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### Masses:

Saturday Vigil	4:00 pm
Sunday	7:30 am
	9:00 am
	11:00 am
Tuesday	6:00 pm
Wed., Thurs., Fri.	7:00 am

Baptism: Please contact the Parish Office.

Marriage: Please contact the pastor a minimum of six months before the wedding.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesday	5:30-5:45 pm
Saturday	3:00-3:30 pm



## *2nd Sunday of Easter*

### Second Sunday of Easter — Divine Mercy Sunday April 16, 2023

The readings today describe how life was lived in communities formed not long after the death and resurrection of Jesus. Their focus is on communal life and the teachings of those who knew Jesus best, his apostles. The readings from First Peter and John both remind us that even among the apostles there is a tension between believing and seeing the reality of the resurrection. John tells of an apostle, Thomas, who refused to believe in the risen Christ until he has seen and touched his wounds. Jesus offers him the chance to do just that. Most of us are not in a position to demand such tangible proof from Jesus. But these stories are written so that we, who cannot see Jesus as his apostles did, can still come to believe and through that belief have life.

**SEEING IS BELIEVING** In today's passage from Acts we read of an idealized version of what the first communities were like. People are devoted to the community, to teaching, breaking bread, and sacrifice. Many signs and wonders were done. First Peter offers a more realistic picture because time has passed and believers are still waiting. Faith

is being tested by the passage of time and the suffering that is part of life. In the Gospel, the disciples are consumed with recent events. That is all they can talk about. Poor Thomas misses the latest revelation, that is, the visit by the risen Jesus to the disciples in the locked room. He is angry and refuses to share in the excitement or even to believe it happened. So Jesus appears again, this time when Thomas is present. Jesus tells him to touch and feel the wounds so that Thomas can believe. Jesus then reminds Thomas and us that there is something more to believing than just the physical reality.

**OR IS IT?** Too often we are more like Thomas than we might like to think. We are disturbed when we can't directly see or experience the results of our faith. We want some evidence for all the years of faith and struggle when there seems so little to show for our faith. The mistake that Thomas made and that we make is thinking that if we could just see some evidence that our faith makes a difference, then it would be easier to have faith. But it is not the evidence that makes faith possible. Thomas does not gain his faith because he puts his hand in Jesus' wounds. Thomas gains faith because Jesus came back. Jesus comes back again and again and again. Jesus returns every time we ask for his presence in our life because Jesus never really leaves. Thomas had only to ask. We need only ask.



## Annual Outdoor Mass and Family Day

Join us as we celebrate 11am Mass this Sunday, April 16, 2023 at the Mark A. "Tony" Gulotta Bayou Plaquemine Waterfront Park Pavilion followed by games and festivities! We will have a space walk, face painting and balloons for the children. Assorted foods will be served such as fried fish, jambalaya, salad, hot dogs and chili. Please bring your favorite desert in individual baking cups for the desert room.

**Bring your family and friends!**

## Eucharistic Adoration

### Adoration Chapel Adorers Dinner

The dinner for the Adoration Chapel Adorers will be held **Tuesday, April 25** at the K. C. Hall following 5pm Mass. All Adorers/Substitutes, Spouse or Guest are invited to attend. Please sign the tablet in the Adoration Chapel if you plan to attend.

The Adoration Chapel is open from 4am-10pm. To volunteer for a scheduled hour or as a substitute, contact JoAnn Daigle at 225.687.4621 or 225.776.4865.



## Daily Scripture Readings — April 16-22, 2023

**Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16**

Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

**Monday, April 17**

Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8

**Tuesday, April 18**

Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn: 3:7b-15

**Wednesday, April 19**

Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

**Thursday, April 20**

Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

**Friday, April 21**

Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

**Saturday, April 22**

Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21



## May Devotion

### Church Dedication for May: The Blessed Virgin Mary

Her "yes" at the Annunciation illustrates the Blessed Virgin Mary's perfect humility, obedience, and openness to the Holy Spirit that we are called to imitate in our own lives. In becoming the Mother of God, she also became the Mother of the whole Church.

So in the words of St. Francis de Sales: "Let us run to Mary, and, as her little children, cast ourselves into her arms with a perfect confidence."

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### May Yard Rosary — May 1-31, 2023

In celebration of the month of Mary, all families are invited to join us during May for the recitation of the Rosary at the homes of parishioners at 7pm. If your family is interested in hosting an evening to pray the Rosary on your lawn, please call the church office at 225.687.2402 to be included on the schedule.

