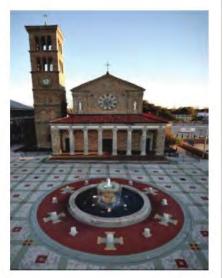
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Saturday Vigil	4:00 pm
Sunday7:30am, 9:00 am	, 11:00 am
Tuesday	6:00 pm
Wednesday	7:00 am
Thursday	7:00 am
Friday	7:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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



Second Sunday of Easter April 7, 2024

Peace Be With You

Chapter 20 of the Gospel of John emphasizes Peace and the Holy Spirit abiding within us. Christ's first word following His death is "Peace". I do not find that I am naturally a peaceful person. I tend to get easily distracted and upset by life not being "fair", or agitated when things do not go exactly as I had planned. I am flawed. Yet so much greater than this is that I am also loved. Above all else, Christ has laid down his life for me. I owe it to Him to do my best to try to find an inner peace. It is often a battle. My mind races at night, dwelling on what might go wrong. It is by listening to the word of God that I calmed down and am reminded of who I really am. Through dedicating my time to Him in prayer and good deeds, He will rejuvenate me, like the Living Water He declares to the Samaritan woman.

Again and again we must acknowledge that the Holy Spirit resides in each of us, guiding us, and that in each passing moment we can become more like

Christ. Pope Benedict XVI explained, "Every person carries within himself, a project of God, a personal vocation, a personal idea of God, on what he is required to do in history to build His Church, a living temple of His presence." I have a calling, a reason for why God has created me, I was chosen for this life to share God's glory with those around me. We may not always know where we belong or how each passing moment might unfold. While I may not be at peace on my own accord, with God's grace, He will remain in me as a source of peace through the Holy Spirit. He will help me find the way.

Alexis Dallara-Marsh

Pastor's Letter

April 7, 2024

Dear Family:

Today's Gospel reading gives us much more to consider besides the question of doubt. Jesus shows his hands and side twice in this Gospel. Before responding to Thomas' request Jesus volunteered to do so a week earlier for two purposes: (1) to authenticate that

he is indeed the crucified Jesus; and (2) to confirm that he is not an apparition.

Surprisingly, the disciples are still hiding behind locked or closed doors when the resurrected Jesus shows up the second time, since the verbs about the doors being locked or closed are the same in Jn 20:19, 26. Are they afraid that they will suffer what Jesus suffered? Although these two resurrection appearances emphasize the wounds he suffered from the Roman Empire, they simultaneously announce that resurrection faith is about believing in life even when traumatic deaths and losses surround us (Jn 20:31). The resurrected Jesus visits them and sends them out into the world with the Holy Spirit and his peace to tell the world that there is life amid sin and death.

Our other New Testament readings provide beautiful pictures of the post-Easter community. Among themselves, the disciples share their possessions. Nevertheless, they are not an in-grown community that ignores the rest of the world. They testify to Jesus' resurrection "with great power" (Acts 4:33), because their faith in Jesus and in life is more powerful than all the powers of this world.

Some questions for reflection:

Jesus was crucified by the Romans and John's Gospel is clear that the Romans were the only ones who had the power to kill (Jn 18:31). Then why are the disciples said to be afraid of "the Jews"? (Jn 20:19)

Does the reference to the time of the resurrected Jesus' first appearance to the disciples ("on the evening," Jn 20:19) have any significance, especially in light of the fact that John also has Mary Magdalene going to the empty tomb "while it was still dark"? Jn 20:1

What causes us to want to lock up and lock down in fear today?

Thanks to all who helped make this weekend's Outdoor Mass such a great event. It is beautiful to be able to gather and create a sacred space of worship in the beauty of nature. It is also a great time of fellowship in the Risen Lord.

On a personal note, I will be visiting my brother in Tennessee from April 9th - 17th. My brother, Paul, has lined up some projects around his farm property. I look forward to some one-on-one time with him at work and time with his family. I'll return for 7am & school Masses on April 17th.

Please give a warm welcome to the priests who will be celebrating Eucharist with you next weekend. Fr. Tom Ranzino (recently retired from parish work but continuing to lead the Diocesan Office of Worship), Fr. Paul Counce and Fr. David Allen. All of these retired Brother Priests are a gift to us. Please express your appreciation for their ministry.

Peace,

Fr. Greg

Called By Name

Chosen for Consecrated Life

"As the Father has sent Me, so I send you." Let us affirm our priests and help carry out Christ's mission of spreading love and



compassion in the world. Maybe God is also calling you to share in His saving mission as a priest. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 225.336.8778 or via email: jiohnson@diobr.org

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 5 classes on Confirmation beginning Sunday, April 14 (10-11am) through Sunday, May 12, 2024.

Confirmation will be on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2024 at St. Joseph Cathedral by Bishop Michael Duca. You may call the St. John Church Office for more information.



Outdoor Mass & Family Day

Sunday, April 7, 2024

We will celebrate our annual 11am Outdoor Mass Sunday, April 7 at the Mark A. "Tony" Gulotta Bayou Plaquemine Waterfront Park followed by a full day of activities. We will have jambalaya, hot dogs with chili, chili toes, fried fish and salad. There will be a space walk, balloon artist and face painting for the children. The Catholic Daughters will be assisting in the "sweets room" and ask parishioners to bring desserts to share, preferably single serve treats. Bring your lawn chair or blanket and join us in this

celebration of fellowship, food, family and fun!!

Welcome, Laurie!

Director of Religious Education

We welcome Laurie
Barbier to our Parish Staff
in the DRE position.
Laurie has served St. John
the Evangelist as a lector
and as a RCIA team
member. She is married to
Jacob Barbier and they
have three children, Anne,
Sarah and Linward.

