

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the  
Heart of Jesus as a Fountain of Mercy for us,

**I Trust In You!**



**DIVINE  
MERCY**

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)



### Scripture Readings for the Week of April 19, 2020

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Easter or Sunday of Divine Mercy</b> Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31
<b>Monday</b>	Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3:1-8
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b> Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
<b>Wednesday</b>	Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr</b> Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr</b> Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist</b> 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

**ALL WEEKDAY & WEEKEND  
MASSES, & NOVENA HAVE BEEN  
CANCELLED BY ARCHBISHOP  
GREGORY AYMOND DUE TO THE  
CORONAVIRUS**



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#### ST. ANTHONY

Will be reported at a later date

Please be reminded that St. Joseph Church is open daily from 8am-4pm. Drop by, light a candle, say a prayer, adore the Eucharistic Face of Jesus, walk the Stations, and lay your burdens down at the Cross.



### In Memoriam

Let us remember to pray for the repose of the souls of **Bernitha Avist and Henry Strohmeyer, Jr.** May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. *Amen.*



At the request of the Archbishop, the church bells will be rung daily at 6:00pm to offer prayer for protection from the coronavirus and to ask God's blessings on healthcare workers who serve us so well.

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## MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

### ST. JOSEPH

All mass intentions will be honored during  
private liturgies

**Saturday, April 18, 2020**

**4:00 p.m.** – Benny Randazzo, Jr., Roy, Marguerite & Kenney Ortolano, Leta & Sidney Phillips, James K. Gaudet, Letha & Al Ehret, Peter Taulli, Sr., Evelyn D. Taulli, Julian Taulli, William Taulli, Jr., Eola White, Doyce Hebert, Lynn O. Sawyer, All Souls, In Honor of St. Joseph & The Mother of God, Rosa Do & Joseph Dang, Patsy Grefer

**Sunday, April 19, 2020**

**7:30 a.m.** – For All Parishioners

**9:30 a.m.** – Cambre, Brunet, Fonseca & Boudreaux Families, Fr. Anthony White, Brad Theard, Marlin A. Leger, Sr., & Gladys Leger, Quentin J. McGuire, Wiley J. Beevers, Marie Lynn Reine, Josephine Pasateri Weigel, Willie Boudreaux, Jr., Horace & Vernell Soileau, E.J. & Beulah Cambre, Jackie Cambre, Adrian (Jay) Combe III, Poor Souls

**11:30 a.m.** – Elda & Jessie Larkin

**6:30 p.m.** – For the End of the Coronavirus

**Monday, April 20, 2020**

**12:10** – Sr. Mildred Cheramie, D.C., Elzie Shook & William Donahue, Sr.

**Tuesday, April 21, 2020**

**12:10** – Cheramie, Popovich, Inguagiato Families & George Saunders

**6:30 p.m.** – Michael Peltier

**Wednesday, April 22, 2020**

**12:10** – Anthony Lap Hoang

**Thursday, April 23, 2010**

**12:10** – Lucille Link

**Friday, April 24, 2020**

**12:10** – Edward C. Gerding, Jr.

### ST. ANTHONY

All mass intentions will be honored during  
private liturgies

**Saturday, April 18, 2020**

**5:00 p.m.** – Carol Vignes, Emelda Rachel, Marie & C.W. Cox, Lucille Kass Navarre

**Sunday, April 19, 2020**

**10:30 a.m.** – Nel Simon

**Monday, April 20, 2020**

**8:30 a.m.** – Larry Kass

**Tuesday, April 21, 2020**

**8:30 a.m.** – For Peace in the World

**Wednesday, April 22, 2020**

**8:30 a.m.** – Celeste LeSassier

**Thursday, April 23, 2020**

**8:30 a.m.** – For All Parishioners

**Friday, April 24, 2020**

**8:30 a.m.** – For All Victims of the Coronavirus

**Saturday, April 25, 2020**

**8:30 a.m.** – For All Deceased Parishioners

**5:00 p.m.** – Nel Simon, Carol Vignes, Emelda Rachel

**Sunday, April 26, 2020**

**10:30 a.m.** – For the End of the Coronavirus

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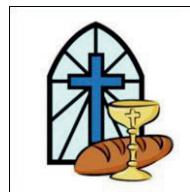
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Since you will not be able to receive the Holy Eucharist in person, consider this special prayer, an Act of Spiritual Communion:

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*



## Drive-Thru Communion

Several parishes have asked about drive-thru communion. We presented the proposal to the Louisiana Department of Health and to the Governor's Office. The question has been studied and the response is that drive-thru communion violates the social distancing guidelines as well as the possibility of sharing the virus with the person giving or receiving communion. Unfortunately, we must ask people to pray a spiritual communion at this time (see above).

