



SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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APRIL 12, 2026 –SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER- SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

PARISH MINISTERS

Rev. William Schambough*Pastor*
 Deacon Todd McKee.....*Deacon*
 Tammy Hyde*Bookkeeper*
 Eileen LaFleur..... *Secretary to the Pastor*
 Erin Dowd*Religious Ed Coordinator*
 John Buroker*Choir Director*

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION: Saturday from 3:00–3:55 pm, 20 minutes before daily Mass and by appointment, (please call the office).

BAPTISM: Preparation for the sacrament is provided to parents held in the evenings. (See bulletin for time and place.) Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy, to avoid undue delays.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: For Anointing, death, or in case of an emergency please call the parish office.

MARRIAGE: Couples planning marriage are asked to contact the pastor or deacon at least six months before your proposed date.

CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday:8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday & Friday 6:30 a.m.
 Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday:.....8:30 a.m.
 Holy Days:..... 6:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

WELCOME, VISITORS.

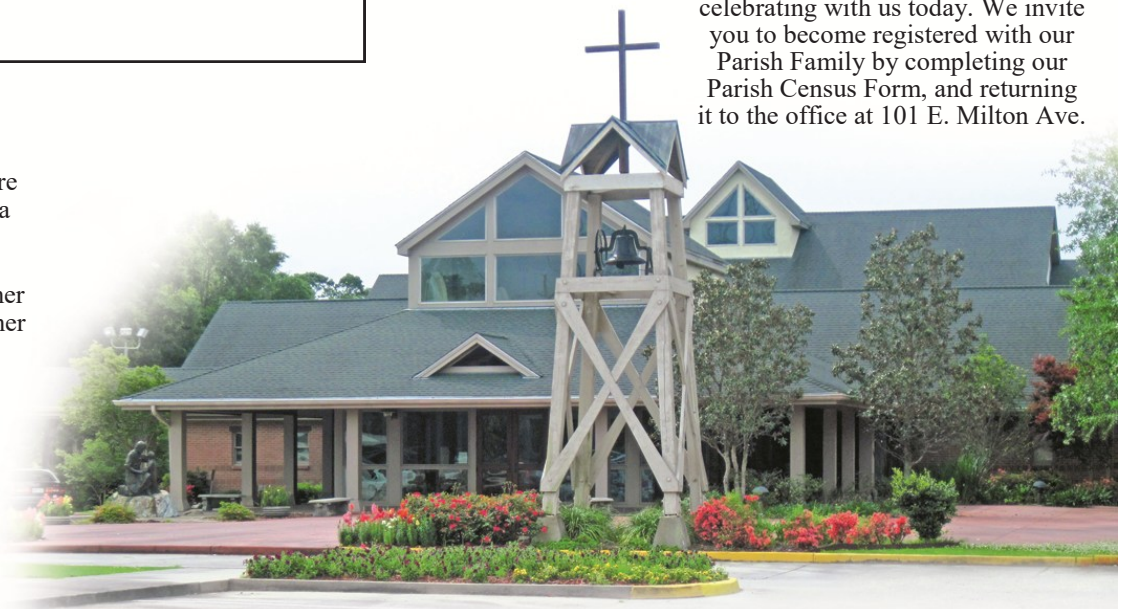
We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to become registered with our Parish Family by completing our Parish Census Form, and returning it to the office at 101 E. Milton Ave.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Troy Boudreaux	Steve Lemaire
Charles Duchamp	Nancy Messa
Dennis Dumas	Guy Picard
Nick Gaspard	Judy Picard
Dan Guidry	David Walther
Cindy LeBlanc	Marie Walther

PARISH TRUSTEES

Linda Desormeaux
 Robert Landry



**2nd Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)
John 20:19-31**

“Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.’” (John 20:27)

In my early 20s, I volunteered at a parish youth group. I witnessed teens encountering Jesus with a fresh, romantic wonder that reminded me of my own teenage conversion. But something had changed in me. I was quietly jaded and cynical. When teens shared stories of encountering Christ, I’d want to sarcastically murmur, “Well, good for you.” I had grown suspicious of the zeal I once knew.

