# Third Sunday of Easter



# Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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#### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass — 4:00 p.m.; Sunday — 7:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory Monday and Friday — 6:45 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory

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

Wednesday — 6:45 a.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. 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. If possible please conduct parish business by phone or email.

#### RECEPTIONIST/BOOKKEEPER/CEMETERIAN

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

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** 

Mrs. Sherry Hebert — sherry.hebert@stjosephparishonline.org

#### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Adoration Chapel is open. The Main Church is also accessible from this entrance for your convenience.

#### FUNERALS

Please contact the Church Office to make Funeral Service arrangements prior to your appointment with the Funeral Home.

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact the Church Office to make arrangements for your child's Baptism.

#### SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

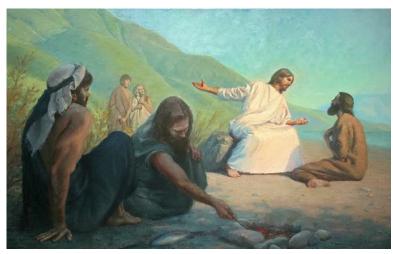
Please contact the Church Office six months prior to the desired date of marriage. No dates for marriage are reserved until after the first marriage interview with clergy.

#### SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the Church Office to set up an appointment.

MINISTERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY			
	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
May 10 4:00 p.m.	Jana Angelle	Sandra Boudreaux	Volunteers
May 11 7:00 a.m.	Kipp Brown	Russell Steiner	Volunteers
10:30 a.m.	Catherine LeJeune	Fran Dugas	Volunteers





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 Priests, Seminarians and Deacons

Eternal Father, we lift up to You these special men. 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.

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May 4	Rev. Randy Courville/Brother Francis Xavier Gyles		
	Dcn. Timothy Maragos		
May 5	Rev. Angelo Cremaldi/Coby Hebert		
	Dcn. Timothy Marcantel		
May 6	Rev. Barry Crochet/Evan Hebert		
	Dcn. Paul Matte		
May7	Rev. Francis Damoah, SVD/William Hebert		
	Dcn. Michael McKee		
May 8	Rev. F. Hampton Davis/Zack Hebert		
	Dcn. J. Douglas Melancon		
May 9	Rev. Msgr. Jefferson Deblanc/Eric Hernandez		
	Dcn. Malcolm Melancon		
May 10	Rev. Michael Deblanc / Michael Johnson		
	Dcn. David Menard		

### Please pray for our parish family members who are sick:

Stuart Sandoz, Brett Hebert, Eric Clements, Trevor Louviere, Austin Willett, Willey Poirrier, Butch White, Patricia Freyou, Lecia Broussard, Ashley Hebert, Stephen Dugas, Jade Delcambre, Pat Villermin, Brennan Wingfield, Betty Suire, Joe Judice, Mike Habetz, Betty Champagne, Leroy and Gloria Courville, Wayne LeBlanc, Melvin Broussard, Max Borres, Vivian LeBlanc, Beckie

LeBaron, Patricia Sorrell, David Dupuy, Ava Rose and Olivia James Dworaczyk, Ray Broussard, Shyla Romero, Bart Doucet, Ellenor Hebert, Jory L. Bernard, Annette Dugas, Kayla Barras Veronie, Jamie Ransonet, Randy Dugas, Rudy Delcambre, Ted Habetz, Clarence Theriot, Junelle Jefferies, Fred Thibodeaux, Lucy Bernard, Leif Melancon, Charlie Berard, Brad and James Clifton, Holly LeBlanc, Judy Theriot, Carl LeBlanc, Nelda Breaux, Bernard Hebert, Jillian Faye Boudreaux, Marty LeBlanc, Bill Gonsoulin, Mark Ruly, Robert, Sr. and Julie LeBlanc, Michael Theriot, Hayes Enlund, Steve Thibeaux, Davi Clifton, Jimmy Wilson, Bobbie Boutte, Genie and Karen Dugas, Chase Richard.

