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April 5, 2026



## EASTER SUNDAY

When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. - Jn 20:6-8



## Christ is risen! Alleluia! He is truly risen! Alleluia!

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today, we celebrate the greatest truth of our faith—the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The tomb is empty, death has been conquered, sin has been defeated, and hope has been restored. In the Gospel, the women go to the tomb expecting to find a dead body, but instead they are met with a powerful question: “Why do you seek the living among the dead?” This question is not only for them; it is for us as well. How often do we look for life in places that cannot truly give it—in success without God, in relationships without truth, or in habits that leave us empty? Easter reminds us that true life is found only in the Risen Christ.

We have just journeyed through Holy Week, walking with Jesus through the suffering of Good Friday and the silence of Holy Saturday. At times, everything seemed lost, as if darkness had the final word. But God was still at work, even in the silence. And on the third day, everything changed. This is the heart of Easter: God brings life out of death. Not only in the resurrection of Jesus, but in our own lives as well.

Perhaps today you come carrying burdens, struggles, disappointments, or wounds. Easter speaks directly into those places of your life with a message of hope: your story is not over. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is at work in you. Where there is pain, God can bring healing. Where there is sin, God offers mercy. Where there is darkness, God brings light.

Before the Resurrection, there was a stone blocking the tomb. In our lives, there are also stones—fear, doubt, addiction, resentment, or hopelessness—that keep us from stepping into new life. Easter is an invitation to allow God to roll away those stones. It is a call to step out of what is dead and to walk into the new life Christ offers. We are not meant to remain in the tombs of our past; we are called to rise.

As a parish community, Easter is not only a celebration but also a mission. We are called to live as people of the Resurrection—people who carry joy, who show compassion, and who witness boldly to the power of God’s love. Let our parish be a place where others encounter not a memory of Christ, but the living Christ.

My brothers and sisters, the tomb is empty, Christ is alive, and because He lives, hope is alive, mercy is alive, and you can begin again. May the Risen Lord fill your hearts with peace, renew your strength, and lead you into the fullness of new life.

Amen.

*Rev. Fr. Kingsley Ogbuji*

### Collections for the Weekend of March 28-March 29, 2026

Saturday (4:00 p.m.)	-----	--\$1602.00
Sunday (7:30 a.m.):	-----	\$1357.00
Sunday (10:00 a.m.):	-----	\$2357.00
Mail-In Donations	-----	\$710.00
*Specials:	-----	\$1098.00
Online Giving:	-----	\$600.00
<b>Total Collection:</b>	-----	<b>-\$8142.00</b>

*Thank you for your continued support and generosity*

\*Archdiocese Special Collections, St. Vincent de Paul, candles, maintenance, Community Center, special masses

## **Parish Announcements**

### **Reopening of the Church & Installation Mass**

The celebration for the reopening of our church on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> will begin with a Rosary Walk at 3:00 p.m., followed by the blessing of the church and the Installation Mass. After Mass, all are warmly invited to an Appreciation Dinner in the Community Center gym. Please come and celebrate this joyful moment in the life of our parish.

### **Installation of Parish Council**

The official installation of our Parish Council will take place on Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. The list of Parish Council members and other administrative bodies is available in this weekend's bulletin.

### **Divine Mercy Healing Service**

Our monthly Divine Mercy Healing Service will be held on Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m., as we celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy. All are invited to come and experience the Lord's mercy and healing grace.

### **Spring Egg Festival**

We invite all youth and families to join us for our Spring Egg Festival on April 26<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. It promises to be a joyful and fun-filled event for our young parishioners. The flyer is in the bulletin.

### **Spiritual Bouquet**

We thank all parishioners for participating in a Spiritual Bouquet to be presented to Most Rev. Archbishop James Checchio on the occasion of the reopening of our church. This is a meaningful way to offer our prayers and spiritual support for his ministry. There is opportunity to participate. The flyers are in the back of the church.

### **Fish Fry**

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported this year's Fish Fry. Your generosity and participation made it a great success. A full report is available in the bulletin.

### **Easter Youth Gifts**

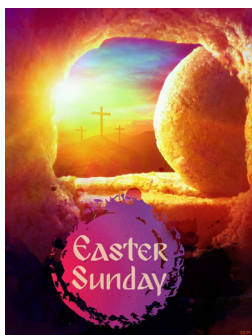
An Easter gift giveaway will be held for the youth of our parish on Easter Sunday. We sincerely thank Mrs. Gladys Stevenson and the Planning Committee for organizing this thoughtful initiative.

### **Save the Date**

Please mark your calendars for the Corpus Christi–Epiphany Gala & Awards Ceremony on June 6, 2026. Additional details will be shared soon by Ms. Michelle McElveen.

