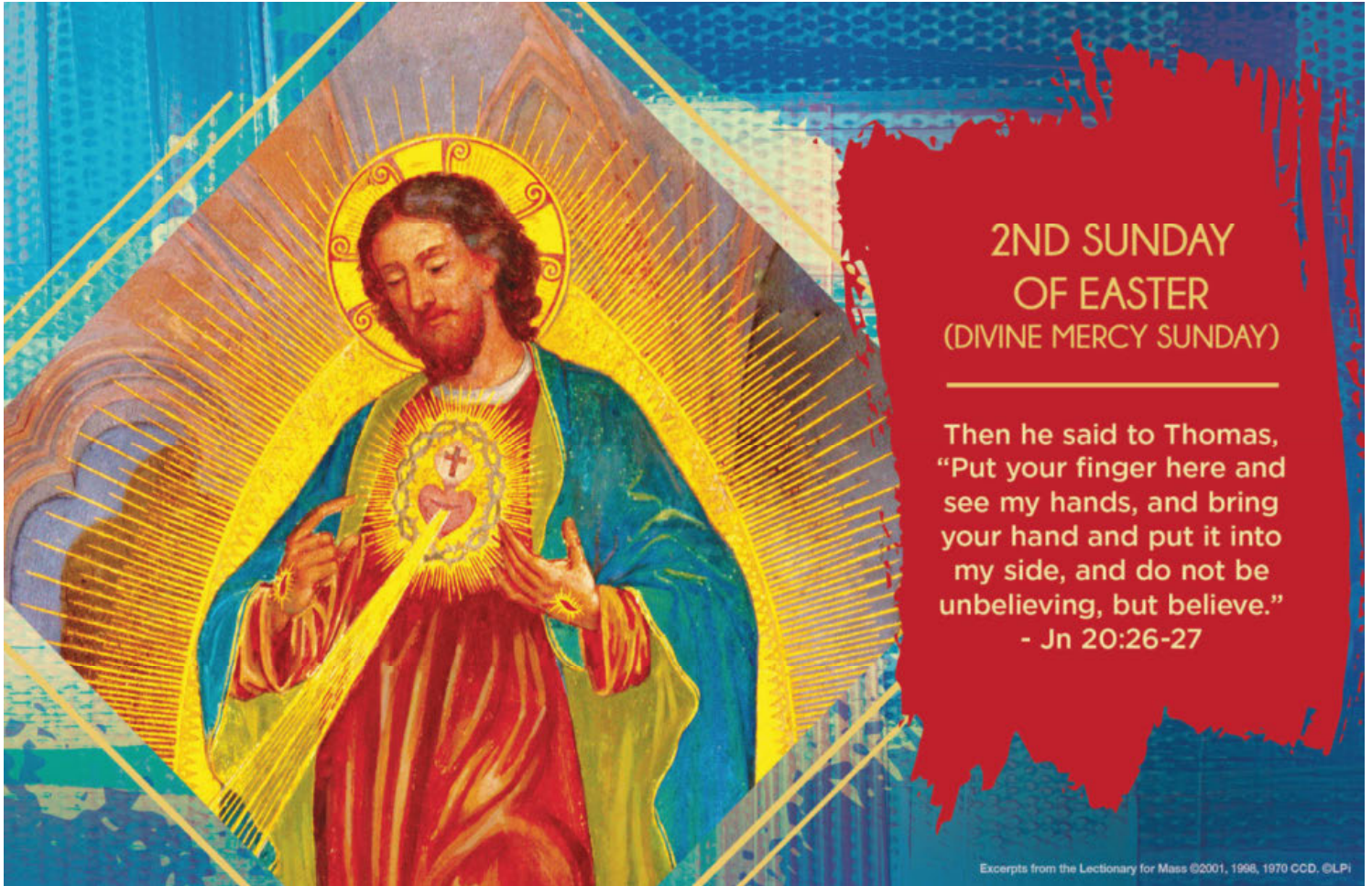




# ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL 16, 2023 | 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER & DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



## 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

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. ©LPI

## MASS SCHEDULE

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday: 6:15am Mass  
Tuesday: 6:15am Mass  
12:00pm Mass  
Wednesday: 6:15am Mass  
12:00pm Mass  
Thursday: 6:15am Mass  
Friday: 6:15am Mass

### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:00pm Mass  
6:00pm Spanish Mass  
Sunday: 7:30am Mass  
9:30am Mass LIVESTREAM  
11:30am Mass  
6:00pm Mass

## OUR MISSION

St. George Catholic Church Parish is an open loving parish community united by our faith in Jesus Christ. Located within the Diocese of Baton Rouge, we are closely bound to our diocesan family and the universal Roman Catholic Church. Our prayerful liturgies are community celebrations shaped by a tradition of over one hundred years of Eucharistic worship on this site. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we are called to use our gifts to express our praise, love, and thanksgiving to God. We challenge and support one another in humbly living the gospel message and serving the common good as witnesses of Jesus Christ.

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# LEARN ABOUT ST. GEORGE

April 16, 2023

## PARISH CLERGY

### Pastor

**Rev. Paul Yi**

### Parochial Vicar

**Rev. "Bob" Bernard Banares**

### Deacons

**Glenn Farnet**

**Terry Bellon (Diaconate Candidate)**

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Mondays - Thursdays 8:00am-4:00pm | Fridays 8:00am-3:00pm  
(Closed for lunch | 12:30pm-1:00pm)

### St. George Chapel

Monday—Friday, 6:30am—7:00pm for prayer.

### Adoration

Thursdays | 7:00am-7:00pm and Saturdays 6am-8:30am in the Chapel

### Confessions

Monday - Friday | 6:45am-7:00am

Tuesday - Wednesday | 11:30am-11:50am

Saturday | 2:30pm-3:30pm

## ST. GEORGE SCHOOL

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Baton Rouge, LA 70809  
(225) 293-1298  
[st-georgeschool.com](http://st-georgeschool.com)

Principal  
Angele Fontenot

## ST. GEORGE NURSERY SCHOOL

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(225) 291-0299

Director  
Kelly Corsten



# PASTOR'S MESSAGE

April 16, 2023

## 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER & DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Some time ago I was at a parishioner's house watching their kids play. On their trip to Audubon Insectarium in New Orleans several weeks ago, the parents bought their kids a Caterpillar to Butterfly Kit. The kids watched their caterpillar turned itself into cocoons and eventually metamorphosed into a moth (pictured left). On this sunny day, their daughter flung this newly transformed moth five feet up in the air. It flapped its wing, but crashed on to the grass. It was too early and premature for this moth to take off just yet. Beside me was their 3 yr. old son blowing bubbles and spilling all the bubble liquid on the porch. As I sat there on the porch watching these kids play, there was a mystery that was unfolding. Here a child was learning something about patience and providence. The Caterpillar to Butterfly Kit provided everything the caterpillar needed to make their transformation--a sealed glass bottle with food, a mesh tent to protect the caterpillars from the prying hands of curious children wanting to touch them, and parents who constantly reminded the kids to leave the caterpillars alone. "When will they fly?" the kids asked. "Wait and see," parents replied. This little butterfly kit taught the children that to raise a living thing from its infancy to adulthood takes love and patience.



There is a word that expresses both love and patience. It is mercy. In Latin, it's misericordia. The first part of the word, miseri, means pity, suffering, or compassion. The second part of the word, cordia, means heart. So another way to say mercy or misericordia is a heart full of compassion for one's suffering. Today's psalm and response extol God as the one who is rich in mercy.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever..."

I was hard pressed and was falling, but the LORD helped me.

My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior.

Have you ever experienced God in this way? Has God ever helped you when you were falling into despair and lifted you up? And have you thanked God for that? "Thank you God for You are good and your love is everlasting." Or, have you experienced God more like a judge who will not bend a single rule for you. We may have had such an experience with a priest or dealing with strict church policy on marriage and divorce. "Where is merciful God in this," we ask. God's greatest attribute is mercy or heart full of compassion for our suffering, but those who work in his public relations department may not represent Him accurately. Sometimes God's representatives here on earth can be rude, uncaring, or too busy so we come away with an impression that God is rude, uncaring, or too busy for us. But that's not how Jesus truly is.

