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Tuesday 5:30 P.M.
Wednesday 6:30 A.M.
Thursday 6:30 A.M.
Friday 6:30 A.M.
First Saturday 8:00 A.M.

Saturday 4:00 P.M.
Sunday 8:00 A.M.
10:00 A.M.
5:00 P.M.

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday
8:00 A.M. — 4:00 P.M.

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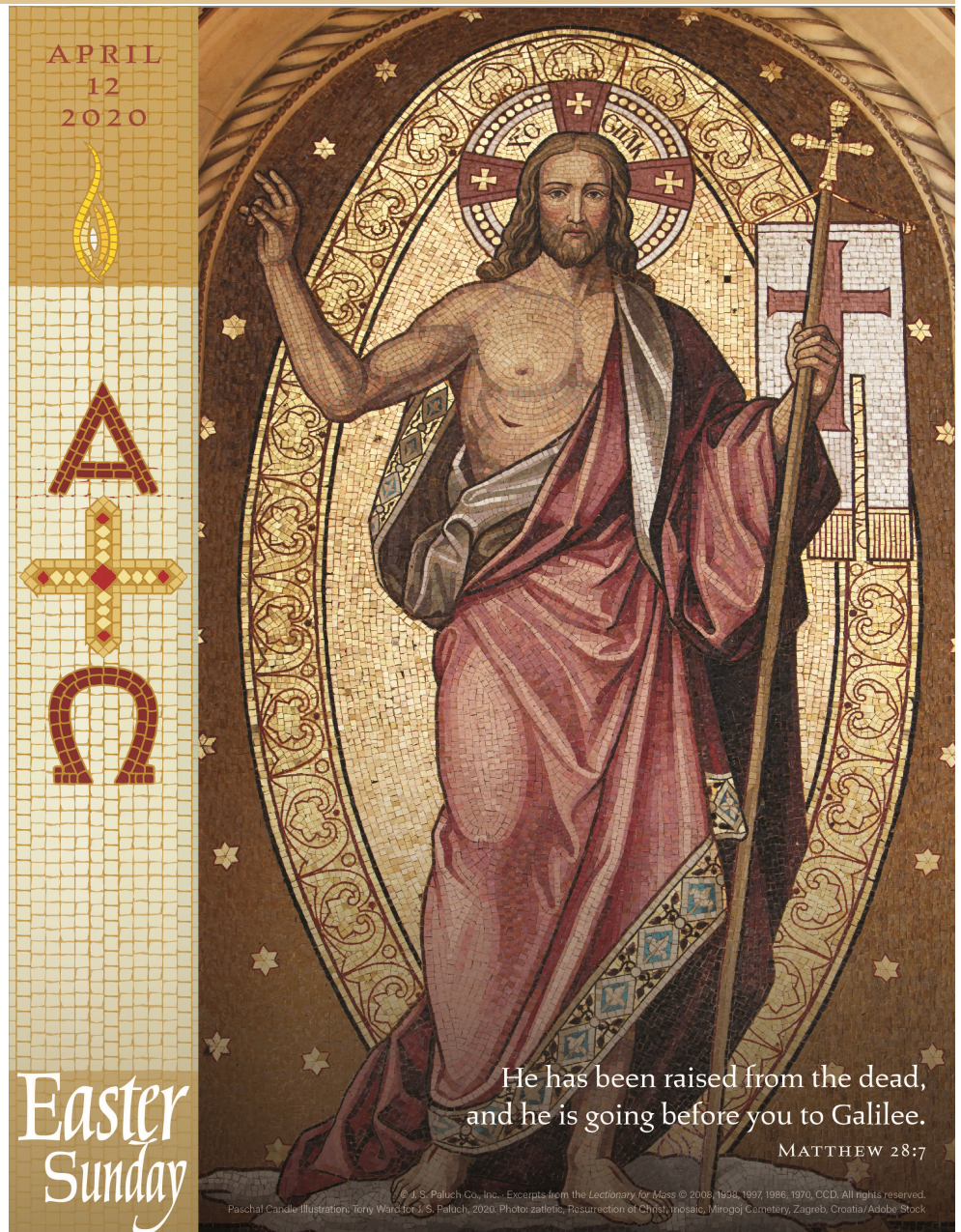
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Sacraments

Baptism

Parents should contact the Parish Office regarding Baptism prior to the birth of the child.