## May 4, 2025

April 27, 2025		
Regular Sunday Offering Envelopes	\$ 4,073.00	
Regular Sunday Offering Loose	\$ 3,931.00	
Regular Collection Total	\$ 8,004.00	
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,385.00	
Difference	+\$619.00	
Present Loan Balance	\$ 76,502.61	
Donation Against Loan Balance	\$ 1,563.00	
Insurance Balance 2024-2025	\$ 44,790.83	
Insurance Collection	\$ 271.00	

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning for For the Community

Blessed Virgin Mary Altar Candle is burning for Marcus and Sherry Hebert special intention

Saint Joseph Altar Candle is burning for Steve J. Miguez Family, J.O. and Marie Neuville

Other Candles are burning for: Martha Escagne Rodriguez, Albert Rodriguez, Vance Breaux, Sr., Deyna Champagne, Harold Champagne, Trey Romero, Chad Romero, Mark and Penny Landry Ancestors and Descendants, and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Domingue Family, Ondina Louviere, Louto and Anite Gondron Family, C. L. Romero, Collins and Doris Louviere, Kerney and Gene Louviere, Brooke Burch, Will and Lily Roberts, Marcus and Sherry Hebert, Special Intention.

**The Vocation Chalice is 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

### **Mass Intentions**

Saturday 4:00 p.m. and 10:30 a.m. StJo — Arvil Douet, Theresa Douet, Walter and Doris M. Judice, Dupoy, Lasseigne, Mullican Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Louto and Anite Gondron Family, Eric Suire, Stanley and Elsie Crochet, Yvonne LeBlanc, Edgar and Emmerette Peltier, Aimie and Kernis Peltier, Jack Braquet, Francis Crochet, Don Davis, Lane Champagne, Waylon Williams, C. L. Romero, Hardy Theriot, Sophie Bonin Reese, Louis and Marietta Prince, Steve J. Miguez Family, J. O. and Marie Neuville, Special Intention, Sam and Glo Delcambre, John Delcambre, Anita Berard, Sully Berard, Jr., Juliette Berard, Melvin Dugas, Roy, Sr. and Gladys Berard, Donald "Don" Crochet, Earline Crochet, Steven Crochet, John Vedia Perez, Barbara Ann Ozenne Perez Family, Robin Neuville, Sidney Breaux Family, Pauline and Craig, Adam "Coo" and Jeanette Crochet, Robert Judice, Sr., Judice and Laviolette Families, Elton "Red" Boutte, Brandon Boutte, Antoine "Boy" LeBlanc Family, Johnny and Rose Albert, Huey Olivier Family Ancestors and Descendants, Michael and Christine Arceneaux, Ancestors and Descendants, Billy Degeyter, Chester "Butch" Gonsoulin, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Nola Champagne, Lloyd and Maudrey Landry, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Landry and Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priests, Religious, Trey Romero, Chad Romero, Deyna Champagne, Harold Champagne, Audrey Crochet, Paul Crochet Family, Jordan Prince and Special Intention, Vance Breaux Sr., Duffy Domingue, Cabrol and Domingue Families, Martha Escagne Rodriguez, Albert Rodriguez, Lloyd and Anne Broussard, Simon and Felicie Granger, Forbus and Myrtle Mestayer, Kay Dooley and William and Dolores Dooley, Kim Decuir, Carl Wayne Judice, Leed and Mabel Gondron, Wade & Lou Dupre, Gus Dupre, Patricia Fakier, David Guidry, Warren Sevin, Charles Sevin, Cherie LeCompte, Barbara Sonnier, Steve Michel, Aline Smith, Dannette Taylor, Derrick Taylor, Nellie Hebert Arceneaux, Sara Escamilla, Trenace Songe, Martha Thibodeaux, Myra Starr, Brian Robichaux, Jane Watkins, Claire Landry, Lee Villarrubia, Milton Martinez, Bishop Warren Boudreaux, Bishop Joseph Latino, Msgr. John Newfield, Msgr. Francis Amedee, Msgr. Andrew Frey, Rev. Albert Richardson, Msgr. Richard Soseman, Fr. Varin Slacke OFM, Rev. Kurian Kanat, Rev. Greg Downs, Deacon Mel Marts, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Clotilde Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet, Francis Crochet, John Michael Steiner, Katie Boutte, Jan Bourque, Annie Mae Breaux, Kelly Louviere, Abel Louviere Family, Theodore Thibodeaux Family, Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Savoy and Family, Mr. and Mrs Clet Dugas Family, Mr. and Mrs. Clayson Dugas and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Eloi Louis Dugas Family, Anna Mae Judice, Lawrence Judice, Cody Champagne, Camille and Laurent Gondron, Allen Gondron, Donna and Steve Berard, Ancestors and Descendants, Lynn Delcambre Family, Ancestors and Descendants, Orford Breaux Family Ancestors and Descendants, Larry Crochet, Sandi and Glenn Angelle, Betty Romero, Romero and Babin Families, Shanie Edler Decuir, Tim Edler, Edler Family, Arceneaux and Mestayer Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Lovell Romero, Henry and Renella and Josh Pelafigue, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Jay Gonsoulin Family, Paul Sonnier Family and Clyde Warfel Family, Lloyd and Maudrey Landry, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Mark and Penny Landry, Ancestors and Descendants, Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priests, Religious, Maude Granger and Warren Granger, Mr. and Mrs Walter Granger, Shelton Joseph Freyou, Ella Desormeaux Freyou, Rickie Oubre, Loto Louviere, Jr., Gam and Velma Gondron Family, Matthew Thibeaux, Edmond Lancon Family, Louis Thibeaux Family, Keri Bonin Boutte, Bonin and Boutte Family, Clycle Dressel, Judy Judice, Beauregard Judice, Gondron and Deville Family Ancestors and Descendants, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Anthony Deville, (Recovery), Mathilde Romero, Our Catholic Priest, Louto and Anite Gondron Family, Horace and Sylvia Thibodeaux

