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MASS TIMES SCHEDULE:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 6:15 a.m.
Tuesday & Thursday 12:05 p.m.
Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm
**Sunday 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 am &
6:00 pm (Life Teen Mass)**

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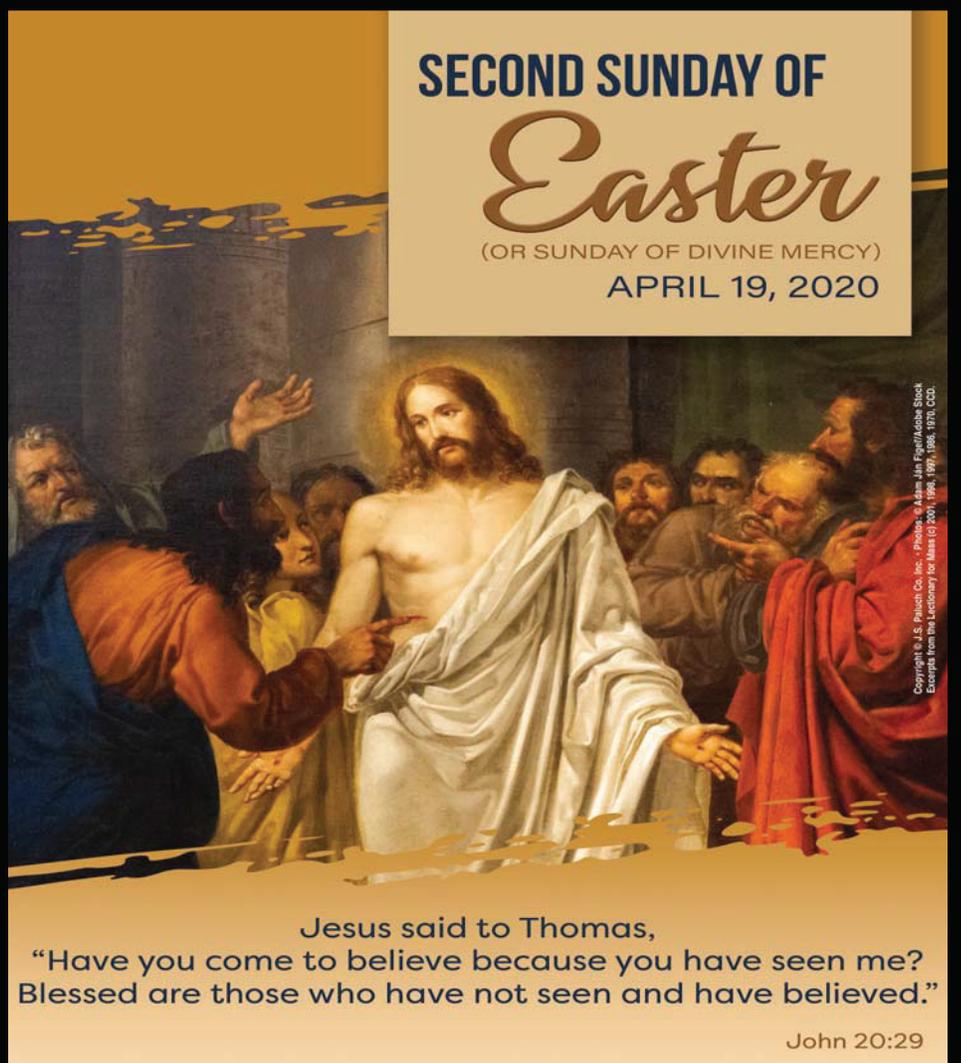
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SECOND SUNDAY OF

Easter

(OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL 19, 2020

Jesus said to Thomas,
"Have you come to believe because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

John 20:29

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FASTING FROM MASS: During this time of forced separation from the Holy Eucharist, all who choose to do so are encouraged to add an Act of Spiritual Communion to your time of daily prayer:

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

(St. Alphonsus Liguori)

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

April 19, 2020

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STEWARDSHIP TO ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

April 5, 2020

Mailed-In Offertory	\$6,780.23
Online Contributions	1,225.00
Total Offertory for the week.....	\$8,005.23
Parish Maintenance & Insurance Fund.....	\$400.00

April 12, 2020

Mailed-In Offertory	\$6,621.00
Online Contributions	1,240.00
Total Offertory for the week.....	\$7,861.00
Holy Land Collection	\$260.00
Parish Maintenance & Insurance Fund.....	\$260.00
<i>Weekly Average 2020</i>	<i>\$10,234.45</i>

CAN WE CHANGE PEOPLES' MINDS?

