Third Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2019
"Smoting" or Non-"smoting"?

Some times I get angry at things that frustrate me. So I have to struggle with the line in our first reading, where the disciples were "rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name" (Acts 5:41).

Imagine rejoicing over pain and suffering. These disciples had seen Jesus on the cross. When he rose from the dead, they began to see that his suffering was not a tragic loss, but a sign of his glory. And when they suffered because they believed in him, as in today’s reading, they saw that as a way to imitate Jesus on the cross. Those who had followed him in life could also follow him to the cross.

Most of us today find ourselves suffering because we have done wrong. God does not use special interventions to smite sinners. Think of the times we were punished as a child. Think of the times we lost a friend because of a cruel remark. These are the results of our actions. These are sufferings that we would rather avoid.

Jesus, however, suffered for our sins when he was totally innocent. If he could do that, could we not accept suffering for our own sins when it comes? If we behave differently because of it, if we can grow to be better persons, then that suffering can be our way of accepting the cross.

Of course, not all suffering is caused by the sins of the person suffering. The suffering of the innocent is a great mystery, a cause for sorrow and a challenge to help where we can. But like growing pains, all suffering is a step to new life in Christ. And that is what Easter is about.

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**Adoration Chapel Adorers Dinner**

The Adoration Chapel Dinner was a beautiful moment to gather with everyone who are so committed to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

As the Adorers came together Tuesday, April 23 for a wonderful meal, we prayerfully remembered the deceased committed adorers who died in the last year:

- Melwyn Barker
- P-2 Billings
- Maurice Brown
- Libby Flatau
- Willie Mae Hebert
- Eva Lopez
- Sissee Reinhardt

What a great way to serve our parish through the powerful witness of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and an opportunity to grow in your own personal prayer life.

A grateful acknowledgement is made to all adorers, coordinator, Joann Daigle and the substitute adorers.

We gratefully acknowledge the Knights of Columbus for the use of the K.C. Home and for serving at the Adoration Dinner. The delicious meal, prepared by Joel Ducote and crew, was enjoyed by all adorers. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for all they do for our Church and community.

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Available hours for scheduled visitation to the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel are:

- Thursday: 5am-6am
- Sunday: 4pm-5pm

To volunteer as a scheduled adorer or substitute, call JoAnn Daigle at 225.687.4621 or 225.776.4865.

**Adult Confirmation**

If you are 18 years of age or over and have not yet been confirmed in the Catholic Church, preparation classes for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on Sundays, May 5, 12, 19, 26 and June 2 from 10am-11am in the St. John Church Office. Confirmation will take place at St. Joseph Cathedral by Bishop Michael Duca on Pentecost Sunday, June 9, 2019 at 10:30am.

**Anointing of the Sick**

Every First Tuesday following 6pm Mass, our parish celebrates the SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK for those who are seriously ill, experiencing depression, battling cancer treatments, disabled in any way, the elderly and those who are to undergo surgery in the near future.

Father Greg will administer the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, Tuesday, May 7, 2019. Four to six months is recommended between anointing unless otherwise urgent.

**St. John High School**

cordially invites you to the Eightieth Annual May Pole honoring the young ladies of the 2019 Senior class.

Carl F. Grant Civic Center
Sunday, May 5, 2019 ~ 5pm

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**2019 St. John School Year-End Ceremonies**

Saturday, May 4 ~ 4pm: Baccalaureate Mass
  St. John Church

Sunday, May 5 ~ 5pm: Maypole
  Carl F. Grant Civic Center

Tuesday, May 7 ~ 6:30pm: Honors Night
  St. Clement Church

Wednesday, May 8 ~ 10am: Graduation Practice
  St. John Church followed by lunch in the Rectory

Thursday, May 9 ~ 7pm: Graduation
  St. John Church

Saturday, May 18 ~ 4pm Mass: Ring Ceremony
  St. John Church

**Public School and College Baccalaureate Mass**

Saturday, May 11— 4pm

On Saturday, May 11, 2019, we will celebrate a Baccalaureate Mass at the 4pm Vigil Mass for all those parishioners who are students of our local public schools and for parishioners who are students graduating from college. We would love for those who can attend to join us to lift you up in prayers of thanksgiving for all you have achieved.

The deadline for letting us know you will attend is Wednesday, May 8. Please call 225.687.2402 to let us know if you are attending as we want to make sure we provide enough pews for graduates.

Please join us.

**Plaquemine Lions Club**

“World’s Best” Spaghetti Dinner
Sunday, May 19

The Lions Club will be selling spaghetti dinner tickets for $8 each, May 4 & 5 outside the doors of the church before and after all Masses.

