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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS TIMES

WEEKENDS
Saturday | 4:00pm
Sunday | 7:00am & 9:30am
WEEKDAYS
Monday / Wednesday | 6:30pm
Tuesday / Thursday | 7:30am
1st Thursdays | 6:30pm
Holy Days & Anticipated Mass | TBA
Tuesday Rosary I 9:00 am
Holy Hour of Adoration & Benediction
1st Thursdays | 5:30pm

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SACRAMENTS

Confession: 30 minutes before weekend mass or by appointment.

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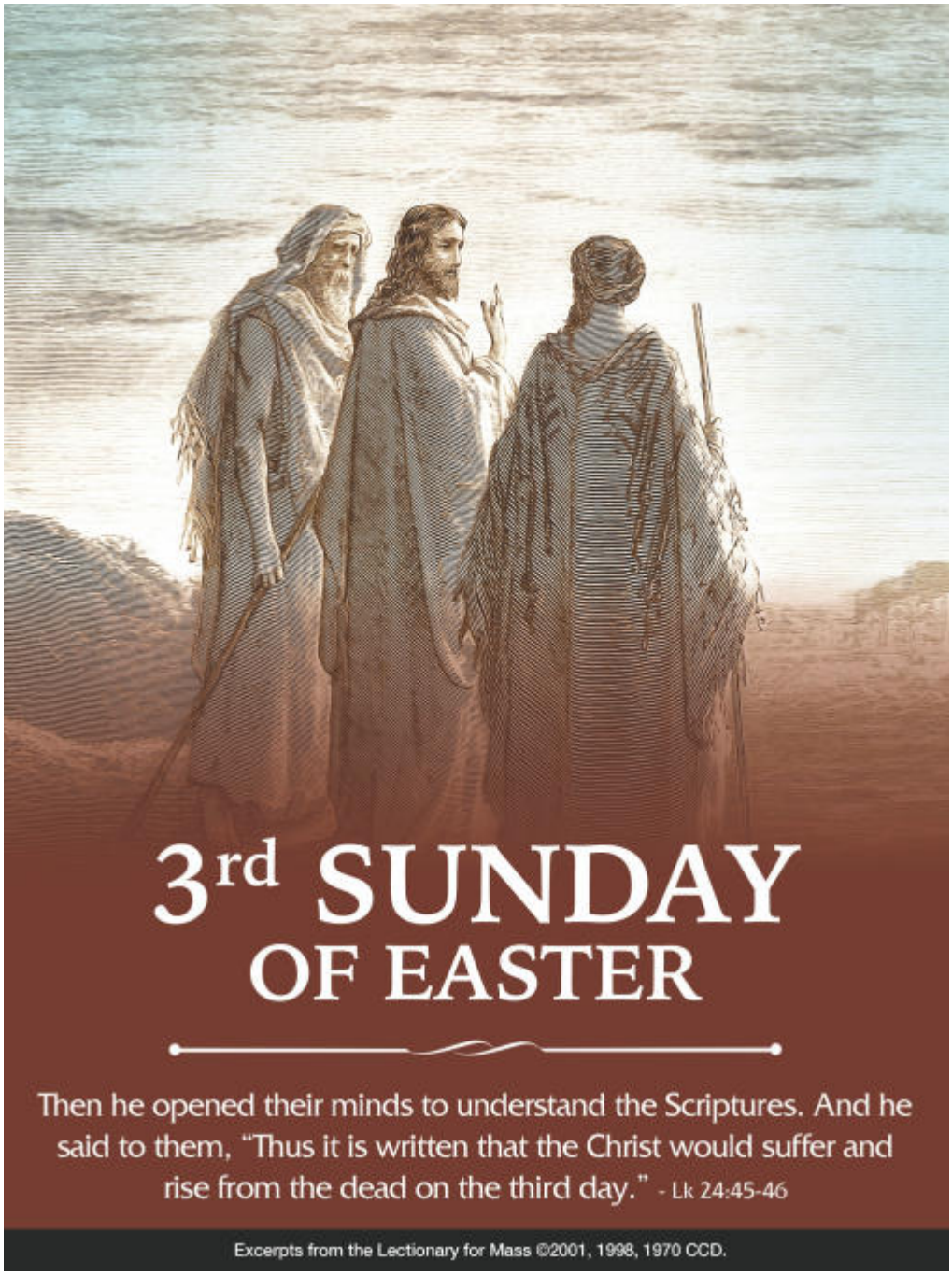

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS OFFERTORIES

Saturday, April 17
4:00 PM Lawrence Primeaux, Jan Primeaux; Alice Nucy Nunez; Julian, Mark, Michael Arrant, Steve Racca, Norma Breaux, Arrant, Racca, Benford, Giles, LeBouef, Langue Families & All Poor Souls in Purgatory; Hilda Mae Swire, Tiny Dubrock; AD & Cheryl and Romero & Harrington Families; Irvin Jones
Sunday, April 18
7:00 AM Mass for the Parishioners
9:30 AM Robert & Lucille Hartwell; Madeline Leonard, Leonard & Aucoin Families; Bella Hahn; Idell & J B Courville, Norman & Tammy Courville, Brenda & Patsy Courville

Monday, April 19
6:30 PM Alice Nucy Nunez
Tuesday, April 20
7:30 AM Special Intention
Wednesday, April 21
6:30 PM Idell & J B Courville, Norman & Tammy Courville, Brenda & Patsy Courville
Thursday, April 22
7:30 AM Special Intention
Friday, April 23
NO MASS

