

April 19, 2020  
Second Sunday of Easter  
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# ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

• catholic church •



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### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil..... 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday ..... 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.  
Tuesday, 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.  
Tuesday thru Friday..... 7:40 a.m. or by appointment

### PARISH STAFF

Very Rev. Matthew P. Lorrain ..... Pastor  
Donna Badon..... Christian Formation  
Carolyn Dupuy ..... Bookkeeper  
June Hebert ..... Director of Religious Education  
Pedro Hernandez..... Custodian  
Layne Mire ..... Parish Secretary  
Celeste Veillon ..... Music Director  
Katie Roettger..... Mothers’s Day Out

### OFFICE HOURS

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

### BAPTISM

Celebrated monthly after the 11:00 am Mass. Also celebrated during Mass on the Feast of the Baptism of the 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 – Call the Parish Office

### 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 immediately, if 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.

### PRAYER LINE

Call the Parish Office



Dear Parishioners,

Today, the Second Sunday of Easter, was the date set for our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders to make their First Eucharist. I am very disappointed that circumstances have forced us to postpone their celebration, and I look forward to rescheduling their special Mass just as soon as it is safe for us to do so.

I have been celebrating a private Mass daily for all of you, and especially for those who are sick, those in the health care professions, and those who have lost their jobs. I don't really enjoy celebrating Mass privately but it does allow me to stay spiritually connected with all of you who would otherwise be physically present here in church.

Last Sunday, I rose early and celebrated Easter Mass in a softly lit church around 6:00 a.m. I missed the Easter lilies, the music, the renewal of baptismal promises, and the sprinkling with holy water, but I nonetheless lit our new paschal candle and celebrated Christ's victory over death. I know that you also did your best to celebrate the joy of the resurrection at home by honoring those family traditions associated with Easter.

Thank you for mailing or dropping off your offertory envelopes even during this time of quarantine. Between our rainy-day cash reserves and your continued donations, we have been able to keep the lights on and retain our dedicated employees without dipping into savings. There is a mail slot on the back door of the church office for your convenience while the office is closed.

Next Sunday was the date previously scheduled to honor our high school seniors with a Mass and luncheon. I am keeping all of them in my prayers since their senior year has been anything but ordinary. Even so, I am proud of their accomplishment at nearing the end of their high school years, and I look forward to congratulating them in person later this year.

I hope that one day we will look back on this period with gratitude for the opportunity to spend more time with our families at home. I know that nerves get frayed and patience is sometimes stretched to the breaking point, but love endures and even grows stronger with time. Somehow our shared suffering becomes part of the glue that binds us together.