Knights of Columbus Healing Rosary Sunday, May 4, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. Saint Joseph Church All are invited.

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Monday 6:45 a.m. OLV — Lloyd and Maudrey Landry, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Mark and Penny Landry Ancestors and Descendants, Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priests, Religious, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Huey Olivier Family Ancestors and Descendants, Michael and Christine Arceneaux, Ancestors and Descendants, Pliny Walet, Carolyn "Caro" Walet, Leroy Castille.

**Tuesday 5:30 p.m. StJo** — Lloyd and Maudrey Landry, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Mark and Penny Landry Ancestors and Descendants, Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priests, Religious, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Huey Olivier Family Ancestors and Descendants, Michael and Christine Arceneaux, Ancestors and Descendants.

Wednesday 6:45 a.m. StJo — Roy and Michael Thibodeaux, Lloyd and Maudrey Landry, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants, Mark and Penny Landry Ancestors and Descendants, Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priests, Religious, Clarence and Nola Champagne, Families Ancestors and Descendants, Huey Olivier Family, Ancestors and Descendants, Michael and Christine Arceneaux, Ancestors and Descendants, Andrew "Toupee" Bonin, Bonin and Crochet Families

**Thursday 5:30 p.m. Stjo** — Loyd and Maudrey Landry, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants, Mark and Penny Landry Ancestors and Descendants, Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priests, Religious, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Huey Olivier Family Ancestors and Descendants, Michael and Christine Arceneaux, Ancestors and Descendants,

Friday 6:45 a.m. OLV — Lynn Delcambre and Family. In Thanksgiving, Judice and Walet Families, Lloyd and Maudrey Landry, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants, Mark and Penny Landry Ancestors and Descendants, Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priests, Religious, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Huey Olivier Family Ancestors and Descendants, Michael and Christine Arceneaux, Ancestors and Descendant.



### Faith and the Papacy by Fr. Paul D. Scalia

The death of Pope Francis has dominated the news. For the next several weeks, the election of his predecessor will do so. On Divine Mercy Sunday the Church places before us the story about Thomas's doubt and, therefore, about what it means to believe. (John 20:19-31) In God's providence, the scene orients our thoughts and prayers about the papacy and the next pope.

Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Now, it's a terrible thing to call this Apostle "Doubting Thomas" Yes, he was "unbelieving" But that wasn't the end of his story. He proclaimed the Gospel in distant lands and was martyred for Christ. He should also be remembered for that.

