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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am

Weekdays:

7:00 am (Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday)

9:00 am (Wednesday)

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:

Fr. Matthew P. Higginbotham

SACRAMENTAL MINISTER:

Fr. Ed Degeyer

BOOKKEEPER:

Polly Camacho

SECRETARY:

Kimberly Richard

RECEPTIONIST:

Sheryl S. Bourque

DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION:

Janet Viator — 337-365-3759

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT COORDINATOR:

Amber Salsman

PASTORAL COUNCIL

PRESIDENT: *Andrée Schlicher*

RECONCILIATION:

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

ROSARY:

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

First Friday: 6:30 am

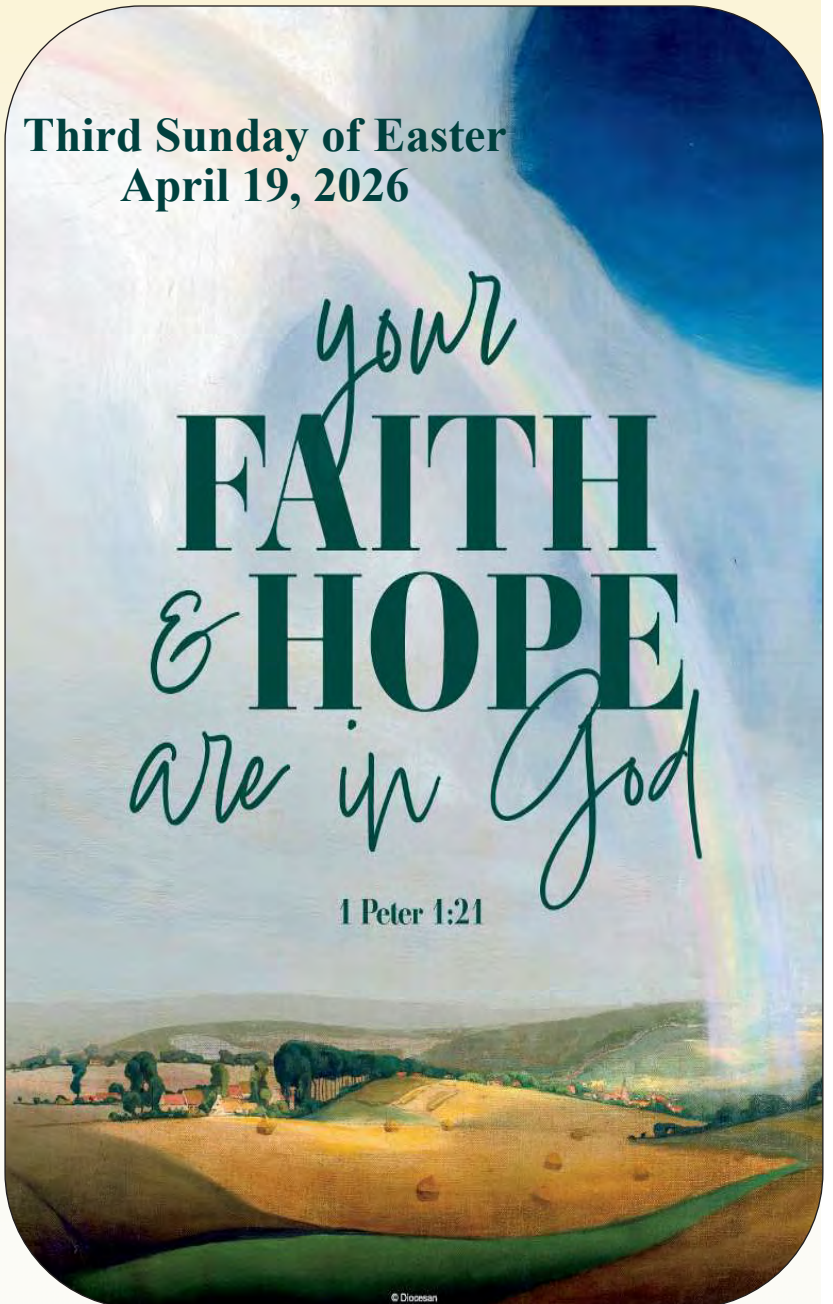
First Saturday: 8:20 am

Third Tuesday: 7:30 am (*Patriotic*)

**Third Sunday of Easter
April 19, 2026**

your
**FAITH
& HOPE**
are in God

1 Peter 1:21



TODAY'S READINGS



Acts 2:14, 22-33
 Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-11
 1 Peter 1:17-21
 Luke 24:13-35

Third Sunday of Easter

We should put ourselves in the shoes of the disciples in today's Gospel. Downcast and confused, they are making their way down the road, unable to understand all the things that have occurred.