You may pick up dinners at First Bank parking lot (next to church) and the Lions Club (60255 Bayou Jacob Road) Sunday, May 19 from 10am-12:30pm

Benefit: Vision Impaired and Handicapped Children
### Worship & Scripture — May 6-12, 2019

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### Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

**Holy Baptism**

**Baptism Seminars**
- Monday, May 6, 2019
- Monday, June 3, 2019
- Monday, July 8, 2019

**Baptisms**
- Saturday, May 25, 2019
- Saturday, June 29, 2019
- Saturday, July 27, 2019

The Baptism Seminars are held on the third floor of the church office at 7pm. The Baptisms are usually held on the last Saturday of the month following 4pm Mass.

Dates are subject to change. Please call the office at 225.687.2402 during the early stages of pregnancy to confirm the dates of the seminar.

Congratulations to the new members of the Catholic Church! They are pictured with Father Greg Daigle (kneeling), their sponsors and the RCIA team during the reception held in their honor following the Easter Vigil Mass.

Left to right: Donna Carville (RCIA coordinator), Daniel Zito (sponsor), Natalia Mitchell (neophyte), Phyllis LeJeune & Gwen Hayes (RCIA team), Deacon Alfred Ricard, Carrie Chiaravalle (neophyte), Jason Leonard (sponsor) and Joe Roetker (RCIA team). Front: Hannah O’Connor (neophyte) and Josette Miller (sponsor).

May God continue to pour out His blessings on the members of these families, that they may continue to grow in faith and love throughout the years.
Easter Flower Donations 2019

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David G. Hebert
Roy A. Hebert
Gloria Dupont
J.G. Dupont, Sr.
Marshall & Virginia Peavy
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M/M Semion Davis, Sr.
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GOD BLESS OUR DEAD
Sanctuary Candle
May 12, 2019
St. John the Evangelist Church
Frances Santangelo LeBlanc
St. Clement of Rome Church
Jaynell Lopez

Weekly Ministries

There will be no Children’s Liturgy May 12. “Happy Mother’s Day”

Coffee and Donuts
May 12, 2019
Gordon & Marianne Gregoire (7:30am Mass)
Thomas & Rose Marie LeBlanc (9am Mass)

Altar Society
A grateful acknowledgement is made to the Altar Society for “spring cleaning” the church before Easter. Altar Society Team 2 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, May 8 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome!

Stewardship

Holy Thursday
Identified.................................................$ 1,068.00
Number — 77
Unidentified..............................................$  413.00

Good Friday
Identified..................................................$  744.00
Number — 51
Unidentified..............................................$   20.00

EASTER, April 20 & 21, 2019
Identified..................................................$12,155.00
Number — 349
Unidentified..............................................$ 3,605.00

A grateful acknowledgement is made to everyone whose generous donations helped to decorate our beautiful church for Easter.

Our Hymn Selections this weekend: (Subject to change)
Entrance: Three Days
Today’s Missal  78
Preparation: Two Were Bound for Emmaus
Today’s Missal  64
Communion: In the Breaking of the Bread
Music Issue  324
Sending Forth: Join In the Dance
Music Issue  566

May Devotion
The month of May, dedicated to our beloved Mother Mary, has special opportunities to offer devotions. Our Mother listens to our prayers and lovingly, with her son, Jesus, intercedes on our behalf.

During the month of May, the Yard Rosary will be prayed at the homes of parishioners at 7pm.

Monday, May 6: Derryl Comeaux
57820 Erwin Drive

Tuesday, May 7: Antoine & Susan Landry
St. Paul Church, Bayou Goula

Wednesday, May 8: Tom & Germaine Bradley
24645 Edmond Drive

Thursday, May 9: George & Patricia Ramirez
57741 Cardinal Street

Friday, May 10: Louis & Annette Zeringue
25358 Clement Street

Saturday, May 11: Rueben & Mattie Hall
58360 Island Drive

Sunday, May 12: Larry & Jeanette Schlatre
25365 Magnolia Lane

Please join us. Bring your lawn chair and your friends!

A Grateful Acknowledgement
A grateful acknowledgement is made to the children who participated in the Holy Thursday ceremony and to their parents for bringing them to the church for practice and participation.

Special thanks to adult volunteers, Marianne Freeman and Denny Bujol.

Widows and Widowers Support Group
The Widows and Widowers Support Group will meet in the Parish Hall Wednesday, May 8 from 6pm to 7pm.