Matrimony

Engaged couples should contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to the anticipated wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick

Those who are seriously ill or in danger of death should contact the Parish Office to request the Sacrament of the Sick



Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! This is Easter Sunday which can be summed up in our second reading taken from St. Paul to the Colossians: "You have been raised up in company with Christ."

Why does St. Paul say that in the water of baptism we die with Christ. Simply put, in baptism we drown in the water and our sins are taken away to live the newness of life – the grace life. This is what baptism has done for us; that is, to be "raised up in company with Christ."

And that beautiful letter goes on to say, "Since you have been raised up in company with Christ, set your hearts on what pertains to higher realms where Christ is seated at God's right hand. Be intent on things above rather than on things of earth. After all, you have died [in baptism]! Your life is hidden now with Christ in God."

Recognize the Easter celebration for truly what it is; you've been able to pick a winner. But the deeper reality and a source of indescribable Easter joy is the fact that the winner, Christ, has picked you! So, indeed, this is victory day for each and every one of us. The victory is Christ's of course, but he has chosen to share that victory with us and make winners of us all.

So, let us all sing: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
With much love and great affection, I remain,

Fr. Jason Mouton
St. Martin de Tours, Pray for Us!



Prayer during time of illness:

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another. Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." Come to our aid now, that we may experience your healing love. Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace. Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace. Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

The month of April is traditionally, in our Catholic Faith, dedicated to the Holy Spirit and the Holy Eucharist.

April comes from the Latin, *aperier*, to open. In the midst of spring, the buds open.

Another suggestion is the Greek word *Aphro*, short for Aphrodite, the goddess of love, because in spring human fancy turns to love.



Check Your Calendar

- April 16: Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI's 93rd Birthday.
- April 17: Scott Boutin Festival & Parks Cracklin Festival Weekend
- April 18: Survivors of Violence Mass, 10:00a.m., Immaculata Chapel celebrated by Bishop Douglas Deshotel.
- April 19-26: Volunteer Appreciation Week
- April 22: Administrative Professionals Day—please give Tammy, Dianne, and Deacon Boutte' a friendly call or note in appreciation for their ministry to our thriving parish.
- April 22-26: Festival International De Lousiane Begins.
- April 30 – May 3: New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival.

May 10: 10a.m., Graduate's Recognition Mass. 2020 Graduates' are asked to call the parish office to confirm attendance and wear cap and gown to process in with Fr. Mouton and be seated in reserved pews. Please note that grads are asked to meet our pastor in the cafeteria at 9:30a.m. for a group photo which will be included in the following weekend's bulletin.

This invite includes all graduates from pre-k, Jr. High, High school, College, and Grad school. A lite reception of cake and punch will follow in our cafeteria. Assistance is needed to help with reception so please call the parish office to sign-up in helping us in recognizing our parishioners who are this year's graduates. Note: This may change by diocesan directives of gatherings and masses. May 15: 6p.m., Fr. Mouton delivers Benediction and/or Invocation at St. Martinville High School Grad's ceremony.

May 16: Armed Forces Day
May 22: Students' Last Day of School – All St. Martinville Schools.

May 25: Memorial Day – Parish and Diocesan offices CLOSED!

June 14: Flag Day
 June 20: 1st Day of Summer

July 17-22: Fr. Mouton on Vacation, "Mother's Dream" Cabin in Pigeon Forge, Tenn.

July 15-19: Unity Explosion in Beaumont, Texas; MCM Elegante Hotel (African-American gathering).

July 24-29: Knights of Peter Claver National Convention, Chicago, Illinois (Friday – Wednesday).