### **Online Giving (QR Code)**

For your convenience, you may support the parish through online giving by visiting our website or by scanning the QR codes available in the bulletin and throughout the church.



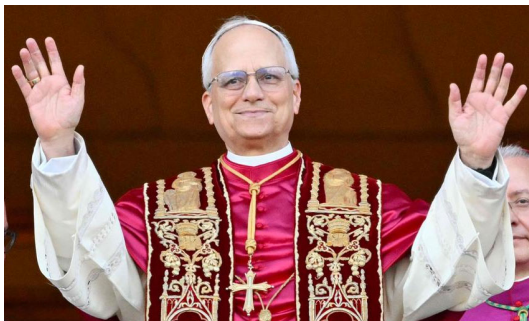


Father in heaven,  
may the *faith* you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of *charity* enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of  
the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within  
both humanity and the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation  
of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil van-  
quished,  
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.  
May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.  
To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever  
Amen

*Franciscus*



Get your 50/50 ticket from  
your trusty sellers.

The Winner of the March  
Drawing was  
Nelita Ramey



SAVE  
*the*  
DATE

JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

*Corpus Christi - Epiphany*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
Heart of the 7<sup>th</sup> Ward Gala*

*More information to follow*



**SUMMIT**  
 "The Eucharist is the 'source and summit of the Christian life'"  
 -CCC 1324

**ARCHDIOCESAN-WIDE  
 HIGH SCHOOL  
 MINISTRY  
 NIGHTS**

Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church  
 in Chalmette (2320 Paris Road, Chalmette, LA 70043)

**MONDAY  
 APRIL**

**13** 6:30pm  
 to  
 8:00pm

Worship led by John Finch

\*Please note: we will dismiss from the Church following Adoration. There will be no food/fellowship this month.



**PRaise & WORSHIP.  
 SACRAMENT OF  
 RECONCILIATION.  
 EUCHARISTIC  
 ADORATION.**

### Perpetual Memorial Plaques

A special thank you to everyone for responding and spreading the word about the "Perpetual Memorial Plaque Project." The overwhelming response nearly doubled our expectations. The new Bapistry area of the church could not have happened without you and we're excited as we move closer to the re-opening of the church.

We realize that there are still others who were not prepared to make their request for name plates at this time and those who are just hearing and have missed the deadline. We are considering another project to allow for names to be added in another area of the church.

Corpus Christi Epiphany, you made it happen and we thank you for your kindness and sincere generosity.

Ladies Auxiliary-  
 Sacred Heart Court #60

In loving of memory of our loving husband, father, & grandfather LASALLE RATTLER, JR., we miss you,  
Your loving wife, Angela, daughter, son-in-law and

In memory of my dear friend, Nadine Laurent, Love, Angela

In Memory of Alvarez and Onelia RODRIQUEZ

**DECAY REMEMBRANCE**

In Loving Memory of Granny & Papa, Love Kelly & Kids

Mr. & Mrs. Selma & Donald Nicholl by their children

Mrs. Monica Reeves, Nicole & Larry, Jr. by Husband & Father, Larry, Sr. Reeves, Sr.

Terrance & Osborne "Mike" Demas by their family


Brian DeCuir, In loving memory, By Abbie Fazande


Victor Duvernay, Jr. Memorial by lifelong friend, Abbie



In Memory of Paul, Jr. & Patricia Johnson By the Family(825)

In Loving Memory of My best Friend, Dina M. Lemus (Ms. Mike) Missing and loving you, Thais


**IN MEMORY OF THE FAVRE FAMILY**

In Loving Memory of our ancestors; Severin, Demas, Washington, Nicholl & Grant Families 

In Memory of Patricia Boyd-Hebert 1934-2000 Philip H. Hebert, Sr. 1932-2022 

In Loving Remembrance of our parents; Henry & Delphine Butler, and sisters; Madel Butler & Patricia Butler "Eternal rest grant unto their souls, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them." Missing & Loving you, Paul, Matthew, Robert, Frederick & Wanda  

In Loving Memory of Our Mother & Grandmother, Marjorie Rouzan Gabriel Missing You, Marvel-Marie, Paul, III & Paul IV

In loving memory of MURRAY ANCAR We remember you with love & appreciation. Your memory lives on in our hearts. YOUR FAMILY 


Protection and Prayers for Fr. Dominic Njoku, SSJ by Mom, Ms. D and Sis


Louis "Big Lou" Cerre, Jr., by Demas Families


In Loving Memory of Our Father & Grandfather Missing you 45 years, Paul Gabriel, II Marvel-Marie, Paul, III & Paul IV

In Memory of Earl & Catherine Raymond

By family(325)



In memory of my husband, Frank Montegue Who is a citizen in heaven. Your Loving wife, Linda 

In loving remembrance of my ancestors, Irving & Farve' Families. Rest in Paradise. Missing you, Sophia Farve'. 

