Lord lay in the tomb for three days. During the Paschal Fast, we make preparation for the Lord's Resurrection and the rekindling of our own moment of rebirth at our baptism. On Holy Saturday morning, you are invited to attend morning prayer in the church beginning at 9:30 AM. During that prayer, the Elect will be anointed with the Oil of the Catechumen, preparing them in earnest for their own baptism at the Vigil. Following morning prayer, the church will then be decorated, and we can use many hands in order to make the church ready for the Mother of all Vigils. The Easter Vigil begins outdoors with the lighting of the Easter Fire. With Christ lighting the way, the darkness is shattered as we remember our own salvation history through the reading of the Old Testament or Hebrew Scriptures. The Vigil breaks into great joy as we baptize the Elect and receive 7 candidates for the faith. Our own renewal of baptismal promises brings us all into the mystery of our salvation as we rise with Christ once again at Easter. Initiation is completed, and the Church is nourished anew as all the Neophytes approach the altar with us for the first time and receive Holy Communion. We look forward to having the entire church family gather together in order to celebrate the deep and abiding mysteries of our faith. Taste and See that the Lord is Good!

DAILY READINGS | APRIL 15 – APRIL 21

4/15: Monday of Holy Week | IS 42:1-7 / PS 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 / JN 12:1-11
4/16: Tuesday of Holy Week | IS 49:1-6 / PS 71:1-2, 3-4A, 5AB-6AB, 15 AND 17 / JN 13:21-33, 36-38
4/17: Wednesday of Holy Week | IS 50:4-9A / PS 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 AND 33-34 / MT 26:14-25
4/18: Holy Thursday – Evening Mass of the 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
4/19: Good Friday of the Lord's Passion | IS 52:13—53:12 / PS 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 / HEB 4:14-16; 5:7-9 / JN 18:1—19:42
4/20: Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter | GN 1:1—2:2 / PS 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 / GN 22:1-18 / PS 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 / EX 14:15—15:1 / EX 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 / IS 55:1-11 / IS 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 / EZ 36:16-17A, 18-28 / PS 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 / ROM 6:3-11 / LK 24:1-12
4/21: Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord | ACTS 10:34A, 37-43 / PS 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 / COL 3:1-4 OR I COR 5:6B-8 / CF. 1 COR 5:7B-8A / JN 20:1-9

April 14, 2019 | Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
LK 19:28-40 / IS 50:4-7 / PS 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 / PHIL 2:6-11 / LK 22:14—23:56

PASSION OF THE CHRIST

"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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