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MASS SCHEDULE

Sat. Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.
7:30 p.m.
Mon.-Fri.: 7:00, 8:30 a.m.
Saturday: 8:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00-3:45 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30-9:15 a.m. &
6:45-7:15 p.m.



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HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS

Holy Communion will be brought to the home. Please call the church office when someone is ill and unable to come to church, or when someone is in a hospital. Prayers may be requested for the sick and elderly.

Sign up to make a recurring automatic donation by going to StRitaHarahan.com where you will find a link to our Online Giving page or make a one time donation



ADORATION CHAPEL

Our St. Joseph Perpetual Adoration Chapel is located on the first floor of the Msgr. Champagne Complex on the corner of Jefferson Hwy. and Ravan Ave. and is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. (For everyone's safety, only assigned adorers are allowed entry with a key code between the hours of 6:00 pm and 7:00 am) Prayerfully consider spending an hour a week with Our Divine Lord. If you cannot commit to a specific hour, why not consider being a substitute? If you are interested, please contact the church office at 737-2915.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The sacrament is administered upon request to those near death, gravely ill, permanently handicapped, very elderly and those undergoing major surgery.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

3rd Sunday of each month following the 11:30 a.m. Mass.

BAPTISM SEMINAR

Parents and Godparents are required to attend a baptism seminar held at 7:00 p.m. every month in the Mary Room at the rectory. Parents must attend the baptism seminar before their child can be baptized.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

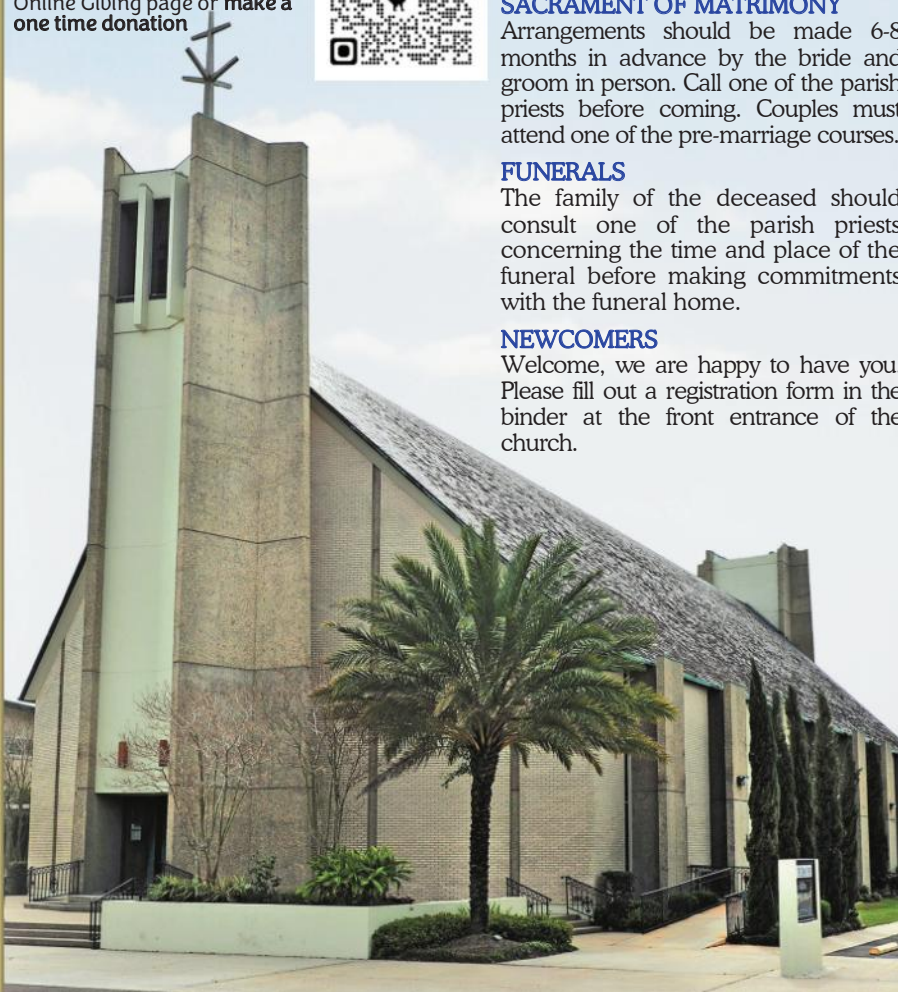
Arrangements should be made 6-8 months in advance by the bride and groom in person. Call one of the parish priests before coming. Couples must attend one of the pre-marriage courses.

FUNERALS

The family of the deceased should consult one of the parish priests concerning the time and place of the funeral before making commitments with the funeral home.

NEWCOMERS

Welcome, we are happy to have you. Please fill out a registration form in the binder at the front entrance of the church.



