

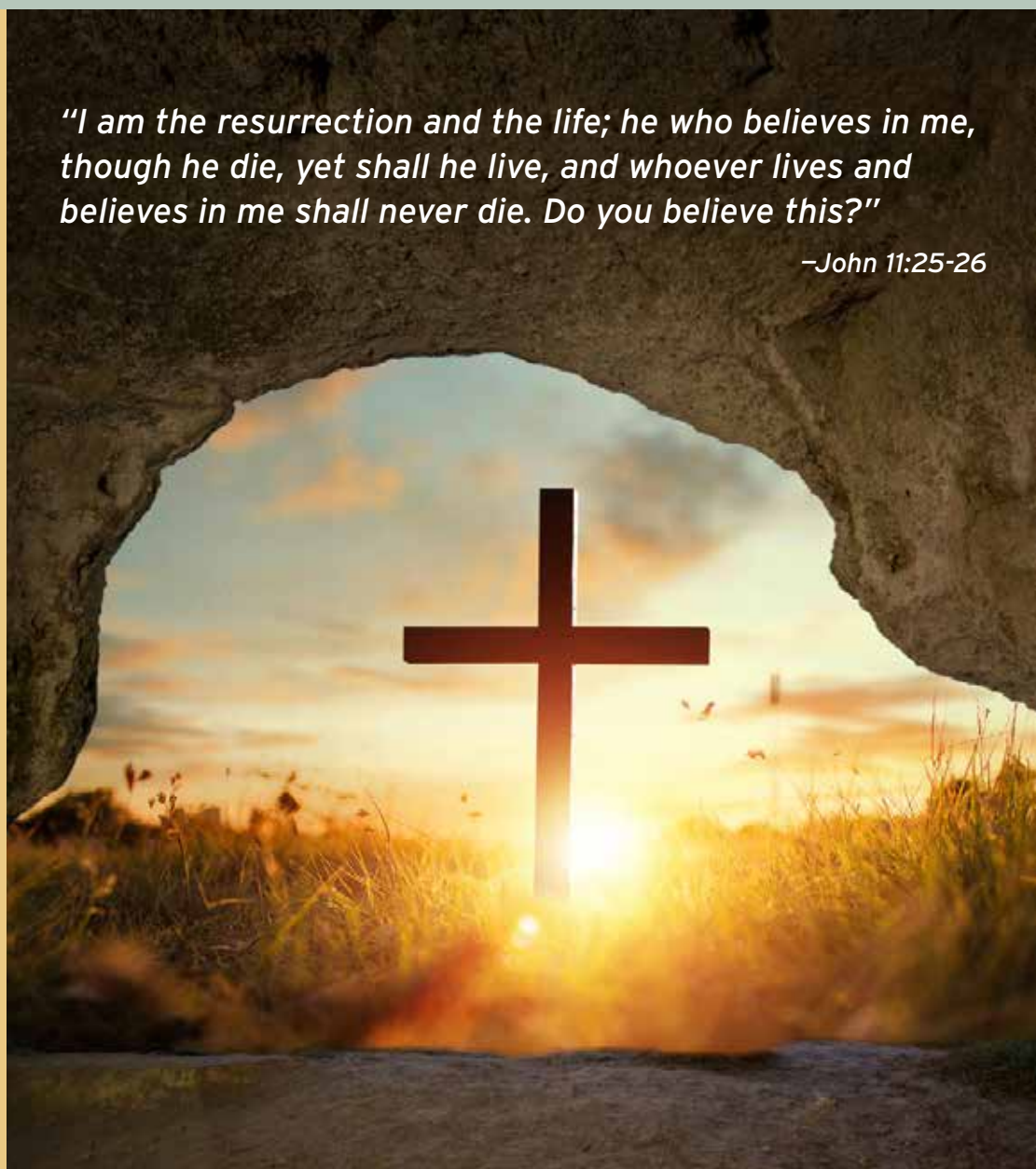
# Aging In NOLA

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*"I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"*

*—John 11:25-26*



## MISSION STATEMENT

Responding to the call of the Gospel, Christopher Homes, Inc. strives to provide decent, affordable housing to vulnerable members of our community.

