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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



Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021

Extreme Christians

This Sunday's first reading is one of the descriptions of ideal apostolic life. It begins with the community being one in heart and mind. They not only believed in the same Risen Lord, but their love for Him showed in their love for each other. They were not just a community or parish; they were one family.

Acts shows two ways the Christian communities began to change the world. First, they told anyone who would listen about the resurrection "with great power." (Acts 4:33) You can take that as power to do miracles, healings, etc. But it can also mean the power of conviction: They were so excited about Jesus' resurrection, that they couldn't stop talking about it. We could use some of that fervor today. I sometimes think the only reason we don't do miracles ourselves is that we don't really believe we could. God can do miracles any time he wants. But we can't receive them if we don't have

faith. Instead of trying to believe that you can do a miracle, try believing that God can do it for you.

The second way the disciples stood out was their willingness to give up anything for the Lord. Luke uses the example of selling their property to share with those in need. But some went even further, giving up their lives for the faith. That kind of witness nothing can make me give up my faith. So what am I willing to give up for the Lord? It's easy to throw money in a collection for the poor. How about giving some time to feed the poor, or help build a home for someone, or maybe the time to be a sponsor for a convert? The love you show to others could be their only experience of God's love.

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April 11, 2021

Dear Family:

On this Second Sunday of Easter, the Liturgy of the Word begins with a most beautiful and idealistic text from Acts. Of special significance is the description that the Jerusalem community "was of one heart and mind," with "everything in common." How many of us struggle daily to live for the common good?

Appropriately, today's Responsorial Psalm is one of thanksgiving, with emphasis placed on God's everlasting love. While this love is celebrated throughout the liturgical year, it is uniquely emphasized during the Easter season, when we remember the Paschal Mystery most intensely.

The reading from the First Letter of John, like our Responsorial Psalm, invites us to reflect on the incomprehensible love of God. God's commandments are not intended to be a burden for us; rather, they have been given to us as guides of living faith-filled lives.

While locked behind closed doors, Jesus appears to the disciples and offers them peace. Upon recognizing Jesus, the disciples rejoice. Jesus extends peace to them a second time, then bestows the Holy Spirit on them. In yet another encounter behind locked doors, Jesus appears again. This time, after extending peace to the disciples, Jesus invites Thomas to touch him and to believe in him. This scene concludes with reference to other signs that Jesus performed so that we might have life in Jesus' name.

Some thoughts for reflection:

Reread the short passage from the Acts of the Apostles. What would it require for a community to be "of one heart and mind"? What would such a lifestyle require of you? Do you believe that such a way of life is possible?

Consider writing a short psalm of thanksgiving using the refrain "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting." Compose several verses in which you identify specific people and acts of God for which you are grateful.

Had you been locked behind closed doors and heard the voice of Jesus extending you his peace, how do you imagine that you would respond?

Peace,

Fr. Greg

Annual Outdoor Mass

Join us as we celebrate 11am Mass Sunday, April 18 at the Mark A. "Tony" Gulotta Bayou Plaquemine Waterfront Park Pavilion followed by jambalaya dinner to go.



Adult Confirmation

If you are 18 years of age or over and have not been confirmed in the Catholic Church, please call the church office at 225.687.2402, to attend 6 classes on Confirmation beginning Sunday, April 11 (10-11am) through Sunday, May 16.

Confirmation will be on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021 at St. John the Evangelist Church administered by Father Greg Daigle. You may call the St. John Church Office for more information.

Baptisms and Seminars

Baptism Seminars

Monday, April 12, 2021

Monday, May 3, 2021

Monday, June 7, 2021



Baptisms

Saturday, April 24, 2021

Saturday, May 22, 2021

Saturday, June 26, 2021

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 Skidmore at the church office (225.687.2402) during the early stages of pregnancy to confirm the dates of the seminar.