Of course, there's no getting away from Thomas's doubt: *I nill not believe*. But even there, we can glean some spiritual benefit, which is why the event is recorded. Thomas's error is entirely to our benefit, as it was ultimately to his. It teaches us what it means to believe.

First, faith comes from the Church. Thomas doesn't believe that the disciples had seen the Lord, that Jesus was risen from the dead. But more to the point, he doesn't believe the testimony of the Church. For when the disciples say to Thomas, "We have seen the Lord," it is in effect the Church Herself bearing witness to the Resurrection. It is the Church announcing what is to be believed. Thomas doesn't believe in the Resurrection because he doesn't accept the Church's witness. The only way we know our Lord and His Teachings is through His Church. To believe doesn't mean to prove it for ourselves, as Thomas wanted to do. It means to receive and to accept what the Church believes and teaches. An individual's act of faith is inseparable from the Church's Faith.

Once, when defending her conversion to Catholicism, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton blurted out to a relative, *I believe everything the Council of Trent teaches – and I have not even read it!* That sounds crazy to our individualistic culture. But it captures the Truth that our faith rests not on our cleverness or human proofs, but on the Church's authoritative Teaching. It is the Church who believes first. Each of us can say I believe only because the Church first says We believe.

Second, Faith has content. The disciples proclaim to Thomas a specific Truth, the Resurrection. And Thomas makes this Article of Faith even more specific: "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." This is faith not only in the Resurrection but in the physical resurrection.

We don't believe in God in some vague or general way. We believe in a particular, specific God, Who has revealed Himself by word and deed, and is known by the Articles of the Creed.

It's silly to exhort someone to "Just believe!" or "Have faith!" Believe what? Faith in whom? The content of faith makes all the difference. It determines whether we have faith at all. To believe in the triune God gives us the Truth and leads us to Salvation. To believe in error or merely to have religious opinions leads us astray, no matter how well-intentioned we may be.

Some years ago, then-Prince Charles mused about changing the British monarch's traditional title from "Defender of *the* Faith" to "Defender of Faith." In fairness, a change of title is probably in order. But the now-King's proposal was typically modern, emptying faith of any content. It rejected "*the* Faith," implying a specific credal content, for "faith," left unspecified. For our culture, faith is just a vague kind of trust in something, somewhere ... out there.

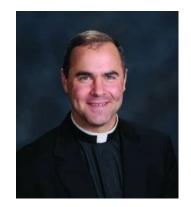
This fuzziness about faith leads inevitably to the notion that all religions are the same, just different paths to God. This trivialization of belief insults members of other religions ("You're Muslim? What a coincidence, I'm Catholic!"). More importantly, it fails to take our own faith seriously. We don't believe in our own ideas about God. We believe in the one true God Who has revealed Himself to us and taught us how to live in union with Him.

The Church is God's vessel — His "Oracle" as Newman put it — given us to extend this saving doctrine throughout the world and throughout history. Because the Church believes, others come to the Faith.

Christ established the papacy as the Church's firm foundation, a rock, for the proclamation of His saving doctrine. The pope's first and fundamental responsibility is to preserve and hand on the Deposit of Faith. He doesn't need to be a great orator or theologian or administrator or diplomat — however beneficial those gifts might be. He does need to confirm us in the Faith. (see Luke 22:32)

Everything else in the Church depends on doctrinal clarity. Without it, we don't have Faith but only religious opinion. Without it, we don't know how to worship "in spirit and truth." (John 4:23) Without it, we don't know how to love God and neighbor because we don't know the Truth about God and man. The very teaching of Doctrine is an act of Charity, leading people out of error, out of false worship, in order to know and to love the one true God.

Fr. Paul Scalia is a priest of the Diocese of Arlington, Virginia, where he serves as Episcopal Vicar for Clergy and Pastor of Saint James in Falls Church. He is the author of **That Nothing May Be Lost: Reflections on Catholic Doctrine and Devotion** and the editor of **Sermons in Times of Crisis: Twelve Homilies to Stir Your Soul.** 







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