Then we brought the group on a pilgrimage. I was standing in an old church in France, ignoring a long-winded tour guide. I found myself before a crucifix. In that moment, I heard something, not audibly, but unmistakably in my heart: “I came to be your friend... and you wish to be my enemy? Why do you stand far from me? I suffer gladly for you. I was pierced for you. Why do you run from me?” My heart opened. I saw how cold and cynical I had become. But Jesus had not given up on me. He had returned, and his mercy broke through.

So I can relate to the scoffing — and transformation — of Thomas when the Risen Jesus presents his wounds for inspection. Thomas is not simply doubting; he is guarded, suspicious, even cynical. But Jesus comes to him. No lecture. Just understanding and mercy. He invites Thomas to touch his wounds. This burns away his cynicism like the morning mist.

Divine Mercy Challenge: This week, rejoice with someone who is newly alive in faith. If your own heart has grown skeptical or tired, ask Jesus to help you. He will.

— Father John Muir

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Please Pray For The Sick

- Joyce Menard * Kenney Stickney * Rita McDaniel *
- Gabe Fortier * Denise Hebert * Jeanne May *
- Hunter Henry * Jo Anne Means * Kim Vincent *
- Geralyn Bourque * Barbara S. Bourgeois
- Chelsea Santiago * Janel S. Viator * Dan Romero *
- Jenny S. Thompson * David Dupont * Leoila Perrien *
- * Heidi Roth * Fletcher Cornbie *
- Ken Dugas * Ores Menard * Jamie Fox-Taylor *
- Carmen Castille * Chester Trahan * Paul Landry *
- Alyce Doiga * Rachel LaFleur

Our Gift Back to God

Offertery	\$14,104.29
Mailed / Dropped in Office	\$1,900.00
Total (March 29th)	\$16,004.29
Weekly Goal	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus our Goal	+\$4,004.29
Catholic Relief Services	\$2,254.00

Next Weekend’s Second Collection
Catholic Home Missions

Jesus meets the need of each disciple. To the fearful in the upper room, He speaks words of peace. To doubting Thomas, He provides the tangible proof of His resurrection. What do I need to become His disciple? What do I have to share that might meet someone else’s need?

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” - Jn 20:26-27

Mass Intentions

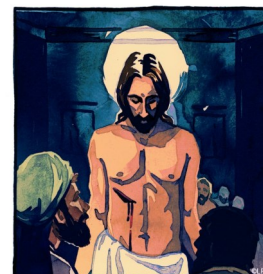
Weekend of April 11th and 12th, 2026
Sat. 8 p.m., and Sun. 8 a.m. for the intentions listed
Sun. 10:30 a.m. for our parish (Pro Populo)

Jacob Guidry, Mena Courts Romero (Anniv.), Dan Privat (Birthday), Wayne "Bubba" Begnaud, Jr., JEC (Living), Chester Henry, Kenneth Cedotal, Earl Weber, M/M Osta Duhon (Her Anniv.), Amy Gremillion, Randy LeBlanc, Alice Benoit, Edia P. Landry, Kevin Manceaux, Randall Picard, Kilren J. Cheramie, III, Bonnie Sue Baudoin (Anniv.), M/M Clayus LeBlanc, Percy Joseph & Lucille B. LeBlanc, Loyd Denais, Elwood Baudoin, M/M Yenes Baudoin (His Birthday), Cameron Bailey, M/M Kilren J. Cheramie, Jr., Brad Martin, Jackie Martin,

- Monday 13th Gertrude Boudreaux (Birthday), Dee Dee & Doug McCoy (Living)
- Tuesday 14th Gertrude Boudreaux, Neil Boudreaux
- Wednesday 15th James V. King, Sr., Debbie Duhon (Wedding Anniv.), Wayne "Bubba" Begnaud, Jr., Keith & Janelle Sanner, Kerry Sanner, John Shannon, Otha Shannon
- Thursday 16th Edvard Hebert, Jr.
- Friday 17th Jerry & Betsy Viator, Students, Parents & Faculty of Milton Elem./Middle School

Sanctuary Candle

Rose & Venice Christian



Build Night for High School Students will be held **Sunday, April 12th** at 6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Prompt Succor in Coteau.

