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Monday | 1:00pm-4:00pm Tues., Wed., Thurs. | 8:30am-Noon, 1:00pm-4:00pm Closed Friday – Sunday

MASS TIMES

Saturday Anticipated Mass | 4:00pm Sunday Mass | 8:00am, 10:00am, 5:00pm Weekday Masses | 12:05pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday First Saturday of the Month | 8:00am

CONFESSION TIMES

Weekdays | 30 minutes before Mass Saturdays | 3:00pm-3:45pm Sundays | 4:15pm - 4:45pm

CLERGY

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SATURDAY, MARCH 16

4:00pm M/M Norris Leger, Toby & Winnie Lalonde & Family; Lee R. & Beverly Faul, & Mark Capone, Jr.; Martin Sr., Angela, Martin Jr. & Wilda Cosgrove; Pamela Faith Zerangue Arceneaux; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

8:00am Alvin, Bradley & Richard Marks; James E. & Mattie W. Martin; Gertrude Andrepont Marks; Willard & Willard Ray (Bubba) Andrepont; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Amar, Maryina & A. B. Courvelle, Sr.; Release of Souls in Purgatory; Amanda Fournier; Clarice D. Faul, L.J. Dossmann & Billie Dossmann; Youle, Therese & John Ray Fontenot, & Martin J. St. Amand; Richard & Cecile Leblanc; M/M John, John Jr., Jacob & Michael Fa-Kouri; Pat Cypriano; Bernel, Arthur & Eva Fontenot; Debbie Fay (BD)

10:00am Luke Robert Ragas; Warren Soileau; Chris Dunbar; Darryl & Sarah Wagley (WA); John Olivier; Elizabeth Claire; Fields & Voitier Families

5:00pm St. Landry Church Parishioners

MONDAY, MARCH 18

12:05pm Louis Fay, Sr. (DA); J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Regina & Louis Burleigh

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

12:05pm Dallas Barron, Jr. (DA); Beverly Borne; Louis Burleigh (DA); J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

12:05pm Fannie Genin (DA); J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

12:05pm Living & Deceased Members of Eric & Wendy McCoy Family; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon

Join the Choir for Easter Vigil Mass. Practice dates are: 3/20, 3/27, at 5pm on Wednesdays.



PRAYERS FOR OUR CLERGY

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03/20 | Rev. James Fallon, SSJ

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SCHEDULE FOR **EASTER TRIDUUM**

Holy Thursday | March 28 | Mass of the Lord's Supper | 7p Good Friday | March 29 | The Passion of the Lord| 3p Holy Saturday | March 30 | Easter Vigil| 8p Easter Sunday | March 31

| Mass 8a | 10a

OCS CORNER

The Opelousas Catholic Passion Play will be on Sunday, March 24th at 6:30pm in the OC gym. This production is free of charge and open to the public.

OCS is hosting an open house & shadow day for preschool & kindergarten. Parents and students are invited to come see all that Opelousas Catholic has to offer! The open house will be on Tuesday, April 9th for pre-K 3 & 4 and on Wednesday, April 10t h for kindergarten. Both open houses will be from 8am-10am with tours given at 30-minute intervals. Limited spots available, please RSVP! For more information, contact the Registrar at 337-942-5404 or brileyi@ocsvikings.com.

The next OCS Raising Cane's night is Wednesday, March 20th from 3pm-8pm. Please make sure to mention "OCS" when ordering so that the school will receive 15%. Receipts can be turned in to the homeroom teacher. The class with the most receipts turned in wins a Cane's party!

OCS is pleased to announce the appointment of Coach Justin Boyd as the new Athletic Director. Coach Boyd (OCS '97) returned to his alma mater over 20 years ago and has served in many different roles. Coach Boyd would like to remind local businesses that now is the time to renew advertisements along the baseball fence. Those interested in this advertising opportunity should contact him at boydj@ocsvikings.com.





Today's Gospel reading is taken from the Gospel of John. We are reading much further into John's Gospel than we have for the past two weeks. Chapter 12 of John's Gospel is a preparation for the beginning of the passion narrative to follow. Jesus has just raised Lazarus from the dead—an important sign in John's Gospel, which inspired many people to believe in Jesus. This event also marks the turning point in Jesus' conflict with the Jewish authorities. John's Gospel tells us that the Sanhedrin met after this event and made plans to kill Jesus. In the 12th chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus is anointed at Bethany and enters Jerusalem in triumph. We again see evidence of the significance of the raising of Lazarus to this event; John reports that the crowds also gathered to see Lazarus.

Following his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Jesus predicted his suffering, death, and Resurrection and prepared his disciples to believe in the salvation that his death would accomplish. Using the metaphor of the grain of wheat, Jesus presented the idea that his dying would be beneficial. He also taught that those who would be his disciples must follow his example of sacrifice. This theme will be repeated in John's account of the Last Supper, when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples as an example of how they must serve one another. \dagger

The final section of today's Gospel might be read as John's parallel to the agony in the garden. Unlike the Synoptic Gospels, the Gospel of John does not record Jesus' anguished prayer in the garden of Gethsemane before his arrest. Although comparable words are found in today's reading, Jesus gives a confident response to the question he raises when asking God to save him from his impending death. After announcing his conviction that it is for this purpose that he came, a voice from heaven speaks, as if in answer to Jesus' prayer. This voice, like the one heard at Jesus' baptism and at Jesus' Transfiguration—events reported in the Synoptic Gospels but not in John's Gospel—affirms that God welcomes the sacrifice that Jesus will make on behalf of others. In John's Gospel, Jesus teaches that this voice was sent for the sake of those who would believe in him.

In today's Gospel, we also hear Jesus speak about the cosmic framework against which we are to understand his passion, death, and Resurrection. Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus conquered Satan, the ruler of this world. In this way the world is judged, but the judgment is not condemnation. Instead, through Jesus' dying and rising, salvation is brought to the world.

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Jeremiah tells the people that the Lord will make a new covenant with them, planting the law within their hearts.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 51:3-4,12-13,14-15
A prayer for God's mercy and forgiveness

SECOND READING

Hebrews 5:7-9

Through his sufferings, Jesus gained salvation for all who obey him.

GOSPEL READING

John 12:20-33

Jesus teaches his disciples about the way in which he will be glorified by God, and a voice from heaven is heard to affirm this teaching.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

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