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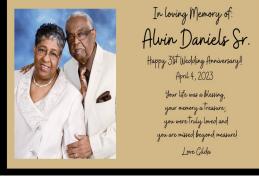
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## **Memorials**











#### **Blessed Trinity Staff:** Pastor:

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#### **President:**

Dr. Kathleen Kennedy

#### **Members**

Ethel Fazande Kathleen Kennedy Colleen B. Lemoine Linward J. Martin, Jr. Anthony Miller Michael Minix Barbara Nicholas Tina Roby Antoinette Square Deacon Michael Taylor Sadie O. White

#### **Liturgy Committee Members**

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#### **Ministry Contacts**

Altar Servers: Clarissa Minix BTCW: Siegfried "Ziggy" Kamga

EMHC: Chatman Johnson Lectors: Margie Brown

Matthew 25: Dirliska Williams

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Sacristans: Theresa Benoit & Tina Roby

St. Vincent de Paul: Ethel Fazande

Ushers: Curtis Davis

Youth Ministry: Clarissa Minix

## **Blessed Trinity Parish** Worshiping at St. Matthias Church

## **Sunday of Divine Mercy** April 16th, 2023



## **Parish Mailing Address:**

4230 S. Broad St. New Orleans, Louisiana 70125

### **Parish Fax Number:** 504) 822-3397

**Parish Website:** www.blessedtrinitynola.org

## **Parish Office Hours**

Monday-Friday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Parish Office Phone: (504) 822-3394

## Sunday: 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.

**Mass Schedule** 

Tuesday - Friday: 8:30 a.m.

Saturday: 4 p.m.

## St. Vincent de Paul

### **Address:**

3900 Gen. Taylor St. New Orleans, Louisiana 70125

### **Office Hours:**

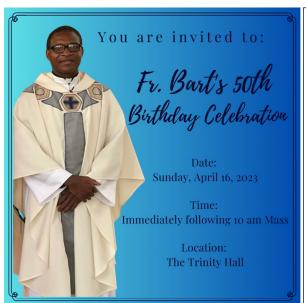
Tuesday & Friday 9 a.m.-11 a.m.

### **Office Phone:** (504) 821-0100

Baptism: Either before or shortly after your child is born contact the parish office to schedule a Baptismal Preparation Session. Both the Parents and Godparents need to attend the session. Once the session has been completed and the necessary paperwork submitted then a date can be selected for the Baptism. Baptism will take place on the First Sunday of the Month at the 10 am Mass unless other arrangements have been approved by the Pastor.

Marriage: After your engagement please contact the parish office to begin the process. The Archdiocese of New Orleans requires between 6 to 8 months for the preparation process before the date of the wedding. If you would like a priest or deacon not assigned to Blessed Trinity to celebrate the Sacrament please notify the office so we can inform you of the forms necessary. There is no cost for using the Church for a wedding of registered/active parishioners.

Funeral: Please contact the parish office either before going to the funeral home or while you are there. This way we can ensure that the Church is available and we have a priest scheduled for the funeral. After making the arrangements at the funeral home we will also contact you to come meet with the priest to plan the funeral service. There is no cost for using the Church for a funeral. If you chose, you can make a donation in honor of your loved one.



### **Mass Intentions**

#### **Easter Sunday**

Sun 4/9 (10a.m.): Pro Populo

Tue 4/11: Catherine Crowley

Wed 4/12: Herbert J. Smith, Jr.

Thur 4/13: Dcn. Michael & Mable Taylor

Fri 4/14: Deborah Crowley

Sat 4/15: (4 p.m.): Eric Barton, III †

### Sunday of Divine Mercy

Sun 4/16 (8 a.m.): Den. Michael & Mable Taylor, Catherine Crowley, Deborah Crowley, Anita T.G. Wilson † , Marcie L. Wilson †, Glenda M. Wilson †

Sun 4/16 (10a.m.): Pro Populo

Tue 4/18: Mary Ann Spriggens †

Wed 4/19: Louis Bass

Thur 4/20: Louis Bass

Fri 4/21: Sydney Rhodes

Sat 4/22: (4p.m.): Eric Barton, III †, Ethel Fazande, Greg Square, Beverly Carter, Jeanell Fazande