Holy Spirit Prayer Group

The Holy Spirit Prayer Group will meet Sunday, April 11 from 4pm-6pm in church. The mission of the prayer group is to offer praise to God, and intercessory prayers for individuals, our community and the needs of the world.

For more information, contact the church office at 225.687.2402. All are welcome! Please come join us!

Easter! Resurrection and new life; a new life shared from an earthen tomb. This has been the meaning of life for Christian people for two thousand years. There is nothing more secure, nothing more lasting.

Come and share the thrill of proclaiming this truth through your life as a priest or as a religious. Contact Fr. Josh Johnson at 225.336.8778, jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.



Knights of Columbus Youth Leadership Award



The recipients of the 2021 Knights of Columbus 970 Catholic Youth Leadership Award (CYLA) are St. John School Seniors,

Taylor Dupont and Emma Hargrove.

Taylor is the son of Stephen, Jr. and Becky Landry Dupont, and Emma is the daughter of Thomas "Crockett" and Paige Bujol Hargrove.

Plaquemine K.C. Council 970 has awarded over \$73,000 in CYLA college scholarships since first participating in this program in 1996.

Pictured, l to r, are Father Greg Daigle, Taylor Dupont, and Emma Hargrove.

Congratulations to Taylor, Emma, and their families!

Daily Scripture Reading

April 12-18, 2021

Monday, April 12:

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

Tuesday, April 13:

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

Wednesday, April 14:

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

Thursday, April 15:

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

Friday, April 16:

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

Saturday, April 17:

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

Sunday, April 18:

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

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One Minute Meditations

For His love

Each day, offering our very best to God raises all of our efforts to the level of a prayer. He rewards our dedication with peace, joy, and awareness of His presence in all that we do.

Choose companions well

Delilah had to know the secret of Samson's strength but God had forbidden him to reveal it. *"And when she pressed him hard with her words day after day, and urged him, his soul was vexed to death"* (Judges 16:16). He gave in and it was his undoing. Don't let anyone – friend or family – pressure you into violating God's commandments.



Hold hope

"When a man has died, were he to live again, all the days of my drudgery I would wait, until my relief should come" Job 14:14. Despite all his misery, Job clung to the one truth that also gives us hope – salvation. God offers the hope of being with Him forever.



Open the gifts of Easter throughout the year

Easter is the highest Sunday throughout the year, but each Sunday is a chance to celebrate a "little Easter." We can live the gifts of the Resurrection each Sunday of the year:

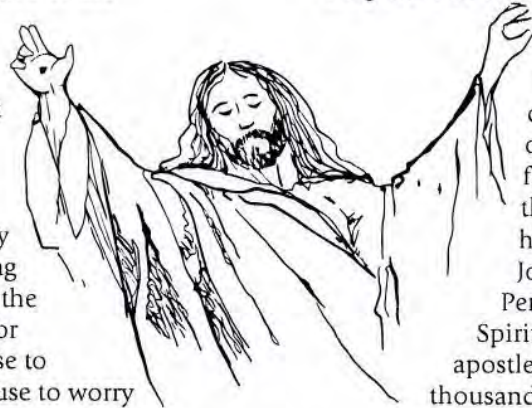
Death doesn't have the last word. Easter means that we can face each day with joy, knowing that Jesus paved the way to Heaven for those who choose to follow Him. Refuse to worry about earthly matters and share your joy with friends, family, colleagues.

Jesus offers peace the world can't give. Jesus ascended to Heaven and left everything behind. We follow his example when we detach from worldly concerns and care more about God's

will than our own. If we seek God before everything else, we can join Him in His Heavenly kingdom.

We place our faith in the Holy Spirit. "Those who have come into genuine contact with Christ cannot keep him for themselves, they must proclaim him" (Pope St. John Paul II). At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit inspired the apostles to bring thousands to Baptism. Call upon the Holy Spirit to help you bring Jesus to others through words, actions, and compassion.