In the Gospel, Jesus appeared to the ten disciples, gave them the Holy Spirit, and commissioned them to forgive sins. But poor Thomas. He wasn't there with the ten when Jesus appeared. Will he be the only disciple without the Holy Spirit and without the

commission to forgive sins? This reminds me of the flight I took one night from Dallas to New Orleans. Dallas had some severe weather and most of the flights were delayed. As I waited in a lounge which made its last call for departure, a young lady dashed to the gate. The gate attendant said, "Sorry, the plane is already taxing toward the runway." The lady began to cry on the spot. That was the last flight out, and she was forced to stay overnight somewhere. Going back to Thomas, was he going to be the only one of out of the twelve who missed the plane? The answer is no. Jesus personally comes back just for Thomas. Jesus personally invites Thomas to put aside doubt and believe. "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." Jesus shows God who believes in second chances, God who is patient, kind, and will not let anyone of his children left behind. He is God of mercy, who has heart full of compassion for those who are suffering.

This is why Jesus personally requested the Universal Church to celebrate the Sunday after Easter as the Divine Mercy Sunday or the Feast of Divine Mercy. Listen to what Jesus said to St. Faustina regarding this Sunday. "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened." (Diary of St. Faustina Kowalska, 699)

Why make this Second Sunday of Easter the Divine Mercy Sunday? It's because we don't appreciate God's greatest attribute, His Mercy. Jesus said, "I desire that priests proclaim this great mercy of Mine towards souls of sinners. Let the sinner not be afraid to approach Me...Distrust on the part of souls is tearing at My insides...despite My inexhaustible love for them they do not trust Me. Even My death is not enough for them...I desire that you know more profoundly the love that burns in My Heart for souls, and you will understand this when you meditate upon My Passion." Take advantage of this great Feast Day of His Mercy. Jesus simply requests in order to receive this tremendous gift of His Mercy in remission of all our sins, He asks us to go to confession, attend Divine Mercy Sunday mass, and receive communion on this day.

A child who waits with patience and compassion on a caterpillar to transform itself into a butterfly is like Jesus who waits with patience and compassion to pour out His Mercy on us to transform us. Listen to these words of Jesus to St. Faustina, "When you go to confession, to this fountain of My mercy, the Blood and Water which came forth from My Heart always flow down upon your soul and ennoble it. ..When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I myself act in your soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy." -Fr. Yi

# WORSHIPING TOGETHER

April 16, 2023



## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, APRIL 16

9:30am | Adult Faith Formation, Ch Off Conf Rm  
12:30pm | Parish Picnic, Under the Oaks  
3:00pm | Divine Mercy Sunday, Church  
7:00pm | Catholic Daughters, KAC

### MONDAY, APRIL 17

6:30pm | RCIA, KAC  
7:00pm | RCIA Mystagogia, KAC  
7:00pm | Spanish Choir, Church

### TUESDAY, APRIL 18

5:00pm | RCIA Core Team, Ch Off Conf Rm

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

6:30pm | Choir, Church  
6:30pm | Adult Confirmation, Ch Off Conf Rm  
7:00pm | Young Adult Bible Study, KAC

### THURSDAY, APRIL 20

7:00am | Adoration, Chapel  
6:00pm | Marian Servants, KAC

### FRIDAY, APRIL 21

No events scheduled

### SATURDAY, APRIL 22

6:00am | Adoration, Chapel

## WELCOME, NEW PARISHIONERS!

Rachel Eggie & Micah Gibbs  
Christopher Harrison  
Mary Miller  
Madeline & Michael Nassif

Megan & Ross Pitre  
Lakesha Julien  
Jamie Roussel  
Abby & Andrew Truxillo

**ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

# Parish Picnic & Easter Egg Hunt

**Sunday, April 16  
after 11:30am Mass**

(Under the oaks by our Church & Kleinpeter Activity Center)  
Enjoy free jambalaya & drinks, plus face painting & sweets!

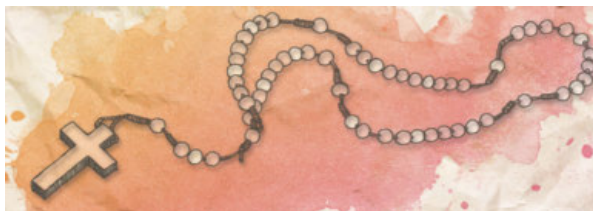
Please register by 4/7:  
(Bring your chairs & blankets!)