The Elderberries will meet on **Tuesday, April 14th** at 9:00 a.m. at the Life Center. Lunch will follow afterward at Pizza Village on Kaliste Saloom Rd. in Lafayette.

The Ushers will meet **Thursday, April 16th** at 6:30 p.m. at the Life Center.

Sensory/Family Mass: Our next Sensory/Family Mass will be **Saturday, April 18th** at 5:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Church. This Mass is for families or anyone who could spiritually benefit from accommodations for sensory needs.

Behold Catholic Ministries, Inc. Mother's Day Women's Retreat will be held **May 8th-9th** at Our Lady of the Bayous Retreat Center in Abbeville, LA. Visit www.beholdcatholicministries.org or scan the QR code below for more information and registration.



Annual "Hit the Road with Hospice of Acadiana" Raffle

Hospice of Acadiana is your community nonprofit hospice that provides quality end-of-life care to anyone in need, regardless of their ability to pay. **"Hit the Road with Hospice of Acadiana"** is our major annual fundraiser, which gives you the opportunity to win a **2026 Kia Sorento** from Sterling Automotive, a **\$2,500 Getaway Fund**, or a **Louisiana Adventure Package**. Each \$20 raffle ticket ensures an elevated level of comfort and support for the dying and their loved ones. Purchase **deadline is May 24th**, drawing is May 28th. For more information or to purchase ticket(s), scan the QR code or visit: www.hospiceacadiana.com.



Events This Week	
Mon. (13th):	Confession 6:00 a.m. Mass 6:30 a.m. OCIA 6:00 p.m. (Church)
Tues. (14th):	Confession 8:00 a.m. Mass 8:30 a.m. Elderberries 9:00 a.m. (Life Center) Choir 6:30 p.m. (Church)
Wed. (15th):	Confession 8:00 a.m. Mass 8:30 a.m. Ladies Enrichment Group 9:30 a.m. (Life Center) Adoration 5:30 p.m. (Church)
Thurs. (16th):	Confession 8:00 a.m. Mass 8:30 a.m. Ushers Meeting 6:30 p.m. (Life Center)
Fri. (17th):	Confession 6:00 a.m. Mass 6:30 a.m. Parish Office Closed
Sat. (18th):	Confession 3:00 p.m. Mass 4:00 p.m. Sensory Mass 5:30 p.m.
Sun. (19th):	Mass 8:00 a.m. Mass 10:30 a.m. Confession: 4:15 p.m. Mass 5:00 p.m.

REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration for Religious Ed is now underway for the 2026-2027 session. Registration forms for students in grades 1st through 7th & Confirmation can be found on the St. Joseph Website: www.stjo-milton.org. under the Service and Religious Education Heading. This includes Catholic School students who need to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. The **deadline to register is May 31st, 2026!** Please call Erin Dowd at 856-0800 if you have any questions or concerns.



St. Jo's Jog: We are bringing back the St. Jo's Jog! Come out and support St. Joseph's Catholic Church in either the 1 Mile Fun Run or the 5k. All proceeds will go toward the growth of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and its many outreach ministries.

Packet Pickup on Thursday, April 30th and Friday May 1st from 5pm-7pm at the Parish Life Center.

On **Saturday, May 2nd**, the One Mile Fun Run will begin at 9:00am and the 5K will begin at 9:30 am. The race will begin and end at the Parish Life Center. We would love it if you and your family would join us for the race.

*****Registration after April 18th will not be guaranteed an event shirt. Once registered, there will be no refunds.*****

Awards

- Awards for 1 Mile Fun Run:
 - Awards for top three finishers
 Awards for 5k:
 - 1st place Overall Male/Female
 - 1st place in each age group
 0-9, 10-14, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8
- Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/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

Next Sunday's Readings

- Acts 2:14, 22-33
- Psalms 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11
- 1 Peter 1:17-21
- Luke 24:13-35

Divine Mercy Sunday

Question:

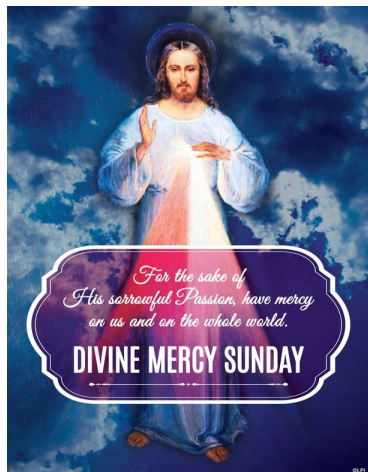
Where did the feast of Divine Mercy come from?

