

Calendar

Monday

April 3

Lenten Weekday

Dn 13:1–9, 15–17,

19–30, 33–62

Jn 8:1–11

Tuesday

April 4

Lenten Weekday

Nm 21:4–9

Jn 8:21–30

Wednesday

April 5

Lenten Weekday

Dn 3:14–20, 91–92, 95

Jn 8:31–42

Thursday

April 6

Lenten Weekday

Gn 17:3–9

Jn 8:51–59

Friday

April 7

Lenten Weekday

Jer 20:10–13

Jn 10:31–42

Saturday

April 8

Lenten Weekday

Ez 37:21–28

Jn 11:45–56

Sunday

April 9

Palm Sunday

Is 50:4–7

Phil 2:6–11

Mt 26:14–27:66

Dear Padre,

What happened to “hellfire and brimstone” preaching, like I remember from parish missions in my younger years?

Hellfire and brimstone recalls Genesis 19:24: “The LORD rained down sulfur upon Sodom and Gomorrah, fire from the LORD out of heaven.” It refers to a harsh preaching style and “doom and gloom” content focused on God’s wrath, punishment, and hell. Puritans—those English Calvinists who colonized Massachusetts in the 1600s—adhered strongly to their belief in eternal damnation, innate sin, and diabolical power. Likewise, American Baptists were known to “out-Calvin Calvin” in their preaching.

While Catholics also adhere strongly to our belief in the possibility of eternal damnation, innate sin, and evil forces, we believe in the grace of baptism to remove original sin, the outpouring of God’s grace to strengthen our weakness due to original sin, and in the extraordinary power of conversion to prevent everlasting damnation. To that end, parish missions and revivals strengthen the spiritual life of the faithful and welcome lapsed Catholics.

Preaching orders have been conducting missions since their earliest days in America. Saint Alphonsus encouraged his Redemptorist missionaries to be lions in the pulpit and lambs in the confessional. One preacher in the 1850s described the fires of hell with such intensity that the nearby fire engine crew was mistakenly dispatched to the church to extinguish the conflagration. Yet the fire most desirable during a mission is the one in people’s hearts for God. “Fear of God” means a dread for God’s judgment, but it can also mean a reverential marvel for God. Many preachers today prefer to instill that awe for God’s inviting mercy instead of a paralyzing fear of God’s anger.



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A Word From Pope Francis

“Whoever experiences [the joy of the Resurrection] becomes a witness of the Resurrection....He or she is then capable of carrying a ‘ray’ of light of the Risen One into various situations,...bringing serenity and hope.”