**All Ministry Volunteers:** Please stop by the church office table at the picnic to receive an appreciation gift for *growing our community*



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PLEASE PRAY  
THE ROSARY

# WORSHIPING TOGETHER

April 16, 2023

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### SUNDAY, 04/16

#### 2nd Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday

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

### MONDAY, 04/17

Acts 4:23-31  
Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9  
Jn 3:1-8

### TUESDAY, 04/18

Acts 4:32-37  
Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5  
Jn 3:7b-15

### WEDNESDAY, 04/19

Acts 5:17-26  
Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9  
Jn 3:16-21

### THURSDAY, 04/20

Acts 5:27-33  
Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20  
Jn 3:31-36

### FRIDAY, 04/21

#### St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Acts 5:34-42  
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14  
Jn 6:1-15

### SATURDAY, 04/22

#### Earth Day

Acts 6:1-7  
Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19  
Jn 6:16-21

### NEXT SUNDAY, 04/23

#### 2nd Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy 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

## VOCATIONS

The Lord is risen it is true! Through our baptism, He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, brothers and sisters. If God is calling you to minister in His Church as a priest or religious, call or email Father Joshua Johnson at (225) 336-8778, [jjohnson@diobr.org](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org), or visit [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations).

## PAPAL INTENTION

### APRIL: FOR A CULTURE OF PEACE AND NON-VIOLENCE

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

## PRESIDER SCHEDULE

4:00pm

Fr. Bob

7:30am

Fr. Bob

9:30am

Fr. Bob

11:30am

Fr. Yi

6:00pm

Fr. Bob

## Ever Wonder About...

### EASTER

#### Question:

Why is the Easter season so long? And should we be doing something special for it?

#### Answer:

You've probably noticed the priest continuing to wear white vestments at the Sunday liturgy. While we celebrated Christ's resurrection several weeks ago, the Easter season extends fifty days — just over seven weeks — from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. For most of that time — about six weeks — Jesus is still with the disciples, teaching and encouraging them.

The Easter season isn't just a celebration of when Jesus is with us. At the Last Supper, Jesus promised to send an "advocate" or "counselor" when he left. At the Ascension, he directs the disciples to await "power from on high" — the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Ascension completes the Paschal Mystery, beginning with Jesus' suffering and death and continuing in the resurrection. But the Holy Spirit ushers in a new era for the Church.

After spending weeks in prayer, fasting, and service during Lent, it may seem odd that we don't widely have similar practices for Easter. That doesn't mean you can't embrace the season!

Commit to taking moments of little joy throughout the weeks, like random acts of kindness towards others. Consider reading the Acts of the Apostles to learn more about the early Church or picking up an Easter devotional to pray with. He is still risen indeed!

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# SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

April 16, 2023



## KNIGHTS CORNER COUNCIL #4030

### ANNUAL BANQUET

Our annual banquet will be held on **Saturday, June 10th at 6 pm** at Drusilla's.

### GENERAL MEETING

The next General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 2nd at 6:30 pm** at the Council Hall, located at 10049 Kinglet Drive across from the Youth House.

### COFFEE & DONUTS

On **Sunday, May 7th**, the Knights of Columbus will be serving Coffee & Donuts after the 7:30am and 9:30am Masses.

Interested in learning about the Knights of Columbus, or becoming a member:  
[www.kofcc4030.org](http://www.kofcc4030.org) or contact Dave Goldsmith, 225-287-0889 or [dave.w.goldsmith@gmail.com](mailto:dave.w.goldsmith@gmail.com)

## DAY AT THE CAPITOL

The Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops will hold Catholic Faithful Citizenship Day at the Capitol on **May 3rd**. The goal is to educate and engage Catholics on Catholic Social Teaching and legislation, and LCCB positions. Questions? Susan Wolf: [swolf@laccb.org](mailto:swolf@laccb.org).

## BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN 5/13-14

Woman's New Life Clinic has been providing free services for women in need for 22 years. Since their start in 2001, over 2,672 lives have been saved from abortion.



The Baby Bottle Campaign will run **May 13-14**. We ask you to take home a baby bottle (located in the narthex) and drop it off with a donation of any amount of money enclosed when you return over the next two weekends.

