G 1	READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Sunday April 16	Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
1	Col 3:1-4 Jn 20:1-9
Monday	
April 17	Acts 2:14, 22-33 Ps 16:1-2a & 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday	
April 18	Acts 2:36-41 Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 & 22 Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday	
April 19	Acts 3:1-10 Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 Lk 24:13-35
Thursday	
April 20	Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8:2ab & 5, 6-7, 8-9 Lk 24:35-48
Friday	
April 21	Acts 4:1-12 Ps 118:1-2 & 4, 22-24, 25-27a Jn 21:1-14
Saturday	
April 22	Acts 4:13-21 Ps 118:1 & 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21 Mk 16:9-15

MINISTERIES FOR THE WEEKEND **HOSPITALITY**

Saturday: Richard Scott, Shirley Allison, Rose Davis, Walter Davis

Youth **Youth** **Youth** Sunday:

ANNOUNCER & LECTORS:

L: Phyllis Thibodeaux & Saturday: A: John King Gary Mims Sunday: A: **Youth* L: **Youth*

ALTAR SERVER:

Saturday: Ragan Pitre & William Pitre D'Ana Williams Sunday:

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Russell Bottley & Freda Guillory Saturday Sunday: Mr. & Mrs. Adam Jacobs

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Saturday 55		S	unday	<i>75</i>		
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	<u>Dec</u>	luctible	2		<u>No</u>	n-Deductible
Mail In	\$	67.00)			
Fish Fundraiser					\$	2,229.00
Loose	\$	146.0	0			
Mass Stipends	\$	20.0	0			
Building rental	\$	250.00	0			
St. Katharine day	\$	601.9	9			
Saturday	\$ 2	2,142.0	0			
Sunday	\$	1,101.0	0			
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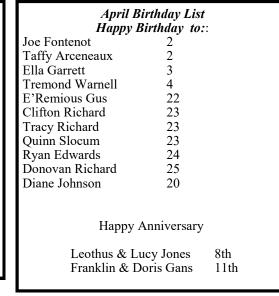
Total Deposit \$ 6,556.99

Central Admin . Off., Diocese of Beaumont <\$ 2,429.37> Catholic Relief + Black & Indian mission<\$ 310.46> *Utilities & contract fees <\$ 77.85>* reimbursement <\$401.99>

Total Expenses <\$ \$3,219.65>

PRAY FOR THE HOMEBOUND

John Abram Mary Brown Mary Crossley David Jayce Carey Courtney Chavis Therese Ferguson Hollis Fain Joe B. Forward Theresa Garrett Anna Garrick Elias Gobert James Mims John Richard, Sr. Alma G Thibodeaux Alma C Thibodeaux Sammie Williams



To all our sick and homebound *THANK YOU* so much for your unwavering commitment and contributions to your parish. To better serve everyone Fr. Donatus is available to visit ALL Therefore, or the Homeconcerns.

Fr. Donatus	at an appointed time. That reserved Friday's for a se call if you have any o
	MASS INTENTIONS
Sunday April 16	9:00 a.m. ₊ Mr. Claude Mr. John L Brown Joe & Mary Ware
Monday April 17	No Mass
Tuesday April 18	8:00 a.m.
Wednesday April 19	8:00 a.m
Thursday	

James Arceneaux

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Mary Feathers Alberta Fontenot Frances Freeman Debra Glaude Margaret Green Myrtle Guillory Marvin Hampton Celestine Johnson Calvin Johnson Stacy Johnson Rose Lee Johnson Lakeisha Guidry-Jones Leothus Jones Raffelitta Jonea Lee John Milton **Ruby Milton** Mr.& Mrs. Mace Bettye Odom Clayona Pilette Robert Simmons

le E Brown & requested by April 20 8:00 a.m. + Leo Jackson requested by Mrs. Mary Crossley Friday

(N.B. You can request Mass to be offered for you/ your loves one, or the deceased.. Speak with the Pastor or call the office to schedule).

8:00 a.m.

4:00 p.m.

April 21

Saturday

April 22

Bishop Faith Appeal Goal: \$25,000.

It is the time of year again where we to begin the work on our BFA goal., and for those of us that has not yet pledged please do so and for those of us that has Thank You so much. For any information please contact Robert Gobert at (504) 232-5640 or Shirley Ray (409) 779-9922. We are look forward to the growth of our parish

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Office Hours: Tuesday thru Thursday 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



Easter Sunday

April 16, 2017

"I have risen, and I am with you still"



Eucharistic Celebration

Adoration

Fridays: 6 p.m.

Weekends:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m. Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

Reconciliation Saturdays: 3:20 p.m. 3:55 p.m.

Infant Baptism:

Please contact the pastor two (2) months in advance

Weekdays:

Tuesday-Friday 8:00 a.m. Thursday: Faith Program 5:30 p.m.

Adoration & Benediction *1st Friday each month 6p.m.-7p.m.*

Marriage:

Please call Rectory six (6) months prior to proposed date

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EASTER SUNDAY

New Life

New life abounds! Fresh signs of resurrection surround us. The work of Lent is done: hatchets are buried, fences are mended, grudges forgotten. Christ is risen! New life abounds!

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34a, 37–43 RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 118:1–2, 16–17, 22–23 SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1–4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b–8 GOSPEL: John 20:1–9

Comment

Compared to the readings of the Easter Vigil, those for Easter Sunday may seem a bit anticlimactic. While the readings for the Vigil build and rise to a glorious crescendo, today's readings are more subdued, like the stillness before dawn, before the first light. In fact, the joy and excitement of the day come bursting through mainly in the responsorial psalm: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad" (Psalm 118:24).

