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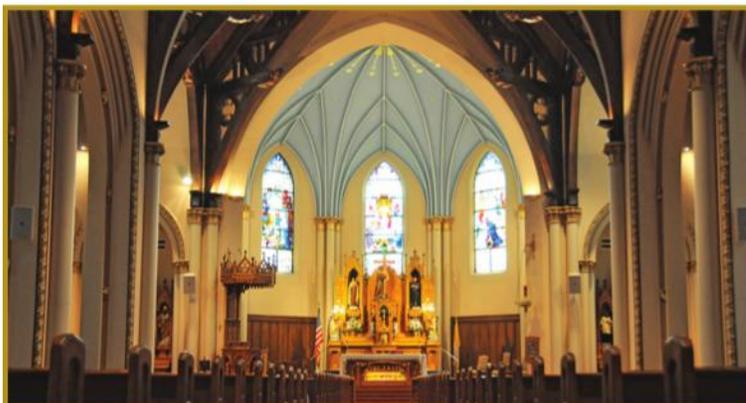
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PARISH PRAYER

Loving Father, You gather us together as a Roman Catholic family, to thank and praise You in shared faith and lived love.

May we be drawn more completely into the life of Your Holy Spirit and hear Your personal call for each of us, helping us to reveal Your presence in this world. Inspired by Your love and moved by the example of our patron, St. Francis, let us be instruments of peace, to sow love where there is hatred, pardon where injury, faith where doubt, hope where despair, light where darkness, joy where sadness. Knowing that it is only in giving that we receive, in pardoning that we are pardoned, in dying that we are born to eternal life, we make this prayer through Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are a welcoming Christian community in New Orleans that is centered in the Eucharist. We are committed to the teachings of Jesus Christ, the traditions of the Roman Catholic Church and the dignity of human life. We are a family that strives to learn and share our faith by living the Beatitudes and by reconciling ourselves with God and one another.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Very Rev. Michael J. Schneller, V.F.
Director of Religious Education - Christi Schott
Director of Family Life Ministries - Melisa Rey
Facilities Manager - Matthew Landry
Administrative Assistant - Teresa Miller
Director of Music/Organist - Thomas D. Wright
Cantors - Julia Ernst, Jayne Edwards, Johnny Tolentino
Sacristan - Paul Vetter

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil	4:00 p.m.
Sunday	9:30 & 11:30 a.m.
Holy Days	To Be Announced
Monday	8:30 a.m.
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday-Friday	8:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday	3:00 to 3:45 p.m.
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.

At other times by appointment

NOVENA

In honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help on Tuesday following the 6:00 p.m. Mass.

ADORATION

Friday 9:00-10:00 am - In the Church

ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS

Second Thursday of the Month at 6:00 p.m.
In the Parish Center

INFANT BAPTISMS

Celebrated on the 4th Sunday of each month after the 11:30 a.m. Mass excluding the season of Lent. First time parents and godparents are expected to participate in a Baptism preparation seminar which may take place during pregnancy. Please contact the Parish Center for more information.

MARRIAGE ARRANGEMENTS

The policy of the Archdiocese requires a minimum six-month preparation period for marriage, during which the couple meets with the priest or deacon and participates in the Archdiocesan marriage preparation program. Engaged couples should telephone the Parish Center no less than six months prior to the anticipated date of marriage for an appointment with the priest or deacon.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

The parish priest is to be contacted before the family makes any arrangements with the funeral director. Family members are also asked to meet with the priest to prepare for the Funeral liturgy.

Uptown Canticle by Father Michael

The movie *Jeff Who Lives At Home* was written and directed by two local brothers Mark and Jay Duplass. They are graduates of Jesuit High School. Many of the scenes were filmed in Metairie.

Jeff, played by Jason Segel, is a 30-year-old who lives in his mother's basement. His mother is played by actress Susan Sarandon. Jeff is looking for and following signs throughout the movie. Early on in the movie Jeff tells his older brother Pat, Ed Helms, that everything happens for a reason. Are you like Jeff a person who looks for signs and believes that everything happens for a reason?

I suspect that few of us actually believe in radical coincidence. Many of us take the connection of signs and events in our lives as simply apparent. If we're looking for direction about a particular course of action, we're more susceptible to read "signs" into things. If we're distressed about our particular state of things, we turn to the past to figure out how we turned out the way we are. This tendency to see a connecting and even directing reason between events is so deep that we might call it a basic ingredient of what it means to be human.