All who are associated with Christopher Homes, Inc. have the right to respect, dignity and a sense of well being. Therefore, through the service and commitment of our staff and volunteers, we will enable our residents to grow spiritually, socially, and intellectually, empowering them to develop their optimal potential.

*Christopher Homes is a senior living ministry of the Archdiocese of New Orleans.*



## WHAT IS EASTER?

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 used during the Easter Vigil 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.

The Easter Vigil is the “Mother of All Vigils” and Easter Sunday is the greatest of all Sundays. The season of Easter is the most important of all liturgical times, which Catholics celebrate as the Lord’s resurrection from the dead, culminating in his Ascension to the Father and sending of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. 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. 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)

This year, 2023, Easter runs from April 9 - May 28.

Source: [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)



# MARDI GRAS CELEBRATIONS



*For the first time since the pandemic, Mardi Gras festivities were in full swing!*



## SENIOR CHOICES VENDOR FAIR



Christopher Homes staff participated in the Senior Choices Vendor Fair, giving them a chance to network with health care providers who offer services that help our residents thrive within our communities!

## EASTER CELEBRATIONS



## COMMUNITY PARTNERS

We appreciate our community partners who coordinate engaging and wellness-related activities throughout our properties. So far this year, residents have enjoyed brain games, boxing, nutrition classes, BINGO, health screenings and more!



## ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR



The Metairie Manor Guild built another beautiful St. Joseph's Altar this year! Thank you for all your hard work!



## CHRISM MASS

Our residents from several of our properties attended this the Chrism Mass celebrated at St. Louis Cathedral. Two of our residents, along with our Executive Director, Deacon Dennis Adams, carried up the Oil of the Sick to be blessed by Archbishop Aymond.



## SEMINARIAN SUPPORT

Some of our residents may recognize this familiar face! Christian Guilbeau, our former team member, is a seminarian in First Theology at Notre Dame. You can follow the journeys of Christian and his fellow seminarians preparing for priesthood on the NOLA Vocations Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/nolavocations](http://www.facebook.com/nolavocations)). Christian shared these encouraging words recently: "The reality is God's not trying to take anything from us. He's trying to remove some of the things that might be getting in the way to give us what he intends to give us." Christopher Homes has benefited from a fruitful partnership with Notre Dame Seminary over the years. We are grateful and blessed for the seminary's involvement in our Pastoral Care program. Please continue to pray for the formation of Christian and his fellow seminarians.

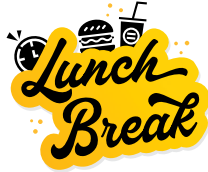


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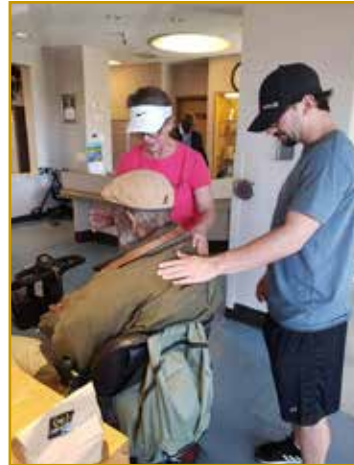
## LUNCH BREAK



Residents from Place Dubourg enjoyed an off-site lunch at El Paso.



## FOOD PANTRY



Wynhoven residents benefit from a monthly food pantry compliments of community partnerships. We thank Second Harvest and Raven ministries for providing food, prayer and smiles to our residents!



## SAFETY PRESENTATIONS

NOFD regularly visits with residents to discuss overall safety tips.



## ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Our residents and staff were seeing green with festivities celebrating St. Patrick's Day!



