



Saturday, March 26
8:00 p.m.—Easter Vigil Mass-

Sunday, March 27
8:00 a.m. Knights of Columbus
& their families
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Monday, March 28
No Mass
Office Closed

Tuesday, March 29
8:30 a.m. Delia Mitchell (D)

Wednesday, March 30
6:30 p.m. Margery Sonnier (D)

Thursday, March 31
8:30 a.m. Perra ,Poirier & Fisher families

Friday, April 1
8:30 a.m. Darren Trace LeBlanc

Saturday, April 2
5:00 p.m. St. Francis Altar Society
& their families
7:00 p.m. James Cronk (D)

Sunday, April 3
8:00 a.m. Delia Mitchell (D)
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

**Pope Francis Jubilee Year of Mercy
(December 8, 2015-November 20 , 2016)
Easter Sunday**



The Easter Vigil is the "Mother of All Vigils." Easter Sunday, then, is the greatest of all Sundays, and Easter Time is the most important of all liturgical times. Easter is the celebration of the Lord's resurrection from the dead, culminating in his Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. There are 50 days of Easter from the first Sunday to Pentecost. It is characterized, above all, by the joy of glorified life and the victory over death, expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of the Christian: Alleluia! All faith flows from faith in the resurrection: "If Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty, too, is your faith." (1 Cor 15:14)



"What you sow is not brought to life unless it dies. And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel of wheat, perhaps, or of some other kind;...So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown corruptible; it is raised incorruptible. It is sown dishonorable; it is raised glorious. It is sown weak; it is raised powerful. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual one. So, too, it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being," the last Adam a life-giving spirit. But the spiritual was not first; rather the natural and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, earthly; the second man, from heaven. As was the earthly one, so also are the earthly, and as is the heavenly one, so also are the heavenly. Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one (1 Cor 15:36-37, 42-49).

The octave of Easter comprises the eight days which stretch from the first to the second Sunday. It is a way of prolonging the joy of the initial day. In a sense, every day of the Octave is like a little Sunday.

The word "Easter" comes from Old English, meaning simply the "East." The sun which rises in the East, bringing light, warmth and hope, is a symbol for the Christian of the rising Christ, who is the true Light of the world. The Paschal Candle is a central symbol of this divine light, which is Christ. It is kept near the ambo throughout Easter Time, and lit for all Liturgical celebrations.

May you and yours encounter the Risen Lord and know his peace in this Easter season; may you come to know the joy he alone can give.
Happy Easter!



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps16:1-2, 5, 7- 11; Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
- Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15
- Sunday: Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

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Fr. Louis Chabre

Jonnie Broussard

Angie Rathup

Toni Sullivan

Stephanie Lomonte

Styleria Nahan



EASTER SUNDAY



**We welcome those who received Sacraments
of Initiation at the Easter Vigil:**

Newly Baptized:

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| King Bretenia | Anyela Hernandez |
| Gabriel Thomasee | Carlos Hernandez, |
| Jose Reyes, | Andrew Isaacks |
| Ashley Reyes | Allie Isaacks |
| Rosio Reyes | Leslie Isaacks |
| Maynor Hernandez, | |

Profession of Faith:

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| Jason Bell | Cale Puckett |
| Eric Lathrop | Hunter Puckett |
| Janet LeMoine | Heston Puckett |
| Dyan Morris | Robert Puckett |
| | Natasha Negron |

Confirmation and Eucharist

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| Elisa Sonnier | Mark Wimberley |
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Eucharist

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| Gabriel Arostegui | Jazmin Santos |
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CEMI Spring, 2016

A Jubilee of Mercy (W118)

In April, 2015 Pope Francis wrote a letter proclaiming a Jubilee Year of Mercy which began Dec 8 and runs until Nov 16. It is a year for all members of the Church to grow deeper in their understanding of God's mercy. Come learn how we as children of God, are called to live and share the Good News of God's mercy with others. Participants will receive a copy of the letter which will be examined this session and also reflect on ways to incorporate mercy more deeply into their own lives.

(2 hours– 1 session)

**Dr. Lorraine S. Deluca, Director
Evangelization and Catechesis**

**Thursday, April 14, 2016
10:00 a.m-Noon**

“Contemplating the Face of Mercy” (W119)

Blending music, scripture, and prayer this is intended to be an experience of God's mercy. Inspired by the Year of Mercy announced by Pope Francis, we will explore the seat of God's mercy in our own hearts and reflect on its personal and social implications.

