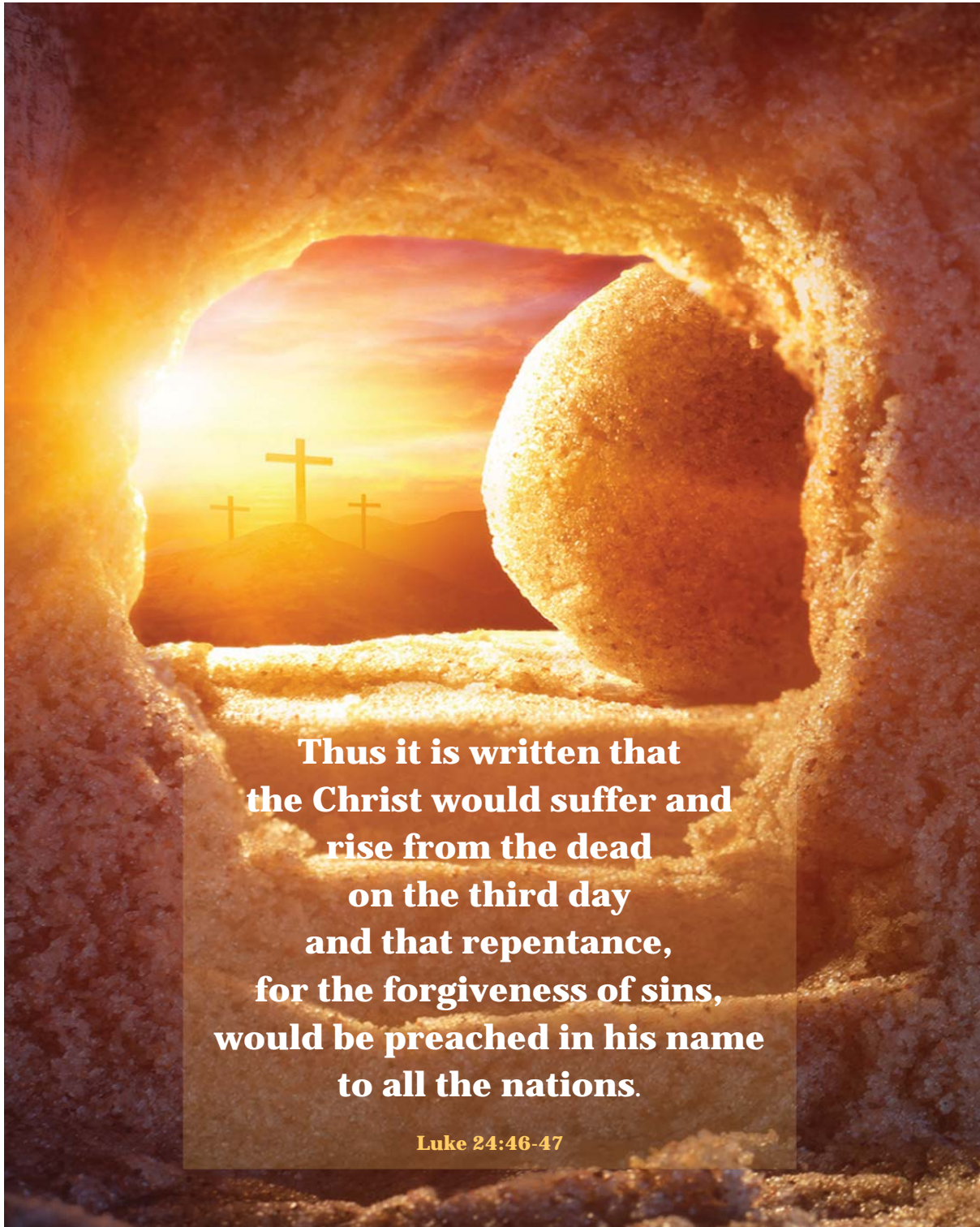


*3rd Sunday of Easter*

*A Year Of The Grace Of Yes*

*April 15, 2018*



**Thus it is written that  
the Christ would suffer and  
rise from the dead  
on the third day  
and that repentance,  
for the forgiveness of sins,  
would be preached in his name  
to all the nations.**

**Luke 24:46-47**

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# PARISH INFORMATION



Welcome to Holy Cross Catholic Church

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### Our Mission Statement

The mission of Holy Cross Catholic Church is to Awaken, Enrich and Enliven the Sacred Within.

### Holy Cross Core Values

We joyfully, prayerfully and lovingly:  
 Embrace all we encounter.  
 Honor the journey of others.  
 Empower all to discover the sacred within.

Through this discipleship of Christ we serve others.

**BAPTISMS:** Are celebrated after the 11:00 am Mass on Sundays. Parents must be registered, practicing Catholics and attend a Baptismal Workshop. Godparents must be at least 18 years of age, confirmed, practicing Catholics and attend a Baptismal Workshop.

### RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Weekdays 30 minutes before mass  
 Saturdays 2:15—3:45 pm  
 And by appointment

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Held the 1st Friday of each month after the 9:00 am Mass— 12 Noon

**WEDDINGS:** Please call the church office 9 to 12 months in advance.

### RCIA Would you like to become Catholic?

If you or someone you know would like to learn more about the Catholic faith and if you would like to enroll in the RCIA program, please call the church office 337-984-9636, Ext 1202 or Adult Faith Formation Office at 337-654-9671.



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Grand Knight-Gus Gallo  
 337.984.6159  
[a.gallo@cox.net](mailto:a.gallo@cox.net)

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 pm (Anticipated Mass)  
 Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 5:00 pm

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Wednesday, Tuesday 9:00 am  
 Thursday, Friday 5:30 pm

*Third Sunday of Easter*  
*A Year Of The Grace Of Yes*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday:** Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
- Friday:** Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
- Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
- Sunday:** Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday:** Third Sunday of Easter
- Tuesday:** Income Tax Day
- Saturday:** St. Anselm

**BELIEVING IN JESUS CHRIST**

Throughout the Easter season, all three of the Sunday readings are taken from the New Testament—the Christian scriptures. Together they explore what it means to believe in Jesus as the Christ, the One who fulfilled the prophecies of the Jewish scriptures.

Today’s selections refer to our human weakness, yet they emphasize the forgiveness and peace that are available to those who put their faith in “Jesus Christ the righteous one” (1 John 2:2). In the Acts of the Apostles Peter invites everyone to “repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away” (Acts 3:19). The First Letter of John calls Jesus Christ “expiation for our sins” (1 John 2:2). Finally, in the Gospel Jesus greets the disciples with “Peace” and urges them to preach “repentance, for the forgiveness of sins” (Luke 24:47).

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**Monday, 04/16**

**9:00 AM:** Beverly Posseno, Kathryn Kelly, Oscar Carbonvilla, Archie McCauley, Jr., Elizabeth Deshotels.

**Tuesday, 04/17**

**5:30 PM:**

**Wednesday, 04/18**

**9:00 AM:** Evangeline Grace Breaux.

**Thursday, 04/19**

**9:00 AM:** Ray Hession, Richard Price, Gayle Harrington.

**Friday, 04/20**

**9:00 AM:** Ted Harrington, M/M Jim Pere, Frances Crist, Kathryn Kelly, Alcide Clement.

**Saturday, 04/21**

**4:00 PM:** Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Kidder, Blair Harden, Shirley Stutes, Mr. and Mrs. Lefiad Simon, Kim Simon Palmer, Beverly Colomb, Kathryn Kelly.

**Sunday 04/22**

**9:00 AM:** All Parishioners.

**11:00 AM:** Rita B. Keller, Thomas Mhire, Julie Deshotels Jardell, Errol Deshotels, Sue Laprairie, Mo Trent, Barbara Lynn Gutierrez, Matthew Simon.

**BETHANY MINISTRY**

The Bethany Ministry is comprised of teams of volunteers who offer their service of providing food around funeral arrangements. In a parishioner’s time of grieving, the Bethany Ministry is able to take the stress off the family’s shoulders in one small area with feeding guests at the wake or funeral. Please call Tracy Laurent at 337-962-7303 or email her at [tracymlaurent@yahoo.com](mailto:tracymlaurent@yahoo.com) if you are interested in the Bethany Ministry.

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS:**

**April 8, 2018 — \$ 20,863.00**

**Thank you for your generous spirit of giving.**



WELCOME

HONOR

EMPOWER



## YES INITIATIVE

### YES

There are two parts to this important yet simple phrase. The first part or word is **YES**. Three letters that can determine the direction of your journey and the journey of the parish. The **YES** comes from our Blessed Mother who said **YES** to the invitation of the Father to be the mother of His Son. With doubt and struggle, Mary surrendered and the dream of the Father became flesh in our world! It was her time. But NOW it is YOUR TIME for **YES**! It is most challenging and somewhat fearful as it brings us across the threshold to encounter the person of Jesus, the Sacred Within.

