



# st. Joseph

## Roman Catholic Church

Est. 1872

### Pastor

Rev. Brent L. Smith

### Mass Times

Sat Ant: 4pm

Sun: 7am, 10am, 5:30 pm

Mon: NO MASS

Tues: 12:05 pm

Wed: 6:30 am

Thurs: 12:05 pm

Fri: 6:30 am

First Sat: 9:00 am

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### Office Hours

M, T, Th: 8am - 4pm

W: 8am - 2pm

F: 8am - Noon

Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord  
April 10, 2022



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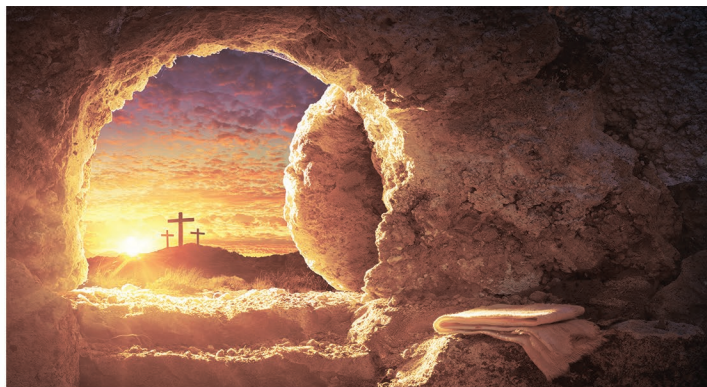
# Easter SUNDAY

APRIL

17  
2022

On the first day of the week,  
Mary of Magdala came to the tomb  
early in the morning, while it was still dark,  
and saw the stone removed from the tomb.

John 20:1



## A NEW DAY

The story of Easter reveals that the world has begun a new day. The darkness of the Crucifixion has opened into the light of Easter. Like the dawn that gradually opened to the disciples on the first Easter morning, we slowly begin to see what the light of faith reveals. Death will not have the final word, because Christ is risen and we will share in his resurrection. Injustice and suffering will not continue forever, because God's victory over sin has begun, and will be completed when Christ returns. Evil has met its match, because through Jesus, God has brought a new energy into the world. This energy can be found in followers of Christ who are free to love, empowered by the Spirit to embrace everyone, without exception. May we bear the light of Christ, with humility and courage, into our troubled world.

## RE-INTERPRETING OUR WORLD

Our Gospel reading from John captures the initial confusion of Jesus' followers on Easter morning. Mary thinks the body has been stolen, and the two disciples see an empty tomb, but do not understand. We can sympathize with their initial misreading, as they are interpreting what happened within how they understand the way the world works: Jesus was crushed by the authorities—end of story. Jesus' later appearances to them will dramatically shift their perception of God, the world, and themselves.

This work of re-interpreting the world in light of the death and resurrection of Jesus continues today. In his passion and death, Jesus showed that true power, God's power, emerges through humility and forgiveness. We join in the death and resurrection of Jesus when we surrender the attractions of power, status, and comfort, and embrace non-violence, service, and care for the suffering. The path to bringing peace and goodness to the world is not through seeking control, but through sacrificial love.

## BOTH PETER AND CORNELIUS

Peter's speech in today's passage from Acts summarizes the ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus. The speech occurs within his encounter with Cornelius, a Roman centurion and his household. We can perhaps imagine being Cornelius, led by God to hear the story of Jesus. Or we can imagine being Peter, led by the Spirit to share the Good News of Jesus. As followers of Christ, we are called to embrace both, in our imaginations and our lives.

We are continually called to hear the story of Jesus. We know that God's Good News has entered us, but also know that it has not. There is much in our hearts that needs conversion and begs for God's mercy, so we always seek God's challenging and healing word. We are also continually called to share the story of Jesus, sometimes directly but more often in our actions. Our lives can speak of God's love, healing and encouraging others. We are both Peter and Cornelius.

## TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 10:34a, 37–43  
Psalm 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23  
Colossians 3:1–4 or  
1 Corinthians 5:6b–8  
John 20:1–9

## Men's Bible Study

Hosted by Fr Brent  
When: Fridays at 7am  
Where: Rectory

## Sacraments

### Reconciliation/Confession

30 minutes prior to Mass or any other time by appointment.

### Baptism

Baptisms are scheduled through the Parish Office. Please call 334-2193 to schedule the sacrament. Preparation Classes are held the 4th Sunday of each month after 10 AM Mass.

### Marriage

Call the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance of desired wedding date to schedule an appointment and begin the preparation process.

