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Sat: Vigil 5:00 p.m.
Sun: 7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday (Tue - Fri): 7:00 a.m.
First Friday: 7:00 a.m.
Holy Days: 7:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

One (1) hour before Weekend Masses or by appointment

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

First Friday: 7:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

CHOIR REHEARSALS:

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Wednesdays: 6:30p.m.
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Youth Choir

4th Saturdays: 12:00 Noon

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Communion for the sick and shut-in is available. Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

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Please call the parish office for information. Preparation classes are required for parents and godparents. Classes are held on the 1st and 2nd Thursdays of the month from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Call the Parish Office to register for the class.

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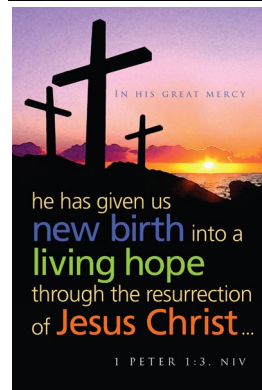
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SAT	04/11/2026	5:00PM
<i>Deacon Albert Henry (D) – The Family</i>		
SUN	04/12/2026	7:30AM
<i>Willie Mae Henderson (D)</i> The Henderson Family		
SUN	04/12/2026	10:00AM
<i>People of the Parish</i>		
TUE	04/14/2026	7:00AM
<i>Marcus Shaun Forté (D) – Mary Provost</i>		
WED	04/15/2026	7:00AM
<i>The Gabriel – Lockett Families (D)</i> The Family		
THUR	04/16/2026	7:00AM
<i>Patricia Albert (D) – Tywana Navy</i>		
FRI	04/17/2026	7:00AM
<i>Phyllis Moore (D)</i> RUOK Sr. Program – Harris Cty. Pct 7		
SAT	04/18/2026	5:00PM
<i>Soul of Florence McChristian (D)</i> Sheila McDaniel, Court 91, Alex, LA		



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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)



Today's readings capture the wonder and joy of the early church as they celebrate the new life they have found in their risen Lord. In the first reading, the disciples come together to listen to the teaching of the apostles, to pray, and to break bread, much as we are doing right now. The first letter of Peter extols the gift of salvation, which animates a "living hope" in us. The risen Lord gifts the apostles with the Holy Spirit and the power to forgive sins in his name. Let us listen and imagine ourselves alongside the earliest member of the infant church.



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DIVINE MERCY BLESSING



Dear Jesus, may your mercy flow over us, filling our gaps and healing our wounds. Open our hearts more deeply with knowledge of your love for us, understanding of the depth of your passion, and trust in your never ending mercy. Amen

Lord, we pray for all our current military service members who put their own lives on the line every day to protect our families and our country.
Army: Sade Beck, Jacc Blanks, Wadie Troy Butler, Patrick Clay Jr, Kalah A. Guidry, Angel Guillory, LaTroy King, Essence McMillan, Gary Christian Robertson, Anthony Lamar Smith II
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday – April 12**
Sunday of Divine Mercy
Acts 2:42-47
Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
1 Pt 1:3-9
Jn 20:19-31
- Monday – April 13**
Saint Martin I, Pope, Martyr
Acts 4:23-31
Ps 2:1-9
Jn 3:1-8
- Tuesday – April 14**
Acts 4:32-37
Ps 93:1-2, 5
Jn 3:7-15
- Wednesday – April 15**
Acts 5:17-26
Ps 34:2-9
Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday – April 16**
Acts 5:27-33
Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20
Jn 3:31-36
- Friday – April 17**
Acts 5:34-42
Ps 27:1. 4. 13-14
Jn 6:1-5
- Saturday April 18**
Acts 6:1-7
Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
Mk 16:9-15
Jn 6:16-21



April 13.....6:00pm
6th – 10th CCE Classes
April 18.....9:00am
1st Communion Retreat
April 18.....9:30am
PreK – 5th CCE Classes
April 20.....6:00pm
6th – 10th CCE Classes
April 25.....9:30am
Last Day for PreK – 5th CCE Classes
April 26.....10:00am
First Holy Communion Mass
April 27.....6:00pm
Last Day for 6th – 10th CCE Classes
May 16.....5:00pm
Confirmation Mass