### INITIATIVE

The next part of the phrase is **INITIATIVE**. Now what, pray tell, does that mean? This is a word not often applied to Church, Parish, Journey, or Spiritual Path. Yet, without **INITIATIVE** there is NO movement, No growth, and NO becoming. The word means Creativity, Spirit, Energy, Vision, Self-Motivation or Resourcefulness. Now which one of these descriptions applies to you, where you are in relation to God, His Son Jesus, the Holy Spirit, Community, and Parish?? For many of us, this is new. The world in which we grew up as Catholics was never spoken of in these terms. After all, the parish was simply a place where the Church was located; it was a place where one attended mass or sent children to CCD: a place for baptisms, weddings, or funerals. It was NOT, usually spoken of in terms of **A COMMUNITY TO BELONG TO AND TO GROW WITH AND TO BE INVESTED IN.**

*Holy Cross desires and is hungering for the gift of who you are and the gifts you bring to welcome, honor and empower the self and the parish. We invite you to dance and to pray with this new yet old idea of becoming church.*



**2018  
Easter Mission**

**"THE 'YES' OF DISCIPLESHIP"**

**Monday, April 16th - Wednesday, April 18th  
at 6 p.m.**

**PRESENTER:**

**Deacon Keith Strohm**

**Executive Director of M3 Ministries**

**Holy Cross Church  
415 Robley Drive  
Lafayette, LA**

# Worship

## HOLY CROSS MEN'S ACTS RETREAT

Acadian Baptist Center — Eunice

Men's April 19 - 22, 2018

ACTS is an acronym for Adoration, Community, Theology and Service. The retreat's goals are to strengthen our faith and its application in our daily life, to renew ourselves spiritually and to build strong, lasting friendships. The ACTS weekend is presented by lay Catholic women, with support provided by a Spiritual Director/ companion or clergy.

For information on the Men's Retreat, contact Joe Simon at 337-258-0650 or joesimon@bellesouth.net.

Please find registration forms in church, the church office and online on the Holy Cross website at [ww.holycrosslafayette.com](http://ww.holycrosslafayette.com) or our ACTS website [www.holycrossacts.org](http://www.holycrossacts.org).

## ANNULMENT PROCESS WORKSHOP

April 17, 2018, the Judicial Vicar for the Diocese of Lafayette, Msgr. Robie Robichaux, will be presenting workshops on Declaration of Nullity and what is needed to begin the process. Additionally, the Office of Marriage and Family Life will provide information and resources available to individuals dealing with divorce and grief recovery. The two hour workshop will be held at 10:00 am or 6:00 pm at the Diocesan offices, 1408 Carmel Drive, Lafayette, LA. Prior to attending one of the sessions, please register by calling 261-5623, or via email to [catrahan@diolaf.org](mailto:catrahan@diolaf.org).

*There is no charge for this workshop.*

## Flowers for the Sanctuary

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Simply fill out the form below and mail it to the church office or drop it in the collection.

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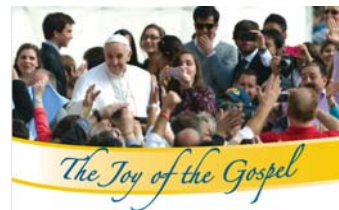
In Memory, in Honor, or in Thanksgiving of \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \$100.00

Phone # and or e-mail contact info: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
1<sup>st</sup> Preference \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Preference \_\_\_\_\_



The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis' remarkable exhortation on evangelization, is quickly gaining its place among the most powerful and inspiring papal documents of all time. The Joy of the Gospel is a passionate call for every Christian to be constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others.

Holy Cross is offering a six-session reflection study on the Joy of the Gospel. This study focuses on the three main themes contained in Pope Francis' letter. The study guide can be downloaded from the internet or a copy can be obtained from Holy Cross. <http://www.jesuitforum.ca/sites/jesuitforum.ca/files/joyweb.pdf>

The study guide is self-contained with quotes from the document, narratives on the three themes and questions for discussion. The sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings from April 25 through May 30, 2018, 6:30-8:00 PM in Faith Hall. There is no cost for the study. Please call the Holy Cross office to register for the study, 337-984-9636.



## Worship

### WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION WITH LINDA BROOKS



**"RESTING IN GOD'S GOODNESS"**

**May 5, 2018**

**9 a.m. – Noon**

**St. Joseph Church**

**232 St. De Porres Street**

**Broussard, LA**

**\$10 per person**

**Registration 8:30 a.m.**

**For more information, please  
contact the church office at  
337-837-6218.**

### **Jesuit Spirituality Center Upcoming Directed Retreats**

The Jesuit Spirituality Center at Grand Coteau announces upcoming individually directed retreats. Silent, Individually-Directed Retreats of 3, 5 or 8-days begin on:

**Monday, April 23 or Thursday, April 26**

**Monday, May 14 or Thursday, May 17**

**Monday, May 28 or Thursday, May 31**

**Friday June 8 — 3 & 5 days only**

**Monday, June 18 or Thursday, June 21**

*Registration form on website at [jesuitspiritualitycenter.org](http://jesuitspiritualitycenter.org) or call 337-662-5251.*

