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# Divine Mercy Sunday

April 19, 2009

**Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?**

We are a Sacrificial Giving Parish, Giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure  
Our offertory collection for last Sunday was \$9,983.00.  
(For 2007-2008 our average weekly expenses were \$6,509.00.)

**Bulletin Sponsor: In Memory of Mrs. Evelyn Haure  
By: Herbert Boss & Jane Thibodeaux**

## PARISH IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Perhaps you have seen the new canopy over the Handicap Entrance of our church (on the north side)? Carpentry work still needs to be done to help the canopy blend in more with our beautiful church. This will be completed soon.

A grateful "Thank You!" to those who have made a special contribution for the project. To date \$2,535 has been given. Again I appeal to all who would like to make a special contribution for this improvement. Please designate your offering for the "improvement projects".

The associated project is to enlarge the parking area on the north side of our church. You can see where we have begun to fill in low places. There is considerable fill that remains to be done. And then we will grade and gravel the area.

Those two projects are expected to cost around \$25,000. So we are still in need. If you are able to help, now is the time to do so.

In May (after our First Communion Sundays) we will schedule some special "Second Collections" for these projects; if funds are still needed.

Thank you for your generosity.

**Anointing of the Sick** will be celebrated at the 5:00 PM Vigil Mass on **Saturday, April 25th**. Persons of any age who are chronically ill, and elderly persons (even in good health) can receive this sacrament for healing, and for the Lord's help in bearing the crosses of diminished energies. The sacrament will be celebrated during the Mass.

**Religious Education Commission Meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21st at 7:00 PM in the Religious Ed Building.

## Special Thanks

Many persons shared their skills and time to make our Holy Week Triduum services prayerful and beautiful. Let us all join in giving thanks to those who cleaned the church, the ushers and altar servers, those in music ministry (we have four choirs!), the lectors and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, the deacons and visiting priests who concelebrated in our liturgies.

Earline Taylor & Darrell Burleigh prepared the flower arrangements and decorated the church. Over a period of ten weeks Guy and Janice Kilchrist prepared the adults who received sacraments in the Easter Vigil. Our church liturgies are works done together by all to give honor, praise, and glory to God. Everyone in the congregation brings a contributing part to our worship. And we all receive many blessings in

**On Sundays, April 26 & May 3rd**, the 10:30 AM Mass will be celebrated in **St. Charles Chapel**.

Parking around Melancon Funeral Home for these Masses is permitted and suggested.

First Communion Masses will be in the Church at 11:00 on these two Sundays.

**Family Fun Day: Thensted Center's Annual Fair** is **Sunday, May 3rd**; 8:30-5:00. Barbeque pork and chicken dinners are \$6.00. Bingo begins at 11 AM. Come out for plants, sweets, trash & treasures, children's games and health fair. We are greatly in need of monetary donations and bingo prizes. For further information call the Center at 662-5838 or come by to purchase your dinner tickets.

**Volunteers are asked to please park behind the Gymnasium.**

### Minister Schedule-April 25-26

**Vigil** -Lector Al & Dyanne LeBlanc  
Communion Mary Menard, Warren Norton,  
Jim & Barbara Burleigh, Lou Santillo  
Altar Server Nicholas Smith, James Charles

**7:30**-Lector Joe Landry & Gwen Miller  
Communion Deacon Sam Henry, Jackie Savoie  
Melba Courtney, Sr. Betty Renard  
Stephanie Richard  
Altar Server Taneshia Cormier & Carlie Pierre

**10:30**-Lector Keith & Ginger Myers  
Communion Doris Etienne, Janice Kilchrist,  
Nancy Bourque, Marie Eaglin, Julia Key  
Altar Servers Beth Arnaud, Travis Santiago,  
Andrew Smith

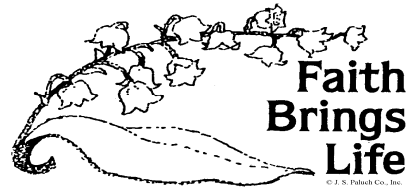
### Church Cleaners for April 25-26

Barbara Broussard Jeanette Williams  
Vickie Meche Irene Lavergne Wilda Richard  
Barbara & Stephanie Senegal Genevieve Ray

Join the Diocese of Lafayette for a **Mass for the Elderly** on **May 3, 2009 at 2:00 PM**. The Diocese requests that families bring their elder loved ones to this celebration in honor of senior citizens. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael Jarrell in Immaculata Chapel, 1408 Carmel Ave., Lafayette. For more information, please call 261-5545.

**Annual Mother's Day of Reflection** is being sponsored by the Office of Family Life Ministry. This year's retreat will be held on Wednesday, May 6th, 8:30am to 2:00pm, Fusilier Auditorium, Immaculata Center Building, 1408 Carmel Drive, Lafayette. Reverend Hampton Davis will be the presenter. He will also celebrate a special Mother's Day liturgy at noon. Lunch will be served following Mass. Pre-registration is required by noon on April 24, 2009. Due to limited space, registrations WILL NOT be accepted at the door the morning of the retreat. The registration fee is \$35, includes lunch. For more information and to register, please call 261-5653.

**Engaged Couples:** Spend a weekend away from the cares and distractions of everyday living. Attend a Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend in preparation for your marriage. Upcoming weekend dates are March 6-9, April 24-26, May 29-31. For other dates and to learn more visit our website at [www.ceelafayette.org](http://www.ceelafayette.org) or call Tom & Geraldine Rizzuto at 337-984-7954.



### SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

It is not often that the author of one of the books of the Bible comes right out and tells us directly why he is writing what he is writing. In this Sunday's Gospel reading, taken from the conclusion of John's Gospel, the author tells us that he has chosen to record these events so "that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name" (20:31).

The letter of John echoes this idea by saying that "everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God" (5:1)--what we might refer to as being "born again." Our reading from the Acts of the Apostles for this Second Sunday of Easter shows us exactly what it looks like when believers are born again through faith.

### 24th Annual Etouffee Festival 2009

Little Flower School Grounds—Main Street Arnaudville, La. On **April 24th, 25th & 26th** Benefit of St. John Francis Regis Catholic Church. Silent Auction, Carnival Rides, Bingo, Games for Children, Great Food and Live Music and more.

### Gratitude

The parish staff extends a special **"Thank You"** to all merchants who use our bulletin. We appreciate the confidence you have in this medium. Through this participation, our parish receives our weekly bulletins free of charge.

Our collection for the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal** is **Sunday, April 26th**. Your support of the home mission in the U.S. helps fund Evangelization, Religious Education, Training for Ministry, and Support for Poor Parishes.

### Activities of the Week April 20-25

M 20 4:30 PM Vigil Mass Choir Practice  
T 21 6:00 PM Chimes Choir Practice  
7:00 PM Religious Ed Comm. Meeting  
W 22  
TH 23 5:45 PM 10:30 Mass Choir Practice  
FR 24  
SA 25 5:00 Anointing of the Sick during Vigil Mass