

THE BASILICA of SAINT MARY

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION
OF THE LORD
APRIL 20, 2025

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Masses: Sat · 8:00 AM (Mass of the Day)
Sat · 5:00 PM (Anticipated Mass)
Sun · 10:00 AM (Solemn Mass)
Mon · 7:00 AM
Tue-Fri · 12:05 PM

Confessions: Tue-Fri · 11:30-11:55 AM
Sat · 4:15-4:55 PM
First Saturday of the Month · 7:30-7:55 AM

Adoration: Tue · 12:30-5:30 PM

Benediction: Tue · 5:20 PM

Office Hours

Mon & Fri · 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Tue-Thu · 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM



EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD APRIL 20, 2025

*I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.
—Ps 139: 18, 5-6*

Anticipated Mass
April 26, 2025
5:00 p.m. Saturday
St. Mary Basilica

Lectors:	Charlotte Sanguinetti, Bernita Dunbar
Eucharistic Ministers:	Marty Seibert, Jean Biglane
Greeters:	Linda Biglane, Monica Mayo
Ushers:	Philip Zuccaro, Sam Tumminello, Freddie Biglane, Paul Burns
Altar Servers:	Kot Morris
Sacristan:	Philip Zuccaro

Solemn Mass
April 27, 2025
10:00 a.m. Sunday
St. Mary Basilica

Lectors:	Todd Waycaster, Denise Thibodeaux
Eucharistic Ministers:	JoAnn Waycaster, Amy Gamberi
Greeters:	Diane Golden, Chuck Golden
Ushers:	Todd Waycaster, Pat Biglane, Jay Gamberi, Daniel Thibodeaux
Altar Servers:	To be assigned by Father Aaron
Sacristan:	Todd Waycaster

PASTOR'S CORNER

Happy Easter

On behalf of the staff of Saint Mary Basilica and Assumption Church, and the administration, faculty and staff of Cathedral Catholic School, I wish all of you a very happy and blessed Easter! Please know of my continued prayers for you, but on this great Day of days, know of my gratitude for the community of Natchez and my well wishes that you will experience the love of the Risen Lord.

Yours sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Aaron M. Williams



CELEBRATION OF SACRAMENTS IN MAY AT ST. MARY BASILICA

First Holy Communion	Sunday, May 4, 2025 10:00 a.m. Mass
Confirmation	Monday, May 5, 2025 6:00 p.m. with Bishop Kopacz

ALTAR WORKERS

April 25: Gigi Johnson

ALTAR FLOWERS

April 26: Easter Lilies

ST. MARY BASILICA

PARISH INCOME April 12/13, 2025

Weekly Envelopes:

Loose Contributions:

Weekly amount anticipated to meet budget

\$14,521.83

\$423.08

Amount received last weekend

\$12,432.00 (127)

\$1,053.00

SPECIAL COLLECTION:



ASSUMPTION OF THE B.V.M. CATHOLIC CHURCH

Very Rev. Aaron M. Williams
Pastor

10 Morgantown Road
Natchez, Mississippi 39120
601.445.5616

Sunday Mass • 8:00 AM

Confession • 7:30 AM

Mass
April 27, 2025
8:00 a.m. Sunday
Assumption BVM

Lector:
Eucharistic Minister:
Head Usher:
Altar Server(s):
Sacristan for April: Pam Frank

Pam Frank
Benedict Udemgba
Johnny Atkins
Vickie Stowers

ASSUMPTION BVM PARISH INCOME LAST WEEKEND

Sunday, April 13, 2025 **\$2,936.00**

Special Collection: Second Collection:

April Money Counters: Freddie Sandel
Buddy Frank

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK ST. MARY BASILICA / ASSUMPTION BVM

MONDAY, April 21
Diocesan Priests' Retreat / Church Office Closed
-7:00 a.m. Mass

TUESDAY, April 22
Diocesan Priests' Retreat / Church Office Closed
-12:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Adoration

WEDNESDAY, April 23
Diocesan Priests' Retreat
-8:00 a.m. School Mass
-4:00 p.m. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, STH
-6:00 p.m. First Communion Meeting, FLC