—Regina Caeli, St. Peter’s Square, April 21, 2014



5th Sunday Of Lent

April 02, 2017



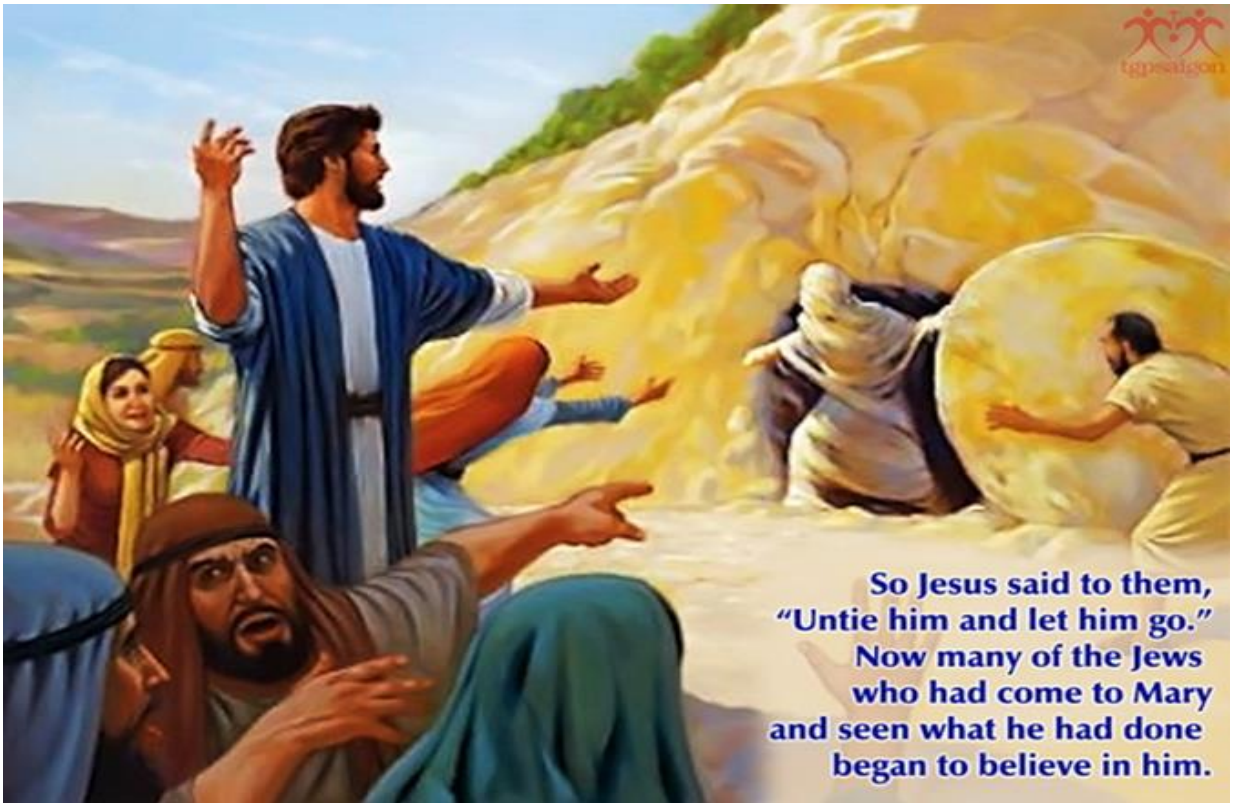
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**So Jesus said to them,
“Untie him and let him go.”
Now many of the Jews
who had come to Mary
and seen what he had done
began to believe in him.**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Every Friday Adoration from 8:30 a.m.
to 9:30 a.m.
**SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION**
Both Before Mass and by Appointment.

Mass Schedule for this Week
Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule
Sun 7:30 am +Maria
St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions
Sat 5 pm Our Parish Family
9:00am Our Parish Family

Mon 8:00am Spec Int
Tues 8:00 am +Maria
Wed 6:00 pm Spec Int
Thu 8:00 am +Fr Pete
Fri 8:00 am Benefactors

From Father Khoa's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."

As we draw near to the great feast of Easter, the Church gives us here some food for thought regarding the idea of resurrection and eternal life. Today's Gospel shares the story of a dead man who came to life again by the power of Jesus. Lazarus, who had been lying lifeless in a tomb for four days, "came out" of the tomb, burial cloths draped around his body, in a moment that must have been absolutely astonishing! This miracle could not have been explained by anything other than divine power over life and death.

It's important to consider that this story is not so much about Jesus' own resurrection but rather it is about OURS. Jesus uses the occasion of this restoration of his friend, Lazarus, to teach that we ALL can be raised to new life through the power of the Lord. Jesus tells us that we too can overcome death by believing in him: "everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

Easter, of course, will confirm for us that death has no power over the God of life. But today, during these closing days of Lent, we are reminded that we can share in this source of life by believing in Jesus. So now is a perfect time to double-check our faith in him. Is it authentic? Do we really accept the supernatural reality of who Jesus is? Do we believe that he can conquer even the most frightening moment of human existence: death itself?

If we find ourselves falling short of faith in these things, let us turn to the Lord and ask that he will increase our faith so that, with Martha, we can truly say, "Yes, Lord. I have

come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God."

May God bless all of us!

...Fr. Khoa

Lenten Penance Reconciliation Service

St Ann on Wednesday April 05 at 6:30 pm.

First Friday Adoration

Please join us at *St. Ann* this *Friday, April 07* for *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*. *Adoration* will begin after the 8:00am Mass and ends at 9:30am. Please come as "*Jesus longs for your visit*".

