

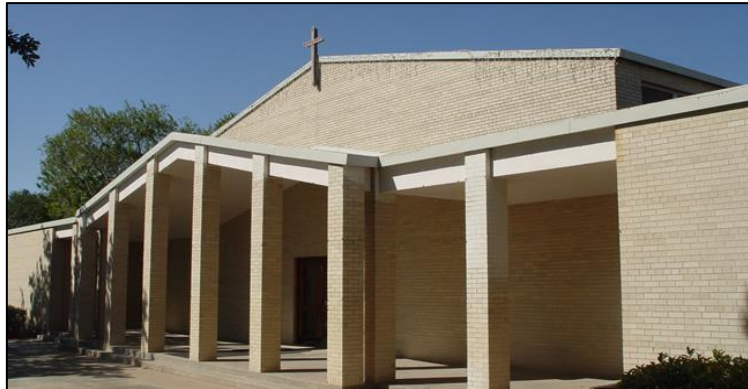
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ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON – MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST. PAUL

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER†

APRIL 16, 2023

“TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN”



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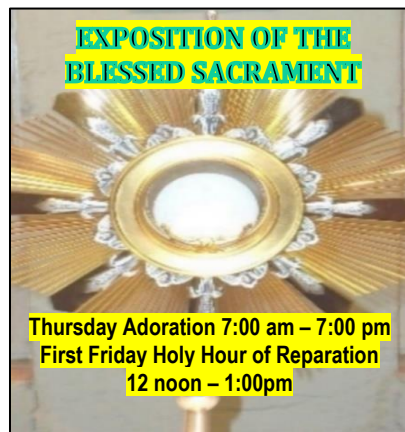
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NEW MASS SCHEDULE

Mon-Tue 7:00 pm
Wed-Thurs-Fri..... 7:00 am
Thurs – Adoration..... 7am – 7 pm
Saturday..... 5:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am **ONLY!**



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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the parish office for appointment with the Pastor. Preparation classes are required for parents and Godparents.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(CONFESSION)

30 minutes before Mass

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples must contact the Pastor or any of our Deacons at least six months prior to the intended wedding date. If remarrying and in other special cases, one year before intended wedding date.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Anyone who is scheduled for surgery for a serious illness; anyone whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age should be anointed as soon as possible (preferably before going to the hospital). Contact the Parish priest for anointing.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Please contact the parish office before making arrangements with the funeral home.

Sign up to receive text and email messages from the parish.

Text the word SPNH to 84576 or visit flocknote.com/spnhou

Readings within the Octave of Easter

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023

1st Reading: Acts 2:42-47
2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9
Gospel: John 20:19-31

MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023

1st Reading: Acts 4:23-31
Gospel: John 3:1-8

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023

1st Reading: Acts 4:32-37
Gospel: John 3:7b-15

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023

1st Reading: Acts 5:17-26
Gospel: John 3:16-21

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023

1st Reading: Acts 5:27-33
Gospel: John 3:31-36

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2023

1st Reading: Acts 5:34-42
Gospel: John 6:1-15

SATURDAY APRIL 22, 2023

1st Reading: Acts 6:1-7
Gospel: Mark 6:16-21

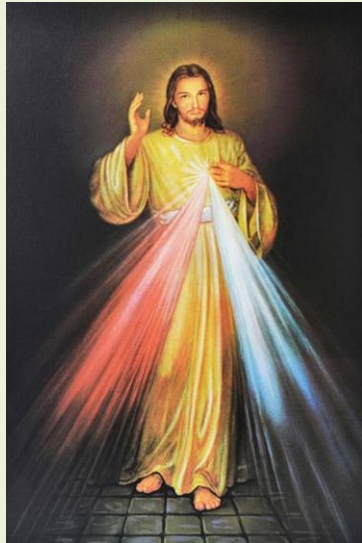
Collection for 04/09//2023

Mass Intentions.....	\$10.00
Yard Sale.....	\$21.00
Candles.....	\$53.00
Door Project.....	\$100.00
Rice Bowl.....	\$100.00
Holy Thursday	
Donation.....	\$215.00
Good Friday.....	\$523.00
Fish Fry.....	\$949.85
Donation.....	\$2,000.00
Collection.....	\$5,084.33
Total.....	\$9,056.68

EASTER TRIDUUM ATTENDEES

HOLY THURSDAY – 50
GOOD FRIDAY – 76
EASTER VIGIL – 88
EASTER SUNDAY - 125

TOTAL = 339



Today, on Divine Mercy Sunday, we celebrate God's everlasting mercy, which heartened the Chosen People again and again over many centuries, found its purest expression in the sacrifice of God's only Son, and will continue to overflow into our world and all God's creation until the end of time. Conscious of both God's mercy and Jesus' command to do for the least of our brothers and sisters what he has done for us, we pray that we may be merciful and forgiving to others, sharing that most precious gift God gives us.