They know what they have seen - a prophet mighty in word and deed. They know what they were hoping for - that He would be the redeemer of Israel. But they do not know what to make of His violent death at the hands of their rulers. They cannot even recognize Jesus as He draws near to walk with them. He seems like just another foreigner visiting Jerusalem for the Passover.

Note that Jesus does not disclose His identity until they describe how they found His tomb empty but "Him they did not see." That is how it is with us, too. Unless He revealed Himself, we would see only an empty tomb and a meaningless death. How does Jesus make Himself known at Emmaus? First, He interprets "all the Scriptures" as referring to Him. In today's First Reading and Epistle, Peter also opens the Scriptures to proclaim the meaning of Christ's death according to the Father's "set plan" - foreknown before the foundation of the world. Jesus is described as a new Moses and a new Passover lamb. He is the One of whom David sang in today's Psalm - whose soul was not abandoned to corruption but was shown the path of life. After opening the Scriptures, Jesus at table took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples - exactly what He did at the Last Supper (see Luke 22:14-20). In every Eucharist, we reenact that Easter Sunday at Emmaus. Jesus reveals Himself to us in our journey. He speaks to our hearts in the Scriptures. Then at the table of the altar, in the person of the priest, He breaks the bread.

The disciples begged Him, "Stay with us." So He does. Though He has vanished from our sight, in the Eucharist - as at Emmaus - we know Him in the breaking of the bread.

Scott Hahn



PARISH VOCATION CROSS

The Vocation Cross is taken by:

Linda Viator

(April 19th - April 25th)

If you or your family would like to receive the vocation cross, please sign-up on the sign-up sheet near the tabernacle in church.

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 the 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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Mothers Day Women's Retreat

Join us for a transformative weekend as we orient our lives toward the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In a world filled with noise, it is easy to lose our way. This retreat is designed to help you recalibrate your spirit and "map" your soul's journey toward grace. Together, we will discover how to use the alliance of these Two Hearts as a divine compass—allowing us to navigate life's distractions while always remaining anchored in the center of Love.



"The most efficacious way to have devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is through the Immaculate Heart of Mary."
 St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

The Soul's Compass: "A Journey into the Two Hearts"

FEATURED PRESENTERS



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FR. JOEL FAULK
 PRIEST

RETREAT HIGHLIGHTS

- Community Prayer
- Dynamic Talks
- Praise and Worship
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Mass & Confession
- Melissa's Birthday Blast

MAY 8-9, 2026

Retreat Cost: \$200.00
 Our Lady of the Bayous
 Retreat Center, Abbeville LA

*Registration Opens
 03.07.26 at 7 am

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NATIVITY FAMILY FUN DAY Sunday, May 3rd

After 10:00AM Mass
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Confirmed March 12, 2026
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Sadie Babineaux	Serena Bedia	Daniel Calvert	Sophia Comeaux
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Evan Hamilton	Jaylah Haydel	Jaxson Hayes	Collin Kipp
Giuliana Lipari	Mar'Colby Louis	Adalynn Neisser	Collin Nguyen
Dao Nguyen	Madilyn Rouly	Emma Sweeney	Alyssa Scott
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SPEND-A-DAY

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APRIL
TUESDAY

EXPERIENCE BEING A PANTHER FOR A DAY!

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Tickets are being sold for a chance at this beautiful handmade quilt for \$5.00 each. You can purchase your tickets from any K.C. Ladies Auxiliary Member, or in the Church Office. The drawing will be held on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10th, after the 10am Mass. Contact the Church Office at 337-364-8360 or Rosemary Escoto at 337-335-7077 for more information.



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 337-364-8360.