The problem with looking for signs and narrating our lives as stories, however unavoidable that inclination may be, is that there's no source of verification other than ourselves! I may think this or that is a sign, but I'm the one who's created it precisely as a sign. And of course, I'm the one interpreting the sign to mean this and not that. I may be able to render a coherent account of my life, but as long as I'm the one telling the story, I'm also the one crafting the meaning.

On this Second Sunday of Easter or Sunday of Divine Mercy, God brings us into a rather different set of signs: the signs and story of his glorious truth. The scriptures of the Octave of Easter present the signs and events that are God's blueprint for our lives. Look at Thomas in today's gospel. Why wasn't he with the rest of the apostles when the Risen Lord made his appearance? Because of his absence he too asks for a sign. Unless I see the marks of the nails and put my finger into the nail marks and my hand into his side, I will not believe. Thomas simply wants the same evidence the other apostles experienced.

The apostle Thomas might be considered the patron saint of what Franciscan Father Richard Rohr calls the "second half" of our spiritual lives. The "first half" is learning and developing a language for articulating our faith and establishing a spiritual identity in belonging to a church. The second half of our spiritual lives happens when we struggle to make sense of our lives that have been turned upside down by crisis or catastrophe. You enter the "second half" of your spiritual life when a crisis comes: an unexpected illness or death throws you, you get divorced, or you get fired.

After that crisis, you enter the "second half" of the spiritual life, one in which you hear a "deeper voice" of God. That voice calls you to compassion, forgiveness, risk, surrender and sacrifice. You now hear God not just in the rituals and creeds of your church. You hear God in the deepest part of your heart.

Thomas feels that the faith he learned from and embraced in Jesus has been betrayed in Jesus crucifixion. But, in his resurrection, Jesus offers Thomas reason to hope, a base line for belief, and a prism for looking at the world with gratitude for what has been and what will be. Faith, in the "second half" of our lives, is the ability to hope that we can transform and remake, recreate and re-focus our lives in the love of God and the life of the Risen Christ. Let us put to rest all the signs we seek and all the stories we tell. The two great sacraments of our Easter celebration, Baptism and Eucharist are given to us to be the signs and stories of our lives. And that is what faith is all about and not scientifically demonstrated proof.

If you are looking for signs, join us at our Parish Easter Mission. Father George Knab, OMI will conduct a renewal program, *Simply Live! – True Religion for the 21st Century*. Today's bulletin outlines the schedule for the three days and the theme he will preach about each day.



The Parish Easter Mission Is Now!!!



We welcome Fr. George Knab, O.M.I., a Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate from Belleville, Illinois who is preaching at all masses this weekend to urge us to be renewed in the life of Christ by participating in our Parish Mission that begins Sunday.

All Services take place in church unless otherwise noted.

Sunday, April 11th ^{*} - 3:00 pm Service - BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

**Monday, April 12th - 8:30 am Mass, refreshments & short talk:
The Greatest Commandment**

Monday, April 12th 6:30 pm Service - BEFRIENDING OUR GRIEF

**Tuesday, April 13th - 8:30 am Mass, refreshments, & short talk:
The Second Great Commandment**

**Tuesday, April 13th - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Reconciliation
available each hour on the hour, in Parish Center Chapel.**

Tuesday, April 13th—6:30 pm Service - HEALING ONE AND ALL

Simply Live!

True Religion for the 21st Century

CHURCH SUPPORT

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APRIL 3-4, 2021

Envelopes	\$3,778.00
Loose	\$3,540.00
E-Giving	\$2,347.00
TOTAL	\$9,665.00

Special Collections

Holy Thursday	\$1,031.00
Holy Land	\$884.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED
GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT

Projects at St. Francis

The Pastoral and Finance Councils approved the following projects for the church and rectory at their March meetings. Associated Waterproofing just completed waterproofing the interior of the church bell tower. The project cost a total of \$5,300.00. Guillory Sheet metal replaced the 23-year-old second floor rectory heating and cooling system which had been leaking refrigerant 22 which is no longer manufactured. The cost was \$7,540.00. At Guillory's recommendation we accepted their proposal to replace the package unit on the roof of the church sacristy due to a failed heat exchanger. This 21-year-old unit also used refrigerant 22. The total cost for this project was \$15,600.00.



A Stewardship Moment

When the risen Christ encounters his disciples in the locked room he adds a new Beatitude to the ones we've heard proclaimed before: Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed. Stewards of the mysteries of God's love do not need proof of the risen Christ. They know it because their lives have been transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit who has breathed new life into them. As stewards of this great gift it is appropriate to reflect on how we in turn add new life into our parish communities.