We welcome six (6) OCIA Students who were received into the Church Family at the Easter Vigil on April 4, 2026. Pictured with their Sponsors are (L-R):

- Michael Broussard** (Patrick Ashiru)
- Olubummi Odujobi** (Catherine Pierre)
- Makayla Albert** (Josie Wiltz)
- Lolita Hall** (Nancy Mitchell)
- Matthew Rogers, Jr.** (Angela Rogers)
- Gregorio Castaneda** (Jose Sanchez)

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Tickets will be available for purchase in the lobby of the church on the following dates:
April 11, 18, 19 (in the Parish Hall), 25
May 2, 3, 9, 10, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31
June 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28
Need Not be Present to Win



Ministry Fair

The St. Francis Xavier Ministry Fair is scheduled for Sunday, **April 19th**, from 9:00am to 1:00pm in the Parish Hall. You will have an opportunity to learn about the following ministries and

- organizations offered here in the Parish:
- Bazaar Team & Volunteer Workers
 - Communication Committee
 - Angels Surviving Cancer
 - Safety Ministry & Health Ministry
 - Journey to Second Chance Ministry
 - St. Vincent de Paul Conference
 - Liturgical Environment
 - Altar Server
 - Christian Women Organization
 - Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion & Lectors
 - Ministers of Hospitality
 - Music Ministry
 - Bereavement Team & Baptism Team
 - Eucharistic & Rosary Adoration
 - Vocation Committee
 - Fifty-Five Plus Club
 - Young Adults & Youth Ministry
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 - Order of Christian Initiation for Adults
 - Scholarship Committee
 - Hospitality (Coffee & Donuts)
 - Office Volunteers
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Did you know that Catholics can make an Act of Spiritual Communion?

When unable to receive Holy Communion, pray the prayer below:

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, Come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you.

Stewardship Reflection

That we help our parish create a welcoming environment where people feel included. “Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’” John 20:19 Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbor, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. We are made for relationships – with God and each other. When you see yourself as a beloved son or daughter of God, you tend to see others the same way, too – just as God, Our Father, sees us.

ATTENDANCE

In-person Mass attendance on Holy Saturday, April 3rd and Easter Sunday, April 4th was **738**. Please join us via YouTube Livestream or bring a friend to come and worship with us in the church.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

Thomas answered and said to Him [Jesus], “My Lord and my God!” John 20:28

Do not hide your scars, but highlight them, so people can say to Jesus, “My Lord and my God!”



Jesus said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” Thomas then made a **full confession of faith**: “My Lord, and my God! Romans 10:9-10 says: “If you **confess** with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the **mouth confession** is made unto salvation.” Jesus did not **hide** His scars, but **highlighted** them. Thomas’ encounter with the Risen Christ, had even become **personal** and **relational**: “My Lord, and My God! **Kintsugi** (keen-suh-gee) is the Japanese art of repairing broken pottery with **gold lacquer**. In our American culture, when we break a ceramic bowl, we often try to repair it without revealing the fractures. We use products like Super Glue or Gorilla Glue to conceal the cracks. In Kintsugi, however, the cracks and scars are **highlighted and embraced**; the bowl is now seen as more **beautiful** because **it survived being broken**.

A parishioner at our church stayed after the 7:30 AM Mass to pray. As she was praying in the empty church, a woman came in and sat crying in one of the nearby pews. After a while, our parishioner got up and asked the woman, “May I sit and pray for you?” The woman said, “Yes”. After praying for her, the woman said, “I just lost my baby. My husband and I having been trying to have a child for a long time, but the baby had serious complications and I had a miscarriage. I just don’t know what to do. I feel like God has abandoned me.” The parishioner asked the woman a few medical questions and explained, “I was asking you those questions, because I have had two failed pregnancies myself, and God has **NOT** abandoned you. After my two miscarriages, I later **gave birth** to a healthy child!” Our parishioner **did not hide her scars**. Scars testify that you have been dropped, broken, mishandled, and even mistreated, but God has brought you through. Jesus said, “**Blessed are those who have not seen [Me] and have believed.**”

Some people may not believe in God **until you show them your scars**. You are to show people your scars, **NOT to bring glory to yourself**, but so that people may **personally confess their belief in Jesus**.

