



# ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CATHOLIC CHURCH

— ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD —

Divine Mercy Sunday  
April 12, 2026

## Mass Schedule

### 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

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SHOWED  
THEM HIS HANDS  
AND HIS SIDE.

— JOHN 20:20 —

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

How does Christ prove himself to Thomas? Not by his face or his words, but by his wounds. So, when we look for God to show Himself in relief or in triumph, we must remember the wounds of Christ. This is where we find our salvation. ©LPi

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## Mass Intentions

### Monday, April 13

8:30 am Special Intention

### Tuesday, April 14 • Saint Martin I

8:30 am Deceased & living members of the Pierre, Duronslet,  
Favorite, Simon, & Dangerfield Families

### Wednesday, April 15

8:30 am Special Intentions

### Thursday, April 16

8:30 am Foster Cambre

### Friday, April 17

8:30 am Margarita Perez, Special Intention

### Saturday, April 18

4:00 pm Larry Larousse, Villere "Billy" Houston, Jr., Simon Hoa Hai Nguyen,  
Emile & Mabel Bossier, Huey Fontenot, Paula St. Pierre, Special  
Intention, Catherine Phillips, Tomas Fajardo, Margarita Perez,  
Special Intention, Verle Loving, Dan Guidry, Gregory Hymel,  
Debbie Hymel, EJ & Edna Guidry, Conrad & Betty Hymel, Living &  
deceased members of the Larousse & Brock Families, Ellis &  
Marilyn Torres

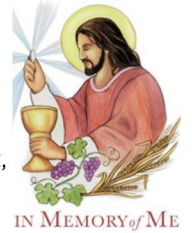
### Sunday, April 19 • Third Sunday of Easter

8:30 am Ray Robertson, Marie Deslatte, Georgette Scofield, Joan Robinson,  
Karen Angelo, Laura Specht, Paula St. Pierre, Donald Seiser, Lam  
Nguyen, Special Intention

10:30 am Clarence & Myrza Ruiz

3:00 pm (en espanol) Our Parishioners, Jose Fernando Aguilar

7:00 pm Rory & Jourdan Growl



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### CHURCH VIGIL LIGHT - APRIL

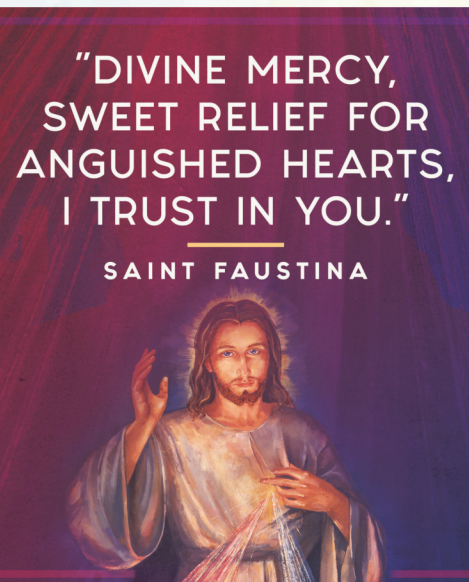
In memory of Emile & Mabel Bossier

### CHAPEL VIGIL LIGHT - APRIL

In memory of "Big T" Valure

### CHAPEL CANDLES - APRIL 12-18

Birthday Blessings for Thierry McGrew  
In memory of Hugh Martin



## Virtues, Explained!

### Fortitude

"When you go out to war against your enemies and you see horses and chariots and an army greater than your own, you shall not be afraid of them," we read in Deuteronomy 20:1. "For the Lord, your God...will be with you."



The virtue of fortitude actually requires, first and foremost, the feeling of fear. In order to grow in fortitude, one must face a thing which frightens him; in that way, it is distinct from patience and perseverance. Christ shows perfect fortitude as he endures his Passion and death, of which he was indeed afraid; it is likewise shown by martyrs. But fortitude doesn't require a cinematic battle. Fortitude can be shown by someone who is afraid of losing his job or of being in bodily danger simply for adhering to the laws of God. What is important is that the courage shown is *in pursuit of the good*, not just bearing with an attack. ©LPi

# Around Our Church & Our Community

## SJA/AOL WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT

*Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. ~ John 6:56*

June 4 - 7, 2026

Wherever you are on your faith journey: curious, committed, or quietly searching, ACTS offers space for prayer, community, and an authentic encounter with Christ.

Ladies, we invite you to join us for the 2026 Women's ACTS Retreat.

*All ladies are welcome!*

The cost is \$325 which is refundable. Limited scholarships available. Transportation to retreat provided.

Registration forms can be found in the rear of the church or at the parish office.

Contact Janelle Williams at (985) 233-9817 or Suzanne Cupit at (504) 473-7313 with questions.



SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026

## COFFEE & COMMUNITY

AND DONUTS TOO!



FOLLOWING 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MASSES

FAMILY CATECHESIS PROGRAM



## Family Catechesis

Class and Family Dinner

Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>

5:30pm

If you are able to help with set-up beforehand, clean-up after the meal, serving food or drinks, providing a side dish (see sign-up for specifics), or praying for the program in AOL's Chapel, please visit our parish website to sign-up. We greatly appreciate any and all assistance.



Attention Men of AOL:

You are cordially invited to a

## Men's ACTS Retreat

April 23 - 26, 2026

Lumen Christi Retreat House

Utilizing prayer, service, and teaching, the ACTS Retreat meets you where they are on your spiritual journey and invites you to experience God in a manner that is both personal and communal.

This invitation is extended through the pillars of the retreat:

Adoration, Community,  
Theology, and Service

Retreat hosted by  
St. Charles Borromeo Church

For information, contact  
Ricky "Blue" DuPont  
(504) 287-5415  
rdupont1957@gmail.com

Registration forms are available  
in the rear of AOL Church.

