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<p>Office Hours Monday—1:00pm—4:00pm Tuesday—Wednesday—Thursday 8:30am—Noon, 1:00pm—4:00pm Closed Friday—Sunday</p>		

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April 17, 2022

REGULAR	\$9723.25
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GOAL	\$9000.00
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Poor & Needy	\$300.00
Easter Flowers	\$5.00
Holy Land	\$1320.95
Bishop's Services Appeal	\$110.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$374.00

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Call the church office if you have a doubt... We can mail you a Census Form!

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

Sunday, 04/24	Nsgr. Russell J. Harrington
Monday, 04/25	Fr. David Hebert
Tuesday, 04/26	Fr. Matthew Hebert
Wednesday, 04/27	Fr. T.J. Hebert
Thursday, 04/28	Fr. Gregory Heslip, LC
Friday, 04/29	Fr. Matthew Higginbotham
Saturday, 04/30	Fr. Stephen Irudayasamy, HGN

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SANCTUARY LAMP

Church—Martin J. St. Amand
Chapel—Thanksgiving



PRAYER FOR PEACE

O sweet and holy Jesus, you are the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords and the Prince of Peace. Most Merciful Savior, bring much needed peace to all troubled parts of the world, where hatred and violence rage and the fear of war spurs despair among mankind. May the leaders of nations make wise choices based on the common good of humanity rather than decisions based on prideful and political displays of power. May dialogue and understanding overcome the deep seated wounds of groups pitted against one another by anger and distrust. In your loving kindness grant comfort to the displaced, healing to the wounded and mercy to all those who have lost their lives.

EASTER

Our Holy Week, Triduum, and Easter Liturgies and other activities were very fulfilling... thanks to all who participated in any way to assist! Special thanks to the Altar Society, Choir, Altar Servers, Readers, Extra Ordinary Ministers of Communion, Sacristans, Youth Group, Office Staff & Maintenance Crew! You are greatly appreciated!

ALTAR SERVERS

Any boys of the parish who have made their 1st Communion and are interested serving in the ministry of Altar Server... Parents contact Deacon Joubert (337) 942-6552.

GUN RAFFLE!

31 Guns in 31 Days... Purchase your Raffle Tickets for a chance to win a gun a day all 31 days of the month of May! Your \$50 ticket gives you THIRTY ONE chances to win... Winners will be announced Evenings at approximately 10:00 PM following the Louisiana 3-Digit Powerball Drawing! **Tickets available after weekend Masses!**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion for many of the second graders of our parish will be during the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday, this weekend... Please keep our young people in your prayers as they prepare for the Sacrament. Many thanks to Mrs. Phyllis Guidry and Mrs. Mary Joubert for giving of their time to prepare our young people for this Sacrament!

YOUTH GROUP

Our St. Landry Catholic Church Youth Group meets on the first Sunday of each month following 5:00 PM Mass in Valentin Hall. Our next meeting will be May 1st! **Join us and Bring a Friend!**

Many, Many Thanks to all who supported our **BAKE SALE** last weekend! Because of your generosity we collected \$1369.00 that will go toward the cost of our Summer Retreat! Thank you very much!

Mother's Day is right around the corner and we'll be selling Religious Gift Items after each of the Masses NEXT weekend! (April 30th & May 1st)

THANK YOU!

Our inaugural "Evening Under the Oaks" fundraising event for the Preservation of St. Landry Church was a **HUGE** success! Thanks to all who supported the event in **ANY** way. A special shoutout to all the volunteers who gave of their time and talent! Without **YOU** this would not have been possible. A recap of the event is forthcoming. If you would like to contribute to the Preservation Fund, visit our website and 'click' on the online giving tab!

RED MASS

The Diocese of Lafayette has sponsored an annual Red Mass to ask God to guide and bless the members of the legal profession, civil courts and Church courts, as well. The Annual Red Mass 2022 has been rescheduled to take place on Friday, May 6, 2022 at 12:05 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist in Lafayette, Reverend Joshua Guillory of the Diocese of Lafayette has been invited to be the guest homilist.

OC CORNER

The Scholastic Book Fair will run this week in the OC Media Center. This fundraiser will allow the purchase of books for the Media Center and classroom collections. On Wednesday, the book fair will stay open until 4:30 for all parents who want to shop after school with their child. Families and friends are encouraged to support the fair and encourage reading! In the new "Life Skills" class for high school, students recently learned how to change a tire, check air pressure and oil level! What great daily life lessons!

