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Holy Spirit

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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

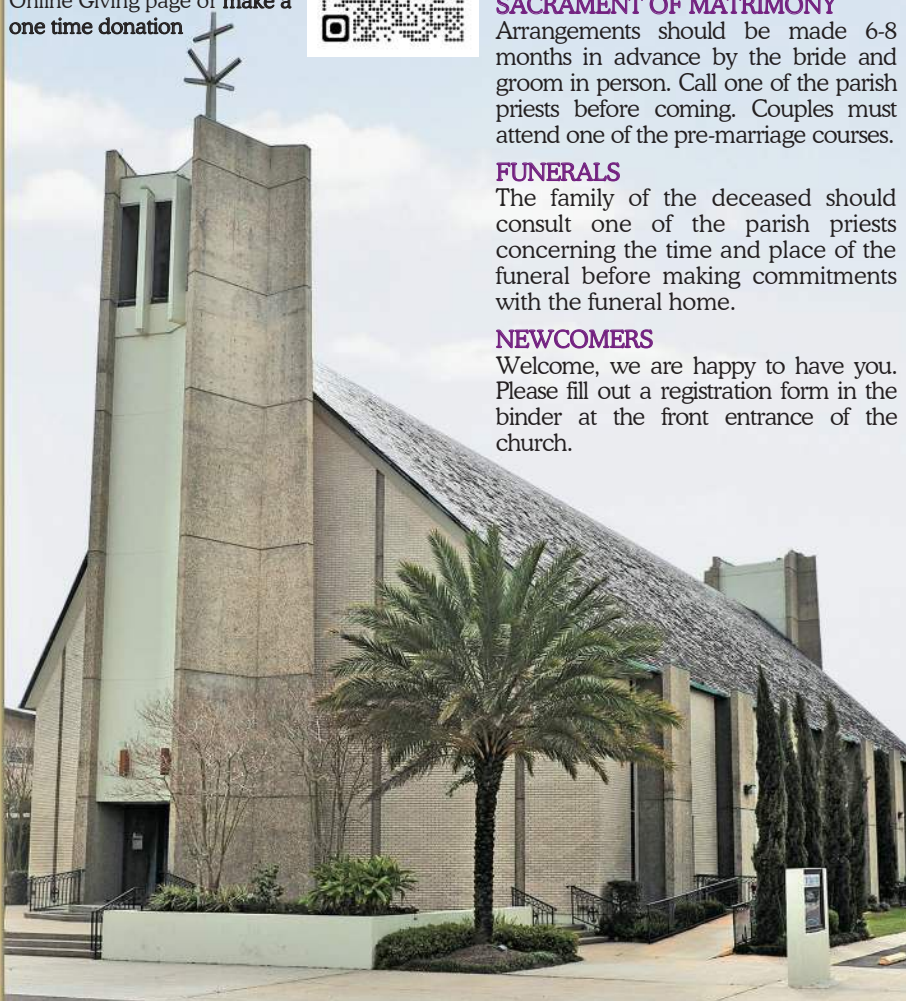
Arrangements should be made 6-8 months in advance by the bride and groom in person. Call one of the parish priests before coming. Couples must attend one of the pre-marriage courses.

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.



Second Sunday of Easter

**Sat. April 11, 4:00 pm** Billy Yochum

Jessica Kister	Dennis Estay
Peter Vallelungo	Deborah Mula
Gary Boihem	Ryan O'Leary - healing
Ed & Shirley Walsh	Darrell & Gerardine Hotard
Sharon Bywater Birmingham	Terry White
Rudi Lanehart	Gabriel Rea - healing
Otis Guichet, Jr.	Patti Dowie - healing
Emily Barre' - healing	Melissa Korn - intentions
Jimmie Lee Smith	Dale Dufrene
Paul Wang, Sr.	

Sun April 12, 7:30 am Dale St. John, Sr.**9:30 am** Ellen & David Chapman

Dale St. John, Sr.	Clarence Foti
Mary Gilligan	MaryLou & Joseph Falati
Thomas Meyer	Lawrence J. Cristina, Sr.
Darlene Farber - healing	Crystal Preskitt- healing
Alvin Castay Sr. - healing	Tami Newman
Louise Winford Blount	Peggy Hernandez- healing
Marion DeForest	Dave Lorenzo - healing
Enola Richard - healing	Albert Maury
Dale Guillot	Scott Davis- healing
David Laseigne - healing	Suzanne & John Unger Sr.
Deacon Nolen LeBlanc	Jan Tate
Pat Meyer - Intentions	