Church Sanctuary Lamp
Our Church Sanctuary Lamp burns
this week in memory of
Lucille Mire McCann



Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, April 10 - Nancy Clare McCann, Henry Schorr, Margaret “Butsy” Ross, Julia Pansano, Billy Hock, Gregory Juan, Carmencita Camaya, Shane Isemann Meyers, Michael Rapier

SUNDAY, April 11 - 9:30am - Betsie Melancon, Anna Baehr, Sidney F. Lewis, IV, Jim Stanifer

11:30am - Parishioners

MONDAY, April 12 - John Gatzke

TUESDAY, April 13 - Billy Hock

WEDNESDAY, April 14 - Marion & Freida Morris

THURSDAY, April 15 - All Souls Book of Remembrance

FRIDAY, April 16 - Phil & Esther Miller

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

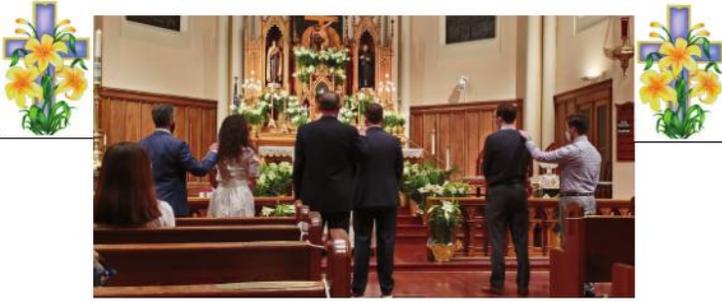
April 11th - April 17th

Sunday	Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; 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

Prayer Intentions

Please remember the following parishioners and friends in your prayers: Jerry Abdo, Anne Atkinson, Ann Babington, Barbara Barrosse, Glenn Becnel, Simone M. Becnel, Walker Beery, Christopher Brewster, Ben Capshaw, Antoinette Clark, Marvette Clark, Cathy Dermady, Guella Dragon, Rosita Duplantier, Mildred Flynn, James Ira Ford, Jr., Evelyn Francioni, Cynthia Gilmore, Tamberly Gray, Ryan Hartley, Sherry Heller, Pat Jones, Leona Labat, Meredith Landry, William Robert Little, Robert Maddox, Cheryl Ann McDonald, Craig Melancon, Darnell Menasco, Lynn Middleton, Jeff Mitchener, John “Junior” Morreale, Joy Morton, Earl Pansano, Johnny Parker, Angelle Pecoraro, Paige Peterson, Melissa Phelps, Steven Philburn, Nedine Rende, Betty Richburg, Nell Ricker, Fred Riggle, Patricia Riggle, Justin Roy, Emma Ryan, Robert Schwab, Ainsley Saleun, Antoine Saleun, Louis Scott, Sr., Samantha Smith, Harriet Suarez, Sara Surgi, Deacon Wil Toups, Nancy Williams, Residents of Hainkel, Covenant & Poydras Homes & Lambeth House.

O heavenly Father, You sent Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to heal every infirmity and to deliver us from death. We pray that You heal Your servants from our parish family, friends, and relatives of every spiritual and bodily ill which afflicts them. Amen.



**Congratulations to Clark McMillan,
Taylor Simon, and Sarah Talbot**

who made a profession of faith and received the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, April 3. Please continue to keep St. Francis' newest Catholics in your prayers.



Faith and Marriage

an Apostolate of the Willwoods Community

Married Couples Retreat

Growing Together in Faith & Love

May 1st - 2nd

Would you like to break away and spend quality time enriching your marriage?

Then join us on one of our upcoming couples retreats at the beautiful St Joseph Abbey's Retreat Center in Covington, La.



- "Outstanding"*
- "So glad we came"*
- "Great retreat"*
- "Invigorated our marriage"*
- "Can't wait to come again"*
- "This was so wonderful for us!"*
- "Beautiful weekend"*
- "Every married couple needs to experience this together"*

FaithandMarriage.org



VBS 2021

July 26 - 30

9:00am - 12:00pm daily

Registration is now open! Vacation Bible School is open to all children entering K-5th grade.

Adult and teen volunteers (16+) are needed. Registration forms are available online at <https://stfrancisuptown.com/religious-education> or on the parish Facebook page.