THURSDAY, April 24
Diocesan Priests' Retreat
-6:00 p.m. Becoming Catholic, Youth Wing FLC
-6:00 p.m. Confirmation Meeting Class A(8th-9th) FLC

FRIDAY, April 25
Diocesan Priests' Retreat
-8:30 a.m. Assumption Bible Study, Tuite Hall

SATURDAY, April 26
-8:00 a.m. Mass
-2:30 p.m. Mascagni-Theriot Wedding, Basilica
-4:15-4:55 p.m. Confessions
-5:00 p.m. Anticipated Mass, Basilica / 2nd Collection: Catholic Home Missions

SUNDAY, April 27 Divine Mercy Sunday
-7:30/8:00 a.m. Confessions / Rosary / Mass, Assumption / 2nd Collection: Catholic Home Missions / Coffee & Donuts, Tuite Hall
-8:15 a.m. St. Mary Adult Bible Study, FLC
-10:00 a.m. Solemn Mass, Basilica / 2nd Collection: Catholic Home Missions
-2:00 p.m. Natchez City Cemetery Columbarium Dedication
-3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Sunday Service, Basilica



*Assumption BVM and St. Mary Parishioners, please contact the church office if your birthday is not listed. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!***

April 20
James Mire
David Cothren

April 21
Van Voss
Kristin Foster

April 23
Georgine Robertson
Janet Aubic
Abby Laird
Christopher Coley

April 25
Bobby Smith
Lauren Allbright
Chris SanRoman
Kerry Kaiser
Priester Byrne

April 22
Wright Graning
Amy Gamberi
Gloria Butler
Mary Virginia Waycaster

April 24
Landry Gaudé

April 26
William Chisholm IV



Save the Date:
Friday, May 2, 2025
For The Cathedral Catholic School's
Crawfish Countdown!



Let the good times boil



The following friends and members of St. Mary and Assumption parishes need our prayers. Please add these names to your prayer list. Contact the church office at 601-445-5616 to have names added to the prayer list. Names will be removed after several weeks.

J.W. Seibert	David Smith	John Barnett
Barron Black	Ann Hollowell	Johnnie and David
Cole Doughty	Stephen Hicks	Galer
Phillip Mardis	Mickey Rodriguez	Ken Beesley, Sr.
Edna Rose Bellan	Cindy Christian	Margaret Cooley
Ben Sandel	Thomas Ricks	Gayle Anders
Midge Billingsley	Jennifer Hicks	George and Anita
Stan Burkley	Dean Lazarus	Souderes
Deanie Swain	Emma Whitehead	Charles Garrity
Janet and Ricky	Eoin Maier	Clint and Elizabeth
Warren	Johnny Hicks	Smith
Charlene Rushing	Bailey Rose	Carolyn Krueger
Dennis McDaniel	Graning	Chip McIntyre
Paisley Mardis	Vicki Barlow	Rose Borum
Kenneth Langston	Levi Anderson	Frankie Case
Nathan Gaudé	Taunton	Dane Mallette
Colby Verucchi	Diane Golden	Davin Burns
Fr. David O'Connor	Harry and Betty	Clark Jackson
Jim Willard	Smith	Lanny Brasher
Bernita Dunbar	Ami Scott	Reynolds Atkins
Judy Williams	Georgine	Maureen Irby
Jacque Stahlman	Robertson	Mark Glunz
Rose Godfrey	Jack Aubic	Jan Smith
Noreen O'Beirne	Robyn Smith	Father Leopold
Bozeman	Mike Depta	Keffler
Becky Burns	*****	Justin May
Bryant Wilson	Jack and Doris	David Holloway
Glenn Middleton	Kerwin	John Kennon
Gail Rushing	Brian Warren	Donald Shupe
Roseminette Gaudé	Mary Gunning	Robert Paradise
Priester Byrne	Sonny Vance	Donna Misita
Mike Myers	Sissy E. Browning	Mike Chapman
Lillie Bertelsen	Walter Maier	Linda Brown
Pete Cantu	Ron Gaudé	Cynthia Dollar
Pat Williams	Freddie Baker	Cassie Cole
Linden Cotton	Jim Eidt	Ohlrich
Tommy Biglane	Eileen Maher	
Butch Pitchford	Lloyd McDaniel	
Justin Gregg	Michael Piazza	
Shane Ponthier	Bobbie Dollar	
*****	Janie Bertelsen	
Dennis Christian	Richard Baroni	
Delphine Prestridge	Cathy Roberts	
Mary Eidt	Judy Uzzetta	
Jolene Ortego	Beulah Dallalio	
David Burns	Janette Webb	
Dot Bright	Brian LeBlanc	
Joy Greer	Mary Ann Foggo-	
Gwen McCalip	Eidt	
Will Hutchinson	Margaret Wilson	
Laura Sims Weems	Audrey Odenwald	
Louis Dallalio	Marvin Littleton	
Dylan Pressgrove	Fr. Mike O'Brien	
Margaret Guido	Bill Saxon	
Stacy Walters	*****	
Mickey and Donna	Suellen Barnett	
Finn	Mary Ruth Maier	

