

# DIVINE MERCY *Sunday*

April 23, 2017

Ascension Catholic Church

12PM Confession (till 2:45PM)

2:30PM Praise Music by Grace Notes

3:00PM Chaplet of Divine Mercy

3:30PM Holy Mass

With Grace Notes & Staci Gulino

Jesu to St. Faustina:

"It is My desire that [The Feast of Divine Mercy] be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter... I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for poor sinners. On that day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My mercy (Eucharist)." (Diary 699)



**Ascension of  
Our Lord  
+  
St. Francis of Assisi  
Catholic Churches**

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Mon-Thu 8a-12p and 1p-3:30p  
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**WEEKDAY MASSES**  
**Monday** - 12:00 noon Ascension  
**Tuesday - Friday, 7AM** St. Francis

**WEEKEND MASSES**  
**Saturday Reconciliation:** 3-3:40PM  
**Saturday Vigil:** 4:00 PM - Ascension  
**Sunday Masses:**  
8:00 AM - Ascension  
10:30 AM - St. Francis

**SACRAMENTS**  
**Baptism** - Call parish office  
**Marriage** - Call at least six (6)  
months in advance to schedule  
**Care of the Sick** - For emergencies  
please call 225-590-7930.  
**Funerals** - Call parish office.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**April 22, 2017 4PM AOL** Anabel Torres, Maria Taeok Sun, Joseph Kim, Albert, Josie & Tootsie DeLeo, Terrance Aucoin, Sr., Loretta Sotile, Marianne Webre, Emile Spano, Roland Ourso, Paul & Heloise Grisaffe, Eddie Esneault, Jr. Salvador & Annette Grisaffe, Amelica & Leah Gravois, Leroy, Lydia & Edward LeBlanc, Louis Preacher Schexnayder, Alvin & BB Richard, Gerald Alexander, Joe & Joyce Dinino, Concetta Dinino, Matthew Weil, Harry Millien, Eddie & Lilly Esneault, Camille & Josephine Esneault, Theophile & Anna Landry, Robert Schexnayder, Mercedes Mistretta, George Arceneaux, Louise Chauff, Myra Caruso, Chris Matassa

**April 23, 2017 8:00 am AOL** Laura & Norbert Schexnayder, Helen & Joseph Cavalier, Emile Spano, Nolan Guillot

**10:30 am SFA** Cleo "Booster", Marie, CJ Jr. Hebert, JJ "Bronco", Roberta & Donald Acosta, Cory Oubre, Sherry L. Ourso, Amiee Ourso Webb, Dot Richard, John Richard, Gwen Boudreaux, Delores "Tulu" & Bernie Waguespack, Martin "Pete" Acosta, Ronnie Morris, Rocky Morris, Myrtle Ourso, Stella Levins, Raphael & Mary Juneau, Hilda Landaiche, Achille, Ella, Merlin, Henry Denoux & Irma Marino, Francis & Clare Dubis, In honor of Juanita Quaid

**3:00 pm Divine Mercy AOL**

**April 24, 2017 12:00 noon AOL** Anthony & Jennie Dato, Emile Spano, Celie & Tony Sotile, Lucy Belle & Mitch Sotile, Belle & Mike Milano, Dot & Paul Ewen, Irma & Charley Sotile, Anthony Sotile, Jr., Mary & Johnny Civello, Sosse Landry, Colleen & John Lemann, Tony Fiorenza, Toni & Pete Ewen & fly.

**April 25, 2017 7:00 am SFA** Emile Spano

**April 26, 2017 7:00 am SFA** Emile Spano

**April 27, 2017 7:00 am SFA** Emile Spano

**8:20 am school mass AOL** Billy Vice, Louis Preacher Schexnayder, Cade Michael Brown

**April 28, 2017 7:00 am SFA** Emile Spano

**April 29, 2017 4PM AOL** Anabel Torres, Maria Taeok Sun, Joseph Kim, Terrance Aucoin, Sr., Loretta Sotile, Marianne Webre, Emile Spano, Roland Ourso, Alvin & BB Richard, Prissie Peltier, Gerald Alexander, Loretta Pizzolato, Marjorie Dill, Joe & Joyce Dinino, Louis Preacher Schexnayder, Matthew Weil, Harry Millien, George Arceneaux, Chris Matassa

**April 30, 2017 8:00 am AOL** Danny Barry, Emile Spano, Robert Schexayder, Bobby Miglicco, Laura & Norbert Schexnayder, Helen & Joseph Cavalier

