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# Saint Mary of False River Catholic Church

348 West Main Street, New Roads, Louisiana 70760

## St. Francis Chapel

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**APRIL 11, 2021**

2nd Sunday of Easter  
Divine Mercy Sunday

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**Office Hours:**

Monday-Thursday 8 am - 4 pm  
Closed for lunch from 12 to 1:00 pm  
Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon

**Weekday Mass Schedule:**

Tuesday through Friday: 12:00 Noon

**Weekend Mass Schedule:**

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 7:00 a.m.  
(St. Francis Chapel)  
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

### SACRAMENTS

**Reconciliation:**

**Wednesday** - 11:20 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.

**Saturday** - 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. or by appointment

**Anointing of the Sick BY APPOINTMENT ONLY and Communion for the Sick: CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

**Marriages:**

Contact the Parish Office prior to making plans; at least 6 months preparation is necessary.

**RCIA/Adult Confirmation**

Please contact Gale Roy 225-718-1574 for inquiry about the process of full initiation into the Catholic Church.

**Baptisms:**

Please contact Parish Office prior to birth for details. A seminar for parents and godparents is required.

### DEVOTIONS

**Perpetual Help Novena**

Wednesday following noon mass.

**Adoration: CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

## OUR MISSION

As members of a devout Eucharistic Community established in 1728, we at St. Mary of False River and St. Francis Chapel, take as our mission the sharing of our gifts with one another. As followers of Jesus Christ, we strive to fulfill the needs of those within our Church Parish, but also those we are called to serve beyond. As faithful stewards of our many ministries, we will persist in our work to share our love for Christ with all people by demonstrating to our best ability, the warmth of a Christ-like love.

**St. Mary Parish Office Mailing Address: 402 West Main Street, New Roads, LA 70760**

## *A Letter From our Administrator*



Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday marks the conclusion to the octave of Easter. It is the eighth day, the day of new creation. This is the day on which Christ appeared to the fearful and disheartened disciples with a word of “Peace.” But by no means do we ‘conclude’ Easter. The liturgical season of Easter lasts for 50 days and officially concludes with solemn feast of Pentecost on May 23rd. Easter is really a daily reality in every Christian’s life because it is one of the two prongs of the Paschal mystery’s dying/rising that defines Christian living. It is a challenge to keep Easter joy throughout the 50 days of our Easter season. One concrete sign of the presence of new life in our communities is the neophytes who made their profession of faith as a Catholic, were confirmed and brought to the table of the Word and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil.

We had a wonderful Holy Week! The special liturgies for each day of the Triduum went extremely well. A lot of hard work went into the planning. Again I want to thank our choirs, our liturgical ministers, decorators, Liturgy Committee, church staff, maintenance staff. You served us in such a wonderful way!

Today is also known as **Divine Mercy Sunday**, established by Pope John Paul II when he canonized the Polish Saint Faustina Kowalska on April 30, 2000. This day recognizes the abundant mercy of God offered to us through Christ. With great faith and joy, Pope John Paul II understood the Resurrection. He described it as a “miracle of mercy”, which radically changed humanity’s destiny”. For more information on Divine Mercy Sunday, please see page 5 of this bulletin.

This Sunday, April 11 at 2 p.m., we will celebrate **First Eucharist** with our 24 second graders. Keep them in your prayers. We express our gratitude to their catechists and parents who helped them prepare for their First Eucharist.

May God bless all of us! Have a wonderful week.

Love,

Fr. Mike



## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

- Sun, Apr. 11 2nd Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy  
7:00 AM Mass - SF  
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Mass - CH  
**2nd Collection - Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund**  
1st Eucharist Mass 2:00PM - CH
- Mon, Apr. 12 No Mass
- Tues, Apr. 13 12:00 Noon Mass - CH  
Mother of Perpetual Help Novena
- Wed, Apr. 14 Reconciliation 11:20 AM - 11:50 AM - CH  
12:00 Noon Mass - CH  
12:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Thurs, Apr. 15 12:00 Noon Mass - CH  
St. Joseph Novena
- Fri, Apr. 16 12:00 Noon Mass - CH
- Sat, Apr. 17 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM Reconciliation - CH  
4:00 PM Mass - CH
- Sun, Apr. 18 3rd Sunday of Easter  
7:00 AM Mass - SF  
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Mass - CH

CH - Church, PH-Parish Hall, PO - Parish Office,  
SJC - St. Joseph Center, SF - St. Francis

### Bulletin Article Deadline

The Deadline for submitting bulletin articles is Friday before noon. **Articles can be faxed to 638-6346, or emailed to [jdoucet@stmarysfr.org](mailto:jdoucet@stmarysfr.org).**

