

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:

Red Hainsworth. Dottie Schuetz. Mary Margaret Ellison. Donna Pruitt. Dan Duke. John Kominis. Samantha & Ester Coronel. Paula Pruet. Belcher Family. Diane Stanley. Barbara Quesada. Wilburn Roberts. Chase Larsson. Jeff Gibbons. Eric Gray. Myles Acosta. Elise Sugg. Jacob Stephens. Fr. John Lydon. Fr. Joseph Nasser. Fr. Christopher Ruggles. Fr. Tim Kelly. Fr. Steven Duyka. Msgr. Gerald Priest. Joann Rayl. Rose Kennedy. Judy Fazzio. Marsha & Marty Blahitka. Carolyn Edwards. Dominic Sosta. Joshua Larsson. Avery Boultinghouse. Wanda Stephens. Wanda Thompson. Elleana Fritz. Kathryn Allen. Jim & Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month. **Fr. Peter McGrath has been placed in hospice care.** Please pray for peace and serenity for him and his family as they enter into a very difficult time. **We remember in our prayers all those who have recently died, especially Jim Rayl, husband of Joann Rayl.**

Please pray for the men and women active military service from our parish community:

Seaman Logan Adkinson (great grandson of Fr. Mike). Jay Guajardo Navy Boot Camp (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Airman First Class Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army(Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. Col. William P Shea. (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana. U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Ensign Gary Buchanan; 2nd Lt. Blake Gaughan & Lcpl Mike Buchanan (Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). E-3RJames Morgan (SonInLaw of Kathy & Dale Boman) Paul Moreno USCG (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (brother of Jeff & Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

SEEING IS BELIEVING

Seeing is believing! Since cellphone screens connect us instantly to social media, live TV, and loved ones' faces near and far, "Doubting Thomas" could be our patron saint: "Unless I see, I will not believe!" But how comforting for any of us who share Thomas's doubt, or love "doubters" who do, to see how kindly Jesus responds. By offering the very evidence that Thomas demanded, Jesus doesn't scold Thomas, but seems to understand such skepticism. Could Jesus have been thinking of us, who long to believe that "Jesus is risen!" but see so much suffering, and perhaps even cause some, that we wonder, how could something so wonderful be true? In today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles, the risen Jesus' healing love comforts through disciples who love others. In Revelation, "our brother John" doesn't just claim he saw Jesus alive, but passes on Jesus' life-giving words, "Do not be afraid." Seeing Jesus in others is believing!

† Please remember Holy Spirit Parish in your Will. †

For free information on making a will, finding a lawyer or making a bequest to our parish, please call Mark Henry at the East Texas Catholic Foundation @ 903-534-1077 X 200 or visit www.etcflegacy.org.

Mass Times & Intentions

- Sat 4/27 5:00pm Mass—Milton Aucoin+ (M/M Bonicard)**
- Sun 4/28 9:30am Mass—Parishioners**
- Tue 4/30 9:00am Mass/Adoration—Rev. Joseph J. Weinzapfel+**
- Wed 5/01 NO 5:00pm MASS—Fr. Mike attending Confirmation at St. Anne's in Winnsboro**
- Thurs 5/02 9:00am Mass—Deacon Albert Stanley Riha+**
- Fri 5/03 9:00am Mass—Sri Lanka Victims & Families**
- Sat 5/04 5:00pm Mass.—J C Catalano+ (Mary Catalano)**

Saturday Confessions are from 4:15—4:45pm
Sunday Confessions are from 8:45—9:15am

PARISH SUPPORT

		<u>4/20 & 4/21</u>	
Required Weekly Funds	\$ 3,962	Sat.	Sun.
Offerings	\$ 10,062	87	217

One can Give without Loving...But one cannot Love without Giving

TODAY'S READINGS

- First Reading** — A large number of people gathered, bringing the sick, and all were cured (Acts 5:12-16).
- Psalm** — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).
- Second Reading** — Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives (Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19).
- Gospel** — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 4:23-31-37; Ps 2:1-4, 7-9; Jn 3:1-8
- Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21 or (for the memorial) Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
- Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
- Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
- Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
- Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

DON'T SAY TOO MUCH

One is almost bound to fall into error if one tries to say a great deal.—Erasmus

A BETTER USE OF YOUR TIME

Learn to give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you'll have no time for criticism of others.—Anonymous

EVENTS AND NEWS

APRIL 2019 Second Collections:
27th & 28th: "Missions in the United States."

