

Reflection of today Gospel
Mark 11:1-10



Mass Intentions for the Week

"I'm going to prepare a place for you"
"For this momentary afflictions is causing an eternal weight of glory"

Sunday, March 24, 2024,
All members of Center of Jesus The Lord
Elise & Connor Field (Wedding Blessing)
Ann Harper (Thanksgiving)
Veronica Wambsgans (Loving Memory)
Trung Ngo (Loving Memory)

Tuesday, March 26, 2024
No Mass.
Sanctuary Candle *End to Abortion*
To schedule Mass Intentions or Sanctuary Candle
Memorials *call the Center 529-1636*

Pray to end all wars and persecutions of Christians...end to abortions...end to euthanasia...shelter for the homeless... compassion for the elders in hospice and assisted living...

First Reading *Isaiah 50:4-7*
Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 22:8-9,17-24*
Second Reading *Philippians 2:6-11*

Background on the Gospel Reading

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' passion and death are presented as the consequence of the tension between the Jewish authorities and Jesus that had been building throughout his public ministry. This tension reached its breaking point when Jesus drove the merchants and moneychangers from the Temple. After this event, the chief priests and scribes began seeking a way to put Jesus to death, and yet, this is only the surface explanation for his death.

When Jesus was arrested and brought before the Sanhedrin—the council of Jewish priests, scribes, and elders—he was charged with blasphemy, citing his threat to the Temple. When he was brought before Pilate, however, the religious authorities presented his crime as a political one, charging that Jesus claimed to be king of the Jews. In continuity with a theme of Mark's Gospel, the messianic claim of Jesus is widely misunderstood.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are rarely models of faith and do little to invoke confidence in their capacity to continue his ministry after his death. They fare no better in Mark's narrative of Jesus' passion and death. At the Last Supper, the disciples insisted that none among them would betray Jesus. When Jesus predicted that their faith would be shaken in the events ahead, Peter and the other disciples protested vehemently. Yet in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus returned three times to find them sleeping. Jesus prayed in agony over his impending fate while his disciples slumbered through the night. Just as Jesus predicted, Peter denied Jesus, and the disciples were absent during Jesus' passion and death. Only the women who had been followers of Jesus in Galilee are said to have been present at the Crucifixion, but they remained at a distance.

Throughout this Gospel, Mark challenges the reader to consider the claim with which the Gospel begins: Jesus is the Son of God. When we read Mark's account of the passion, we begin to comprehend the deeper theological statement being made about Jesus' death. In Mark's telling of the passion narrative, Jesus understood his death to have been preordained, and he accepted this death in obedience to God's will. Jewish Scripture is quoted only once, but there are several references to the fulfillment of the Scriptures. Jesus understood his anointing in Bethany as an anticipation of his burial, and he announced that this story would be told together with the Gospel throughout the world. Jesus predicted his betrayal by Judas as well as Peter's denial. At his arrest, Jesus acknowledged that the preordained time had arrived. Jesus was both confident and silent before his accusers. After he was sentenced to death, Jesus did not speak again until his final cry from the cross. The bystanders misunderstood and believed that he was calling for Elijah. The Roman centurion, however, affirmed what Mark has presented throughout this Gospel: Jesus is the Son of God. Nowhere was this revealed more fully than in his death on the cross.

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Next Weeks Reading

Sunday, March 31, 2024
Easter Sunday

First Reading *Acts of the Apostles 10:34a,37-43*
Responsorial Psalm *Psalm 118:1-2,16-17,22-23*
Second Reading *Colossians 3 :1-4 or*
1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
Gospel Reading *John 20:1-9*

In observance of the Sacred Triduum and the celebration of Easter, Archdiocesan Offices will close at noon on Holy Thursday, March 28, 2024, and will remain closed through Easter Monday, April 1, 2024. Archdiocesan Offices will reopen on Tuesday, April 2, 2024.

Pope Francis has asked each Catholic parish around the world to support the Pontifical **Good Friday Second Collection**, which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Message from Father Lance Campo:

Dear Parishioners:

Effective on July 1, Archbishop Aymond has assigned me as pastor of the newly merged parishes of St. John the Baptist in Paradis and St. Gertrude in Des Allemands. It will be a challenge to move to a new area and begin a new parish of the two communities of faith. Please pray for me, and the people, as we make that transition. We still have several months together before I will leave. We are waiting to hear about Timothy's future with the seminary. As of now, Fr. Anthony will remain in residence and can say Sunday mass if requested.

