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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am

Weekdays:

5:30 pm (Tuesday and Thursday)

9:00 am (Wednesday) 6:30 am (Friday)

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 9:00 am — 5:00 pm

Tuesday: 9:00 am — 5:00 pm

Wednesday: 9:30 am — 5:00 pm

Thursday: 9:00 am — 5:00 pm

Friday: 9:00 am — 12:00 pm

(Closed daily from 12:00 pm — 1:00 pm for Lunch)

PASTOR:

Rev. Msgr. J. Robert Romero

SACRAMENTAL MINISTER:

Fr. Ed Degeyter

BOOKKEEPER:

Linda L. Viator

SECRETARY:

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PASTORAL COUNCIL

PRESIDENT: *Barbara Breaux*

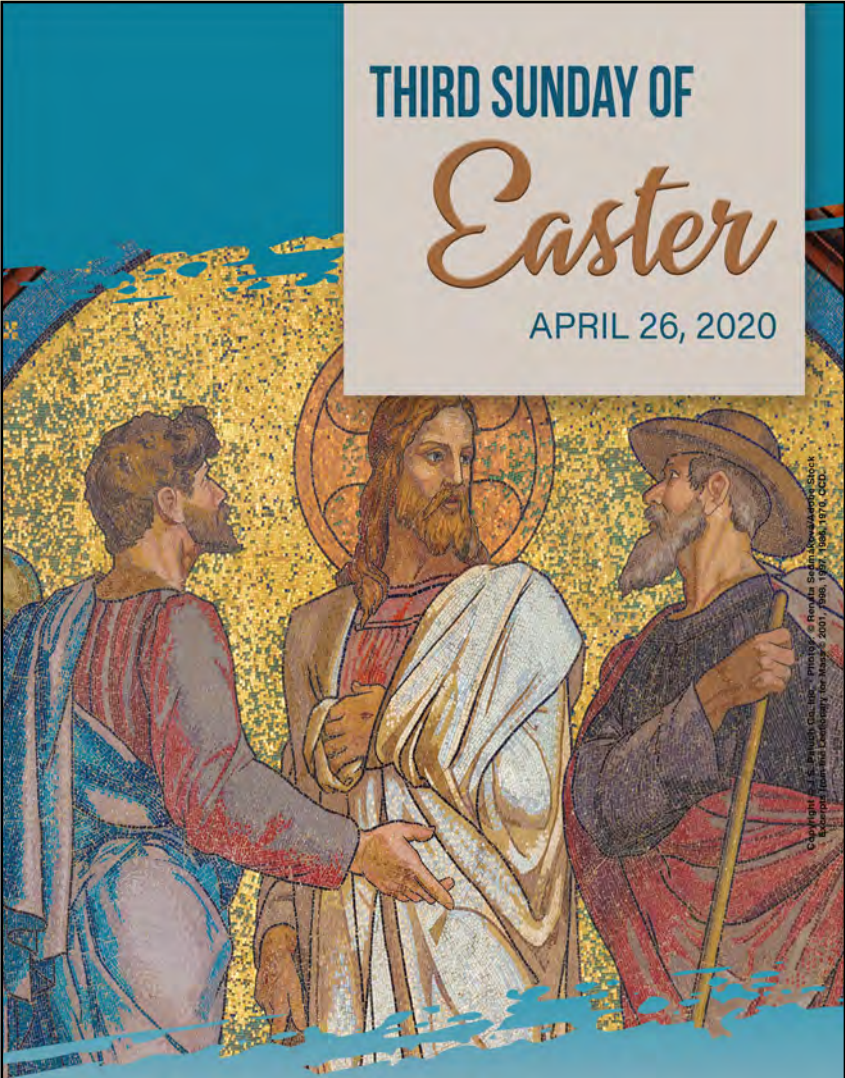
RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:00 pm — 3:45 pm and
30 minutes before weekday Masses

ROSARY:

Wednesday: 8:20 am (*Pro-Life*)

Thursday: 5:00 pm




THIRD SUNDAY OF
Easter
APRIL 26, 2020

Were not our hearts burning within us
while he spoke to us on the way
and opened the Scriptures to us?

