



ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CATHOLIC CHURCH

— ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD —

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 16, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE

**Masses are currently being held
in the St. Dominic Savio Center
to the right of the school.**

MASS TIMES

Saturday..... (Vigil) 4:00pm
Sunday..... 8:30am, 10:30am, 7:00pm
..... (Spanish) 3:00pm

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday..... 8:30am

CONFESSIONS

One half hour before each Mass daily
and Sundays.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

CHAPEL - Currently open every day
9:00am - 9:00pm.

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2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and
bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but
believe." - Jn 20:26-27

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Doubting Thomas is a mood, and we've all had it. We hang our
every hope on this sign, that proof. We challenge God: "Make me
believe." To each of us he extends his wounded hand, to each of us
he shows his pierced side. He will always meet us in our unbelief.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 17

8:30 am Special Intention

Tuesday, April 18

8:30 am Francis Kim Nguyen

Wednesday, April 19

8:30 am Georgette Scofield

Thursday, April 20

8:30 am Special Intention

Friday, April 21 • St. Anselm

8:30 am Special Intentions

Saturday, April 22

4:00 pm Melancon & Fisher Families, Grady Duff, Jr., Scott Duff, Dan Guidry, Gregory Hymel, E.J. & Edna Guidry, Conrad & Betty Hymel, Marilyn Torres, Living & deceased members of the Larousse & Brock Families, Jourdan Growl, Souls in Purgatory, In Thanksgiving, Sharon S. Triche

Sunday, April 23 • Third Sunday of Easter

8:30 am Sr. Jennie Jones, S.S.F., Mabel Andre Fryoux, Karen Angelo, Ralph J. Simoneaux, Maria Espinal, Mary Roberts, Logan Jacob, Freddie, Anna Mae, & Dottie Giangrosso, Souls in Purgatory, Babies' Souls
10:30 am Our Parishioners
3:00 pm (en espanol) In Thanksgiving
7:00 pm Norma Agnes Pierre



VIGIL LIGHT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

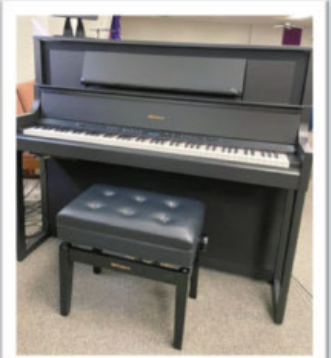
In Memory of Auxiliary Bishop Fernand Cheri, III

CHAPEL CANDLES BURN THIS WEEK FOR

Birthday Blessings for Bonnie Thigpen

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR NEW CHURCH PIANO

We recently purchased a new piano for our church because our old one was no longer working properly. Our new Roland LX-708 is equipped with the latest technology to allow our musicians to provide beautiful music to enhance our liturgies. The cost of the piano and associated equipment totaled \$6,658.32. Thanks to the generosity of several of our parishioners, we have already collected \$3,500 to offset the cost of the piano. In conjunction with our Parish Development Collection, we will hold a special collection on the weekend of **April 22nd & 23rd**. We appreciate any and all donations to help with the expense of the new piano. Please mark your envelope "**PIANO FUND**". Thank you for your continued support of Ascension of Our Lord Church.



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AROUND OUR CHURCH & OUR COMMUNITY

Fourth Annual
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"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you..."
Acts 1:8

The Holy Spirit and Me
Women Destined To Serve 2023 Women's Retreat

Join us for a spiritual day surrounded by your sisters in Christ.
Speaker and Celebrant
Fr. Anthony Odiong

Saturday, May 6, 2023
 Check in 8am for 9am start
 Visit the Our Lady of Guadalupe Healing Chapel, take a short walk along the Way of the Cross Walk or just sit and relax during breaks.
 You are sure to have a wonderful encounter with the Lord.
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 Followed by Prayers of Healing

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church
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Registration fee \$75 Registration Closes April 28, 2023
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The Peace with Dementia
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Book Signing
Thursday, April 27, 2023
6:30pm

Presentation, Followed by Book Signing
 "The Basics of Dementia: Your Catholic Faith
 Has Prepared You for This Journey"

Pauline Books and Media
 4403 Veterans Blvd, Metairie, LA



Parish School of Religion

Upcoming Important Dates

First Communion Class Retreat - April 29th

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm (ending with 4:00 pm Mass)
 at AOL School & Savio Center

First Communion Mass - May 13th

10:00 am at AOL Savio Center



FRIDAY, APRIL 21st

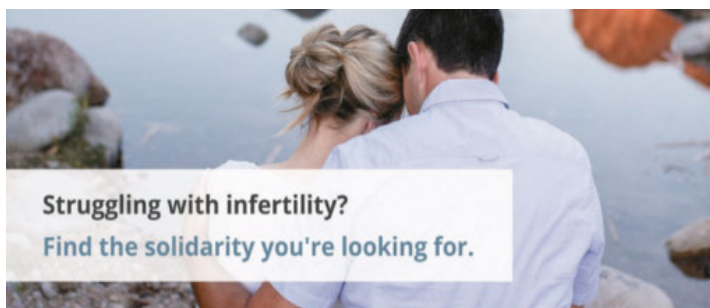
7:00pm

St. Benilde School Cafeteria 1901 Division St., Metairie

St. Benilde Catholic Church invites AOL Parishioners to join them for Family Movie Night for a viewing of "A Question of Faith". When tragedy strikes, three families find themselves at a crossroads, questioning their faith and the God who guides their lives. As each family member deals with these issues, their worlds begin to intertwine. This leads to a chain of events which unknowingly brings the three families, who were divided by loss, closer by faith.