To give online: [womansnewlife.com/babybottle](http://womansnewlife.com/babybottle)



**SENSORY MASS**  
**Sunday, May 28, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.**  
**St. George Catholic Church**  
7808 St. George Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70809  
Celebrated by Fr. Paul Yi

You were never meant  
to walk life's journey alone.

Deacon Randall Waguespack  
225-387-0562 x 1185  
[rwaguespack@diobr.org](mailto:rwaguespack@diobr.org)



The Roman Catholic Diocese of  
**BATON ROUGE**  
OFFICE OF LIFE, PEACE & JUSTICE

*In an effort to embrace and welcome the members of our Church with special needs and their families, the Diocese of Baton Rouge has begun hosting Sensory-Friendly Masses.*

*These Masses include lower lighting, softer music, and shorter, more literal homilies; however, the biggest difference is that they offer an environment free of stigma. We encourage families and individuals to get up and move if needed, to bring alternative seating, fidgets or noise cancelling headphones, and to participate in the liturgy just as they are.*

## PRISON MINISTRY

Want to participate in a prison visit co-hosted by Parole Project and The Frederick Douglass Project?

The Parole Project, a local organization helping men and women with reentry into the community after incarceration and prison reform advocacy efforts, is partnering with the Frederick Douglass Project in a flagship prison visitation program. This powerful experience offers structured meetings, and respectful conversations between the incarcerated and visitors in the group. These unique encounters form powerful connections, and spur empathy and understanding for both groups as they learn from each other and hopefully transform both of their lives and the society at large.

Visits are held twice monthly on Fridays from 12 pm until 3:30 pm.

Upcoming Visitation Dates: Apr. 28 May 12 & 26 June 9 & 23

To participate, please contact Matthew Pineda: [matthew@paroleproject.org](mailto:matthew@paroleproject.org)



### VOLUNTEER WITH PAROLE PROJECT

When formally incarcerated individuals reenter our community, they need support and help navigating the skills needed to be successful. Volunteers can help in several of the programs and classes. Time commitment depends on the class, usually one 2-hour class, every other week. Topics include:

Healthcare Navigation: how to navigate the healthcare system & very basic level with Medicaid knowledge

Employment Skills: how to look for jobs & appropriate attire for interviews & mock job interviews

Technology Skills: hands on class & how to utilize the cell phone & working on laptops, using emails

For more info about volunteering with Parole Project, please contact Kelly Garrett: [kelly@paroleproject.org](mailto:kelly@paroleproject.org)

# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

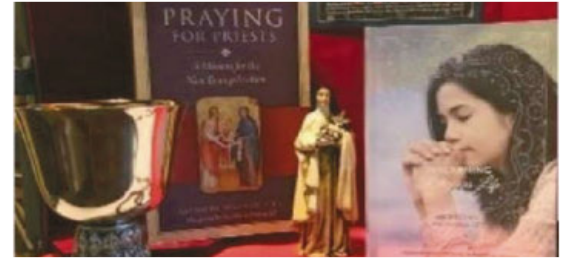
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## MAGNIFICAT BREAKFAST 4/22

Magnificat is a ministry to Catholic women and invites everyone to a Magnificat Prayer Breakfast on **April 22 from 9am-Noon** at Oak Lodge Conference Center in Baton Rouge. The music ministry of Mercy Beaucoup will lead us in Praise & Worship.

About our speaker: **Melinda Sanford** is wife, mom of two boys and one of them a priest, Fr. Taylor Sanford. Her home parish is St. George Catholic Church. She is a member of the Marian Servants of the Eucharist. She gives great glory to God! With a spirit of gratitude, she magnifies the Lord for His faithfulness.

For more information or to register: [MagnificatApril2023.Eventbrite.com](https://MagnificatApril2023.Eventbrite.com) or contact Gwen Gillis at 225-505-7050



## VOCATIONAL PRAYER MINISTRY

Will you welcome the vocation prayer materials into your home for one week and pray for the current future vocations (religious, sisters, deacons, and priests)?

Join the Vocational Prayer Ministry to receive the vocational prayer materials (Chalice, Statue of St. Therese of Lisieux and Vocational prayer materials) in your home for a week! At this time, please limit your signup to one week so we can bring the materials into as many homes as possible to pray for an outpouring of vocations.

