

Easter Day

The message of Easter is for all mankind...not just the nice, the pretty, the kind, or the smart. God loves the drug dealer on the street just as much as anyone else. And He has the same amount of love for a murderer in jail as He does for you. His love is unconditional, and He gives it to us this Easter, and throughout the year.

We must live as forgiven people, moving past our mistakes to shine with God's light. Just as important, we need to be ready to forgive others for their sins against us. God's love is for you and me, embracing us, forgiving us, and loving us, no matter what.

Divine Mercy Novena



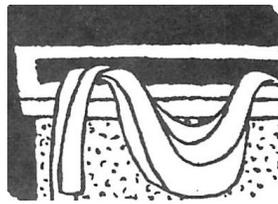
There will be a Divine Mercy prayer service at 3:00 p.m. on the Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday, April 23. St. Faustina began the practice that a Novena be started on Good Friday which asks for prayers each of the nine days for a different group of souls in order to immerse them in the sea of God's Mercy. Mass, Confession, and Communion are required on Mercy Sunday. Our Lord promised to the souls who follow these requests a complete remission of sin and punishment.

God's Love Has Triumphed

Jesus, you are risen, so there is hope for me. You are no longer in the power of sin, of evil! Love has triumphed; mercy has been victorious! God's mercy always triumphs because God's love is stronger than evil and death itself. God's love can transform our lives too. God's love can do this! 1 Pt 1:21-23

In Gratitude

On behalf of the entire parish, we take this opportunity to express our thanks to everyone who came out on the Work Saturday, rolled up their sleeves, and gave our church grounds a thorough "sprucing-up" in preparation for the approaching Easter and spring celebrations. It was good to see so many parishioners working together for a common cause, and the Church Campus definitely reflects the effort they put into their hard work. The Memorial Garden has not looked so beautiful in quite some time. *May God bless each one of you..*



Offertory Giving

God's Way To Bless, Our Way To Blessing

In Leviticus 27:28-30, the financial law of ancient Israel was summarized. God was always to get the first ten percent of all income, of all produce. This was the way He ordained for the expenses to be covered that were incurred in building and maintaining first, the Tabernacle, then the Temple, in supporting the priests and Levites, and in caring for the needy.

A principle was evident, even from this early date. This is God's way of paying for His work. Of course, God does not "need" people's money. God does not need anything! But He has chosen to make Himself the dependent upon our faithfulness in this regard.

Weekly Budgeted Need	\$7,100.00
Last Sunday	
Envelopes (Adult)	\$9,711.00
Loose	<u>689.00</u>
Total	\$10,400.00
Progress Report	
Cumulative Budget	\$291,100.00
Cumulative Income	<u>293,092.68</u>
Ahead	\$1,992.68
Second Collection	
(Building Fund)	\$1,702.00

Office Holiday Schedule

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, April 17. It will reopen on Tuesday, April 18, at 1:00 p.m.



Altar Server Of The Year



We wish to congratulate **Sean Christopher Johnson**, who has been selected as Altar Server of the Year for Sts. Peter and Paul Parish. **Sean** will be honored later in a ceremony recognizing the Outstanding Altar Servers of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Again, congratulations **Sean**. Thank you for your service to our Church!

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention

"That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life."

Mass Intentions Requested

Monday, April 17

(Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15)

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, April 18

(Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18)

8:00 a.m. John Lacourrege

Wednesday, April 19

(Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, April 20

(Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48)

8:00 a.m. Marlene Ragusa

Friday, April 21

(Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14)

8:00 a.m. Sonia Braud

Saturday, April 22

(Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15)

5:00 p.m. Maurice Bersuder Sr., Robert Jenevein, James & Alice Bailey, Gerri Madary, Eugene Blanchard Jr., Rosemary Poche, Tina Mangano, Ken & Adele R. Salzer, Louis Mangano Sr. & Jr., Roszczynialski Family, Lee & Yvonne Tracey, Joseph D'Antoni Jr., Raye Ann Story, Imelda Gares, Kyle Story, Jerry C. Templet Sr., Richard Hursey, Roger Doucette

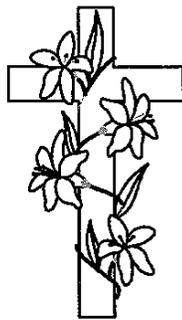
Sunday, April 23 Divine Mercy Sunday

(Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31)

7:00 a.m. Ollie Fuselier

8:30 a.m. Katsy Fandal, Debbie Goodey, Atherton Ragusa, Andrew Lambert, Richard & June Calkins, Shirley Lightell, Margaret Clayton, Catherine Lambert, Myrtis Hebert, Steve Koch, Adele Salzer, Ronnie & Betty Lambert, Joshua Weigard, Raven Mayfield, Anne Lee Roux, Antonians & Benefactors

10:30 a.m. Parishioners



WEEKLY EVENTS

Legion of Mary—Monday 7:00 p.m. in St. Anthony Hall

Tuesday Morning Rosary—Tuesday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and the St. Jude Novena in St. Anthony Hall

RCIA Track I—Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in classroom

Patriotic Rosary—Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

Widows Group—Friday, April 21, at 11:00 a.m. at Piccadilly Cafeteria, 104 Gause Boulevard West, Slidell, for lunch then return to the Parish Hall at noon for fellowship and dessert.