(2 hours-1 session)

**Paul Thomas, Associate Director
Evangelization and Catechesis**

**Monday, April 11
Morning—10:010 a.m. –Noon**

**Tuesday, April 26
Evening— 6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.**

**“Welcoming the Parents of
New Catholics:
Home Visitation Training” (W120)**

What's a parish to do after the baptism of a child? Reach out and connect the parents more closely to the parish. This training will prepare parishioners to go out, visit the parents of the newly baptized, and share what the parish means to them and keep the connection going. Come and learn about this new exciting ministry and decide if it's for you.

(2 hours-1 session)

**Dr. Lorraine S. DeLuca or
Paul Thomas**

**Wednesday, March 30
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.**

**Register for all CEMI courses by
Contacting Lauren at
924-4300 Ext 4350 or
lrogers@dioceseofbmt.org.**



An important informational meeting for men, married and single, who are interested in studying for the permanent diaconate will be held on Sunday afternoon, May 15, 2016, 2:00-4:30p.m. at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica Center. The wives of the married men who attend are also urged to be present.

The criteria and pre-requisites are available on the diocesan website: <https://www.dioceseofbmt.org/department-of-the-permanent-diaconate>.

Please mark your calendar now for this important informational meeting. Please inform your pastor of your interest in the permanent diaconate and discuss your interest with him. One of the pre-requisites is that you be actively involved in service in your parish. A letter of recommendation from your pastor will be required in the application process.

Fr. Sinclair Oubre, J.C.L. is the Director for the Permanent Diaconate Formation Program and welcomes any questions that you may have. You can e-mail him at: diaconateoffice@dioceseofbmt.org.

Stewardship of Treasure—March 19/20

Needed each week- \$11,873.00
Weekend Collection (Including Building Fund) - \$9,093.00
Under Goal- \$2,780.00

Year to Date Shortage-\$26,898.00
Year to Date needed- 11,873 x 36=\$439,301.00
Year to Date as of 032016 -\$412,403.00



**Many thanks to all who participated in the purchase of an Easter lily.
The Altar Society wishes everyone a blessed Easter.**

Barbara & Jackie Authement in Memory of Christy Authement and
in Honor of our All Our Grandchildren
Joyce & Lloyd Blanchette in Memory of Our Sweet Jude and Vernon Sr. & Margaret Hudnall
Janis & Gerald Beach in Honor of Our Children & Our Grandchildren
Shelley & Danny Borel in Honor of Our Blessed Family
Joann Breaux in Memory of Gene Breaux
Pat & Jonnie Broussard in Memory of John & Marie Orlando and Frank & Myrtle Broussard
Bernice Caillet in Memory of Paul & Lowell Caillet
Jan & Doug Childress in Honor of Our Children & Our Grandchildren
Mazel Cook in Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Darbes Smith
Joan & Eddie Dubord in Memory of Eddie Dubord, III
Don & Gloria Dyer-Lormand in Honor of Our Family Members
Jerry Ehrman in Memory of Nancy Ehrman
Norma & Wayne Franklin in Memory of Alma & Dick Franklin and in Memory of Elvie & Adolphe Dubois
Della Gallien in Memory of Leonard Gallien and Richard Bonnin
Mary Gravett in Memory of Leander & Grace Wolf
Hope Kolar in Memory of Deceased Family Members
Jennifer Kramer in Memory of James S. Thomas
Kaylord & Paul LeBouef in Memory of Lee Roy Boehme, Eldred Boehme and Dorothy Hagy
Judie A. Long in Memory of Elsie Alcoser and in Honor of Scott & Chad Long & Family
Cathy & Mike Manshack in Memory of Catherine & Bennie Fore
Mary & Floyd McDuffie in Memory of Mike & Nemecia Pachuca and
in Memory of W.F. & Ernestine McDuffie
Your Loving Husband, Robert Molina, in Memory of Rosie Molina
The Molina Family in Memory of Rosie Molina
Your Son, Joe Molina, in Memory of Rosie Molina
Marilyn & Joe Murphy in Memory of Jim Cronk and Bill Poisel
Delfina Pachuca in Memory of Marcelo & Juanita Pachuca and in Memory of Manuel Gutierrez
Irene Pachuca in Memory of Arnulfo & Rita Arciva and in Memory of Pascual & Petra Ramirez
Shirley & Reginal Parker in Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Saunders and Mr. & Mrs. George Parker
Suzette & Calvin Parker in Honor of Jordan, Reagan & Cameron Parker
Paula & Earl Perkins in Memory of Deceased Members of Sedlak Family
Mary & Scott Rollins in Memory of Deceased Neu & Rollins Family and
in Honor of our Children & Grandchildren
Al Rucka in Memory of Dorothy Rucka and Betty & J. D. Richard
Johnny Sorgee in Memory of Pam Sorgee
Laura Sparks in Honor of Allison Allison, Chris Sparks, Amy Minter and All My Grandchildren
Myrna & Jim Stimac in Honor of Our Grandchildren
Donna & Frank Thomassee in Memory of Jane Thibodeaux and in Memory of Lorna Thomassee
Bobbie Jean & John Toomey in Memory of Richard Toomey
and in Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Pachuca
Angie & E. J. Vincent in Thanksgiving for Blessings
Paul & Hazel Webb in Memory of Betty Webb and Manfred Prince
Marsha & David Williams in Memory of the Lemoine & Williams Families and
in Honor of Our Children & Grandchildren
Marie & Frank Zeto in Memory of Isabel & Dominic Romano and in
Memory of Dale & Ski Bilowich and in Memory of Jeannie McGee & Chad McGee

