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**April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)**

**REV. SHERWIN MONTERON**  
Pastor

Deacon Billy Graham, Secretary  
Judy Poiroux, Bookkeeper  
Tiffany Teofilo, CCD Director  
Karen Day, Youth Director

**Parish Council**

Bill Schaffer Jason Poiroux  
Jim Jackson Autumn Bowden  
Jack Wright Jay Graham

**Finance Council**

Paula Dyess Paullette Cauley  
Carol Voss

**MASSES**

Weekdays: Tuesday 5:30 P.M.  
Wednesday 7:30 A.M.  
Thursday 7:45 A.M.  
Friday 7:45 A.M.  
Vigil Mass Saturday 5:00 P.M.  
SUNDAY MASS 10:00 A.M.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Weekdays by Appointment  
Saturday 4:30 P.M.  
Sunday 9:30 A.M.

**BAPTISM:** By Appointment

**MATRIMONY:** Contact the Office 6 months before the celebration

**ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:**  
Anytime: Please call the Office

**ROSARY & ADORATION:** Every Wednesday at 7:30 am before Mass and every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 5:30 pm

**Funerals**

Call the office before making plans with the funeral director.



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**Second Sunday of Easter**

**Today's Readings: Acts 5:12-16; Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; John 20:19-31**

**BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SEEN AND HAVE BELIEVED**

John's Gospel today places us with the disciples, behind a locked door, hiding, whimpering, fearful. Yet Jesus Christ comes to us, because Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves. He knows that we have the ability to spread the word of salvation, to be the church of Christ on earth. So he comes and bestows on us the great power of the Holy Spirit, the power that will build the church, the power that will spread the word. But not everyone was there, not everyone believes. Thomas needs more; he needs concrete proof. So Jesus comes back, because Thomas needs to see him. Jesus loves Thomas and invites him to deepen his faith. So, too, Jesus Christ invites all of us to a deeper faith. Some of us may need miracles or signs and wonders to believe. But many of us have been given the gift of faith without the need to see for ourselves. Let us help each other come to deeper faith in the resurrected Lord.

## SIGNS AND WONDERS

### A reflection on today's readings

People long for "a sure thing," concrete proof that they can see and touch. The healing of the sick, as in today's reading from Acts, is surely concrete proof of divine action. But just as Jesus, when he healed the sick, wanted people to see more than the immediate healing of ailments, so, too, Peter and the apostles are given the gift of healing the sick to lead the people to God. There is more to illness than the body; Peter and the apostles, and indeed all in ministry today, are charged with the healing of souls. That's where we must make a leap of faith, because we can't see or touch the healing of souls, but we must know it in our hearts. We do not see, yet we must believe.

The second reading, from Revelation, draws on many images that resonate with those familiar with the Hebrew scriptures. The author has a vision of heaven, a vision given only to him, and he is commanded to testify to Jesus Christ, the risen Lord who now dwells in heaven, who has conquered death and sin for all time. We are called in faith to believe his testimony. We do not see, yet we must believe.

### Known April Birthdays

4 <sup>th</sup> : Bobbie Poiroux	20 <sup>th</sup> : Colleen Gray
7 <sup>th</sup> : Michael Kirchoff	23 <sup>rd</sup> : Michael Bray
9 <sup>th</sup> : Brandon Cauley	24 <sup>th</sup> : Caroline Moser
10 <sup>th</sup> : Avery Schmierer	25 <sup>th</sup> : Bailee McCall
11 <sup>th</sup> : Mary Holland	26 <sup>th</sup> : Cameron Schilling
11 <sup>th</sup> : Kristen McCall	26 <sup>th</sup> : Deacon Graham
13 <sup>th</sup> : Frank Church	27 <sup>th</sup> : Gennie Garrett
19 <sup>th</sup> : Abbi Stringfellow	28 <sup>th</sup> : Martha Delmas
20 <sup>th</sup> : Katherine Poiroux	29 <sup>th</sup> : Deborah Sema
20 <sup>th</sup> : Jay Ramsay	30 <sup>th</sup> : Ruth Riddick
20 <sup>th</sup> : Aaron Poiroux	30 <sup>th</sup> : Kyle McBride