Knights of Columbus: Meet this Sunday.

For more info, please contact Thomas Moran 228-234-2572.

Lenten Fish Fry Buffet every Friday beginning March 3-April 7 from 4:00-7:30 PM. Anyone that would like to donate a dessert (cakes, cookies, pies, puddings...) please call Lenell King 228-861-0997. Thank you

Friday Stations of the Cross Please join us each Friday evening during Lent for the Stations of the Cross. The Stations begin at 6:00p.m.

2017- THE TRIDUUM Schedule

April 13: 7:00pm mass of the Lord's Supper Adoration after Mass until 11:00 PM

April 14 - Good Friday of the Lord's Passion
3:00 PM *Stations of the Cross*

7:00 PM *Celebration of the Lord's Passion.*

April 15- Easter Vigil- 7:00 PM Easter Mass

April 16 - Easter Sunday

OL of Chartres 7:30 AM Mass

St. Ann 9:00 AM Mass

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	SERVERS	USHERS	GIFT B.
Sat April 01 5pm	Lanny Acosta	Rita Acosta , Henrietta Ladner , Kay VanPelt	Austin S.	Mike August	Mike & Ellen West
Sun April 02 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Tery Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun April 02 9am	Matthew Peleaz	Lisa Cuevas , Will Burke , Kim Wood	Will Nick	Garland David	Marie Nance
Sat April 08 5pm	Richard Dunlap	Mike Mays , Diane Mays , Doris Snowden	Austin S.	Kermit David	Jim & Jan Estrada
Sun April 09 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Tery Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun April 09 9am	Kim Wood	James Quintini , Robin Peterson, Lester Palmer	Keegan Carson	Will Burke Doug	David Crabtree Family

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:**

70Identifiable: **\$1,087.00**; Loose: **\$1,117.00**;
Total: **\$2,204.00**; Children: **\$24.85**; In
Memory of Shorty DeMello: **\$50.00**.

OL OF CHARTRES STEWARDSHIP:

Identifiable: **\$175.00**; Loose: **\$204.00**; Total:
\$379.00. In Memory of Celena Saucier:
\$100.00.

****Amount needed weekly \$2,908.84.**

Thank you for your generosity.

ST. ANN ACTIVITIES.

Catfish Festival: will be on June 1-4. We
still need someone to run the Burger Booth.
If you have any question please contact Gina
Leverett 228-669-8741. Thank you.

Lizana Light: For more information, please
contact **Doris or Diane**.

Bible Study: We study the **Psalms**. Please
join us. Classes are on **Wed at 6:00pm and**
on Tues at 9am. For more information, please
contact **Ruth and Henrietta**.

Easter Flower Donations: We are now
accepting donations for Easter Flowers for our
Altar. Envelopes are available in the Church
Pews. Thank you for helping to make our
Sanctuary beautiful during the Easter Season!

Bereavement Committee: Please contact
Sharon Leimer at 539-9928. Lasagna, green
salad, rolls, and deserts will be provided for the
funeral reception upon request. Thank you.

Lenten Fridays Abstinence from Meat

Abstinence from meat on Fridays is obligatory
in the United States as elsewhere, and it is
sinful for Catholics who have reached their 14th
year not to observe this discipline without a
serious reason (physical labor, pregnancy,
nursing mothers, sickness, age related
infirmities etc.).

Updating Address and Phone Number:

Please fill out the index card about your phone
and address so we can update your file. Thank
you.

PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill:

Leslie Cuevas, William DeMello, Dcn Jack
Hunter, Lee James, Darlene Billingsley,
Victoria Moran, Jerry Malley, Vivian Clifford,
Ezekiel Rutherford, John Moran, Jerry
Rutland, Regina Franke, Dalwin Cuevas,
Colby Cagle, Debbie Bowen, Andrew
Fillengame, Melissa Peterson, Breanna Ladner,
Gerald Barrilleaux, Margaret Northrop, Andrew,
Albert Necaize, Taylor Boyd, and James Moran.