Some people (including many Catholics) feel like it is futile to continue to have a debate over the issue of abortion because people feel too strongly about it and have already made up their minds as to what they think.



This is wrong.

People throughout history have changed their minds on vital social issues. When the United States was new, there was no suffrage or equal rights for women and racial minorities. Almost universally in the United States today, the general populace recognizes that this was wrong and that women and non-whites are entitled to their basic rights as human beings, and the law recognizes it too.

It took many years and decades of intense struggle involving emotions just as fierce if not more fierce than those surrounding the Pro-Life Movement in the 21st century.

But victories for freedom were won and people certainly did change their minds. That is how change happens. Education is vital so that more people understand the struggle to protect innocent life in the womb and then stand ready to defend the rights of all living people, including the unborn.

Change can happen, and change will happen, providing we do our part to work tirelessly to advocate change for a freer, better world where the weak and vulnerable are protected and not exploited and/or victimized.

Pro-Life Articles

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 20

Eloise LeJeune

Tuesday, April 21

Frankie LaFleur; Jack Thevis (*8th Anniv. of Death*); Dolice Young; Dr. Ben Miller; Gwen & Richie Gaspard (*Liv.*); Kermen D. Beauchamp, Sr.

Wednesday, April 22

Etienne & Velma Feucht; Davis Manuel (*Liv. - Birthday*); Thomas Roche; Heriberto Perez; Terry Gotreaux

Thursday, April 23

Dr. Ben Miller, Jr.; Patrick Henry (*Anniv. of Death*); Rafael Beauchamp; Keilah Beauchamp

Friday, April 24

Elburn Chatman; Ricarda Villalba

Saturday, April 25

Beth Sylvester; Newton Thibodeaux; Ed Dietz; Paul Rozas

Sunday, April 26

Third Sunday of Easter

St. Anthony Parishioners; Eloise LeJeune; Kade Guidry; Frankie LaFleur; Jean Fontenot; Adam 'Brother' Johnson; J.D. & Marshall Arabie; Harry Summerlin; Dorothy F. Douget & Joseph Douget Jr.; Clarence S. & Mazie Fontenot; Margaret & George Coleman; Clarence Fontenot Jr. & Chad Coleman; J. Nilas Young Sr.; David Grant Fontenot; Pearl Manuel; Joan Schatzle McManus



MINISTERS OF PRAYER



Please pray for: Diane DeRouen, Ann Duran, Craig Durbin, Lucien Montelaro, Mary Montelaro, Colleen Landreneau, Earline Prather, John & Sandifer Burson, Cynthia Langley, Ben Burson, Joan Burson, Jay Deshotel, Tasha LeJeune, Melissa Guillory Sikes, Michael Douglas Bergeron, Pat Robicheaux, Larry Stout, Carrol Godeaux, Tyler Bertrand, Gary & Paula Fontenot, Louis Guidry Jr., Rusty Richard, Marla T. Vanicol, Judge Frank & Elaine McGee, Dale Ann Dupre, John LeJeune, Lorena Goodman, Norma Diaville, Cindy Fontenot, Edmund & Alberta Frey, Linda Gaudin, Dora Johnson, Genny Dischler, Francis Menard, Jason Duran, Walter Dupont, Debra Daigle, Maranda McElwee, James Young, Donna Ardoin Rossner, Ella Mae Sonnier, Joey Chapman.



Pray for our troops &

ATTENTION:
Adoration Chapel
is CLOSED as of
March 23 @ 6:00 p.m.

The Church will be
open from
6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Monday - Saturday
for Tabernacle &
Prayer visits

(Please, keep a social distance)

NEW SERVERS' SCHEDULE

The new weekend Liturgical Servers' Schedule for **MAY - JULY** will soon be prepared. If you are planning to be away during this time -- or -- if you need to change your schedule - please call the office [457-5285] and leave a message. Call by **April 27th** to get your changes into the new schedule.