Educational materials on organ, tissue, and eye donations will be available from the Louisiana Organ Procurement Agency (LOPA). A representative from LOPA will be present to speak about organ donation and answer questions.

There is no cost to attend.
 Snacks and bottled water will be available.



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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday, April 17

6:00pm Parish School of Religion - School building #2

Wednesday, April 19

6:30pm KC General Meeting - KC Home

Thursday, April 20

7:00pm Pastoral Council Meeting - Parish Office

Friday, April 21

8:30am School Mass - Savio Center

Saturday, April 22 • Team 4

Sunday, April 23 • Team 4



PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL



ADORERS ARE NEEDED!!

**Adoration has resumed in
the Chapel every day from
9:00am to 9:00pm.**



SAINT OF THE WEEK

EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH

Venerable Cornelia Peacock Connelly overcame incredible adversity caused by her husband and other men in her life to go on to form a wildly successful congregation — the Society of the Holy Child Jesus — which still operates in spiritual works of mercy in 14 countries to this day.

Kids Corner

Prayer

Jesus, I can hardly wait to see you in heaven.

Mission for the Week

Tell a friend why Jesus is special to you.

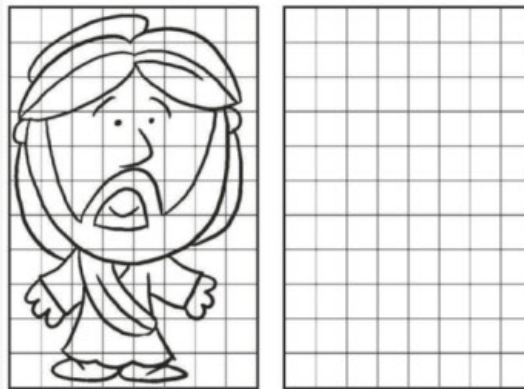
Sharing the Gospel

The disciples must have been very surprised when they saw Jesus alive again. They got to see him, listen to him, and touch him. We don't get to see him like the disciples did after Easter. But Jesus calls us blessed when we believe in him. One day we'll see him again in heaven.

**Now color
the picture!**



Copy the picture square by square.



**“So you could not
keep watch with me
for one hour?”**



SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS: Baptismal seminars are held on the first Tuesday of each month in the Parish Office at 7:00pm. Please call the Parish Office to pre-register.

WEDDINGS: Couples must contact the priest at least six months prior to the preferred date of the wedding.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please call the Parish Office at 985-652-2615.

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: To be added to the list, please call the Parish Office.

FUNERALS: Family must make arrangements with the priest prior to making final arrangements with the funeral home.



WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: Do children need to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before their First Communion?

Answer: For centuries the Catholic Church has taught that a person needs to be in a state of grace (free from mortal sins) in order to worthily receive the Eucharist. To that end, Catholics should make an effort to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation any time they recognize the need for the sacrament (and in keeping with the precept of the Church that asks that we celebrate this sacrament at least once each year).

In the case of children preparing for their First Communion, the Code of Canon Law is very clear that they should also celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving the Eucharist for the first time: "It is the responsibility, in the first place, of parents and those who take the place of parents as well as of the pastor to see that children who have reached the use of reason are correctly prepared and are nourished by the divine food as early as possible, preceded by sacramental confession" (Canon 914).

While some might question the significance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation — especially in the case of children who might not fully understand the reality of sin or the meaning of the sacrament itself — a child's "First Confession" can be a wonderful time for families to reflect together on the quality of their relationships, how they put their faith into practice, and, when it is possible, to celebrate the sacrament as a family. In the end, the celebration of these two sacraments marks important moments in the spiritual journeys of children and we hope their "First Confession" and "First Communion" help instill in them a love of the sacraments of the Church. ©LPi



REFLECT - QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading

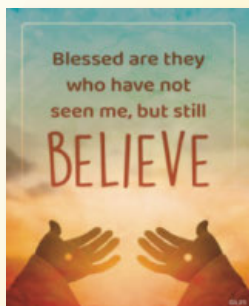
We hear how the original believers in the risen Jesus lived in peace and harmony in Jerusalem. What could you do to promote good-will and happiness in your community of friends or co-workers?

Second Reading

Peter speaks of a "new birth" of "indescribable and glorious joy" that awaits all believers "in the final time" (Jesus' Second Coming). How often do you think about your own resurrection from the dead?

Gospel

The risen Jesus says to Thomas, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Do you consider yourself blessed in this regard? ©LPi



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By: Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Doors We Lock

As a child, and even for a while as a teenager, I experienced an enormous amount of anxiety whenever I went to confession. For so many years I feared it. For so many years I waited in the confession line trembling, feeling sick to my stomach.

In the upper room after Christ's Passion and death, the anxiety of the disciples was so strong that they locked themselves away. But still Christ found a way into their midst. He would not be prevented from bringing mercy and hope to a place shrouded in despair. No door barred in a moment of fear could keep him out.

This is the genius of the sacrament of Reconciliation — and of all sacraments, really. Here we are, restricted in so many ways by an existence that is woefully physical. We feel fear, and our body reacts, just as we feel anger and our body reacts.

How can God deliver mercy to us in this flesh-bound state? Through that very flesh which can feel so confining. Through confession, which requires a physical action, and the physical participation not just of the penitent but of the priest.

I don't know how or why my anxiety around the sacrament has lessened over the years. Sometimes, I still feel it come roaring back unexpectedly, and maybe one day it will come back to stay. It doesn't surprise me: after all, I am in the flesh, and I will, as Peter says today, "suffer through various trials." But in all of them Christ will find me. He will not be kept away.

Let the house of Aaron say, "His mercy endures forever." — Psalm 118:3



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/ 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
Next Sunday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 (11a)/ 1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

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