Sept. 7: Labor Day – Parish Offices Closed.

Sept. 8: Deacon Wynard Boutte's Birthday.

Sept. 20: Shelia Ambrose Birthday (Rectory House keeping and Cook).

Sept. 22: Edwin Horn's Birthday (Maintenance).

Sept. 27-30: Stewardship Conference – Anaheim, CA

Sept. 29: Tammy Leblanc's Birthday – Parish Assistant.

Oct. 16: Boss' Day

Oct. 20: 6:30p.m., Sacrament of Confirmation conferred by Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel.

Oct. 30: 7p.m., Wedding, Msgr. Douglas Courville.

Oct. 31: Dianne Champagne's Birthday, Staff.

Nov. 1: National Black Catholic History Month.

Nov. 6: Pat Melancon's Birthday, Parish Musician.

Nov. 23-27 (Monday-Friday): Fr. Mouton's Vacation.

Nov. 25: 6:15p.m. Thanksgiving Vigil Mass.

Nov. 26: Thanksgiving Holiday – Parish Offices

CLOSED. Mass TENTATIVELY AT 9:00a.m.

Dec. 10-12: National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry, Hyatt Regency Hotel, New Orleans, La.

Dec. 17: Fr. Mouton's Birthday.

Dec. 23: No Morning Mass – Decorating of Church; assistance needed – please call parish office to sign-up.

Dec. 24: 4p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass

Dec. 25: Christmas Day Masses – 8 & 10a.m.

Dec. 28: Monday – Parish Offices Closed (Post Christmas).

Reminder: Calendar is updated weekly with activities and/or events. Please mark your personal calendars with our parish's activities/events.

CANDLES

Sanctuary Candle:

Yvette Romero Cartwright

Consecration Candles:

Lawrence J. "Pee Wee" & Lillie

Mae "Dottie" Barras & Andrew;

Walter & Lucette Hulin





Pro-Life Corner!

For those mourning the loss of a loved one: May they find peace in the hope of the Resurrection and

Christ's promise of eternal life: *We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer!*

“Those who die in God’s grace and friendship live forever with Christ. Heaven is not an abstract idea, but a true and lasting relationship with God that is beyond all earthly description and understanding. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead and everlasting life by preparing now, in hope, for our passage from this life into eternal life.”

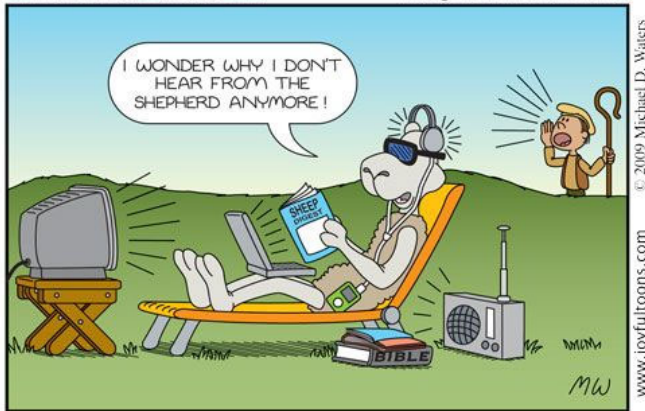
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing”

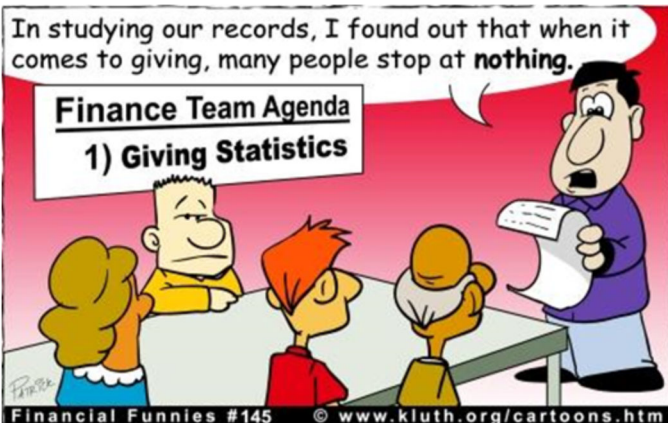
Church Humor

SHEPHERD’S VOICE

A Joyful’toon by Mike Waters



My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:
- JOHN 10:27 KJV



Church Photo Directory



The last pictorial directory of families and/or individuals for *Eglise St. Martin de Tours* was done way back in 1984; that is, 36 years ago. We have contracted the services of the Life Touch.

