

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 25, 2021



MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Obligation has been dispensed in the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux at this time.

Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM | in church | live-streamed | In-car mass and communion

Sunday 8:00 AM | in church

Sunday 10:30 AM | in church | live-streamed | In-car mass and communion

Sunday 5:30 PM | in church

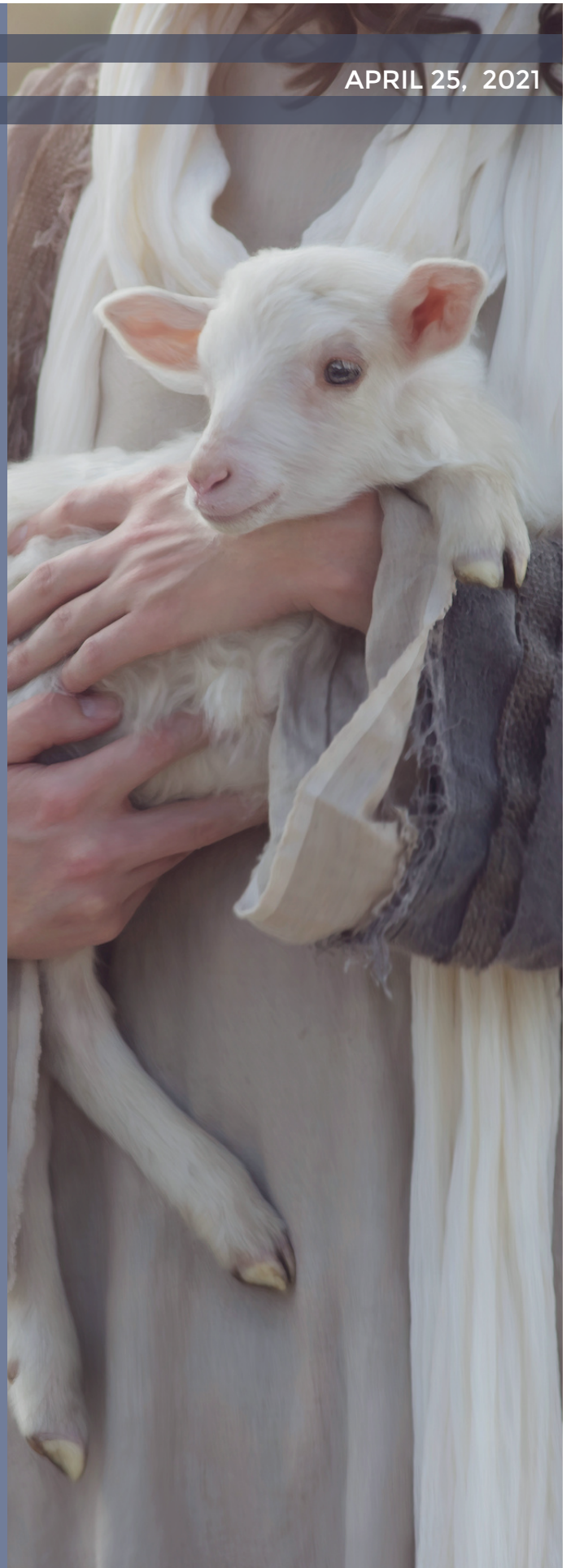
Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | 5:30 PM

CONFESSION | Prior to all masses

ADORATION | Tuesday 6:00 AM - 5:00 PM

ST. ROSALIE CHAPEL (Stephensville)
Saturday 4:00 PM Confession prior to mass.

Father Brice Higginbotham | Pastor
Father Brett Lapeyrouse | Parochial Vicar



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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.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his mercy endures forever.

It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in man.

It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in princes.

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and have been my savior.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

By the LORD has this been done;
it is wonderful in our eyes.

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD;
we bless you from the house of the LORD.

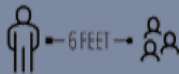
I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and have been my savior.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his kindness endures forever.

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.



WEAR A MASK



SOCIAL DISTANCING



NO PHYSICAL CONTACT

- Hand sanitizer is available. You may also bring your own.
- Please leave kneelers down for ease in sanitizing after mass.
- Please receive Communion on your hand, holding it out flatly so that the priest can distribute without contact.
- There will be no offertory procession. Place your offerings in the designated baskets as you arrive or depart Mass. You may also set up recurring payments at give.holycrossmc.org/give

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.

