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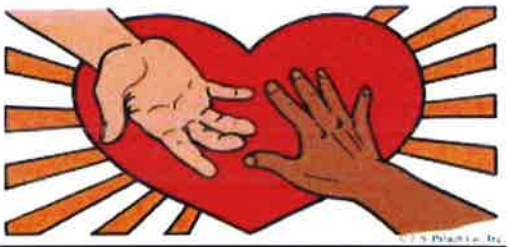
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Alex Carrier

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YOUTH MINISTRY
Crystal Williams

Easter Sunday
April 9, 2023

When Christ your life appears,
then you too will appear with him in glory.
— Colossians 3:4



Eucharistic Celebration

Weekends:
Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM

Weekdays:
Tuesday: 6:00PM
Wednesday-Friday: 8:00AM

Adoration/Healing Mass

The 1st Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus at 5:00 P.M. and Mass at 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday - Friday: Thirty minutes Adoration before Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday and Sunday: Thirty minutes before each Mass or by appointment.

Baptism: Infant Baptism is celebrated the 3rd Sunday of the month. At least one parent must be a registered member of the parish for at least 3 months. Parents **and** godparents **must** attend a one hour Baptism preparation class prior to the scheduled Baptism. For other guidelines and details, please call the parish office.

Matrimony: Call the parish office for an appointment with the pastor. Diocesan guidelines require an initial interview at least 6 months before the wedding date. Please call the parish office for further information.

R.C.I.A.: This is a process for anyone who wishes to become Catholic. Please call the parish office for further information.

Mass Intentions **April 8th 4:30PM The Easter Vigil**; Sylvia Bernard Sylvia (RIP) by Harold Sylvia; Elijah Livings (RIP) by Joyce Living & Family; Barbara Guidry (RIP) by Sacred Heart Class of '65

April 9th 9:00AM Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord; For All Parishioner

April 11th 6:00PM No Mass

April 12th 8:00AM No Mass

April 13th 8:00AM No Mass

April 14th 8:00AM No Mass

April 15th 4:30PM Stephen Gary (RIP) by The Family; Gussie Roy (Happy 96th Birthday-RIP) & Gloria Roy & Gus Roy (RIP) by Berlinda Mouton; Susan Grieg & Elijah Livings (RIP) by Leo, Beverly & Leslie Carmouche

Collections

April 1st & April 2nd

9:00AM	**$3,005.64**
4:30PM	**$2,216.00**
Mail	**$1,835.00**
Totals	**$7,056.64**



Happy Easter from Fr. Anthony Afangide, MSP, and Parish Staff-Alex Carrier, Esther Dugay, Sandra Fontenot & Crystal Williams, we would like to wish all parishioners and visitors a Happy & Safe Easter.



Baptize in Christ
Congratulations to Duane Anthony Jackson, Jr. who received the Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, April 8, 2023 at 8:00pm Mass.

Wisdom & Worship Ministry
Our Mother of Mercy, 3390 Sarah Street, Beaumont
The day will begin with a Living Rosary at 9:30am, followed by Mass celebrated by Bishop David Toups on Tuesday, May 16th at 10am, lunch and more! Open to parishioners who are age 50 and over, though anyone of any age may attend the celebration. Deadline to register is May 12. Tickets are $15, for more info. contact Moriline Guillory at 409-924-4301.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading —Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen ***(Acts 10:34a, 37-43).***

Psalm — Let us be joyful in this day of the Lord ***(Psalm 118).***

Second Reading — (1) Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) or (2) Second Reading — Christ our Passover is sacri-ficed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).C

Gospel —Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) or Matthew 28:1-10 (or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35).

REJOICE AND BE GLAD

If Christmas is the "most wonderful time of the year," then Easter is the most joyous, glorious, awesome time of the year! Really? Today's readings don't exactly brim over with the kind of holiday cheer we find at Christmas—except for the responsorial psalm, which admittedly rings with gleeful joy. But otherwise, not so much. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter gives a dry, condensed rendering of the story of Jesus to a group of Gentiles in Caesarea. The Colossians reading actually does have us looking forward to glory. Most underwhelming, though, is the Gospel proclamation of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. When we want to hear about angels and earthquakes and trumpets and glory, we hear about a dark, silent, empty tomb. This Easter Sunday story from John's Gospel is startling in its emptiness. Like Peter in the story, we must enter into this mystery.

