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**CHRISTIAN FORMATION:** 225-749-3387

**MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday Vigil .....4:30 p.m.  
Sunday ..... 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.  
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday ..... 8:00 a.m.  
Friday ..... 8:00 a.m., with Adoration until 11:30 a.m.  
First Saturday of the month only ..... 8:00 a.m.

**RECONCILIATION**

Saturday .....3:30–4:15 p.m.  
Monday, Wednesday thru Friday .....7:40 a.m. or by appointment

**PARISH STAFF**

Rev. Arun John, IMS ..... Pastor  
Dana Babin ..... Bookkeeper  
Candice Breaux ..... Youth Group Minister  
June Hebert ..... Director of Religious Education  
Sara Hernandez ..... Janitorial  
Jayne Jason ..... Child Protection  
Layne Mire ..... Parish Secretary  
Lil Stutes ..... Mother’s Day Out  
Celeste Veillon ..... Music Director

**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday–Thursday 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.  
Office closed for lunch 12:00–1:00 p.m.

**BAPTISM**

Celebrated monthly after the 11:00 am Mass. Also celebrated during Mass on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and Easter Sunday. Parents should call the office to enroll in our baptismal preparation program, preferably early in pregnancy. Parents are encouraged to register in the parish and actively practice their faith.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS**

Inquiries – Please call the Church Parish Office.

**MARRIAGE**

Contact the Pastor at least 6 months prior to proposed wedding date. Preparation program is required. Couples should be actively practicing their faith.

**CARE OF THE SICK**

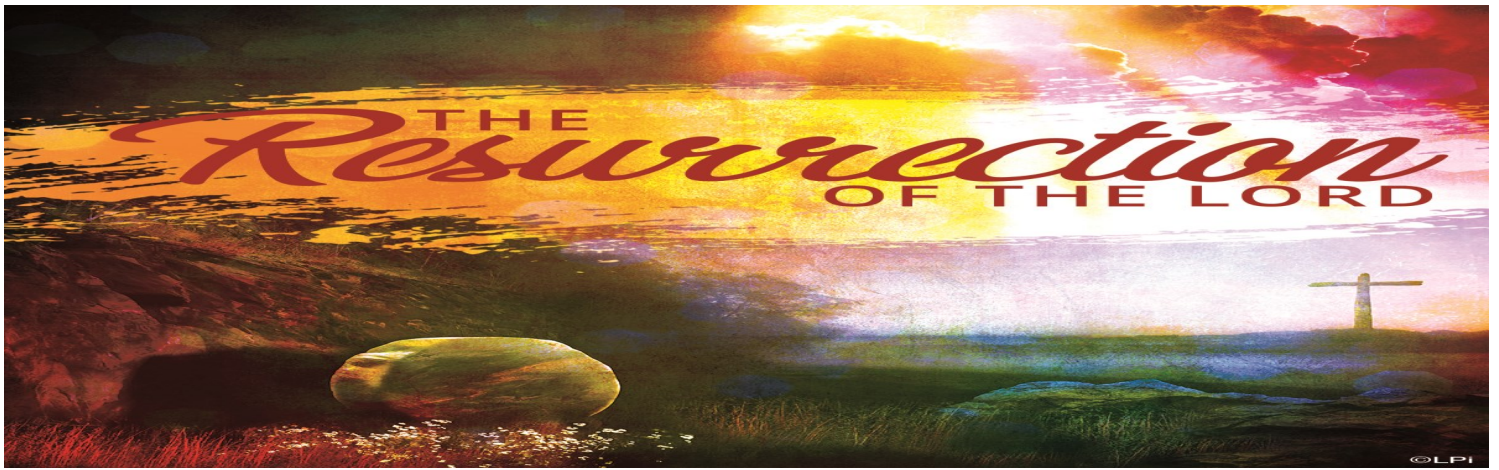
Emergency calls answered as soon as possible. Communion calls to homebound weekly by request. Please notify the office if someone is homebound.

**CHRISTIAN BURIAL**

Family should contact the Pastor to begin funeral arrangements. For Cemetery information, please call Jerry Deshotel 281-0333.

**PRAYER LINE**

Please call the Church Parish Office.



Dear Parishioners,

We know that during spring we celebrate Easter. In the spring, the grass, the plants, the trees and the whole atmosphere comes back to life. During the winter, all of these were buried in the cold and frozen earth; but when the spring arrives, sunshine, showers and breezes return and everything comes alive. Likewise, Jesus was buried under the earth and rose again to new life; no ground could hold him. This is what we celebrate at Easter: The resurrection of Jesus. It's a historical fact that the risen Christ radiated his new life in all its power and glory wherever he went and to whomever he appeared.

God, by raising Jesus from the dead, has demonstrated that the way of Jesus is indeed the way of life, and only such life will reach its fullness. So, the celebration of Easter conveys the message of hope and courage to us. Yes, the Lord is truly risen. God never abandoned him, for He has always been faithful. Through this salvific act, God opens the salvation for all of us. It's a promise that if we follow the way of Jesus, then God will raise each one of us to a glory like that of Jesus. Hence, there is no reason for a believer to be afraid, discouraged or disappointed, for God is always faithful to His promise.

The Greek philosopher, Epictetus, a slave under the Roman Emperor, was harshly punished even for his slightest fault. Not a day passed without him receiving a beating. One day the Emperor had him beaten so severely that one of his legs broke and he became lame. A friend found him limping and asked him how he had become lame. With much serenity the philosopher answered, "I am not lame, it is only my leg." A brave and virtuous man is never deterred or disappointed. Nothing could frustrate or frighten him, for he never set his heart on material things, instead he set it on things that are imperishable, which neither moth nor rust can destroy. And so, nothing could shatter his hopes.