11:30 am Monica Flick**7:30 pm** Parishioners**Mon. April 13, 7:00 am** Holy Souls / FOSS**8:30 am** Thomas Meyer**Tues. April 14, 7:00am** Souls of Eaves / Johnson / Fruge Families**8:30 am** Randy Blaise**Wed. April 15, 7:00 am** Souls in Purgatory**8:30 am** Mr. Douglas Evans Daunis**Thurs. April 16, 7:00 am** Paul Jensen**8:30 am** Mary & James Giovenco**Fri. April 17, 7:00 am** Living / deceased members / Sacred Heart Apostolate**8:30 am** Thomas Meyer**Sat. April 18, 8:30 am** Patsy Henry
Scripture Readings
For the Week of April 12, 2026
Sunday**Sunday of Divine Mercy**

Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

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

Sunday**Third Sunday of Easter**

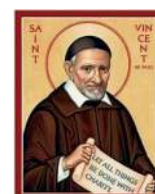
Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

**Sanctuary Lamp**

Monica Flick

Chapel Lamp

Giovenco Family

**Please support our parish St. Vincent DePaul ministry.**

Our team of volunteers is busy helping our neighbors in need here in Harahan.

In calendar year 2025, our volunteers managed 67 cases. Due to your generous donations, we were able to provide emergency assistance to 135 people, of whom 43 were children. Emergency assistance included aid for rent in 31 cases and for utilities in 25 cases, plus in-kind aid such as food, clothing, and furniture in 21 cases.

We also directed neighbors-in-need to resources such as our St. Rita food pantry, diaper banks, and the St. Vincent DePaul Adult Learning Center at 3500 Canal Street for help in seeking employment and/or completing a GED credential.

We rely on your kind contributions year-round to help our neighbors in need. You may place donations in the Poor Box on the back wall of church or make donations online at stritcharahan.com. Click on the Menu/Online Giving/Click Here to Give Online/use drop down "Fund" menu and select "St. Vincent de Paul."

If you're interested in volunteering with our St. Vincent DePaul ministry, please provide your contact information to the parish office. A SVDP member will follow up with you.

Thank You!!!

Second Sunday of Easter



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

Sun. April 12	10:45 am CCD 12:30 pm ACT'S reception 5:30 pm CYO
Mon. April 13	
Tues. April 14	6:00 pm St. Vincent 6:30 pm Women's ACTS Team meeting 7:00 pm Choir Practice
Wed. April 15	7:00 pm Confirmation Practice
Thur. April 16	8:30 am School Mass Pk-7 7:00 pm Confirmation and reception to follow
Fri. April 17	10:00 am Legion Of Mary 7:00 pm 75th Anniversary Party
Sat. April 18	

Weekly Collection Totals

Mar. 29
\$12,469.01

Apr. 5
TBA

Weekly Parish Expenses

\$14,945.60

These Figures exclude extraordinary income & expenses
Thank You for your continued contributions

Second Sunday of Easter:



In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you!" *During Mass we turn to each other and say, "Peace be with you!" As you put your gift into the St. Vincent de Paul box you say, "Peace be with you!" to those who are poor and hungry.*

Reflection of An Adorer

4/23/24 Easter Season

My dear daughter, I love you very much. My precious children, I am the resurrection and the Life. All who hear my voice shall have life within them. I am the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. All who walk in my light will be a great light in the world. I am the Good shepherd. All who hear my voice will be saved. All who follow me will not be lost. For my sheep know my voice, and I know my sheep. I will never lose those the Father has given me. My dear children come into my arms, for I long to embrace you. I have lifted you up with my divine love and mercy when I suffered and died on the cross. This gift is given to you freely from the Father, who is perfect love! My dear little ones, Come and be one with me in everything you do. This love will bring you out of the darkness and into my heavenly embrace. Go in peace. I love you!

Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Office of Marriage and Family Life is pleased to announce the annual Archdiocese of New Orleans Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held on Sunday, June 7, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, New Orleans. This prayer service will honor couples who are celebrating or have recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. The celebration is open to couples married in 1976 or before. (To register, please contact the parish office before Friday, April 17, 2026). Please Note: The Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration is a prayer service, not a Mass and will not fulfill the couple's Sunday obligation. Couples should plan to attend Mass at their home parishes.