*I am the gate.  
Whoever enters through me will be saved.  
~ John 10:9*



## Archdiocesan Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, June 7, 2026 at 3:00pm  
at St. Joseph Catholic Church in 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  
by Friday, April 17th.

## CHRIST IN THE CITY

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- The Deacon Paul Dupuy Endowment Scholarship
- The SK Larry P. Larousse Scholarship
- The Father Benny Piovan Memorial Scholarship

Visit [www.aolparish.org/news](http://www.aolparish.org/news) for information and applications. Deadline is April 17<sup>th</sup>.

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# Divine Mercy Sunday

## Parish Activities This Week

### Monday, April 13

11:00am Rosary for Peace - Adoration Chapel  
6:00pm Sacramental Prep Class - School

### Tuesday, April 14

9:00am Soldiers for Christ Prayer Group - Church

### Wednesday, April 15

1:00pm Silver Crusaders - Piovan Parish Hall  
6:30pm KC General Meeting - KC Home

### Saturday, April 18 • Team 3

### Sunday, April 19 • Team 3

9:30 & 11:30am Coffee & Donuts after 8:30 & 10:30am Masses - Piovan Parish Hall  
5:30pm Confirmation Class - Piovan Parish Hall



## Perpetual Adoration Chapel



ADORERS ARE NEEDED!!

Our Adoration Chapel is open 24 hrs/day, 7 days/week.

To commit to an hour, visit [aolparish.org](http://aolparish.org) or call the Parish Office.

**“Our lives change when our habits change. Adopting the habit of Eucharistic Adoration will change every aspect of your life. We tend to emulate the people we spend time with. By spending time in the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, we become more like Him.”**

*Matthew Kelly*

## 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.



## Kids Corner

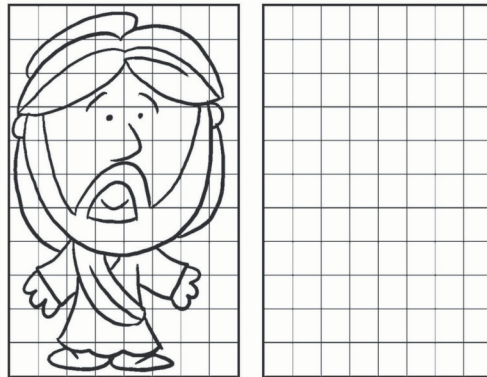
### Prayer

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

### Mission for the Week

Tell a friend why Jesus is special to you.

Copy the picture square by square.



### 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!





## GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE - *Father John Muir*

*"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.'" (John 20:27)*

In my early 20s, I volunteered at a parish youth group. I witnessed teens encountering Jesus with a fresh, romantic wonder that reminded me of my own teenage conversion. But something had changed in me. I was quietly jaded and cynical. When teens shared stories of encountering Christ, I'd want to sarcastically murmur, "Well, good for you." I had grown suspicious of the zeal I once knew.

Then we brought the group on a pilgrimage. I was standing in an old church in France, ignoring a long-winded tour guide. I found myself before a crucifix. In that moment, I heard something, not audibly, but unmistakably in my heart: "I came to be your friend... and you wish to be my enemy? Why do you stand far from me? I suffer gladly for you. I was pierced for you. Why do you run from me?" My heart opened. I saw how cold and cynical I had become. But Jesus had not given up on me. He had returned, and his mercy broke through.

So I can relate to the scoffing — and transformation — of Thomas when the Risen Jesus presents his wounds for inspection. Thomas is not simply doubting; he is guarded, suspicious, even cynical. But Jesus comes to him. No lecture. Just understanding and mercy. He invites Thomas to touch his wounds. This burns away his cynicism like the morning mist.

**Divine Mercy Challenge:** This week, rejoice with someone who is newly alive in faith. If your own heart has grown skeptical or tired, ask Jesus to help you. He will. ©LPi

(PRACTICING)

## CATHOLIC

Within Thy Wounds

The prayer I love best in the world is the Anima Christi. This private, devotional litany of supplication, begins with the phrase "*anima Christi, sanctifica me*" ("soul of Christ, sanctify me") and continues on to appeal individually to each aspect of Our Lord's crucified flesh: "*Body of Christ, save me; blood of Christ, inebriate me; water from Christ's side, wash me; passion of Christ, strengthen me; Oh good Jesus, hear me.*"

Then comes my favorite part: "*within thy wounds hide me.*"

The Anima Christi is a prayer traditionally said after receiving Holy Communion. The ancient Celts spoke of liminal places, where the veil separating this world from the next is particularly thin, and I believe the moments immediately following the reception of Holy Communion, when the Host is dissolving on my tongue, create a liminal place. When I am in that place, I am as intimately connected to God as I can be while my heart is still beating.

And when I am there, holding God within me, what are the words that I speak? It's overwhelming to think about. What could possibly be right to say?

There is no right or wrong answer, I suppose. But the best words I can think of are these: "Within thy wounds, Lord, hide me."

There is a reason Christ showed his wounds as he said the words, "Peace be with you." It was not just a means of identifying himself — it was a catechism lesson. *Here*, he was saying. *Here is the peace you will not find anywhere else.* ©LPi

### Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.  
Body of Christ, save me.  
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.  
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.  
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.  
O good Jesus, hear me.  
Within your wounds hide me.  
Separated from you let me never be.  
From the malignant enemy, defend me.  
At the hour of my death, call me  
And close to you bid me.  
That with your Saints I may be  
Praising you, forever and ever.  
Amen.

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## Readings for the Week

Sunday: 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-1  
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 and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/  
1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35



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