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MASS INTENTIONS:

SATURDAY APRIL 15, 2023

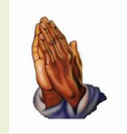
KIRK SELEXMAN SR. – Happy Birthday .
Have a blessed day. – Mary Ward & Mike Sr.

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023

OHUNENE OGIEMWONYI & FAMILY- God's
blessings, provisions and protection –
by Frances Uyanwune
MARYANN AYOADE & FAMILY – God's
blessings, provisions and protection -
by Frances Uyanwune
RAYMOND OTIS (RIP) – by Audrey Otis

PRAYER FOR THE SOULS DEPARTED

On April , 2023 Mary Helen Rideaux and family was saddened by the death of their uncle **LAWRENCE CHARLES** from Lake Charles, Louisiana and the death of their aunt **ROSE MARY MANUEL-DAVIS** from Opelousas, Louisiana who died on April , 2023. Both funerals were held in the city in which they resided. SPN parishioners offer condolences to Mary Helen Rideaux and Family.



LORD, WE LIFT UP PETITIONS OF HEALING FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS, ESPECIALLY:

Magdalene Alimaji,
Ruby Babineaux, Clarissa Battley,
Monique Brightmon,
Rose Broussard, Stephanie Brown,
Annette Chavis, Carrol Chilo, Leola Collins, Freddie Conley, Mary Demus, Caffery Eli, William Gardiner, Christina Green, Marion Guilbeau, Rose Guilbeau, Enolia Guillory, Joseph Guillory, Karlin Good, Marie Hill,
Laura Huntsberry, Robert Gibson, Jane Johnson, Granda & Peter Jolivet, Iona Jones, Irving Kennerson,
Ann Laday, Howard Kennerson, Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Laws, Christopher Millet, Geraldine Milson, Pauline Minkins, Lillie Morris, Mary Beatrice Pickering, Krumsle Posey, Ricky Premeaux, Winzell Roberts, Jr., Jaquetta Robinson, Kenneth Robinson, Monica Rochon, Merrick Sam, Sr., Campsey Thomas, Mary Ann Thomas, Johnny & Patricia Williams, Johnny Williams Jr., Reginald Jackson, Judy Humphries, Delores Mitchell, Dorothy Spencer, Richard Robles, Desria Pradia, Dorothy Lee, Laura PreJean, Mable Watson,

One may request Mass Intentions by visiting the parish office from 9 am – 4:30 pm, Monday – Wednesday or Sunday from 9:00 am – 12 pm. ALL requests must be in writing.

FROM FR. CHRIS ALIMAJI'S DESK
Reflections on Divine Mercy 2023

This 2nd Sunday of Easter has come to be known as the Divine Mercy Sunday since the Devotion to the Divine Mercy following the beatification of Sr. Maria Faustina Kowalska on April 18, 1993, by Pope John Paul II. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy would be recited around the world at 3pm this Sunday. Let us come and join in prayers in our parish church too. Devotees pray it daily at 3pm and 3am. In our parish we combine the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Prayers, together with the devotions to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, on First Fridays of the month. As we celebrate Divine Mercy, we realize that we are saved by God's mercy, not because of anything we might have done. As St. Paul said: "... while we were still sinners Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8). This teaching began with his assertion that "we have been justified by faith" (Rom. 5:1).

Last weekend we ritualized the resurrection event of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, from the dead. **Let us continue telling the story!** In different ways and measures we have unique experiences of the risen Lord, as it was for the apostles of the Lord themselves, who saw him die and he was buried. This Sunday was previously known as Low Sunday, after the highlights of Easter Sunday. We are now living in the mystagogical period of the events. We will continue to share our experiences of baptism into the death and resurrection of the Messiah. Mystagogy is a term unique in catechesis.

