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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

"To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name." – Acts 10:43



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He is not here! For He has been resurrected, just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay. -Matthew 28:6

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PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR: APRIL 19 - 27, 2025

9:00 AM 8:00 PM	OCIA Rehearsal/Retreat - S.F. Solemn Easter Vigil Mass	
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord8 AM, 10 AM & 12 PM Masses1:15 PMPrivate Baptisms - Church		
5:30 PM	<i>Church Office Closed</i> Festival Comm Conf. Rm.	
8:30 AM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Daily Mass & Novena Women of Faith - St. Matthew Grief Support - S.C. Men's Scripture - C.R.	
8:30 AM 11:00 AM 5:20 PM 6:00 PM	Daily Mass Mark Bible Study - S.G. Divine Mercy Novena - Church No Greater Love - S.F.	
8:30 AM 6:00 PM	Daily Mass Men's Club Meeting - PAC E.H.	
8:30 AM	Daily Mass Prime Timers Casino Trip	
4:00 PM	Vigil Mass	
8 AM, 10 AM 1:00 PM 3:00 PM	Sunday (2 nd Sunday of Easter) & 12 PM Masses Scouts Court of Honor - E.H. First Eucharist - Church, S.F. Divine Mercy Celebration -	
	8:00 PM Easter Sunda 8 AM, 10 AM 1:15 PM 5:30 PM 8:30 AM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 8:30 AM 11:00 AM 5:20 PM 6:00 PM 8:30 AM 6:00 PM 8:30 AM 4:00 PM Divine Mercy 8 AM, 10 AM 1:00 PM	

WORSHIP

Readings for the Week - April 20-27

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20: 1-9

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Ps 118:24; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

WORDS OF WISDOM

"He who trusts in God can do all things." –St. Alphonsus Liguori

Divine Mercy Novena

This Wednesday, April 23, will conclude the ninth week of our Divine Mercy Novena. Please join us at 6 PM in the church for this final week. The Rosary will be recited before the Novena at 5:20 PM.



Sunday, April 27 is Divine Mercy Sunday. Our Lord said, "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, especially poor sinners. On that day, the very depths of my tender mercy are open." The 9-week Novena ends April 23, but you can continue praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy with us the first Wednesday of every month beginning in May. Wednesday, May 7 will be the first monthly Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration Sunday, April 27 at 6 PM

Join us on this special Feast Day for:

-Veneration of the Divine Mercy Jesus Image and the Relic of St. Faustina

-Readings and reflection from St. Faustina's Diary

-Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and more

This will not be a Mass but Reconciliation will be available before and after all Masses on April 27.

Featured Saint of the Week Blessed Stanley Rother (1935-1981) Feast: July 28



Stanley Rother was born in Oklahoma. He realized while in high school that he wanted

to become a priest. He ultimately graduated from Mount St. Mary's Seminary and was ordained in 1963. He returned to Oklahoma and was assigned as a parochial vicar.

Having served in several parishes by 1968, he was ready for a change and requested a transfer to the rural highlands of Guatemala. Before transferring, he learned Spanish, as well as one of the Mayan languages prevalent in the area.

Rother began regular Masses, founded a small hospital, and translated the New Testament into the Mayan language. He also supported a radio station on the mission property.

Trouble began in the area; catechists and parishioners began to disappear, only to be found dead. He wrote a letter to his superiors in Oklahoma describing the violent situation. In the letter, he also wrote: "This is one of the reasons I have for staying in the face of physical harm; the shepherd cannot run at the first sign of danger."

In early 1981, Rother was warned that he was on a hit list of left wing death squads and that he should immediately leave Guatemala to stay alive. Rother did go home for a short visit, but returned in time to celebrate Easter with his parishioners.

He returned in April, only to learn that he was being watched. On July 28, 1981, just after midnight, several gunmen broke into the rectory and found Rother in his room. After a struggle, Rother was shot twice in the head.

