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Palm Sunday

April 5, 2009

**Christ Jesus humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.**

We are a Sacrificial Giving Parish, Giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure
Our offertory collection for last Sunday was \$6,589.00.
(For 2007-2008 our average weekly expenses were \$6,509.00.)

**Bulletin Sponsor: In Memory of Peter & Velma (Henry) Smith, Sr.
By: Smith Children**

**Bulletin Sponsor for March 29th: In Memory of Mrs. Catherine Eaglin
By: LTC Lafayette Health Occupations Dept.**

PARISH IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

We have begun to construct a covering over the driveway at the handicap entrance of our church (the door of the north-wing area). This would give protection from rain for the elderly, for funerals, and for emergency vehicles. We plan to make this covering match the architecture of the church, and the final details of the work are now being decided. Our hope is to begin construction before the end of March.

A related project is to enlarge the parking space on the north side of the church. It has become clear that we need more parking around the church. We have already begun to fill in low areas and have set up a one-way flow of traffic through the present, limited parking space. We would like to extend the parking area down towards the cemetery. This will require grading, a crushed rock cover, and a new entrance ramp. This project may take some time to complete, but we would like to move it along as soon as possible.

A conservative estimate for the cost of the two projects is \$25,000. In this Bulletin announcement I appeal to all who would like to make a special contribution for these improvements. In a couple of weeks we will begin a series of second-collections on Sundays to raise funds. If you wish to contribute please designate your offering for the "Improvement Projects".

Thank you for your generosity. I look forward to completing these improvements to our church.

Fr. Jim Lambert, S.J.

HOLY WEEK TRIDUUM

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Holy Thursday 7:00 PM

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Good Friday 3:00 PM

Celebration of the Easter Vigil

Holy Saturday 8:00 PM

**Celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord
Easter Sunday**

Masses at: 7:30 AM St. Charles Church

9:00 AM Christ the King Mission

10:30 AM St. Charles Church

"Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Your Loving Mother, I consecrate myself to You. Take possession of my whole being; transform me into Yourself. Make my hands, Your hands, my feet, Your feet, My heart Your heart. Let me see with Your eyes, listen with Your ears, speak with Your lips, love with Your heart, understand with Your mind, serve with Your will and be dedicated to You with my whole being. Make me Your other-self".

Activities of the Week April 6-11

M 6 4:00 PM Vigil Mass Choir Practice

7:00 PM Lenten Guided Prayer Meeting

T 7 6:00 PM Chimes Choir Practice

W 8

TH 9 5:45 PM 10:30 Mass Choir Practice

7:00 PM Adult Sacrament Class

FR 10 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Minister Schedule-April 11-12

Vigil -Lector	Shirleen Louviere & Ivy Lavergne
Communion	Caro Louviere, Mary Menard Mills & Jackie Vautrot, Pat Sonnier
Altar Server	Nicholas Smith & Jacob Pitre
7:30 -Lector	George Ramier & Mary Murray
Communion	Paul & Lolita Henry, Pemella Williams Joe Ewell & Cierra Meche
Altar Server	Taneshia Cormier, Carlie Pierre, James Charles
10:30 -Lector	Simon Broussard & Stephanie Richard
Communion	Angela Boone Celest Vidrine Marie Eaglin, Lorraine & Naomi Marks
Altar Server	Cody, Caitlyn & Caleb Williams

Church Cleaners for April 11-12

Susan Dugal Lou Santillo
Earline Taylor
Michael & Margie McClendon

The Lenten 2009 Penance Services North Region, Diocese of Lafayette St. Landry Church (Opelousas) City-Wide Monday, April 6th at 6:30 P.M.

Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at the 5:00 PM Vigil Mass on **Saturday, April 24th**. Persons of any age who are chronically ill, and elderly persons (even in good health) can receive this sacrament for healing, and for the Lord's help in bearing the crosses of diminished energies. The sacrament will be celebrated during the Mass.

Our Lady of the Oaks is offering a live-in retreat for adults 55 years and over. Arrival time is at 5 PM on Monday, April 20th and departure after the noon meal on Wednesday, April 22nd. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee you a room if you fail to arrive by 5:15 on April 20th. A donation of at least \$25 must be brought to Thensted Center no later than April 10th. Please make checks payable to Thensted Center. Attendance is limited to first come first serve. For further information call Thensted Center at 662-5838.

Man-to-Man Catholic Men's Conference
Saturday, **April 18, 2009** 8:30 AM-4:30 PM
CajunDome Convention Center, Lafayette, La.
Keynote speaker is Coach Dale Brown; Guest Speakers are Jesse Romero and Dr. Ray Guarendi. Registration is \$50. Registration at the door or register and pay online at www.mantomancc.com.



LIVING LENT Day by Day

April 6 Monday

Mary's oil filled the house with fragrance when she anointed the feet of Jesus. Bring some sweet smell into your house today and think of some way you can lavish your love on Jesus.

April 7 Tuesday

Judas kept the money bags and that seemed to get him in trouble. Consider your use of money today. Do you share with the poor? What would Jesus do?

April 8 Wednesday

Get your dining room table set for the meals of the next few days. Bring out the very best dishes because Jesus is your unseen guest.

April 9 Holy Thursday

Making bread with your family is a wonderful way to understand the Last Supper. If you're not up to the task, you can buy a loaf of good unsliced bread, and break it together, with passionate faith.

April 10 Good Friday

Fast and pray this Good Friday. During the hours of the crucifixion keep silence in the house and, if you can, refrain from drinking, Jesus said. "I thirst," and he received nothing but vinegar. A fast from water can help us to appreciate receiving living water.

April 11 Holy Saturday, Vigil of Easter

Attend the Easter Vigil with your entire household, if possible. If you have children too small to stay long, just watch the Easter fire. Then decorate an Easter candle at the center of your table. Pray the prayer of Christians everywhere: Alleluia! Jesus is risen!

April 12 Easter Sunday

Place a bowl of water on your table today, amidst all of the Easter eggs, flowers, and trimmings. Bless the water, than bless yourself with the water as a reminder of the new life that your Baptism brings to you, every day and all day. Happy Easter!

24th Annual Etouffee Festival 2009

Little Flower School Grounds—Main Street
Arnaudville, La. On **April 24th, 25th & 26th**
Benefit of St. John Francis Regis Catholic Church.
Silent Auction, Carnival Rides, Bingo, Games for
Children, Great Food and Live Music and more.

