

**Second Sunday of Easter
(or Sunday of Divine Mercy)**

April 28, 2019

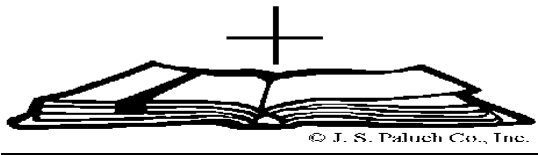
Once I was dead,
but now I am alive forever and ever.

— *Revelation 1:18a*

SEEING IS BELIEVING

Seeing is believing! Since cell phone screens connect us instantly to social media, live TV, and loved ones' faces near and far, "Doubting Thomas" could be our patron saint: "Unless I see, I will not believe!" But how comforting for any of us who share Thomas's doubt, or love "doubters" who do, to see how kindly Jesus responds. By offering the very evidence that Thomas demanded, Jesus doesn't scold Thomas, but seems to understand such skepticism. Could Jesus have been thinking of us, who long to believe that "Jesus is risen!" but see so much suffering, and perhaps even cause some, that we wonder, how could something so wonderful be true? In today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles, the risen Jesus' healing love comforts through disciples who love others. In Revelation, "our brother John" doesn't just claim he saw Jesus alive, but passes on Jesus' life-giving words, "Do not be afraid." Seeing Jesus in others is believing!

Mass Intentions



Sat., April 27, 4:30 p.m. Henry McNamara, Dennis McCloskey, Thomas Pitre, Nick Sita, Huval Family, Hotard Family, Karge Family, Louis Perschall Sr., Prayers for Baby (L), Terry Saux (L), Bob Kerry, Brandley Family, Ruth Christie (L), Margaret Waguespack (L)

Sun., April 28, 7:30 a.m. Carol Pieri

Sun., April 28, 9:15 a.m. Mary Jane Mehaffey, John Stahel, Mary Bovia, Normi Miller, Ann Babe, Barbara Lafontaine (L), All Church Volunteers

Sun., April 28, 11:00 a.m. Parishioners

Mon., April 29, 8:00 a.m. Leonard Wilfert

Tues., April 30 NO MASS

Wed., May 01, 8:00 a.m. Margaret Mary Mule'

Thurs., May 02, 8:00 a.m. Shirley Caminita (L)

Fri., May 03, 8:00 a.m. David Tucker

Sat., May 04, 4:30 p.m. Henry McNamara, Dennis McCloskey, Thomas Pitre, Nick Sita, Huval Family, Hotard Family, Karge Family, Louis Perschall Sr., Prayers for Baby (L), Breaux Family, Guidry and Bolotte Family, Amy Goff, Barrilleaux Family, Ruth Christie (L)

Sun., May 05, 7:30 a.m. Parishioners

Sun., May 05, 9:15 a.m. Carol Pieri

Sun., May 05, 11:00 a.m. Bob Pecunia, Raymond Cuccio Jr., Roy and Edna Matherne, Mary Anne Treuil (L), Gloria Guyton, Joseph Legnon, Ed Sicard (L), Barbara Castelluccio (L)

PRAYER LIST

Helen Lafleur	James Michael Cole
Ruth Christie	Louise Cashmere
Edie Stump	Ethel Istre
Carolyn Pierre	Rhonda Taylor
Pappy Pelloat	Rolland Golden
Pam Addotto	Ruthi Olson
Freddie Addotto	John Gavin
Tuck Tucker	Scott St. Romaine
Michael Estrada	Earline Mauthe
Jessica Landry	

Please remember these parishioners and friends in your prayers. May they be touched by the healing hand of the Lord and restored soon to the full active life of our community and their families.

Weekly Collections

Envelopes	\$ 2,837.00
Loose	\$ 2,248.25
Bldg. and Preservation Fund	\$ 370.00
Good Friday Holy Land Collection	\$ 298.00
Easter Offering	\$ 1,940.00

THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

<i>Sanctuary</i>	Earline Mauthe (L)
<i>Blessed Mother</i>	David Tucker
<i>St. Joseph</i>	Todd Milsap
<i>St. Ann</i>	Viola Bradford

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7 day candle please call 796-3806.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers on the Altar are in memory of

John Stahel

Our Parish changed lives this Lent, and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say THANK YOU! Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl in Church this weekend at all Masses.



The **ALTAR SOCIETY** has placed a book in the back of church so you can enroll your loved ones to be remembered in all Masses on Mother's Day.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

An ancient title for this Sunday is *Dominica in Albis*, or “Sunday in White.” During the Easter Vigil, the newly baptized are invested with a white garment, a sign that they have put on Christ. At one time, the garments were worn for a full week of celebration and reflection, and on this Sunday the newly baptized would appear in their robes again in their new place among the faithful for Eucharist.

