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OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday 8:30am-1:30pm

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CHRISTIAN FORMATION: 225-749-3387

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday at 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday at 8:00 a.m.

Friday at 8:00 a.m., with Adoration until 11:30 a.m.

First Saturday of the month **only** at 8:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 3:30-4:15 p.m.

Monday, Wednesday thru Friday at 7:40 a.m. or by appointment

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Arun John, IMS, Pastor
Candice Breaux, Youth Group Minister
Betty Cain, Bookkeeper
Christel Dupont, Receptionist
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BAPTISM

Celebrated monthly after the 11:00am Mass. Parents should call the office to enroll in our baptismal preparation program, preferably early in pregnancy. Parents are encouraged to register in this parish and actively practice their faith.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

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

MARRIAGE

Contact the Pastor at least 6 months prior to your 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,

During Holy Week and throughout the season of Lent, we have spent a lot of time recounting the story of Jesus that pertains to the last days of His life. On the night of the Easter Vigil, the readings stretch back to the dawn of creation and fast-forward to the resurrection and beyond. The readings tell us that we have made a covenant with the Lord and we have been rescued from sin and slavery. We have prayed throughout Lent to make us whole, and we have prayed for our catechumens to be free from the influence of sin. Yet, we stand before the Lord, knowing that we are only partially successful in our efforts. We know that we still have come up short. So, today we look to Christ and to His glorious resurrection, in the hope that the Risen Christ can touch us and heal us. Today, all of us stand at the entrance of the tomb, like the three women and Peter, trying to make sense of what we see. What will we find when we come looking for Jesus? We can only imagine what each of the characters of the story found.

Mary Magdalene had known Jesus, first as a man who freed people from demons, who cured the sick and raised the dead; and later as her Lord and friend. When she went with her friends, carrying spices to the tomb at dawn, she hoped only to return a favor to the one whom she loved. But she got more than she bargained for. She got an empty tomb! She got angels in dazzling robes! She got a gospel of resurrection and a commission to proclaim it!

Joanna had made an investment in the ministry of Jesus. She was one of the women who supported Jesus' mission financially. She was the wife of King Herod's steward, and should have been an unlikely candidate for discipleship. To be a known supporter of a rival king could have put her marriage in jeopardy. Joanna made her choice, and this brought her all the way to the empty tomb. Her husband may have banked his future on Herod's court, but she was speculating on another kind of kingdom.

Mary, the mother of James, son of Alphaeus, thought her son would be a leader of the Jerusalem community one day. At the moment, he is hiding in fear in an upper room in town with the rest of the Apostles. But it doesn't matter now since she made the choice to take the risk and be here at the tomb. As a mother, she really wants what is best for her son; and being a true disciple of Jesus, she believes is how God will give her direction.

Peter is a late-comer to the tomb. He has the same doubts and wonders as the women do. But, he is willing to see the truth of their story. He sees the tomb, the stone, and the cloths. He realizes that he should have gone to the cross with Christ. Instead, he lied that he even knew Jesus. He ran and hid himself in the upper room with the others and now he is ashamed of himself. At this point, he doesn't want to believe that Christ can redeem. We all come to the tomb today. We are the sinners who don't know if we should be here, but we are here anyway. We are the investors, the ones who have been faithful to Christ year in and year out. We are looking for verification that our lives have meaning and purpose. We want to know if Christ can move and change us. We are the latecomers. We have come knowing that we have denied the Lord in small ways and large ways. We haven't been faithful to what the Lord wants from us, and yet we are here. Each of us arrives with a dream. Each of us comes here seeking the Lord and finding an empty tomb. But, we can leave confident that all our hopes will be fulfilled. We leave, believing that Christ will make a difference in our lives. We leave, hoping for a renewal and redemption of our tattered lives. Easter is a feast of hope: hope for a better life, a meaningful life, and that the Risen Lord will make it possible for us.

May God bless you all!

I wish you all a very Happy Easter. May you and your family experience the peace and joy of the Risen Lord.

Father John

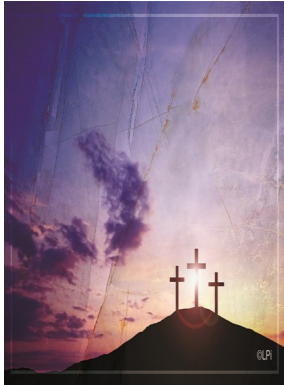


CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Graduation Mass & Lunch for our high school Seniors will be at 11:00am on Sunday, April 27th.

First Eucharist Retreat for Parent & Child from 9:00am-12:00pm on Saturday, May 3rd in the Activity Center.

First Eucharist will be celebrated at 2:00pm on Sunday, May 4th.



The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of Merlyn Bourgeois.

Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the family of Kerry Michael Guidry upon his death.

Our next Baptismal Seminar is at 6:00pm on Wednesday, May 14th in Christian Formation Room One. Please call the Church Office to register for the seminar.



Vacation Bible School
July 7th-11th
Grades K-5

Registration forms can be found on the Church Website, the Church Office and the Christian Formation Office. The registration deadline is June 19th. For more information, please contact the Christian Formation Office, 225-749-3387.



