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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass — 4:00 p.m. [5:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Victory]

Sunday — 7:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

[9:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory]

Monday, Wednesday and Friday — 6:45 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory

Tuesday and Thursday — 5:30 p.m. at Saint Joseph

First Saturday — 8:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Every Saturday from 3:00 p.m. to 3:40 p.m. [5:00 p.m. to 5:20 p.m. at Our Lady of Victory] and one-half hour before all weekday Masses, or by appointment during office hours.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday — 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

RECEPTIONIST/BOOKKEEPER/CEMETERIAN

Mrs. Gail Borel — gail.borel@stjosephparishonline.org

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MUSIC MINISTRY

Mrs. Janice Carboni (4:00 p.m.)

Mrs. Jeanne Stiles and Mr. Dro Gondron (10:30 a.m.)

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE

Mr. Ken Theriot and John Thomas Neuville

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The chapel is open every day from 6:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

FUNERALS

Please contact the parish office prior to contacting the funeral home. Funerals are celebrated in the morning of Tuesdays through Saturdays no later than 11:00 a.m.

A Funeral Vigil is celebrated on the preceding evening at 6:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism classes are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:45 p.m. in the rectory. Baptism are held on the second and fourth Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Please contact the parish office for scheduling.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples must contact the pastor at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact the parish office to schedule a pastoral visit.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Contact the parish office.



May your people exult for ever, O God,
in renewed youthfulness of spirit,
so that, rejoicing now
in the restored glory of our adoption,
we may look forward
in confident hope
to the rejoicing
of the day of resurrection.

Please pray for our parish family members who are sick:

We invite you to submit the names of people who are in need of our prayers.



Jess Koch, Lisa Adcock, Kendall Romero, Alicia Durand, Janice Stacy, Joseph Huval, Marie Lee Prioux, Troy Barras, Kelly Ransonet, Jessica Scott, Mary Smith, Brian Thibodeaux, Cora Laviolette, Jackie Savoy, Barry Thibodeaux, Doris "Boutte" Barras, Michele Dugas Burke, Paul Crochet, Craig Breaux, Helen Simon, Ross Rouly, Jamie Brady, Holly LeBlanc, Faye Gary, Tony Berard, Glenn Romero, Stuart Sandoz, Duffy Domingue, Eric Clements, David Louviere, Judy Judice, Hayden Ransonet, Trevor Louviere, Vanessa Courville, Rita and Wayne Louviere, Austin

Willett, Willey Poirrier, Inez Barras, Dennis and Helen Bastian, Butch and Debbie White, Gwen Borel, Guy Thibodeaux, Lydia May, Louis "CoCo" Landry Jr., Jerry Fruge, Jimmy Clifton, Michelle Breaux, Rowena Borel, Megan Scully, Terrel Dressel, Maxine Latiolais, Dawn Derouen, Deacon Chris Doumit, Matil LaSalle Romero, Falyn Sonnier, Rickey Sonnier, Caline Provost, Katie Boutte, Patricia Freyou, Lecia Broussard, Jason Walker, Ronald Albert Sr., Gene Jefferies, Michael Theriot, Billy Pete., Roshondra Nora, Noah Abraham.

Please note that our office will purge the names on our sick list every quarter. We ask anyone who lists someone's name to please call the parish office to add or remove a name.

Collection for April 28, 2019

Regular Sunday Offering Envelopes (66%)	\$ 4,081.00
Regular Sunday Offering Loose (34%)	\$ 2,137.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 9,136.00
Regular Collection Total	\$ 6,218.00
Difference	-\$ 2,918.00
Completion Loan Balance	\$ 99,635.25
Completion Collection	\$ 507.00
Insurance Balance 2018-2019	\$ 28,879.70
Insurance Collection	\$ 401.00

127 of 1314 families used collection envelopes (10% participation).
194 of 1314 families attended Mass this weekend (15% attendance).

