



“We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don’t always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive

part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life’s challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world. Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their “aha” moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment. We need our “aha” moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our “aha” moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, “peace be with you,” and we feel secure. It’s all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God’s goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News.

**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, Clifton Daigre 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, Florina & John Landry, Zoeway & Ernest Green, Emma & Aristille Landry, M/M Howard & Agnes Broussard and the deceased members of the Adam & Broussard families. 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.



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 B** that cleaned the church on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The next group is **Group C:** Brenda Washington, Mary Celestine and Mary Domingue – April 24<sup>th</sup>, 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: (This weekend) April 18th, 2021

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

**Readings for the Week of April 18<sup>th</sup> 2021**

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48  
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29  
Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35  
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40  
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51  
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59  
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69

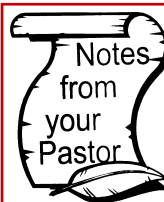
**Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18**

Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
<b>SATURDAY</b> April 24, 2021 5:00pm	Michael Keefe	Cathy Sigur		
<b>SUNDAY</b> April 25, 2021 8:00am	Ramayah Ledet	Erroll Greig		
<b>SUNDAY</b> April 25, 2021 10:00am	Brenda Washiington	Barbara Thomas		

**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**

*Luke 24:35-48*



In our journey through life, we are confronted with several problems and difficulties which can make us lose our perspective. We can lose all direction to life and remain helpless. Then left to ourselves we become nothing and tend to remain with uncertainty. In such situations we need positive support, a sincere understanding which can place us on the right path. In the Easter context we see Jesus as a consoler and help to the disciples filled with fear. He comes constantly to them and remains with them, guides them and eats with them. By breaking the bread with the disciples and sharing the meal he makes them experience his real presence. Today we have another account of Jesus appearing to his disciples on Easter Sunday. The gospel begins with the story of the two disciples who had the experience of walking with Jesus and their recognition of the Lord in the breaking of bread. Jesus remaining close to them drives away all their doubts and unbelief by giving them the gift of peace. He asks the disciples to touch and feel him and experience his real presence among them. He remains as the real friend in their lives, and helps them back into confidence. The first reading of today gives us the sermon of Peter who tells his audience the way in which Jesus was put to death by them but his suffering and death brought life to the world. The second reading tells us that Jesus is the sacrifice that takes away the sins of the world. The author St John encourages people not to sin but to place their trust in Jesus.

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**Inspirations for Your Week**

**SIX LITTLE STORIES WITH LOTS OF MEANINGS**

1. Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is faith.
2. When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is trust.
3. Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set alarms to wake up. That is hope.
4. We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is confidence.
5. We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. That is love.
6. On an old man's shirt was written a sentence "I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience." That is attitude.

**Have a happy day and live your life like these six stories. Remember - Good friends are the rare jewels of life, difficult to find and impossible to replace!!**

The Web Site for St. Joseph/St. Anthony is: [stjostant.org](http://stjostant.org)

**Our Giving**

**April 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**St. Joseph: ( 57 Envelopes) 1,280.00**

**St. Anthony: (28 Envelopes) 597.00**

**\$1,877.00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collections:**

**Building Maintenance Fund: 55.00**

**TOTAL: \$1,932.00**

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**March Assessment Paid to Diocese: \$ 1,697.98**

*“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.”*