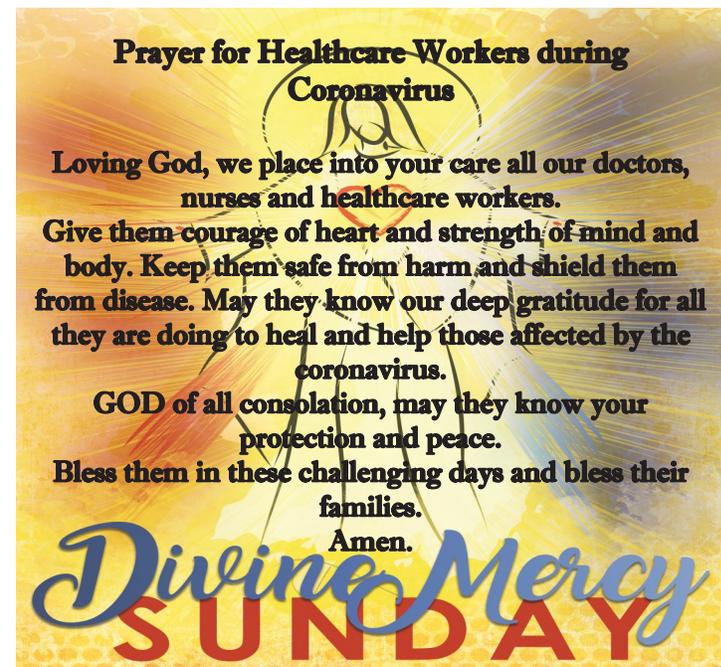
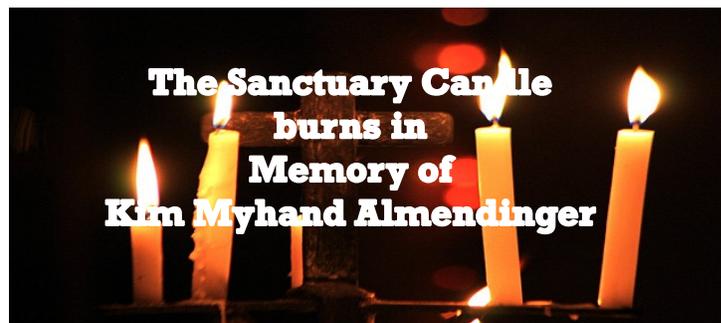
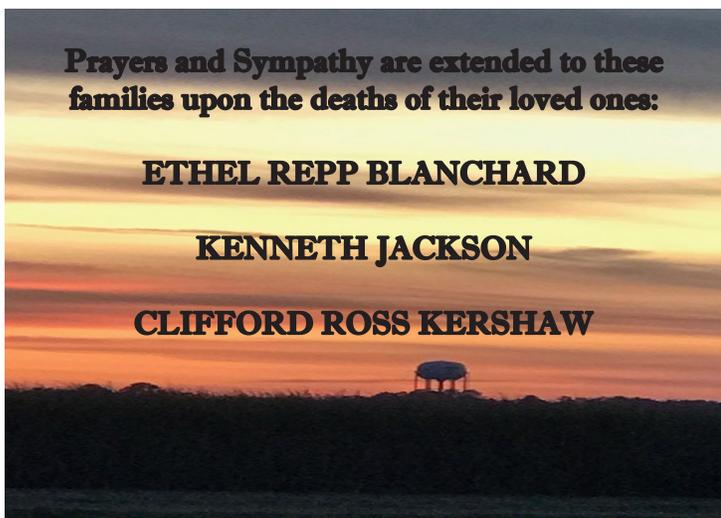
Stay safe and continue to practice social distancing until this danger is over. I hope to see you again soon.

In Christ,  
Father Matt



**CANCELLATIONS AND POSTPONEMENTS  
THROUGH APRIL 30TH  
IN OUR CHURCH PARISH**

- All Christian Formation Classes are canceled.
- Mothers Day Out Program is canceled.
- Friday & Sunday Homebound Communion is suspended during this time.
- Bereavement Meals are suspended during this time.
- NO DONATIONS will be accepted by the Zippers and their shop will remain closed during this time.
- There will be NO Daily or Weekend Masses during this time.
- The CHURCH OFFICE will be closed during this time.
- First Communion & Retreat for April 18th & 19th is postponed.
- Senior Mass & Lunch is canceled on April 26th.
- Brusly Lions Club Card Party on April 27th is canceled.



**K.C. CALENDAR WINNERS FOR MARCH**  
Taylor Robnett, Harry Aucoin, Milton Naquin, Mickey Smith, Brent & Jana Mancuso, Daisy Rivas, William Mouton, Abby Wille, Stephanie Belle, Peanut LeRay, Maureen Marino, Yvonne Terrance, Roland Dugas, III, Donald & Melanie Granier, Jeannie Allen, Scott Rills, Mary Tullier, Angela & Ollie Briscoe, Paul Davidson, Colleen Pennison, Dennis Bell, Beau Blanchard, Kate Williams, Daryl & Denise Babin, Cathy Prejean, Sara Migliacio Dunn, Robert Reine, Murphy Gautreau, Sr., John Charles Aucoin, Jack & Celeste Laurent, Jordan Blanchard

**Stewardship of Finances  
April 12, 2020**

126 Identified	\$13,320.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$450.00
Operation Rice Bowl	\$203.55
Priests' Retirement	\$970.00
Holy Land Collection	\$493.00

**THANKS to All of You for your generosity!  
THANKS for using the Mail Slot on the back door of the Church Office!**

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**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2019-2020**

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**For all our healthcare  
workers, healthcare  
professionals, all those  
on the frontlines and  
their families.  
You are our heroes!**

*“Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” Thomas answered and said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” - Jn 20:27b-29*

**Readings for the week of April 19, 2020**

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31  
Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8  
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15  
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21  
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36  
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15  
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 [2]/Mk 16:15-20  
Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [11a]/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35