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2nd Sunday of Easter

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*Easter Altar*

**Sacrament of Baptism**

- Seminars are held on the first Thursday of the Month at 6:30 p.m.
- Baptisms are held after 4 p.m. Mass on Saturdays and/or 10 a.m. Mass on Sundays.
- Call the Church office to Schedule

**Anointing of the Sick**

Please call the Church office to make arrangements for receiving this Sacrament.



*Garden of Gethsemane*

**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

Monday, Wednesday,  
 Thursday & Friday: 8:30 a.m.  
 Tuesday: No Mass  
 1st Friday Devotion: 9 a.m.

**WEEKEND MASS**

Saturday: 4 p.m.  
 Sunday: 8 & 10 a.m.

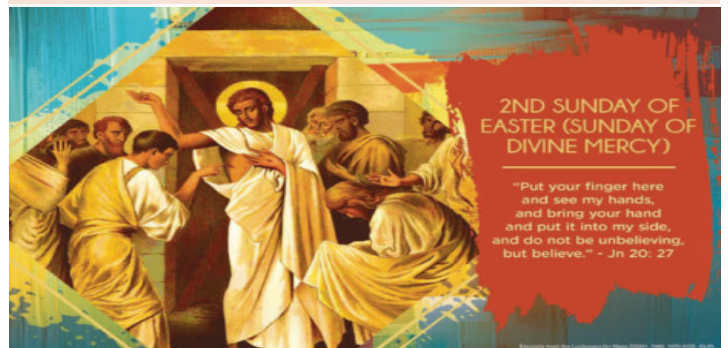
**PASTORAL STAFF**

Fr. Baby "Philip" Kuruvilla, Pastor  
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 Tracie Defelice, Bookkeeper  
 Melanie Soudelier, Secretary  
 Sharon Picou, Youth Formation/Adult Education  
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**Home Bound Ministry/Communion**

If you know of a parishioner who is Home-bound and would like to receive communion, please call the church office at 594-5859.



**2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)**

"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." - Jn 20: 27

### ***A note from the pastor:***

I thank God for helping us to have a meaningful holy week celebration. It was wonderful to witness many Adult Baptisms and confirmations at Easter Night. After going through a year of preparations these candidates joyfully accepted the catholic faith, which they have been looking forward to so eagerly. This is an occasion for us to thank God for our catholic faith and to hold it dear to our heart and appreciate it by our active participation in the church. I thank you all for your active participation at the Holy week events.

Divine Mercy Sunday is a day of special grace offered to us during the Eucharistic adoration that we will have this Sunday, April 7th, from 2-3 p.m. There will be confessions available at this time, which also offers a special grace of Mercy. I request you all to come and participate at this divine Mercy Sunday adoration.

I would like to congratulate all our first communicants as they receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time in their life. I thank the teachers, parents and all those who helped them out for this special occasion of their life.

Next Sunday is our boat blessing. I pray that that all our fishermen receive blessings from the Lord in this year of their fishing and shrimping. May God protect them and all to have a safe sailing and a bountiful catch. I thank Tracie Defelice and all those who organize this event.

In the month of April, the diocese is organizing a training program for the Eucharistic ministers. I request more volunteers to come forward for this ministry and to attend one of the training programs that is held at Pastoral Center. Also, those who are already a minister can attend one to refresh their knowledge about this ministry.



### **Eucharist and its Meaning**

The Holy Communion, known also as the Lord's Supper, represents the greatest expression of God's love for His people. Two items are used in the Holy Communion—the bread which represents Jesus' body that was scourged and broken before and during His crucifixion, and the cup which represents His shed blood. When Jesus walked on earth, He was vibrant, and His body was full of life and health. He was never sick. But before Jesus went to the cross, He was badly scourged by the Roman soldiers, and His body was torn as He hung on the cross.

The Holy Communion is God's ordained channel of healing and wholeness. On the night that He was betrayed, Jesus ate His last supper with His disciples. And knowing what He would accomplish through His sacrifice, He instituted the Holy Communion (Luke 22:19–20, 1 Corinthians 11:24–25). His loving instruction is that we are to remember Him as we partake of the Holy Communion. Jesus wanted us conscious of how His body was broken for our wholeness, and His blood was shed for the forgiveness of our sins. And whenever we partake in this consciousness, we “proclaim the Lord's death till He comes” (1 Corinthians 11:26).

Whenever we receive the body and blood of Christ, we become one with him. And he longs to be with us, and that is why he told us at the last supper “do this in memory of me”. We should be more than happy to participate at the Mass in memory of him and to receive His Body and Blood.