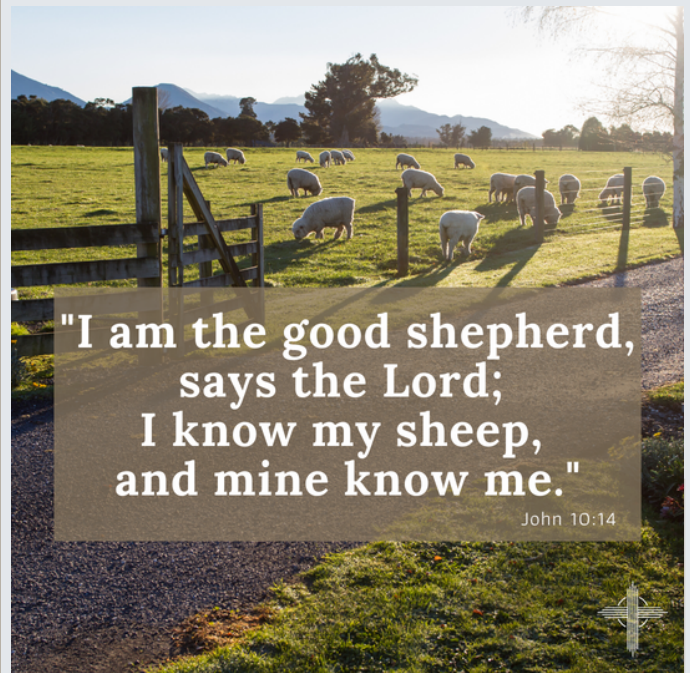
Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

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.”



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CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSES FOR EASTER SEASON

Entrance Antiphon

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia, alleluia.

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

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.

The Nicene Creed

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.

Offertory Antiphon

The earth trembled, and was still, until God arose in judgment, alleluia.

Holy, Holy, Holy

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.

The Mystery of Faith

A - We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.
B - When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.
C - Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us (Repeat)
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Communion Antiphon

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PARISH NEWS

RETREAT RESCHEDULED FOR MAY

What: The Father's House Healing Retreat

When: Friday, May 21 7:00-9:00 PM

Saturday, May 22 9:00 AM-9:30 PM

Sunday, May 23 8:30 AM-1:00 PM

Where: Holy Cross Catholic Church and

Yvonne Anne Adams Life Center

How: Use the link on our website to register

holycrossmc.org/the-fathers-house-retreat

Cost: \$80; Parishioners receive a \$40 discount.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

We pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call. May God bless our priests and those in consecrated life.



Griefshare
Tuesdays
5:30 Mass

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MARIE HOROMANSKI

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- Favorite thing about Louisiana: The people are welcoming and the food is great!
- Favorite saint: St. Christopher because he is the patron saint of travelers.
- A bucket list item: To see the Northern Lights
- Favorite type of music: All kinds! Pop, country, showtunes, polka, sacred, Latin, hip hop
- Favorite holiday: Easter because of the beautiful music during Mass, the spring weather, and celebrating what Jesus did for us.
- Favorite hymn: There are so many amazing songs, but I love "These Alone are Enough."
- Favorite Halloween costume: Baby Bop from Barney. I was in preschool and loved it!
- Favorite pizza topping: Banana peppers, olives, veggies!
- Favorite quote: "No one achieves anything alone." -Leslie Knope from Parks and Recreation
- Farthest you've been from home: Anaheim, California
- Favorite book: The Last Lecture by Randy Pausch because he inspires the readers to seek their goals even when they encounter obstacles.
- Last concert: The Backstreet Boys
- Advice you would give your 18 year old self: Stop comparing yourself with everyone, be confident but also humble, and never lose your love for the Lord.
- What do you think heaven is like? It's bright with clouds as the floor and you are at bliss and peace and everything is love.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER BRIDE (& BRIDEGROOM)

The Church as a whole is the Bride of Christ. This is a term that is likely familiar to most Catholics. But do we often realize the intimacy of that title, or of Christ's title of Bridegroom? We learn from the second chapter of the Gospel of John that Jesus' first miracle was providing superabundant wine for the Wedding at Cana. Here he effectively revealed himself as the Divine Bridegroom, by stepping into a role which was customarily accomplished by the Jewish groom. This was Jesus' first miracle for a reason; simply put, if the heart of Jesus' mission had been to conquer death or Satan, his first miraculous action would have been to raise the dead or exorcise a demon. But his first sign was to step into the role of Bridegroom, exposing the heart of God's desire: to pursue his Bride above all else. Christ's love for his Bride is like a roiling volcano, of which we, from time to time in the liturgy, catch glimpses, as we pull back the veil between heaven and earth.

"CHRIST IS PRESENT AS THE TRUE GROOM OF THE SOUL, AS IS SAID BELOW (3:29): "IT IS THE GROOM WHO HAS THE BRIDE." THE DISCIPLES ARE THE GROOMSMEN UNITING THE CHURCH TO CHRIST, THE ONE OF WHOM IT IS SAID: "I BETROTHED YOU TO ONE HUSBAND, TO PRESENT YOU AS A CHASTE VIRGIN TO CHRIST" (2 COR 11:2). AT THIS PHYSICAL MARRIAGE SOME ROLE IN THE MIRACLE BELONGS TO THE MOTHER OF CHRIST, SOME TO CHRIST, AND SOME TO THE DISCIPLES. WHEN HE SAYS, WHEN THE WINE RAN OUT, HE INDICATES THE PART OF EACH. THE ROLE OF CHRIST'S MOTHER WAS TO SUPERINTEND THE MIRACLE; THE ROLE OF CHRIST TO PERFORM IT; AND THE DISCIPLES WERE TO BEAR WITNESS TO IT."