Thanks to those who practice Sacrificial Giving and give of their time, talent and treasure as an act of profound Christian stewardship.

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning in memory of:

Shelton Joseph and Ella Mae Desormeaux

The Vocation Chalice is in the home of:

In the Adoration Chapel

Please pray for vocations. If you would like to have the vocation chalice in your home please call the rectory office at 229-4254.

The Bi-Monthly Statue is in the home of:

Diane Armentor

The Weekly Statue is in the home of:

Carolyn Walet

Saint Joseph Altar Candles are burning for:

Chad Romero, Deyna Champagne, Pauline Guidry
Preston Boudreaux Sr. and Katherine Boudreaux, Poirrier Family
Deacon Ken Waguespack, Deacon Jean Waguespack
Delcambre and Breaux Family and Soul of Orford Breaux
Mr. and Mrs. Camille Weber Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Waguespack
Mr. and Mrs. Claude Babineaux Jr.
Mr. and Mrs. Claude Babineaux Sr.
Mr. and Mrs. Camille Weber Sr.
Mr. and Mrs. Fradey Estilette
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Estilette, Renee Babineaux O'Brien

Flowers on the Altar are in loving memory of:

Levie, Gladys and Dickie Ronsonet
Loto Louviere, Jr.

Please pray for our priests, seminarians, deacons and religious

Eternal Father, we lift up to You these special sons and daughters. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

May 4	Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell/Seth Lemaire Dcn. Shawn Melancon/Sr. Mariette David, OCD
May 5	Rev. Millard Boyer/Joseph Marcantel Dcn. Cody Miller/Sr. Teresa Benedicta Folmer, OCD
May 6	Rev. James Bradley, SJ/Riley Maturin Dcn. John Miller/Sr. Marie Camille Hoang, OCD
May 7	Rev. James Brady, JCL/Stephen Melancon Dcn. Michael Morrison/Sr. Elizabeth Heredia, OCD
May 8	Rev. Joseph Brasseaux, OSB/Scott Mitchell Dcn. Tuan Nguyen/Sr. Mother Regina Mullins, OCD
May 9	Rev. John "Buddy" Breaux/Chad Peltier Dcn. Chuck Ortego/Sr. Elizabeth Le, OCD
May 10	Rev. Louis Allen Breaux/Connor Poirrier Dcn. Juan Pagan/Sr. Michelle Schutze, OCD

Mass Intentions — 4/27-5/3

Saturday 4:00 p.m. StJo — Emaline Landry, Octave and Gerdie Judice and Family, Justin Boudreaux, Philip Hebert, Sr. Family, Elton Bourque Family, Arville Douet, Theresa Douet, Kerney and Mr. and Mrs. Collins Louviere and Mr. and Mrs. Will Roberts, Ossie Romero, Walter and Doris M. Judice, Louis J. "Negro" and Lita N. Judice and parents, Alton and Cecile Segura, Joseph L. and Helen Bastian, Ken Segura, Sonny Boy Vaughn, Francis and Lorena Dupoy, Patrick Lasseigne, Sam and Glo Delcambre and Family, Aymar "Poon" and Beulah Dugas, Ide Dugas Family, Alexis Lavolette Family, Wayne LeBlanc, Lily Mae and Alvin LeBlanc, Sam and Glo Delcambre and Family, Tasey and Becky Eldridge, Clarence Champagne Family, Robert Prados Family and Breaux Family, Chad Romero, Deyna Champagne, Audrey Crochet, Jordan Prince and Special Intention, Joseph Dressel, Kimberly Decuir, Decuir and Dugas Family, J.O. Sr. and Marie Neuville and Ted Neuville Family, Barry Eldridge and Ned Broussard Families, Melvin Dugas, Roy Sr. and Gladys Berard, Forbus and Myrtle Mestayer Sr., Granger and Mestayer Family, Ronald, Sr. and Mildred Gonsoulin, Leed and Mabel Gondron, Fred Lavolette, Louis and Grace Moran, Virginia Frioux, Lennet and Marie Antoinette Crochet, Dorothy T. Latiolais and Kathy Latiolais Holtzclaw, Clenie and Eve Segura and Billie, Sally Domingue, Cabrol and Domingue Family, Lorraine Huval, Preston and Agnes Huval, Martha Escagne Rodriguez, Lloyd Broussard, Claude and Felicie Granger, Nancy Broussard, Clarence and Hilda Landry, Otto Sr. and Laurence Girouard, Terradot Family, Theresa Girouard Allen, Antoine Judice Families, Suzette B. Judice, Kelly Louviere, Sylvia Thibodeaux, Francis and Art Mazerole, Billie and Armanee Barrilleaux, Herman Walet, Onil and June Landry, Al Broussard Jr. Family and Abby Dugas Broussard Family, Will and Lily Roberts, Collins and Doris Louviere, Earl Mestayer, Kay Dooley and William and Dolores Dooley, Sue Crochet.

