

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

Bicentennial Year 1819-2019

Christ the King Mission

SECOND SUNDAY OF
Easter
(OR SUNDAY OF
DIVINE MERCY)

JESUS CAME AND STOOD
IN THEIR MIDST
AND SAID TO THEM,
"PEACE BE WITH YOU."
John 20:19

April 19, 2020



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Saturday: St. Charles Church: Reconciliation 3-4 PM

Vigil Mass No Mass

Sunday: St. Charles Church - No Masses

Christ the King Mission in Bellevue: No Mass

Weekdays: St. Charles Church—No Masses

Sacrament of Baptism: Parents or guardians of infants or children to be baptized should call the church and schedule a meeting with a priest or deacon at least one month prior to baptism date. Instruction class is on the first Sunday of the month. Baptisms are celebrated on the following Saturday.

Sacrament of Marriage: Call the church office at least six months prior to the anticipated date of the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick: Anytime during office hours. Call for an appointment.

Communion to the Sick: Please call the church office when someone is unable to attend Mass and wishes to receive Communion.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:00-4:00 PM and any time during office hours. Please call the office for an appointment.

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Divine Mercy Sunday

April 19, 2020

*Blessed are those who have not
seen and have believed.*

We are a Sacrificial Giving Parish, Giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure.
Offertory contributions for April 5th-8th or St. Charles Borromeo was \$3,385.00
Contributions for the Building Fund was \$200.00.



**Bulletin Sponsor: In Loving Memory of Russell Stelly
By: Delores & Family**

ALL MASSES ARE CANCELLED
UNTIL MAY 1ST. ALL CHURCH
ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS ARE
CANCELLED. PLEASE VIEW THE
CHURCH WEBSITE AT
ST-CHARLES-BORROMEO.ORG
FOR UPDATES AND FURTHER
INFORMATION.



**Divine Mercy Holy Hour
will be livestreamed from
St. Charles Church, Sunday
April 19th, 3:00-4:00 PM**

Holy Hour will be Live Streamed
on our **YouTube Channel**. Please
see website for further details.

Confessions will be offered on Divine Mercy
Sunday from 4:00-5:00 PM in the Church. Enter
through the North Transept (Handicap Ramp)
Keep social distancing from each person. Only 10
people will be allowed in the church at all times.

During this time when we cannot receive
our Lord in the Eucharist, please consider
making a Spiritual Communion:

Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer:

*My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy
Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to re-
ceive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacra-
mentally, 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.*

Offertory Contributions are still needed
to maintain the ongoing needs of the parish. Please
send your contributions by *mail* to the **Church
Office, P O Drawer A, Grand Coteau, La.
70541** OR contributions can be made online.

Online Giving—St. Charles has set up an
online giving account for anyone wishing to
make offertory payments online. Please visit
our website@www.st-charles-borromeo.org.

Join us for Morning Prayer online at St.
Charles Borromeo:

Liturgy of the Hours each morning on
Monday-Friday, available live on our
YouTube channel beginning at 4:30 AM. It is
recorded for you to view at your convenience.

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 undi-
minished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heav-
en (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).

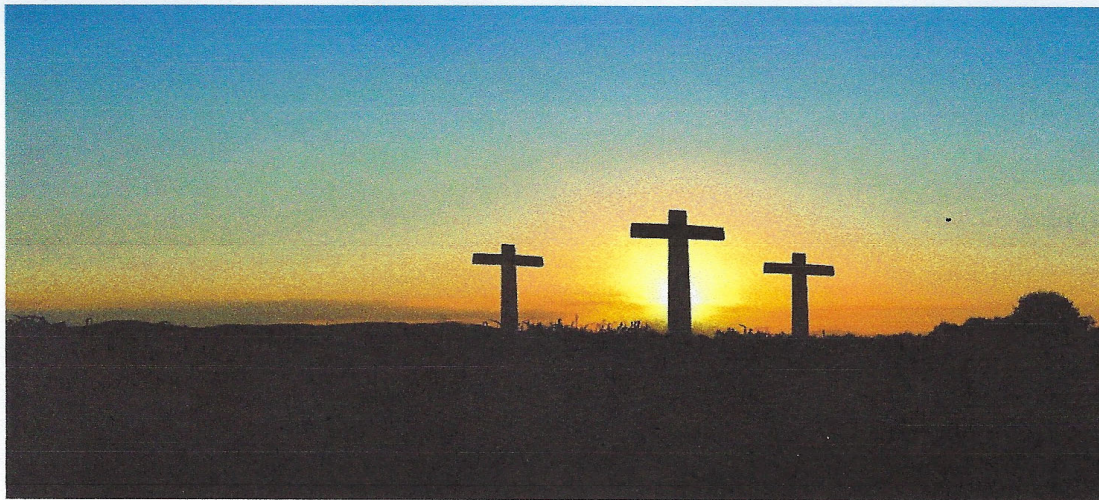
FIRE

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

Dancing for Joy!

*People say that the sun dances on
this day in joy for the risen Savior!*





This week, Holy Week, we enter into that most sacred time of the Church year. We walk with our Blessed Lord as He enters into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, institutes the Eucharist as the great gift to all of us and establishes the priesthood on Holy Thursday. In the Way of the Cross, we follow Him to Calvary where He suffers and dies as the pure victim for our redemption. Then on Easter Sunday we rejoice in His resurrection, His victory over sin and death and the promise of our own resurrection to everlasting life.