For more information, contact Christi Schott
227-3765 or cschott@stfrancisuptown.com



**YEAR of the
EUCHARIST
& ST. JOSEPH**
ARCHDIOCESE of NEW ORLEANS



"Angels Unawares"

On Saturday, April 10, at 11 am, Archbishop Aymond will celebrate a prayer service to officially welcome the "Angels Unawares" statue to New Orleans. The 3-ton, 20 foot bronze statue will be on display and open to the public to visit on the grounds of Notre Dame Seminary through May 21. "Angels Unawares" depicts centuries of migrants leaving their homelands for a better and safer life for their families, and embodies Hebrews 13:2, "Do not neglect to show

hospitality to strangers for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." The public is welcome to visit the statue on the front yard of Notre Dame Seminary.

The Sculptor Timothy P. Schmalz also created the statue of the Holy Family in the garden outside the front side entrance to our church.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



That Our Joy Might Be Complete

O God,
from the beginning you prepared us,
making us in your image,
sharing with us every good gift,
revealing yourself to us over the ages,
until in the incarnation, you broke
into history
in a new way, doing a new thing.
You give us your life.

Help us to honor that gift,
that we might use the life we have been
given to serve
and be willing to lay it down with the hope
that we might rise like Jesus,
and that our joy might be complete.
We ask this through Christ Our Lord.
Amen.

April 11, 2021
Our Joy Overflows

Today's readings: Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31. When Jesus appears in a locked room and says, "Peace be with you," the apostles rejoice that their Lord is present. Jesus then breathes on them, giving them the Spirit, and commissions them. Their joy in the Resurrection is not theirs alone.

The new life that comes from God, the new life where there was only death, changes the Twelve. Acts tells us that, in the early Church, the needs of all were met. The Christian community was part of the inauguration of the kingdom of justice and peace, and a sign of the kingdom. Therefore in their community, the demands of justice were recognized.

Our Easter joy should bubble up within us and be poured out. The joy should inspire us toward service and self-sacrifice in imitation of Jesus. Whose needs in your community are going unmet? Bring an Easter basket to a homebound member of your parish, and sit and visit for an hour. Pick up a package of diapers on your next trip to the store, and drop them at a center that serves families or women in crisis pregnancies. Volunteer to serve at a soup kitchen, and be present as you smile and greet the guests. Call a person who seems lonely, and set up a time to talk. When you find a need and meet it, others peer through a window into the coming kingdom.



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, April 12

Reading Acts

The first reading each day has been making its way through the Acts of the Apostles, as it does each Easter season. We hear about the early Christians' preaching, teaching, and healing, and what occurred as a result. Acts is filled with drama and adventure. During this Easter season, try to read the entire book. Be inspired by those who "were filled with the holy Spirit and continued to speak of God with boldness." *Today's readings: Acts 4:23-31; Psalm 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; John 3:1-8.*

Tuesday, April 13

No Needy Person among Us

In the early Christian Church, the community cared for one another. Most homeless shelters have a constant need for basics, such as socks and underwear. Imagine how profound a need this is for those who lack them. Buy a few pairs of socks or underwear, and take them to a place in your community that serves those who are without a home. *Today's readings: Acts 4:32-37; Psalm 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; John 3:7b-15.*

Wednesday, April 14

We Cannot Help But Proclaim It

"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." The early Christians could not help but proclaim the Good News in word and deed, and we are called to continue to do so. How can you bring those around you into the light of God's love? *Today's readings: Acts 5:17-26; Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; John 3:16-21.*

Thursday, April 15

Continue the Celebration

One of the beautiful things about Easter is that for fifty days we celebrate our joy. Do something that reflects an Easter custom today. When my children were little, we hid plastic eggs all over the house throughout the Easter season. It was a fun way to keep the joy of the season present for us. You might continue to add flowers to a prayer area in your home, or adorn it with white and gold, to help you to be present in the season and remind those you love that we are still in the season of celebration. Consider also making a lamb cake or getting special Easter treats at the store. *Today's readings: Acts 5:27-33; Psalm 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20; John 3:31-36.*

Friday, April 16

Loaves and Fishes

In the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, we see the Eucharist. Go to Mass or adoration today. Take this opportunity to thank Jesus for the great gift of himself in the Eucharist. Receive this gift and go out into the world and love as he does. *Today's readings: Acts 5:34-42; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14; John 6:1-15.*

Saturday, April 17

Called to Serve

We hear about the apostles choosing assistants and laying their hands on these men, including Stephen, who would be the first Christian martyr. They were called by God to serve the needs of the community so that no one would be left at the margins. God is calling you to use your gifts to serve as well. How is God calling you today? Do you think the path of following that call is always going to be easy? *Today's readings: Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; John 6:16-21.*



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