**10:30 am SFA** Cleo "Booster", Marie, CJ Jr. Hebert, JJ "Bronco", Roberta & Donald Acosta, Cory Oubre, Sherry Ourso, Ronnie Morris, Rocky Morris, Myrtle Ourso, Raphael & Mary Juneau, Hilda Landaiche, Cory Oubre, Achille, Ella, Merlin & Henry Denoux, Irma Marino, Mercedes Mistretta

**May 1, 2017 12:00 noon AOL** Emile Spano

**May 2, 2017 7:00 am SFA** Emile Spano

**May 3, 2017 7:00 am SFA** Emile Spano

**May 4, 2017 7:00 am SFA** Emile Spano, Dot & Paul Ewen, Sosse Landry, Colleen & John Lemann, Toni & Pete Ewen & fly.

**May 5, 2017 7:00 am SFA** Robert H. Landry, Emile Spano, Kayla Robichaux

**Vacation Bible School– July 17-21, 2017**  
**Please return registration forms by June 5, 2017**

### **Liturgical Minister Schedule for April 22-23, 2017**

<b>April 22, 2017</b> 4:00 pm Vigil mass	L. Shaheen C L. Carter L	P. Carter B1 S. Bessonnet B2 J. Marchand B3	L. Rome W J. Templet W	J. Landry A. Landry
<b>April 23, 2017</b> 8:00 am AOL	L. Boudreaux L B. Boudreaux C	J. Savoia B1 C. Savoia B2 B. Mistretta B3	H. Rodrigue W J. Hidalgo W	A. Charlet
10:30 am SFA	A. Bonadona C S. Theriot L	J. Maher W A. Chiquet W	A. Capone B B. C. LeBlanc B	L. Spano G. Diez
3:00 pm Divine Mercy AOL	S. Sotile C F. Aucoin L	M. Lemann B1 G. Robert B2 G. Mistretta B3	D. Sagona W M. Bergeron W	E. Lemann J. Lemann
April 29, 2017 4:00 pm Vigil mass	F. Aucoin L P. Guillot C	N. Mitchell B1 T. LeBlanc B2 L. Shaheen B3	J. Abadie W E. Abadie W	Ella Landry A. Turner
April 30, 2017 8:00 am AOL	J. Mistretta L B. Landry C	K. Landry B1 G. Landry B2 G. Landry B3	H. Poirier W H. Michel W	J. Laiche Maggie Landry John Landry
10:30 am SFA				



## "Unless I see... I will not believe."

Last Sunday, I was with a few friends for dinner. One of my friends brought her little sister and her niece over for the gathering. Her little sister was seven, and her niece was five. The two of them asked me, "Who are you?" and before I could answer the question, one of my friends jumped in and said, "He's a nobody." Well, the two little girls said, "Hey, Mister Nobody." The aunt said to her niece, "That's Fr. Joe. He's a priest." At this point, the two girls' eyes widen, and they both responded with "Nuh-uh! That's impossible!" I asked them, "What's impossible about that?"

"You're in a t-shirt and beach shorts!"

"What's wrong with that?"

"You *can't* be a priest!"

"Sure, I can. I'll show you." I walked over to my backpack and pulled out my clerical shirt and pulled it over my head, then I put the Roman collar on, and they were both in utter disbelief.

"Are you the priest at St. Jude?" they asked.

"No, I live in Donaldsonville."

"Where's that?"

My other friend jumped in again, "That's nowhere, girls."

"You have to come visit one day, girls. It's a peaceful, magical place with no traffic!"

(Let's just say that everyone who was around were just dying laughing at this point.)

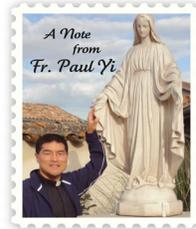
How often are we like these two little girls who doubt what they were being told until we see? It's the very moment that when we witness what we have seen that we believe. But that's not the whole picture. A week later, today on the second Sunday after the Resurrection, Divine Mercy Sunday, Thomas is with the other Apostles, still locked inside their fears and doubts. Jesus comes through those locked doors once again, and wishes them peace. And then what does he do? Right after he greets the whole group, his very next words are for Thomas: *Touch my wounds, Thomas; believe in me!*

What look do you think was in Jesus' eyes at that point? I think he was smiling. He was glad to oblige Thomas' stubborn request. He wasn't offended by the Apostle's hesitation and resistance, he was just eager to get his faith back. And Thomas sees this, and he sees that Christ humbly lowers himself to Thomas' level, letting him touch him, letting him feel Christ's real, physical presence. And Thomas falls on his knees and is the first Apostle to proclaim his faith in Christ's divinity, calling him "My Lord and my God", the very titles given to God throughout the whole Old Testament.