### Funerals

Funeral home personnel will contact the parish office for you to make all the necessary arrangements.

### Anointing of the Sick

Contact the parish office to schedule the sacrament of anointing.

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## Weekly Offertory

Offertory of 04/03/2022 \$14,381.57

## The Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp burns constantly to proclaim the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Tabernacle. This week we dedicate the flame to:

**James Leger**

## The Pieta Lamp

Mother of Sorrows, You who held Jesus in your arms, please intercede with your Divine Son on behalf of:

**Arthur Foreman Jr.**

## Baptisms

We welcome those who entered our Catholic faith through the waters of Baptism:

**There were no baptisms this week.**

## Weddings

We joyfully share in the Sacramental union of:

**There were no weddings this week.**

## Dearly Departed

Our faith community remembers in prayer our dearly departed.

**Agnes Irene Nugent Hanks**

## Prayers for the Sick

Dale Alleman, Natalie Alleman, Helen Boudreaux, Nessie Boudreaux, Ricky Boudreaux, Zora Boudreaux, Willie Bourque, Nola Comeaux, Preston Comeaux, Denise Constantin, Marvin Constantin, Phoebe Deshotel, Susan Dollison, Kerry Doucet, Theresa Cramer Doucet, Margie Dubois, Zubaida Elahi, Diego Escandon, Paula Fontenot, Shannon Fontenot, Debra Fusilier, Barbara & Tanya Gaspard, Laura Gautreaux, Laurie Guenther, Keylonna Guidry, Raymond & Deanean Guidry, Karen Hebert, Sammy Hernandez, Martha Hodge, Lloyd Jeffers, Candi Hebert Latino, Tara P. Logsdon, Merella McFalls, Richard Melancon & Family, Jessica F. Miller, Loretta Miller, Judy Mouton, Ronnie Myers, Kristian Navarre, Mark Navarre, Francis Pellissier, Claudia "Pie" Richard, Darrell (Bubba) Richard, Jr., Judy Richard, Hayden Ruffner, Myrtle Servat, Jeanette Simoneaux, Carita Sonnier, Mary Trahan, Rose Venable, Linda Viale, Becca Guidry Vidrine, Marguerite Wyble

2nd Collection this weekend is for Bishop Services Appeal



## Sacrament Practice

First Reconciliation and First Communion practice will be held on Saturday April 23, in St Joseph Catholic Church, from 9 am - 12 pm. All students and parents **MUST** attend.

First Communion will take place on Sunday May 1 at 2pm, in St Joseph Catholic Church. All students **MUST** be in the Family Life Center by 1:45 pm.



## Garden Mausoleum

We are pleased to announce that arrangements have been completed with American Cemetery Consultants LLC to build the beautiful new Garden Mausoleum in St. Joseph Cemetery. The program has the full approval of His Excellency, the Most Reverend J. Douglas Deshotel, D.D., Bishop of Lafayette. Sales representatives of American Cemetery Consultants will be contacting families in the Rayne area over the next few weeks to answer questions about the mausoleum and determine who is interested. The number of crypts selected before construction will determine the size of the mausoleum. Spaces are reserved on a first come basis; therefore, anyone seeking information should either mail in the postage paid reply card from the brochure mailer that was mailed to your home or call (337) 347-6989.

### NEW GARDEN MAUSOLEUM UPDATE



Representatives ( Joe Blanchard, Keith Boudreaux, and Tommy Lyons ) from American Cemetery Consultants would like to convey their utmost gratitude to all of you who have welcomed them into your homes and for your gracious hospitality. The response to the St. Joseph Cemetery Mausoleum addition is going well. We expect to continue visiting and signing up families for approximately one more month. Please don't delay. Spaces are reserved on a first come basis and payment plans are available only during the pre-sales program. The number of mausoleum crypts selected before construction will determine the final size of the building. So if anyone is interested in purchasing or has questions, please return the card attached to the brochure you recently received or call 337-347-6989

# DID YOU KNOW?



The church bell that currently hangs in the belfry of St. Joseph Church is the original bell that hung in the first church and moved with the church to this location; weighing in at 813lbs. of copper and tin.

THE FIRST 150 YEARS

## Envelope Fundraiser

High School Faith Formation is hosting an envelope fundraiser! Numbered envelopes are located at the three entrances of the church. The number on each envelope represents a dollar amount. Please return the envelopes to the church office with the enclosed dollar amount written on the outside of the envelope you have selected. Funds raised will go toward piloting our Summer Religious Exposure Program! This unique program will enable the teens of St. Joseph Parish to have exposure to various charisms and vocations within the Catholic Church. As a part of this program, we will be volunteering our time to serve at various Catholic Charities locations as well. These funds raised will go toward food and transportation to these events. Envelopes will remain in the church entrances throughout the month of April. Please return all envelopes by May 1st. Thank you for your generosity!

### HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION

*Thank you for your generosity!*

# ENVELOPE FUNDRAISER



## MAN-TO-MAN MEN'S CONFERENCE

**Saturday, April 30, 2022**

**8th Biennial Conference**

**St. Pius X Catholic Church**

**Lafayette, LA**

**8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

(Doors open at 8:10 a.m.)

**\$35 per person**

(includes lunch)

**Men 18 years and older**

### Keynote Speakers:

**Father Wade Menezes**

**John Edwards**

### Special Guest Speakers:

**Bishop Douglas Deshotel**

**Fr. Jim Brady**

### Master of Ceremonies

**Fr. Brent Smith**

For more information and to register, visit

[www.m2m21.com](http://www.m2m21.com)

## Red Bird Ministries

Please join Red Bird Ministries for a families of child loss memorial event fundraiser. Saturday April 30th from 8 AM-3PM at Cecile Poche Park in Parks, LA. 8 AM Mass of remembrance, 9 AM memorial fun run/walk, 10 AM memorial begins. Registration only needed for fun run/walk. Food, fun games, music, treats. Go to [www.redbird.love](http://www.redbird.love) for more information.



## Ministers Schedule

April 2022

**Sat. 4pm:** Lector - Debra Reed Extraordinary Ministers - Diana Duhon, Neal Duhon Altar Servers - 4 o'clock Team **Sun. 7am:** Lector - Dan Landry Extraordinary Ministers - Betty Bellard, Phil Speyrer Altar Servers - 7 am Team **Sun. 10am:** Lector - Richard Dupuis Extraordinary Ministers - Linda Ancona, Angelo Ancona, Mandy Miller - Choir Altar Servers - 10 am Team **Sun. 5:30pm:** Lector - Tammy Clark Extraordinary Ministers - Jimmy Fontenot, Andy Richard, Leah Guidry Altar Servers - 5:30 Team



### Divine Mercy Ministry for the Dying

If you know someone who is in imminent danger of death, call the number below for a Divine Mercy chaplet to be prayed for that individual.

337-237-5059

A Diocesan Ministry of St. Pius X  
Catholic Church available for all,  
Catholic and non-Catholic

## Adoration Sign Up

Sign up for Adoration

[rayne.weadorehim.com](http://rayne.weadorehim.com)

## First Friday Mass & Adoration

The first Friday of the month is often marked by special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690) reported visions of Jesus Christ directing her to promote devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on nine consecutive First Fridays in reparation for sins and in order to show love to Jesus. In return for this act of devotion, which usually includes Mass, Communion, confession and even an hour of Eucharistic Adoration, our blessed Savior reputedly promised St. Margaret Mary the following blessings:

"In the excess of the mercy of my Heart, I promise you that my all powerful love will grant to all those who will receive Communion on the First Fridays, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance: they will not die in my displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; and my Heart will be their secure refuge in that last hour."

*Please join us every first Friday of the month for 6:30am Mass followed by Adoration from 7-8am. Sacred Heart of Jesus, make my heart like yours!*

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we begin the Holy Season of Lent, we are called to fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. Let us remember in our prayers the people of Ukraine who are suffering the ravages of a brutal war of aggression by Russia. We see every day how this brutality is affecting men, women, children, the elderly and infirm. Children and the elderly are being forced from their homes in an attempt to flee destruction.

None of us can imagine our lives being upended as the Ukrainian people are enduring. In the middle of winter they are without heat, electricity, food and medicine. Many of the elderly, walking with crutches, must tread through snow, water and mud trying to find safety. We cannot help but be moved to have compassion for our fellow human beings. Please remember them in your prayers. Pray also that national leaders will be moved to seek peaceful means to resolve their differences.

Many have asked how they could help monetarily. Donations will be used to provide food, medicine and even warm clothes. If anyone wishes to help, donations may be given to your pastor or to me at the Diocesan Offices, 1408 Carmel Drive, Lafayette, LA 70501, marked "Ukrainian Relief". The United States Conference of Bishops has a close relationship with the Ukrainian Bishops and any donations will be forwarded to them for relief efforts.

Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us.

Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel  
Bishop of Lafayette



Diocese of Lafayette

FOOD | MEDICINE | CLOTHES

## UKRAINIAN RELIEF

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