Please contact the church office if a name is listed that no longer needs to be listed. Thanks!



Exposition / Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held immediately following the 12:05 p.m. Mass every Tuesday at St. Mary Basilica. *Adoration concludes at 5:20 p.m. with*

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Come to a quiet place and spend an hour with Jesus.

During Eucharistic Adoration hours, someone must be in the church at all times. The Blessed Sacrament can never be left unattended!

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO SERVE



We pray for those men and women who serve in the military or law enforcement or who serve as firefighters, especially those listed below at this time. Contact the church office to have names removed or added.

Tyler Wheeler	Matthew Henderson	Buddy Frank
Andrell Hardy	Matthew Voss	John Hudson
Delayne Bush	Xander Miller	Tiffany Ratcliff
Lee Best	Nathan Latimer	Michael Ratcliff
Lance Adams	Mark Stein	Slick Frank
Josh Jackson	Mike Chapman	Amanda
Carey Jackson	Travis Patten	Richardson
Casey Snyder	Josh Gamberi	Shelby Case
Ben Long	Conner Burns	Shawn Parker
Martin Latimer	Luke Eidt	Steve Waldrop
Fr. Anthony Okwum	Brian Hughes	Andrew Kellogg
Brandon Bordelon	Albert J. Hughes,	Russ Williams
Christopher	Sr.	Mark Verucchi
Shaidnagle	Frank Smith	Shane
Marcus Estes	Priester Byrne	McDonald
Aaron Moore	Hunter Boyte	J D Frasier
Andrew Geoghegan		Ryan Carney

TAI CHI CLASS

***QiGONG / TAI-CHI CAO for seniors or anyone will be offered**

every Tuesday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the O'Connor Family Life Center Youth Wing.

NOTE: There will be NO Tai Chi this Tuesday, April 22, 2025.



LINE DANCING AT ST. MARY FLC



Line dancing is offered in the Youth Wing at the Family Life Center from 9:00-10:00 a.m. every Monday. Please enter through the door by the green

space. **NOTE: There will be NO Line Dancing this Monday, April 21.**

SAVE THE DATE: Final Parish Dinner of the Spring

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

6:00 pm Family Life Center



*The delicious complimentary meal will be provided by
Tab and Sabrina Dore of Shelter Insurance, Vidalia, LA.*

Menu to be
announced

COMING SOON - Mary's House Catholic Bookshop

Located in the historic St. Therese Hall below the Basilica Church, Mary's House will provide devotion-
al items and gifts to visitors and locals alike, along with books and articles specific to the Basilica parish
and its history. The entrance to the new bookshop will be located on the Main Street side of STH. A
section of the shop will be dedicated specifically to goods made by the monks of St. Joseph Monastery in
Natchez, with the proceeds of these sales going to support the lives of the monks.