K.C. Scholarship Deadline Approaches



Sts. Peter and Paul Parish Knights of Columbus Council 11814 is accepting scholarship applications from our graduating high school seniors who wish to continue their education. Applicants must be an active member of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish. Applicant's family must be registered and supporting members of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish. Forms are available at the Church Office during regular business hours. The deadline for submission of the completed application is Tuesday, April 18, before 4:00 p.m.

He Is Risen!

"For they did not understand the scripture that He had to rise from the dead." Jn 20:9

We can be certain that the Resurrection is a fact that has happened. The Risen body of Jesus Christ has become present in us, the body of Christ. Nothing else could possible



explain what kept those disparate people—the first disciples—together in the days and years that followed Christ's death. It was not some idea or ideal that unified them; it was the event of Christ's presence in their midst. Even when threatened by perils and persecution, the early Church stayed together because of the undeniable fact that the Risen Jesus had made Himself present bodily to His followers in all their weakness, confusion and fear. He drew forth from them Holy Communion. Only the bodily resurrection can effect such a miracle of unity, courage and fidelity.

Fr. Peter John Cameron, O.P.

Tabernacle Lamp

This week the Tabernacle lamp in the Sanctuary burns in memory of **Deceased Members of Sts. Peter and Paul Church.**



Pray For The Sick

Valdeana Bauer, Audrey Bonnet, Diana Bradshaw, JoAnn Brewin, Sonia Braud, George & Wanda Butko, May Caballero, Patricia Cuccia, Dotsy Chedville, Pat Downey, Steve Dunn, Marcelle Ernewein, Carroll Fourcade, Julia Drake, Jeanette Gomez, John Howard, Virgie Hurstell, Allen & Joan Jagneaux, Maria Kalcic, Gloriette Kiern, Elizabeth Kittel, Cheryl Martin, Shirley Matthews, Vito Montalabano, Jessie O'Dell, Cheryl Poiroux, Marlene Ragusa, Robert Reinecke, Ed Roszczynialski, Adele Salzer, Cathy Smith

Easter Living

“Let us celebrate the feast not with the old yeast, that of corruption and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.” 1 Cor 5:8

The Resurrection of Christ is the cornerstone of our Christian faith. If Christ had not been raised from the dead, our faith would be empty indeed! (1 Cor 15:14.) But the Resurrection of Christ is not merely something “out there,” not merely a historical fact at which we gaze admiringly. It is a present reality which, through Baptism, we are intimately involved. *“If we have been united with Him through likeness of His death, so shall we be through a like resurrection”* (Rom 6:5).

Our sharing in the crucifixion-Resurrection of Jesus brings about a mysterious change in our very being. Paul expresses it in a startling way: *“I have been crucified with Christ, and the life I live now is not my own; Christ is living in me”* (Gal 2:20). The English poet Andrew Young, in his poem “Nicodemus,” arrives at the same conclusion:

Why do I kneel before your empty tomb?
You are not here, for you are everywhere;
The grass, the trees, the air, the wind, the sky,
Nothing can now refuse to be your home;
Nor I, Lord, live in me and I shall live.

This intimate union between Christ and the Christians calls for a new way of life. We must change our behavior. Saint Paul writes that we should put to death whatever in our nature is rooted in earth (Col 3:5), precisely BECAUSE we share the new life of Christ. Corruption and wickedness must yield to sincerity and truth. Commenting on Paul’s perspective, Francis X. Clearly, S.J., insightfully remarks: “This reading serves as a healthy goad to Christians celebrating Easter Sunday. Much more is called for than external festivity. Christ has indeed risen, but spiritually we are behind the times, comfortable with daily moral compromises, our selfishness and little cruelties. Paul tells us to get going and make concrete changes so that our lives become characterized by sincerity and truth. He invites us to put teeth into today’s annual renewal of baptismal promises.” (*Scriptural Backgrounds*, 1983)

“Thank You, Thank You” From KCs

The Knights of Columbus wish to thank all of the parishioners and patrons supporting our Lenten Fish Fry. Because of your continued and generous support, we are able to continue our different ministries. Again, THANK YOU!