## RITUALSONG

(Readings and Songs this Weekend)

Readings: Second Sunday of Easter #1167

Entrance: Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones #989

Communion: Without Seeing You #791

Sending Forth: Jesus Christ is Risen Today #614

## In Loving Memory...

A grateful acknowledgement is made to the following persons who donated a memorial gift to St. John the Evangelist Church Building Fund in loving memory of:

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## ST. JOHN SCHOOL NEWS

### Grandparents Mass

Wednesday, April 19 — 8:30am

St. John The Evangelist Church

### Home & School Association's Krawfish Krawl

#### Crawfish Dinner

Friday, April 21 — 5-7pm

St. John Elementary School

Contact Annagelle Son at 225.571.1923 to purchase your ticket (\$20). The meal, consisting of 3 lbs. boiled crawfish, corn and potatoes, may be picked up Friday, April 21 from 5-7pm at the elementary school circle drive.



## Baptisms and Baptism Seminars



### Baptism Seminars

Monday, May 1, 2023

Monday, June 5, 2023

Monday, July 10, 2023

### Baptisms

Saturday, April 22, 2023 (During Mass)

Saturday, May 20, 2023 (Following 4pm Mass)

Saturday, June 24, 2023 (Following 4pm Mass)

Saturday, July 22, 2023 (Following 4pm Mass)

The Baptism Seminars are held on the third floor of the church office at 7pm. The Baptisms are usually held on the fourth Saturday of the month following 4pm Mass.

Dates are subject to change. Please call Lily at the church office (225.687.2402) during the early stages of pregnancy to confirm the dates of the seminar.

## Angels for Angels

The Angels for Angels program has been able to help children in our local schools with much needed items. Teachers contact the Angels for Angels with a specific need for a specific child in their classroom.

Volunteers are needed to relieve the burden some teachers face who use their own monies to purchase these items. If you are able to impact a child's life in our community, please call Dr. Katie Berthelot at 225.776.2809 or the church office at 225.687.2402.





## Easter Flower Donations 2023

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(continued in future bulletins)

**GOD BLESS OUR DEAD**

## Mass Intentions — April 22-28, 2023

### Saturday, April 22-4pm Mass

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Labouré, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Liz Adams; Scott Jude Marino, A. J. & Nera Rodriguez, Anthony & Mary Marino, Kids of St. Jude; Catherine & Andrew Roucher; Michael Laurent; Bret Thompson; Randy, Lucy, Peter & Florence Morales; Rose Marie LeBlanc, LeBlanc & Canella Families; In Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

### Sunday, April 23-7:30am Mass - St. John Parishioners



### Sunday, April 23-9am Mass

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Labouré, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Kristina Mellema; M/M A. J. Rodriguez, M/M Vives Vicknair, Sr., M/M Alger Rodriguez, Scott Marino; Mary Ann Gregoire; Lezin, Clelie, Feltus & Alfred Himel; Denise Miranda; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; Isaac Jr. & Brent Vaughn, Ezora & Sidney Hedges; Virginia Simon; Kevin Mellieon, Jean Powell, Mary Louella Senegal

### Sunday, April 23-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Brenda Fremin; Paul & Jenise Ortis, Earl & Mary Devillier; Harry Marionneaux, Charles, Doris & Paul Barbier; William H. Middleton, Bill Middleton III, Clouatre & Middleton Families; James & Marie Miranda, Denise & Glenda Miranda

### Tuesday, April 25-6pm Mass

Jo Ann Nolan

### Wednesday, April 26-7am Mass

Marie Ragusa LeBlanc

### Thursday, April 27-7am Mass

Bobby & Bootsie Dupont

### Friday, April 28-7am Mass

Roland "Doug" Rivet



### Sanctuary Candle

April 16, 2023

St. John the Evangelist

Mary Ann Gregoire

St. Clement of Rome

Jo Ann Nolan



### Altar Society

Altar Society Team 3 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, April 19 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.

The Altar Society Appreciation Dinner originally scheduled for Tuesday, April 25 has been changed to Wednesday, April 26 at 10:30am in the parish hall.

### Coffee & Donuts

April 23, 2023

June Pinsonat, Sandra Bizette & Mary Jo Caffarel  
(7:30am Mass)

Ruel & Diana Seneca (9am Mass)



### A Vocation View

Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are sent to share the peace of Christ. Could it be that Jesus is now asking you to be willing to be sent forth with the Good News as a priest, brother, or sister? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call or email Rev. Joshua Johnson at 225.336.8778, [jjohnson@diobr.org](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org).