The message of Easter is not a thing of the past. Our mission is not to simply listen to what happened long ago, but to witness it in our daily life, to witness that God can work wonders even today in those who trust in Him. For example, every time we suffer a loss, fail in some enterprise, are disabled by an illness, we die a little bit, but we believe in the presence of the risen Christ in our midst, who would enable us to discover new dreams, new challenges and new reasons to try again. Every time we are overwhelmed by problems, discouraged by disappointment, beset by worries, or humiliated by friends, we are diminished in some way. But if we believe in the real presence of the risen Jesus, we will find the impossible becomes possible and the unreachable becomes reachable. The risen Christ is relevant for us even today; it's not just a remembrance of the past. If the risen Christ is not relevant for us today, where can we find forgiveness, the wellspring of new beginning? Where would we draw the energy for following him right to the end of our existence? It's because God wanted Easter to be relevant for us today, that he has arranged a way for us to follow the risen Jesus. He comes to us every day through the Holy Eucharist. Each Eucharist that we partake is sharing in Jesus' own passion and resurrection. Christ came forth from the tomb that we might shake off the fetters of fear and evil today and forever. Pray today that we may experience the risen Christ in our life and always be guided by the spirit of the Risen Jesus. I wish you all a very happy and meaningful Easter! Yes, Christ is truly Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

God Bless You,

Fr. John



## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

**Seniors' Lunch** will be Sunday, April 16th after 11:00am Mass in the Activity Center. Please call June Hebert, 749-3387, to sign up your Senior and family.

**First Eucharist Retreat** is Saturday, April 29th from 9:00am-12:00pm in the Activity Center for Parent and Child.

**First Eucharist** will be celebrated at 2:00pm on Sunday, April 30th in Church. Reception to follow in the Activity Center.



*The Sanctuary  
Candle burns in  
memory of  
Davy Schlecht.*

**Let's get the Feast on the Levee Back!  
How can you help?**

**We are forming a Fair Committee to  
organize our Church Fair in October.  
Please call the Church Office to sign up and to  
offer your services and expertise.  
THANK YOU!**

**Adult Confirmation at St. Joseph Cathedral  
May 28th at 10:30am**

**If you want to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation,  
please contact June Hebert, 749-3387 for the  
guidelines of preparation. Your information must be  
submitted by April 28th.**

### Mass Intention Forms

Please complete your Mass Intention form online at the Church website: [sjb-brusly.com](http://sjb-brusly.com) This form is located on the front page of our website. You can also obtain a form in the Church Office.

### Food Pantry

**Please bring any non perishable food items,  
such as baking goods, snacks and cereal, to the  
Church Office for the upcoming Food Pantry  
distribution. We appreciate your generosity!**



**Children's Church  
9:00am & 11:00am Masses**

**April 16  
May 7  
May 21  
June 4  
June 18**

## **St. John the Baptist's Women's Ministry**

**April 20th at 6:30pm: Women's Fellowship Night** will be in the Activity Center, which includes a presentation on St. Agnes of Rome. To register, you can email Alena Prejean, [alenaPREJEAN@yahoo.com](mailto:alenaPREJEAN@yahoo.com) or complete the registration form in the back of Church by April 13th.

**May 6th at 8:00am: Women's Day of Prayer** will begin at 8:00am Mass and conclude with lunch in the Activity Center. Pamela Folsie is the facilitator for this day of prayer, reflection and fellowship. To register by April 28th, please use the form on the Church website, [sjb-brusly.com](http://sjb-brusly.com) or email Alena Prejean, [alenaPREJEAN@yahoo.com](mailto:alenaPREJEAN@yahoo.com)

## **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND LECTORS MEETING**

**Father John will host a meeting in Church  
at 6:00pm on Wednesday, April 19th for all  
Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors.**



### Vocations

**Let us rejoice!**

**If you believe Jesus is calling you to  
proclaim the Good News to the  
world as a priest, deacon, sister or  
brother, please contact Father Josh  
Johnson at 225-336-8778 or  
email him:**

**[jjohnson@diobr.org](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org)  
or visit:**

**[www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations)**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Zippers Sale Dates: Thursday, April 13th & 27th  
beginning at 7:30am**

**Lion's Club Card Party: Monday, April 17th from  
10:00am-3:00pm in the Activity Center  
Call Steve Guidry, 773-6141 to sign up.**

**CDA Pastalaya Dinner Fundraiser: Sunday, April  
23rd from 11:00am-1:00pm at the Activity Center.  
Take-out only. Please call Julie Millard, 776-4646  
for your \$10.00 ticket.**

### Stewardship of Finances

Total Collection for March 26th: \$9,260.00

Thank you for your generosity!



# EASTER SUNDAY

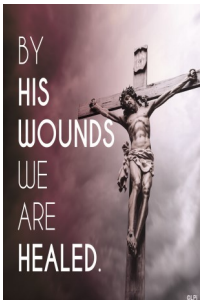
“Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.”  
- Mt 28:5b-6

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## Readings for the week of April 9, 2023

- Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/  
Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10
- Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/  
Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/  
Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/  
Lk 24:35-48
- Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/  
Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15
- Next Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/  
1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

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**Fill a Prescription for the Needy**  
**Please help those in need by taking a prescription bottle from the back of Church, adding your donation to it, and returning it to the cannister.**  
**You can also send your contribution to the St. Vincent de Paul Community Pharmacy.**  
**Please help everyone heal!**

