



Visitation - St. Ann's Shrine Parish Family

"Growing Together for over 100 Years"

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MASS TIMES

Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Monday—Friday: 8:15 a.m. (in Rectory)

MINISTERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

Rev. John Vogler, *Pastor*

Sr. Pat Hottinger, S.H., *Pastoral Minister*

Patricia Fleming, *Secretary*

Carmele Hall & Carole Johnson, *Parish Council Co-Chairs*

Barbara Parker, *Sacristan/Altar Society*

Jeffrey Walton, *Minister of Music*

MINISTRIES TO OUR PARISH FAMILY

St. Louis Catholic Academy (pre-K through 8th): 4720 Carter Ave., 63115, 389-0401

Cardinal Ritter Prep H.S.: 701 N. Spring, 446-5500

St. Charles Lwanga Center (Adult & Youth Development): 4746 Carter Ave., Suite 100, 63115, 367-7929

Cardinal Ritter Institute (Various services for the elderly): 961-8000

Jet-Setters (Senior Citizens Bingo-1st Wed., 10:30 am to 3:00 pm): Eunice Atkinson 535-5018

Vincent de Paul Society (Help for the needy-Tue., 9:00 am to Noon): John Fleming 534-3919

Father Tolton Center (Assistance for Seniors): 385-3445

If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith and Visitation-St. Ann's Shrine, or about the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, First Communion and Reconciliation--call us. For Marriages, call the Pastor at least 6 months ahead of time.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

April 14 through April 20, 2014

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
 Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
 Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34;
 Mt 26:14-25
 Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3ab, 6a, 8b-9;
 Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
 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
 Friday: 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
 Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10,
 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;
 b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11;
 c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;
 d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;
 e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;
 f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11;
 g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or
 Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;
 h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;
 Mt 28:1-10
 Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;
 Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9
 or Mt 28:1-10 or (at an afternoon
 or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

Liturgical Roles

April 13

April 20

COMMENTATORS

Coisetta Wright Alice O’Bryant

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Alice O’Bryant Sr. Pat Hottinger

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SERVERS

Jerry Hall Kayla Moore

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USHERS

William McHugh Barbara Peebles

Eunice Atkinson Irma Stallings

Your Gifts to God and Parish

General & Loose Collection		\$1,102.85
Utility & Stewardship		15.00
Rice Bowl		25.00
Gift-urestr-individ		100.00
Novena		20.00
Total		\$1,262.85

FR. JOHN’S COMMENTS

“How Popular Is The Cross With You?”

It might have been Brett Blair, writing for *e-sermons.com*, who asked why the cheering for Jesus stopped. One suggestion is made that the cheering stopped because Jesus began to talk more and more about a cross.

The story is told of a pee-wee baseball game. When a young boy got up to the plate he looked over to the coach, and he saw him give the signal to sacrifice bunt. He then promptly proceeded to take three big swings and strike out. The coach ran up to him and said: Didn’t you see me give you the signal to sacrifice. Yes, the boy replied. But I didn’t really think that you meant it.

I’m afraid that many of us see Jesus on the cross. We hear him say that we must take up our cross and follow him. But, we act as though we don’t really think he meant it. We turn away and try to accomplish God’s work our own way. We are like Peter who argued with Jesus that he should not have to suffer and die before rising from the grave. We are like Peter who drew his sword in order to save Jesus from the Cross.

I’m afraid that many (maybe even most) of our modern day Christians would not have done well in the days of the Roman persecutions. Can you imagine a modern American cleric or lay person saying as St. Ignatius of Antioch did to the disciples in Rome: "Permit me to imitate my suffering God ... I am God's wheat and I shall be ground by the teeth of beasts, that I may become the pure bread of Christ."

More likely, I’m afraid, we hear good people urging one another to vote for the “right” candidate who will pass laws to make people behave. That is what they say we MUST do to stop abortion or pornography or drug abuse. They tell anyone who will listen that it is our moral obligation to MAKE people behave.