Forgiveness is ours for the asking. Jesus bore the punishment for our sins. That means no matter what we have done, Jesus is ready to forgive. All we have to do is ask.



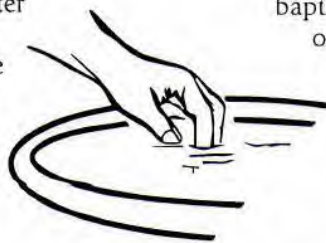
Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics bless themselves with holy water?

The practice of blessing oneself with holy water harkens back to the washing rituals of the Old Testament Jews, who had to bathe before entering the temple.

Today, when we bless ourselves with

holy water, it brings to mind our own baptism. It was at our baptism that our souls were washed clean of original sin and we were officially made members of the Church. We also received the gift of faith. In blessing ourselves, we renew our baptismal promise.



Cast looks toward Heaven throughout the day

St. Therese of Lisieux confided that, "For me prayer is a surge of the heart, it is a simple look towards Heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." Adding short, heartfelt prayers to our daily activities can help us glance toward Heaven throughout the day:

The Jesus Prayer – "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Try repeating it 100 times a day.

"Teach me, O Lord, to do your will, for you are my



God." Say this when beginning a chore, task, or project.

"May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace." A prayer for the souls in Purgatory.

"Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like yours." Pray this for humility and love.

"Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ." She is always willing to help.

"Thy will be done." It's what Jesus said.

from Scripture

John 10:11-18, Jesus Is the Good Shepherd

This Gospel tells of our relationship with God. Jesus is the Good Shepherd and we are His flock.

Today society tells us that it is good to be independent and answer to no one. We are encouraged to please ourselves and follow our own desires. However, there is no one to turn to for guidance and comfort when circumstances go bad. There is no shepherd.

In Jesus' day, a shepherd lived with the sheep, cared for them, and even put himself at risk to keep them safe. He



tended them in a flock for safety, to protect them from predators. The shepherd was trusted and familiar, so that the sheep knew His voice and followed him but no other.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd for all of humanity. In this Gospel Jesus defined the role of a shepherd. He predicted how he would fill that role by giving His life for His sheep. But he looked beyond the sheepfold of Israel. His hope is to have one flock and one shepherd for the whole world. That flock is the Church which he founded.

Q & A Why should I participate in Mass if it's not required?

In many dioceses around the country, the obligation to attend Mass in person remains lifted while the pandemic lasts. Still, finding ways to celebrate the Eucharist – in person, if it can be done safely, or online – has spiritual benefits during difficult times.



"Do this in memory of me" is the only direct order Jesus gave to His followers. That means

God is the one who initiates this encounter with us. And when God asks us to do something, it is smart to do it.

Sanctify the day. Participating in Mass on Sunday still helps to fulfill the Third Commandment obligation to keep holy the Sabbath day and sanctify the day.

You're a baptized person needed by your community. "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). We help worship God just by being there.

You get "take out." The homily gives the Gospel relevance to our lives. Then we have something to act on in the coming week.

Feasts & Celebrations

April 4 – Easter Sunday. The solemnity that marks Jesus' Resurrection. It is the most important feast in the Church year.

April 11 - St. Stanislaus (1079). As Bishop of Krakow in 1072, St. Stanislaus attempted to reform the violent and depraved king of Poland, Boleslas II. When his efforts failed, he excommunicated the king. In retaliation, Boleslas murdered the saint as he said Mass.

April 11 – Divine Mercy Sunday. In 1931, Jesus appeared to St. Faustina

and asked that the Sunday after Easter become the "Feast of Mercy." Jesus promised that anyone who honors him as the King of Mercy and prays The Chaplet of Divine Mercy – the prayer he gave to St. Faustina – will receive special graces and great mercy.

April 21 – St. Anselm (1109). A native of Italy, St. Anselm initially enjoyed a luxurious life at court. After his mother died, he became a monk in France and reluctantly became bishop of Canterbury, England. He was exiled for rebuffing the king's interference in Church matters.



