



**Rev. Mike Austin, Pastor**

**Deacon Bill Vrazel**

Mass Schedule: Summer Months, Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Winter Months, Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.

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## The Liberating Hand of Christ

“When Jesus had risen, early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons.” (Mark 16:9)

Popular Catholic piety sometimes posits that the newly risen Jesus appears first to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a happy thought, but it’s simply not what the scriptures report. We are told quite directly that he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, “out of whom he had driven seven demons.” Why would the gospel writer remind us of this unsavory detail of Mary’s past? Historians tell us women were not qualified to give legal testimony. On top of that, to be possessed by not just one, but seven demons, is unsavory and terrifying. What damage had they done to her? What did she do to allow herself to be home to such evil? It doesn’t seem to matter. Jesus chose Mary Magdalene to be the first one who saw him risen from the dead. He decided she was qualified. Do you think that you are disqualified from seeing and announcing the risen Jesus because of your past demons? Maybe they are the demons of despair, confusion, self-hatred, pride, addiction, failure, boredom, laziness, or other sins. Well, don’t. In the light of the Risen Jesus, all these past demons make our witness that much more believable — only if we allow ourselves to be touched by the liberating hand of Christ, just as Mary Magdalene did.

— *Father John Muir*

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THE DAY  
THE LORD  
HAS MADE;  
WE WILL  
*rejoice AND  
be glad.*

PSALM 118

### TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading:** This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. (Acts 10:40-41)

**Psalm:** This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Ps 118) Or Alleluia.

**Second Reading:** If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1)

**Gospel:** For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. (Jn 20: 9)

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15  
**Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18  
**Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35  
**Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48  
**Friday:** Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14  
**Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15  
**Next Sunday:** Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

### EVENTS OF THE WEEK

<b>Monday, April 10, 2023 —</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— 8:00 am Mass - Church</li> <li>— 10:00 am Holy Family Parish Prayer Group - Chapel</li> <li>— 5:00 pm — 11:00 pm Adoration - Church</li> <li>— 5:00 — 6:00 pm <b>Reconciliation offered in Church</b></li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday, April 11 —</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— 6:30 pm Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Chapel</li> <li>— 7:00 pm Mass - Chapel</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday, April 12 —</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— 8:00 am Mass - Church</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday, April 13 —</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— 8:00 am Mass - Chapel</li> <li>— 9:00 am — 5:00 pm Adoration until Benediction at 5:00 pm — Chapel</li> </ul>
<b>Friday, April 14 —</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— 8:30 am Mass - Church</li> </ul>
<b>Saturday, April 15 -</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— 5:00 pm Vigil Mass - Church</li> <li><b>Reconciliation offered 30 minutes prior to Mass in Sacristy</b></li> </ul>

## Lord, Hear Our Prayer

Jerri Anderson, Sandra Angeline, Andrew B. Barrett, Jeff Beaver, Kim Beech, James Bell, Tracy Biggs, Rusty Bohn, Dian Bradley, Mike Brown, John Bull, Sister Anna Louise, Bumbera, Josephine C., Fr. Ronnie Calkins, Jamie Ann Canton, Sarah Carboni, Fr. David Carucci, Jerry Casey, Jim Cooke, Mae Mae Cooley, David Corollo, Donna Dantin, Lynn Dantin, Danny Davis, Sr., Jim Dean, Megan Delgado, Olivia Denson, Marvel Desroche, Dawn Domecq, Jeannie and John Dubuisson, Anne Erickson, Peter Fenn, Kim Fitzgerald, Janet Galen, Roy and Betty Gamez, Charles Grey, Donnie Haley, Jr., John Hayden, Alan Hoda, Pat Hoda, Daniel Huck, Paul Hughes, Sally James, Janet Jefferson, Sierra Jefferson, Connie Jenkins, Faye Johnson, John Knight, Marcus Kaszabowski, Natalie Koenenn, Jill Ladner, Missy Ladner, Pam Ladner, Austin Lizana, Debbie Lizana, Charlotte Logan, Mark Logan, Marlene Logan, Evelyn Lumpkin, Laura Creel Meadows, Carl Molesworth, Pat Morley, Dennis Mottola, Kevin Niolet, Rita Norman, Joshua Parker, Larry Peterman, Michelle Pisciotta, Bill Redo, Bryce Riordan, Jim Riordan, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Bev Rogers, Taige Roof, June Rutland, Janet Ryan, Kevin Ryan, Clyde Schepens, William "Scooter", Leah Scott, Stephen H. Scott, James Senac, Rachel Singleton, Melissa Starita, Barbara Swilley, Jim and Michael Trott, Morgan Ulrich, Pat Vial, Anastasia Virvilis, Bill and Mag Wall, Jimmy Wetzell, Tilton White, Becky Wooley, Cathy Yoeman, Angie Parker Yonkin, William Youngblood



