

THE BASILICA of SAINT MARY

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
APRIL 13, 2025

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Masses: Sat · 8:00 AM (Mass of the Day)
Sat · 5:00 PM (Anticipated Mass)
Sun · 10:00 AM (Solemn Mass)
Mon · 7:00 AM
Tue-Fri · 12:05 PM

Confessions: Tue-Fri · 11:30-11:55 AM
Sat · 4:15-4:55 PM
First Saturday of the Month · 7:30-7:55 AM

Adoration: Tue · 12:30-5:30 PM

Benediction: Tue · 5:20 PM

Office Hours

Mon & Fri · 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Tue-Thu · 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD APRIL 13, 2025

Six days before he Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy! — Jn 12: 1, 12-13

Great Pascal Vigil
April 19, 2025
8:00 p.m. Saturday
St. Mary Basilica

Lectors:	Sabrina Dore, Susan Marlow, Ruth Powers
Eucharistic Ministers:	Charles Garrity
Greeters:	Volunteers Needed
Ushers:	Darren Cowart, Volunteers Needed
Altar Servers:	To be assigned by Father Aaron
Sacristan:	Charles Garrity

Solemn Easter Mass
April 20, 2025
10:00 a.m. Sunday
St. Mary Basilica

Lectors:	Sabrina Dore, Emily Maxwell
Eucharistic Ministers:	Laura Laird
Greeters:	Diane Golden, Chuck Golden
Ushers:	Volunteers Needed
Altar Servers:	To be assigned by Father Aaron
Sacristan:	Philip Zuccaro

Holy Week

As the final stretch of Lent unfolds, Catholics worldwide enter the sacred time of Holy Week. This climactic phase is more than a culmination; it is a journey through the heart of the Catholic faith, retracing the footsteps of Jesus Christ in his last days. It is a time for prayer, reflection and repentance.

Why is Holy Week Important?

Holy Week is the sacred time of the year that leads up to the holiest day in the Christian calendar: Easter Sunday. During Holy Week we commemorate the final days of Jesus' life on earth. This week is filled with penance and preparation. Our hearts are waiting with great anticipation for the celebration of Christ's Resurrection, but we must first endure the sorrow of his crucifixion. Holy Week is a time to clear our schedules of unnecessary activities and our minds of unnecessary worries. Our hearts and minds should be fixed on Jesus and journeying with him.

What Do You Do During Holy Week?

Holy Week is a time to further commit to our Lenten sacrifices and do something extra to encounter Christ more closely. Through Masses and powerful liturgies, the Church offers us many opportunities to experience the power of Holy Week. It is the time to intensify our prayers and sacrifices out of love of God and love of our neighbor. During each day of Holy Week, let us find ways to draw closer to one another in our love for Jesus, immerse ourselves in the scriptures and rediscover the things that truly matter in our lives.

Growing in Faith this Holy Week

Holy Week is an opportunity to grow spiritually and reflect upon the immense sacrifice Jesus endured for us. His death and Resurrection have given us new life. Let us spend time during this Holy Week deepening our prayer and growing in closeness with our savior.

—April 2025 Stewardship PATHS



ALTAR WORKERS

April 18: Jeanne Sanguinetti

ALTAR FLOWERS

April 19: Easter Lilies

ST. MARY BASILICA

PARISH INCOME April 5/6, 2025

Weekly Envelopes:

Loose Contributions:

Weekly amount anticipated to meet budget

\$14,521.83

\$423.08

Amount received last weekend

\$12,000.00 (114)

\$636.00

SPECIAL COLLECTION:



ASSUMPTION OF THE B.V.M. CATHOLIC CHURCH

Very Rev. Aaron M. Williams
Pastor

10 Morgantown Road
Natchez, Mississippi 39120
601.445.5616

Sunday Mass • 8:00 AM
Confession • 7:30 AM

Easter Mass
April 20, 2025
8:00 a.m. Sunday
Assumption BVM

Lector:
Eucharistic Minister:
Head Usher:
Altar Server(s):
Sacristan for April: Pam Frank

Anna Devening
Vickie Stowers
Bobby Smith
Benedict Udemgba

ASSUMPTION BVM PARISH INCOME LAST WEEKEND

Sunday, April 6, 2025 \$2,192.00

Special Collection:

