

Our Lady of Grace Roman Catholic Church



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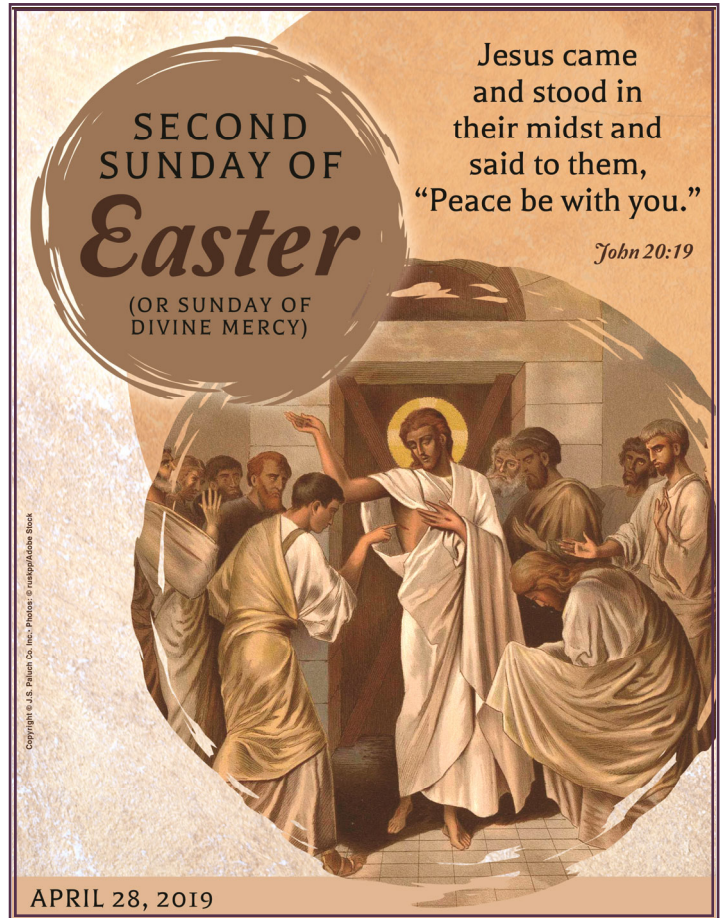
website: olgcommunity.com

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our purpose, at Our Lady of Grace Roman Catholic Church, is to provide a place of spiritual worship and growth for our members, our children, and all visitors. We wish to instill a spirit of prayer, integrity and generosity in each other, with a special concern for the poor, sick, elderly, disabled, the unborn and the weak. We especially encourage our parish members and organizations in their practice of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy with the poor and infirmed.



APRIL 28, 2019

PARISH STAFF

PASTOR

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PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD

Mrs. Precious A. Joseph (985) 536-3115

RCIA CLASSES

Any adult interested in joining the Catholic Faith or knowing more about the Catholic Religion should contact the Parish Office to sign up for RCIA faith classes.

Announcements for the bulletin can be brought to the parish office, faxed or sent via email to olgchurch@arch-no.org The deadline to submit announcements to be placed in the bulletin is on **Mondays by 12 noon.**

MASS SCHEDULE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 28, 2019

VIGIL MASSES

Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday **NO MASS**
Tuesday 6:00 PM
Wednesday 5:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6:00 PM Sick of the Parish
Thursday 8:30 AM Special Intentions
Friday 8:30 AM Parish Mass
Saturday 8:00 AM (1ST SATURDAY ONLY)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Begins 1 Hour before each Mass and ends 15 minutes before Mass or by appointment anytime.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents and god-parents preparation is held on the 3rd Sunday of each month after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Baptism will take place on the 4th Sunday of each month. **Baptismal registration takes place ONLY at the Parish Office prior to baptism preparation class.**

MARRIAGES

Please notify the Priest at least six to eight months prior to planning the wedding.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office if someone is sick or hospitalized.

FUNERALS

Please call the Parish Office before making arrangements with the funeral director.