-St. Thomas Aquinas,
Commentary on the Gospel of John, §343-344 -



REFLECTION

- Do I love Christ with my whole heart?
- What might I be holding back from him in my heart?
- Can I learn to open myself little by little to the depths of his love for me?

Jennifer Ely and Brice Higginbotham, *Liturgia*, (Unpublished).



ST. MICHAEL the ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel,
 defend us in battle.
 Be our protection against
 the wickedness and
 snares of the devil.
 May God rebuke him
 we humbly pray; and do Thou,
 O Prince of the Heavenly Host,
 by the Power of God,
 cast into hell Satan
 and all the evil spirits,
 who prowl through the world
 seeking the ruin of souls.

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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

TO THE PRIESTHOOD & CONSECRATED LIFE

Good and gracious God,

You call all your children
 to a life of holiness
 and to faithfully follow you.

You continue to provide
 for the needs of the faithful
 by calling men and women by name
 to lead your Church.

Bless our parish, Holy Cross,
 and the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux
 by raising up dedicated and
 generous leaders
 from our families and friends
 who will serve your people
 as priests and in consecrated life.

Inspire us to know you better
 and to hear your call.

We ask all of this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
 Amen.

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

George Williams Family, M/M Curtis Verret, Jason Hotard, Joe Young, Lee J. Guarisco, Paul & Marie Vella, Louis J. "Billy" & Pat Adams Family living & deceased, Patience LaFleur Bryant, Rowena LaFleur, Michael S. LaFleur, Rudy Mendoza, Rebecca Lipari
St. Rosalie: Jerry Acosta, Sr., Brandon J. Terry, Sandra Gros

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

Donald & Leona Smith, Smith & Wilma Alpha, Hal Thomas, Max Griffin, Gracie Andrews, Josephine Guarisco, Marie Nguyen, Marie Thi, Dominico Hien, Dominico Nguyen, Justin Trimm, Jude Hebert, Ronnie Trimm, Thomas Frere McNulty, Carolyn Barbier

MONDAY, APRIL 26

Georgia Carbin, Sidney Michel, Jr., Louie Stuer, Sonia Hebert, Louis J. Wilson, Sr.

TUESDAY, APRIL 27

Holy Cross Parish, Norman H. Breaux, Sr. Family living and deceased, Governale & Resignola Families, Joseph & Esther Birdsall & Family,
Russell Verrett

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

Georiga Carbin, Marie Nguyen, Marie Thi, Dominico Hien, Dominico Nguyen, Catherine Brown

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Ashlee Jimenez, Jerry Acosta Jr., Gwen Trahan, Ronald & Debbie Leonard, Gary Vining, Jane Webster, Lucy Lacasse, Carol Bergeron, Herverd Martin, Rella Fontenot, Andrea Turner, Ferris and Margaret Romaine, Bobby Acosta, Ellen Ruiz, Gunnar Tisdale, Pearl Haase, Alanna Sloane, Myrl Barrouse, Earline Suire, Marjorie Barras, Judy Solar, Lee Anne LeBlanc, and everyone affected by Covid-19.

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE (985-384-3551) OR REPLY TO THE WEEKLY EMAIL TO PLACE SOMEONE ON THE SICK LIST.

MASS VOLUNTEERS

WEEKEND OF: APRIL 24-25

SATURDAY 5:30PM Lector: Lisa Thibodeaux

Bulletins: Keith Thibodeaux

Ushers: Keith Thibodeaux

Sanitizers: Diane Irwin

SUNDAY 8:00 AM Lector: Marie Minton

Bulletins: Marie Minton

Ushers: Thaddeus Marcell

Sanitizers: Jennifer Young

SUNDAY 10:30 AM Lector: John Russo

Bulletins: Maria Barbier, Judy Russo

Ushers: David Irwin

Sanitizers: Peggy Lafleur

SUNDAY 5:30 PM Lector: Kellye Patterson

Bulletins: Mary Domangue

Ushers: Nathan Rhodes

Sanitizer: Nathan Rhodes

WEEKEND OF: MAY 1-2

SATURDAY 5:30 PM Lector: Linda Arceneaux

Bulletins: James Hale

Ushers: James Hale

Sanitizer: Jolene Holt

SUNDAY 8:00 AM Lector: Tony Saleme

Bulletins: Ray Prestenbach

Ushers: Thaddeus Marcell

Sanitizer: Ray Presetenbach

SUNDAY 10:30 AM Lector: Claire Guarisco

Bulletins: Lynette Aulds

Ushers: Randy Aulds, David Irwin

Sanitizer: Peggy Lafleur

SUNDAY 5:30 PM Lector: Colleen Hunter

Bulletins: Colleen Hunter

Ushers: Nathan Rhodes

Sanitizer: Nathan Rhodes

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