April Money Counters: Freddie Sandel
Buddy Frank

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK ST. MARY BASILICA / ASSUMPTION BVM

MONDAY, April 14 Holy Monday

-7:00 a.m. Mass

TUESDAY, April 15 Holy Tuesday

-7:00 a.m. Mass

-11:30 a.m. Chrism Mass, Cathedral of St. Peter, Jackson

-5:30 p.m. Book Study: *The Lamb's Supper*, FLC [Final]

WEDNESDAY, April 16 Spy Wednesday

-8:00 a.m. School Mass

-4:00 p.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, STH

-6:00 p.m. The Office of Tenebrae, Basilica

THURSDAY, April 17 Holy Thursday

Church Office Closes at Noon

-8:00 a.m. Office of Readings and Lauds, Basilica

-6:00 p.m. Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration until Midnight, Basilica

FRIDAY, April 18 Good Friday

Church Office Closed / School Closed

-8:00 a.m. Office of Readings and Lauds, Basilica

-12:05 p.m. Stations of the Cross, Basilica

-6:00 p.m. Solemn Liturgy of the Passion, Basilica

SATURDAY, April 19 Holy Saturday

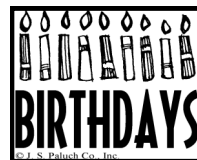
-8:00 a.m. Office of Readings and Lauds, Basilica

-8:00 p.m. Great Pascal Vigil, Basilica

SUNDAY, April 20 Easter Sunday

-7:30/8:00 a.m. Confessions / Rosary / Mass of the Resurrection, Assumption / Coffee & Donuts, Tuite Hall

-10:00 a.m. Solemn Mass of the Resurrection, Basilica



Assumption BVM and St. Mary Parishioners, please contact the church office if your birthday is not listed. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

April 13

Camella Richardson
Wells Linton
Kenneth Brown

April 14

Gabriel Panteria
Maria Verucchi
Olivia Guida
Brighton Crombie

April 15

Brenda Vines
Jameson Junkin

April 16

Sue Beesley
Katherine Callon
Vivienne Gibson

April 17

Billy Key Smith
Emmett Burns
Braxton Hobdy
Warren Jane
Mark Weeden

April 18

Travis Jex
Dale Jane

April 19

Walt Brown
Charlie Anderson
Arlington Jackson



Envelopes are in the pews at both St. Mary and Assumption for anyone who wishes to donate lilies for the St. Mary Basilica or Assumption BVM altar areas for the Easter season. These plants can be donated in honor of or in memory of a loved one.

Please fill out the information on the envelope and drop the envelope in the collection basket or bring it to the church office **on or before this Tuesday, April 14.**

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

G.K. Chesterton's poem "The Donkey" tells the story of Palm Sunday from the point of view of the humble donkey—a frightful creature with "monstrous head and sickening cry, and ears like errant wings, the devil's walking parody on all four-footed things." Nonetheless, the donkey had the spotlight on that famous day, with "a shout about my ears and palms before my feet." Sharing just a moment of the glory belonging to his famous rider, the donkey savored the dignity of that calling, holding 'secret' in his memory that which the rest of the world could not see: he served at the passion of the Lord. During this Holy Week, each member of the Church is called to savor these mysteries and to be present to them, drawing strength, dignity, and hope from the Passion of the Lord.
—Pray Together, Sunday Missal Service, April 13-June 14, 2025



HOLY THURSDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY LITURGICAL ROLES ST. MARY BASILICA 2025

	HOLY THURSDAY April 17 6:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper	GOOD FRIDAY April 18 6:00 p.m. Solemn Liturgy of the Passion
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Tumminello	Pat Tumminello
Lectors	Manfred Eidt Susan Marlow	Judy Bartley Susan Marlow
Ushers	Kot Morris Charles Garrity <i>*Volunteers Needed</i>	Charles Garrity Sam Tumminello <i>*Volunteers Needed</i>
Greeters	Karen Foley <i>*Volunteer Needed</i>	Karen Foley <i>*Volunteer Needed</i>
Sacristan	Kot Morris	Charles Garrity

CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL



Dear St. Mary,

I would like to extend a big THANK YOU to St. Mary for your generous support of the Catholic Service Appeal. Through generosity and dedication, you have successfully reached your goal.