### **Divine Mercy Sunday**

On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

**The Image:** Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in a vision, with his right hand raised in a blessing and his left touching his garment above his heart. Red and white rays emanate from his heart, symbolizing the blood and water that was poured out for our salvation and our sanctification. The Lord requested that “Jesus, I trust in You” be inscribed under his image. Jesus asked that his image be painted and venerated throughout the world: “I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish” (Diary, no. 48) and “By means of this image I will grant many graces to souls” (Diary, no. 742).

**And what is Divine Mercy?** The word “Divine” means “given by God” or “like God”. The word “Mercy” means “the refraining from harming or punishing offenders”. So simply put, Divine Mercy is “God refraining from harming or punishing offenders”.

**Jesus said to Sr. Faustina:** *My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. ... Let no soul fear to draw near to Me.* (Diary, no. 699)





### In Our Parish This Week

#### Monday, April 8th:

- ◆ Mass—8:30 a.m.

#### Tuesday, April 9th:

- ◆ No Mass
- ◆ Cleaning Angels—2 p.m./Missy's Group
- ◆ Youth Formation—6:15 p.m.

#### Wednesday, April 10th:

- ◆ Mass—8:30 a.m.
- ◆ Book Club—10-11 a.m./cafeteria
- ◆ Night of Renewal—6:45 p.m./OLOPS Chapel

#### Thursday, April 11th:

- ◆ Mass—8:30 a.m.
- ◆ Grief Sharing—2 p.m./Cafeteria
- ◆ LAS Meeting—6:30 p.m./Rosary—6 p.m.

#### Friday, April 12th:

- ◆ Mass—8:30 a.m.

#### Saturday, April 13th:

- ◆ Mass—4 p.m.
- ◆ Baptisms—5 p.m.

#### Sunday, April 14th:

- ◆ Mass—8 a.m.
- ◆ Youth Formation Mass—10 a.m.
- ◆ Boat Blessing—12 p.m.



### MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Diocesan Office of Worship is pleased to offer liturgical training for those wishing to exercise the role of Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) according to the liturgical norms set forth by the Church. We ask that those who are interested in this ministry kindly register at <https://htdiocese.org/extraordinary-ministers-of-holy-communion> to attend one of the in-person workshops on, Tuesday, April 9, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 16, 2024, 6-8 p.m., Tuesday, April 30, 6-8 p.m. or Tuesday, May 7, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Pastoral Center in Schiever.

If you would like to become a Minister of Holy Communion or you are a Minister and would like a refresher, register at the above link.

### LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY

- 1) The Ladies Altar Society will have a meeting on Thursday, April 11th, at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. The rosary will be prayed at 6 p.m.
- 2) The Ladies Altar Society will have a meet and greet after all Masses on the weekend of April 20th & 21st for any lady interested in joining.

### GRIEF SHARING

Grieving a loss? Find hope and healing after the death of a loved one. Join on us for Grief Support on Thursday from 2-4 p.m. in the cafeteria. For more information call Susie Boudreaux at 852-1326

### BOAT BLESSING

The Boat Blessing will be held on Sunday, April 14th, at 12 p.m., beginning in front of the Church.

### YOUTH FORMATION

- ⇒ **Youth Formation Class** will be held on Tuesday, April 9th, at 6:15 p.m.
- ⇒ **Youth Formation Mass** will be held on Sunday, April 14th, at the 10 a.m. Mass.

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, April 6th, Saturday within the Octave of Easter, (Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15);** Danny Lirette, Jr.; Jonathon Theriot; Noel Curby Foret, Jr; Fr. Gus & Josette Lapeyrouse & fly; Noble & Tod Thibodeaux; Rodney & Cecile Ledet; Patricia Ann Trahan & fly; Marie Eschete; Eugene "Skip" Pellegrin; Grace Chauvin; Earl Pellegrin, Jr. & Sr. & family; Gurvis "Go" & Janise Blanchard; Julius "NuNu" & Julius, Jr. Robichaux; Lawrence & Hilda Foret; Ural Neal; Evelyn Lirette; Wilbur, Ruth & Kelly Lyons; Alex & Lydia Punch; Courteaux family; Frank Folse; Raymond & Nora Domangue; Edward & Edna Fanguy; Claude Lirette; Gina Pellegrin (anniv.); Emilie Blanchard; Charles "Poncho" Neil & Destinee