Sign up is for one week, receive the materials at the weekend Mass of your choice and bring the materials back to the Church Office the following Friday afternoon by 3pm for another family to receive the next weekend Mass. Sign up poster board in the Narthex for Saturday 4pm, Sunday 7:30am, 11:30am or 6pm.

Thank you! Questions: 225 333 8129. The Vocational Prayer Ministry is sponsored by the Marian Servants of the Eucharist.



3 MAN SCRAMBLE, FOOD AND FUN

UNIVERSITY CLUB

MONDAY May 15, 2023 AT 10:00 A.M

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 9:00 A.M.

\$175.00 ENTRY FEE/PLAYER

\$525.00 ENTRY FEE/TEAM

SHOTGUN START

LIMITED TO FIRST 36 **PAID** TEAMS

TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL PRIZES

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FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS THROUGHOUT THE DAY ON THE COURSE



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\_\_\_ PLATINUM SPONSOR: \$5,000 (2 Teams of 3, Logo on Giveaway, Recognition at Course, Hang Company Banner)

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REGISTER AND PAY ONLINE AT <http://www.stgeorgemensclub.com/>

OR PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ST. GEORGE MEN'S CLUB (TAX ID# 72-0927411)

## Life in the Spirit Seminar

Saturday  
April 29, 2023

9:00 AM - 3:30 PM  
Mass at 8 AM

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
Denham Springs, LA 70726

Register by 4/26/23  
[ms@marianservantsbr.org](mailto:ms@marianservantsbr.org)  
(225) 665-5359  
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# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

April 16, 2023

St. George Marriage Enrichment Ministry Presents

## Sacramental Marriage: The Great Adventure

Speaker: Roy Petitfils  
Author and Licensed Professional Counselor

**WEDNESDAY**  
**04.26.23**  
**6PM**

St. George Catholic Church  
Free | Light Refreshments (Weather Permitting)  
Limited babysitting and register for a seat at  
[st-george.org/marriageministry](http://st-george.org/marriageministry)

## CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Catholic Daughters will meet on  
**Sunday, April 16th at 7:15pm** in the  
Kleinpeter Activity Center. All ladies  
of the parish are invited to join us.  
Questions: [cdacourt1960@gmail.com](mailto:cdacourt1960@gmail.com).



## NURSERY SCHOOL

### JOB OPPORTUNITY

St. George Nursery School  
will have openings for  
teachers for the 2-year-old  
classroom for Tuesdays &  
Thursdays starting in August.



### STUDENTS

Enrollment is now open for 4-year-old students  
for the 2023-24 school year.

More info: Kelly Corsten, director at 225-291-  
0299 or [www.st-george.org/sgns](http://www.st-george.org/sgns)

## GOLDEN OAKS



Golden Oaks attendees pose with our guest  
speaker at the April 3rd meeting. Pictured from  
left to right are: Pam Hill, Dr. Heather Kirk-  
Ballard, LSU Associate Professor of Consumer  
Horticulture, and Dolly Trick.

## REFLECTION FROM A VISITOR

When I took this picture, I was in the foyer  
looking through glass windows into St. George's  
Catholic Church. I noticed that my shadow  
allowed me to photograph the inside of the  
church, where the crucifix beautifully pointed to  
the seemingly glowing tabernacle holding our  
precious Lord- Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

I didn't notice that the part of the glass that  
wasn't obstructed by my shadow was reflecting  
everything that was BEHIND me, including the  
beautiful stained glass window and magnificent  
oak tree!

In an instant I was able to capture an image of  
the Lord who stood both before and within me-  
veiled in His presence, along with the complexity  
of art and nature that stood behind me.

Initially, I thought of this image as a self-portrait  
that happened to showcase the version of myself  
that I always strive to be: my love of art and  
nature, my awe and honor of God, and the fact  
that He truly lives in me. However, the more I  
studied the image, the more I got to thinking  
about past, present, and future. What is behind  
me? Where I am now? What awaits me?

This image doesn't just simply capture "me."

It captures how God within the Eucharist TRULY  
transcends time and space during every single  
mass. The Eucharist not only physically and  
spiritually connects us with Jesus at the Last Supper, but also with fellow  
Christians from all over the world from the past, present, and future who have,  
are, and will be celebrating Mass just like we are. (Plus the Angels and saints in  
Heaven!)