Second Sunday of Easter

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*Home Enthronement to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
 and
 The Immaculate Heart of Mary*

**Loving
 Memory**

Dc. Nolen LeBlanc
 Sandra Broussard
 Dale Guillot

Pray for Them

John, Earl Deibel, Catherine Kives, Fr. Randy Roux, Pat Trahan, Mark Crawford, Gloria Krieger, Edwyna Combe, Letty Loomas, Harold Bartchy, Deacon Gary Borne, Bobbie Ann Bergeron, Dora Higgins, Amanda Livaudais, Mr. Tim Smith Sr. & Family, Mr. Tim Smith Jr. & Family, Henry S. Tuminello, Joyce Benoit, Alvin M. Castay, Sr., Louise Chapman, Tim Walker, Nellie Barsoza, Francis Parks, 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, Eric Rousselle, Mary Giovenco, Robert Kemp, Danny & Emily Barre, Linda Bauer, Patrick Lonergan, Charlotte Thibodeaux, Sandra LeBlanc, Glenda Melton, Sergio Morris, Dianne Smith, Jean Dietzway, Diana Parks Sean Nettles Sr., Kathy Livaudais, Rebeckah Bagby, Candace Cooper, Judy Arseneaux, Ann Canzoneri, Diana Smith, Michelle Onderdonk, Carl Dolly, Ellen Huynh, Yvonne Rousset, Barbara & Tommy Woods, Robert Vallejo, Gwen Chouest, Florence Stanton, Lisa Ryals, Esther Coy, Michael Whittaker

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.

Second Sunday of Easter or Sunday of Divine Mercy **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

One of the great Easter traditions is "mystagogy," an ancient word meaning "reflection on the mysteries." It is a style of catechesis, or passing on the faith. People who have shared an experience, in this case those who have been baptized at Easter, are urged to recall their experience, reflect on its meaning, and apply their insights to their new way of life.

There is an aspect of an experience that is simply not available until you've had it. For example, you may think you know weddings inside out; you've been to dozens, seen hundreds in the movies or on television, but until you've said "I do" to another, there is a certain knowledge unavailable to you. Those who go down into the waters of baptism as adults have similar experiences; they have all taken baths before, but not like this one! Mystagogy helps such persons to uncover the deep meaning of the experience, their sense of a new beginning, of God's abundant love, of forgiveness, of community.

It takes time for the power of the Easter Vigil to work its wonders for us. Those who are newly baptized are called "neophytes," meaning "newly planted." The tender buds of spring need care and nurturing, and our new brothers and sisters need your prayer and your faithful example.

—Rev. James Field

Second Sunday of Easter

**Second Sunday of Easter
X-treme Christians**

You may notice that Acts of the Apostles is the source of the first readings during the Easter season. This book describes how Christianity grew from a handful of disciples to a major religion. Today's reading about an ideal Christian community is meant to show ordinary believers how to be extraordinary, using three examples I call power, property, and prayer.

Power means the "signs and wonders" (Acts 2:43) performed by the disciples through the power of the Holy Spirit. This should be named last, because it takes a lot of faith to heal the sick. If you had the same faith as the apostles, you just might be able to cure the sick. Or you might study to become a doctor and cure them with medical skills. As long as you acknowledge that God gave you the brains and the talent to become a doctor, you are doing God's work.

By property, I mean sharing what you have with those in need. Many disciples were moved to sell their goods and share them with the poor, and word of that must have spread. If you are not called to sell all your goods and become a monk or a nun, you can still tithe to your church or the poor. You can donate time as well, perhaps tutoring disadvantaged kids, helping build or repair houses in poor areas, or bringing meals to shut-ins. The point is that followers of Christ are not just individual do-gooders. They are a community of believers who care about each other and also care about the non-believers who need help of any kind.

So where did these first disciples get the faith to cure the sick and the love to help the needy? The answer is the third example—prayer. Twice in the first reading we hear how "they devoted themselves . . . to the breaking of the bread" (Acts 2:42, 46). Breaking bread was their name for the Eucharist. They also went to the temple to pray, because at that time most disciples were Jewish Christians. As they heard the Hebrew scriptures, they saw how God's promises were fulfilled in Christ. Later, they added reading from the letters of Paul and preaching about Jesus' works and teachings. All of these practices helped unite them to Christ and to each other.

Tom Schmidt



High Schoolers, come join us for the following events !

Attention, High Schoolers! Join us for the following events:

April 12 **CYO Night** 5:30-7pm in the Community Room. Join us for sports night in the gym!

April 16 Congratulations to our Confirmands! *No Holy Hour & Social due to Confirmation Mass*

April 26 **CYO Night** 5:30-7pm in the Community Room

Did you know we have a wonderful community of adults helping with CYO? If you are interested in volunteering, please email Katie Almon at kalmon@arch-no.org



Save the Dates!
VBS for Grades 4-7

Camp Quest

3-days of fun exploring the Catholic themes in J.R.R. Tolkien's book, The Hobbit.

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