Marriage Preparation Sponsor Couples

Please consider serving in this Ministry to assist our engaged couples who are preparing for the sacrament of Matrimony. A training course is offered by the Diocese. Please contact Pam LeDoux, 337-513-1334, to be a part of this Ministry.

Stewardship of Finance

April 6th:

228 Identified Givers:	\$20,083.00
Loose Collection:	+1,050.00
Total Collection:	\$21,133.00

Thank you for your generosity!



Divine Mercy Novena
The Divine Mercy Novena will follow the 6:00pm Mass every Wednesday through April 23rd.

Divine Mercy Sunday is April 27th and Masses will be at the usual times that weekend.

Congratulations and Marriage Blessings are extended to Kimberly Anne Tucker and Charles Walter Triche, V who were married on April 4th!



The Women's A.C.T.S. Retreat is scheduled for July 10-13. Registration will open April 26-27 after all Masses. Application forms will be available in the back of Church that weekend.

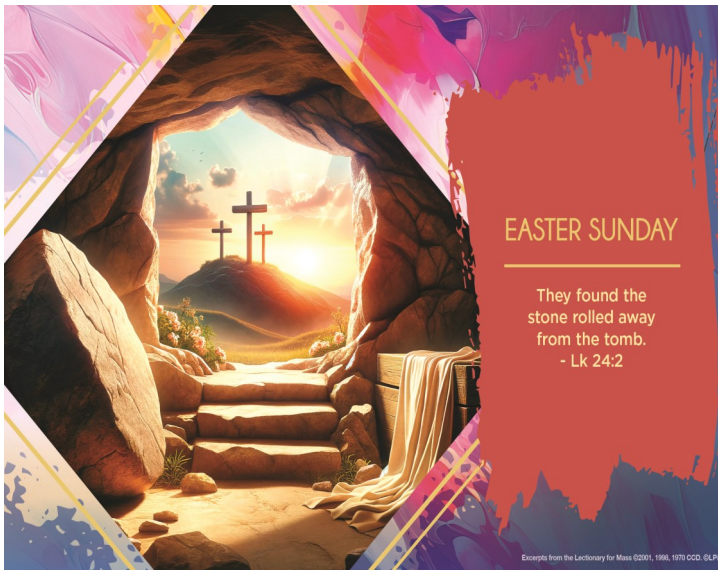
Please join the Ladies of our Church to pray the Rosary at 3:00pm every Tuesday at the Grotto in front of Church.



All Night Eucharistic Adoration begins at 8:00pm on Friday, May 2nd and ends with 8:00am Mass on Saturday, May 3rd. Sign up sheets can be found in the back of Church.

Pray for Vocations
The Lord is Risen! Are you being called to proclaim the truth of the Lord's resurrection as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If so, please talk to your priest about your interest in this vocation or reach out to Father Josh Johnson at the Vocations Office at 225-336-8778 or email him: jjohnson@diobr.org or visit: www.diobr.org/vocations





Readings for the week of April 20, 2025

- Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12
- Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/ Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/ Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/ Lk 24:35-48
- Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/ Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15
- Next Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/ Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

Fill a Prescription for the Needy

Please help those in need by taking a prescription bottle from the back of Church, adding your donation to it, and returning it to the canister. This effort is handled through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

Thanks for supporting this cause!



The W.B.R. Historical Association will host their annual Christmas in July Card Party on Monday, July 28th from 10:00am-3:00pm at the W.B.R. Community Center in Port Allen.

For more information, please contact the W.B.R. Museum, 225-336-2422.

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Women's Ministry

The Women's Ministry will host a Yard Sale at the Zipper's Thrift Shop from 8:00am-12:00pm on Saturday, April 26th.

The Women's Ministry will host an 8 week Bible Study, "Unforgettable Women of the Gospels" by Melanie Rigney. This Bible Study will begin on Tuesday, May 6th through June 24th, from 10:00am-12:00pm in Christian Formation Room 2. To register, please contact Roxanne Loreno, 225-614-5424, or Alena Prejean, 225-235-1709.



**Zipper's Thrift Shop Sale
Dates at 7:30am**

April 24

May 8 & 22

June 5 & 19

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

**Save the date!
Our Feast on the Levee is
scheduled for Sunday,
October 19th. Masses will be at
7:30am & 10:00am that day.
What will you do to make our
fair a success?**



Compassion in Crisis of the Diocese of Baton Rouge

Walking with Moms in need

Free training to serve mothers effectively with emotional and logistical support

Saturday, May 3rd, from 9:00am-1:00pm

The Tracy Center, 1800 S. Acadian Thruway

To register: diobr.org/wwwmn-event-registration or use the QR code on the flyer in back of Church.

There will be a Community Baby Shower for the Walking with Moms Program on June 14th at the Catholic Life Center. Volunteers are needed. Please call Deacon Randall Waguespack, 225-446-8515.

**A Trip to Croatia, Poland & Medjugorje
with Father John**

September 22-October 3, 2025

12 day Pilgrimage through

Nativity Pilgrimage: info@nativitypilgrimage.com

You can register and obtain more information, by contacting Debbie Dupuy, 225-247-0052.