### Welcome New Parishioners!

We welcome new Parishioners. Parish registration forms are in the rear of church for your convenience and in the Parish Office. Please notify the Parish Office if your address or telephone number changes, or if you move out of the parish.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, April 11

James M. Bouanchaud, Pat Laurent, Kaleb Clark, M/M Leo L. Mix, Genevieve Jones, Angela & Floyd Chenevert, Charlotte Fabre, A.J. Bertrand, Ernest, Arabella, & Steven Langlois, Logan Hamilton, Myles Bueche & Grandparents, Francis Cazayoux, Robert & Bobbie LaCour, Pat & Ed LaCour, Paul S. Rockvoan, Paul W. Rockvoan, Megan Jarreau, Raymond Schexnayder, Sr., Rosie Laurent, Rita Major, Gerard "Bug" Roy, Jr., Milton Bonaventure, Huey Guerin, Sr., Sally Saizan, Charles Langlois, M/M O.B. Laurent, Jr., Donna Mars Gueho, Shirley D. Doucet, Craig Jewell, Shane Brewer, George & Martha Thomas, Dale Anthony Stanford, Callie Cifreo Hardin, M/M Kenneth Landry, M/M W.H. Adams, M/M George LaCour, M/M Carl Landry, Mona Guidry

### Tuesday, April 13

Margo Wade, Stephen Gummow

### Wednesday, April 14

Megan Jarreau, Gerard "Bug" Roy, Jr., Charlotte Fabre, Raymond Schexnayder, Sr., Jeff Hurme, Roberta Tassin, Sally Saizan, Donna Mars Gueho, Milton Bonaventure, Rita Major, Callie Cifreo Hardin

### Thursday, April 15

Paul Rockvoan, Megan Jarreau, Raymond Schexnayder, Sr., Bob Whitney, Una Johnson, Charlotte Fabre, Gerard "Bug" Roy

### Friday, April 16

Nell Garland

### Saturday, April 17

Andre & Veronica Fuselier, Rita Major, Jimmy Kreamer, Eloise Vercher Wells, Mike Laney, Gerard Roy, Jr., Shirley Ladmirault, Milton Bonaventure, Raymond Schexnayder, Sr., Tim & Tootsie Riche, Violet David, Viola L. LaPort, Robert Loupe, Bonnie Rae Jewell

### Sunday, April 18

James M. Bouanchaud, Pat Laurent, Kaleb Clark, M/M Leo L. Mix, Genevieve Jones, Angela & Floyd Chenevert, Charlotte Fabre, A.J. Bertrand, Ernest, Arabella, & Steven Langlois, Logan Hamilton, Myles Bueche & Grandparents, Francis Cazayoux, Paul S. Rockvoan, Paul W. Rockvoan, Megan Jarreau, Raymond Schexnayder, Sr., Rita Major, Gerard "Bug" Roy, Jr., Sally Saizan, Charles Langlois, M/M O.B. Laurent, Jr., Donna Mars Gueho, Shane Brewer, George & Martha Thomas, Lynn J. Schexnayder, Gertrude Schexnayder, Kaleb Clark, Shirley Vosburg, Ludovic, Adrienne & Gaston David, Lionel & Mildred David, Alex & Estelle Aucoin & Fly, Joseph & Inez Costello, Joseph Costello, Jr., Audley Smith, Jr., Lindely Dodson, Travis Mougeot, Mary Agnes Bueche, Wilford Porche, Sr., Jimmy Kreamer, Morris Bellelo, Callie Cifreo Hardin, Louise Landry, Mona Guidry

## GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS

### For the Week of April 18 at St. Mary:

Betty Fontaine, Mary K. Bergeron, Jude Grezaffi, Marilyn Chenevert, Codi Brown, Casey Guidry, Ashley Melancon

### God's Housekeepers for April at St. Francis:

Tammy Young, Russell Young, Marsha Hutchinson  
Marion Louis

### Vocation View

Easter! Resurrection and new life; a new life shared from an earthen tomb. This has been the meaning of life for Christian people for two thousand years. There is nothing more secure, nothing more lasting. Come and share the thrill of proclaiming this truth through your life as a priest or as a religious. **Contact Father Josh Johnson at (225) 336-8778, [jjohnson@diobr.org](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org), or visit [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations).**

### Eye Has Not Seen

They say seeing is believing. But if you've ever ordered a pair of pants online, you know that's not always the case. Whatever the photos promise us, what looked like a perfectly nice shade of navy blue on our computer screens comes in the mail as an unusual shade of blue green that only appears in the giant box of Crayola crayons.