Bishop Kopacz and I deeply appreciate your commitment to the CSA which furthers the work of our Catholic faith. May God continue to bless you for your compassion and support!

Thank You!

Rebecca Harris, Stewardship and Development and The Catholic Foundation



SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Jimmy and Kay Whitehead and family on the death of Jimmy's mother **Virginia Louise Whitehead** on April 6, 2025.

May God be with this family in its time of grief, and may He grant Virginia eternal life and peace.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd



This program meets every Wednesday from 4:00-5:15 p.m. downstairs in the Basilica in the Atrium in St. Therese Hall for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade. New children are always welcome. Lisa Ward facilitates.



The following friends and members of St. Mary and Assumption parishes need our prayers. Please add these names to your prayer list. Contact the church office at 601-445-5616 to have names added to the prayer list. Names will be removed after several weeks.

Suellen Barnett	Judy Williams	Ami Scott
Mary Ruth Maier	Jacque Stahlman	Georgine
John Barnett	Rose Godfrey	Robertson
Johnnie and David	Noreen O'Beirne	Jack Aubic
Galer	Bozeman	Robyn Smith
Ken Beesley, Sr.	Becky Burns	Mike Depta
Margaret Cooley	Bryant Wilson	*****
Gayle Anders	Glenn Middleton	Jack and Doris
George and Anita	Gail Rushing	Kerwin
Souderes	Roseminette Gaudé	Brian Warren
Charles Garrity	Priester Byrne	Mary Gunning
Clint and Elizabeth	Mike Myers	Sonny Vance
Smith	Lillie Bertelsen	Sissy E. Browning
Carolyn Krueger	Pete Cantu	Walter Maier
Chip McIntyre	Pat Williams	Ron Gaudé
Rose Borum	Linden Cotton	Freddie Baker
Frankie Case	Tommy Biglane	Jim Eidt
Dane Mallette	Butch Pitchford	Eileen Maher
Davin Burns	Justin Gregg	Lloyd McDaniel
Clark Jackson	Shane Ponthier	Michael Piazza
Lanny Brasher	*****	Bobbye Dollar
Reynolds Atkins	Dennis Christian	Janie Bertelsen
Maureen Irby	Delphine	Richard Baroni
Mark Glunz	Prestridge	Cathy Roberts
Jean Smith	Mary Eidt	Judy Uzzetta
Father Leopold	Jolene Ortego	Beulah Dallalio
Keffler	David Burns	Janette Webb
Justin May	Dot Bright	Brian LeBlanc
David Holloway	Joy Greer	Mary Ann Foggo-
John Kennon	Gwen McCalip	Eidt
Donald Shupe	Will Hutchinson	Margaret Wilson
Robert Paradise	Laura Sims Weems	Audrey Odenwald
Donna Misita	Louis Dallalio	Marvin Littleton
Mike Chapman	Dylan Pressgrove	Fr. Mike O'Brien
Linda Brown	Margaret Guido	Bill Saxon
Cynthia Dollar	Stacy Walters	
*****	Mickey and Donna	
J.W. Seibert	Finn	
Barron Black	David Smith	
Cole Doughty	Ann Hollowell	
Phillip Mardis	Stephen Hicks	
Edna Rose Bellan	Mickey Rodriguez	
Ben Sandel	Cindy Christian	
Midge Billingsley	Thomas Ricks	
Stan Burkley	Jennifer Hicks	
Deanie Swain	Dean Lazarus	
Janet and Ricky	Emma Whitehead	
Warren	Eoin Maier	
Charlene Rushing	Johnny Hicks	
Dennis McDaniel	Bailey Rose	
Paisley Mardis	Graning	
Kenneth Langston	Vicki Barlow	
Nathan Gaudé	Levi Anderson	
Colby Verucchi	Taunton	
Fr. David O'Connor	Diane Golden	
Jim Willard	Harry and Betty	
Bernita Dunbar	Smith	

Please contact the church office if a name is listed that no longer needs to be listed. Thanks!