Saturday, April 24
4:00 PM Patsy Holland, Holland & Nunez Families, Justin; Lawrence Primeaux, Jan Primeaux; Alice Nucy Nunez; Julian Arrant (BD); Robert Hartwell(BD);Bella Hahn; Idell & J B Courville, Norman & Tammy Courville, Brenda & Patsy Courville; Irvin Jones
Sunday, April 25
7:00 AM Rosaire & Cheryl Veilleux, Bruce Piserell; Willie & Aline Hoffpauir, Femon & Eula Lognion, Zack & Diane Thibeaux; Clifford & Kitan Broussard, Broussard & Primeaux Family, Vincent & Tillie Leonards, Leonards & Zaunbrecher Family
9:30 AM Mass for the Parishioners

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

If you would like to be added to either list or know of someone who needs to be added, please email Julie Racca at julie.racca@gmail.com (e-mail is best because it is in writing and has a date and a time attached to it, but if that would cause a hardship, you can call or text Julie at 337-452-1418) Names received before noon on Tuesday will appear in the next week's bulletin, not the current week. Names will remain on the list for 2 weeks and then be removed. If after the 2 weeks, you still need prayer, by all means, please send another message and we'll keep praying!

OUR SICK
Margaret Arrant, Patty Borne, Joyce Bourque, Bennie Breaux, James Castille, Pammy Derouen, Terry Dubard, Joyce Guidry, Ellen Harrington, Jamie Hoffpauir, Linda Hoffpauir, Emerson Irvin, James LaBove, Judy Leonard, Linda Lognion, Alex Manning, Kennon Martin, Katie McLean, Wyatt Myers, Mark Pedersen, Donald Pugh, Don Racca, Henry Romero, Jeannie Taveney Smith , Bridgette Sonnier, Barbara Theriot, Ethan Trosclair, Wilton "Buck" Young; Craig Zaunbrecher

OUR RECOVERING
Cindy Pedersen; Sidney Armentor

OUR HOMEBOUND
Joyce Conner, Fred Conner, Lillian Conner, James Keith Leger, Benny Lognion, Leslie Hartwell, Wyetta Nunez, Don Racca

OUR NURSING HOME, RETIREMENT HOME, & ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS
Urick Guidry, Ethel Racca, Barbara & Clarence Theriot, John & Kenora Theriot , Sidney Theriot

OUR MILITARY
Brennan Arabie, Hayden Broussard, Austin Brown, Wesley Dugas, Trent Jarrel, Trey Jarrel, Gavin Leger, Alex McCready, Terry N. Trawee

OUR DISABLED VETERANS
Please contact Hal Hebert if you are a veteran of any war, police action (Korea), Etc. Disabled Veterans especially. Phone: (337) 452-1256 or email: ahhebert@gmail.com

THE APRIL PRAYER INTENTIONS:
Pope Francis
O God, during this time when we recall your Son's resurrection, we pray for those who risk their lives fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

Bishop Glen John Provost For the Church, that its mission to spread the Gospel of Christ and preach the Good News may inspire many to conversion and deeper love for God, we pray to the Lord.

GOSPEL MEDITATION | ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

April 18, 2021—3rd Sunday of Easter

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively, and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News.

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"A Big Welcome back and many Thank You to Jeff Cormier who serves us so well in Music Ministry at St John Vianney. You will see him often at 7:00 am Mass with his sweet and melodic guitar and singing for the Lord. In spite of all we have been through the last year and a half, Jeff is still here for us and lifts our spirits. Jeff you are a real Christian who uses his gifts for the benefit of all!"

PARISH NEWS

—We welcome into our church family; Clara Jane Guillory, daughter of Jared Guillory & Lakeyn Ward Guillory who is being baptized into the faith, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May the blessing of the Lord be always upon Clara and may God watch over and cherish this child whom He is blessing with the grace of Baptism.

—Congratulations to RCIA Candidate ,Kassidy LeGros Castillo ,on her Confirmation during the Easter Vigil. We welcome her into our Faith community. May God give her and her family many blessings.

—Altar Flowers are in memory of Tillie & Vincent Leonards & Kitan & Clifford Broussard

AREA NEWS

The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, has announced by Decree that the Diocese of Lake Charles will observe the "Year of Saint Joseph" with pilgrimage sites at the Parishes dedicated to St. Joseph (DeRidder, Elton, Vinton, and Welsh).

Priests throughout the Diocese are also encouraged to celebrate, on the first Wednesday of each month, a Votive Mass of Saint Joseph, and foster devotion to this Patron of the Universal Church by means of the Litany of Saint Joseph, Saint Joseph Altars, and other suitable devotions.

To mark the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, His Holiness Pope Francis proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from December 8, 2020, to December 8, 2021.

COMMENTARY

Bishop Provost Easter Message:

On the night of the Easter Vigil, the deacon approaches the bishop following the reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. The deacon faces the bishop and announces to him: "Most Reverend Father, I bring you a message of great joy, the message of Alleluia." At this point, all stand and the "Alleluia," which we have not heard since before Ash Wednesday, is sung. Christ is risen! Alleluia!

To whom do we proclaim the "message of great joy," the song of "Alleluia"? Do our lives even speak to others that we believe in the passage from death to life? St. Peter teaches us, "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope" (I Peter 3:15). Do we know that message of hope and are we courageous enough to proclaim it?

We believe that Christ came to deliver us from sin and death. He came to show us an empty tomb. He also came to show us a cross that leads to that empty tomb. He asked us to identify with that cross. The reason for our hope is clear. If we have died to self, we must then strive to live in Christ.

What "message of great joy" do we bring? A faith that witnesses to the reality of truth, regardless of the consequences; a hope that gives us the courage to live our rejection of sin; a love that forgets the self and lives in Christ and for others. As the deacon brought me the "message of great joy," may we all announce to others the joy of our Christian faith, the reason for our hope. To all of you, I extend blessings for a joyful Easter!

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May 23-Catholic Communications

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