In loving memory of DUNTEZ SHAWN DAWSON "Those we love don't go away They walk beside us every day." Missing and Loving you, Mother, daughter and sister 

In Loving Memory of Gwendolyn McFarland LAMPKIN

In Loving Memory of Audrey Spann Layman Charles C. Layman, Sr. Dr. Kim F. Layman Nicole K. Scott The Layman family

In Loving Memory of our brother, ALVIN CHARLES MERRITT, JR. by your family Waldon Rucker, Patricia Harmon, Paula Merritt, Wanda Wiltz, Lydia Merritt Allen, Yolanda Merritt, Monica Merritt May your soul rest in peace  

**REMINDER**

SOME MEMORIAL ADS ON THIS PAGE WILL BE EXPIRING SOON. IF YOU WISH TO RENEW YOUR AD AND/OR NOT SURE IF YOUR AD WILL EXPIRE, PLEASE CONTACT MRS. LAGARDE.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 4, 2026

4:00 p.m.

Rita Doucette Willis, memorial B'Day(4/2), by family,, Curtis Bordenave, memorial, Jourdain/Willis Families, , Alvin C. Merritt, Jr., **memorial**, by family, Stanley Cuillier, Jr by family, People of the parish

Sunday, April 5, 2026

7:30 a.m.

Viola Duplessis, memorial, by Donna Dunn, Baudy Sr. & Jr. Families, memorial, by family, Mercadel & Magee Families, memorial, by Carolyn Mercadel & Family, Miller & Kennedy Families, memorial, by family, Alvin C. Merritt, Jr. **memorial**, by Family, Elaine J. Gutter, **memorial**, by family & friends, Armand P. Mercadel, Sr., **memorial**, by wife & family, People of the parish

10:00 a.m.

Louise Fintley, memorial, by family, Dorothy Saulny, memorial, by Victoria Saulny, Louis Saulny, memorial, by William Broyard, Alvin C. Merritt, Jr. **memorial**, by Family, Margurite & Anthony Cuillier, People of the parish

Monday, April 6, 2026

Victor Jourdain, Sr., memorial B'Day, by family

Tuesday, April 7, 2026

Louis Saulny, memorial, by Victoria Saulny

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

Linda Durette, Successful Surgery, Duntez Shawn Dawson, memorial, by family, Armand P. Mercadel, Sr., memorial, by Carly Mercadel

Thursday, April 9, 2026

Louis Saulny, memorial, by William Broyard

Friday, April 10, 2026

Sick & Shut ins

## **\*SICK & SHUT-INS PRAY FOR THEM**

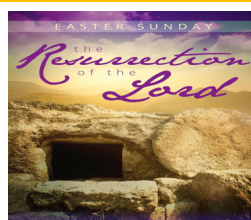
Sheryl Allen, Ethel Ancar, Kim Baptiste, Lydia Barrow, , Walter Bonam, Niley Bieniemy, Cheryl Brown, Joycelyn Brown, Shirley Brown, Lavinia Chambers, Charlotte Butler, Joseph Butler, Sr., Michael Condiff, Sybil Condiff, Lorraine Condoll, Phyllis Cuillette, Doris Cuillier, **Fr. Henry Davis, SSJ**, Kim Davis, Laura Davis, Barry Delaney, Alcide Delille, Vernon Dobard, Myrtle Dorsey, Wilfred Duplessis, Bernice Ferdinand, Audrey Fleury, Emelda Fortune, Marcel Fortune', Ashleigh Francis, Dwight Franklin, Darrell Frazier, Vanessa Galle, Yvonne Guidry, April Hampton, Maria Hebert, Assunta Jackson, Delores Jett, Avery Johnson, Aaron La Cabe, Jr., Lurlyn Lacour, Ken Lagarde, Mary LeBlanc, Cheryl Lucius, Jacquelyn Lucius, Oliver Lucius, Harold Luke, Lisa Mallery, Kermit McGuilles, Rosemary Menzies, Armand Mercadel, Jr., Carolyn Mercadel, Joshua Mercadel, Florence Mercadel, Phyllis Mercadel, Una & Nolan Millet, Cheryl Morning, Raymond V. Morrell, Joseph Narcisse, Corey Peters, Marguerite Ragas Angela Frick Rattler, Semella Rawles, Cynthia Robertson, Kenneth Thompson, Sr., . Rochelle Saunders, Gloria Scott, Judith Simon, Douglas Smith, Lorraine Smith, Joseph Triggs, Gerard Willis, Garielle Winfield