Religious Education
GRADES 1—8 "Faith and Family Life"
Wed., May 1st 4:00—4:55pm

GRADES 9—12 HSY "Holy Spirit Youth" Group
Class on Sun., Apr. 28th after 9:30am Mass
HSY YOUTH LEADERS: Randy & Shirley Munoz

Exposition every Tuesday, from 9:30am—4:00pm: "Indeed, Earth is joined to Heaven each time we are united with the Saints and Angels in extolling God, Who, in worship we see, if not with the sight of eyes, then with the eyes of faith. We are called abide in the Eucharistic Presence of our Lord, like the Saints and Angels do in Heaven, as they behold the glory of God and sing His praise!

Blue Sunday Day of Prayer for Abused Children
Blue Sunday Prayer

Lord, thank you for our children, for them we kneel and pray. Help us teach them of your kindness, of your mercy and your way. Help us show them of your love, your strength and safety, too. Help us show them who you are. Help us treat them like you do.

Mark your calendar Saturday, May 11, 2019.
Deacon Sam & Nancy Retirement Celebration after 5:00pm Mass.

The food signup sheet for the Deacon's retirement celebration is in the Narthex. Share your special appetizer, as we gather to share memories, food, and fun. We need to make this evening successful.

Congratulations Jeff Scott for successfully completing his RCIA with Deacon Sam.

Middle & High School Youth interested in attending the **Pines Camp** need to let Wanda Stephens know to earn **\$\$ scholarship ASAP.**

Rosary Makers Garage Sale is coming this **June.** Start cleaning out your house, garage & storage, save the items for the sale. Questions call Jean Kelly 903-857-9868 No Electronics/clothes.

Handicapped parking spaces are reserved at all times for those who display the appropriate handicapped designation on their vehicles.

Once again, we asked our parishioners for help with our **9th Annual Dinner/Casino Night** and you came through in support. For those that gave monetary donations; prizes and prize baskets, etc.; food preparers; Rosary Maker's desserts & kitchen helpers; sold and bought raffle tickets and dinner casino tickets; our Knights of Columbus food preparers/servers; plaque sponsors & table sponsors. It shows that every donation makes a difference, regardless of size. Thank You for your support!

Fr. Mike Snider

April News/Events

Sun., Apr. 28th: **Blue Sunday** Day of Prayer for Abused Children. **Last Christian Initiation** with Deacon Sam & "HSY" after 9:30am Mass in classrooms. **Divine Mercy Celebration @ 3:00pm.**

May News/Events

Wed., May 1st: No 5:00pm Mass. Fr. Mike in Winnsboro @ St. Anne's—Confirmation.



Thurs., May 2nd: Welcome Committee Mtg. @ 6:30pm activity ctr. HLR East Side.

Sat., May 4th: Fashion Show 10am—2pm. \$15.00 pp.

Sun., May 5th: **May Crowning.** K of C Breakfast

Thurs., May 9th: No 9:00am Mass. Priests Study Day K of C Meeting.

Sat., May 11th: Deacon Sam & Nancy Mullen Retirement Party after 5:00pm Mass.

Sun. May 12th: Happy Mother's Day. **Apologetics** with Jane Bidlack after Mass.

Mon. May 13th: Fundraiser Wrap-up Meeting 6:00pm

Tues., May 14th—Wed., May 22nd: Fr. Mike on vacation.

Mon., May 27th: Memorial Day—Diocese & Office closed.

The next **Welcome Committee** meeting is **Thurs., May 2nd at 6:30pm in the Activities Center on HLR East side.** Anyone interested in joining this committee is invited to join us. For questions contact Anna 903.833.7019.

Remember Divine Mercy Prayer Celebration
Sunday, Apr. 28th at 3:00pm in our church.

Do you have a child or grandchild that is graduating from High School or College? We would like to share their exciting information in our bulletin. Please e-mail or leave a message at church their name, where they are graduating from and where are they going from their. Info needed by May 15. Thank You,

Sat. May 4th: Fashion Show in our parish hall from **10:00am—2:00pm. \$15.00 pp.** Includes loaded potato bar, etc. Many prizes & gifts. Jean Kelly has tickets for sale after Mass.