I will continue to pray for all of you as we face the sadness of changes at the Center. Jesus is with us on this journey, so let us ask him for strength, hope and generosity as we enter into a new stage in our Spiritual life. We trust the Spirit is guiding the Archdiocese of New Orleans, as we all, as one church, face the challenges before us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Lance Campo
Pastor

Center of Jesus Upcoming Events

No mass for Tuesday 3/26/24
Due to Chrism Mass 10am at the Cathedral

Thursday, March 28
Holy Thursday Mass 7pm
Adoration after mass

Friday, March 29
Good Friday... Church will be open at 8am
"Living Stations" 12pm ...followed by venerations ...Volunteers needed for the play and church please contact Helen or Darlene

Sunday, March 31
"Resurrection of the Lord"
Easter Mass 10:15am

Saturday, April 6,
Mass and Eucharistic Adoration 10am-12pm

Sunday, April 7
"Divine Mercy"

Saturday, April 13
"Healing Mass" w/Father Anthony,
Father Mumphrey & Deacon Larry
Music: Jamie Diliberto & Tongues of Fire
10am-Praise & Worship 11am-Healing Mass and Healing service immediately following mass

GOOD FRIDAY
LIVING STATIONS
OF THE CROSS



FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024 @ 12 PM
followed by Veneration of the Cross



Center of Jesus the Lord
@ Our Lady of Good Counsel Church
1235 Louisiana Ave., NOLA 70115
Church opens at 8 am for pilgrim visitors

Diocese Announcements:

The Office of Marriage and Family Life is pleased to announce the annual Archdiocese of New Orleans [Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration](#) will be held on Sunday, June 23, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Philip Neri Church, Metairie.

April 11 @ 7pm Women of Faith featuring [Alexa Schexnaildre](#) at St. Clement of Rome Church
 “Finding Hope in Our Difficulties” Personal Testimony

We will celebrate a Jubilee Mass for religious, priests and deacons at 2:30 PM on Sunday, April 7, 2024, at St. Rita Church, New Orleans.

Thank you to Scott and Linda for organizing the St. Patrick’s Day parade. It was a huge success! And thank you to all the volunteers. It wouldn’t be possible without you!

St. Patty's Day Parade



The **National Eucharistic Pilgrimage** is scheduled to make its way through the Archdiocese of New Orleans **Friday, June 7 through Sunday, June 9, 2024.**

1. A Eucharistic procession and Holy Hour from Notre Dame Seminary to St. Rita, New Orleans Friday evening, June 7.
2. A Eucharistic procession from St. Louis Cathedral following the 9 AM Mass on Sunday, June 9.

**PRAY THE ROSARY
 OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL ROSARY GROUP
 EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6:00 PM IN THE CHURCH**



*“There are no strangers here,
 only friends we have not
 yet MET”*



*Pray the Chaplet of
 Divine Mercy with us
 Sunday 9:45am*

The Unity Prayer

MY ADORABLE JESUS,
 MAY OUR FEET JOURNEY TOGETHER.
 MAY OUR HANDS GATHER IN UNITY.
 MAY OUR HEARTS BEAT IN UNISON.
 MAY OUR SOULS BE IN HARMONY.
 MAY OUR THOUGHTS BE AS ONE.
 MAY OUR EARS LISTEN TO
 THE SILENCE TOGETHER.
 MAY OUR GLANCES
 PROFOUNDLY
 PENETRATE EACH OTHER.
 MAY OUR LIPS PRAY TOGETHER TO
 GAIN MERCY FROM THE ETERNAL FATHER.
 AMEN

**Center of Jesus the Lord
 at Our Lady of Good Counsel**



Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024 Palm Sunday

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MISSION STATEMENT

Center of Jesus the Lord at Our Lady of Good Counsel is a joy filled, loving Charismatic Catholic Community where all are WELCOME! We are active in service to others, living the GOOD NEWS of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

THE CENTER’S WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY *Praise and Worship*: 10:00 AM; *Eucharistic Celebration* 10:15 AM;
Healing Prayer after Mass; *Fellowship* follows in dining hall
TUESDAY *Praise and Worship* 10:30 AM; *Eucharistic Celebration* 11:00 AM;
 following Mass all are welcomed to join in lunch and fellowship (1307 Louisiana Avenue)
MONTHLY SATURDAY *Eucharistic Adoration* 10am with *Healing Prayer* at 11AM
 Sacrament of Reconciliation before Sunday & Tuesday masses or call Center to schedule an appointment with Father Lance Campo or Father Anthony Inam