#### Fr. Bartholomew's Reflection

#### OVERCOMING FEAR AND DOUBT LEADS TO EMPOWERMENT AND PEACE

Fear and doubt are the most dominant emotions in our world. Though fear can help

keep us safe. Fear helps us to run away from danger and things that can do us harm. But to live in constant fear and endlessly running is not a sign of faith. Fear and doubt leads to immobility, lack of personal growth and lack of inner peace. Those who live in constant fear and doubt shut themselves in just like the disciples of Jesus, who out of fear, shut themselves off from the world. Though sometimes we may doubt in order to have clear understanding. Sometimes we may doubt because we want to know more. But to live in constant self-doubt is a sign of lack of confidence and trust. Doubt draw people away from facing their fear. Doubt makes people not to believe in their own ability and power, and to use those gifts for good. Doubt makes people hesitant in trusting their own ability and trusting God. Thomas doubted that Christ has risen from the death because he was afraid to believe in what he cannot see. He was afraid to follow the power of faith. He was afraid to trust in the power of God vho can do all things. By doubting the resurrection, Thomas was actually saying that he does not believe in the God. The power of God does not manifest in fear and doubt. The disciples of Jesus shut themselves inside out of fear and doubt. Jesus appeared to them and said, "peace be with you." The appearance of Jesus and the words of Jesus were great empowerment to his disciples. It brought peace and joy into their hearts and dispelled their fear and doubt. Being empowered, they no longer live in fear of anything. Their lives were changed. They began to live life of love, expressed in sincere generosity. Praying with joy and breaking bread together in communion. Preaching the word of God without fear. God continued to work wonders through them. Though Thomas doubted that Christ has risen from the dead because he wanted to see before he could believe. When Jesus appeared again and he saw and touched Jesus, he eventually professed his faith in Jesus. He said, "My Lord and my God." He did not continue to live in constant doubt. How often people doubt the existence of God because they cannot see or touch God. When people overcome their doubt they are empowered by faith. Though Thomas believed because he could see and touch Jesus. Jesus told him that true faith does not consist only on the sense of sight and touch. Faith consists on what we can see and those we cannot see. "Blessed are those who have not seen and believed." Though you have not seen him yet you love him, you believe in him and you rejoice in him. St. Peter remains us that our faith in God will not fail us but will lead us to salvation and joy. As we celebrate the Divine Mercy Sunday. We are reminded about God's unconditional mercy for humanity through Jesus Christ. Jesus is the Divine Mercy Incarnate. By his suffering, death and resurrection he has opened the fountain of God's mercy for us. After his resurrection Jesus did not forget to empower his disciples to pour out the mercy of God on those in need of it. He empowered his disciples to forgive sins. "Whose sin you forgive are forgiven them." Through this empowerment Jesus made it easy that those who sincerely ask for forgiveness and mercy will receive it. We are called to come to the fountain of mercy of God through the Eucharistic table and through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. May our faith in Jesus dispel every fear and doubt from our life and bring us peace and joy.

**Prayer Intentions** Marion Baker, Shirley Barra, James Braxton, Sr., Clarence Burks, Jr., Clinton Burks, Beverly Burton, Kevin Burton Sr., Caffiene Burton, Delores Carter, George Carter, Jr., Robert Carter, Karen Cartwright, Rodney Cartwright, Freddie Castello. III, Catherine Crowley, Deborah Crowley, Margie Cummings, Linda Dempsey, Barbara Duhé, Avis Evans, Tina Franklin, Barbara Friendship, Newton Haynes, Dwight Hunter, Joia Hunter, Charles Jackson, Monica Jackson, Roddy Jiles, Albert Jones, Leon Joseph, Joseph Keppard, John LaBeauf, James Lee, David Marillo, Karelyn Martin, Richard Martin, Ruth Mason, Mable Matthews, Leatrice Mims, Warren Mitchell, Lisa Murray, Blanche & Renard Parker, Thelma D. Rainey, Jessie Reese, Pearl Remo, Priscilla Robert, Harold Robinson, Deborah Scott, Ruth Scott, Paul & Willie Seals, Claire Sherrod, Tina Stevens, James Sweat, Jr., Lucille Taylor, Ada Tedford, Cindy Tregre, Russell & Sally Turner, Gerald Villavasso, Emanuel Walls III., Mr. & Mrs. Earl Watson, Sr., Claire Weidman, Dirliska Williams, Dwight Williams, Joseph Williams, Ruby Williams, Louisa Willis, and Adisyn Wil-

### **Weekly Collection Easter Sunday**

Envelopes: 3191.00 Loose: 766.00

Online Giving: 127.81

Holy Land: 344.00 Rice Bowl: 1576.52

Easter Flowers: 7.00

SVDP: 585.00

Mass Intentions: 90.00

Total: \$ 6687.33

Dr. Anthony Miller

2023 St. Louis Medallion Recipient

The Order of St. Louis Awards Ceremony will take place at 2:30 PM on May 7, 2023, at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 105 Bonnabel Blvd., Metairie. 240 people will be presented with medallions for outstanding service to their parishes and the Archdiocese.

Please join us in celebrating Fr. Bart's 50th Birthday in Trinity Hall, immediately following 10 am Mass. All are invited.

### Parish Events

Parish Council Meeting *April 23rd after 10 am Mass* 

**KPCLA** Court 21 Meeting May 7th after 10 am Mass

KPCLA Court 59 Meeting May 7th after 10 am Mass

> Mother's Day May 14th

Ascension of the Lord May 21st

Pentecost Sunday May 28th

### **Archdiocesan Events**

The Archdiocese of New Orleans will celebrate the annual Mass for Vocations on Sunday, April 23, 2023, at 11:00 AM at St. Louis Cathedral. All priests, sisters, brothers, deacons, and people of the Archdio cese are cordially invited to attend.

A White Mass for healthcare professionals will take place at 11:00 AM on Sunday, May 7, 2023 at St. Louis Cathedral.

#### **Prayer Corner**

### **Our Family Prayer**

Loving and faithful God, through the years the people of our archdiocese have appreciated the prayers and love of Our Lady of Prompt Succor in times of war, disaster, epidemic and illness. We come to you, Father, with Mary our Mother, and ask you to help us in the battle of today against violence, murder and racism. We implore you to give us your wisdom that we may build a community founded on the values of Jesus, which gives respect to the life and dignity of all people. Bless parents that they may form their children in faith. Bless and protect our youth that they may be peacemakers of our time. Give consolation to those who have lost loved ones through violence. Hear our prayer and give us the perseverance to be a voice for life and human dignity in our community. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. Mother Henriette De-Lille, pray for us that we may be a holy

family. St. Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls.

Amen

# Dailu Readinas

Day	1st Reading	Response	2nd Reading	Gospel
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