

April 2017

The Saint Augustine Messenger



Saint Augustine's welcomes all to our historic grounds and chapel.



Earth Day is April 22, 2017. Here in Bay Saint Louis the Community Leaders Forum will present *Global Warming: What can you do NOW, an Earth Day celebration*. This forum will take place on April 17 from 5 to 7pm in the Leo Seal Meeting room of the Bay Saint Louis branch of the Hancock County Library. The event is free and open to the public.

Only when the last tree has died and the last river been poisoned and the last fish been caught will we realize we cannot eat money.
-- Cree Indian Proverb

I urgently appeal for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all. The worldwide ecological movement has already made considerable progress and led to the establishment of numerous organizations committed to raising awareness of these challenges. Regrettably, many efforts to seek concrete solutions to the environmental crisis have proved ineffective, not only because of powerful opposition but also because of a more general lack of interest. Obstructionist attitudes, even on the part of believers, can range from denial of the problem to indifference, nonchalant resignation or blind confidence in technical solutions. We require a new and universal solidarity.

Pope Francis - *Laudato Si*



**I AM THE RESURRECTION
AND THE LIFE**

Saint Augustine's Holy Week service times:

Good Friday Service at 3pm

No Easter Vigil Mass

Mass on Easter Sunday at 9am

The Altar Committee will gladly accept plants, flowers or monetary donations to commemorate birthdays, anniversaries or memorials. You may contact any of the committee members:

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WELCOME TO SAINT AUGUSTINE'S RESIDENCE

Home for the Southern Province of St. Augustine -

on the web at www.svdsouth.com - email to: svdbaysaintlouis@gmail.com

Mass every Sunday at 9am - daily mass at 7:15 in small chapel

We are happy you are here!

Questions On The Paschal Triduum

When does the Triduum begin and end?

The Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil, and closes with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday.

When should the Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion take place?

Normally it should take place in the afternoon, at about 3:00 PM, to enable people to assemble more easily. However, pastoral discretion may indicate a time shortly after midday, or in the late evening, though never later than 9:00 PM. Depending on the size or nature of a parish or other community, the local Ordinary may permit the service to be repeated.

Do devotions have a particular importance on Good Friday?

The central celebration of this day is the Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion. In no way should manifestations of popular piety, either by the time or manner in which they are convoked, substitute for this solemn liturgical action. Nor should aspects of the various acts of piety be mixed with the Good Friday celebration, creating a hybrid. In recent times, Passion processions, celebrations of the Stations of the Cross, and Passion Plays have become more common. In such representations, actors and spectators can be involved in a moment of faith and genuine piety. Care should be taken, however, to point out to the faithful that a Passion Play is a representation which is commemorative and they are very different from "liturgical actions" which are *anamnesis*, or the mysterious presence of the redemptive event of the Passion.

How does the Adoration of the Holy Cross on Good Friday begin?

Here at Saint Augustine's The Adoration of the Holy Cross begins with the priest or going to the church door, where he takes up the uncovered Cross. He processes to the sanctuary, stopping at the door of the church, in the middle of the church, and before entering the sanctuary, to sing the acclamation, *Behold the wood of the Cross*.

What considerations should be given for the paschal candle?

This candle should be made of wax, never be artificial, be replaced each year, be only one in number, and be of sufficiently large size that it may convey the truth that Christ is the light of the world. The paschal candle is the symbol of the *light of Christ, rising in glory*, scattering the darkness of our hearts and minds. Above all, the paschal candle should be a genuine candle, the pre-eminent symbol of the light of Christ. Choice of size, design, and color should be made in relationship to the sanctuary in which it will be placed.

What directions are given for the celebration of Masses on Easter Sunday?

Mass is to be celebrated on Easter Day with great solemnity. A full complement of ministers and the use of liturgical music should be evident in all celebrations. On Easter Sunday in the dioceses of the United States, the rite of the renewal of baptismal promises may take place after the homily, followed by the sprinkling with water blessed at the Vigil, during which some song of baptismal character should be sung.

Where is the paschal candle placed during Easter Time?

The paschal candle has its proper place either by the ambo or by the altar and should be lit at least in all the more solemn liturgical celebrations of the season until Pentecost Sunday, whether at Mass, or at Morning and Evening Prayer. After Easter Time the candle should be kept with honor in the baptistery, so that in the celebration of Baptism the candles of the baptized may be lit from it. In the celebration of funerals the paschal candle should be placed near the coffin to indicate Christ's undying presence, his victory over sin and death, and the promise of sharing in Christ's victory by virtue of being part of the Body of Christ. The paschal candle should not otherwise be lit nor placed in the sanctuary outside Easter Time.