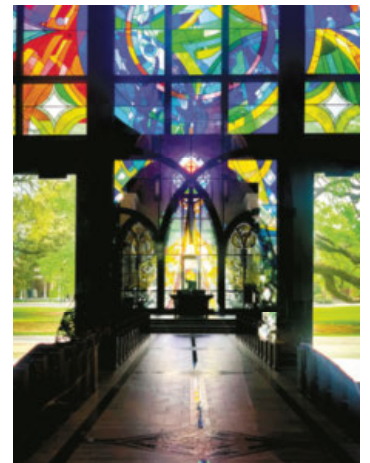
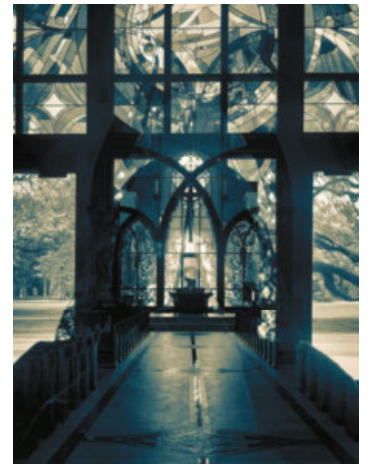
How? "The sacrifice that Jesus offered once and for all was a unique act. He was  
a real man, so it was an act that took place at a particular time and place in the  
past. But Jesus is also true God, who is outside time and lives in the eternal  
present. Past and future are always present to Him."

This means that the actions of Christ on Calvary and on Easter Sunday morning  
are not only human acts taking place in history but also eternal, divine acts that  
can be made present in all times and places by the power of the Holy Spirit. This  
is what happens in the Eucharist. The power of the Cross—the atoning sacrifice  
that forgives, liberates, heals, and reconciles—becomes present and available to  
us, allowing us to enter this great mystery."

As we continue to prepare ourselves for Easter during this lent, let us remember  
and acknowledge the many miracles within mass, even if we can't seem to wrap  
our minds around it.

"When we go to Mass, we are at the foot of the Cross as the Savior gives his life  
for us. Yet we are also outside the empty tomb with the risen Jesus and the  
women who encountered him on that wonderful morning."

*Photos and Reflection by Stephanie Graphia*





# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

April 16, 2023

St. George Youth Ministries

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**

Faith Fellowship

- 4/3 | Youth Group @St George Youth House
  - 4:30-6:00 Hangout | 6:00-8:30 Youth Group
- 4/10 | Youth Group @St George Youth House
  - 4:30-6:00 Hangout | 6:00-8:30 Youth Group
- 4/17 | Youth Group @St George Youth House
  - 4:30-6:00 Hangout | 6:00-8:30 Youth Group
- 4/24 | Youth Group @St George Youth House
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# MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

April 16, 2023

## WOMEN'S ACTS TEAM REGISTRATION OPEN

Women's Retreat: September 14-17, 2023

Online Team Registration Forms are **due April 17th**  
Retreat fee: \$350



The goal of the retreat is to strengthen our faith and its application in our daily life, to renew ourselves spiritually to build strong lasting friendships, and enliven our parish. We will do this by serving the women who God has chosen to embark on their ACTS journey.

Team members will report to The Tracey Center on Thursday, Sept. 14th at 8:30am. The retreat begins Thursday evening, Sept. 14th, with check-in for retreatants at 4pm in the St. George KAC. We will return to St. George on Sunday, Sept. 17th for the 11:30am Mass with a reception following in the KAC.

For more info: [www.st-george.org/acts](http://www.st-george.org/acts)

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than our misery.”  
(St. Faustina Diary)



### Monday 6PM Mass & Chaplet

Feb. 13	Week #1
Feb. 20	#2
Feb. 27	#3
Mar. 6	#4
Mar. 13	#5
Mar. 20	#6
Mar. 27	#7
Apr. 3	#8
Apr. 10	#9

### Apr. 15-16 Divine Mercy Sunday

#### April 15, Saturday

2:30PM Confession  
4:00PM Mass

#### April 16, Sunday

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9:30AM Mass  
11:30AM Mass  
3:00PM Chaplet & Mass  
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