



ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CATHOLIC CHURCH

— ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD —

Third Sunday of Easter
April 19, 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

Open 24 hours daily.

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JESUS
HIMSELF DREW
NEAR AND WALKED
WITH THEM.

— LUKE 24:15 —



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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Like Cleopas, we make our way through this world with weary feet and disappointed hearts. Christ falls into step beside us. He can open our eyes. Will we let him? ©LPi

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Mass Intentions

Monday, April 20

8:30 am Special Intention

Tuesday, April 21 • St. Anselm

8:30 am Thomas St. Martin

Wednesday, April 22

8:30 am Special Intention

Thursday, April 23 • St. George • St. Adalbert

8:30 am Special Intention

Friday, April 24 • St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

8:30 am Barbara Ratliff, William Wagoner

Saturday, April 25 • St. Mark

4:00 pm Larry Larousse, Huey Fontenot, Paula St. Pierre, Catherine Phillips, Grady Duff, Jr. Scott Duff, Joseph, Vincent, & Felicie Favorite, Eric & Joseph Dangerfield, Dan Guidry, Gregory Hymel, Debbie Hymel, EJ & Edna Guidry, Conrad & Betty Hymel, Living & deceased members of the Larousse & Brock Families, Todd "Scrap" Bourgeois, Ellis & Marilyn Torres, EJ & Zola Martin, Hugh & Peggy Martin, Clarence & Shirley Frost, Steve & Nancy Valure, "Big T" Valure, Villere "Billy" Houston, Jr., Emile & Mabel Bossier

Sunday, April 26 • Fourth Sunday of Easter • World Day of Prayer for Vocations

8:30 am Ray Robertson, Paula St. Pierre, Priscilla Hoffman, Karen Angelo, Laura Specht, Special Intention, Phero Lam Van Nguyen, Frank Goloforo, Special Intention

10:30 am Andrew Collier, Sr.

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

7:00 pm Barbara Ratliff, William Wagoner



CHURCH VIGIL LIGHT - APRIL

In memory of Emile & Mabel Bossier

CHAPEL VIGIL LIGHT - APRIL

In memory of "Big T" Valure

CHAPEL CANDLES - APRIL 19-25

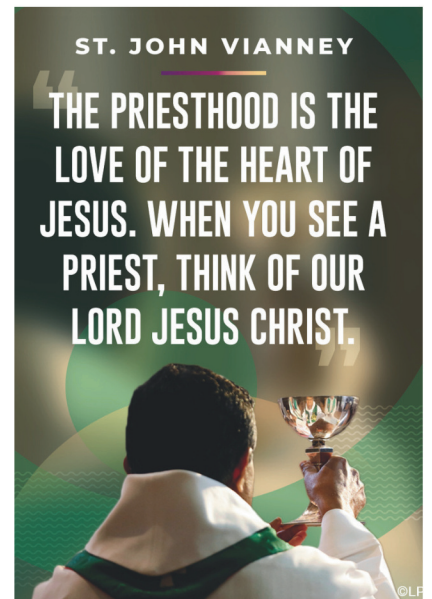
In thanksgiving for AOL Ministries

Special Collection - April 26th

Archdiocesan Priest Retirement

The Archdiocese is truly blessed by the service of many holy and dedicated priests, especially our retired priests, who have served our Archdiocese so faithfully. We currently have over fifty retired priests, many who continue to serve in our Archdiocese in many ways.

The annual retirement collection is used to support the medical and retirement expenses of these priests. Participating in this collection is a way to say "thank you" to our retired Archdiocesan priests for their many years of service to us, the Church of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Your support will benefit the priests for many years to come.



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.



FAMILY CATECHESIS PROGRAM
PROGRAMA DE CATEQUESIS FAMILIAR

Seeking volunteers to help with family dinner and praying for the program in AOL's Chapel. Visit our parish website to sign-up.

Family Catechesis
Class and Family Dinner
Monday, April 20th
5:30pm



**CELEBRATE
EARTH DAY!**
April 22, 2026

Congratulations to all who received Sacraments this Easter!