EASTER SUNDAY

New Class for Permanent Diaconate Formation in Español

The Office of Hispanic Ministry will be having a meeting at the Pastoral Center on April 3, 2016 at 7:00 pm for all those interested in Permanent Diaconate Formation in Español.

If you have any questions concerning the meeting, please contact Jackie Nieves at 409-924-4308 or jnieves@dioceseofbmt.org

La oficina del ministerio hispano tendrá una reunión para todo aquel interesado en el diaconado permanente, el día 3 de abril del presente año en el centro pastoral a las 7:00 p.m.

Si tiene alguna pregunta por favor llame al teléfono 409-924-4308

PRAYER POSTERS

Please look for the Women's ACTS Retreat Prayer Posters in the church foyer. When you sign up to pray for an hour you will be praying for ALL of the women.

St. Francis Women's ACTS Retreat is April 7-10

St. Kolbe Prison Retreat is April 21-23.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

After 8:30 a.m. Mass Adoration will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by morning prayer. In the evening, Adoration will continue with special evening prayer at 5:30 p.m. and will be concluded with Benediction by 6 p.m.

Upcoming Special Collections:

March 27-Easter Sunday

The Entire Easter Collection is sent to the Diocese for the Education of Seminarians and Ministers. This collection pays for tuition and educational expenses, room and board, and health insurance. At the present time, the Diocese of Beaumont has six young men in seminary one of which is from St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Orange.

The Beaumont Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Scholarship

is offering two \$500 scholarships to be awarded to two Catholic high school girls from the Beaumont Diocese who are graduating this May/June 2016 and are planning on attending college.

Applications are available in the church office and in the back of the church to any young ladies interested in applying.

Only applications that are completed will be considered.

Attach: Two (2) letters of recommendation; one from a counselor or teacher and one from your parish priest.

Deadline is April 15, 2016

Rosey Abrego Molina Scholarship

The family of Rosey Abrego Molina is awarding one scholarship in the amount of \$750 in her memory. Consideration will be given to scholarship, leadership, character, and citizenship. Candidates must be a member of the current graduating class, maintained a minimum of a 3.0 GPA, a Catholic, and active in the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Community. Candidates must have received a college letter of acceptance. Deadline is May 1

Knights of Columbus Council 13825 2016 Scholarship

Four \$500 scholarships are being offered by the Knights of Columbus. Applications can be obtained at the church office or at the entrance of the church. Deadline is May 1, 2016.



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8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass
Adoration Sign Up

Easter Sunday, March 27

8:00 & 10:30 am Mass
Adoration Sign Up

Monday, March 28

No Mass
6:30 p.m. Women's ACTS

Tuesday, March 29

8:30 a.m. Mass
5:45 a.m. Men's Faith Sharing
6:15 a.m. Women's Faith Sharing

Wednesday, March 30

6:30 p.m. Mass
5:15-6:15 p.m. RE (grades K-6)
5:15-6:30 p.m. (grades 7-8)
6:30-8:30 p.m. (grades 9-12)

Thursday, March 31

8:30 a.m. Mass
9:30 a.m. Mary Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Catholic Divorce Healing

Friday, April 1

8:30 a.m. Mass
4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts

Saturday, April 2

4:00-4:45 p.m. Reconciliation
5:00 & 7:00 p.m. Mass
Adoration Sign Up

8:00 p.m. Reception

Sunday, April 3

8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Mass
Adoration Sign Up
7:00 p.m. Rosary for Religious Freedom



The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be facilitated at 10am the first Sunday of the month.

Next Chaplet prayed will be Sunday, April 2