Mary's House	
Help us open a Catholic bookstore in Natchez. Only 200 tickets will be sold. Winner receives \$10,000.	
Name:	Phone Number:
Address:	
\$100.00	#52

A \$10,000 raffle is being held to cover the start-up cost of the shop. Only 200 tickets will be sold. Winner receives \$10,000.

Tickets may be purchased from Cathedral High School students or from the church office in the Family Life Center.

CONFIRMATION AT ST. MARY



Preparations are underway for the 2025 Confirmation class at St. Mary Basilica. **Confirmation will be celebrated May 5 at 6:00 pm at St. Mary Basilica.**

Class A is for 8th-9th grade candidates. Class B is for 10th-12th graders. All

classes meet from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. on their assigned dates in the Main Room of the FLC.

Class Instruction Schedule:

- *Class A (Grades 8-9):
Thursday, April 24, 2025 [Final Class]
- *Class B (Grades 10-12):
Thursday, May 1, 2025 [Final Class]

First Holy Communion



There will be a First Communion Student Session Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center for all children who plan to receive these this sacrament.

Facilitator is Katherine Callon.

First Holy Communion will be held on Sunday, May 4, 2025, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Please keep these children and their families in your prayers: **Barrett Brown, Mollie Best, Colette Costa, Landry Gaude, Emma Williams, Tatum Johnson, Linley Biglane, Adalynn Vegas, Frances Martin, Emeri Geoghegan, Whitney Christian, Sophia Nguyen, Destin Nguyen, Caroline Roberts, Frederick Ragan III, Reynolds Leon Atkins IV, Evan Milliken, John Cooper Willard, Sydney Morris.**

Second Collection: April 26-27, 2025 Catholic Home Missions

The *Catholic Home Missions Appeal* contributions help to strengthen the Church at home. Your generosity will provide catechesis, seminarian education, lay ministry training, and other pastoral programs in needy dioceses throughout the United States. Envelopes are in your monthly contribution packets and will be in the church pews.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd



This program meets every Wednesday from 4:00-5:15 p.m. downstairs in the Basilica in the Atrium in St. Therese Hall for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade. New children are always welcome. Lisa Ward is the class facilitator.



WELCOME HOME: Becoming Catholic

(Formerly RCIA) A study of Catholic beliefs and practices including the Church Creed, sacraments, worship, prayer, morality, commandments. No charge.

Every Thursday, Family Life Center Youth Wing

6:00-6:30 p.m. Light Supper,

6:30-7:30 p.m. Presentation / Discussion

BABYSITTING: Available each Thursday evening; please let us know if you need this service.

FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Ruth Powers in the parish office: call 601 445-5616 or email parishprograms@stmarybasilica.org

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

April 24

Celebration Potluck/ A Dynamic Catholic, FLC

May 1

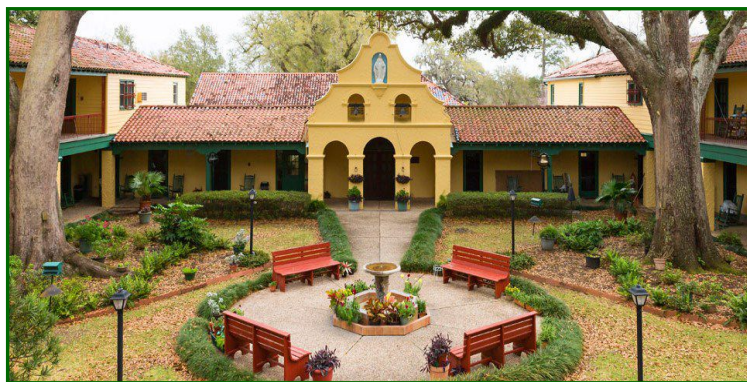
Dynamic Catholic: Prayer/ Personal Prayer

May 8

Dynamic Catholic: Prayer/Ritual Prayer

ATTENTION LADIES:

RETREAT AT OUR LADY OF THE OAKS, GRAND COTEAU, LA



Would you like to grow closer to God? Do you need some time away to listen to Him, to grow, to rest? Experience the natural beauty of oak trees and the beautiful setting of nature.