**Please, do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Lagarde at 504-945-8931 to remove/add your family member to this list.**

**GOD BLESS**



**PRAY THE  
ROSARY  
DAILY**



## **APRIL BIRTHDAYS/ ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1) Kim Valteau
- 2) **Happy Birthday to you...**
- 3) Valerie Harding
- 4) **Happy Birthday to you...**
- 5) Catherine Lee
- 6) Joseph Boucree, Jeanette Sylvester, Kevin Hawkins
- 7) **Happy Birthday to you...**
- 8) **Happy Birthday to you...**
- 9) **Happy Birthday to you...**
- 10) Nelita Ramey
- 11) Phyllis Mercadel, Cheryl Henderson, Carla Stanfill, Reginald Delecia
- 12) Maria Hebert
- 13) **Happy Birthday to you...**
- 14) **Happy Birthday to you...**
- 15) **Happy Birthday to you...**
- 16) **Happy Birthday to you...**
- 17) **Happy Birthday to you...**
- 18) **Happy Birthday to you...**
- 19) **Happy Birthday to you...**
- 20) **Happy Birthday to you...**
- 21) **Happy Birthday to you...**
- 22) Marvin Dugue, Karen Glapion
- 23) Kenneth Evans
- 24) **Happy Birthday to you...**
- 25) Wayne Bierria
- 26) **Happy Birthday to you...**
- 27) Leonard Rivers, Jr.
- 28) Gregory Dandridge, Jeanne Thompson, Pamela Perry
- 29) **Happy Birthday to you...**
- 30) Cameron Spears

**GOD BLESS YOU ON  
YOUR BIRTHDAY/  
ANNIVERSARY**



## MISSION STATEMENT

Continuing the legacy of our establishing founders, The Josephites, whose exclusive apostolate is to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ in the African American Community. We, the Faith Community of Corpus Christi-Epiphany Roman Catholic Church are called and sent by Christ, to live gratefully the life God has given us, and to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to all we meet. We conduct our mission in a spirit of Faith, Service and Community, thus allowing us to become closer to God as we bring God closer to others.

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|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| ◆ Altar Society            | Fatima Rosary Group            | Knights of Peter Claver |
| ◆ Bereavement              | Finance Council                | Junior Daughters        |
| ◆ CCD                      | Garden                         | Lectors                 |
| ◆ Church Environment       | Holy Name of Jesus Society     | Legion of Mary          |
| ◆ Counters                 | Knights of Peter Claver #60    | Men in Christ           |
| ◆ Ministers of Hospitality | Parish Council                 | Sacristan               |
| ◆ Music Ministry           | OCIA                           | Sodality of the BVM     |
| ◆ Grief Share Ministry     | Society of St. Vincent de Paul |                         |

### ◆ MASS SCHEDULES

**SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 4:00 P.M.**

**SUNDAY MASSES: 7:30 & 10:00 A.M.**

**WEEKDAY MASSES: MONDAY-FRIDAY  
7:00 A.M.**

- ◆ **NOVENAS( before or after 7 a.m. Mass)**  
Tuesdays– Our Mother of Perpetual Help  
Wednesdays– St. Joseph Novena  
Fridays-Sacred Heart Novena, Stations of  
the Cross  
Saturdays-Adoration of the Blesses  
Sacrament  
In the St. Katharine Drexel Chapel  
(Building D)

### **SACRAMENTS INFORMATION Director of Religious Education for CCD classes**

Mrs. Carla Bringier-Mason-504-289-1979

### **Directors of Order of Christian Initiation of Adults:**

Ms. Shannon Stanley-504-722-0493

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**St. Vincent de Paul Society**  
Charlotte Brown-504-503-1119

### **CONFESSIONS:**

**1 hour before weekend masses or any-  
time by request.**

### **WEDDINGS:**

**Make arrangements with office staff 6  
months prior to the event to begin re-  
quired preparation process.**

**FOR INFORMATION ABOUT  
RENTAL SPACE AT THE  
COMMUNITY CENTER CONTACT  
MRS. LINDA LAGARDE  
504-945-8931**

#Interested in registering in the parish to receive envelopes? Do you have questions needing answered by the priests? Fill out the information at the bottom of thispage.

NAME:

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Would like to register in parish and receive envelopes.

Would like to speak with a priest about:

Would like to speak with a priest about:

Adult Education ----- Marriage ----- Baptism ----- Other

\* Fold and place in any church envelope addressed to Office  
and place in collection bag or bring to office.