OC is having a "Raising Cane's Night" on May 3rd from 3 pm to 8 pm ... mark your calendars!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 23

4:00pm Families of Daigle and Doucet; Fr. Joseph C. Deluca; Fr. Joseph O. Breaux; M/M Norris Leger, Toby & Winnie Lalonde & Family; Charles F. & Mercedes Going & Family; Waldon, Shirley & Audwin Donatto; Patrick Murray Labbe; William & Dorothy Hatch and Family; Gene & Mary E. Paillet

Sunday, April 24

08:00am Bernel, Arthur & Eva Fontenot; Moise & Martha Lagrange; Barbara St. Amand; Billie P. Dossmann; Youle, Therese & John Ray Fontenot and Martin J. St. Amand; Geraldine S. Vidrine (BD); M/M John, John Jr., Jacob & Michael FaKouri

10:00am Kathleen Grogan Tyrney; Michelle Boulet; Malcolm "Slick", Margaret Martin & Shawn P. (Special Intention); Bernel Manuel Sr.; Ezra & Velma Martin and Denise Hull; Families of Fields and Voitier; Rene Briggs, Jr. & Dr. Lloyd Boulet, Sr.; Frances D. & Richard Bordelon; James & Tina Grogan; Elizabeth Claire; Steve Vidrine; J.Y., Sr., Nita Bordelon; Kent Manuel (Healing); Lee R. & Beverly Faul and Mark Capone, Jr.; Peter Bourgeois; Manuel, LaFleur & Guillory Family; Drucella Fruge' Harper; Mary Perry; Melanie & Billy Jarrell; Hushel & Brenda Bordelon; Mildred & J.D. Dupre; Jagneaux & Dupre Family; Louis LeJeune & Sheldon LeDoux; Joe & Maydel Jagneaux; LaGrange and Dupre Families: Kermit Christ

5:00pm St. Landry Church Parishioners

Monday, April 25

12:05pm Special Intention; John Huckaby (DA); J.Y., Sr., Nita & Richard Bordelon

Tuesday, April 26

12:05pm Bertha Pavy; Norris Pitre; Willard "Bubba" Andrepont (BD); Martin J. St. Amand (BD); J.Y., Sr., Nita & Richard Bordelon

Wednesday, April 27

12:05pm J.Y., Sr., Nita & Richard Bordelon

Thursday, April 28

12:05pm J.Y., Sr., Nita & Richard Bordelon; Lane Andrew Joubert (BD)

Friday, April 29

12:05pm J.Y., Sr., Nita & Richard Bordelon; Troy, Floyd & Norma Guidry

Saturday, April 30

08:00am J.Y., Sr., Nita & Richard Bordelon; Martin Sr., Angela, Martin Jr. & Wilda Cosgrove

READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16
Peter and the apostles perform many signs and wonders.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118:2-4,13-15,22-24
A song of praise to the Lord.

Second Reading

Revelation 1:9-11a,12-13,17-19
John describes the instruction he received to write down his vision.

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31
Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's reading, from the Gospel of John, is proclaimed on the second Sunday of Easter in each of the three Sunday Lectionary cycles. This should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. We do not know exactly what this form was like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize the figure standing before her until Jesus spoke her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking on the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that in his resurrected body, Jesus was no longer bound by space; he appeared to the disciples in spite of the locked door. And yet, on this resurrected body, the disciples could still observe the marks of his Crucifixion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus also commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun. As Jesus was sent by God, so too does Jesus send his disciples. This continuity with Jesus' own mission is an essential element of the Church. Jesus grants the means to accomplish this mission when he gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit binds us together as a community of faith and strengthens us to bear witness to Jesus' Resurrection.

Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Forgiveness and reconciliation are gifts to us from Jesus. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share these with others. This is another essential aspect of what it means to be Christ's Church. The Church continues Jesus' ministry of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Thomas, the disciple who doubts, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of disciples. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. It is part of our human nature to seek hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death is, indeed, the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative who obtains this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who had died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed for we have not seen and yet have believed.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Kyle Arnaud; Grant Andrepont; Nela Badeaux; Rada Bono; Randy Bordelon; Rickie Bordelon; Carol D'Amico; Dora Clay; Robert Comeaux; Glenda Darbonne; Leroy Darbonne; Paula Deshotel; Edmae DeJean; Gertie DeJean; Ramona Darbonne; Tommy Dupre; Cecile Dupre; Doug Dupre; Rebecca Dupre; Charles Emonet; Andy Fay; Johnny Fontenot; Glenda Gaudet; Wayne Gautreaux; John Godeau, Jr; Susan Godeau; Linda Guidroz; Elaine Guillory; Maggie Guy; Michelle Hanks; Jeremy Hargroder; Sonya Harmon; Yola Huckaby; Charlotte Hundley; Rosalie Jackson; Johnathon Johns; Gene Kidder; Gloria Lalonde; Hank J. Leger; Linda Gail Leger; Vergie Lanclos; Debra Leblanc; Mark Leblanc; Rebecca Leblanc; Christine Ledoux; Ronald Leger; Kent Manuel; Sidney Matt; Ellen McRee; Micah Meche; Lorna Sue W. Miller; Kenny Moreau; Lisa Ortego; Billy Pitre; Glenda Pitre; John Reed; Jesse R. Richard; Pap Roy; Stacy Sebastien; M/M Timmy Smith, Sr.; Elaine Soileau; Jason Sonnier; Gilda Soileau; Kenneth St. Cyr; Greg Tate; Terri Trahan; Trent; Kenneth Thibodeaux; Taylor Morales; Hien Tran; Burnell Vidrine; Brett Walker; Bekhi L. Wimberly; Avery

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