Latiolais, Mark Braquet, Antoine "Boy" LeBlanc Family, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Albert Sr., Champagne and Landry Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Maude Granger and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Granger, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Granger, Dr. Raymond Schneider, Elaine Schneider, Skip Schneider, Lolly Harbin, Breaux and Delcambre Families, Lenwood Delcambre, Roy Freyou Family and Frank Fruge Family, Emus Borel, Tony and Rita Chataignier, Sue Crochet.

10:30 a.m. StJo — Eunice Oubre, Phillip and Neil Hebert, Ury Louviere, Louto and Anite Gondron Family, Shelton Joseph and Ella Mae Desormeaux Freyou, Alvin and Faye Tauzin, Edmonia Tauzin, Marcel and Nadage Broussard, Jimmy Eldridge, Elaine Plessala and Eldridge Family, Sylvia Thibodeaux, Cheryl Segura, Jeanette "Jan" Crochet, Pliny Walet Family, Agnes Breaux, Angus and Florence "Flo" Mestayer, Louis and Elbay Judice, Boots Thomas, Joe Boudreaux and Justin Boudreaux, L.J. and Anita Grivat and Parents, Louis Landry, Una and Otto Landry, Widley Louviere, Anita and Lennet Grivat, Sylvia Thibodeaux, Antoine Judice Families, Suzette B. Judice, Kelly Louviere, Betsy Walet, Sandra Angelle, Glenn Angelle, Percy Granger, Sue Crochet.

Monday 6:45 a.m. OLV — Beulah and A.J. "Poon" Dugas, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Sue Crochet.

Tuesday 5:30 p.m. StJo — Preston Boudreaux, Sr. and Katherine Boudreaux, Myrtle G. Mestayer, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Sue Crochet.

Wednesday 6:45 a.m. OLV — Nolan and Annette Dugas, Aymar and Beulah Dugas, David and Barbara Sorrel, John Michael Steiner, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Sue Crochet.

Thursday 5:30 p.m. StJo — Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Sue Crochet.

Friday 6:45 a.m. OLV — Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Walet and Judice Family, Sue Crochet.

Sunday 7:00 a.m. StJo — Maude Granger and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Granger, Clark, Mary Ann and David Provost, Louise Mestayer and Family, Jay Gonsoulin Family, Paul Sonnier Family and Clyde Warfel Family, Sandra P. Horton, John Michael Steiner, Joe and Rita Habetz, Kay Habetz and Thomas Voorhies, Howard and Irene Duplantis, Louis Landry, Loto and Leah Louviere, Bobby Braquet, Cathy Braquet

MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Date and Time	Readers	Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
May 11 4:00 p.m.	Linda Dore	Debbie Oubre Bill Quinlan	Noah Smith Bella Smith Dominic Smith
May 12 7:00 a.m.	Kim Landry	Lottie Frioux Belinda Phillips	Kylie Kay Mestayer
10:30 a.m.	Sloane Judice Emily Bonin	Shane Walet Becky Hebert Shelly Foreman	Ethan Walet Evan Walet

No Counterfeit Mercy by Fr. Paul D. Scalia

Thomas knew what to look for. Sure, he shouldn't have doubted. He should have believed the other Apostles. But for all his skepticism, he knew what to look for. He knew that the risen Lord of Easter Sunday **must** have the wounds of Good Friday. Anything less than that would be a counterfeit mercy.