**Sunday, April 7th, Second Sunday of Easter, Sunday of Divine Mercy, (Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31) 8 a.m.** Jonathon Theriot; George Sevin; Mary Beth D. Price; Melvin "Micky" Duplantis, Sr; Chester, Thelma, Ricky, Laverne & Jessica Rouse & the Rouse fly; Bryan LeBoeuf; Linda C., Ira and Ouida Pete; Kenneth LeCompte and the LeCompte & Griffin families; Paul Lyons; Houston "Sou" & Helen Lirette; E.J., Doicy & Ed "Nootsie" Blanchard; Ruth C. Authement; Charles & Learine Boudreaux, Sr.; Janise Blanchard; Luby "Richard" Neal; **10 a.m.** St Joseph Parish Family; Jonathon Theriot; Glynn Hebert; Deanna Knight Dufrene; Una Arcement; Druis, Ismay & Lisa Lirette; Felton Boudreaux; Philip Chauvin; Lillian Lapeyrouse; Mr. & Mrs. Octave Lapeyrouse; Nathan Guilfou; Russell Soulet; Lapeyrouse & Poincon families; Caprise & Hugh LeBlanc; Gregory Lopez; Hyman & Annabelle Henry; Godfrey Plaisance; Mildred & Andrew Chauvin; Rosalita Cunningham (anniv.); Darrell Thompson; Sylvia Trahan's deceased family members

**Monday, April 8th, The Annunciation of the Lord, (Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38) 8:30 a.m.** Norma Neal (anniv.)

**Tuesday, April 9th, Easter Weekday, (Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15) No Mass**

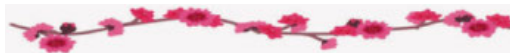
**Wednesday, April 10th, Easter Weekday, (5:17-26; Jn 3:16-215) All Souls List 8:30 a.m.** Brent (anniv.) & Abraham Griffin

**Thursday, April 11th, St. Stanislaus, (Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36) 8:30 a.m.** Una Arcement

**Friday, April 12th, Easter Weekday, (Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15) 8:30 a.m.**

**Saturday, April 13th, Easter Weekday, (St. Martin, I), (Acts 6:1-7; Jn 6:16-21); Sunday Vigil: (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48)** Danny Lirette, Jr.; Jonathon Theriot; Noel Curby Foret, Jr; Fr. Gus & Josette Lapeyrouse & fly; Noble & Tod Thibodeaux; Rodney & Cecile Ledet; Patricia Ann Trahan & fly; Marie Eschete; Eugene "Skip" Pellegrin; Grace Chauvin; Earl Pellegrin, Jr. & Sr. & family; Gurvis "Go" & Janise Blanchard; Julius "NuNu" & Julius, Jr. Robichaux; Ural Neal; Theresa & Aaron Blanchard & Carolyn; Emilie Blanchard; Ora, Nolan & Darryl Portier; Leo & Joyce Martinez; Lauren, Mildred & Newell Dumond; Allie Trasimond & Donald Portier; Wilma & Andrew "Boy" LeBoeuf; Lynn Detiveaux

**Sunday, April 14th, Third Sunday of Easter, (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48) 8 a.m.** Jonathon Theriot; George Sevin; Mary Beth D. Price; Melvin "Micky" Duplantis, Sr; Chester, Thelma, Ricky, Laverne & Jessica Rouse & the Rouse fly; Linda C., Ira and Ouida Pete; Kenneth LeCompte and the LeCompte & Griffin families; Paul J. Lyons & family; Houston "Sou" & Helen Lirette; David LeCompte; Hubert LeBlanc (anniv.); Luby Pellegrin; Ayola & Fraguus Sevin; Jerry & Nancy Bergeron; Ida & Roland Picou, Sr. & Jr.; **10 a.m.** St Joseph Parish Family; Jonathon Theriot; Glynn Hebert; Deanna Knight Dufrene; Una Arcement; Druis, Ismay & Lisa Lirette; Felton Boudreaux; Philip Chauvin; Lillian Lapeyrouse; Mr. & Mrs. Octave Lapeyrouse; Nathan Guilfou; Russell Soulet; Lapeyrouse & Poincon families; Caprise & Hugh LeBlanc; Gregory Lopez; Emilie Blanchard; Junius & Leona (anniv.) Blanchard; R.J. "Buddie", Mae & David LeCompte; Etta, John Daniel & Reed Thomas Ledet; Nikki Zeringue Hebert; Jody Price; Brent Sevin & Becky & family; Philip Duplantis & family; Donald John Tivet, Jr. & family



### BOOK CLUB

St. Joseph is sponsoring a Book Club on Wednesday Mornings from 10—11 a.m. in the cafeteria beginning on April 3rd. For more information or to register call Susie Boudreaux at 852-1326. The first book will be Matthew Perry's Beautiful Hope.

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