In later centuries, the energy of new life at Easter was largely forgotten, and this Sunday was renamed “Quasimodo Sunday,” or “Low Sunday.” In recent years, with the recovery of the insight that Easter is the privileged time for celebrating and renewing baptism, there is nothing “Low” about this Sunday. At a week’s distance, the beauty and grace of our Easter celebration is sustained by joyful alleluias, the blessing and sprinkling of holy water, and the comfort of the Lord’s presence to us. He is risen, and he summons us together, opening up the scriptures for us, breaking the bread, filling us with new life.

WEBSITE!!! Did you know that we have a parish website? Yes we do! We have improved the look, ease of use and features of the website. More links to other sites are now offered. It is still a bit of a work in progress but please check it out. We now have some of the groups and ministries sharing events and contacts with you. It’s a digital age! Here is the address: stjohnbaptistfolsom.org Enjoy!

CONFIRMATION 2019 is Monday, September 9th. Students now in 10th and 11th grade must register for Confirmation by April 29. The first meeting is Sunday, May 5 at 10:15 a.m. in Odilo Hall for students, parents, and sponsors. Registration forms are available on porch of church and in the office. The parish school of religion is in need of one adult volunteer teacher to assist Amanda Fraise and the confirmation class for 5 classes, retreat, rehearsal and confirmation. If you enjoy working with teenagers and sharing your faith, please consider volunteering to teach or to assist in the program. Call Theresa Wilfert at 778-4755 for more info.

MISSION STATEMENT: St. John’s Parish 100th Anniversary is coming up very soon. The plan is to celebrate big with a number of celebrations. One of the things St. John’s Parish is lacking is a Mission Statement.

A mission statement is “a broad statement of the overall direction and purpose of the parish.” It should be clear enough so that its intent is obvious, yet not so detailed that it becomes burdensome. Flexible enough to allow for interpretation; it does not try to cover every conceivable situation. It needs to be short, clear, and understandable.

The Pastoral Council is asking for suggestion from parishioners on what our statement should be. The Council has also placed a suggestion box in the back of church. You may place your idea of a Mission Statement in the box.



Congratulations to our students who is receiving their **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** on Sunday, April 28th at the 11:00 Mass. They are Rome Dufrene, Anna Garver, Matthew Garver, Michael Long, Jirommy Lujan, Porter Magee, Juliana Quintanar, Audrey Vercher, (Josue Martinez making First Communion in Mexico).

DON’T SAY TOO MUCH One is almost bound to fall into error if one tries to say a great deal.

DID YOU KNOW!

St. John’s rents out Odilo Hall and Jonathan Hall? Odilo Hall is perfect for small family gatherings and wedding or baby showers. Jonathan Hall is great for bigger functions such as wedding receptions, large family reunions, etc. Both halls have a rental fee. If you are interested in renting one of the halls please call the office at 796-3806.

SAVE THE DATE: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019

Light it Up! Set the World on Fire with the Light of Christ, June 24-28, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Register online at: <https://stjohnbaptistfolsomorg/vbs>. Learn about Dynamic Catholic Saints, the beauty of the Mass to share in the Light of Christ! Games, Crafts, Music, Food! Come one come all!!!

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR: As you know last year was the first time since the early 1980’s St. John’s did not have a St. Joseph Altar. We would like to continue this tradition at St. John’s. If you are interested or have any questions, please call the office at 796-3806.

Mr. David Dawson Jr., director of Marriage and Family Life for the Archdiocese of New Orleans will be presenting a Special Message at the regularly scheduled Men’s Study Group on Thursday, May 2nd beginning at 7:30 p.m.

A copy of the **MAY MONTHLY CALENDAR** is posted on the bulletin board on the church porch. We have made copies available to you on the credenzas in the back of the church.

REMINDERS!

Knights of Columbus meetings are the second Thursday of month at 7:30 p.m. in Odilo Hall

First Saturday mass at 8:00 a.m. every month

Catch Fire Youth Group meets the first and third Sunday of every month from 6 – 7:30 p.m. in Odilo Hall.

Confirmation Classes every Sunday, noon until 1:15 in library

Monday night bible study, Revelation, 7:30 p.m. in library

PSR classes are every Wednesday for 6:15 – 7:30 p.m.

Every Thursday men’s group meets at 7:30 p.m. in Library