“Unless I see the mark of the nails in His hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.” (John 20:25) This near obsession with our Lord's wounds indicates their importance for the Feast of Divine Mercy. Those wounds guard and express the truth about mercy. Especially in a culture so inclined to counterfeit mercies and false compassion, we need to focus with Thomas on the wounds of Christ.

The wounds defend the integrity of mercy by proclaiming the reality of sin. For mercy to be authentic, for it to have any power or meaning whatsoever, it must take sin seriously. “He was pierced for our sins, crushed for our iniquity ... the Lord laid upon him the guilt of us all.” (Isaiah 53:5-6) Our Lord's wounds show that He knows our sins full well, even better than we do. He has suffered their full effect.

It is no mercy to shrug off guilt or trivialize sin. Man has always tended to do so (e.g., “The woman gave me fruit from the tree, so I ate it ... Am I my brother's keeper?”). But today we have an entire philosophical system that seeks to justify that tendency. Moral relativism attracts people precisely because it promises to remove the sting of guilt by banishing all judgment. While it presents itself as mercy, moral relativism is, in fact, the greatest cruelty: it robs man of the ability to repent.

Mercy depends on the truth about man and his moral choosing. Only when we know that there is evil to reject and good to choose can we turn from one to the other – which is the very meaning of repentance. And only by turning from evil to good can we receive the mercy constantly extended to us. Moral relativism forbids any objective norm by which we can know that we have failed and need to repent. Where there is no standard of morality, neither can there be repentance or mercy.

Of course, the moral sense is not so easily eradicated from society. Man will give expression to that sense so deep within him.

Without any objective reference, however, morality is determined by the powerful. So we become enslaved to the tyrannical mood swings of the majority, which command us to repent of this one day and of that the next. We will still be made to feel guilty, but with no way out except to please a fickle crowd.

The wounds of Christ rebuke moral relativism and confirm man's dignity as a moral agent. They reveal in the extreme that there is a good – indeed, an ultimate good – that man has the power to choose or reject by his own free will. Thankfully, by that same will man can find mercy by turning from evil to good.

Even as they reveal the reality of sin, Christ's wounds also proclaim the eternal good available to man. “Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side.” (John 20:19-20) He extends peace here not just as a greeting but as shorthand for all the good that reconciliation with God brings to the soul. His wounds are the Sacrament, the outward sign, of “the Peace of God that surpasses human understanding.” (Philippians 4:7)

Finally, His wounds remind us that our being merciful requires the willingness to be wounded. To forgive means to cancel a debt. The relevant petition from the Lord's prayer is sometimes translated, *Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.* Just as canceling a debt in finances means suffering a monetary loss, so in the moral order the forgiveness of sins means some degree of suffering. Again, our culture's counterfeit mercy is so enticing. It costs us nothing. But if we would truly forgive we must be willing to suffer a degree of sadness and pain.

“Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.” (John 20:22-23) These words refer particularly to the priest's sacred power to absolve in Confession. But the principle

they express applies to all: we need the grace of the Holy Spirit to forgive.

It is precisely to bestow that Spirit of forgiveness that Jesus Christ has suffered the wounds of the Cross and rose with them, triumphant.



Fr. Paul Scalia is a priest of the Diocese of Arlington, Va, where he serves as Episcopal Vicar for Clergy. His new book is *That Nothing May Be Lost: Reflections on Catholic Doctrine and Devotion*.





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