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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 a.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m., with Adoration until 11:30 a.m.
First Saturday of the month only 8:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30–4:15 p.m.
Monday, Wednesday thru Friday 7:40 a.m. or by appointment

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Arun John, IMS Pastor
Dana Babin Bookkeeper
Candice Breaux Youth Group Minister
June Hebert Director of Religious Education
Sara Hernandez Janitorial
Jayne Jason Child Protection
Layne Mire Parish Secretary
Lil Stutes Mother’s Day Out
Celeste Veillon Music Director

OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Office closed for lunch 12:00–1:00 p.m.

BAPTISM

Celebrated monthly after the 11:00 am Mass and also celebrated after the 11:00am Mass on the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord and Easter Sunday. Parents should call the office to enroll in our baptismal preparation program, preferably early in pregnancy. Parents are encouraged to register in the parish and actively practice their faith.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Inquiries: Please call Carolyn Dupuy, 225-276-6269.

MARRIAGE

Contact the Pastor at least 6 months prior to proposed wedding date. Preparation program is required. Couples should be actively practicing their faith.

CARE OF THE SICK

Emergency calls answered as soon as possible. Communion calls to homebound weekly by request. Please notify the office if someone is homebound.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Family should contact the Pastor to begin funeral arrangements.
For Cemetery information, please call Jerry Deshotel 225-281-0333.

PRAYER LINE

Please call Carolyn Dupuy, 225-276-6269.

Dear Parishioners,

Easter is a joyful season and one would least expect that there would be so much emphasis on sin in the readings of this Season; but that is exactly what we have in today's readings. In the first reading, we heard, "Now you must repent and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out." The second reading states, "I am writing this to you children, so that you may stop sinning." And then the Gospel proclaims, "In His name, repentance for the forgiveness of sin will be preached." It all seems so out of keeping with our theme and the season. Our Church, however, is realistic, without being cynical. Sin is an ever-present reality in our lives. The resurrection of Jesus does not mean the end of sin, but the possibility of victory over its ravages. "Stop sinning. But if anyone should sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just." More than that, when anyone keeps God's commandments, His loves come to perfection in Him.

If we, as human beings, are so prone to sin, then in what way do we become incredulous with joy, as the disciples were? This is where the readings provide us with the answer. People are told by Peter to repent so that their sins may be wiped out. So, in order for the people to experience this joy, their sins are to be forgiven; their sins are to be wiped out! There is no doubt of the possibility of sinning again, when one obeys and live according to His commandments; God's love comes to perfection in Him. This is what St. John is telling us in the second reading. Here we learn that we are going beyond the stage of cleansing, into the reality of being loved by God. "The light of the Lord's face is upon us," what else can bring us more happiness? Finally, it is not just that we are loved, but that we are loved to perfection, as only God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ can love. No wonder there should be only one expected reaction in us, as it was in the disciples: "their joy was so great that they could not believe it."

The Resurrection of Jesus is not an event meant only for our personal happiness. It is good news for all mankind and the whole creation. Therefore, St. Luke concludes, "You are witnesses to this." When we make Easter joy a private affair, it robs its importance, and it makes it seem like something very simple and ordinary. By the same token, our witness to this joy is not merely a call for an individual's witness. The entire community of believers, the Church, must bear courageous witness, too. In the face of the world's despondency, despair and cynicism with regard to sin, each of us must bear witness that Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not just ours, but the entire world's sins. Our Church, too, must do so, in a prophetic fashion.

Listen to this dialogue between a recent convert and an unbelieving friend: "So, you have been converted to Christ?" "Yes," was the reply. "Then you must know a lot about him. Tell me what country was he born in?" "I don't know," was the response. "What was his age when he died?" Again the response, "I don't know!" "How many sermons did he preach?" was the question, and the same response, "I don't know." "You certainly know very little for a man who claims to have been converted to Christ!" "You are right. But this much I know: Three years ago, I was a drunkard. I was in debt. My family was falling apart. My wife and children would dread my coming home each day. Now I have given up drinking, we are out of debt, and our home is happy. All this was done by Christ. This much I know of Him!" This is a powerful witness to the risen Lord. We are called to give witness to Him in this manner. Can we? Try to recall moments or times when you had this type of "Christ" experience in your life, and at least share this with your children and your family.

May God bless us all,

Fr. John



Christian Formation



Our Graduate's Mass will be at 11:00am on Sunday, April 21st. Lunch will follow in the Activity Center. Please RSVP to Jayne, 225-749-3387.



The Catholic Daughters will host a rosary for Our Lady of the Rosary at the Grotto in front of Church at 9:00am on Saturday, April 20th.



Let's Dive In!

Vacation Bible School
July 8th through 12th

Registration forms are now available online on the Church website.

The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Davy Schlecht.

Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the families of Ronald O'Neal Black and Gale Duhon Thibodeaux upon their deaths.



Children's Church
9:00am & 11:00am Masses

April 21
May 5
May 19
June 2
June 16



Congratulations and Marriage Blessings are extended to Amber Nicole Vlahos and Christian Thomas Benoit who were married on April 5th!

Our next Baptism Seminar is Wednesday, May 8th at 6:00pm. Please call the Church Office to register.



Eucharistic Revival

April 25th: Eucharistic Miracles from 6:30pm-7:30pm in the Activity Center

May 30th: Adoration/Holy Hour from 6:30pm-7:30pm in Church



Stewardship of Finance

Total Collection for March 31st:	\$11,057.00
Holy Land Collection:	\$1,761.00
Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund:	\$3,778.00
March Building & Maintenance Fund:	\$8,274.00

Thank You for your generosity!

Pray for Vocations
Peace be with you! Will you live the vocation that God has called you to? Do you wish to follow the Risen Lord as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If so, please contact your priest or reach out to Father Josh Johnson at 225-336-8778 or email him: jjohnson@diobr.org or visit: www.diobr.org/vocations



The Catholic Daughters will have their pastalaya fundraiser on Sunday, April 28th from 11:00am-1:00pm in the Activity Center. Dinners will be available for pick up or drive through.

The Lion's Club Card Party will be held on Monday, April 22nd in our Activity Center from 10:00am-3:00pm. The cost to play is \$30 per person and lunch will be provided. To join the games, please contact Andrea Normand, 225-328-4845.





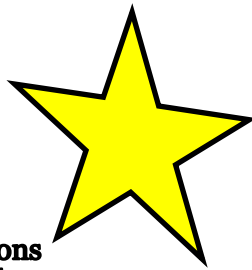
Readings for the week of April 14, 2024

- Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/
1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
- Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/
Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a,
17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
- Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/
Jn 6:60-69
- Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29
(22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

Zippers Thrift Shop Sale Dates

- April 18 at 7:30am**
- May 2, 16 & 30 at 7:30am**
- June 13 & 27 at 7:30am**
- July 18 at 7:30am**
- August 1, 15 & 29 at 7:30am**

**You can reach them at
225-506-8622.**



**The Zippers will be closed to donations
from July 1-14 due to July 4th holiday
and Vacation Bible School.**

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our community and a strong business
community is good for our Church.**