This company has NOW postponed photo opportunities until the Fall because of the Carona Virus and their staff being diminished. Thanks for your understanding.

Easter Holy Water



Easter Holy Water bottles will be available for pick-up on Easter Sunday from 8a.m. – 11a.m. and will be placed outside the front doors of the church in bins.

Pictorial Directory



BLESSED MOTHER
STATUE WILL BE AT
THE HOME OF

Arlene & Howard Boyer
April 14-20, 2020



Specifics for next year's Holy Land Pilgrimage will be provided soon. Please keep up with the bulletin for dates, costs, departure airport, etc. And, another pilgrimage will be scheduled for Fatima, Portugal and Lourdes, France shortly as well. **Please consider one or both.** **There**

will be an orientation meeting on Monday, May 11, 6:30p.m. conducted by Magnificat Travel Agency in our hall cafeteria for all interested individuals for the Holy Land Pilgrimage; please spread the

word as this pilgrimage is open to St. Martin de Tours parishioners and others as well. Deacon Wynard Boutte' and myself will be the spiritual guides and Mass and confessions will be provided daily. As stated previously, the dates are April 24 – May 2, 2021 with departure from St. Martin de Tours Church parking lot, travel via chartered bus to Houston, Texas and then departure to Tel Aviv from Bush Continental Airport.

PLEASE NOTE

Advance Notice!

Every year as a seminarian at Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Maryland in the beautiful Catoctin Mountains, from 1988 to the present, I have attended the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. then as associate in Kaplan, then Pastor at Our Lady, Queen of Peace in Lafayette and then Pastor of St. Anne in Youngsville, I conducted pilgrimages to overturn this horrendous roe v wade decision. Please consider also thinking about attending next year with me. Details will be provided shortly through a local travel agency. It will be a weeklong pilgrimage with visits to Mount St. Mary's in Emmitsburg, Md., Baltimore, and **perhaps** (**Not** confirmed) New York City with a Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral. The tentative dates of next year's pilgrimage is January 20-28/29 with the actual March taking place on Friday, January 22nd, 2021. I've written often about my Graduate School, Mt. St. Mary's, and invite you to google their website. It is my home-away-from-home each year and you will fall in love with it should you consider a pilgrimage with me.

*****Easter Egg Hunt postponed until a later date due to virus.**



Mass Intentions: 4/14/20: Catherine "Cat" & Harris Champagne ("Cat" BD 4/13); Mitchell Daspit; Georgean A. Babin; Ethel G. Oubre & Mark; **4/18/20: 4:00pm:** Ida & Roland Robichaux; Shirley Hulin Delcambre; Elizabeth A., Toby & Todd Bertrand; M/M Jack Trail, Sr.; Clara Trahan Dwyer & JD Dwyer; Ethel G. Oubre; Beranger D. Theriot; George Resweber; Michael Anthony Mire & Clifton Mire, Sr.; Harold P. Poirier & Family **4/19/20 8:00AM:** Rita Hernandez; & Tas; Myrtle Girouard & Roy Breaux; Priscilla Hulin; AJ "Bon" & Leona Champagne; AJ "JAY" Melancon, Jr. & Keith; Kitty & Wesley Maturin; Donald & Tony Thomas (Tony DA); Bryan James Poirier; Hubert & Lorena Hulin; Ava Nicole Douet; Alicia Anne Gauthier (her 6th DA 4/14) **10:00AM:** Harvey Pelafigue; Russell & Jeanelle Landry; M/M Albert Landry; M/M Alfred Landry; Suzette Bienvenu Judice; Genevieve "Jenny" Theriot & Ben; Dominic Broussard & Gaylon Champagne; Hazel Robertson; M/M Desire Delahoussaye & Betty; Craig, Doug, Roland & Judy Baudoin; Pim & Pecko Eastin; Ethel Maraist Babin; Cliff Durand; Lloyd, Mary & Renee Berard; Garrett Matthew Tabor, Lilly Belle & DeBlanc; Special Intention; Marin & Joanna C. Durand **5:00PM:** Marie & John Sonnier, Sr., Aunt Loretta; Howard, Irene & Raymond Duplantis; Wade & Kathryn "Kat" Watkins; Leonce "Cas" Jr. & Cory "Cas" Boudreaux