*Archdiocese of New Orleans*

Please remember we are always in need of volunteers for our church ministries, such as:



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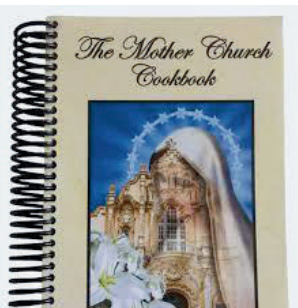
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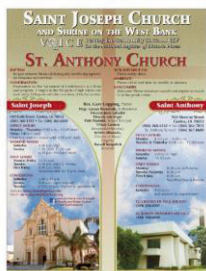
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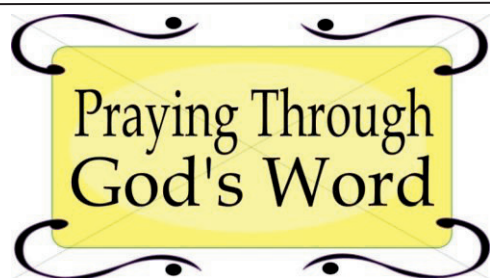
**Remember to Support Your Parish When You Are Not Able to Attend**

Vice President Mike Pence encourages people of all faiths to support their places of worship during this time when public assembly is discouraged. Your offertory helps to keep your Church open and to continue vital ministry and prayers for the community.

**Dear Parishioner,**

With so much uncertainty regarding the COVID-19 virus and increasing recommendations to avoid crowds and take proper safety precautions, we wanted to remind you that we have options in place now that you can use today. This option is an ideal way to support the parish and our mission should you elect to stay home and worship. Online Giving is available for you to make contributions to the church. This option makes use of current technology and security standards and allows you to easily setup recurring contributions. It also enables our church to take advantage of new tools to become more efficient. Online Giving Parishioner Benefits Secure and confidential. No need to share payment information with the church office. **Efficient.** Set up direct withdrawals from your checking, savings account or a credit card. **Simple.** Start, stop and change your contributions at any time. **Convenient.** No need to write a check or have cash available. **Remote flexibility.** You can give from virtually anywhere anytime. Online Giving is intended to be a convenient tool for you to use, and we strongly support both Online Giving and Offering Envelopes for contributions to the parish. Online Giving is the electronic way to participate in weekly offertory. **Start giving online today!**

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  2. Create an account.
  3. Schedule your recurring gifts.
- Please prayerfully consider giving online. If you have any questions, contact the church office.



## Prayer of Surrender to God During This Time of Covid-19 Pandemic

Let us pray.

Loving and faithful God, the coronavirus reminds us that we have no power and we are dependent on you. We place ourselves in your loving hands. Give eternal rest to all who have died from the virus. Place your healing hand on those who are ill and give your protection to us in this time of fear and uncertainty. Calm our fears and help us to trust you as our faithful God. Enlighten our government and Church leaders as they are faced with important decisions. Give blessing to those in health care and protect them. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. Blessed Francis Seelos, pray for us. (His life was taken while caring for the sick in the yellow fever epidemic.)

*Archbishop Gregory Aymond*

## Keeping the Parish and Parishioners in Prayer

Daily I celebrate a Mass at St Joseph for the parishioners in St Joseph and St Anthony Parish. I long for the day when we will be rejoined again at the Altar of The Lord. During this time of Pandemic, please remember to pray and to trust in God. We will make it through this time with the Grace of God and our cooperation in God's plans for us. May God bless us all during this turbulent time and bring us safely back together.

St Joseph, pray for us.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us.

++++ *Fr. Gary*

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