Rother was one of ten priests murdered in Guatemala in 1981.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM

Live Stream Sunday 10:00 AM on Facebook & YouTube

Daily Masses Tuesday, Wednesay, Thursday & Friday 8:30 AM Novena on Tuesday 8:30 AM **Respect Life Rosary on Thursday after Daily Mass**

Holy Day Masses As Announced

Children's Liturgy of the Word For children in kindergarten through second grade.

SACRAMENTS & RESOURCES

Baptism

Contact Margaret Garza at the Parish Office in the early months of pregnancy for dates and preparation requirements.

Reconciliation Saturday 3:00 PM and by appointment

Christian Initiation of Adults

If interested in becoming Catholic and want more information on the process, call the Formation Office at 225-261-4644.

Marriage

Contact Sara Puissegur at the Parish Office six months to one year prior to projected wedding date for information concerning preparation programs.

Anointing of the Sick

You can receive this sacrament during a serious illness, before a major surgery, or for spiritual and mental healing. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

Funerals

Contact Margaret Garza at the Parish Office for arrangement information.

Formed

Go to formed.org, find St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish, and enjoy access to this free online Catholic gateway.

Prayer Line Beverly Heil

225-772-4278 **Gloria Jones** 225-337-8929

Thanks for Supporting our April Blood Drive

Thank you to everyone who donated blood on Sunday, April 6. 51 pints were donated. We hope you will join us for our next Blood Drive on Sunday, July 13.

Martha's Meals of Mercy

Martha's Meals of Mercy will bring meals to parishioners that are just coming home from the hospital, have just had a new baby, or are going through a traumatic time. The meals will be delivered for a short time- 2-3 times a week for 2-3 weeks.

If you or someone you know could benefit from this ministry OR if you would like to be a Martha and provide meals, please notify the parish office at **225-261-4650**. A representative of the ministry will call back and get information such as the number of people in the family, food allergies, likes and dislikes.

Those receiving the meals will be asked to place a cooler at their door where the food will be placed at a specific day and time. That way they will not be disturbed.

OUTREACH

Rest in Peace

Bernice M. Comeaux

Easter Flowers In Memory Of

Peggy D. Andre' Deceased Armand Family Josie & William Augustine Elizabeth M. Bankston Shirley Bates Joe Bellina Francis Bellina Joseph S. Beregi, Jr. **Bourgeois-Boudreaux Family** Raymond & Barbara Bourgeois **Tula Bourgeois** Mr. & Mrs. Skyler P. Brassette Aunnie Lee Braud George Braud **Browning-Reames Family Buckley Family** Ms. Rita Burleigh Eldred & Mozelle Caillouet Charles & Ruby Cambre Laura & Joe Cazes Howard & Wilda Chiasson Lester & Smokeye Cifreo Stephen Cifreo

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Pray for the Sick

Please note: Names are removed after 8 weeks.

Christie Seabolt, Pat Matthews, Sharon Leod, Jaycee Richard, Gary Saucier, Alexander Landry, Sally Stears, Monica Kelly, Devin Mounce, Chris Bringol, Daniel Guerin, Datz Family, Schittone Family, Catherine Willis, Lynette Shaffett, Larry Bueche, Ashley Smith, Chris Dickerson, Jackie Scardina, Fisk Morris, Mollea Hood, Michael Morales, Theresa Ognibene, John Larkin, Briggs Elliser, Anita Bueche, Jamie Samson, Kathy Madere, Krystal Feltman, Melanie Way, Sandy Dares, Ashlynn Ferguson, Carolyn Rogillio, Patsy York, Angie Welsh, Lynette Lemoine, Chris Hobkirk, Patrick Bourgeois, Holly Hart, Jeff Ferguson, Patsy Sagona, Dammers Family, Debbie Mouton, Marion Robillard, Ron Dodson, Stevie Calverley, Luke Allen, Blanche Hoover, Marlene Ortego, Claudia Mouton, Jackie Pina, Ashley Nix, Donna Hebert, Bill Witt, Priscilla Perez, Charlotte St. Romain, Brenda Lovett, Krysta Brown, Lucille Dickerson, Janet Messina, Jennifer McMillan, Jason Lasseigne, Feltus Templet, Lucky Ross, Melise Efferson, Angelo Silvio, Christopher Silvio, Mona Miller, Mark Scardina, Calvin Lea Newsom, Mike Graves, Pat Skelton, Stanley Browning, Rita Neck, Lex Verbois, Jackson Holley, Vickie Calamia, Mike Danna, Norman Schlatre III, Brian Cashio, Beverly Rivera, AJ Aymond, Sue LeBlanc, Dolores Lassard, Helen Balzli, Jeanette Felps, Al Felps, Kevin Nicosia, David Lonibos, Joy Lonibos, Glenda Bringol, Jan Bankston, Harrison Simpson, Cathey Chustz, John Nicosia, Homer Brown, Vance & Olivia Thomas, Matthew Chambers, Ryan Babin, Andy Juneau, Joey & Erin DeFreitas, Jessalyn Olsen, Ty Guilbeau, Lari Seguin, Janet Tate, Joseph Reed