Luke 24:32

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Mass Intentions for the Week

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Mass Intentions will be prayed for during private Mass by Msgr. Romero

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

5:30pm Parishioners

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

9:00am Cecile & Robert Halphen, Sr.
Quang V. Nguyen, Roy Dupre
Joseph Viator, Patti Gagnard

Thursday, April 30, 2020

5:30pm Parishioners

Friday, May 1, 2020 - First Friday

6:30am Janell Broussard, Pat Robicheaux
Phyllis Guilbeau Biglane, Don Taylor
Earl & Shirley Robicheaux, Sr.
United States of America

Saturday, May 2, 2020 - First Saturday

9:00am Brother & Claire LaBauve
Quang V. Nguyen
United States Military

4:00pm Memorial Book Intentions
Amelia Segura Selph, Oris Gachassin
Lynward Ransonet, Vera & Avery DeHart
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt
Vernice & A.J. Estilette

Sunday, May 3, 2020

7:00am Memorial Book Intentions, Mona B. Simon
Parishioners, Tan & Jean Dugas
Charles Froisy, Marlene T. Broussard

9:00am Memorial Book Intentions
Msgr. H. J. Barsen, Gerald "Bick" Girouard
Quang V. Nguyen, Agapito A. Castro

10:30am Memorial Book Intentions
Fr. A.J. Boumans, Donna M. Lanza
Aline & Asa Stewart, Dean Smith
Kenny Byrom, Theonie & Ernest Breaux

Hours the Church is open for prayer:

During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Church is Closed on Sundays per Bishop Deshotel (3/23/2020)

Monday 9am - 5pm

Tuesday 9am - 5pm

Wednesday 9am - 5pm

Thursday 9am - 5pm

Friday 9am - Noon

Saturday 9am - Noon

Enter & Exit
only through door
directly facing
Parish Hall

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

By appointment only, call church office 364-8360 and leave a message with our answering service. We will return the call.

Please remember to maintain social distancing at all times (at least 6 feet between people).

Children must be monitored by an adult at all times.

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

*In Memory Of:
Leslie Romero*



1 lb. Boiled Shrimp, Corn & Potato

Knights of Columbus

Council #12997 Fundraiser



**The fundraiser been postponed.
Tickets purchased will be used
for the rescheduled date.**

**If you have any questions, please
contact Wayne Duhon, Sr. 337-339-1602.**

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REFLECTIONS - Third Sunday of Easter - In a time when our country is so passionately divided that people are prone to dismissing the views of others as ignorant or even evil, the disciples' journey to Emmaus may have a message for us today. When the "stranger" joins them, they are appalled that he does not know what has been going on, but they do not turn away from him. They explain their views of recent events and, perhaps more importantly, they listen to what the stranger has to say. Because of their openness, they see things in a new light. How open are you to listening to the views of others and considering their opinions? Can you step back from rhetoric that makes objective discussion impossible? Are you willing to take a look at the facts, or do you just rely on your feelings?

"Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge." - Psalm 16:1

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May 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Pray for Pope Francis First Friday	2 Pray for Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI First Saturday
3 Pray for Bishop Douglas Deshotel Memorial Book Nativity Building Fund	4 Pray for Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell	5 Pray for Fr. Lambertus Lein	6 Pray for Fr. Roland Lesseps Pro-Life Rosary Holy Hour 9:30am	7 Pray for Abbot James Liprie O. L. A. S. Meeting 6pm - Office	8 Pray for Fr. Jaime Lorenzo	9 Pray for Fr. Albert Louapre
10 Pray for Fr. Michael Luxbacher New Iberia Poor & Needy Pancake Breakfast 8am	11 Pray for Fr. Thomas Madden	12 Pray for Msgr. W. Curtis Mallet	13 Pray for Msgr. Charles Mallet Pro-Life Rosary K.C. & Ladies Aux. Dinner & Meeting	14 Pray for Fr. Donald Martin Diner I Baptismal Class	15 Pray for Fr. C. William Massie Diner III	16 Pray for Fr. Kenneth Mayne Baptisms
17 Pray for Fr. Louis McCabe Vacation Bible School	18 Pray for Fr. Richard McGowan	19 Pray for Fr. Garrett McIntyre	20 Pray for Fr. Bert Mead Pro-Life Rosary	21 Pray for Fr. Glenn Meaux	22 Pray for Fr. Aaron Melancon	23 Pray for Fr. Bill John Melancon
24 Pray for Fr. Andre Metrejean Church in Eastern Europe & Africa K.C. Ladies Auxiliary Blood Drive 7am - Noon	25 Pray for Fr. Mark Miley Memorial Day Church Office Closed	26 Pray for Fr. Thomas Montelaro	27 Pray for Fr. Michael Moody Pro-Life Rosary	28 Pray for Fr. Randall Moreau Women's Ultreya 7pm - Barsen Hall	29 Pray for Fr. Jason Mouton	30 Pray for Fr. Joseph Nasser
31 Pray for Fr. James Bam Nguyen Bishop's Services Appeal						

