



“What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. “Mercy is the heart of God,” Pope Francis tells us. The image of a heart has been used to point to the very life source of a person as it is the organ that allows

life to flow through our veins and sustain us. Mercy is the heart of God. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. It is God’s mercy that allows blood to flow through our veins. It is God’s mercy that forms every atom of our being and leads us to what is true. God’s mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions, empty promises, weakness, and sin. “Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope,” Pope Francis continues. God’s all forgiving, compassionate love is with us. When we finally believe and accept that Christ’s resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life’s imperfections and disappointments and move on. Every day is a new adventure in new life. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn’t matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so. God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives. Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do and nothing God cannot fashion. After all, everything we know and treasure was once nothing, and look what God did with the nothing God had! The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God’s mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God’s mercy, allow the wind of God’s presence to kiss all of your sins and caress all of your fears. Exhale peace.

Readings for the Week of April 11th 2021

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3
 Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/ Jn 3:1-8
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/ Jn 3:16-21
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21
 Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

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 Charlie Johnson Jr, Florina & John Landry, Zoeway & Ernest Green, Emma & Aristille Landry deceased members of the Johnson, the Walker & Alexander families, Clifton Daire Jr, Antoine Cormier and Joyce Cormier. 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.: 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, John C Francis (90th Birthday), M/M Daniel Montgomery, M/M Aaron & Mary Lee Kimble, M/M Elton & Mae Helen Bernard, Gregg Bernard and Damein Bernard. 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, Besie Johnson, Emery Joe, Sylvania Cormier and Leon Williams.

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 A** that cleaned the church on April 10th, 2021. The next group is **Group B:** Carolyn Domingue, Laurra Williams, and Barbara Thomas. – April 17th, 2021.

St. Anthony – April 2021: (Group A) Loucinda George, Mary Alice Cormier and Jeanette Mitchell.

Your hard work and time dedicated is appreciated!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2021 Parish Council Nominations:

Deadline for Nominations: April 18th, 2021

Your nomination should be a St. Joseph or St. Anthony parishioner whom you believe possess the qualities necessary for this ministry.



DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION:

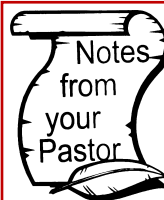
Sunday, April 11th - 3pm at St. Joseph

Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
SATURDAY April 17, 2021 8:00pm	Cynthia Jacquet	Michael Rabon		
SUNDAY April 18, 2021 8:00am	Errol Greig			
SUNDAY April 18, 2021 10:00am	Claudette Nickerson	Tyrone Rogers		

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

John 20:19-31



The resurrection of Jesus was a new experience to the disciples. Even though Jesus had constantly explained to them about his rising from the dead they were unable to grasp the implication of it. It was not something the disciples of Jesus seem to have anticipated but now they were confronted with a novel experience of their master. The gospel narrative of today helps them to move from fear to joy, seclusion to mission, absence to presence, disbelief to faith, mere existence to new life. It tells how Jesus breathing on the disciples and giving them the Holy Spirit. Through the Spirit they are into the second creation leading them into something even bigger to be born again in Christ through Baptism. Jesus gives them peace and power to forgive sins. The forgiveness that Jesus speaks of is not just the juridical wiping away of sins but a deep reconciliation of people with God and with each other. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles tells us about the life in the early church which was centered round, the teaching of apostles, fellowship, breaking of bread and prayer. In the Second Reading from the First Letter of Peter we are reminded of the guarantees that come to us because of all that God has done for us in Jesus Christ. Christ’s resurrection of Christ has won for us a new birth as sons and daughters of God. The church celebrates today the Divine Mercy Sunday, to experience the love and mercy of God given to us in Jesus. The feast focuses the light of the Risen Christ into a radiant beam of merciful love and grace for the whole world. In his revelations to St. Faustina Jesus expressed His desire to celebrate this special feast. He says that the Feast of Mercy emerged from his very depths of tenderness and mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of his Mercy. Jesus says that the divine floodgates through which grace flow are opened and let no soul fear to draw near to him, even though his sins be as scarlet because the Feast of Mercy emerged from the very depths of his tenderness.

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Inspirations for Your Week

When God decides to bless you, He will cause situations to come together in your favor...no matter what others try to do.

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

Our Giving

April 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th, 2021

St. Joseph: (158 Envelopes) **2,516.00**

St. Anthony: (38 Envelopes) **456.00**

\$2,972.00

2nd Collections:

Eastern Europe Church: **10.00**

Black & Indian Mission: **15.00**

Building Maintenance Fund: **359.00**

TOTAL: \$3,356.00

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.”