In the first reading, Peter is preaching the fundamentals of faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus to the Roman centurion Cornelius—who observed the Jewish faith but who was not circumcised—and to his Gentile family and friends. Jesus, who "went about doing good and healing," was crucified, whom "God raised on the third day," who was seen by "witnesses ... who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead" (Acts 10:38, 40–41). So much of God's generosity in Christ Jesus is crammed into so few words, much of the formula of faith from the apostolic community.

Paul's letter reminds us that we all have a part in the Resurrection. We have all died and risen with Christ. That is why the Resurrection makes an impact on our lives here and now. We're called to be people alive in Christ, people bound for glory together with him.

John's account of the Resurrection is not simply low-key. Rather, the evangelist offers a number of details that reveal a "coming to light," as it were. Mary, expecting to prepare the body of Jesus for permanent burial, finds an empty tomb. She does not understand and hurries to Peter and John with the shocking news. The two apostles come to the burial site. John remembers how the garments of death have fallen and how one is carefully rolled. The men do not know what to make of this. Experience will have to follow. Faith will follow. Light will dawn. New life will come.

Reflection

Resurrection does not mean—just cannot mean—return to everyday life. Resurrection means a breakthrough to the extraordinary life Jesus promised when he said, "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). Jesus rose from the dead to make that abundantly clear. He ascended to "God's right hand" not only to show us that heaven is our home, but to ready it for our arrival. We look forward to that homecoming and recognize that Jesus himself will be our ultimate "judge." We anticipate that judgment, believing that Jesus, who knows first-hand our condition—our sufferings, temptations, joys, desires, and trials—and who came to call sinners, refused to cast the first stone, and declined to condemn, will be there to welcome us and to act as a compassionate judge. We look forward to that day as one of hope and ultimate joy, a day of mercy, not merit, a day of grace, not disgrace.

Are we ready to rise? Rise from the dead? Can we put aside anxious and tentative living and embrace life with confidence and surety? Jesus' resurrection assures us that we can, for Jesus died and rose not for himself, but for us. Easter reconciles us with creation, with ourselves, and with God. Winter is over; the dead time is past. Now is the time for living. Now is the time for embracing one another and the future with renewed humanity and unclouded hope.

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ATTENTION

Seattle Seahawk Safety *Earl V. Thomas III* is having football camp June 23 & 24 2017 from 8 am to 12 pm ages 5-18 years free to all if anyone is interested please contact the parish office for the waivers of liability.

The Easter Lily Offering

Maxie & Patricia Durio in memory of

Clifton Delahoussaye E-Rita Delahoussaye Maxie Durio Sr. Wayne Josephine Durio

Rose Bottley in memory of

Maude Cayette Elsie Jackson Virginia Stieb

Patricia Blair-Wilks in memory of

Hilda Leblanc John Leblanc Sr. John Leblanc Jr. Christian Wilks

Richard & Brushelle Scott in memory of

James & Elfa Feathers Amelia Feathers

Mona Richard & Donna & Juanita Henry in memory of Donald Henry

Donata пепгу Bessie Henry

Cindy Hampton in memory of

Mary Blackwell Griffith Sidney A. Gus Sidney Gus Hazel T Barber

Joe & Mary Ware in memory of

Albert & Lucille Ware Edward & Ernestine Broussard

Sammie Ware & Taura Thompson in memory of

Charles Ware

Betty Odom in memory of

Ellis E Thomas Artie Odom Millie Garrett Faboulia Brown Alonzo Peterson

Margret Green in memory of

Leola Johnson

Marina Taylor in memory of Joseph & Viola Leblanc

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Freda Guillory in memory of

Richard Guillory Louella T Wiltz Clarence Thomas Howard Guillory

Phyllis Thibodeaux in memory of

Joseph E. & Betty Johnson Dorothy Gregory Evelyn Gregory Aigbedion James Henderson

NOVENA PRAYER TO ST. THERESE—THE LITTLE FLOWER

St. Therese, beloved friend, you promised to spend your time in heaven doing good upon the earth. WE come before you in our need. We believe that you listen to us and approach God for and with us. You are love in the heart of the God. Please accept these petitions, hopes, needs and dreams that I list below (pause).

Please present them to our loving

Father so that God may do what is best for us, for our loved ones, and for the fulfillment of God's Kingdom.

Continue your shower of roses in our lives. We ask you, dear friend with the bold confidence and loving care. We make this prayerful petition in the name of Jesus and through the power of his Spirit. *AMEN*.

Congratulation's

Juan Dunson on First Holy Communion

Congratulations on your First Holy Communion. We the members of ST. Therese pray that the Lord Jesus will be your sole source of hope and salvation as you continue to walk in the faith.

ATTENTION YOUTH VOLLEYBALL April 29, 2017

What time does the Tournament begin? Registration begins at 8:45am Teams report to fields by 9:25am Games begin at 9:30am

There is no set end time. Tournament play will be similar to that of a 'Round Robin' style; each team will play a total of three matches. Tournament winners will be determined by a team's net score (points for – points against). Is lunch included in the \$3/player fee?

No. Youth are welcome to bring money for concessions or pack their own lunch. Lunch will be eaten according to teams, not parishes.

ST. Mary's Catholic School 83rd Annual Festival 2017

Saturday, April 29th Sunday, April 30th 10 am to 6 pm 11 am to 5 pm

Menu: bar-b-que brisket, beans, potato salad, pickles, onions and a desert. Dinners will be ready for pick-up after church. There is also hamburgers, fried okra, funnel cakes, games and much more. Mass with Fr. Jim Sichko Saturday @ 7pm

1-quart of gumbo \$ 10.00 1-pound of crawfish \$ 5.00