I submit that it is not our moral obligation to make people behave. It is our moral obligation to tell them the truth and to suffer whatever persecution they may impose upon us. It is our moral obligation to take seriously what Jesus has taught and what we as a church have always held to be true. The Cross--sacrificial suffering--is the only power to save people from sin and corruption. Any attempt to force them to God will not only fail, it actually will get in the way of God’s plan to save.

Love, Fr. John

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Pray for those unable to attend today.

Homebound: Dorafrances & Charles Robinson, Claude Bell, Anna Holloman & Clint Harris **In Nursing Homes/Hospital:** Myrtle Evans, Mary Minter Charlotte Logan, Sondra Reese, Ruby Fortson & James Aldridge.

Stewardship "As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they compelled to carry his cross." Matthew 27:32

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him "carry his cross". These opportunities aren't usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for someone. The key is putting the other person's needs before your own and not expecting anything in return.

Parish News

LENTEN RICE BOWL COLLECTION-

Throughout Lent, we have an opportunity to bring forward our contributions after Communion. Take a Rice Bowl home to remind you to save your contributions. Money is to help poor people around the world.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION-Every year on Good Friday we ask people to make a sacrifice to give to the upkeep of the places in the Holy Land.

PARISH ASSEMBLY ON MAY 4th-Everyone plan to stay after Mass that day for an Assembly of the Parish. Focus on our needs after Fr. John retires in June.

SR. CATHERINE SHAW-Pray for the repose of soul for Sr. Catherine Shaw.

FISH FRY-THANKS !! To all who supported us for this fund raiser it was a success.

GOOD FRIDAY MIME-The Passion of Jesus will be acted out in mime. It is a very powerful experience. Don't miss out. Come to the 7:00 p.m. service.

Birthdays In April

Adrian Peebles	April 1
Howard Walker	April 11
Evelyn Jackson	April 14
Richard Stephenson	April 14
David O'Bryant	April 15
Dolores Alexander	April 18
Diane Trice	April 19
Sr. Joan Holden	April 22
Kendall Wraggs	April 23
Beverly Holloman	April 24
Jerry Hall	April 25
Morgan Jones	April 27
Tonda Johnson	April 29
Roderick Alexander	April 30
Pauline Hudson	April 30

ADVERTISE ON THE BACK OF OUR BULLETIN-Call Ken Perkins for prices. (314-229-2028)

EXCITING YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE-At St. Charles Convention Center, May 30-June 1. Sign up now at www.encounterstl.com or call 792-7008.

IN NEED OF DENTAL CARE?-Chaifetz Arena, #1 S. Compton Ave., Friday & Saturday (May 2-3). Clinic doors open at 5:30 a.m. ARRIVE EARLY! The clinic is **first come, first serve** until the capacity is reached. Expect a long day. You can read more at the web site: www.momom.org and your questions can be answered.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILDREN-Victims of sexual abuse, in addition to contacting civil authorities, are asked to come forward in order to receive pastoral assistance. Reports of abuse can be made to any pastor or to Deacon Pil Hengen at 314-792-7704.

These are our own!

Cardinal Ritter Prep HIGH SCHOOL
St. Louis Cath. Academy GRADE SCHOOL
St. Charles LWANGA CENTER
Please Support Them.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday (April 13)—Join other faith communities in our Hall for palm blessing at 9:30 a.m.

Chrism Mass at the Cathedral (April 17)—Holy Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m.

Holy Thursday (April 17)—Gather at St. Matthew at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday (April 18)—Gather at Visitation/St. Ann at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil (Saturday)—Gather in our Hall to begin the readings at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Morning—Mass in church at 9:30 a.m.

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND!

BRING A FRIEND.

IF YOU NEED A RIDE, CALL 535-8804.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

All Fridays of Lent are days of **Abstinence** from meat (from the age of 14 on). **Good Friday (April 18)** is also a day of **Fast** for all Catholics over the age of 18 and up to the age of 59. "Fast" means only one full meal (two other small meatless snacks are allowed). Catholics will not lightly excuse themselves from these obligations but, if there is a serious health problem, the obligations would not apply.

Daily Mass: April 14-16 8:15 a.m. In Chapel
Choir Rehearsal: April 14, 6:30 p.m. In Rectory
SEE HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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