PRAYER & SICK LIST



The names on our prayer list will stay on for 90 days. If you want to add or delete a name, please call the office @ 364-8360: Rhonda Darden, Peggy Lancon, Mary Ann Babin, Clifton Babin, Cindy Trahan, Kay Bourreaux, Lynn Bodin, Harriet Fowler, Craig Daniels, Acey & Diana Frugé, Mercedes Turner, Lonnie Lavergne, Cheryl Lavergne, Rita Gary, Kurt Lambalino, Kressant Landry, Joy Mayer, Lori Aguiard, Dale Landry, Charles Gautreaux, Jason Walker, Peggy Miguez, Alvin Theriot, Rose Guilbeau, Peter & Bernadine Williams, Mike & Dolores Boutte, Jerome Reed, Carol Romero, Jr., Hiroe Argobright, Neal Boutte, Christy Lannie, Sherry Darcey, Chandler Dore, Betty Duhon, Keren Viator, Patsy Barrilleaux, Emile & Doris Barras, Kiersten Price, Dawn Broussard, Stephen Etienne, Michael & Linda Sundberg, Raphael & Marie Duplechain, Dr. Angela Langlinais, Myrna & Millard Poche, Jaquie Gondran, Ed McVey, Tammy Johnson, Stephanie Breaux Bradley, Celia Camacho, Carmen Merryman, Fran Jackson, Gilbert Jackson, Robin L. Viator, Theresa Olmsted, Sheryl S. Bourque, Lloyd & Ronnie Landry, Elise C. Verret, Michael & Claire Landry Family, Gloria Landry, Kate & Dylan Ortego, Dustin & Nicole V. Ortego, Colin D. Trahan, Carson Viator, Stella & Kole Schouest, Gerald Viator, Brittany Marceaux, Hadley Babin, James Boudreaux, Heath Michael Boutte, Brent Buteaux, Gayle Hebert, Danny Segura, Ruby Seneca, Randy Breaux, Monique Martin McCarty, Sally Romero, Jason Goutierrez, Edward Hartwell, Caroline Dubois, Donald Poche, Debbie Clark, Gwen Meyers, Jim Upchurch, Irene Hebert, Janis Dugas, Alice Robicheaux, Thelma Hulin, Dwayne Dugas, Curtis Hulin, Emma Lou Doerle Segura, Abby Musselwhite, Tiffany Segura, Child of Antonio & Jaclyn Aleman, Tara Romero, Billy Slampa, Brenda & Larry Musselwhite, Corliss Ramirez, Dorothy McDonald, Ulysse Robicheaux, Margaret Richard, Brenda Castille, Chuck Estave, Ricky L. Lewis, Keisha Castille

Please also pray for those individuals who, although they are in need of your prayers, have requested that their names not be publicized for privacy reasons.

Thank you!

Our community changed lives this Lent, and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say thank you! **Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl in the boxes located at the entrances to Church.**



**WHY DO WE DO THAT?
- CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED**

Q: As the godfather for my niece, what must I do as she grows up? Are there specific responsibilities I have?

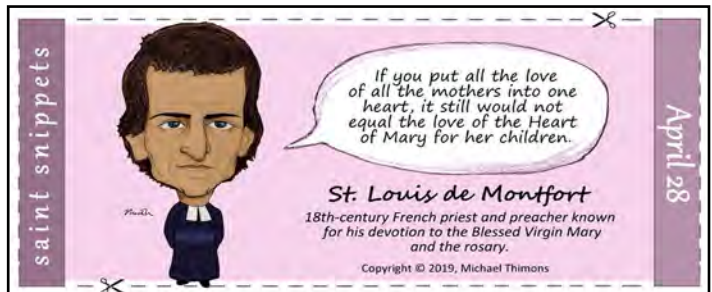
A: The biggest responsibility you have as a godparent is to set a good example of practicing faith. Receiving the sacraments and taking an active part in your parish teaches by deed and shows your godchild how to live a life of faith. Next to the child's parents, your role can be one of great influence in her religious formation and education.