Thank you to all who have contributed to the cost of Easter flowers for the church this year.

Clarence & Rosie Kerst C.J. Landry Jerome & Anna Mae Landry Lemoine Family Cyril & Eloise LeSage Gloria & Donald LeSage Ida & John LeSage Johnny J. Long Mr. & Mrs. Johnny W. Long Pete J. Lopez Mr. & Mrs. Pete Lopez, Sr. Carey Lowe Mary & Matthew Matherne Everett & Lillian Mayeaux Floyd & Vera McGehee J.P. Messina Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Messina Josie Michelli Bob & Helen Nelson Joe & Cecil Mae Nicholas Leo & Sally Nijoka Glenn Pizzalato Vincent & Gladys Pizzalato

Laura Juneau Quinn Mr. & Mrs. Howard Richard Jimmy Rispone Sam & Rosalie Rispone Bernard Robert, Sr. Josephine "Josie" Robert Ronnie Sharon Maude Siblev Milton Small, Jr. Theresa Soileau Charlie Spinosa Stellman Family **Pierce Summers** Edwina Taylor Gordon Tavlor Frances & John Terbot Ruth Turner Marshall Vince Mary Vince Pete Vince Horace & Barbara Witt Joe & Alice Zito

Serving Our Country

If you know someone serving in the military, please call the Church Office at 261-4650, and let us know their information.

ARMY: Major Chad A. Alford, Warrant Officer Jody K. Hunt, Capt. Brian C. Greco, Sergeant Charles N. Garner, Lt. Col. Keith Madere, Brian D. Duvic, Chief Warrant Officer Ryan Martin, PFC Jacob Fontenot, SPC Kory A. Nijoka, SPC Quillan McMillan, SPC Nathan Casselberry, Sgt. Natalie Arceneaux

LA NATIONAL GUARD: Captain Jacob Haynes, PVT Joshua T. Marchand, Leah Gil

<u>AIR FORCE</u>: Senior Airman Madison T. Polk, SSgt. Kristin A. Nijoka, Capt. Kyle Holifield, Major Vincent "Trey" Levraea, SSG Daniel Carter, TSgt. Danny Hausse

NAVY: Com. Glenn P. Lumpkin, Jr., Chad Domm, AD3 Tyler Comeaux, MMA3 Daniel Wesley, GM3 (SW/AW) Seth Minard, Seaman E4 3rd Class PE Evan Hayes, HM3 Bret Burns, HN2 Jacques Bourgeois

U.S. MARINE CORPS: Major Blaine Ballard, Tyler Datz, Eric Vlahos, Lance Corp. Mahala Hausse, Lance Corporal Kristian Morris

U.S. COAST GUARD: EM4 Kobe Naquin

FORMATION

First Eucharist

The date for 1st Eucharist is Sunday, April 27, 2025 at 3 PM in the Church.

Thank You to our Volunteers

The Faith Formation Office would like to thank all our volunteers: Catechist, Catechist Aides, Mentors and Coordinators for their time, talents and for sharing their faith with the young people of our parish. The lives you have touched, shaped and mentored have been enriched by your gifts. We could not accomplish our mission without you answering the call to evangelize.