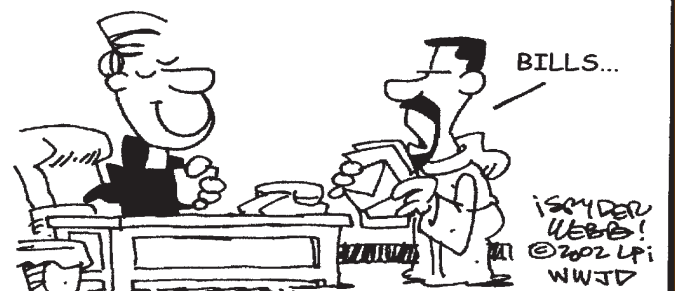
### Altar Servers

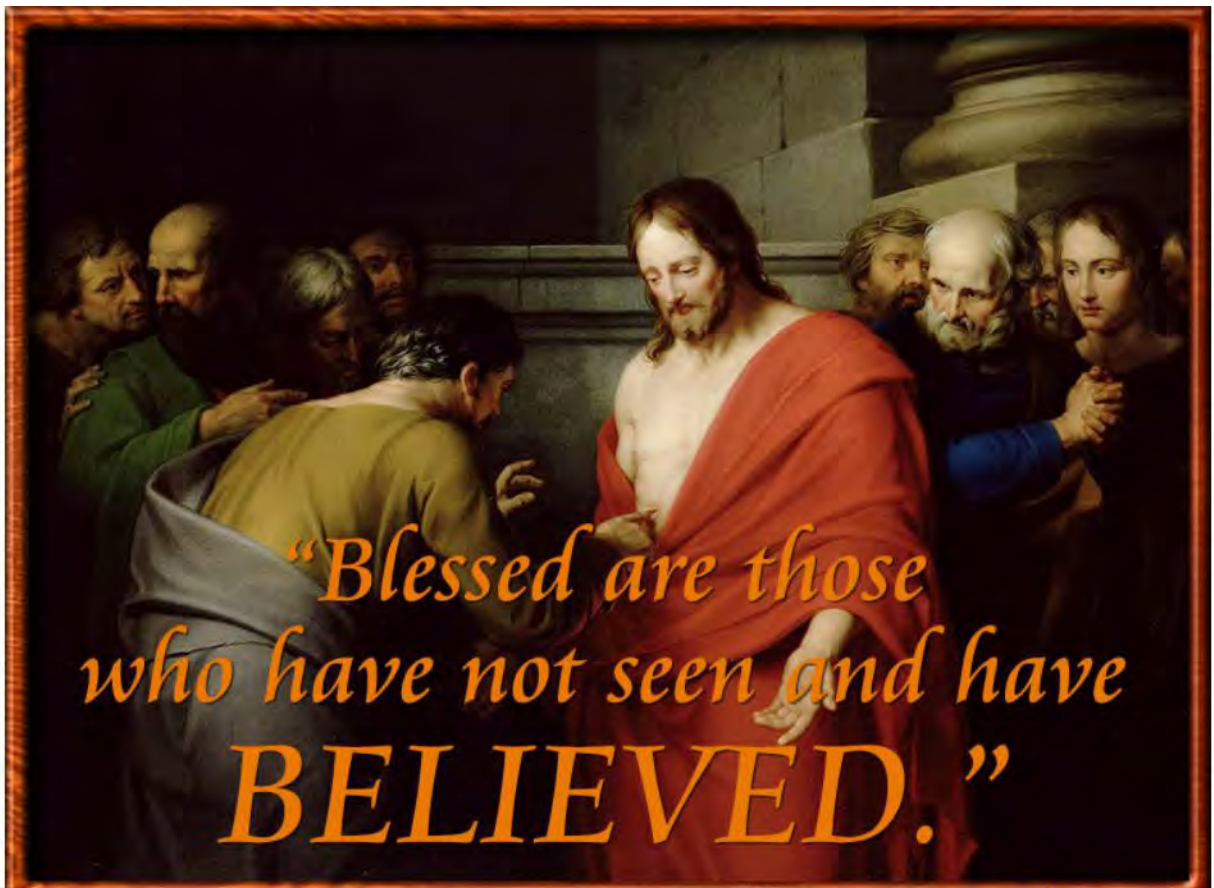
Any boy or girl in the 4th grade or older interested in becoming an Altar Server and assisting at Holy Mass is invited to join. The ministry of Altar Server is a wonderful way for our young children and youth to involve themselves in service at the Table of the Lord.

Access the registration form located on our website, [www.stjohnchurchplaq.org](http://www.stjohnchurchplaq.org), under the FORMS tab. Upon completion of the application, someone will contact you regarding a brief training.

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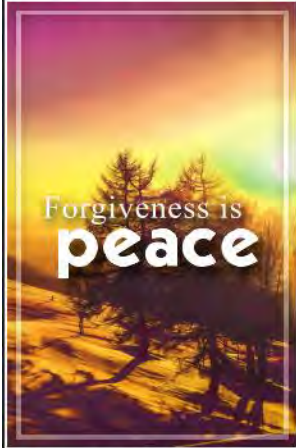


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