Congratulations to our Business Manager and Director of Music, Medric Smith, Jr., for being named one of the “Men of Iberville” by the Plaquemine Post South.
MASS INTENTIONS — May 11-17, 2019

Saturday, May 11-4pm Mass
Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Labouré, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Currier Family; Trista Parro; Vincent A. Ferachi, Dr. Larry G. Ferachi; Ronald L. Dugas, M/M Fallon Trabeaux, M/M Boog Dugas, Russell Naquin, Jr., Jackie D. Fremin; Margie Doiron, Betty Mooney, Rita Marchand, Eva Doiron; M/M Guy LoBue; May Berta Olano; Adolph Sr., Adolph Jr., Ida Mae Junonville, Freddie Hebert; John Sr., John Jr., Madeline & James Roth; Josephine Canova, Thelma Courtade, Evelyn Spano, Joan Lopez; Roland “Doogie” Rivet, Rivet & Hebert Families, Elmire Caffarel; Joseph Graves, W.A. Graves Family, Jack Jackson, Thomas Morales Family; Yves & Vera Ramirez, Jerry & Jane, Kirsch Kember; Mary Belle D’Albor, Paul D’Albor, Sr., Lee Canova, Paul D’Albor, Jr; Herman Sr., Marie, Cheryl & Rita Courtade Family, Barbara & Shelby Cedotal, Frank Granier, Jr., Josephine & Andrew Canova, Cutsy & Jimmy Blanchard; M/M L.J. Raymond, M/M Joseph E. Bujol; Faye & Paul Troxclair, Alton & Jenny Boudreaux; M/M Vincent M. Ferachi, Cadence & Cassidy Diamond, Stephanie Revere, Tina Ferachi Loyacano, Ferachi & Marino Families; Neila Simoneaux, Angele Cavalier, Hazel LeBlanc, Stephen LeBlanc; Jimmy, Sarah, Jackie Migliacio, P.W. Albert, Jr.; Anthony F. Canella, Aaron & Delia LeRay, Nora Vitale; Mayon, Callahan & Clement Families; Claiborne & Lula T. LeBlanc, Sidney & Coralea Breaux, Catherine L. Gomez; Frank Ragusa Family, Placito Mancuso Family, Mose Gibson Family, J.D. Collins Family, Phillip Ragusa; Mary & Chuchie Flatau; Anthony & Camella Orcino, Orcino & Flatau Families; Pim & NuNu Clebert; Lillie Gomez; Virginia Clebert; Louise Bujol; Ernest & Josephine Lapeze, Lapeze & Ragusa Families; M/M Edmond Gomez, Kathleen Garrene, Chris Gomez; Debra Billings, Vincent Billings

Sunday, May 12-7:30am Mass — St. John Parishioners

Sunday, May 12-9am Mass

Sunday, May 12-11am Mass
Cindy Dickerson; T.N. & Ray Patin; Frances Santangelo LeBlanc: J.R. Boudreaux, Virgie Junot & Family; Murray & Dixie Suffrin; Mrs. E.J. Clifton, Bryant Family; Laura Zito; Betty Dugas, Lolly Dugas; Tina Ferachi Loyacano, Agnes & Sam Coletti & Family; Betty Gongre; Bobby Tullier, M/M Verner Comeaux, Sr. & Sons; Harold & Hayes Sparks, Sissee Reinhardt, Chantal Choina; Ida Salvadoras, Virginia Salvadoras, Roberta Bradford; Joseph & Lillian Crescione, Peter & Rosalie Crescione, Dr. Joseph & Tina Alesi; William Middleton, William Lewis, Middleton & Cloutatre Families; Ethel Jarreau; Sam A. Distefano, Sr.; Frank, Josie, Victor & Anthony Canella; Brian “Paco”ourso, Allen Oursso; Ida Mae Collage; Angelo & Gloria Michelle, Brendon Joseph Landry, Ronald “Coop” Landry; Paul, Doris & Charles Barbier, Claude Millet; Gloria Judice, Kay Brandau; Kevin Mellieon; Earlene LeBlanc; Dominic Engolio, Joseph & Pauline Engolio, Charles Engolio

Tuesday, May 14-6pm Mass — Alice & Alex Nolan

Wednesday, May 15-7am Mass — George Cat Ramirez

Thursday, May 16-7am Mass — Dudley Nicolosi, Beryl Fourroux, Schexnaildre & Nicolosi Families

Friday, May 17-7am Mass — Felix Berthelot, Irene Hebert, Della Ferachi
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