## **THE EASTER SEASON: OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH**

**Make time to eat with all  
the family present**

**Write a love letter to the  
members of your family**

**For those in your life, offer  
a prayer of thanksgiving**

**Speak well of others, of all  
people**

**The Light given to you,  
pass it on**

**Let the past stay in the past**

**Smile in gratitude for all  
you have**

**Become the change you  
want for the world**

**Embrace your value as  
God's creation**

**Silence cell phones when  
eating with others**

**Remember the poor both**



 EDGE

**AWAKE O SLEEPER  
MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCK-IN RETREAT**

**June 23-24, 2018**

**AGES INCLUDE:  
Entering into 6th through 9th grade**

**SAVE THE DATES**

**Cost \$35**

AWAKE O SLEEPER

## Young Adult Conference

Ages 18 to 35

Theme:  
To the Heights

Hosted by:



**HOLY CROSS**  
CHURCH  
WELCOME HONOR EMPOWER

**Saturday  
July 14th,  
2018**

**Cost \$50**

**LIFE TEEN  
CORE  
APPLICATIONS  
STARTS NOW!**

Holy Cross Life Teen will be opening applications for any adult or young adult who considers the urgency in Christ's invitation, "GO MAKE Disciples!" If you feel even the slightest call please contact Kyle Melancon. He would like to meet over coffee to hear your story and journey with you to become missionary driven disciples.





VBS Registration is now open!! Ages for campers are from 4 years old to entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Volunteers are always welcomed and appreciated from teens (17 and under) to adults (18 and over). Please note that anyone 18 and over must be safe environment trained.

VBS registration forms can be found on our website at [www.holycrosslafayette.com](http://www.holycrosslafayette.com), in the entrances of church, and will be sent home with your child this week if they attend our Disciple Formation classes. If you would like a form emailed to you, please contact Kristi graham at [kgraham@holycrosslafayette.com](mailto:kgraham@holycrosslafayette.com).

Registration closes on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Mass for Survivors of Violence

Violence hits all communities, all income and age groups and it also tests our faith. We have a responsibility to respond. Acadiana has had its share of violence, domestic abuse, serial killings, stabbings, and the list goes on. Please help us reach out to those individuals and families who have experienced the pain and hurt of losing a love one through a violent act.

**A Special Mass for  
Survivors of Violence  
to be held on  
Sunday, April 29, 2018  
2:00 p.m.  
Cathedral of St. John  
celebrant will be  
Bishop Douglas Deshotel**

*All are invited to the Mass and the  
reception that follows.*



The purpose of the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** is to publically fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the *ordained ministries* (priesthood and diaconate), to the *Religious life* in all its forms (male and female, contemplative and apostolic), to *societies of apostolic life*, to *secular institutes* in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life, in the particular sense of *mission "ad gentes"*.

**2018 marks the 55th Anniversary of the  
World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

Priests	Mon, April 16 Rev. Richard Vidrine	Tues, April 17 Very Rev. Thomas Voorhies, VF	Wed, April 18 Rev. Thomas Vu	Thurs, April 19 Rev. Richard Wagner, SSJ	Fri, April 20 Rev. Authur Warren	Sat, April 21 Rev. Derrick Weingartner, SJ	Sun, April 22 Rev. Travis Abadie
Seminarians	Riley Maturin	Scott Mitchell	Rev. Mr. Stephen Pellessier	Rev. Mr. Ben Pitre	Connor Poirrier	Rev. Mr. Andrew Schumacher	Rev. Mr. Brent Smith
						Sacrament of Reconciliation 2 :15—3:45 PM	

## COMPANIONS ALONG THE JOURNEY

Bereavement support group  
for those 18 years of age or older

Morning meetings are held on the first Saturday of each month from 9:00 -11:00 a.m. at St. Peter Church (102 North Church Street, Carencro, La 70520) in the St. Anne AV Room. For more information, please contact Karol Meynard at 337-261-5607, 337-257-9467, kmeynard@diolaf.org or karolmeynard@gmail.com.

Evening meetings are available on the second Thursday of each month from 6:30-8:30 p.m. These meetings are hosted by Sts. Peter & Paul Church (1110 Old Spanish Trail, Scott, La 70583), in Room #1 of the new CCD building. For more information, please contact Carla Olivier at 337-654-8917.

## WHAT WILL YOU SAY **YES** TO IN **April**?

- Doing your very best
- Learning something new
- Taking a walk
- Spreading kindness
- Talking to God in your own words
- Enjoying without forgetting
- Forgiving without punishment
- Being strong
- Singing along with the choir during mass
- Willingness to change
- Forgiving yourself
- Honoring the stories of others
- Tell someone the gift you see in them

## REMEMBER ME SUPPORT GROUP

Faith-based support group for those coping with dementia/Alzheimer's

The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 16, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Group meetings are held every third Monday of each month in the Ministries Building of St. Elizabeth Seton Church (610 Raintree Trail, Lafayette, La 70507). Please contact the parish office at 337-235-1483 for more information.