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APRIL 18, 2021 | 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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Mass Schedule

Weekday Mass

Tuesday | 5:45pm

Wednesday - Friday | 8:00am

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil | 4:00pm

Sunday | 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am

Holy Days As Announced

Sacraments

Baptism: Arrangements should be made in advance.

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:00 pm. Tuesday - Friday 30 minutes before daily mass.

Matrimony: Arrangements should be made through the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance.

Pastor | Father Joshua Johnson

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Hours: Monday - Thursday: 8:30am - 4:00 pm (closed for lunch 1:00 - 2:00) Friday: 8:30am - 12pm

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3rd Sunday of Easter

ENTRANCE HYMN - *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia,
our triumphant holy day; alleluia,
who did once upon the cross; alleluia,
suffer to redeem our loss; alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing; Alleluia,
unto Christ our heavenly king; alleluia,
who endured the cross and grave; alleluia,
sinners to redeem and save: alleluia!

But the pains which he endured; Alleluia,
our salvation have procured; alleluia,
now above the sky he's King; alleluia,
where the angels ever sing: alleluia!

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise You,
We bless You,
We adore You,
We glorify You,
We give You thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For You alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

FIRST READING – A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (3:13-15, 17-19)

Peter said to the people:
“The God of Abraham,
the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob,
the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus,
whom you handed over and denied in Pilate’s presence
when he had decided to release him.
You denied the Holy and Righteous One
and asked that a murderer be released to you.
The author of life you put to death,
but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses.
Now I know, brothers,
that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did;
but God has thus brought to fulfillment
what he had announced beforehand
through the mouth of all the prophets,
that his Christ would suffer.
Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins
may be wiped away.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

PSALM — 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9

R. Alleluia.

When I call, answer me, O my just God,
you who relieve me when I am in distress;
have pity on me, and hear my prayer!

R. Alleluia.

Know that the LORD does wonders for his faithful one;
the LORD will hear me when I call upon him.

R. Alleluia.

O LORD, let the light of your countenance shine upon us!
You put gladness into my heart.

R. Alleluia.

As soon as I lie down, I fall peacefully asleep,
for you alone, O LORD,
bring security to my dwelling.

R. Alleluia.



SECOND READING – A reading from the first Letter of Saint John (2:1-5a)

My children, I am writing this to you
so that you may not commit sin.
But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ the righteous one.
He is expiation for our sins,
and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world.
The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep
his commandments.
Those who say, “I know him,” but do not keep his commandments
are liars, and the truth is not in them.
But whoever keeps his word,
the love of God is truly perfected in him.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Alleluia — Cf. Lk 24:32

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us;
make our hearts burn while you speak to us.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel — Lk 24:35-48

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way,
and how Jesus was made known to them
in the breaking of bread.
While they were still speaking about this,
he stood in their midst and said to them,
“Peace be with you.”
But they were startled and terrified
and thought that they were seeing a ghost.
Then he said to them, “Why are you troubled?
And why do questions arise in your hearts?
Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself.
Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones
as you can see I have.”
And as he said this,
he showed them his hands and his feet.
While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed,
he asked them, “Have you anything here to eat?”
They gave him a piece of baked fish;
he took it and ate it in front of them.

He said to them,
“These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still
with you, that everything written about me in the law of
Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled.”
Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.
And he said to them,
“Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer
and rise from the dead on the third day
and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins,
would be preached in his name
to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.
You are witnesses of these things.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS & PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR

OFFERTORY— Your Words are Spirit and Life

Your words are spirit and life, O Lord:
Richer than gold, stronger than death.
Your words are spirit and life, O Lord;
Life everlasting.

Reviving the weary spirit.
God's rule can be trusted: bringing us wisdom,
Bringing God's wisdom to birth.

They gladden the hearts of people.
God's command is so clear it brings us new vision;
Bringing God's light to our eyes.

God's presence is everlasting.
God's truth is eternal, bringing us justice;
Bringing God's justice to earth.

Worth more than we dare imagine
And, sweeter than honey, this word will feed us,
Bringing fulfillment and joy.

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your death, O Lord,
And profess your Resurrection
Until you come again.

GREAT AMEN

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
Grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG— We Have Been Told

We have been told.
We've seen his face
And heard his voice alive in our hearts.
"Live in my love with all your heart.
As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.

I am the vine; you are the branches,
And all who live in me will bear great fruit.