Exposition / Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held immediately following the 12:05 p.m. Mass every Tuesday at St. Mary Basilica. *Adoration concludes at 5:20 p.m. with*

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Come to a quiet place and spend an hour with Jesus. During Eucharistic Adoration hours, someone must be in the church at all times. The Blessed Sacrament can never be left unattended!

NOTE: There will be NO Adoration on Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE



We pray for those men and women who serve in the military or law enforcement or who serve as firefighters, especially those listed below at this time. Contact the church office to have names removed or added.

Tyler Wheeler	Matthew	Buddy Frank
Andrell Hardy	Henderson	John Hudson
Delayne Bush	Matthew Voss	Tiffany Ratcliff
Lee Best	Xander Miller	Michael Ratcliff
Lance Adams	Nathan Latimer	Slick Frank
Josh Jackson	Mark Stein	Amanda
Carey Jackson	Mike Chapman	Richardson
Casey Snyder	Travis Patten	Shelby Case
Ben Long	Josh Gamberi	Shawn Parker
Martin Latimer	Conner Burns	Steve Waldrop
Fr. Anthony	Luke Eidt	Andrew Kellogg
Okwum	Brian Hughes	Russ Williams
Brandan Bordelon	Albert J. Hughes,	Mark Verucchi
Christopher	Sr.	Shane
Shaidnagle	Frank Smith	McDonald
Marcus Estes	Priester Byrne	J D Frasier
Aaron Moore	Hunter Boyte	Ryan Carney
Andrew Geoghegan		

TAI CHI CLASS

***QiGONG / TAI-CHI CAO for seniors or anyone will be offered**

every Tuesday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the O'Connor Family Life Center Youth Wing.

NOTE: There will be NO Tai Chi on Tuesday, April 22, 2025.



LINE DANCING AT ST. MARY FLC



Line dancing is offered in the Youth Wing at the Family Life Center from 9:00-10:00 a.m. every Monday. Please enter through the door by the green

space. **NOTE: There will be NO Line Dancing on Monday, April 21.**

COMING SOON - Mary's House Catholic Bookshop

Located in the historic St. Therese Hall below the Basilica Church, Mary's House will provide devotional items and gifts to visitors and locals alike, along with books and articles specific to the Basilica parish and its history. The entrance to the new bookshop will be located on the Main Street side of STH. A section

of the shop will be dedicated specifically to goods made by the monks of St. Joseph Monastery in Natchez, with the proceeds of these sales going to support the lives of the monks.

A \$10,000 raffle is being held to cover the start-up cost of the shop. Only 200 tickets will be sold.

Winner receives \$10,000. Tickets may be purchased from Cathedral High School students or from the church office in the Family Life Center.

Mary's House Help us open a Catholic bookstore in Natchez. Only 200 tickets will be sold. Winner receives \$10,000.	Name: Phone Number: Address: #52
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\$100.00

Second Collection: April 26-27, 2025

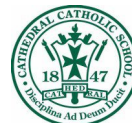
Catholic Home Missions

The *Catholic Home Missions Appeal* contributions help to strengthen the Church at home. Your generosity will provide catechesis, seminarian education, lay ministry training, and other pastoral programs in needy dioceses throughout the United States. Envelopes are in your monthly contribution packets and will be in the church pews.



CLASS OF 1970 REUNION

The Cathedral High School Class of 1970 is celebrating its 55th reunion this weekend, April 11-12, 2025, in Natchez.



We welcome the class members to the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Anticipated Mass this weekend at St. Mary Basilica.

May all of you enjoy this chance to see old friends and enjoy many laughs and smiles!

Handmade Crosses Available For Beautiful Easter Gifts



Master craftsman Walter Maier has made three different size batches of beautiful crosses using portions of wood from the original cypress wood of St. Mary Basilica (c.1837) gift.

The original crosses are approximately 19 inches tall. Each one is unique and sells for \$40. Walter has also made 9-inch crosses (\$25) and 6-inch crosses (\$20).

All are available in the St. Mary church office. These crosses make wonderful gifts for Easter, graduation or any occasion and for that special person who has everything!



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Forming Catholics for Life.

Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage cinematically walks through the locations of the Holy Week story, representing the most important days of human history. Immersed in the Holy Land, the pilgrim is brought tangibly nearer to the story, the landscape, and the reality of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Our parish has a Formed subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the Formed app to your phone.





WELCOME HOME: Becoming Catholic

(Formerly RCIA) A study of Catholic beliefs and practices including the Church Creed, sacraments, worship, prayer, morality, commandments. No charge.

Every Thursday, Family Life Center Youth Wing

6:00-6:30 p.m. Light Supper,

6:30-7:30 p.m. Presentation / Discussion

BABYSITTING: Available each Thursday evening; please let us know if you need this service.

FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Ruth Powers in the parish office: call 601 445-5616 or email parishprograms@stmarybasilica.org

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

April 17	HOLY THURSDAY
April 18	GOOD FRIDAY
April 19	THE EASTER VIGIL 8:00 p.m.
April 24	Celebration Potluck/ A Dynamic Catholic, FLC

CONFIRMATION AT ST. MARY



Preparations are underway for the 2025 Confirmation class at St. Mary Basilica. **Confirmation will be celebrated May 5 at 6:00 pm at St. Mary Basilica.**

Class A is for 8th-9th grade candidates. Class B is for 10th-12th graders. All

classes meet from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. on their assigned dates in the Main Room of the FLC.

Class Instruction Schedule:

- *Class A (Grades 8-9):
Thursday, April 24, 2025 [Final]
- *Class B (Grades 10-12):
Thursday, May 1, 2025 [Final]

Save the Date:

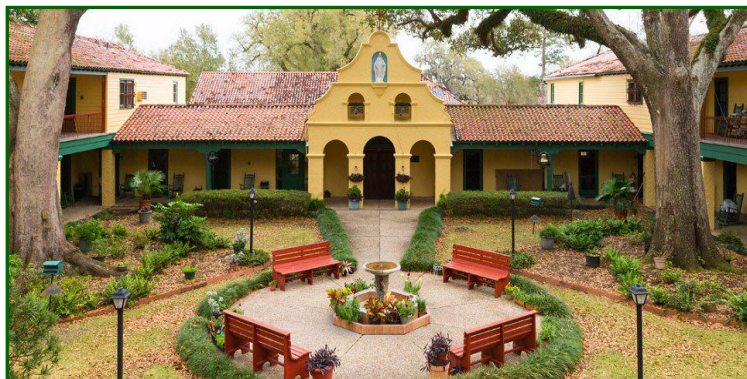
Friday, May 2, 2025

**For The Cathedral Catholic School's
Crawfish Countdown!**



More Information to follow.

ATTENTION LADIES: RETREAT AT OUR LADY OF THE OAKS, GRAND COTEAU, LA



Would you like to grow closer to God? Do you need some time away to listen to Him, to grow, to rest? Experience the natural beauty of oak trees and the beautiful setting of nature.

If you are interested in joining us for a relaxing retreat weekend, December 4-7, 2025, please contact Kot Morris at **601-334-8339**. It is time to send in our deposits as soon as possible to hold our rooms as they fill up quickly.

Abstinence: Catholics abstain from eating meat on Good Friday, April 18, 2025. Abstinence binds all Catholics age 14 years and older.



Fast: Catholics fast (eating only one full meal) on Good Friday (April 18, 2025). Catholics 18-59 years old are bound by this obligation.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS DURING HOLY WEEK/EASTER

The St. Mary Basilica and Assumption of the BVM Church office, 613 Main Street, will be closed on **Thursday, April 17, 2025 (beginning at noon) through Easter Tuesday, April 22, 2025.** The office will reopen Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at the usual time.

FUNERALS DURING HOLY WEEK



No funeral Masses are permitted in the Catholic Church on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of Holy Week. Funerals without a Mass are permitted during the morning hours of Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of Holy Week.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FRIDAY FISH FRY



NO fish fry on Good Friday, April 18.
The Knights thank everyone very much for supporting their fish fry this Lent!



RETURN YOUR FILLED LENTEN RICE BOWLS

Please remember to return your filled Rice Bowls to the Basilica or Assumption Church on or before Holy Thursday, April 17, 2025.