Our Lady's Prayer For The Sick



O my God, this sick person here before You has come to ask You what he/she desires and what he believes to be the most important thing for them. Grant, O God, that these words enter into their hearst: "It is important to be healthy in the soul!" Lord, may Your Holy Will be done unto them in everything. If You wish that they be healed, may they be given health. But if Your Will is different, may they continue to bear this cross. I pray to You also for us who intercede for all. Purify our hearts so as to make us worthy of Your Holy Mercy to be given through us. Protect him and relieve his sufferings. May Your Holy Will be done unto him. Through him may Your Holy Name be revealed. Help him to bear his cross with courage.

(Pray the Glory Be prayer three times)



EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS: M/M Desire Delahoussaye & Betty; M/M Watson Sonnier & Diana; M/M Emile Latiolais & Sophia; M/M Joseph Usie; Bib, Carroll & Warren Fuselier; Elise Templeman; Mac & Evelyn Champagne; Genevieve "Jenny" Theriot & Ben; Winona & Joe Standridge; Joanne & Marcel Fuselier; Catherine "Cat" & Harris Champagne; Lloyd, Laurence & Holly Girouard; Marie, Mitchell & Michael Talley; Dr. & Mrs. Murphy Martin; Rev. Kenneth Morvant; Rene "Man" Ledet; James Jenkins; John "Noonie" Viator; M/M Jean Poirier; M/M Nolan Theriot, Sr.; M/M Sylvain Melancon; Ella & Walter Leleux; Ethel G. Oubre; Otis, Irene, Mark & Yvette Courville; Delia & Claby Gary; Louise & Otto Oubre; Larry Blanchard, Sr.; May & Laura T. Albert Family; Vincent & Mazel Blanchard Family; Liz, Toby & Todd Bertrand; Lynne Viator Judice; M/M Tilden Bonin; Hardy Theriot; DeBlanc & Lilly Beslin; Garrett Matthew Tabor



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There is a wonderful family from my previous assignment of St. Anne's in Youngsville, Larry and Gladys Lasseigne, who have generously provided me with several of their condos in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee for the past 8 years where my mother, Dolores, myself, several priests, other family members and Deacon Boutte' have enjoyed. It is an absolute oasis in the Great Smokey Mountains. They have four (4) cabins for rental: Point of View – 2 Bedrooms; Mother's Dream – 3 Bedrooms; Applewood Manor – 4 Bedrooms; Appalachian – 5 bedrooms which will open in October (sleeps 16).

Applewood Manor is located less than ½ mile from Dollywood Theme Park and has a beautiful view of the Mountains and you can hear the trains whistle from the cabins porch. Each cabin has a heated pool and a game room (pool table, foos ball machine).

For more information until June go to Cabinsforyou.com and after, Smokey Mountain Cabins of Tennessee. Below are pictures for you to view how beautiful these cabins are:



Appalachian



Applewood Manor



Point of View



Mother's Dream

As per my friends, if you would like the Owner's referral discount one can contact Larry Lasseigne at 280-0909 and please tell him or his wife that they read the aforementioned information in our church bulletin. I will be going again this year and staying at Mother's Dream in Pigeon Forge, TN July 17-22 with family members and friends.