



Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 13, 2008

He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness.

We are a Sacrificial Giving Parish, Giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure

Our collection for this past weekend was \$5,579.93.

(For 2006-2007 our average weekly expenses were \$7,360.00.)

**Bulletin Sponsor: In Memory of Peter & Velma Smith
By: Paulette Smith**

Altar Flowers

**April 12-13 In Memory of Charles & Theresa Cormier, Elmo Fontenot
By: Darryl & Kalina Cormier**

For the next two Sundays, April 20th and April 27th, our 10:30 AM Mass will be celebrated in St. Charles Chapel. First Communion Mass we be at 11:00 AM in St. Charles Church. There will be 3 groups making First Communion; one on April 20th; one on April 27th and one on May 11th at Christ the King Mission.

Reminder: All First Communion Books and Projects are due on April 14th

Our Lady of the Oaks is offering a live in retreat for adults 55 years and over. Arrival time is at 5 PM on Monday, May 19 and departure after the noon meal on Wednesday, May 21. A donation of at least \$25 must be brought to Thensted Center no later than May 9th. Please make checks payable to Thensted Center. Attendance is limited so first come, first serve. For further information, call Thensted Center at 662-5838.

Senior Citizens will gather at Thensted Center at 10:00 AM on **Friday, April 25th**.

If any Eucharistic Minister mistakenly picked up a *large* PYX, Please return to the Church. It belongs to our Home Mass Kit.

Prayer for Vocations

God, Our Father, Thank you for your son, Jesus, our Good Shepherd, who leads us to fullness of life.

By our baptism, we are called by name to continue the mission of Jesus.

Give us the grace to listen with an open heart to the voice of Jesus and to respond generously with a joyful spirit.

Strengthen the men and women you called to serve through marriage, the single life, the diaconate, priesthood, and consecrated life. Guide all who are discerning their Christian vocation.

In gratitude we offer this prayer through Jesus and the Holy Spirit, united with you forever. Amen.

Altar Society Meeting is scheduled for **April 20th** at **3:00 PM** in St. Philippine Duchesne Room

Activities of the Week April 14-April 20

M	14	4:30 PM Vigil Mass Choir Practice
T	15	6:00 PM 7:30 Chimes Choir Practice
W	16	
TH	17	5:45 PM 10:30 Mass Choir Practice 7:00 PM Worship Commission Meeting
S	20	11:00 AM First Communion Mass 3:00 PM Altar Society Meeting

Minister Schedule-April 19-20

Vigil -Lector	Shirleen Louviere & Jim Burleigh
Communion	Deacon Sam Henry, Barbara Burleigh Caro Louviere, Lou Santillo, Janice Fox
Altar Server	Meghan Miller
7:30-Lector	Jo Landry & Julia Quebedeaux
Communion	Deacon Herd Guilbeau, Tommie Miller Paul & Lolita Henry, Melba Courtney
Alter Server	Tanesia Cormier
10:30-Lector	Stephanie Richard & Lydia Boxie
Communion	Deacon Herd Guilbeau, Norman & Flo Carroll, Andy & Kim Dakin,
Altar Server	Andrew Smith, Sydney Willingham

Church Cleaners for April 19-20

Bea Guilbeau Anna Lee Boss Agnes Lewis
Karlene & Betty Dugas Lonnie Henry

Thensted Center **Annual Fun Day Fair** is scheduled for **Sunday, May 4, 2008**

8:30 am-5:00 pm. Pork & Chicken Dinners are \$6.00; Bingo, Plants, Trash & Treasure and lots of fun. ***We are in need of:***

Monetary donations, Bingo Gifts, Sweets for the sweet booth. For more information and to purchase dinner tickets, contact the Thensted Center at 662-5838.

MOTHER'S DAY REFLECTION

This year's retreat will be held on **Wednesday, May 7th**, 9:00 am-2:00 pm, Fusilier Auditorium, Immaculata Center Building, 1408 Carmel Drive, Lafayette. Rev. Neil McNeil will be the guest speaker. He will also celebrate a special Mother's Day liturgy at noon. Lunch will be served following Mass and the afternoon presentation will be a treat for all in attendance. Pre-registration is required by April 25, 2008. Due to limited space, registrations will not be accepted at the door the morning of the retreat. Registration fee of \$15 includes lunch. For more information, please call the Office of Family Life Ministry at 261-56553.

23rd Annual Etouffee Festival, 2008 is scheduled for April 25th, 26th & 27th on Main Street in Arnaudville. Benefit of St. Francis Regis Catholic Church

THE CALL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Twenty-third Psalm, today's responsorial psalm, is arguably the best known of all the psalms. The line that reads "Even though I walk in the dark valley / I fear no evil; for you are at my side / with your rod and your staff / that give me courage" (Psalm 23:4) connects this week's scriptures to the wonderful story of the road to Emmaus, which we heard last week. The Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, is constantly at our side. He calls us each by name, beckoning us into a deeper relationship with him. That call, issued to each of us at the moment of our baptism, carries with it the promise of the Good Shepherd: "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

What does the Church say about Catholic Social Teaching in the Public Square?

Key Theme #5: Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers.

The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Economic justice calls for decent work at fair, living wages, opportunities for legal status for immigrant workers, and the opportunity for all people to work together for the common good through their work, ownership, enterprise, investment, participation in unions, and other forms of economic activity.

Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House announces the following Retreats Scheduled:

Mid-Week Retreats for Women

June 30-July 2, 2008

November 3-5, 2008

Weekend Retreats for Women

May 1-4, 2008

September 11-14, 2008

May 8-10, 2008

September 17-8-21, 2008

May 29-June 1, 2008

October 16-19, 2008

August 7-10, 2008

November 13-16, 2008

Married Couples Retreat

June 27-29, 2008

October 24-26, 2008

Personally-Directed Retreat

September 4-7, 2008

For information and to register, call 662-5410.