Although we are not able to be physically together during these Holy Days because of the importance of social distancing, I want to assure you that we are all united spiritually as a Church. Your dedicated priests in our Diocese continue to offer Masses daily for your intentions. Our belief as Catholics is that every time a single priest offers a single Mass, it is for the whole Church. We the faithful here on earth and the saints in heaven are in communion, offering perfect worship to God and receiving the graces we need.

Complying with efforts to mitigate this pandemic has meant great inconvenience, economic hardship and even loss of employment for many. I urge you not to give in to discouragement and despair. God will see us through this difficult time. This is our cross and our Catholic faith teaches us that it is through the cross that we follow Jesus in victory and resurrection. Saint John Paul II reminds us: "We are the Easter people and Hallelujah is our song."

I humbly ask you that you continue to Carry the Light of Faith in this year of St. Joseph. Joseph stepped forward in faith to answer God's call. Your parishes are stepping forward in faith as they continue their good works, trusting that you will support those efforts. As the cost of parish work continues, please give as best you can to your parish, either directly or through [GIVE 52](#) which can be found on the Diocesan website.

I will be offering Easter Sunday Mass at 10:30 a.m. online and through the courtesy of KLFY 10. All of you will be in my intentions. May God bless you and your family. With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Douglas Deshotel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.



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

BELIEVING IN THE RESURRECTION

The readings today describe how life was lived in communities formed not long after the death and resurrection of Jesus. Their focus is on communal life and the teachings of those who knew Jesus best, his apostles. The readings from First Peter and John both remind us that even among the apostles there is a tension between believing and seeing the reality of the resurrection. John tells of an apostle, Thomas, who refused to believe in the risen Christ until he had seen and touched his wounds. Jesus offers him the chance to do just that. Most of us are not in a position to demand such tangible proof from Jesus. But these stories are written so that we, who cannot see Jesus as his apostles did, can still come to believe and through that belief have life.

SEEING IS BELIEVING

In today's passage from Acts we read of an idealized version of what the first communities were like. People are devoted to the community, to teaching, breaking bread, and sacrifice. Many signs and wonders were done. First Peter offers a more realistic picture because time has passed and believers are still waiting. Faith is being tested by the passage of time and the suffering that is a part of life. In the Gospel, the disciples are consumed with recent events. That is all they can talk about. Poor Thomas misses the latest revelation, that is, the visit by the risen Jesus to the disciples in the locked room. He is angry and refuses to share in the excitement or even to believe it happened. So Jesus appears again, this time when Thomas is present. Jesus tells him to touch and feel the wounds so that Thomas can believe. Jesus then reminds Thomas and us that there is something more to believing than just the physical reality.

OR IS IT?

Too often we are more like Thomas than we might like to think. We are disturbed when we can't directly see or experience the results of our faith. We want some evidence for all the years of faith and struggle when there seems so little to show for our faith. The mistake that Thomas made and that we make is thinking that if we could just see some evidence that our faith makes a difference, then it would be easier to have faith. But it is not the evidence that makes faith possible. Thomas does not gain his faith because he puts his hands in Jesus' wounds. Thomas gains faith because Jesus comes back. Jesus comes back again and again and again. Jesus returns every time we ask for his presence in our life because Jesus never really leaves. Thomas had only to ask. We need only ask.

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 2:42–47

Psalm 118:2–4, 13–15, 22–24

1 Peter 1:3–9

John 20:19–31

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Minister Schedule to resume in May



God's Housekeepers

To be resumed May 1st



CONFESSIONS WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAYS, 3:00-4:00 PM. Please enter through the front doors, or the NORTH entrance, keeping social distance of **6 ft.** Confessions will take place in the Daily Mass Chapel and Penitent will remain **6 feet** away from the priest, either behind the screen or face to face. Penitent may pray in the church after confession.

Building Fund Envelopes are available on the table at the entrance of Church.



*Please continue to pray for peace around the world.
Pray for **all** world leaders and especially for our men and women in military service.*

View the Catholic Mass:

Daily at Noon and Sunday at 11 AM from St. John Cathedral, Lafayette, LA.
<https://video.ibm.com/channel/catholic-diocese-of-lafayette-la>

Bishop Barron's Daily Mass at 7:15 AM
<https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/St.Michael.the.Archangel,Shrewbury,MO> at 7:00 a.m.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4-yjOdZmvRtejiLZz36JcQ/live>

EWTN Daily Mass: Live at 7:00 AM

CHRIST HAS RISEN!

Where is your sting, O death? Where is your victory, O hell? Christ has risen, and you are overthrown. Christ has risen, and the demons have fallen. Christ has risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ has risen, and life reigns. Christ has risen, and not one dead rests in the grave. For Christ having risen from the dead became the first-fruits of them that slept. To him be glory and majesty to ages of ages.
Amen.

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.

"Year of St. Joseph"

150 years ago, Pope Pius IX declared St. Joseph as the Universal Patron of the Church. In light of this anniversary, Bishop Deshotel has established a year of St. Joseph in the Diocese of Lafayette from March 19th of this year until March 19th of 2021. During this year, we as a diocese will meditate on St. Joseph's life, befriend him in prayer, and seek his protection. Be on the lookout for events celebrating this year in your parish, in one of the 13 Church parishes named for St. Joseph, and across the entire diocese.



A Pro-Life Baby Bottle Campaign

will be held to benefit our local pregnancy resource center, Desormeaux Foundation, and the operation for a new maternity home for homeless, pregnant women. Together, they will provide pregnancy testing, counseling, ultrasound imaging, STD and abstinence education, shelter, food and other services needed. **Baby Bottles are available in the church and may be returned when the Masses resume.**