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In today's Gospel we hear Jesus say three times, "Peace be with you." While this was a common greeting, Jesus was using it to remind them of his saying, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid" (John 14:27). The disciples were hiding in fear, so they needed reassurance. Jesus gives them that reassurance in three ways: his resurrection, forgiveness of sins, and a blessing for future disciples.

Now that he is raised from the dead, they can take heart that no one can truly hurt them—even death has been overcome. The disciples had seen Jesus crucified and were afraid any of his followers would be treated the same way. So when Jesus appeared to them, he showed them his wounds and let them touch him. He wanted to show that he was not a ghost (a spirit or vision of someone who is still dead). He has risen from death and it has no more power over him. They can now take courage because they will share in the Resurrection themselves. Breathing on them, he bestows the Holy Spirit, source of our courage.

That leads to the second reassurance, forgiveness of sins. Jesus died to take away our sins; now he shares that with his disciples when he tells them that they can forgive sins also (John 20:23). Anyone troubled by guilt can be forgiven. The disciples themselves probably felt that need, since they had deserted Jesus and one even denied knowing him. As Jesus was sent by his Father, he now sends his apostles with the mission to free others from sin. We too can forgive others (and ourselves) knowing that God has forgiven them and us.

Finally, the story of Thomas and his doubts about Jesus' resurrection gives us some hope. Jesus blesses those who "have not seen and have believed" (John 20:29). That includes everyone down to the present generation who has believed on the word of others—from the apostles in the scriptures to holy people in our own time who have experienced the Lord in their lives. We often think the apostles were "more" blessed for having seen and heard Jesus. But Jesus reverses that expectation; we are blessed, even two thousand years after the Resurrection. .

SCRIPTURE VERSE: *Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever.— Revelation 1:18a*

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY APRIL 27, 2019

4:00 PM Ricardo & Corwin Wallace, Shirley Ann Johnson, Paul & Geda Landreaux, Willi Hall, Cecile Ogretta Wilson-Hall, Melvin Charles Hall, Joseph Bert Hall, Carl Michael Hall, Marie Antionette Hall (L), Lenda Wilson-Dunn (L), Agnes M. Hall (L), Special Intentions, All Hall, Wilson, White Maternal & Paternal Deceased & Living Members of the Families, Donnie Johnson, Mary Ann Parquet, Louise Joseph

SUNDAY APRIL 28, 2019

8:00 AM George & Lola Bourgeois

11:00 AM Our Lady of Grace Parishioners

TUESDAY APRIL 30, 2019

6:00 PM Paul Pham Ta

WEDNESDAY MAY 1, 2019

5:00 PM HOLY HOUR

6:00 PM Walter Gerard, III

THURSDAY MAY 2, 2019

8:30 AM Louise Joseph, Hilton Francois, Eulice Garrett (L)

FRIDAY MAY 3, 2019

8:30 AM Brandon Garrett (L)

SATURDAY MAY 4, 2019

8:00 AM Deceased Parishioners

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READING (APRIL 28, 2019 TO MAY 4, 2019)

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

Monday: Acts 4:23-31-37; Ps 2:1-4, 7-9; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21 or (for the memorial) Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

PRAY FOR . . .

Agnes Hall, Joshua J. Morgan, Joseph Dupas, Olga Leblanc, Alethea Bardell, Kenisha Anderson, Leroy Houston, Joann Gray, Victoria Dominique, Michael Lipps, Ernest Morgan Jr., Catherine Twine Simon, Craig Watson, Michelle Marcadel, Cornel Jones, Montrelle Dennis, Romond Taylor, Devon Walker, Rosalee Sylvas, Donald Lipps, Donna C. Jackson, Sandra Simoneaux, Elizabeth Hebert, Sr. John Mary Jackson, Tierney Smith, Torriel Charde Smith, Karen Duhe-Wilson, James Jackson, Travis Thomas, Ceola Gerard, Gary Sylve, Arthur D. Parquet, Felton Parquet, Lorita Savoie, Shelia P. Melancon, Gloria Ferrygood, Chandra Johnson, Lindsay Marts, John Sylve, Sr., Sharon Parquet, Jennifer Sylve Banks, Hilton Farlough, Monique Joseph, Theresa Fleming, Beverly Harris, Lois Gray, Wilhelmina Armour, Emile Rousseve, Amanda Cole, Johnny Bee Griffin, Thomas Parquet, Jr., Melvin Parquet, Tiana Rousell, Marjorie Schnyder Noble, Chesney Jones, Jr., Edward Scioneaux, Sr., Angela Jones-Howard, Joseph & McCloud Family