He
is
Risen!



Third Sunday of Easter

Parish Activities This Week

Monday, April 20

5:30pm Family Catechesis Class & Family Dinner - School

Tuesday, April 21

9:00am Soldiers for Christ Prayer Group - Church

Saturday, April 25 & Sunday, April 26 • Team 4



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 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.

ANOIDNTING 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

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

Emmaus	Christ	village
talking	Moses	bread
Cleopas	Prophets	Simon

Emuams E m m a u s

Pohprets _____

vliagel _____

taklign _____

Crihts _____

berda _____

Clapoes _____

Mesos _____

Sonim _____

Prayer

Lord, help me show others that I am a Christian by my words and actions.

Mission for the Week

I will say, "I'll be glad to help. Tell me what to do first."

Sharing the Gospel

Pretend Jesus is at your home. He sits at the dinner table with your whole family. He breaks bread with you. He fills each cup with a drink. He plays with you and helps you with your homework. He tells you that he loves you. You thank him for the food and ask him to bless your family. Jesus says, "I've got to go, but I'll remain in your heart forever."

Now color the picture!





GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE - *Father John Muir*

When I first read Homer's *Odyssey* as a teenager, one scene captured my imagination: Odysseus finally returning home after 20 years, yet no one recognized him. Disguised as a beggar, he speaks with his wife, his son, and even his enemies. He is fully present, yet hidden. Only at the right moment does he reveal himself, and everyone realizes he has been with them all along. I was struck by the mystery that he could be so close to his loved ones, and yet they simply could not identify him.

A similar mystery is at the heart of today's Gospel. Two disciples walk the road to Emmaus with Jesus, but **"their eyes were prevented from recognizing him."** (Luke 24:16) He listens, teaches, and eats with them, yet they remain blind until he breaks the bread. Suddenly their eyes are opened — and at that very moment, he vanishes. His disappearance is not absence. Rather, it is revelation. The Risen Lord is now present in a new way, in the breaking of the bread and in the life of His Church.

Faith is this shift of vision. Instead of searching for a visible Jesus as if he were absent, we learn to recognize him unveiled in hidden ways — in Scripture proclaimed, in the Eucharist, in the sacraments, in the very life of the Church.

And what is true of him is true of us. Just as he disappears into the mission of his Body, we too are meant to be hidden in him. When we live hidden in Christ, we are seen for who we really are. ©LPI

(PRACTICING)

CATHOLIC

The Story That Never Ends

The biggest mistake we can make as Christians is to think that the Resurrection is the end of the story.

Of course we *know*, logically, that it isn't — there are whole books of the Bible that come after it, detailing not just the activities and teachings of the Risen Christ, but the development of the early Church and the Gospel's first baby steps into the wider world. We know this.

But sometimes we don't act like it.

The thing is, we like stories that can be tied up neatly in a bow. It's why "happily ever after" is a thing. These tidy endings are especially satisfying following an emotional gut punch and a twist — for instance, let's say the crucifixion of the story's hero and a *gotcha!* moment where it turns out he's not dead after all. Drinks all around! And...scene. The curtain falls.

But the curtain didn't fall. It still hasn't.

Look at Cleopas. He has heard the testimony of people he knew, people he trusted — and yet, he's in a world of confusion. He's stumbling along the road, wondering what to believe.

Christ gave us "happily ever after." But what do you do with "happily ever after?" What do you do with the Resurrection? What do you do with salvation?

The Resurrection left loose ends — not because it was insufficient, but because it was not a final chapter. So being a Christian means embracing the life of a loose end. It means figuring out what to do with the Resurrection, with salvation, with forgiveness — with this hard-won "happily ever after" that is a gift but also a commission.

Because the curtain is still up, and we are all characters in the Greatest Story Ever Told.

So, what's the next scene? ©LPI

LIVING OUR FAITH

Readings for the Week

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
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: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/
1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

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