We are all Doubting Thomases.

We all resist God's action in our lives in one way or another, get mad at him, don't trust him, rebel against him.

And it is precisely in those moments and those corners of our lives where Jesus wants to show off his boundless mercy, come down to our level, and win back our faith.



## Divine Mercy Sunday

April 23, 2017

### What graces are available on Divine Mercy Sunday and how do we receive them?

In her Diary, St. Faustina records a special promise given to her by Jesus. He told her to communicate it to the whole world:

- I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy (1109).
- Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment (300).
- The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment (699).

To receive these graces, **the only condition is to receive Holy Communion worthily on Divine Mercy Sunday (or the Vigil celebration) by making a good confession beforehand** and staying in the state of grace and trusting in His Divine Mercy.

By these conditions, our Lord is emphasizing the value of confession and Holy Communion as miracles of mercy. The Eucharist is Jesus, Himself, the Living God, longing to pour Himself as Mercy into our hearts.

In addition, our Lord says through St. Faustina that we are to **perform acts of mercy**:

"Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be acts of mercy" (742).

"The graces of My mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, and that is trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive" (1578).

The worthy reception of the Eucharist on Divine Mercy Sunday is sufficient to obtain the extraordinary graces promised by Jesus. A plenary indulgence, obtained by fulfilling the usual conditions, also is available.

### Roots of Faith Play & Special Choir

At the Saturday (April 22) Vigil mass, we are treated to a very special music sung by 40 piece choir members composed of more than six different parishes in our area. The same choir will sing at the **"Roots of Faith" Play on April 28 and 30th at 7PM** held at Ascension Catholic High School.

"Roots of Faith" is a play about the founding of Ascension Catholic School with a cast of characters, including Sr. Loretta Gettemeier, Brother Eldon Crifasi, Brother Carl Bouchereau, Sisters of the Holy Family, Fr. Joe Vu, and many of our prominent alumni as well as students making up a cast of 100. The play will be preceded by a choral Concert Of Early American Music sung by a choir made up of singers from 6 Church parishes. Tickets can be purchased at the ACHS office or at the door.

# Food Fest '17

Sunday, May 7th 11am-2pm

Cajun Food, Children's Games, Live Auction

318 W. 10th St., Donaldsonville, LA 70346

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**\$50 All You Can Eat & Drink\***  
**Bracelets On Sale**  
*\*Includes Beer*

**Raffle Tickets**  
**Sweet Booth**  
**Silent Auction**  
**Live Auction**

**Come and enjoy!**

Food Booth Items	Cooked By	Donated By	Tickets
Seafood Gumbo	Kenny Frederic	D'ville Glass & Body	3
Pastalaya	Trey Ourso	M & M Trucking	3
Italian Salad	St. Joseph Members	St. Joseph Society	3
Grilled Fish	Aaron Gros	Marvin Gros	4
Hamburgers	Mike Medine, Jr.	Action Industries, Inc.	3
French Fries	Theriot Family	Theriot Family	2
Rice	Prevost	Parish	
BBQ Chicken	Bubba Lemann	Lemann's Farm	3
Beef Brisket	Jude Troxclair	Marine Technical Surveyors	3
Jambalaya	Jamie Landry	Steve & Maryann Acosta	3
Potato Salad	Bernardo's	Bernardo's	1
Spaghetti & Meatballs	Roy Latino	Roy, Joanne, Billy & Lori Latino	3
Crawfish Bisque	Lawrence "Nutsie" Falcon	Lawrence "Nutsie" Falcon	4
Fried Fish	Henry Landry & Frank Marcello	Marcello Distributors	4
Crawfish Étouffée	Terry Bouchereau	Gaubert Oil	3
Crawfish Stew	Chad Blanchard	Walker Heating & Air	3
Shrimp Stew	Jami Landry	Knights of Columbus	3

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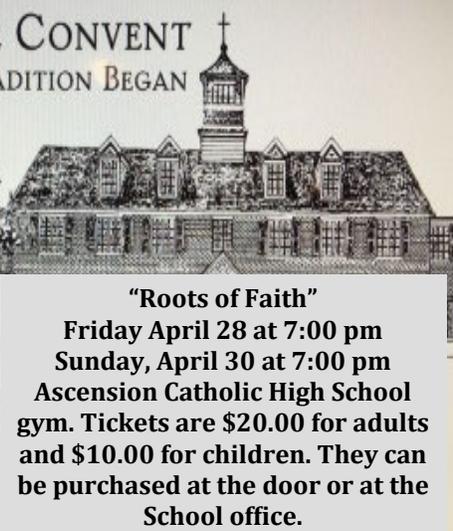
1. Click the link to either Online Giving for Ascension Church or Online Giving for St. Francis Church
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4. Click Give a New Gift

**Will you spend an hour with Jesus?**

Please contact Brenda Richard if you are interested in spending an hour at the Adoration Chapel. Brenda @ 717-0466.