Sirena Rogers, Janis & Nathan Dugas, Billy Simon, Edward Simon, Lynette Landry, Janet Viator, Ronnie Landry, The Delahoussaye Fly, Patsy & Percy Barrilleaux, Fran Jackson, David & Robin Viator Fly, Sheryl S. Bourque, Michael & Claire Landry Fly, Dustin & Nicole V. Ortego Fly, Linda & Clint Trahan Fly, Ruth Bernard, Bridget Aitken, The Greig & Belaire Fly, Josephine Delcambre, Jody Ellen Hudson, Jim & Brenda Prejean, Joni Gullotta, Fisher Whitaker, The Babin, Trahan & Richard Fly, Deacon John Sarkies, James & Doreen Norman, Myrna & Millard Poche, Gloria K. Bonin, Daphne C. Lopez, Beverly B. Walet, Jerome Guillotte, Leoni Derouen, Cade T., Betty DeRouen, Robert McDaniel, Ron Cutrera, Lori Aguilar, Bailey & Gage Tucker, Raywood & Virginia Buteaux, Barbara Keegan, Mike & Doris Degeyter Fly, Rory Suire, Crystal Elizabeth Olivier, Patrick Valls, Nickas Bonin, Gene Gonsoulin, Coty Bourque, Erskine Katz, Randy & Jessica Broussard, Jane Arceneaux, Rebecca Segura, Terry & Gloria Trahan, John Babin, Phil Duplantis, Ray Landry, Shane DeRouen, Cody Theriot, Sandra Upton, Kay Charpentier Green, Hardy Jenkins, Bridgette Louviere, Amye Hammond Bellot, Roland & Faye Boudreaux, Delina Lafont, Emma Judice, Kathleen & Larry Viator, Duppy Duplantis, Caroline Dubois, Bailey Prudhomme, Jane Patin, Juanita & Hargis Lewis, Nettie Voorhies, Johnathon Angers, Alice Trahan, Francine Gauthier, Betty Romero, Deborah Plouet, Donald Voorhies, Megan B. Broussard, Beverly Simoneaux, Adrain Wilson, Alexis Wilson, Ronnie & Madeline Duhon, Matt Elmer, Fr. Paul Onuegbe, Carlos Bedia, Shawn Dugas, Celeste Guardia, Bru Kokenge, Coleen K. Woolard, Katherine Kokenge, Victoria Kokenge. Please also pray for those individuals who, although in need of your prayers, have requested that their names not be publicized for privacy reasons.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

7:00am Bonnie L. Boudreaux (14th ann of death)

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

9:00am Roy Flores (ann of death)

Jude Broussard, R.L. Berard

Andre' LaBauve, Carrol Romero, Sr.

Jeff Belaire, Glynn Mason

Steve Broussard

Thursday, April 23, 2026

7:00am Oleus Champagne, Jr. (bd)

Friday, April 24, 2026

7:00am Stuart Hulin

Saturday, April 25, 2026

4:00pm Fr. Tom Finley, Rachel R. Romero

Lynward Ransonet, Bill Olivier

Bayne Olivier, William Kell Lewis

Sunday, April 26, 2026

8:00am Parishioners, Quang V. Nguyen

Henry & Dorothy McDonald

Thelma Broussard

10:00am Msgr. H.J. Barsen, Fr. A.J. Boumans

Harvey & Joyce DeCourt

Donna M. Lanza

Catholic Quotes

My secret is very simple: I pray. Through prayer I become one in love with Christ. I realize that praying to Him is loving Him.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta



FAMILY PRAISE & WORSHIP NIGHT

Join us for an uplifting evening of faith, music, and togetherness!

Thursday, April 23, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Location: Sacred Heart Church

Bring your family and friends as we come together to celebrate with joyful praise, heartfelt worship, and an inspiring message for all.



Live Music



Prayer & Worship



Family Fellowship

All are welcome! Come as you are and experience the joy of worship together.

♥ *"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord." – Psalm 150:6*

*We are a sacrificial giving Parish,
giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure:*

OUR GIFTS TO GOD	April 05, 2026
Loose.....	\$ 4,461.42
Envelopes	\$ 4,400.00
Total (collected).....	\$ 8,861.42
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Online Giving offertory	\$ 1,176.00
Total offertory (week).....	\$ 11,102.42
Holy Land/Good Friday	\$ 2,406.00

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Please Be Aware

The Children's Quiet/Cry Room is for parents with small children only!!!

SANCTUARY LIGHT:

In Memory of:
Mona Simon



Please keep
Fr. Matthew P. Higginbotham
Fr. Ed Degeyter
and all priests in your prayers

CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am
Faith Formation

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

Pro-Life Rosary - 8:20 am
Mass at 9:00 am

Thursday, April 23, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am

Friday, April 24, 2026

Mass at 7:00 am

Saturday, April 25, 2026

Mass at 4:00 pm

Sunday, April 26, 2026

Masses at: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

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Information, Prevention & Support

Thursday, April 23, 2026

6:00 PM

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MASS SERVERS

April 21, 2026 - April 26, 2026

DAY DATE	TIME	CELEBRANT	READERS	LAY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	ALTAR SERVERS
Tuesday 4/21/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Ellen Claudy		Sacristan
Wednesday 4/22/26	9:00am	Fr. Ed Degeyter	Ginger Comeaux	Margo Leblanc Willie Elmer Vickie Murdock Marilyn Gerrets	Sacristan
Thursday 4/23/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Vikki Morgan		Sacristan
Friday 4/24/26	7:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Chad Courtois		Sacristan
Saturday 4/25/26	4:00pm	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Jenny Gonsoulin	Ross & Cindy Landry	Comeaux Fly
Sunday 4/26/26	8:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Paul Broussard	Mike & Brenda Comeaux	Bedia Fly
	10:00am	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham	Vincent Borne	Vicki Murdock Megan Love	Trahan Fly

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