In **Mark 5**, Jesus met a man with an unclean spirit, who had been dwelling among the tombs. He had **pulled apart the chains**, and had **broken the shackles** with which the people had tried to bind him. He had been crying out and **cutting himself with stones**. Jesus spoke to the demon, who identified himself as Legion, for there were many of them. They begged Jesus to let them go into a nearby herd of swine, and Jesus gave permission. The people from the countryside heard what had happened and came to Jesus. They saw the one who had been demon-possessed, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind. As Jesus was getting into a boat to leave the area, the man who had been demon-possessed **begged** Jesus to let him follow Him. **Jesus did not permit him**, but said to him, “Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you.” And he departed and began to **proclaim all that Jesus had**

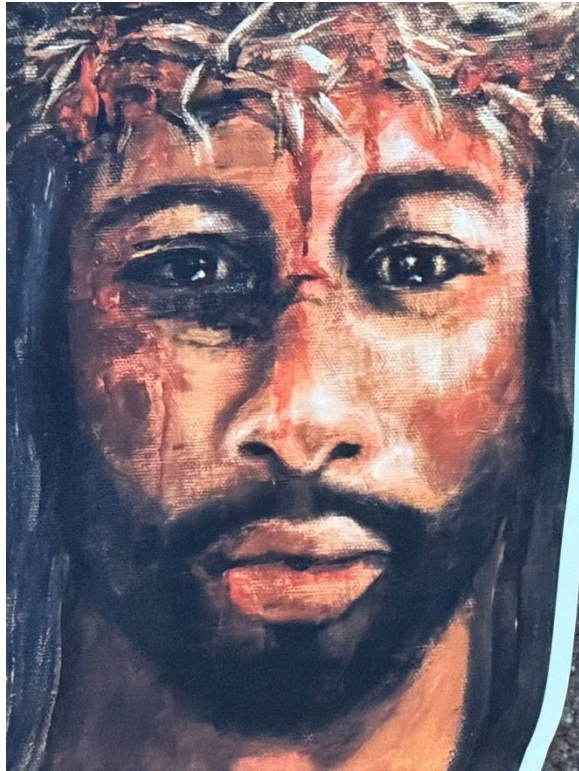


done for him, and everyone was **amazed**. I am sure he showed the people his **scars**-where he cut himself with stones and where he had been held with shackles and chains. Don’t hide your scars-**highlight them**, because when you highlight your scars, you highlight the **One** who put you back together again. The Gospel writer John said the reason he had written these eyewitness accounts is, “that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in His name” (John 20:31). <> Dcn. Jenkins

HOLY THURSDAY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER



THE PASSION OF CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN



Thank you to our Monday Night CCE students for an excellent performance in acting the Gospel of John.

Thank you to our Pastor Very Rev. Michael Thompson, and Director JoAnne Henderson assisted by Kim Salinas, Louis Hill and Mary Zenon and our Music Director Jerry Givens.

CAST

Narrator.....Madison Guerrero

Jesus.....Treyson Johnson

Chief Priest.....Travis Washington

Pilate.....Evan Wiltz

Mary.....Camille Phillips

Mary Magdalene.....Aryial Robertson

Mary Wife of Cleophas...Jamiyah Mouton

Servant Girls.....Maci Phillips,
Azmera Alleyne

Soldiers.....Christian Holmes, Jason Peugh,
Joshua Peugh

Simon Peter..... JoVonni White

Nicodemus & Judas.....Mason Guerrero

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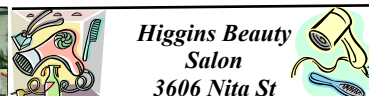
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