St. Rita Harahan, Louisiana

Sunday May 4, 2025



Mass Intentions

Sat. May 3, 4:00 pm Deborah Mula

Janet R. Held	Claire & Stanley Robert
Peter Vallelungo	Gary Boihem
Terry Power	J. Gayle Calongne
Barbara Brehm Calongne	Julie Ann Calongne
Geraldine C. Feugas	Dorothy V. Calongne
Robert Snell	Billy Yochum
Charles J. Becnel	Greg Poteet
Chris Martin—healing	Melissa Korn—intentions
Steudlein & Lemoine Family	Herman Abry

Sun. May 4, 7:30 am Burke, Laudén, Marulllo, Meyer Families

9:30 am Bob & Betty Eble

Monica Flick	Keith Matherne
David Chapman	Ignatia “Sugar” Christiana
Lawrence J. Cristina, Sr.	Maria Lieu Bui
Thomas Carter	Alvin Castay Sr.—Healing
Dayna Foreman—Healing	Timothy Power—Healing
Paul Wang, Sr.	Evelyn Hull
John Illg	In Thanksgiving for answered prayers
James Becnel	The Biehl Family
Peggy Trainor	Billie Roman

11:30 am Fr. David Frank

7:30 pm Parishioners

Mon. May 5, 7:00 am Joseph Mai Bui

8:30 am Evans Daunis

Tues. May 6, 7:00am Robert Snell

8:30 am Rose K. Pitfield

Wed. May 7, 7:00 am Joseph Liem Vu

8:30 am Billy Yochum

Thurs. May 8, 7:00 am Robert Snell

8:30 am Tommy O’Neill –intentions

Fri May 9, 7:00 am Ignatia “Sugar” Christiana

8:30 am Billy Yochum

Sat. May 10, 8:30 am Deborah Barrette –intentions

Scripture Readings For the Week of May 4, 2025

Sunday	Third Sunday of Easter Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 or Jn 21:1-14
Monday	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday	Acts 7:51-8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday	Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rev 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30



Billie Roman

Herman Abry

Glenda Evans

Weekly Collection Totals

Apr. 20
\$12,296.00

Apr. 27
\$11,874.00

Weekly Parish Expenses

\$14,945.60

These Figures exclude extraordinary income & expenses

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Third Sunday of Easter

Church office Hours : 9:00 am—4:00 pm
Lunch 12:00 pm— 12:30 pm

THE WEEK
AHEAD

Sun. May 4	9:30 am Children's Mass 10:30 CCD 10:30 am Coffee Social 10:30 am May Crowning 11:30 am Procession & Blessing of the Grounds
Mon. May 5	
Tues. May 6	8:30 am School Mass Pk-7 10:00 am Sewing Ministry 6:00 pm St. Vincent 7:15 pm Search Class
Wed. May 7	7:00 pm Choir Practice 6:30 pm HSA Board Meeting
Thur. May 8	
Fri. May 9	10:00 am Legion of Mary 7:00 pm Dads' club meeting
Sat. May 10	

Pray for Them

John, Earl Deibel, Mary Ann Schmitt, Catherine Kives, Doris Portera, Fr. Randy Roux, Dc. Nolen LeBlanc, Pat Trahan, Dale Fishel, Jo Maraist, Mark Crawford, Gloria Krieger, Edwyna Combe, Letty Loomas, Harold Bartchy, Deacon Gary Borne, Bobbie Ann Bergeron, Suzanne Unger, Cynthia B. Farrara, Dora Higgins, Amanda Livaudais, Mr. Tim Smith Sr. & Family, Mr. Tim Smith Jr. & Family, Henry S. Tuminello, Joyce Benoit, Alvin M. Castay, Sr., Leslie and Al Mendoza, Louise Chapman, Tim Walker, Nellie Barsoza, Francis Parks, Joel Stansbury, Yvonne Rousset, Donald Geier, Dan Peeler, Rebecca Wahl, Paige Brock, Janet Wild, Fred Grilletta, Louella Lange, Theresa Arroyo, Philip Godbold, The Picou Family, Melissa Korn, Marilyn Pankratz, Stephen Parks, Frances Kemp, George & Greg Fay, Eric Roussele, Steve Culotta, Joe Miceli, Sylvia Belile, Ronald Waguespack, Mary Giovenco, Robert Kemp, Danny & Emily Barre, Linda Bauer, Carl Dolly, Esther Coy, Patrick Lonergan, Charlotte Thibodeaux, Sandra LeBlanc, Glenda Melton, Sergio Morris, Dianne Smith, Jean Dietzway, Diana Parks Sean Nettles Sr., Geri Gelpi, Patricia Touro, Otis Guichet, Jr., Ronald & Kathy Livaudais, Judith Cavalier

Name will remain on the list for 6 weeks. If at the end of 6 weeks you wish for them to remain on the sick list for 6 more weeks you must call the office. This request must be made by the individual or an immediate family member.