Our Faith is not something to put on a shelf or in a bottle. It is to be shared so the Body of Christ can continue to building the Kingdom of God. You are needed and invited. Your gift of faith and prayer are needed. We invite you to share what you have been given with the young people of our parish. Contact the Faith Formation Office for more information.



Confirmation Year 2

The date for Confirmation is Tuesday, April 29, 2025. Candidates must be in the St. Francis room by 6:15 PM to receive instruction and meet the Bishop before Mass.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Ladies Altar Society

Date pushed back due to fair. Our May luncheon/meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, in the St. Francis Room at 11 AM. The cost of the meal will be \$10. All ladies of the parish are



invited to join us. If you have any questions, contact Dianne at 225-921-8356 or Cherryl at 225-235-0198.

Volunteers Needed for Festival

WE NEED YOU! The Festival of Two Rivers is not possible without the help of hundreds of volunteers working the various booths. Sign-ups are now live for this year's Festival, which will be held May 2-4. We encourage you to sign-up for a shift or two.

Plant Booths:

Friday: <u>https://stalphonsuscatholic.flocknote.com/</u> signup/205879

Saturday: <u>https://stalphonsuscatholic.flocknote.com/</u> signup/205880

Sunday: <u>https://stalphonsuscatholic.flocknote.com/</u> signup/205881

<u>Drinks:</u>

Friday: <u>https://stalphonsuscatholic.flocknote.com/</u> signup/205874

Saturday: <u>https://stalphonsuscatholic.flocknote.com/</u> signup/205875

Sunday: <u>https://stalphonsuscatholic.flocknote.com/</u> <u>signup/205876</u>

Armband Distribution:

Friday: <u>https://stalphonsuscatholic.flocknote.com/</u> <u>signup/205877</u>

Saturday: <u>https://stalphonsuscatholic.flocknote.com/</u> signup/205878

Reserved Tents for the Festival

Reserved Tents for our Festival of Two Rivers are now available for purchase online: <u>https://auctria.events/festival25</u>

Festival of Two Rivers Reserved Tent Sale

Tents are 10x10 and reserved for you for the entire weekend.

BLUE - \$750 PURPLE - \$500

Purchase online: https://auctria.events/festival25

Attention: Plants Needed for Fair

If you plan to donate any plants for the festival, please contact Jean LeBlanc at 225-938-5568 so we can get an inventory. We will also need plant-related items. We appreciate any and all help that's available. Thank you for supporting our plant booth!

Buy Your Fair Megabands Now!

https://amusement.magicmoneyllc.com/MagicMoney_Web/ ETicket/UpcomingEvents

ALL ARE INVITED TO OUR ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF TWO RIVERS MAY 2-4, 2025

PURCHASE A WEEKEND MEGA PASS ONLINE FOR YOUR CHILD!



ADMINISTRATION

Gifts of Stewardship

For April 5-6, 2025, your *Stewardship* resulted in:

Weekly Collection	
Envelopes	\$ 20,205.00
Unidentified	\$ 2,469.00
Parish Soft	\$ 11,003.50
Bank Draft	\$ 2,159.00
Building/Maintenance Fund	
Envelopes	\$ 4,198.00
Parish Soft	\$ 1,236.00
Bank Draft	\$ 1,605.00
<u>New Parish Activity Center</u>	
Envelopes	\$ 2,017.00
Parish Soft	\$ 2,129.29
Children	\$ 93.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 385.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 25.00
Priest Retirement	\$ 100.00
Total Received	\$ 47,624.79
SVDP Building Project	\$ 0.00
SVDP Ash Wed. Envelopes	\$ 10.00



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YOUTH T-Shirt Sizes - \$16.00	: EMAIL
YXSYS (6-8)	YM (10-12)YL (14-16)
ADULT T-Shirt Sizes - \$16.00:	
ASAM	ALAXL
ADULT – T-Shirt Sizes - \$20.00	:
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PLEASE RETURN COMPLETE	D FORM WITH PAYMENT TO THE SCHOOL OR CHURCH OFFICE BY APRIL 16, 2025.
YOU WILL RECEIVE AN EM/	AIL WHEN THE SHIRTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE.
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