31st BREAKFAST WITH THE BISHOP
Saturday, April 29, 2023 at 9:30am
St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church
Family Life Center
6825 Gladys Avenue, Beaumont
Tickets $25
Honoring Rev Monsignor Salvador Culotta
Breakfast served by Bishop David Toups, clergy and religious. For Sponsorships or Tickets, call 409-924-4421 or visit catholiccharitiesbmt.org

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sunday:	Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

Meetings

-Knights of Peter Claver Council #32 will meet on Wednesday, April 12th at 6:00pm at the KPC Hall.

-Parish Council will meet on Tuesday, April 18th at 6:30pm in the St. Katharine Drexel Education Building.



Parish Social Ministry is available to assist anyone in the parish that needs help with electric, gas, or water bills. Other services are available based on the parishioners need. All assistance provided is confidential. We are now in our 7th year of service to the parish and the community. If you would like to know more about Parish Social Ministry, please take home a brochure located in the vestibule.



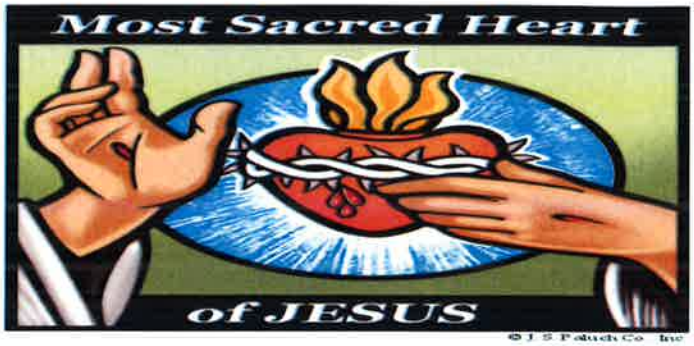
Parish Social Ministry is collecting Jell-o monthly for the United Board of Missions. The box is still located in the vestibule. This will be put in the low income bags given to members of the community who apply through United Board of Missions. Please be generous. If you have any questions, you can contact Brenda Broussard or Sheryl Alpough.

Believing Is Seeing

You've heard the saying "Seeing is believing." Today's first reading seems to say just the opposite. You might think that when Jesus rose from the dead, everyone would see him. Yet Peter says that he was only visible to some of the disciples. Even they did not immediately see him. The first thing they saw was the empty tomb, with burial cloths lying on the ground. They may have thought that if his enemies had stolen Jesus' body, they would not have removed the burial cloths; touching a corpse would have made them unclean.

So it seems the empty tomb helped them to believe, and believing enabled them to see the Lord. The exception to this may be Thomas, who said he would not believe until he saw and touched Jesus' risen body. Yet when he does see the Lord, Jesus himself declares that believing is primary when he blesses those who have not seen but still believe (John 20:31).

What does this mean for us? Jesus seems to be hidden again. Yet we say that he is present in the sacraments; baptism, Eucharist, and confirmation show that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit live in us. So perhaps we just need to believe in order to see him. Mother Teresa could do it. She said she was amazed at the love she felt when she saw Jesus in the poor and the dying people of Calcutta. Maybe we need to grow in faith so that we can see Jesus in the poor, the dying, the people who annoy us, even our enemies. That is why it is so important to spread the faith; if we don't see Jesus in everyone, we may never have true peace.



"Come Back to the Heart of Jesus"

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Easter Season

Our Easter celebration lasts fifty days, during which Resurrection joy should overflow the hearts of believers to refresh a parched and weary world with the revivifying waters of faith, hope, and charity. All season, at every Sunday Mass, we read Luke's Acts of the Apostles, charting the young church's Spirit-led journey, sometimes peaceful, sometimes persecuted, beset by enemies without and turmoil within. But this young church is always moving onward, from Jerusalem's familiarity to the strangeness of every place between there and Rome; and outward, from an inherited Judaism's comfortable uniformity to the Gentile world's challenging diversity. A week after Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday invites us to renew our personal relationship with Jesus. On the Third Sunday of Easter, the disciples at Emmaus recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread, and return to share the Good News even as modern-day disciples should. On Good Shepherd Sunday, the church prays for priestly and religious vocations. All the while, Acts shows people drawn to the early Church because they had seen the Risen Jesus not in person, but in persons, in disciples who still form Christ's living Body, the Church. Each of us is likewise called to be the kind of disciple, personally and in communion with our brothers and sisters, in whom those who seek Jesus may at least glimpse his presence.

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Queen of Heaven (Regina Caeli)

Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
For he whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia.
has risen, as he foretold, alleluia.
Pray for us to God, alleluia.
Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
for the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

O God, who gave joy to the world
by the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
Grant, we beseech you,
that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary,
his Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life.
Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

NO 2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND. NEXT WEEKEND THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES.