### Known April Anniversaries

1 <sup>st</sup> : Veronica & Reggie Stewart
7 <sup>th</sup> : Mildred & Joe Smith
7 <sup>th</sup> : Julia & David Schmierer
23 <sup>rd</sup> : Kathy & Steve Sema
29 <sup>th</sup> : Ann & Jim Jackson
29 <sup>th</sup> : Autumn & Scotty Bowden

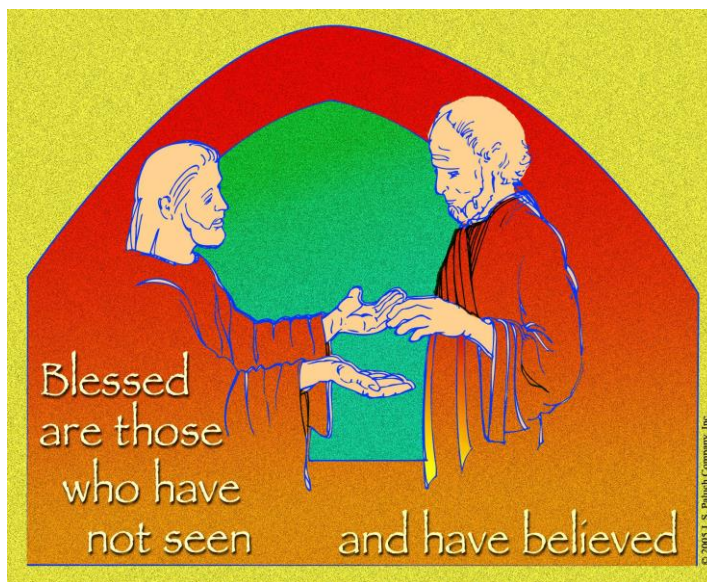
### Pray for the special intentions of those serving in the

Armed Forces: Brent Smith, Travis Wilson, SPC Jackson Triston, Jr., Captain Will Hurd, Bryant Bailey & Zachery Bailey.

Pray for the eternal repose of the souls of the most recently deceased members of the parish: Anna Weber, Pat Borne, Pat Marchand



Jerry Wigfield, Danny Mulory, Father Joseph (Jogi) Chacko, Larry Davis, Linda Langlinais, Msg. Warren Wall, Houston Gunn, Tom Thornton, Mike Knowles, Ruth Pigorsch, Lynda Jones, Steve Sevier, Ida Clark, Penny Dupont, Sara Thornton, Sister Luella Dominic Petry O. P., Dr. Allen Roberts, Sister Stephanie Sema-SSMI, Doug Jones, Joe Gable, Ann Gable, Lenny Motykiewicz, Ali Stringfellow Ray, Lisa Kloechener, Valeria Wallace, Donnie Wilson, Bobby McManus, Joe Watts, Sean Guillotte, Michelle Cook, Reggie Stewart, Linda Graham, Nonie Reed, Betty Gunter, Tiffany Fontenot, Jimmy Marchand, Joe Ecker, Glenn Boney, Aubreigh Nichols, Ann Vick, Wayne Seymour, Frances Walley, H. Sanders, Cora Grigsby, Patricia Davis, Maurine Habley, Ray Thornton, Alice Skutack, Joe Whitson, Cory Moncrief, Carolyn Collier, Vicenta Obsenares, Rachel Vallas, Harrand Broussard, Edgar Gunter, Victoria Porter, Jonathan Cruz, Gennie Garret, Becky Thompson, Bob Echement, Lilly Breaux, James Wink, Mike Wilson, Roger Young, Leyah White.



### Daily Mass intentions

**Mass Intentions for the week of 04-27-19 thru 05-03-19**

27<sup>th</sup>: -- For the eternal repose of the soul of Charles Church by Nina and Frank Church.

28<sup>th</sup>: -- Mass for the intentions of all members of the parish

30<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>: -- For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives/ friends of Martha Delmas and family.