If you are interested in joining us for a relaxing retreat weekend, December 4-7, 2025, please contact Kot Morris at **601-334-8339**. It is time to send in our deposits as soon as possible to hold our rooms as they fill up quickly.

Was Jesus just a
GHOST
when he appeared
to the apostles?

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Join Dr. Michael Barber as he answers some of the Internet's most popular questions about the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Did the Resurrection actually happen? Was Jesus a ghost when he appeared to the apostles? And what's the deal with the Easter Bunny?

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An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

PRAY THE ROSARY

- ♦ The rosary is prayed every Wednesday morning at 11:30 in the Basilica before the 12:05 p.m. Mass.
- ♦ The rosary is also prayed each Sunday morning at 7:30 at Assumption Catholic Church before the 8:00 a.m. Mass.



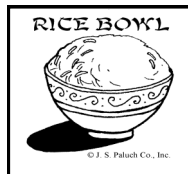


CHURCH OFFICE HOURS DURING EASTER

The St. Mary Basilica and Assumption of the BVM Church office, 613 Main Street, will be closed **through Easter Tuesday,**

April 22, 2025. The office will reopen Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at the usual time.

Fr. Aaron Williams and the staff wish everyone a very joyous and blessed Easter.



RETURN YOUR FILLED LENTEN RICE BOWLS

It is not too late to return your filled Rice Bowls to the Basilica or Assumption Church. You may drop them by the church office or put them in the collection basket

at any Mass.

Your loose change can help so many people in need. Please be generous and return your Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls.

CHANGE IN MASS SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF APRIL 21-25, 2025

**Schedule
Change**

Father Aaron and all diocesan priests will be on Retreat the week of April 21-25, 2025.

There will be NO daily Masses at St. Mary Basilica on Tuesday-Friday of this week.

There will be the 7:00 a.m. Monday Mass, and there will be a School Mass on Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. at the Basilica.



FROM THE ARCHIVES . . .

Msgr. Thomas J. Fullam

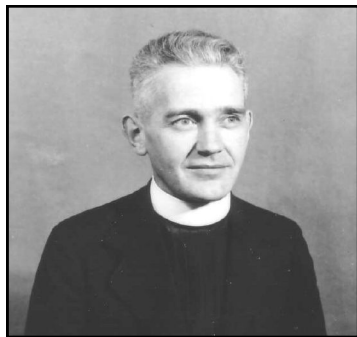
Rector and 13th Pastor of St. Mary Cathedral [1944-1967]

Thomas Joseph Fullam was born in Dublin, Ireland in 1904. He was ordained in 1929 and served in several Mississippi parishes before being appointed rector of St. Mary Cathedral on July 1, 1944.

Msgr. Fullam's long tenure was one of the most eventful in St. Mary's history. It included the end of World War II and Natchez's post war expansion; a complete revamping and expansion of the parish's educational programs; the transfer of the Chancery and Bishop's residence to Jackson; the election of the nation's first Catholic president; the establishment of Assumption Mission as a separate parish; the four sessions of the Second Vatican Council; and the racial integration of Mississippi Catholic schools. No other pastor in St. Mary's history had to deal with such profound changes in parish life.

The most visible improvement during Msgr. Fullam's tenure was the completion of a new modern elementary school and secondary school-convent complex. He also had the Cathedral and the Rectory renovated, cared well for the two orphanages until their closing in 1967, and promoted goodwill among all denominations.

At his departure from Natchez in 1967 the local newspaper paid tribute to Msgr. Fullam's role in the Natchez community:



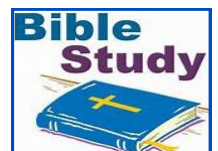
We know of no priest or minister in Natchez who has held the love, esteem, and confidence of so many people of all faiths.