# Holy Week

## JOYFUL SOUNDS

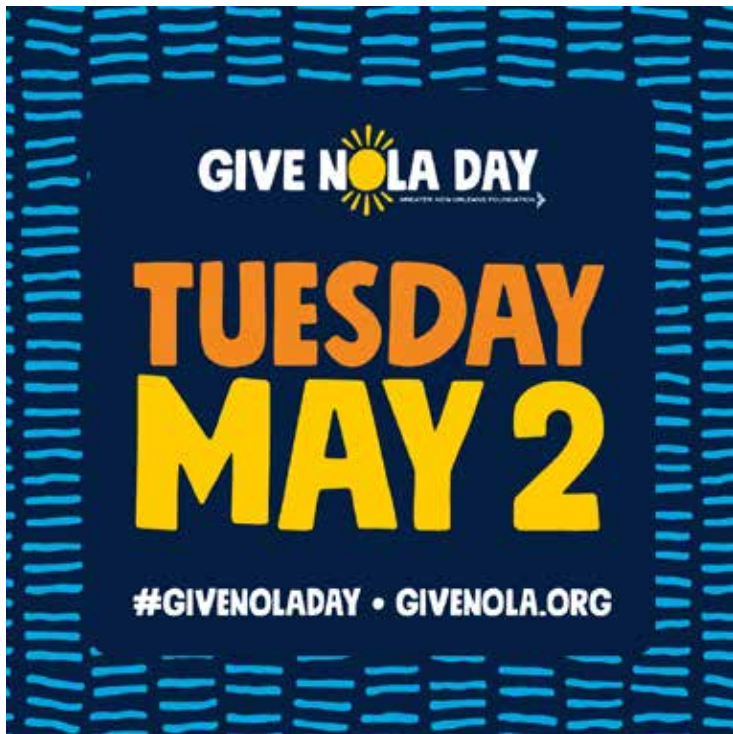


Thank you to the Newman Catholic Choir and Band who visited our residents at St. Martin's Manor during Holy Week. We appreciate this group sharing their time and talents with us.



## GiveNOLA DAY

This is our third year participating in GiveNOLA Day (Tuesday, May 2). All funds received on this day go towards our meal programs.



## HURRICANE PREP

Now is the time to start preparing for this year's hurricane season. Managers will be holding regular hurricane preparedness meetings to provide valuable information. Visit our website for ([www.christopherhomes.org/hurricane-preparedness](http://www.christopherhomes.org/hurricane-preparedness)) to find resources for each parish.



## FROM THE DEACON'S DESK

The Lord is risen, He is risen indeed, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Easter season is truly glorious. Seeing my grandchildren dressed in their Easter finery brings joy to my heart. Several weeks ago my wife and I stopped in a store after enjoying breakfast and my eyes settled upon a beautiful pink dress with a pink and white houndstooth over-coat and a straw bonnet with pink Easter bunny ears. Ideal for my three year old granddaughter! I could not resist.

We told our daughter about it and she called later to ask if we could bring it over early so Emmie could have her school Easter pictures taken in it. Well, she was not impressed. Oh, the dress was fine, it met her style requirement to "twirl." She likes to spin and have her dresses billow out around her. But the coat and the bonnet did not meet her vision of style. Her mother was able to convince her to wear the jacket but the bonnet . . . well. Poppa had to intervene. I took her to a mirror and picked her up and began to sing that iconic Easter song, "In your Easter bonnet with all the frills upon it, you'll be the grandest lady in the Easter parade."

Well it worked and the pics are beautiful, yes, "I am all in clover and the proudest feller." As I said, the Easter season is truly glorious.

On the Spiritual side, our Triduum was wonderful; we baptized 17 at our parish's Easter Vigil Holy Saturday night! After many liturgies of Holy Week, I, like many of our clergy and ministers, was tired but grateful. God is good!

There is no event in human history more important than our Lord's resurrection. As St. Paul writes in his First Letter to the Corinthians unless Christ is risen, our faith does not save and "we are the most pitiable people of all."

But we know our Lord is risen, the tomb is empty and Christ has given us the opportunity to follow him into eternal life. We can have faith in the saving graces God continues to pour out upon us. Know of my prayers for each of you. Enjoy our Easter season and always have a song in your heart. It works for each of us just as it did for Emmie and her Easter bonnet!



Deacon Dennis F. Adams  
Executive Director, Christopher Homes