You may drop them by the church office, put them in the collection basket at any Mass, or bring them to the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening.

Your loose change can help so many people in need. Please be generous.

Everyone is invited to pray the Stations of the Cross on **Good Friday, April 18, at 12:05 p.m. at St. Mary Basilica.**

The Stations of the Cross is a prayer service consisting of a series of images depicting Jesus Christ on the day of his crucifixion and accompanying prayers.



STATIONS of the CROSS

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR HOLY LAND

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in the Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous!



*Holy Week is a good occasion to go to confession
and to take up the right path again. —Pope Francis*

HOLY WEEK SERVICES AT ST. MARY BASILICA

SPY WEDNESDAY April 16, 2025

6:00p.m. The Office of Tenebræ

HOLY THURSDAY April 17, 2025

8:00 a.m. The Office of Readings & Lauds

6:00 p.m. Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration until midnight



GOOD FRIDAY April 18, 2025

8:00 a.m. The Office of Readings & Lauds

12:05 p.m. Stations of the Cross

6:00 p.m. Solemn Liturgy of the Passion

HOLY SATURDAY, April 19, 2025

8:00 a.m. The Office of Readings & Lauds

8:00 p.m. The Great Paschal Vigil

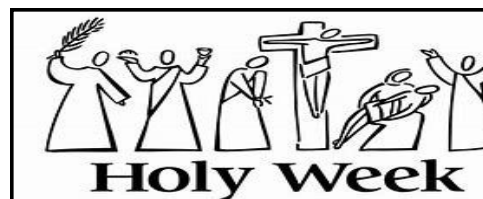
EASTER SUNDAY April 20, 2025

8:00 a.m. Mass of the Resurrection, Assumption BVM

10:00 a.m. Solemn Mass of the Resurrection, Basilica

SCHEDULE CHANGES DURING HOLY WEEK:

- Daily Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 15, at 7:00 a.m. There will be no 12:05 p.m. Mass on this Tuesday. Father Aaron will be at the 11:30 a.m. Chrism Mass in Jackson.
- There will be **NO** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, April 15, 2025.
- There will be no daily 12:05 p.m. Masses celebrated on Spy Wednesday, Holy Thursday, and Good Friday April 16, 17, 18, 2025, and no 8:00 a.m. daily Mass on Holy Saturday, April 19, 2025.
- Stations of the Cross will be prayed at the Basilica on Good Friday, April 18, 2025, at 12:05 p.m.



SPECIAL NOTICE:

Father Aaron and all diocesan priests will be on Retreat the week of **April 21-25, 2025**. There will be **NO** daily Masses at St. Mary on Tuesday-Friday of this week. There will be a School Mass on Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. at the Basilica.

Our Fascinating Faith The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Christians observe Easter on the first Sunday after the first full moon that follows the vernal equinox. For Christians, Easter is the anniversary of the creation of the world.

Did you know that the full moon rises just as the sun sets? And that it sets when the sun rises? On the night of a full moon there is no moment of the night when the moon isn't shining. Christians think that this phenomenon makes a wonderful image of heaven's perpetual light. Easter is our sacramental entrance into the light of Christ, the light of eternity.

The Sacred Paschal Triduum, the three-day Passover of the Lord, is our Easter festival. It begins on Holy Thursday at sunset. We count the days in the Jewish manner, from sunset to sunset. In this way the Triduum begins on the biblical "sixth day of the week," the day God created human beings. Its middle day is the "seventh day of the week," the Sabbath, the day of rest. And its final day is the "first day of the week," the day God began the work of creation by creating light and separating it from darkness. God the Father chose a "first day" to raise his Son from the dead. God the Spirit gave birth to the Church on a "first day" as well, the day of Pentecost. —Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



WELCOME HOME: BECOMING CATHOLIC

Please pray for our **Catechumens** (those who will be baptized), and our **Candidates** (those already baptized in other Christian denominations), and our **Confirmands** (those who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation) as well as their godparents, sponsors, families, and the members of the OCIA team.

They will receive the sacraments of initiation at the Solemn Easter 8:00 p.m. Vigil Mass on April 19, 2025.

CATECHUMENS

Carter Austin
Ace Sanderson
Solace Sanderson

SPONSORS

Austin Carter, Jr.