You are my friends, if you keep my commands,
No longer slaves; I call you friends.

No greater love is there than this: to lay down one's life
for a friend.

FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

RECESSIONAL HYMN – Alleluia No. 1

Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation. *Refrain.*

Spread the good news o'er all the earth.
Jesus has died and has risen. *Refrain*

We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live forever. *Refrain.*





Thursday, April 22
6:00 PM
Parish Center

Grief Support Group

Anyone who is struggling with grief or loss of a love one is invited to join us for a grief support meeting.

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MASS INTENTIONS
SATURDAY, APRIL 17

4:00 PM Camille Bourgeois family, Tina Lanoux, Tarry L. Thomas, Anthony & Nora Melancon, Catherine Bourgeois

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

7:00 AM Cecilia Pasqua, For the Parish

9:00 AM Eva & Gilbert LeBlanc, Jonathan & Jeffery Sargent, Kecert K. Turner

11:00 AM Lura B. Sheets, Percy & Hermine Boudreaux, Lois LeBlanc, Mark LeBlanc, Murdle LeBlanc, Diane Templet, J.C. Gonzales & family, M/M George Hymel & family, Lance Leon, Patsy Hebert, Anthony Lipoma

MONDAY, APRIL 19

8:00 AM For the Parish

TUESDAY, APRIL 20

5:45 PM Memorial Guild

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

8:00 AM Leona, Blake, & Gail Bourgeois

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

8:00 AM Timothy Norris

FRIDAY, APRIL 23

8:00 AM Charlie Wurm & family, Chad Trabeau, Arys & Whitney Trabeau, Caiden Trabeau

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

4:00 PM Charles Braud, Barton Braud, Calvin Braud, Anthony Fazio, Sr., Brayden Johnson

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

7:00 AM Brett M. Frederic, Arthur & Laura Clouatre, Dianne Savoy, Ed Schexnayder III

9:00 AM Diane Saucier, Ernie & Audrey Bercegeay, Floyd & Greg Stelly, Paula Speligene

11:00 AM Morris & Eva Moran, James "Sneaky" Babin, Pat Scarbrough, M/M Winthrop Babin, Anthony Lipoma

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn before the Blessed Sacrament the week of April 18 for:

J.C. Gonzales & family
Lura B. Sheets
Christine Bennett



Our Deepest Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers for the family and friends of Ralph Bourgeois and Anna Villeneuve.



April 25, 2021

Reading I: Acts 4:8-12

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said: “Leaders of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a cripple, namely, by what means he was saved, then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed. He is the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved.”

Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is what allowed him to do the work of Jesus. Here he was making sure that everyone knew that the power that was in him was not of his own, but was a power of the Holy Spirit. That same power is available to you today. Do you ever feel inadequate when it comes to sharing your faith with other people? You may feel that way because you have had no formal Christian education or training. The best school you can attend is the school of the Holy Spirit, and you don't have to obtain a degree to get this education. Some of the tools you will need to get trained in the School of the Holy Spirit include the frequent reception of the Sacraments, daily prayer with the Sacred Scriptures, study of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and fellowship with the body of Christ in the poorest of the poor. Ask God to open your eyes, ears and heart to what He wants to reveal to you in Worship, Prayer, Study and Fellowship. The Holy Spirit is the best teacher you will ever have. I want to invite you to enroll in the school of the Holy Spirit so that you can be an instrument in the hand of God as He builds His kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

Reading II: 1 John 3:1-2

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

There is a popular country song that says, “I believe the streets of gold are worth the work. But I still want to go even if it's paved in dirt.” I resonate with the lyrics of this song. It is not always easy being a Christian. In fact sometimes it can be very difficult at times. But there is nothing we face on this earth that is worth losing our hope of eternity with Christ. Pray today for our brothers and sisters who are struggling in this very moment between Jesus and the allurements of the world.

Gospel: John 10:11-18

Jesus said: “I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father.”

Many of us have experienced the feeling of having something taken from us. It is not a good feeling. We may have even felt violated and with just cause. The enemy wants to steal from all of us and I am not just speaking of material things. The devil is a thief who wants to destroy our lives. More than the passing gifts of our possessions, the devil wants to steal the joy, peace and hope that can only come from abiding in a personal relationship with God. If you perceive the enemy is trying to rob the gifts of God from your life, I want to encourage to go before the throne and ask God to restore the abundant life He promises all who love Him. It is available to us now and always.

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