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MASSES

Saturday Anticipated Mass 4 pm

Sunday

8:30 am & 10:30 am

Weekdays

(M-T-W-F only) 12:05 pm

Holy Days as announced

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3 to 3:45 pm

Weekdays (M-T-W-F) 11:15-11:50 am

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The culmination of the Paschal Triduum is the **Resurrection of the Lord!** Our celebration of Christ Jesus' victory over death and sin recalls the most positive thing that has ever happened in our history, and indeed for all time to come. Finally we can even stare the prospect of dying – or any other disappointment, challenge or evil – in the face, and confidently move forward anyway. At last we can be sure that this world and its limitations in time give way to a certain, limitless existence.

This should make us **super-confident, happy to be followers of Jesus.** You know that Bishop Duca has a favorite Easter quote, which he reminds us of every year. He likes to prompt: "The Lord is Risen!" and we eagerly respond: "He is Risen Indeed!" I admit I also have a favorite, one which Pope St. John Paul II coined way back in 1986: **"We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song!"** (Come to think of it, since it's a two-phrase statement, it could well become a joyful prompt-and-response also!)

So how will *you* be more and more an "Easter person"? Remember, **self-improvement** is not just something to work on during Lent. In fact, we should allow the power of the resurrection to inspire and enable us to do even more good. Now more than ever it's time to **redouble efforts at prayer and religious activism**, especially in the pro-life sphere, in working to protect the wonderful world God gave us, and in making our social and political discourse more civil and productive. These are, after all, just **practical ways to accomplish the Catholic "works of mercy"** on which Christ has promised to judge us: to give food, clothing and shelter to the poor, to visit and comfort the sick and imprisoned, to welcome the foreigner, to instruct the ignorant, doubtful and wayward; to be patient and forgiving, and to be people of constant prayer.

As our country and local community drag ourselves out of the fears and dangers of the Covid-19 pandemic, definitely **we need to re-discover and relish all that was good that we temporarily lost over the past year.** Yet we also definitely do *not* want to go back to those things which make us less caring and thoughtful, and more indulgent and selfish, and so forth. Christ the Lord was able to overcome His sufferings; with His help, so will we!

Again, happy Easter!

In the Risen Lord,

COLLECTIONS



This weekend, at our Easter Masses – or whenever you mail in or drop off your donation! – we take up the important annual collection for *our own **Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund***. The priests of the Diocese of Baton Rouge rely on your generosity to this collection to help them face their “third age” with grace and dignity. Please grace them with your generosity and your prayers!

We will also be taking up the monthly collection *For the Maintenance and Repair of the Cathedral* – seeing as it's the first full weekend of the month! Thank you for helping us to keep our wonderful and historic Cathedral in good repair!

PRE-BAPTISMAL PREPARATION



Parents, are you expecting? The Church expects you to attend a **pre-Baptismal parents' seminar**, and the next one is scheduled here is next *Monday, April 12*, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Office. The godparents are welcome also, so please be sure to extend the invitation.

Please register beforehand either by sending an email to office@cathedralbr.org or by making a quick phone call to **225-387-5928** – we need to know how many people will be attending! Please note that social distancing is usually not a problem, as the number of attendees is generally small, but masks are required.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Easter Sunday, April 4

Masses – 8:30 and 10:30 am

Monday, April 5

Parish Office Closed

No Confessions or Mass

Tuesday, April 6

Food Pantry – 10 am

Wednesday, April 7

Choir Practice – 6:15 pm

Thursday, April 8

Ginn/Juneau Wedding Rehearsal – 6 pm

Friday, April 9

Ginn/Juneau Wedding – 6:30 pm

Saturday, April 10

Farmers' Market – 8 am

PSR SESSION NEXT SUNDAY!



If your public-school children are enrolled in our **Parish School of Religion**, remember **the last meeting of all children and parents**, coordinated as usual by Mrs. Olga Johnson, will be *this coming Sunday, April 11*, at **9 am sharp**, in the large Assembly Room of the Parish Hall. It's best if you plan to attend the 10:30 am Mass afterwards.

These group sessions are important occasions which supplement the religious education YOU provide your children at home!

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Please note that the Cathedral's Parish Office will be **closed** on Easter Monday, April 5. Daily Mass is not celebrated that day either, nor will confessions be heard.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

The regular collection over the weekend of March 20-21, along with donations mailed in during the preceding week, came to a total of \$10,433.00 (\$10,203.00 offered by 59 Identified Givers, with the other \$230.00 offered by anonymous donors). And we also got an additional \$510.00 from 2 Identified Givers to add to the previously reported total for the national *Catholic Relief Services* collection. Thank you for your continuing support!

Remember that, most conveniently, you can use your bank's "**Bill Pay**" feature to give, or **mail in your contributions** directly to our Parish Office, at 412 North Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802-5496. But *don't* send cash through the mails!

Special donations are also welcome, whether *memorial gifts* remembering departed loved ones, or gifts honoring living persons. You are **especially** invited to **include the Cathedral in your will** or living trust, helping to provide for our future! On a smaller scale, you can **sponsor one or more floral arrangements** for our weekend and special event Masses.

And finally, there are **lots of other ways** that you can help us with the cost of things: altar linens, missals and lectionaries, vestments, hosts and wine, candles and oil, incense and charcoals, furniture, music materials, dry-cleaning of vestments and choir robes, statuary, and of course regular office supplies are expenses that we encounter throughout the year. Just contact the Parish Office ([225-387-0561](tel:225-387-0561) or office@cathedralbr.org) to give!

