

“Who are you? This question was most assuredly asked of Jesus on the day of resurrection and it is a question asked of each of us. Our identities can be described in so many ways. We can start with our gifts and our talents, expertise and unique personality expressions. We can describe things we like and things we prefer to

set aside. As descriptive and captivating as these can be, none come close to our essence, our real and true self. While accurate in their own right, the self who lives and interacts with the world is the self we want others to see, the one we project. But there is much more to us just as there is much more to Jesus. Jesus could describe himself based on all of the same criteria we use for ourselves. After all, Jesus is totally human. With all that people witnessed and all that Jesus knew about his physical human self, his divinity also shined forth. There was so much more to know about him. Whereas once Jesus was transfigured on top of a mountain before his disciples’ eyes, so today he is transfigured before our eyes as he reveals his resurrected self as the Christ. Alleluia, Christ is risen! His glorified presence stands before us showing us that we are all much more than we see ourselves to be and show to others. We have a depth, purpose, and essence that go way beyond the superficial treasures of our existence to the very core of who we are. Within each one of us is a spark of Divine Love where creature and Creator meet, and we are known uniquely by the name God whispers to us. It is not the earthly name that was given to us but the one that flows from Divine Power and claims us as one who is special and chosen in God’s eyes. This is the self that will rise one day with the eternal Christ of God and live eternally as God provides. This is the self that when free from all superficial constraints layered upon it in this life can discover and know freedom in a way never possible before. This is love lifting us up and transforming us into who we really are, not who we want or need ourselves to be. Who are you? A special, unique child of God who has been fashioned in God’s image, sustained by the power of God’s love and kept eternally with the Blessed Trinity in heaven. Get to know this deeper, truer self as it is who you really are.

Mass Intentions

Sat. 5:00 p.m.: Hilda Johnson, Alexson Mathieu, Audrey Mathieu, deceased members of the Mathieu & Mouton families, Christopher J Anderson, Wilbert & Thelma Jeanlouis, Harold Anderson Sr & Ethel Mae Decuir, Mazel Norbert, M/M Walton & Lillian Lewis, M/M Alfred Lewis, Leon Lewis, Curley Lewis, Alvin Lewis, Walter Lewis, Sandra Anderson, Willie Delacroix, Jeffery Green, Gilbert Matthews Sr, Clifton Celestine, deceased members of the Celestine & Bourda families and all deceased Ushers of the parish. Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and donors and for the wellbeing and intentions of our church members.

Sun. 8:00 a.m.: M/M Alfred & Rita Lewis, Florence Lee and Elvina Berard, Lorena Mitchell, Elise Jean-Batiste, the Archangel family and all deceased Ushers of the parish. Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and Donors and for the wellbeing and intentions of our church members.

Sun. 10:00 a.m.: Joseph Leo Sias III, Christopher Anderson and the deceased members of the Decuir & Anderson families, Lionel Ryes, M/M Curley & Mary Ann Flugence, deceased members of the Flugence & St. Julien families, Clifford Jacquet, Myra Broussard, Hazel Jones, Wilfred Thompson, M/M Harold & Velma Flugence, deceased members of the Flugence & Thompson families, Lisa Clay Trahan (*1st Anniversary*), Mr. Willis Thibeaux Sr, deceased members of the Clay & Trahan families, Clifton Celestine, deceased members of the Celestine & Bourda families, Florina & John Landry, Zoeway & Ernest Green, Emma & Aristille Landry, Joseph & Ella Mae Washington, Emily Malbrough, Fannie Washington, Charles & Bertha Washington, Augustine & Rita Labbe, Dan & Eldora Foster, Myra Washington, Mary Alice King, Anaise Washington, George Washington, Paul Washington, Mercedes & Morris St. Julien, M/M Alvin & Mildred Davis, Frankie Flugence, deceased members of the Davis & Flugence families, M/M Emelda & Cleveland Harris Sr, M/M Hazel & Arthur Roy Sr, Harrison Green and all deceased Ushers of the parish. Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and Donors and for the wellbeing and intentions of our church members.

Prayers for the Sick: Merciful Jesus, onto your Compassionate Heart we recommend Charles Lee, Gustavia Thibeaux, John Albert Ledet, Shavawna Flugence, Mayola Williams, Lester Mouton, Louvenia L Gibson, Audrey Armelin, Rodney Dupuis, Bessie Johnson, Emery Joe, Sylvania Cormier and Leon Williams.

Holy Baptism Will be conducted on an as-needed basis. Contact the church office to arrange Baptismal class and scheduling.

God’s Housekeepers:
St. Joseph: Thanks to all of the ladies in **Group C** that cleaned the church on April 3rd, 2021. The next group is **Group A:** Jennifer Harris, Gaynell Kimble and Marie Francis – April 10th, 2021.
St. Anthony — April 2021: (Group A) Loucinda George, Mary Alice Cormier and Jeanette Mitchell.
Your hard work and time dedicated is appreciated!