We look forward to life and ministry with Laurie.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention April 2024

Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.



Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars — 7pm 3rd Floor Conference Room

Monday, April 8, 2024 Monday, May 6, 2024 Monday, June 3, 2024

Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass

Saturday, April 27, 2024 Saturday, May 18, 2024 Saturday, June 22, 2024

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.

Ritualsong

Readings & Songs this Weekend

Second Sunday of Easter #1167

Entrance: Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones #989

Preparation: **Instrumental**

Communion: Without Seeing You #791

Sending Forth: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today #614



Eucharistic Adoration

Devotion for April: The Blessed Sacrament

The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life; all of our works are oriented toward it. Jesus' body, blood, soul, and divinity are truly present in a small host. When we receive the Blessed Sacrament we unite ourselves to God and receive the life and healing He longs to give us.

Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta said: "The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven, and will help bring about everlasting peace on earth."

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.

Scripture Readings

Week of April 7, 2024

Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

Monday Solemnity of the Annunciation of the

Lord

Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15 Wednesday Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21 Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20;

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

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

Jn 6:1-15

Saturday Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19;

Jn 6:16-21

Sunday Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9;

1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

Friday



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Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 13-4pm 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; Trista Parro, Teri & Buck Reynolds, John Lively, Jr.; Anthony & Frances Palermo, Vincent & Lena Lorello; Tina & Jake Loyacano, Vincent M. Ferachi, Dudley Landry Family, Joe Coletti, Sr. Family; Donald Aucoin, Aucoin & Wunstel Families; Mary & Chuchie Flatau, Anthony & Carmella Orcino, Orcino & Flatau Families; Leroy & Elsie Chenevert; Jack Laurent, Michael Laurent; Joseph Graves, W. A. Graves Family, Michael Rarick, Thomas Morales Family; William H. Middleton, Middleton & Clouatre Families; Rose Marie Canella LeBlanc, Janice Cedotal Landry; Donald Stockman; Johnny Zito, Sr., Johnny Zito, Jr., Joseph & Lena Zito; Louise & Edmond Bujol; Janice Brown; Pat Messina; Conrad Joffrion, Tubby & Gertrude Allain, Roy Landry, Sr.; Aubry Quebedeaux, Mit, Aline & Dub Comeaux; Gloria, Donald & Mark Cavalier

Sunday, April 14-7:30am Mass — St. John Parishioners

Sunday, April 14-9am Mass

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Sunday, April 14-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Edward Kocke, Jr., Kathy Olivier; Joseph & Lillian Crescionne, Peter & Rosalie Crescionne, Dr. Joseph & Tina Alesi; Marshall & Virginia Peavy, Cleo & Ella Dupont; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Vaughn, Margaret Landry, Sidney Hedges, Jr.; Wayne & Colby Gomez, Pitre & Gomez Families; George O. Michel, Alvin Joseph Daigle, Sr., Anatole Nestor Michel Family; The Currier Families, Betty Keith & Family

Tuesday, April 16-6pm Mass

Patrick Gaudet, Dewey & Mable Callegan

Wednesday, April 17-7am Mass

Ed Bahry

Thursday, April 18-7am Mass

William E. Barker III Family, Walter Marionneaux, Jr. Family, David Wendt, Sr. Family

Friday, April 19-7am Mass

Kenneth "Klu" Brown



Sanctuary Candle April 7, 2024

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Coffee & Donuts

April 14, 2024

Pete & Bonnie Blanchard 7:30am Mass



Lee Ann Howard & Amy Bradford 9am Mass

St. John Altar Society

Essential Support System of the Church

Altar Society Team 2 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, April 10. Volunteers are welcome.

Fill a Prescription for the Needy

The St. Vincent de Paul community Pharmacy is a beacon of hope that our Church provides to those in need of life-sustaining medical prescriptions. We invite our parishioners to use the bottles provided or remove the label from any empty prescription bottle at home and bring it to church with a monetary gift inside. This bottle can be placed in the containers located at the rear and west side doors of the church.

Thank you for your support of this important community endeavor.



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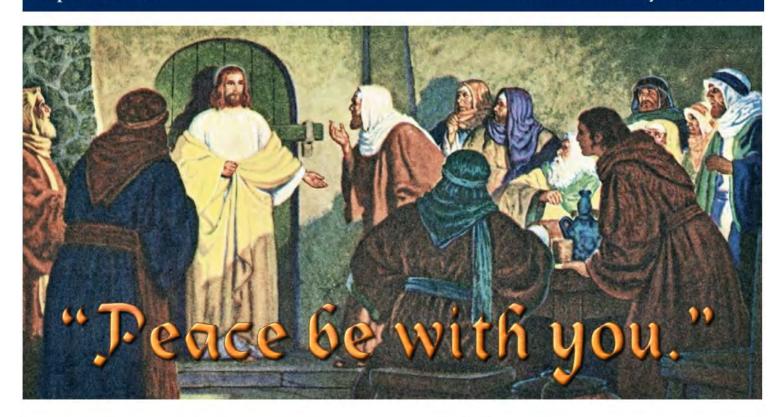
Drop off payments at the St. John School Office to purchase tickets. Pick up at St. John Elementary circle drive Friday, April 12 from 5-7pm.

Lost & Found

Raincoat & Umbrellas

A raincoat and four umbrellas were left at the K. C. Hall the day of the St. Joseph Altar. If you are missing one of these items, please call Betty Aucoin at 225.776.1685 to identify and claim it.

Second Sunday of Easter





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