Answer:

If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world.

Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young woman, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, “a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind with experience in the years to come.”

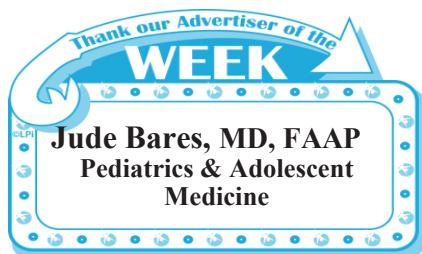
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“A priest is not a priest for himself, he is a priest for you.” - Cure’ of Ars

Please Pray for Our Priests:

Rev. Mario Romero
Rev. David Rozas
Rev. Michael Russo
Rev. Francois Sainte-Marie
Rev. Garrett Savoie
Rev. William Schambough
Rev. Gary Schexnayder



Word of Life “If you or someone you know has had an abortion, be assured that it is never too late to seek God’s forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Additionally, other confidential, compassionate help is available. Select “Find Help” from the menu on www.hopeafterabortion.org to find the diocesan Project Rachel Ministry near you.” *For those who have participated in an abortion and feel they have committed an unforgiveable sin: May they come to know the Lord’s limitless mercy, and turn to Him for forgiveness and healing; let us pray to the Lord.*

Give Yourself Completely

The early days of the first Christian community were not easy by any measurement. Jesus had been executed, and his disciples had to be discreet so as not to meet a similar fate. Jesus was now risen, but the truth of his resurrection was not accepted by all. However, the depiction of that early community in Acts 2:42-47 would lead someone to believe it was the opposite situation. We are told of community life where people lean on each other and share great joy. They ate and prayed together, and many wonders and signs were occurring to lift the community and bear witness to the power of Jesus Christ. They were disciples living out their faith, and it was their strong sense of stewardship that made all this possible in the face of threatening Roman and Jewish powers.

Today, we find the Church in a new turmoil. Increasing secularism, abuse scandals, and a lack of true fidelity place us once again in a time that is not easy. A friend of mine likes to say that any challenge of sin we encounter in the Church has its origin in a lack or misunderstanding of the stewardship way of life. We create our burdens by not using our gifts wisely and by turning inward selfishly.

Could we use the story in Acts of the early Church to help us today? If we begin with the decision to give of ourselves completely to God and His people, will we become agents of change? There is only one way to find out.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Liturgical Ministers April 18th through April 19th, 2026 Sacristans, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers

We ask all ministers to please be there **15 minutes before Mass**. Sacristans, please be there 30 to 45 minutes before Mass. Please request a sub on your ministry pro app if unable to make your scheduled time.

Saturday, April 18th, 4:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Cyndi Miller
Lector: Cyndi Miller
Eucharistic Ministers: Jan Landry, Monica Bourque, Jed Bourque
Altar Servers: Vivian Deshotel, Elise LeBlanc

Sunday, April 19th, 8:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Trish Suire
Lector: Naomie Fitzgerald
Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Todd McKee, Vance Lanier, Trista Littell
Altar Servers: Rosie Fitzgerald, Grace Ortis

Sunday, April 19th, 10:30 a.m.

Sacristan: Mary Ann Romero
Lector: Jackie Bernard
Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Todd McKee, Jude Bares, Raymond Romero
Altar Servers: Graham Snodgrass, Thomas Sanner, Maverick Sanner

Sunday, April 19th, 5:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Susan Foret
Lector: Dennis Dumas
Eucharistic Ministers: Aaron Goss, Debbie Dumas, Brian Watkins
Altar Servers: Madison Goss, Nathan Waguespack