Annual Seelos Healing Mass



The annual Seelos Healing Mass will be held Sunday, April 23, at 1:00 p.m. at the National Shrine of Blessed Francis Seelos, St. Mary’s Assumption Church, 919 Josephine Street, New Orleans. Celebrant will be Fr. Harry Grile, C.Ss.R., Director of the Seelos Shrine. For more information, call 504-525-2495 or visit www.seelos.org

Archdiocesan Spirituality Center

Join Sr. Gloria Murillo, STJ, to learn the importance of “**Finding God in Your Everyday Life Experiences**” on Wednesday, April 26, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Archdiocesan Spirituality Center, 3501 Maine Avenue, Metairie. Register on the web at <http://asc.arch-no.org>, archspirectr@arch-no.org (email) or call 504-861-3254. Cost is \$25.00.

Guide Book Advertising Opportunity

We have contracted Guide Book Publishing (GBP) to publish a Guide Book and Directory for our congregation that will be updated and delivered directly to your homes annually. This book will contain everything pertinent to our church: the various ministries and organizations plus a complete directory of all members. This book is being provided and mailed to each member at no cost to our church. Local businesses are being solicited to advertise in the book. GBP would prefer to place advertisements from members of our congregation over your business’s competitors. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the office at 958-863-7935, ext. 3, during business hours.

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In Loving Memory of
Louis Joseph Mangano, Sr.
Louis Joseph Mangano, Jr.
Tina Antoinette Mangano
Husband, son and daughter



Easter Season

“The fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one ‘great Sunday’ (St Anthonasius, *Epistula festalis*: pg 26, 1366). These are the days above all others in which the *Alleluia* is sung” (Universal Norms, 22)

The days of the Easter octave form the “early hours” of this “great Sunday,” with accounts of the Lord who rose early in the morning, and the early preaching of the disciples who were witnesses to His Resurrection.

The first eight days of the Easter Season make up the octave of Easter and are celebrated as Solemnities of the Lord. At Mass, Morning Prayer and Vespers, throughout the octave, a double alleluia is added to the dismissal and its response.

The paschal candle, a symbol of the presence of the risen Christ among the people of God, remains in the sanctuary near the altar or ambo through Vespers on Pentecost Sunday. Its use is encouraged at all liturgical celebrations, especially Mass and the liturgy of the Hours.

The Easter Season is a traditional time when homes may be blessed.

He Conquered The Power Of Death

Joseph Phan-Dinh-Dai was a seminarian and leader of 62 Catholics who fled South Viet Nam. On March 30, 1983, the group had to leave a Cambodian refugee camp for Red Hill, three kilometers over the Thailand border, under heavy shellfire. The group of Catholics had a treasured little crucifix and Joseph holding up the cross, led his group towards Red Hill. Way of the Cross ran through heavy artillery, but arrived safely. Through Calvary, according to today’s first prayer, God “conquered the power of death.” Red Hill was the Calvary of these refugees of war. It was also their Passover.

Bricks For Memorial Garden

With the purchase of fifteen engraved bricks for the Memorial Garden, we can place another order. The cost of each brick is \$50.00. On the purchase form, you will be able to indicate the wording on the brick(s) and a preferred location in the Garden. Stop by the Church Office to purchase your memorial brick for that special someone.



Ongoing Renovation

An angel of the Lord descended from heaven, approached, rolled back the stone, and sat upon it.

Mt 28:2

“Growing, we do it every day.” I love this *Barney* song because it suits our growing on the inside as well as the outside. If we are not happy with who we are, it is time for some renovations. Dorie Clark says: “It is about taking control of your life and living strategically. Who do you want to be? And what do you need to get there?”

Begin by having a one-on-one with yourself. Ask: What needs remodeling? What is holding me back from being who I am? Is it procrastination or indecision? Allowing past mistakes and missed opportunities to stand in my way? Giving people permission to rent space in my head and belittle me?

Renovations do not create alternate personalities. They take what you already are and make changes and improvements. Easter is the time to update yourself by upgrading all the qualities that make you uniquely you. Leave all the stories, labels and judgments you have placed on yourself in the tomb, right alongside all the other people’s stuff you have taken on. Come out into the light and be the person God created you to be: yourself—because everyone else is already taken.

Happy Easter!

Encourage, Forgive, Support

Perhaps the greatest call of Gospel life, formation is the willingness of the Christian to sustain the people with whom they live and work in the corporate living of the Gospel. This means encouraging people to learn to live together, to forgive together, to support on another together. Recently a 75-year-old woman said that her commitment to the Lord and the Gospel life is to try and try again to be present with people as an attentive listener, to give words of affirmation, not to be afraid to touch people as a supportive presence to them and to be eager to lend a helping hand when needed. If we could all do this, we would be closer to the Reign of God.



Happy Easter!