CONFESSIONS:

The Sacrament of
Reconciliation will be shared

at St. Anthony Church in
the CRY ROOM

(in order to keep a social distance)

Monday - Friday
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



Saturday
4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

(Please, keep a social distance)

EASTER DECORATIONS



Additional donations for Easter flowers and church decorations have been made in honor / memory of (*living or deceased*): Kelly Fuselier, Vernice Fuselier, Cleveland Thibodeaux, Hazel Thibodeaux,

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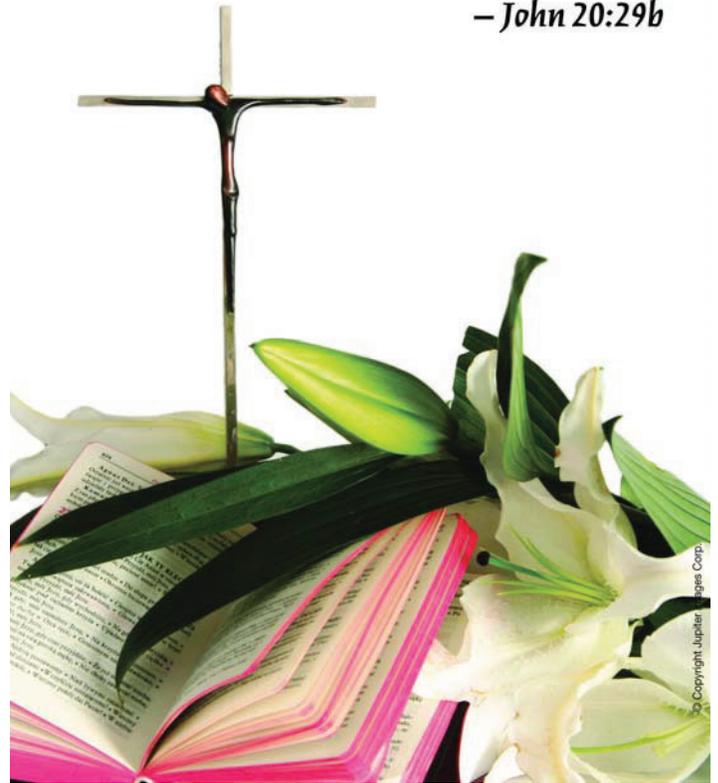
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“Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

– John 20:29b



Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,
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We fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.

Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.

Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.



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GET REAL!

Those of us who flatter ourselves that we have a “realistic” view of the world may listen to the first reading today and say, “Get real!” when we hear Luke’s account of the early, Elysian days of the Christian movement. All seems to be rosy, lots of wonders are performed, everyone shares selflessly, they eat together in “exultation,” and the Lord added to their numbers? Well, who wouldn’t be attracted to a group like this? From the wind that swept through the upper room at Pentecost as the Spirit of God blew over the face of the waters in Genesis, and the fire that appeared over each disciple as the light appeared at the dawn of creation, Luke’s intent in Acts is to show a new creation, a restoration of creation’s original goodness through the working of the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit who continues to make us into the Body of Christ. We may occasionally, like Thomas in the Gospel, say, “Get real!” but our ultimate reality in the Spirit is to work continually to make our Christian community a new creation, one in which others will find God’s joy and beauty.

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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).

Psalms — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (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).

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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: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
- Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy); Julian Calendar Easter
- Tuesday: St. Anselm; Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)
- Wednesday: Administrative Professionals Day; Earth Day
- Thursday: St. George; St. Adalbert
- Friday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen; National Arbor Day
- Saturday: St. Mark

SAINT ANSELM (1033-1109)

April 21

For anyone disheartened at how easily contemporary discussions of disputed church-state issues escalate from civil discourse to shrill polemic, Anselm provides perspective. Grounded in the Benedictine Rule’s balanced “prayer and work,” this monk-scholar, called from his abbey to become Archbishop of Canterbury, was thrust into firestorms of political intrigue, himself the target of warring bishops and nobles, kings and popes. Yet from depths of inner peace, Anselm wrote this moving exhortation by which today’s *Liturgy of the Hours* celebrates him: “Rise up, insignificant man! From your preoccupations, flee a while. From your turbulent thoughts, hide for a time. Your crushing responsibilities cast aside. Your burdensome business lay down. Free a little space for God. Rest a little while in him!” “Faith seeking understanding” was his strikingly contemporary motto; and though renowned as an erudite philosopher-theologian, Anselm also left personal letters, profound for their insights on Christian friendship. Along with those, he composed “A Prayer for My Friends” and “A Prayer for My Enemies,” reminding us that those who love God most passionately are also those who love others most humanly.

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EASTER

It is the hour to rend thy chains, the blossom time of souls.

—Katharine Lee Bates

FIRE

Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.

—St. Catherine of Siena



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Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)

April 19, 2020

“Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

— *John 20:29b*



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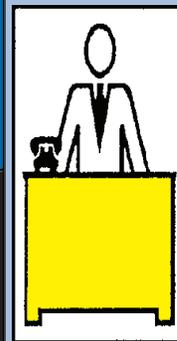
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