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Second Sunday of Easter
(or Sunday of Divine Mercy)
April 16, 2023

"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."
— John 20:29b



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 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; "For All Children who were Victims of Abortion"

April 16th 9:00AM Sunday of Divine Mercy; For All Parishioners

April 18th 6:00PM Elijah Livings (RIP) & Christopher Smith (Healing) by Kathrina Martin

April 19th 8:00AM Elijah Livings (RIP) by Judy Burcia

April 20th 8:00AM Jerome Zeno (RIP) by Angela & Jeffery Zeno, Jr.

April 21st 8:00AM Susan Broussard Grieg (RIP) by Margaret Jones

April 22nd 4:30PM Levi Adams, Jr. (RIP) by Langston Adams; Barbara Guidry (RIP) by Sacred Heart Class of '65; Mrs. Joyce Zeno (Happy Heavenly Birthday-RIP) by Angela & Jeffery Zeno, Jr.; Lucille Brown (RIP) by Maggie Henry; "For All Children who were Victims of Abortion"

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Divine Mercy

Saint John Paul II named the Second Sunday of Easter "Sunday of Divine Mercy" in response to Saint Faustina Kowalska's Divine Mercy devotion, which offered spiritual comfort to hearts worldwide. But Pope Francis challenges us to make the comfort that we receive a gift we gladly share, saying that because mercy was first shown to us we are therefore called to show mercy ourselves. The clearest expression of merciful love, says Francis, is pardoning others. He acknowledges how difficult it can be to forgive sometimes, but if we are to achieve peace in our hearts, pardon is the tool that has been put into our very fallible hands. The necessary condition for living joyfully? We must let go of anger, hatred, revenge, and violence. A tall order in a world seemingly bent on the destruction of every peaceful impulse. May Divine Mercy Sunday remind us that Jesus made mercy our life's ideal and a criterion for our faith's credibility: "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy" (Matthew 5:7).



THANK YOU to the Winner For Life organization for their $300 donation to the Church. Your kind gift is highly appreciated.



Come to the St. Katharine Drexel Education Building after Mass this weekend for fellowship and refreshments. Parish Social Ministry will be serving coffee, juice and pastries.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading —All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer ***(Acts 2:42-47)***.

Psalm — Be thankful to God who loves us forever ***(Psalm 118)***.

Second Reading — God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven ***(1 Peter 1:3-9)***.

Gospel —The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts ***(John 20:19-31)***.



Divine Mercy Devotion on Sunday, April 16th at 3:00pm. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend. There will be confession during the Devotion.

The 2023 Spring Raffle is here!!

The prizes are as follows:

1st Prize: 55" Smart TV
2nd Prize: Laptop
3rd Prize: $200 Lowe's Gift Card
4th Prize: $100 Gas Gift Card
5th Prize: $50 Visa Card
6th Prize: $50 Visa Gift Card

The donation is $1.00. The raffle will be held at the Sacred Heart Family Day Picnic on June 4, 2023. Tickets will be available after each mass. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Sacred Heart Parish Family Day Picnic will be held on Sunday, June 4, 2023, at the Port Arthur Downtown Pavilion. We will begin with Mass at 10:00am and the picnic will immediately follow. There will be food, games, door prizes and lots of fellowship!!!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8
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
Thursday:	Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday:	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:	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Meetings

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

-Ladies of Grace, Chapter 18 will meet on Sunday, April 23rd at 1:30pm at the KPC Hall on Grannis.

-Altar Society will meet on Wednesday, May 3rd at 5:30pm at the St. Katharine Drexel Education Building. If you ordered a shirt, please bring your payment. We are still accepting yearly dues. Please contact Mrs. Sheresse Conner-Seals at 832-704-1092.



Congratulations to Crystal Williams for receiving the Fr. Larry Leduff-Gutierrez Award at the 21st Annual Winner For Life Breast Cancer Seminar on Saturday, April 8, 2023 at the Robert A. Bowers Civic Center.

X-treme Christians

You may notice that Acts of the Apostles is the source of the first reading during the Easter season. This book describes how Christianity grew from a handful of disciples to a major religion. Today's reading about an ideal Christian community is meant to show ordinary believers how to be extraordinary, using three examples I call power, property, and prayer.

Power means the "signs and wonders" (Acts 2:43) performed by the disciples through the power of the Holy Spirit. This should be named last because it takes a lot of faith to heal the sick. If you had the same faith as the apostles, you just might be able to cure the sick. Or you might study to become a doctor and cure them with medical skills. As long as you acknowledge that God gave you the brains and the talent to become a doctor, you are doing God's work.

By property, I mean sharing what you have with those in need. Many disciples were moved to sell their goods and share them with the poor, and word of that must have spread. If you are not called to sell all your goods and become a monk or a nun, you can still tithe to your church or the poor, tutor disadvantaged kids, or help build or repair houses in poor areas. The point is that followers of Christ are not just individual do-gooders. They are a community of believers who care about each other and also care about the non-believers who need help of any kind.

So where did these first disciples get the faith to cure the sick and the love to help the needy? The answer is the third example--prayer. In the first reading we hear how "they devoted themselves . . . to the breaking of the bread" (Acts 2:42, 46)--their name for the Eucharist. They also went to the temple to pray, because at that time most disciples were Jewish Christians. As they heard the Hebrew scriptures, they saw how God's promises were fulfilled in Christ. All of these practices helped unite them to Christ and to each other.



"Come Back to the Heart of Jesus"

EXEMPLAR OF THE FAITH

Poor Thomas. Singled out from among the disciples because he refused to believe what they were telling him—that they had seen, in the flesh, their friend and their Lord, Jesus Christ. Can any of us really blame him? All of the disciples were terrified, crestfallen, hiding. But what of Thomas? Just where was he when Jesus appeared the first time to the group huddled in fear? He had gone "out"—out of the community where his faith had life. Maybe this was actually a blessing for Thomas and not the curse associated with the "doubting Thomas" moniker bestowed on him by tradition. Oh, the divine mercy of the Lord! Could Thomas be the forerunner of all of us who come in fragile hope and uncertainty to the Christian community, so beautifully described in the reading from the Acts of the Apostles? Could Thomas be an ultimate exemplar of the faith described in the First Letter of Peter?

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 and can be purchase at our Parish Office, for more info. contact Moriline Guillory at 409-924-4301.



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.

THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES. NEXT WEEKEND THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

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



All High School and College graduates are ask to contact Crystal Williams at 409-365-3790, to receive information for Graduation Mass.

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, Bernadette Brown, 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.

Communicants: Ethel Allen



Thank you to The Drexel Society, Port Arthur Chapter, Inc. for supplying and serving food to the CCE students on Wednesday, April 12th. Last class for CCE will be held on Wednesday, April 19th until Bible School start on June 12-14, 2023.

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

From Saint Patrick's Breastplate

I arise today
through God's strength to pilot me,
God's might to uphold me,
God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me,
God's ear to hear me,
God's hand to guard me,
God's way to lie before me,
God's shield to protect me,
God's hosts to save me from the snares of the devil.

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

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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