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MOTHER'S DAY MASS

A Mother's Day celebration for the parish will be held at the 8:00 AM Mass on Mother's Day, **May 12, 2019**. All mother's will be celebrated and blessed during this Mass. Following the Mass there will be a breakfast/brunch in the gym prepared by the father's. Gifts will be presented to all the mother's from the parish. We encourage all mother's from the parish to attend the 8:00 AM Mass Mother's Day weekend. **Please note that there will be no 11:00 AM Mass** due to the breakfast/brunch following the 8:00 AM Mass.

Fr. Christopher C. Amadi, SSJ

CAHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Right now, over 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered mission territory because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work in their communities. Your donations suport programs, such as religious education, seminary formation and lay ministry training, to build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. Find more information at www.usccb.org/home-mission.

BACCALAUREATE MASS & RECEPTION

Our Lady of Grace Roman Catholic Church Young Adult Ministry will host the Annual Baccalaureate Mass and Reception on Sunday, **May 19, 2019** at the **11:00 AM Mass**. All 2019 (fall & spring) high school and college graduates wishing to participate should contact the church office at **985-536-2613** by **Friday, May 10, 2019** to RSVP, for an accurate count of participants. Parents and/or guardians of the graduates are invited to attend the reception in the cafeteria immediately following the Mass.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Marcus Forest, who was selected as the Outstanding Parish Youth for 2019 from Our Lady of Grace Parish. He received the award from Archbishop Gregory Aymond at the Annual CYO/Youth and Young Adult Ministry Leadership Celebration Prayer Service and Awards Ceremony on **Sunday, April 7, 2019** at St. Louis Cathedral. We congratulate Marcus, for his dedication to youth ministry. We would like to thank all of our CYO members for their continued service to God and Our Lady of Grace Church.

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL

EVANGELIZATION—CHURCH IN AFRICA:
That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for the continent.

FIRST COMMUNION

On **Sunday, May 5, 2019** at the **8:00 AM** Mass, students from the CCD Program will receive the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist for the first time. Family members and friends of the candidates are invited to attend the Mass and be part of this wonderful celebration with the communicants.

SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK

Our Lady of Grace Church Parish continues to partner with Second Harvest Food Bank to distribute food to those in need. Food will be distributed from the Joseph C. Rodney Parish Hall **on Thursday, May 9, 2019 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM and Thursday, May 23, 2019 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM**. Please see the flier on the bulletin board in the foyer of the church.



**Bible
STUDY**
Join us!

**BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday's at
6:30 PM in the Fr. Joseph C.
Rodney Parish Hall. All are invited
and welcome to attend.**

Weekly Collections

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APRIL 13, 2019 TO APRIL 14, 2019	
REGULAR COLLECTION	\$4963.00
APRIL 18, 2019	
HOLY THURSDAY	\$ 190.00
APRIL 19, 2019	
HOLY LAND /GOOD FRIDAY	\$ 692.00
APRIL 20, 2019 TO APRIL 21, 2019	
REGULAR COLLECTION	\$5036.00
EASTER OFFERING	\$1799.00
EASTER FLOWERS	\$ 590.00
TOTAL	7425.00



SANCTUARY LIGHT IN THE CHURCH

*Shelton Clark, Sr., Shelton Clark, Jr.,
Dardnella Clark, Karen C. Tassin*

Requested By: Mrs. Bobbie Butler, Mrs. Mona Nicholas

From: May 1, 2019 to May 31, 2019



SANCTUARY LIGHT IN THE CHAPEL

The Sanctuary Light will be lit for:

Isabella Francois

Requested By: Charlotte Hooker

From: May 1, 2019 to May 31, 2019

