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# Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

## March 16, 2008

God greatly exalted [Christ] And bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

We are a Sacrificial Giving Parish, Giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure

**Our collection for this past weekend was \$5,872.18.**

**Our Collection for Catholic Relief Services was \$45.00.**

(For 2006-2007 our average weekly expenses were \$7,360.00.)

**Bulletin Sponsor: In Memory of Harry Boss (5th Anniversary)**

**By: Velma and Barbara**

### Holy Week Triduum

**March 20th Holy Thursday 7:00 PM**

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

**March 21st Good Friday 3:00 PM**

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

**March 22nd Holy Saturday 8:00 PM**

Celebration of the Easter Vigil

**March 23rd Easter Sunday**

**Celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord**

7:30 AM St. Charles, Grand Coteau

9:00 AM Christ the King, Bellevue

10:30 AM St. Charles, Grand Coteau

*Prayer for Lent: O God, bless us during this season of spiritual renewal. Fill our minds and hearts with love, that we may be a sign of Jesus to all those living in our midst.*

What does the Church say about Catholic Social Teaching in the Public Square?

**Key Theme #1: The Right to Life and the Dignity of the Human Person.**

Human life is sacred. Direct attacks on innocent human beings are never morally acceptable. Within our society, life is under direct attack from abortion, euthanasia, human cloning, and destruction of human embryos for research. These intrinsic evils must always be opposed. This teaching also compels us as Catholics to oppose genocide, torture, unjust war, and the use of the death penalty, as well as to pursue peace and help overcome poverty, racism, and other conditions that demean human life.

**Easter Flowers:** Flower Envelopes are available in the pews for anyone who would like to contribute to the Flower Fund for Easter. Your contributions are appreciated!

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 18th** at 7:00 P.M. in the St. Philippine Duchene Room of St. Charles Chapel. All are welcome.

**First Communion Parent Meeting** to pick up work books is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 26th** at 7:00 PM in the St. Peter Claver Room of St. Charles Chapel.

If a family or person would like to *bring up* the **offertory gifts**, you are asked to sign your name for the specific Mass time on the sheets on the table at the entrance of church. Thank You!

**Pro-Life Rosary** on Wednesday, March 19th at 9:30 AM at the home of Oscar & Neva Marks.

**The Lenten 2008 Penance Service for the North Region, Diocese of Lafayette**

**St. Landry Church, Opelousas**

Monday, March 17th 6:30 PM

### Activities of the Week

**March 17 - March 23**

- M 17 4:30 PM Vigil Mass Choir Practice  
7:00 PM KPC Meeting
- T 18 6:00 PM 7:30 Chimes Choir Practice  
7:00 PM Parish Pastoral Council
- W 19 Six-steps to Easter Classes at 4:30 and  
7:00 PM
- TH 20 5:45 PM 10:30 Mass Choir Practice
- F 21 Good Friday
- S 22 Holy Saturday
- SU 23 Easter Sunday

### Minister Schedule-March 22-23

**Vigil**-Lector Darryl Cormier & Kalina Cormier  
Communion Deacon Sam Henry, Lou Santillo,  
Caro & Shirleen Louviere, Jo Burleigh  
Altar Server Megan Miller

**7:30**-Lector Julia Quebedeaux & Jeanne Boast  
Communion Deacon Herd Guilbeau, Mildred Boast  
Ruby Gardiner, Tommie Miller,  
Stephanie Richard  
Alter Server Taneshia Cormier

**10:30**-Lector Cathy Taylor & Danielle Belson  
Communion Tim Grant, Frank & Avis Domingue  
Barbara Broussard, Celeste Vidrine  
Altar Server Brenton Smith, Armand Olivier,  
Sydney Willingham

### Church Cleaners for March 22-23

Denise Baloney    Natasha Williams  
Diane Meche    Shanda Guidry    Tommie Miller

### Prayer for Easter

O God, by your power and might, you smashed the bonds of sin and death to raise Jesus to life. Send your Holy Spirit upon us to roll away the stones of discouragement and despair so that we might receive new life in Jesus Christ, our Savior. As we have died with him in Baptism so we seek to live with him, both now and forever. Deepen our joy as we celebrate these days of Easter, and strengthen in us the conviction that we need not fear anymore. Amen. Alleluia!

**Friends Day** will be held on Saturday, March 29, 2008 at the Community of Jesus Crucified, 421 1/2 Carmel Dr., Lafayette, La. The day begins at 9:00 AM and ends at Noon. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Pilgrimage to Alabama.** Our Lady Queen of Peace Church is sponsoring a pilgrimage to Birmingham, Cullman, Hanceville & Irondale, Alabama; Thursday, **April 10-Sunday, April 13, 2008.** Pilgrims will visit the EWTN studio, the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, Our Lady of the Angels, Saint Bernard Monastery, and the Ave Maria Grotto. For more information, call 291-1933.

**“Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will”. Matthew 26:39**

Msgr. Winus Roeten says that when we are in prayer and we hear ourselves saying “No!” we probably just heard from God. Prayer is not so much about what we say to God, but about what we are willing to hear from God. When we are in true communion with God to discern his will for us he may ask us to do something difficult or unpleasant; something we have not done before; something that may antagonize our family and friends; something involving financial or physical risk. And it is okay, as Msgr. Roeten suggests, if our first answer is “No!” But, if we are good stewards of our prayer life, growing constantly in our communion with God to discern his will, we must ultimately say “Yes!” to God. Only a fool would want to accept the cup that Jesus knew was in front of him. Jesus was no fool. But Jesus was not willing to destroy the communion he had with the Father, so he was willing to accept the cup. What are we willing to hear from God?

**Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House** announces the following Retreats Scheduled:

#### **Mid-Week Retreats for Women**

June 30-July 2, 2008

November 3-5, 2008

#### **Weekend Retreats for Women**

May 1-4, 2008

September 11-14, 2008

May 8-10, 2008

September 17-8-21, 2008

May 29-June 1, 2008

October 16-19, 2008

August 7-10, 2008

November 13-16, 2008

#### **Married Couples Retreat**

June 27-29, 2008

October 24-26, 2008

#### **Personally-Directed Retreat**

September 4-7, 2008

For information and to register, call 662-5410.

Does gardening give you a sense of wonder and fulfillment? On your wedding day, you and your spouse lovingly planted the seed of a lifelong relationship. A **Marriage Encounter Weekend** will give you the tools you need to help your marriage grow and blossom, Upcoming Weekend dates: April 11-13 in Eunice, June 20-22 in Slidell, July 11-23 in Lake Charles, August 22-24 in Baton Rouge. For more information call 1-800-586-5469.