Fr. Anthony will bless those celebrating a wedding anniversary in April. Next weekend he will bless our youth.

To All Ministries and Organizations Heads it may concern, please submit your Budgets for the next Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - July 1, 2024 to the Parish Office. Deadline is Monday, April 10, 2023

See our Bulletin Board in the Vestibule for announcement/Information in our community and local area.

IF YOUR FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND IS ON OUR PRAYER LIST AND HE/SHE GETS WELL OR PASSES, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO DELETE HIS/HER NAME. THANKS.

Pray for ... Ethel Allen, Lucinda Allen, Nedra Alpough, Thelma Alpough, Lyric Anderson, Juliana Barnes, Emma Bonton, Diane Bowd, Aletra Bowman, Tom Bronnon, Geraldine Broussard, Cecilia Brown, Beverly Carmouche, Doris Jacob Castile, Curtis Clark, Lionel Clark, Jr., Kenneth Cormier, Aletha Covington, Isaiah Covington, III, Nekemia Covington, Cheetara Cox, Janelle Dale, Bernadette Dames, Valerie Dennis, Charles Doyle, Kaitlyn Dugas, Herman Dugay, Yourmae Duplechain, Henry Dwin, Vincent Fertitta, Ronald Fontenette, Sandra Fontenette, Jonathan Fontenot, Normand Fontenot, Michael Fontnette, Jr., Gloria Foreman, John Francis, Alton Gallentine, Wilda Green, Malinie Guidry, Annie Guillory, Elzina Harris, Zacchaeus Hart, Robin Hataway, Aerial Hawkins, Mildred Hayes & Family, Edmonia Henderson, Crystal Henton, James Henry, Fay Hines, Gladys Wilson-Hollins Yvette Jacquet, Hazel January, Mary Jenkins, Darlene Joe, Zackary U. Johnson, Jr., Linda M. Jones & Family, Roderick Jones, Steven Jones, Wilda Jones, Curtis Joseph, Hilda Joseph & Family, Elda Kennerson, Lucien Lavallais, Wildred Lavine, Bobbette Lawson, Johanna Lewis, Akliah Lopez, Adrienne Davis-Lott, Joseph Marcel, Marita Marcel, Phil C. Mahoney, Veronica Mayo, Dorothy McClarin, Mabry McZeal, Robert Mae Mims, Denisha Montgomery, Erma Moore, Velma Morgan, Yvette Morris, Berlinda Mouton, Elvina Mouton, Sophia Mouton, Linda Nico, Dewey Normand, Dallas Oliver, Donald Oliver, Rita Oliver, Helen Orsort, Johnny Owens, Roger Paris, Iris Phillips, Lester Pickney, Mary Polk, Bernice Potier, Chery Prevost, Jared Prevost, Joseph Prevost, Margie Provost, JoAnn Pugh, Estella Ray, Mary Riggle, Jocelyn Rush, Earline Smith, Eldridge Smith, Ree Smith, Schreida Solaire, Jayden Spencer, Lillie Stewart, Audry Stood, Henry Stood, Michella Sulldan, Aneel Thomas, Clarence Thomas, Alozia Vaughns, Jennie Veal, Jean Vincent, Larry Viltz, Rosina Viltz, Phyllis Voliby, Iris Waymon, Rose Mary Williams, Juanita Williams, Shahara Williams, Jamon Wilson, Andre' Winston, Jr., Tadarell Woods, Hazeletta Younger and Tosharie Younger.



Fr. Anthony Afangide will be out of town to attend the MSP Annual Retreat on April 11-14, 2023, in case of any emergency please contact the Parish Office at 409-985-5104.

Are you concerned that we don't have more of our youth attending Mass in our parishes or participating in a parish ministry? Are you willing to do what you can to reach out to them and educate them on why it is important for them to practice their faith? Let's invite our junior and high school youth in our diocese to this wonderful one day retreat, geared towards educating our youth as well as the adults. Fr. Ajani Gibson from the Archdiocese of New Orleans will be our guest speaker held at Our Mother of Mercy, Beaumont on Saturday, April 29 from 9:30am to 3:30pm. Fr. Ajani will celebrate at the 4:30 Mass, we encourage everyone to join us as we welcome and thank him for visiting and helping to nurture our youth. If you need more information, please contact Crystal Williams at 409-365-3790.



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

April 15th & April 16th

LECTORS

SAT. 4:30PM Leroy Leopold
Margaret Taylor

SUN. 9:00AM Jakalen Decuire
Jayla Livings

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