

Ministers of the Liturgy April 2 & 3, 2016

Saturday - 4 P.M.

Intention: George Spaulding, Carl A. Guidroz, Jr.,
Hubert LaBorde, Merle & Charles Dittmer,
Patrick C. McKinney, Joseph Segari,
Rose Marie Greco Federico, Karen Hebert (L),
Flora Maria Be, Mr. & Mrs. Hilton Daigle, Sr.,
Clara G. Todaro, In Honor of St. Jude,
Thanks to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel,
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
A. A. Quigley, K. Hartdegan
Cantor: Trish Foti

Sunday - 9 A.M.

Intention: Rita Burch
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
M. Evola, P. Fleming, L. Director, C. Frederick
Song Leaders: Traditional Choir

Sunday - 11 A.M.

Intention: Dianne Z. Harrison, Thomas Prunty,
Mary Rosa Esler, Melvin Ducote, Kelvin Ducote,
Joseph Donald Bernard, Myron Yochim,
Rita P. Mullen, Special Intention (L), Poor Souls,
Sister Magdalen Marie Serio (L)
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
N. Bostick, L. Frey, S. Gordon, L. Peters
Song Leaders: Contemporary Choir

Sunday - 6 P.M.

Intention: Parishioners
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:
A. Calongne, T. Keller
Cantor: Lauren Gisclair
Pianist: Beth Kettenring

Weekday Masses (4/4-8)

Monday 7:00 a.m. Joseph Segari
5:30 p.m. Myron Yochim
Tuesday 7:00 a.m. Maria Mercedes Cabrera
Wednesday 7:00 a.m. Rose Marie Greco Federico
8:20 a.m. Isabella Forsythe
Thursday 7:00 a.m. Emile Hart
5:30 p.m. Ray Dunn
Friday 7:00 a.m. Jack Brignac



Is Mary Calling You to Her Legion?

The Legion of Mary is the right arm of the pastor. We visit the sick in homes, hospitals and nursing homes, teach CCD, and are RCIA sponsors. We assist in many other Spiritual Works of Mercy needed to help our pastor. We meet most Saturdays at 2:05 p.m. in the Parish Office. We need your help. Will you answer Our Lady's call? For more information, please call Diane Schexnayder at 504-577-4190.

Radio Rosary

Everyone is invited to pray the rosary on the radio with the Holy Name Society this Wednesday. Please arrive at the library at 5:45 p.m.

Retreat Cruise to Cozumel

Registration is open for the Willwoods Married Couples Retreat Cruise to Cozumel, July 14-18. In addition to all a cruise has to offer, inspiring presentations, private couple time, reconciliation and the daily celebration of Mass will be available. For more information and to register, please visit www.faithandmarriage.org or call Jason Angelette at 504-830-3716.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

April 9/10

4 p.m. J. Rodosta, L. Segari
9 a.m. J. & G. Rojas, K. Klapatch, R. Theriot
11 a.m. J. Hutchinson, R. Oleksik, P. & R. Serio
6 p.m. L. Daigle, B. David



Adoration Chapel Sanctuary
Light in memory of
Stuart and Gloria Fourroux

Adoration Chapel Candles
in memory of
Julie Willoz



Altar
Care

Altar Ladies

Week of April 3

J. Dunn, C. Batt, L. Segari

Linens

Large - J. Wright Small - F. Cortello

Last Week's Collection

Totals unavailable due to early deadline.

MIR Group Fundraiser

Please join the MIR Group for a fundraising dinner event "How Stories Can Save Our Culture: Dinner with Raymond Arroyo" on Monday April 25. Arroyo is an award-winning journalist, producer, New York Times Bestselling author and news director and lead anchor for EWTN. The event will be held at The Rose Garden, 5616 Citrus Blvd, Harahan. A Wine & Cheese Patron Party/Meet & Greet and dinner will begin at 6 p.m. and tickets cost \$75 each. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for general admission, which includes dinner, for a cost of \$50 each. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. For more detailed information and to purchase tickets, please email themirgroup@themirgroup.org, or call Carol at 504-256-3322 or Terri at 504-228-7462. All proceeds benefit 2016 Marian Pilgrimages with The MIR Group.