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR "ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

The Ladies of the Cathedral

who invite all women to join us in our service to our Cathedral Parish and local community

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Not only our own parishioners and friends but Catholics from throughout the Diocese of Baton Rouge are welcome to choose their Cathedral for the celebration of the Sacraments. These important spiritual events are always scheduled through our Parish Office (you can simply call us at [225-387-5928](tel:225-387-5928) or email us at office@cathedralbr.org).

INFANT BAPTISM

A pre-baptismal preparation seminar is required of parents, as well as their scheduling the baptism with the Parish Office.

ADULT BAPTISM

Preparation for full adult Sacramental Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) occurs as part of the Parish's RCIA process throughout the year.

FIRST PENANCE & FIRST EUCHARIST

Second graders, no matter where they attend elementary school, are prepared for these Sacraments within a special program here.

CONFIRMATION

In advance of the annual "Feast of the Holy Spirit" on Pentecost, special, brief preparation programs are held here each Spring, one for our parish's teenagers who are in the eleventh grade, and another for other adults who wish to be confirmed.

MATRIMONY

Various Church regulations require at least six months of preparation for any wedding. Our advice is to call well in advance of that time to reserve a wedding date and receive information: our facilities are often booked in advance 12 to 18 months ahead-of-time!

One's own parish priest or deacon is expected to supervise the mandatory Catholic pre-nuptial preparation and officiate at the wedding ceremony here. Our own wedding coordinator will be in charge of the rehearsal and wedding too.

A VOCATION VIEW



The glorious feast of the Resurrection of Christ proclaims forever that **life is greater than death**. Jesus always commanded us to preach this good news to all peoples in all places.

If you think that God is calling you to be His priest or to consecrate your life to Him as a religious, contact *Father Josh Johnson*, our diocesan Director of Vocations recruitment, by email to jjohnson@diobr.org, or telephone to [225-336-8778](tel:225-336-8778), or by visiting www.diobr.org/vocations on the internet.



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

*Generous God,
You show us the way that leads to everlasting life.
Through holy baptism you have called us to proclaim the Good News.
Guide and give wisdom to those discerning a priestly or religious vocation.
Bless and strengthen those who have made a lifetime commitment of service in the Church.
Enrich our Church with dedicated married and single people, as well as with priests, deacons, and consecrated religious.
Filled with your Holy Spirit, we ask this blessing that we, your holy people, may follow Jesus, our Good Shepherd, now and always.
Amen.*

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday/Sunday, April 10-11, 2021

	4 pm Fr. Paul Counce	8:30 am Fr. Paul Counce	10:30 am Bishop Michael Duca
Readers	Todd Gaudin (1) Bridget Gaudin (2)	Kelly Wilkinson (1) Jessica Sharon (2)	Vic Howell (1) Elizabeth Foy (2)
Servers	David Diez	Kurt Mihalik	Dickie Howze Sean Molony Caitlyn Thompson
Sacristans	Father Paul Counce	Erick Swenson	Dickie Howze
Coffee & Donuts	Julie Brignac & Melanie Montanaro		



MARRIED IN CHRIST



Congratulations go out to **Cortland Breckenridge Lyles and Morgan Elizabeth Williston**, who married here at the Cathedral on Friday evening, March 19, before Father Bradley Doyle.

May God's favor be upon them! We hope that their lifelong commitment inspires us all. Please continue to support them – and their extended family and one day their children – with your ongoing prayers.

MINISTRIES IN NEED!

The pandemic caused us to cancel our annual Stewardship of Ministry appeal last year, but volunteers to assist in our ministries are ALWAYS welcome! Just call the Parish Office at [225-387-5928](tel:225-387-5928) and we'll tell you how! Here are a few where help is needed:

Altar Servers: we can always use additional help in this ministry – and both adults and children are welcome!

Coffee & Donuts: one of the most delicious ministries, and it's a great social opportunity as well. Grab a friend or your spouse and form a team!

Bulletin Editor: our current editor has decided to move on after a ten-year stint. Would you like to use your creative skills and help us put together this informational outreach?

Funeral Coordinator: This isn't a ministry which has been active for some years, but it sure is very helpful for the clergy and families involved. Having someone to help with these occasions can truly offer comfort to grieving families and assist the Parish staff as well.

Pray about where and how you can help, and then pick up the phone!

FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE



Next Sunday, April 11, following the 10:30 am Mass – at approximately 11:40 am – we will hold a **practice** for those children in our parish who are preparing to receive **the Sacrament of Holy Communion**.

Please pray for the young people who will be making their First Communion on Sunday, May 2. It's an exciting time for them, and we share in their excitement as we support them on their journey in the Catholic faith.

SCHOLARSHIP REMINDER



If you know a deserving woman who could benefit from one of the charitable college scholarships provided each year from the proceeds of the "**Agnes T. Maguire Trust**" please be sure to let her know that the deadline for making an application covering the 2021-2022 academic year is next Sunday, April 11, 2021.

Application forms are available from our Parish Office, and are to be submitted directly to JP Morgan Chase Bank in Dallas, Texas.

Applicants must be female US citizens; in keeping with Miss Maguire's wishes, preference is given to residents of the Baton Rouge area. Applicants must have and maintain a minimum secondary and post-secondary education GPA of 3.0. Recipients must attend an accredited institution of higher learning, whether undergraduate or graduate, as a full-time student. For additional information, simply call the Parish Office at [225-387-5928](tel:225-387-5928) or email us at office@cathedralbr.org.

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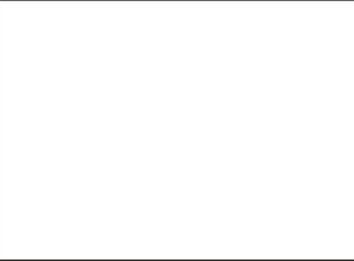

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