The Apostle Thomas, who couldn't bring himself to accept that Jesus had risen from the dead without seeing him, is such an utterly relatable figure in the Gospels. Thomas is still reeling from a loss — not only of his good friend but his Lord, who was taken prisoner and crucified before his eyes. Thomas is guarding himself. He's not believing the hype. He's going to be the only judge of what is real and what is fiction.

Would any of us be any different? We've all had those thoughts. Can we believe it all — Jesus, salvation history, the Eucharist — when we haven't seen it with our own two eyes?

That's when we need to remember that those two eyes were absolutely positive they had ordered a pair of navy blue pants.

It's easy for us to sit back stroking our chins in judgment at Thomas, "you didn't believe the testimony of your friends!" But do we accept the testimony of our friends? The saints, the popes, the Church fathers themselves?

Sometimes the things that are most worthy of believing can't be seen with the naked eye.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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## STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

Collections: March 22, 2021 - March 28, 2021

Stewardship	7,195.00
Online Giving	<u>2,388.60</u>
	<b>\$9,583.60</b>
For the Poor	4,217.00
Online Giving	<u>100.00</u>
	<b>\$4,317.00</b>

### April 2021 Special/2nd Collections

#### April 10-11 Retirement Fund for Diocesan Priest - 2nd Collection

April 25-26 Catholic Home Missions - Special Collection



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## PRAYER LIST

If you wish to place a name on the prayer list or retain a name after the four week period, please call **JoNell Doucet at 638-9665**.

Please pray for all military persons and their families, and all those in need, especially, for the following people:



Mitch Aguillard  
Cecil Armond  
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Erin Bertinot  
Colbi Bonaventure  
Melvin Boudreaux  
Warren Braud  
Beverly F. Broussard  
Dorothy Broussard  
Gayle Brown  
Kynlee Bueche  
Eddie Callegan  
Meredith Canpanella  
Richard Celestin  
Peggy Champagne  
Sonya Chauvin  
Katie Cilano  
Peggy Cline  
Bryant J. David  
Jason David  
Anna Davis  
Buddy Doming  
D. Paul Doucet  
Cheryl Dubea

Bobby Eastman  
Robbie Ewing  
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Ray John Forest  
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Robert Geier, Jr.  
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Phyllis Guerin  
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Sr. Rita  
Lambert, CSJ  
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Kevin Langlois  
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Patsy LeBlanc  
Buddy Lee

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Sonny Major  
Denise Mayeux  
Olivia McAfee  
Payden Mcemore  
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Kevin McWithey  
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Sidney Miller, Jr.  
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Fr. Thomas  
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Bryant Morrow  
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Paula David Navarre  
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Mason Part  
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Dewey Reed  
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Kearn Roy  
Nadley Roy  
Jackie Saizan  
Hunter Schurba  
Anna Grace Smith  
Scott Stanford  
Martha Stoute  
Anna Lee Swindler  
Susan Thomas  
Dania Tolliver  
Diane Vidrine  
Chad Vosburg  
John Vosburg  
Cheryl Waddell  
Debbie Wall  
Miranda Young

### Divine Mercy Sunday The Second Sunday of Easter April 11, 2021

Mankind's need for the message of Divine Mercy took on dire urgency in the 20th Century, when civilization began to experience an "eclipse of the sense of God" and, therefore to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. In the 1930s, Jesus chose a humble Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her Diary. St. Faustina's Diary records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) be observed. On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in a vision, with his right hand raised in a blessing and his left touching his garment above his heart. Red and white rays emanate from his heart, symbolizing the blood and water that was poured out for our salvation and our sanctification. The Lord requested that "Jesus, I trust in You" be inscribed under his image. Jesus asked that his image be painted and venerated throughout the world: "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish" (Diary, no. 48) and "By means of this image I will grant many graces to souls" (Diary, no. 742).

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## UPCOMING EVENTS & NEWS

### Baptisms

We welcome those recently baptized: Cameron Jackson Schafer child of Joshua Glenn Schafer and Raychel Holmes Schafer.

### December 9–13, 2021 • New Orleans to Cozumel, Mexico • Carnival Valor

It's part play and part pray! Dive into the Advent Season along with your Catholic Radio Family. There will be opportunities for a few spiritual topics, daily celebration of The Holy Mass & The Sacrament of Reconciliation with Fr. Chris Decker, and holy conversations with new friends.

For more information **contact Katherine King with Red Stick Travel at [kking@redsticktravel.com](mailto:kking@redsticktravel.com) or call 225-766-2710 and mention the Catholic Community Radio Cruise.**



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