Easter Monday, April 5th in accordance with the Diocesan Holiday Schedule

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
SATURDAY April 10, 2021 8:00pm	Linda Alfred	Linda Johnson		
SUNDAY April 11, 2021 8:00am	Kechia Lee			
SUNDAY April 11, 2021 10:00am	Jennifer Harris	Terry Flugence		

Please Note: Lectors, Ushers, Altar Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion; by calling for a replacement when you are scheduled but cannot serve, you honor your commitment and help to ensure that there is no interruption for mass. Thanks!!

PASTORS CORNER

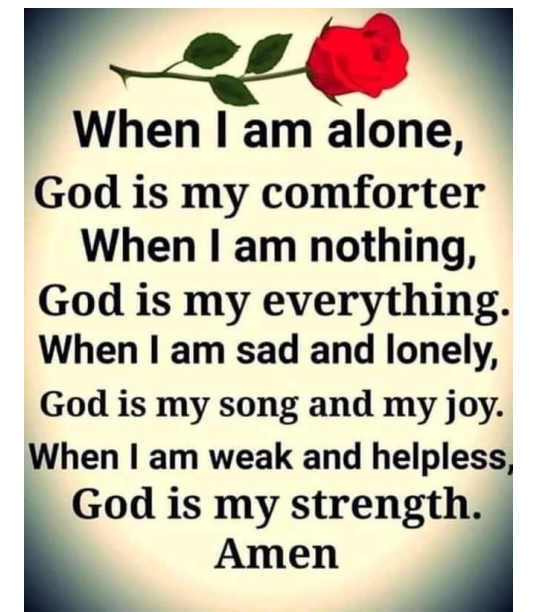
Notes from your Pastor
Jn 20:1-9
 The feast of Easter is celebrating Jesus’ victory over death and mankind’s hope for eternal life. This feast gives us the new hope of our own Resurrection at the end of times and at the same time keeps us one with the living Christ who will be always with us. The theme of today’s Mass includes both proclamation and witness. St Paul tells us that if Jesus is not risen from the dead, our faith be in vain. In the Gospel Mary Magdalene is asked to go and proclaim the Resurrection to all. To the Disciples the Resurrection was a new experience. It was a total transformation and it gave them a new vision of life. They had been witnesses of his suffering and death and during that time they had remained hidden out of fear. Their hope in Jesus was scattered. The resurrection brought about a complete turnaround and they began boldly to proclaim that Jesus who died on the Cross was alive and with them. Later, when they were arrested, persecuted and imprisoned, they rejoiced as they were now even more closely related to the life experience of their Lord through his resurrection. The Easter Sunday was a totally reversal of the image of Good Friday. His death which seemed to be a defeat before the world is now shown as a triumph over sin and death. His death in reality was a passage to new life, to the resurrection of Jesus and hence it was no end in itself. Jesus accepted death in total obedience to his Father that led to his victory. The Resurrection of Jesus is a mystery which cannot be humanly comprehended. Through it Jesus enters into a new realm of life. He will not die again and his new existence is beyond all understanding. The Risen Jesus enters a completely new way of living. That is why the Gospels are not able to explain the Easter mystery and the Resurrection. They have to use more human terms and speak of the empty tomb, his sudden appearance, eating with them, walking with them, teaching them and commissioning them. One thing is certain that the disciples are aware of his total presence. They know that he is with them and will remain with them. Ultimately the Easter is the celebration of the complete and unending love of the Father for the sake of Humanity. He gave back his son to us for humankind with greater love and with the resurrection Jesus will stay with us forever. This feast of Easter is also for us the feast of hope which tells us that what happened to Jesus will happen to us too. We too will rise one day with him. This celebration forms the heart of our Christian living. It is in reality our faith and the expectation of the future glory.

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The Web Site for St. Joseph/St. Anthony is: stjostant.org

Inspirations for Your Week



Our Giving

Mar 27th & 28th, 2021

St. Joseph: (76 Envelopes) **1,868.00**

St. Anthony: (39 Envelopes) **426.00**

\$2,294.00

2nd Collections:

BSA: 5.00
Eastern Europe Church: 242.00
Holy Land: 5.00
Building Maintenance Fund: 28.00
Building Insurance: 7.00
Catholic Charities of Acadiana 5.00
TOTAL: **\$2,586.00**

February Assessment Paid to Diocese: \$ 1,110.13

“No one shall appear before the Lord empty-handed, but each of you with as much as he can give, in proportion to the blessings which the Lord your God has bestowed upon you.”

Readings for the Week of April 4th 2021

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4
 Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15
 Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18
 Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35
 Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48
 Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/Jn 21:1-14
 Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3