## Weekend of May 4 & 5, 2019

### Mass Ministers:

	<u>5:00 pm Sat.</u>	<u>10:00 am Sun.</u>
EMCH:	Nina Bohl Linda Graham	Dana Baker Willie Thompson
Lectors:	Andrea Graham Jay Graham	John McBride Marcie McPhillips
Altar Servers:	Volunteer	Volunteers
Ushers:	Steve Cauley Kevin Cauley Chuck Pierce Wayne Jackson	Mike Marchand Mike Courtney Avis Garrett Tom Thornton

### Altar Care & Church Cleaning

Altar Care:	<u>May 2019</u> Ruth Pigorsch
Church Cleaning:	<u>May 4 &amp; 5, 2019</u> Lee Ann Taylor & La Shea Payne

### Stewardship for April 21, 2019

Regular:	\$4,296.00
Holy Land:	\$235.00
Easter Gifts:	\$830.00
Easter Flowers:	\$432.00

### Youth and CRE Schedule for 2019

Sunday April 28 <sup>th</sup> – Practice for First Communion
Sunday May 5 <sup>th</sup> – First Holy Communion

### Rosary and Benediction

Rosary and Benediction will be celebrated at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, May 1, 2019. Please come out and spend time praying and listening to the Lord.

### Homebound Mass Filming:

The next Homebound Mass Filming will take place May 7, 2019 and will be filmed at St. John the Baptist Parish in Grand Bay. Mass time will be 9:00 am and Father Sherwin will be celebrating the Masses and he would like to invite all Catholics to come out and help make this Mass special for the homebound.

### Nursing Home Outreach:

Every First Friday of the Month there is a Mass celebrated at the Grand Bay Convalescent Home at 10:00 A.M. **Join US!**

### House Blessings

We highly encourage **House Blessings**. Please call Father Sherwin to schedule the blessing of your home.

## Events/Announcements for Week of April 27, 2019

- 1) **Special Prayers** for the repose of the soul of Harrand F. Broussard, Jr. of Reno, NV. the son of Betty Gunter. He was called home to the Lord on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- 2) **Homebound Mass** for the shut-ins will be filmed here at St. John the Baptist on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am. If you are available on that day, please make plans to attend to help make the Mass special.
- 3) **The Golden Group** wishes to thank everyone who supported our Spring bake sale. We raised \$318.00. We appreciate the generosity of the St. John Parish Family in supporting our group's projects.
- 4) **The Golden Group** luncheon meeting is Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 in the church hall. Our entrée will be ham. Please bring a dish to share and enjoy the fellowship, food and fun. We hope to see everyone there and bring your teacup.
- 5) **Spring Bible Study Program:** Please join us for our Spring Bible Study Program starting Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Church Hall and will run for 4 Mondays in a row, - April 29<sup>th</sup>, May 6<sup>th</sup>, May 13<sup>th</sup>, May 20<sup>th</sup>. We will begin to learn about Catholic Biblical "Apologetics". Bring your bible and Catechism of the Catholic Church as we begin our journey into understanding our faith based in Scripture.
- 6) **Set June 23<sup>rd</sup> as an important date:** Everyone needs to set Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> as a day to not miss Mass at St. John the Baptist. We will be celebrating the feast day of St. John the Baptist, the Patron Saint of our parish on that day since his feast is actually Monday the 24<sup>th</sup>. We will be celebrating a home coming for all the catholic families in our parish and welcoming home those who have not been celebrating with us on a regular basis. We want to welcome everyone home!
- 7) **Known Birthdays:** 27<sup>th</sup>: Gennie Garret, 28<sup>th</sup>: Martha Delmas, 29<sup>th</sup>: Deborah Sema, 30<sup>th</sup>: Ruth Riddick, Kyle McBride, 1<sup>st</sup>: Reggie Stewart, 3<sup>rd</sup>: Mary Driskell, Carol Tate, **Known Anniversaries:** 29<sup>th</sup>: Ann & Jim Jackson, Autumn & Scotty Bowden