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Mass Intentions — April 17-23, 2021

Saturday, April 17-4pm 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; Andrew, Della, Vincent & Bob Ferachi; Yves & Vera Ramirez, June & Jerry, Kirsch Kember; Aubrey Quebedeaux, Mit, Wally & Aline Comeaux; Florence Blanchard; Jimmy, Sarah & Jackie Migliacio, P. W. Albert, Jr.; M/M Edmond Gomez, Kathleen Garrene, Chris Gomez; Connor J. Brown; William Touns, Jr.; Paul Ortis, Earl & Mary Devillier; Felix Fernandez, Jr.

Sunday, April 18-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners



Sunday, April 18-9am 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; Douglas Bourgoyne, Artie Lyons; Kenneth “Klu” Brown; Gasper Pizzolato, Jr., Samuel C. Pizzolato, Esther Pizzolato Schexnayder, Gasper Pizzolato, Sr. Family; Frances Santangelo, Rita & Mike Santangelo, Anatole Santangelo; Bill Middleton III; Benny & Annie Vaughn; Virginia Simon

Sunday, April 18-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Anthony & Frances Palermo; Vincent & Lena Lorella; Joseph & Lillian Crescienne, Dr. Joseph & Tina Alesi; Arnold “Buck” Fourroux; Kayla & Micah Brungart, Audrey & Kimberly Kora; Anna Belle Davis; Brenda Fremin; Harry Marionneaux; Crawford Howard; Issac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Isaac Vaughn, Sidney Hedges, Jr., The Family of Sidney Hedges, Sr.; Christopher Stassi; Edward Hargrove, Jr.

Tuesday, April 20-6pm Mass

Iris & Audrey Callegan, Patrick Gaudet; J. Hubert Millet, Milda Millet, M/M Tony Louis, M/M Harold Marionneaux

Wednesday, April 21-7am Mass

Edward Hargrove, Jr.

Thursday, April 22-7am Mass

Prince Savage

Friday, April 23-7am Mass

Beverly & Fred Allain

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

These words of Jesus are an excellent invitation to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:
“Do you realize that Jesus is there in the Blessed Sacrament expressly for you, for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart.”
—Saint Therese of Lisieux

The Adoration Chapel is open from 4am-10pm. Adorers will be limited to two at a time in the chapel. We regret that because of the current restrictions, some may have to be turned away.

To volunteer for a scheduled hour or as a substitute, please contact JoAnn Daigle at 225.687.4621 or 225.776.4865.

Divine Mercy Novena

The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy Novena will continue every Tuesday during Lent following 6pm Mass through Sunday, April 20.



Sanctuary Candle April 11, 2021

St. John the Evangelist Church
Jep Daigle, Eddie & Virginia Clebert,
Ulger & Nilda Daigle

St. Clement of Rome Church
Dorothy Martin

St. John Altar Society



The Altar Society Team 2 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, April 14 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.



Stewardship

Contribution Tax Statement

Anyone needing a 2020 contribution statement for tax purposes should call Susan at the St. John Church Office at 225.687.2402. Statements will be printed upon request.

Online Giving

Join the parishioners who are using ONLINE GIVING for automated giving to St. John. It is secure and convenient. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish.

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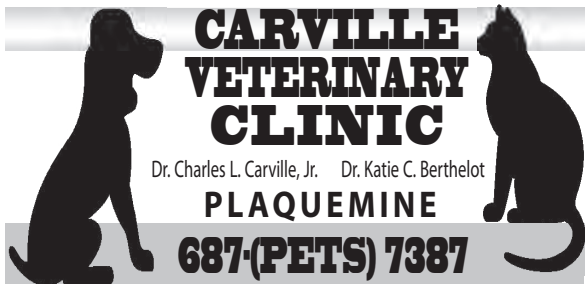


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