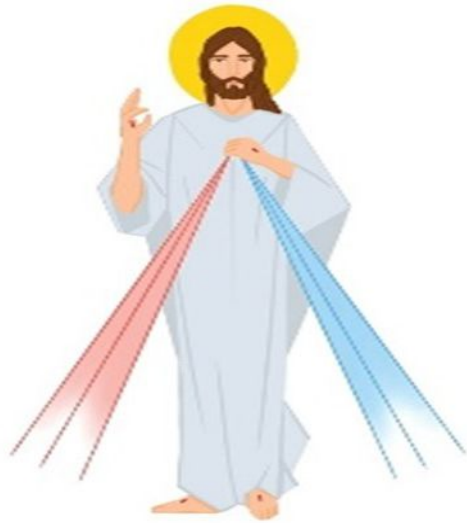
Msgr. Fullam has truly been the "Father Confessor" for thousands upon thousands of people, Catholic and Non-Catholic; rich or poor; high and lowly born. Through his kind and gentle ministrings, his sympathetic and understanding nature, his God inspired advice and guidance, he has brought happiness, understanding, harmony, hope, and, above all, a greater belief, confidence and reverence for God.

—Submitted by Jack Aubic, member of St. Mary Basilica Archives

Assumption Friday Morning Bible Study

The Assumption Friday Morning Bible Study has begun a study of **ACTS**. The study meets at Assumption Tuite Hall every Friday at 8:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to join this Bible study. Contact Roseminette Gaude or call the church office.





DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY SERVICE

APRIL 27, 2025

3:00 PM

ST MARY BASILICA

PRAYER WORKSHOP

Praying with Sacred Art and Images

Many are familiar with praying with scripture in a slow, reflective way (also known as Lectio Divina) but did you know that you could pray with sacred images and art? We will also cover some basics of imaginative prayer. Join Melinda Laird as we explore Visio Divina, prayerfully encountering God through images and art. All are welcome.

Tuesday, May 13, 6 p.m. in the Family Life Center Youth Wing.



WELCOME HOME: BECOMING CATHOLIC

Please pray for our **Catechumens** (those who are being baptized), and our **Candidates** (those already baptized in other Christian denominations), and our **Confirmands** (those who are receiving the sacrament of Confirmation) as well as their godparents, sponsors, families, and the members of the OCIA team.

They are receiving the sacraments of initiation at the Solemn Easter 8:00 p.m. Vigil Mass this Saturday, April 19, 2025. We welcome them!

CATECHUMENS

Carter Austin
Ace Sanderson
Solace Sanderson

INFANT BAPTISM

Harvey Catherine Singleterry

CANDIDATES

Montie Chapman
Gabriel McMillin
Robert Phillips III
Robert Phillips IV
Rebecca Samrow
Ella Samrow
Derrick Sanderson
Regan Singleterry

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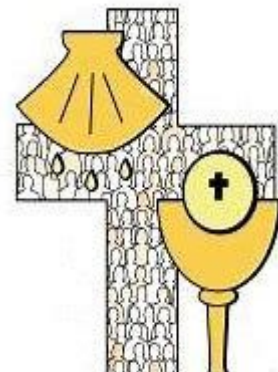
Austin Carter, Jr.
Ruth Powers
Ruth Powers

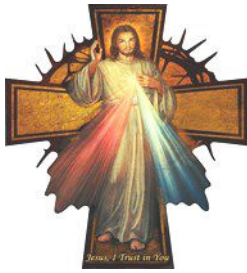
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Tacy Singleterry and Jim Junker

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What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.

The Lord expressed His will with regard to this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her *Diary* entry 699:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially 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. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy.

The Second Sunday of Easter was already a solemnity as the Octave Day of Easter. Liturgically the Easter Octave has always been centered on the theme of Divine Mercy and forgiveness. Divine Mercy Sunday, therefore, points us to the merciful love of God that lies behind the whole Paschal Mystery — the whole mystery of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ — made present for us in the Eucharist. In this way, it also sums up the whole Easter Octave. As Pope John Paul II pointed out in his Regina Caeli address on Divine Mercy Sunday, 1995: "the whole octave of Easter is like a single day," and the Octave Sunday is meant to be the day of "thanksgiving for the goodness God has shown to man in the whole Easter mystery."