Come to the Quiet

This 5-day retreat will be held July 21 - 27 and is based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. In addition to daily meetings with an assigned spiritual director, there will be ample time for rest, personal prayer and walks outdoors. There will be daily Mass and opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation during your retreat. The main purpose of a Silent Directed Retreat is to help you hear the voice of God and deepen your relationship with Him. Through Scripture and reflection under the daily guidance of an experienced spiritual director, you will become more aware of His presence and action in your life in an atmosphere of silence and solitude. It will be held at the Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center, 5500 St. Mary St., Metairie. The deadline to register is July 11. The cost is \$425. To register, please call Susan Halligan at 504-267-9604 or 1-866-937-9170 or email shalligan@arch-no.org.

A Spirituality of Dreams

A three-session workshop on developing a personal relationship with the Lord through dreams. Explore dreams as personal prayer experiences with God using Judeo-Christian methodology. Simple dream work techniques will be suggested to help us notice and respond to the presence of God through dreams. On three Fridays, April 8, 15, 22, from 9:30 a.m.-noon at the Archdiocesan Spirituality Center, 2501 Maine Avenue, Metairie Register online at <http://asc.arch-no.org> or by telephone 504-861-3254. The cost is \$40. If needed, adjustments can be made.



Church Cleaning Crew

Looking for a way to burn some calories, commune with Jesus, beautify our church, and fill a desperate need at the same time? Come help us vacuum - it is only a 30 - 45 minute obligation each month! For more information, please call Anita at 504-874-1210.

Fr. Cooper's Corner Mercy Sunday

The Sunday following Easter has always been the Feast of Mercy; however since 2001, the designated title, Divine Mercy Sunday, expands the theological significance of the Octave Day of Easter and deepens its meaning. We see this feast as the convergence of all the mysteries and graces of Holy Week and Easter Week.

The Gospel helps us to grasp the full sense and value of this gift. It is one of the most well-known, discussed, and appreciated passages of Scripture—the meeting of the Risen Lord with St. Thomas. This relates to the greatest celebration of faith, and we encounter the most famous story of doubt: of Thomas, who demands proof before he will believe. In this narrative, we see the disciples move from fear to joy, seclusion to mission, absence to presence, disbelief to faith, mere existence to new life, as the Holy Spirit came upon them. As we commemorate Divine Mercy Sunday, we can see the importance of the sacrament of reconciliation in our lives as disciples of the Risen Lord – as a way to highlight the Mercy of God that is offered to our world through our Crucified and Risen Savior.

And this is something to remember: after the apostle Thomas adamantly, even angrily, expressed his doubt, Christ didn't dismiss him. He didn't write him off. Christ came back. He gave Thomas another chance, and offered him the gift of faith – and Thomas, overwhelmed and awed, accepted. Christ does that with all of us. When we least expect it, He will break through locked doors of the human heart. He will find us, in our fear and uncertainty. He understands our misgivings, our hurts, our infirmities and weaknesses. He knows only too well the human condition. As Thomas discovered, He wants to give us another opportunity.

That, too, is part of the message of this Sunday, when we embrace the power and beauty of God's forgiveness. It is the Sunday in which we remind ourselves of God's tender mercies. Furthermore, we well remember Jesus' message to St. Faustina: "Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to my mercy." This is a time for fulfilling the promise of the Resurrection, the glorious hope of Easter. Jesus' response to St Thomas, after he recognized Him as 'My Lord and my God' has a mysterious fascination that must relate not so much to the disciples—those who 'have seen'—but rather to those, like us, who were added to their number afterwards. 'Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.' (Jn 20:29)

Like St Thomas, Christ calls us to live our lives so that the witness that we give will proclaim His Resurrection. We know that we have met the Risen One and we have recognized Him! Let us pray to be open to God's tender mercies – that we might say with the joy of Easter discovery, and with the wonder of St. Thomas: "My Lord and my God!" (*Full article on frcooper.info*)