**RESTORE THE CONVENT**  
WHERE THE TRADITION BEGAN



**"Roots of Faith"**  
Friday April 28 at 7:00 pm  
Sunday, April 30 at 7:00 pm  
Ascension Catholic High School gym. Tickets are \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children. They can be purchased at the door or at the School office.



**First Eucharist Meeting**

on April 23, 2017 at 6PM  
at Activity Center

**Rehearsal for First Communion May 4, 2017 at 6:00 pm at Ascension Church**

**First Communion Saturday, May 6, 2017** at Ascension of Our Lord at 4:00 pm mass with reception following in the Activity Center.

Any questions please call **Susan Jumonville** at 225-473-4873 or 225-776-4131.

**Fr. Seelos Healing Mass**

**Sunday, April 23, 2017**  
**1:00 pm**

National Shrine of Blessed Seelos  
St. Mary's Assumption Church, N.O.  
Homilist & Presider: Fr. Harry A. Grile



**Your Stewardship of Finance**

<u>Ascension of Our Lord</u>	<u>St. Francis of Assisi</u>
April 8-9, 2017 Church Support \$ 3,923.65 Maintenance \$ 1,725.00	April 8-9, 2017 Church Support\$ 2,137.00 Maintenance \$ 663.00
April 13 Holy Thursday \$1,134.00	April 14 Good Friday \$369.00
April 14 Good Friday \$823.00	<u>April 16, 2017</u> Church Support \$1,773.00 Maintenance \$456.00 Priests Retirement \$505.00
<u>April 16, 2017</u> Church Support \$5,476.00 Priests Retirement \$2,606.00	

**Online Giving March 2017**

Ascension	St. Francis of Assisi
Church Support \$ 4,975.00 Maintenance \$ 2,120.00	Church Support \$ 1,748.00 Maintenance \$ 179.00

**ASCENSION OF OUR LORD/ ST FRANCIS**

*Prayer Line*

Please pray for the sick of our parish: *Will Ray Berot, Allen Bellina, Cynthia Blanchard, Maryella Bradford, the family of Cade Michael Brown, Russell Bujol, Yvonne Caballero, Martin Cancienne, Janet Capone, John Capone, Margaret Carbo, Calvin & Frankie Casteigne, Joseph Cavalier, Meggie Clifton, Alton Daigle, Beth Daigle, Penny Dearman, Lois De Bessonnet, Betty Defiore, Andy Diez, Chasely Diez, Bobby Esneault, Barbara Ghiradi, Roberta Giroir, Debbie Gomez,*



*the fly of Courtney Guidry, Landry Guillot, Tommy Guillot, Carol Hernandez, Heath Hernandez, Natalie Hill, Tommy Hood, Jr., Diana Landry, Kathleen Landry, Amelia Lanoix, Brooks Ory LeBlanc, Jessica Madere, Chris Martinez, Jennifer Martinez, Joe Matassa, Kayla McLaughlin, Tripp Miglicco, Rosalie Mistretta, Bishop Robert Muench, Natalie, Aline Doll Oswald, Mabel Ourso, Nicole Owers, Betty & Nolan Poirrier, Frances Poirrier, Hazel Poirrier, Edie Rodrigue, Lorraine & Phillip Rodrigue, Dennis Rome, Phil Rome, Ronnie Rome, Jr., Eula Ruggeiro, Annie LeBlanc Russo, Maria Russo, Brandy & Brenda Sanchez, Jackie Schexnayder, George Shaheen, Cliff Sherman, Sue Solar, Lucy Belle Sotile, Bonnie Templet, Brandt Theriot, Allie Zeringue*

If you have family or friends who need prayer, please call Sandra Mistretta at 473-4341 or Becky Bellina at 473-6654 or 717-1734. Please also call when you would like their name taken off of the prayer line.

**St. Joseph Society**

The St. Joseph Society will have their monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 in the Ascension Parish hall at 7:00 pm. Supper will be served.

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