Given the liturgical appropriateness of the title "Divine Mercy Sunday" for the Octave Day of Easter, therefore, the Holy See did not give this title to the Second Sunday of Easter merely as an "option," for those dioceses who happen to like that sort of thing! Rather, the decree issued on May 5, 2000, by the Sacred Congregation for Divine Worship and The Discipline of the Sacraments clearly states: "the Supreme Pontiff John Paul II has graciously determined that in the Roman Missal, after the title Second Sunday of Easter, there shall henceforth be added the appellation 'or [that is] Divine Mercy Sunday'..."

Divine Mercy Sunday, therefore, is not an optional title for this solemnity; rather, Divine Mercy is the integral name for this Feast Day.

<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/celebrate/greatgrace/dms>



You are cordially invited to the

**Bluff Garden Columbarium Dedication
on the grounds of the historic Natchez City Cemetery**

**Sunday, April 27, 2025
two o'clock in the afternoon**

Dedication of the Natchez City Cemetery's Columbarium

Since the 1929 formation of the Natchez Cemetery Association, our St. Mary and Assumption congregation has had important representation on that board. Over the years, many faithful women from our church have served on this board and dedicated long hours to care for our cemetery. It has been and remains important to these ladies, to their churches, and to our City of Natchez to provide a well-cared-for and beautiful final resting place for the many generations of Natchez and area residents and even those from afar.

As more people are deciding on cremation for their loved ones, the association members felt the need to design a unique spot for the "inurnment" of cremated remains. The recently completed columbarium provides this hallowed place on elevated ground in the "Bluff" section of our celebrated historic Natchez City Cemetery.

For you to view and experience the signature addition of this structure and its setting, we cordially invite you to join the Natchez Cemetery Association at the Dedication of the Bluff Columbarium Garden on Sunday, April 27, 2025, at 2:00 in the afternoon.

EASTER LILIES 2025

The beautiful Easter flowers
decorating the altar areas of St.
Mary Basilica and Assumption
Catholic Church were donated
in honor or memory of the
following loved ones:



DONATED BY

Tres and Emily Atkins

Patty Barlow

Judy P. Bartley

Paul and Ginny Benoist

Burns Children: Annette, Ann, Parnell, Peter,
Melanie, John, David, and Paul

Burkley and Gamberi Family

Gloria Butler

Anna Byrne

Darren and Ginger Cowart

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Paul and Suzanne Guido

Kent and Naomi Guillory

Agnes Holloway

James Family

Warren and Dale Jane

Gigi Johnson

Junkin Family

Bruce Kuehnle Family

IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF

Bennett Jeansonne

J. I. Brown, Jr., Doris Brown

Kirk Bartley, Deceased of the Pitchford Family

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Miller Gamberi, Jared Frederick,
Roger McDonald

Dickie Butler

Mike Byrne, Logan Byrne,
Titter and Speedy Wilson

Mothers Jean Cowart and Linda Sevin

Mallory Mahony

Millard and Peg Drouillard

Ellen Edwards

Deceased Members of Foley and Gascon
Families

Deceased of Passbach Family, Garrity Family,
Esposito Family, Butchart Family, and
Passavanti Family

LeBlanc and Guido Family

Guillot and Guillory Families

Donnie Holloway

Betsy James

Ruckert and Jane Families

Ellen Edwards

Deceased of the Richard Junkin Family and the
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Mr. and Mrs. Noland Biglane,
Dr. and Mrs. Bruce Kuehnle

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	12:05 p.m. Daily Mass Tuesday-Friday			
April Monday, 21	7:00 a.m. Daily Mass Richard Pitchford, Sr. (D)	Family		
Tuesday, 22	NO DAILY MASS			
Wednesday, 23	NO DAILY MASS			
Thursday, 24	NO DAILY MASS			
Friday, 25	NO DAILY MASS			
Saturday, 26	8:00 a.m. Daily Mass Marie D'Antoni Gross (D)	O'Rear Family	5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass Joan Brown (D)	Stephen and Linda Smith
Sunday, 27	8:00 a.m. Mass Assumption People of the Parish		10:00 a.m. Solemn Mass People of the Parish	

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