INFANT BAPTISM

Harvey Catherine Singleterry

SPONSORS

Tacy Singleterry and Jim Junker

CANDIDATES

Montie Chapman
Gabriel McMillin
Robert Phillips III
Robert Phillips IV
Rebecca Samrow
Ella Samrow
Derrick Sanderson
Regan Singleterry

SPONSORS

Karen Verucchi
Betty Lou Hicks
Betty Lou Hicks

CONFIRMAND

Denny Singleterry

SPONSOR

Tacy Singleterry



Tuesday, April 15, 2025 11:30 a.m. Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle, Jackson

Many dioceses celebrate the Chrism Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday, or the morning of Holy Thursday. In our diocese, we celebrate this Mass on Tuesday of Holy Week. This year the Mass will begin at 11:30 a.m. at the Cathedral in Jackson on April 15. Everyone is invited to attend this Mass. 8th graders from diocesan Catholic Schools will participate in this Mass this year.

Chrism refers to one of the oils used during different Sacraments. During the Chrism Mass, the **Oil of the Sick** (used during the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick), the **Oil of Catechumens** (used during the Sacrament of Baptism), and the **Chrism Oil** are consecrated by the Bishop. Large vessels of oils are carried to the altar for the blessings and consecration of Chrism, which is a mixture of oil and balsam (a perfume). After Mass the oils are distributed to representatives of each parish. The oils are taken back to the parishes and used for the Sacraments throughout the year.

Also, at this Chrism Mass, the priests of the diocese renew their promises of ordination which is why traditionally every priest within a diocese attends this Mass. The Bishop also requests that the laity of the diocese pray for him and the priests.



LOST AND FOUND ROSARIES

Lost: Light pink crystal rosary. Please call the church office if you have found this rosary in the Basilica.

Found: Silver metal rosary pictured at left. Call the church office if this is your rosary.



You are cordially invited to the

Bluff Garden Columbarium Dedication
on the grounds of the historic Natchez City Cemetery

Sunday, April 27, 2025
two o'clock in the afternoon

Dedication of the Natchez City Cemetery's Columbarium

Since the 1929 formation of the Natchez Cemetery Association, our St. Mary and Assumption congregation has had important representation on that board. Over the years, many faithful women from our church have served on this board and dedicated long hours to care for our cemetery. It has been and remains important to these ladies, to their churches, and to our City of Natchez to provide a well-cared-for and beautiful final resting place for the many generations of Natchez and area residents and even those from afar.

As more people are deciding on cremation for their loved ones, the association members felt the need to design a unique spot for the "inurnment" of cremated remains. The recently completed columbarium provides this hallowed place on elevated ground in the "Bluff" section of our celebrated historic Natchez City Cemetery.

For you to view and experience the signature addition of this structure and its setting, we cordially invite you to join the Natchez Cemetery Association at the Dedication of the Bluff Columbarium Garden on Sunday, April 27, 2025, at 2:00 in the afternoon.



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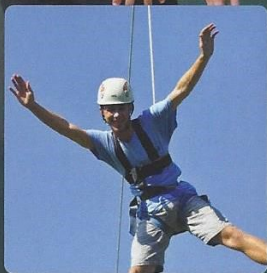



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	12:05 p.m. Daily Mass Tuesday-Friday			
April Monday, 14	7:00 a.m. Daily Mass Fr. Clifford Meador (D) and Msgr. Thomas Fullam (D)	Friend		
Tuesday, 15	7:00 a.m. Daily Mass Mamie R. Junkin (D)	Family		
Wednesday, 16 SpyWednesday	NO DAILY MASS			
Thursday, 17 Holy Thursday	NO DAILY MASS		6:00 p.m. Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper Fr. Aaron William's Intentions	
Friday, 18 Good Friday	NO DAILY MASS			
Saturday, 19 Holy Saturday	8:00 a.m. Daily Mass NO DAILY MASS		8:00 p.m. Great Pascal Vigil Fr. Aaron William's Intentions	
Sunday, 20 EASTER	8:00 a.m. Mass Assumption People of the Parish		10:00 a.m. Solemn Mass People of the Parish	

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