The outstanding Gospel story this Sunday is the first appearance of the Lord to his apostles, on that first day of the week, behind closed doors (cf. John 20:19-31). He showed himself to them as alive. The "first day of the week", otherwise Sunday, has become the Day of the Lord for all Christians. It has taken the place of Sabbath for Judaism, the Jewish religion. The resurrection on Sunday, the Lord's post-resurrection appearances and the Pentecost, turned Sunday to be our day of worship in fulfillment of keeping holy "the Sabbath day" (Ex. 20:8ff). For those who ask, these are why, for us Christians. Today

we read the gospel of Christ's commissioning of the Apostles to forgive each others' sins by the divine power of God: "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." (John 20:22-23). 'The Council of Trent defined that this power to forgive sins is exercised in the Sacrament of Penance.' (N. A. Bible commentary on this passage). By this we realize the authority of the priests to forgive sins for Christ's sake "through the ministry of his Church" (Absolution Prayer). Therefore, the sacramental forgiveness of sins is the act of divine mercy, not because of any priest's personal holiness. The sanctify of the priest is absolutely very important, but not the reason for the forgiveness of sins at confession. It is through the ministry of the Church by the priests that sins are forgiven.

Thomas the twin was not present at the meeting of the Apostles on Easter Sunday, when the Lord made his first appearance. This Sunday when the Lord appeared again, St. Thomas's doubt gave us the acclamation "My Lord and my God" (John 20:28), which we use at Mass at the elevation of the Sacred Host and the Precious Blood. It also produced a blessing for us all who were not there to see the Lord physically. We did not see, but we believe. Faith in the risen Lord is what we have, and faith would bring us to salvation. With **faith in the risen Lord** the apostles performed the miraculous and divine healings reported in the First Reading today (cf. Acts 5:12-16). Notice also that great numbers of men and women were added to the list of believers. This surely was as a result of telling the story. The Lord said to the disciples: "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (John 20:21). So, let us continue to tell the story of the risen Lord. For he said: "Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives. Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever" (Rev. 1:17b-18), our Second Reading today. Would you want to share your own experience of the risen Lord? How much faith do you have in the mercy of God for you? Would you doubt divine forgiveness? What has made this Easter unique for you? From now on we would be reflecting on the Lord's appearances. Take special note of each appearance. Rejoice in the Lord always! Alleluia!

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING

Due to the 175th Anniversary of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston on April 20th, 2023, the liturgy committee meeting will be rescheduled to Wednesday, April 26th, 2023 @ 7:30 p.m.

NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC CONGRESS X111 - JULY 20-23, 2023

Continuing preparation for the National Black Catholic Congress XIII, the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston will host the Final Congress Day of Reflection

Saturday, April 29, 2023 9 am – 2 pm St Hyacinth Catholic Church 2921 Center Street Deer Park, TX

See flyer in the Hallway for more information.

LENTEN FISH FRY

We would like to thank everyone who supported us to make the Fish Fry a success.

Bazaar/Fundraising Committee

SUPER BINGO

The Bazaar Committee will have Super Bingo on April 22, 2023, from 2 pm to 6 pm. We will sell Chicken Wings and Fries for \$15.00, Mild and Hot Boudin for \$5.00, Soda and Water for \$1.00. Please come out and support our fundraiser.

Thank you
Bazaar/Fundraising Committee

WELCOME VISITORS/NEWCOMERS

Welcome to all visitors and intending members. Please raise your hand if you are a visitor. To register, call or come by the parish office or see one of the ushers in the back pews of the Sanctuary for envelopes.

"When we act in accord with the Spirit, we show our kinship with Jesus, "for whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother" (Mark 3:35). Resisting temptation is not easy, for the serpent is a formidable foe, but when we do we progress toward the reward of "an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison

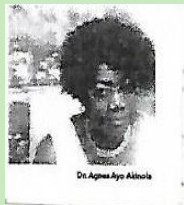
(2 Corinthians 4:17).

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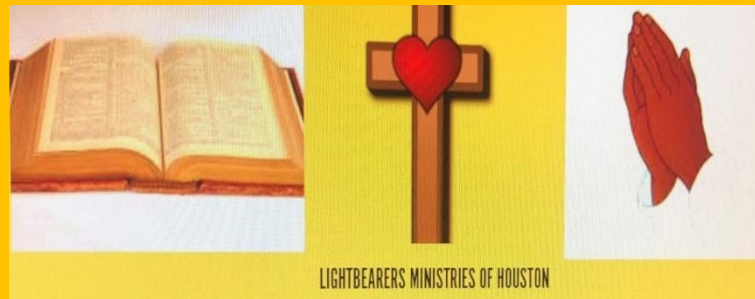
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