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St. Rita of Cascia Parish

75th Anniversary Celebration Events

~ COFFEE TALK SERIES ~
 Education & conversation about various areas of our faith

Sunday, March 30
 10:45 am @ Rectory
 Topic: St. Patrick - Apostle of Ireland

Sunday, May 18
 10:45 am, Location TBA
 Topic: St. Rita - Daughter, Wife, Mother, Widow, Saint

Sunday, June 8
 Topic & location TBA

~ PROCESSION & BLESSING OF THE GROUNDS ~
 Sunday, May 4, 12:30 pm

~ NIGHT OF MUSIC & REFLECTION ~
 Thursday, May 22, 6:30 pm, St. Rita Church

~ LOCAL SHRINE PILGRIMAGE ~
 A day of community with fellow parishioners spent touring local shrines & learning the significance of their patron Saints
 July 2025

~ PARISH FAMILY DAY ~
 September 14

~ COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENT ~
 October 2025

~ PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY & MEDJUGORJE ~
 October 6-19
 Details: Mary @ (504) 512-4021 or mperricone54@gmail.com

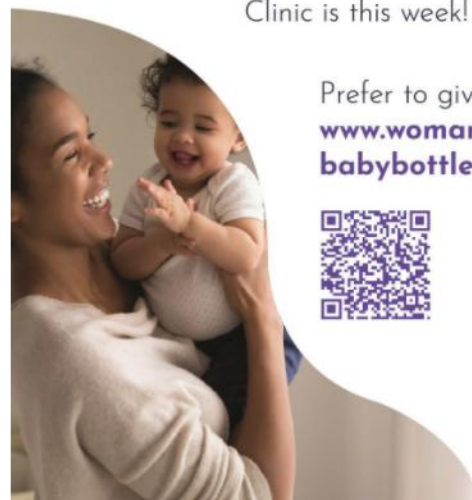
~ ROCK & BOWL ADULT EVENT ~
 Saturday, November 15

May 10th
and 11th



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Third Sunday of Easter TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Gospel today sees Peter and his colleagues after the Resurrection, returning to Galilee and resuming the family business. They are fishing by night. Although it is true that fish feed by night, the mention of darkness here is more about the human spirit than it is about fishing advice. Modern life keeps darkness effectively under control; much of the world has been glowing radiantly through the night for a century. Yet just as surely as the Risen Christ breaks into Peter's fishing, so does he break into the usual patterns of our own darkness, electric lights notwithstanding. It is Easter, and we are the people of the light.

In our tradition, Evening Prayer, celebrated in monasteries, parishes, cathedrals, and homes everywhere, is a kind of solemn protest against the darkness and its claims, an act of praise for our light-bearing God, and a commitment to carrying that light forward. Sunset is a turning point of our day, felt less acutely in an electrified world, but still an effective reminder that one day darkness overtakes us all. Yet our Eastering has taught us in a hundred ways that the victory belongs to the Bearer of Light. Easter summons us to transform our everyday "blackouts," perhaps in a way as simple as a whispered prayer of thanks at evening for the blessings of the day.

—James Field

Baptisms in our parish



Third Sunday of Easter

In this Sunday's Gospel, the disciples in their struggle finally recognize Jesus and proclaim "It is the Lord!"



Have you considered answering the call to "help the poor recognize the Lord in their life" by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

Third Sunday of Easter "Smoting" or Non-"smoting"?

Some times I get angry at things that frustrate me. I'm driving home and traffic slows to a crawl. The electricity goes out while I'm watching a favorite show. So I have to struggle with the line in our first reading, where the disciples were "rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name" (Acts 5:41). They weren't just frustrated; they were flogged for believing in Jesus. And still they rejoiced.

Imagine rejoicing over pain and suffering. These disciples had seen Jesus on the cross. When he rose from the dead, they began to see that his suffering was not a tragic loss, but a sign of his glory. They loved him so much that they took to heart his command to take up the cross. And when they suffered because they believed in him, as is recounted in today's reading, they saw that as a way to imitate Jesus on the cross. Those who had followed him in life could also follow him to the cross—and many did that literally, by dying for their faith.

Most of us today rarely have the chance to die for our faith. We may wonder if we even have the courage it would take. Instead, we usually find ourselves suffering because we have done wrong. God does not use special interventions to smite sinners. Think of the times we were punished as a child. Think of the times we lost a friend because of a cruel remark. Think of the times we got a ticket for speeding. These are the result of our actions. These are sufferings that we would rather avoid.

Jesus, however, suffered for our sins when he was totally innocent. If he could do that, could we not accept suffering for our own sins when it comes? We may not be ready to rejoice in that suffering, but we can at least try to learn from it. If we behave differently because of it, if we can grow to be better persons, then that suffering can be our way of accepting the cross.

Of course, not all suffering is caused by the sins of the person suffering. The suffering of the innocent is a great mystery, a cause for sorrow and a challenge to help where we can. But like growing pains, all suffering is a step to new life in Christ. And that is what Easter is about.

Tom Schmidt

Third Sunday of Easter

St Rita / St. Charles Borromeo

ACTS Women's Retreat

The goals of the retreat are to allow an opportunity for each person to focus on their faith and its application during their daily lives, to build purpose in their prayer life, to increase their presence at the liturgy, and to cultivate friendship among members of the church community. A representative will be at all Masses this weekend. **Registration forms will be available**

July 10th—13th

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