What else can you do? A special remembrance on the day the child was baptized can highlight its importance. As the child grows older, discussions about God, Jesus, matters of faith, and the parish provide opportunities to share your own beliefs and practices. Celebrate first Penance, first Communion, and Confirmation as key moments in your godchild's faith journey. Parents and godparents share in this responsibility in a unique and special way. Your obligations do not end with the ceremony of Baptism, but are just the beginning.

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**Nativity of Our Lady
Bishop Service Appeal Update**

Feb.: \$ 4,115.00
 Year to Date: \$ 10,970.20
 Goal : \$ 35,850.00
 Percentage of Goal Met: 30.6%
 Don't Forget to mail your pledge donation to the Bishop Service Appeal!

Coming May 24th
 K.C. Ladies Auxiliary Blood Drive.

TODAY'S READINGS

Third Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2020

Reading I: Acts 2:14, 22-33

- In his first speech in Acts, St. Peter focuses on God's work in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. What do you think the resurrection of Jesus says about God?

Reading II: 1 Peter 1:17-21

- St. Peter asserts that the resurrection of Jesus should give believers "faith and hope" in God. How do you remain focused on this objective in your spiritual journey?

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

- Jesus' resurrection appearance to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus is one of the most well-known and beloved resurrection stories. What do you think makes this resurrection account so appealing?

CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

No Public Mass

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

No Public Mass

Thursday, April 30, 2020

No Public Mass

Friday, May 1, 2020 - First Friday

No Public Mass

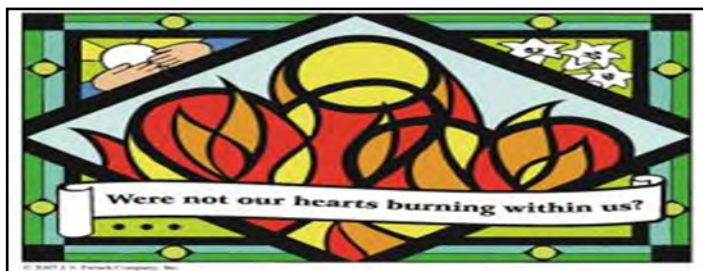
Saturday, May 2, 2020 - First Saturday

No Public Mass

Sunday, May 3, 2020

No Public Masses

No "Jesus is Alive Prayer Meeting"



Prayer as the Secret to a Successful Pilgrimage

Life is a journey, a pilgrimage through time. This is the **Christian worldview**.

You also find it presented in some **self-help** and **New Age** literature that say things like, "Happiness is the journey, not the destination."

But the Christian view has **two characteristics** that these other merely poetical or philosophical viewpoints **lack**.

- First, as Christians, we know that **we never have to walk alone**.
- We always have the **whole Church** accompanying us - including the saints, the angels, and Christ himself walking at our side.
- Second, we know without a doubt that there really is a **worthwhile destination**: the Father's house, where all our longings will be satisfied forever and ever, world without end, Amen!
- Without this destination, the journey would be **pointless and cruel**.

The constant companionship of Christ and the assured destination of the Father's house make the **Christian** pilgrimage unique.

These two characteristics **also** give us the secret to **persevering** in our journey - and perseverance is not **automatic**.

- We all know people who have **turned aside** from their pilgrimage.
- In fact, this week may be a good time to **invite them back** onto the path of life.

But in any case, there is **one activity** that constantly keeps this Christian worldview clear, fresh, and strong: **prayer**.

- If we are men and women of prayer, not just men and women who say prayers, but men and women **of prayer**, who are constantly making an effort **to learn to pray better**, then we can rest assured that we will **never wander away** from Christ or **deviate** from the true path.
- As **St Alphonus Ligouri** put it: "*Those who pray are certainly saved; those who do **not** pray are certainly damned.*"

A healthy prayer life is the secret to a successful pilgrimage.

Let's not **wait** till tomorrow to recommit ourselves to **deepening** our life of prayer.

Because of **COVID-19**, it is hard to do social distancing when the congregation gathering for Mass. Yet we know our **meeting Jesus** at mass and recognizing Him "**in the breaking of the Bread**" gives us the closeness and intimacy with our Blessed Lord and with each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. This **activity** helps us feel Christ's presence and experience His presence. We welcome Him from the **bottom of our hearts**.

While our absence from mass brings us to long for Jesus more, let us keep our closeness with Him in a Spiritual Communion. We join **St. Alphonus Liguori** in his Spiritual Communion:

"My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen."

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