### In Memoriam

Mr. Albro P. "Bodie" Michell  
Mrs. Carolyn Marie Stewart



Please contact the Church Office at 228-452-4686 to add someone to the Prayer List or if you see someone on the Prayer List who needs to be

## Weekly Operating Report

April 3, 2023

### Weekly Operating Credits

Offertory/Collection: \$17,515

Building Fund: \$144

Youth Ministry: \$57

Cemetery: \$ 388

Masses: \$60

Memorials: \$105

Easter Flowers: \$285

Second Collection: \$

Direct Debit—Electronic Transfers  
Forms are available in the back of the church or by calling the office at 228-452-4686

### Weekly Fixed Expenses

Schools: \$3210

Salaries and Benefits: \$4750

Diocese Support Tax: \$917

Utilities: \$1187.50

Janitorial, Maintenance, Grounds: \$1189.75

Insurance: \$584

TOTAL FIXED WEEKLY EXPENSES: \$13,075.00

"These are just the fixed expenses. There are many areas of ministry that require funding throughout the year (Youth Ministry, Religious Education, Adult Education, Liturgy, Office Supplies). I am publishing this as part of our new financial budgeting system. There will also be a general report quarterly.  
God Bless!" Fr. Mike

## Pray For a Priest Each Day

O Holy Mother of God, pray for our priests your Son has chosen to serve the Church. Help them, by your intercession, to be holy, zealous, and chaste. Make them models of virtue in the service of God's people. Help them be pious in meditations, efficacious in preaching and zealous in the daily offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Help them administer the Sacraments with love and joy. Amen

**Sun., April 9:** For Father Tomasz

Powroznik

**Mon., April 10:** For Father Ken Ramon-Landry

**Tue., April 11:** For Father Mark Ropel

**Wed., April 12:** For Fathers Alwin Sami and Jacob M. Smith OFM

**Thur., April 13:** For Fathers James Smith and Mike Snyder

**Fri., April 14:** For Father S. Kennedy Soosa

**Sat., April 15:** For Father Emmanuel Subaar



April 15 2023  
and April 16,  
2023

5:00 pm - Saturday, 4/15/23

### Lectors

Lauri Wood

### EEMs

Miriam Macdiarmid, Jane Ward, and Emmett Zimmeraman

### Altar Servers

Gage Garriga, Magdalene Vignes and Molly Vignes

8:30 am - Sunday, 4/16/23

Knights of Columbus  
Corporate Communion

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11:00 am - Sunday, 4/16/23

Jean Smith

Chad Burge, Joy Burke, Carl Mayeaux, Gretchen Mayeaux and Michael Mayeaux

Elleigh James Burge, Archer Kraft and Anna Claire Thomas

5:00 pm - Sunday,  
4/16/23

Caroline Dufrene

Richard Bohn,  
Jo Johns and  
Joe Spence

Lee Baggett,  
West Peneguy and  
Matthew Williston



# OCIA

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

## *Congratulations to Our Newest Catholics - Holy Family's OCIA Class of 2023*

May your faithful journey be joyful! As a parish, we welcome you to the Holy Catholic Church and will continue to pray for you and your families as you move forward with us and the whole Universal Church in our journey with Christ.

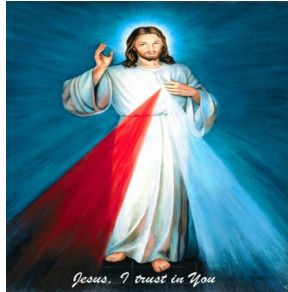


**A BIG THANK YOU** to OCIA leader, Deacon Bill Vrazel, and the entire OCIA team and sponsors. Our Parish is blessed by your stewardship.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Easter Vigil</b> Saturday, April 8	7:00 pm	Special Intentions for the Whaley Family † Msgr. Joseph Mercier
<b>Easter</b> Sunday, April 9	8:30 am	† Edward Reid, Sr. † Bodie Michell
	11:00 am	† Bodie Michell † Stephen Smith † Carol Stewart
	5:00 pm	
Monday, April 10	8:00 am	† Knost Family † L. J. St. Pierre
Tuesday, April 11 (Chapel)	7:00 pm	† Msgr. Joseph Mercier † Jean and Bill Collins Special Birthday Intentions for Charlotte Logan
Wednesday, April 12	8:00 am	† Molly Cooke † Sally and Dick Hoover
Thursday, April 13 (Chapel)	8:00 am	† Edward Taconi † Molly Jimenez † Frank and Patricia Schmidt
Friday, April 14	8:30 am  * † <i>The Repose of the Soul</i>	† Michael deGraaf † Bodie Michell Healing for Jeanie Dubuisson

Please join us every **FIRST** and **THIRD** Friday of the month for the **CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY**



The next Chaplet is **Friday, April 21st** 3:00 pm at St. Paul's Chapel

*For the sake of His sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.*

Father Jas & SVD  
Laité Missionary of  
Our Mother of Mercy  
Catholic Church  
Invites you to a



Date Correction! **HEALING MASS SERVICE** Date Correction!

**Friday, April 21st at 5:00 pm**  
216 Saucier Avenue Pass Christian

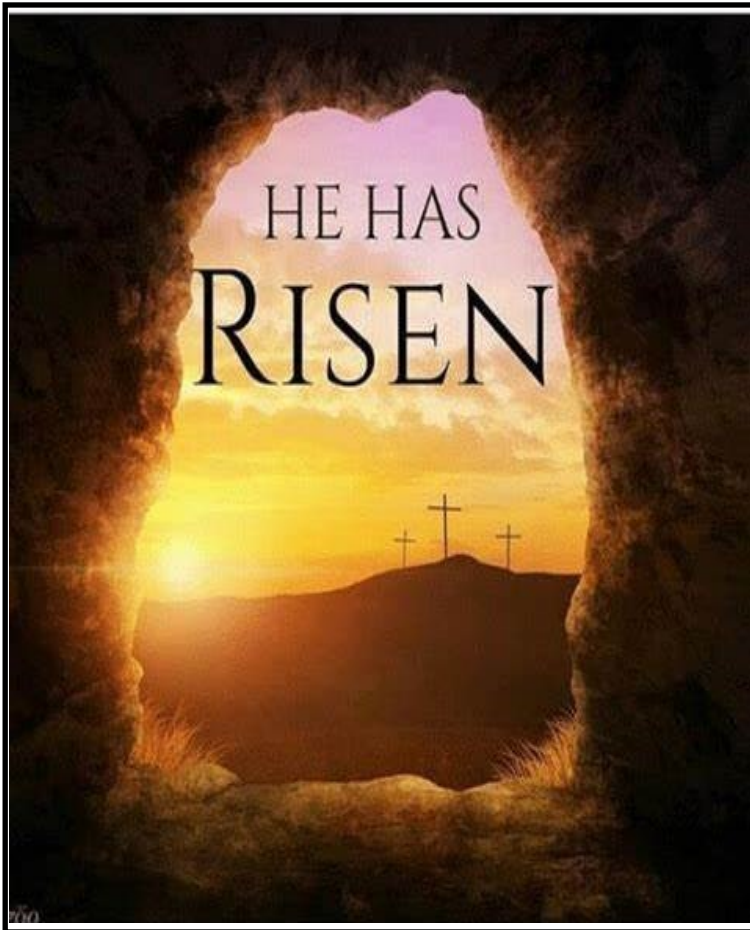
Please bring your friends and those who need special prayers in this powerful evening of healing and prayer.

## **PROPERTY FOR SALE**

For questions regarding the pricing for the lot next to the Chapel of St. Paul, 140 East Scenic Drive, Pass Christian, please contact:

**Ken Austin at Mississippi Coast Realty:**  
228-452-2313 (office) or 228-493-0052 (cell).  
[ken@mscoasthomes.com](mailto:ken@mscoasthomes.com),





Youth Ministry for SEEDLINGS (Pre-K - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)

9:45 - 10:45 am - KOC Hall

Youth Ministry for LIFE TEEN, EDGE & RISE  
(Grades 3 - 12) - after 5:00 pm Mass



No

Evening or Youth  
Activities Easter  
Sunday, April 9th.

### 2022 HFC Contribution Statements

Due to issues with the Diocesan merge of Gabriel and Parishsoft, we will not be mailing out contribution statements for 2022 tax year. If you would like a statement mailed to you, please call the Parish Office at 228-452-4686.

**THANK YOU** for your understanding.



## A Blessed Easter to All!

Thank you to all who joined us for the Easter Tridium and those who in any way helped to make these liturgies possible.

A very special thank you to:

- **Father Mike and Deacon Bill** for **ALL** of your sacrifices. Let us all remember to pray for their rest and recovery.
- **Holy Family Altar Society** for our beautiful Altar.
- **Holy Family Music Director, Khara Molsbee**, and the **Holy Family Choir** for filling our Church with the most inspiring music.
- **Msgr. Leech Knights of Columbus.**
- **Holy Family Holy Week Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers.**



God Bless You All!



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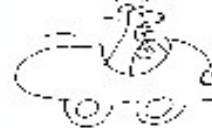


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