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Masses:

Saturday Vigil	4:00 pm
Sunday	7:30 am
	9:00 am
	11:00 am
Tuesday	6:00 pm
Wed., Thurs., Fri.	7:00 am

Baptism: Please contact the Parish Office.

Marriage: Please contact the pastor a minimum of six months before the wedding.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesday	5:30-5:45 pm
Saturday	3:00-3:30 pm



Ascension of the Lord

May 16, 2021

Exalted in Glory

All three readings talk about Jesus being taken up into heaven or in a cloud or on high. These descriptions of the ascension actually tell us that Jesus is reunited with his Father and exalted in glory with the Father. Jesus not only has a new life that cannot be ended by death, he also is no longer limited by time or space as he was before he died. So what does that mean for us?

Because he is not limited, he can be with us everywhere. Through his Spirit, he gives us the power and the courage to act as Jesus and the vision of faith to see Jesus in others. Now this takes some practice. One way we learn is through the lives of the saints. We see how God works through them to do great things. We learn that they become more and more like Jesus, in how they treat others with love and respect.

But if the saints seem too distant, we can look at someone we love. Whether it is a parent, spouse, brother, sister or friend, the good that they do and the love they show is from God. So we can learn about God's love for us by letting ourselves be loved by another.

The other side of the coin is seeing Jesus in ourselves. We may have to forgive ourselves for the bad choices we have made in the past, or the bad habits we still have. We also have to accept that God really does love us as his children. And we have to accept that sometimes, even when we do our best, we still seem to fail. But the God who brings life out of death also brings success out of failure. So trust His promise that we have Jesus in us. Then do your best to follow Jesus and you may lead someone else to him.

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We welcome the St. John High School Class of 2022 to their Ring Ceremony, Saturday, May 15 at 4pm Mass.

Our Lady of the Lake Blood Drive Sunday, May 16, 2021



The OLOL Mobile Unit will be in the St. John Church parking lot Sunday, May 16 from 8am until 1pm.

Give Blood. Give the Gift of Life!



May Devotion

Devotion to the Blessed Mother in the month of May focuses both on Mary as a role model for Christian mothers, and Mary's ever lasting chastity and purity, and her fidelity to God's will.

This week, the Rosary will be prayed at 7pm at the homes of these parishioners:

Saturday, May 15: Jimmy & Lucy Burgess
57730 Erwin Dr.

Sunday, May 16: Jimmy & Sheryl Ramirez
57930 Jumonville St.

Monday, May 17: St. John School Students
24250 Regina St.

Tuesday, May 18: Bern & Patricia Ebert
58416 Bayou Rd.

Wednesday, May 19: Jim & Rosemary Cox
59162 Laurel Street

Thursday, May 20: JoAnn Daigle
24510 Hebert St.

Friday, May 21: Nolan & Marla Bueche
59036 Postell Ave.

Saturday, May 22: Joe & Janet Bryant
57920 Court St.

Sunday, May 23: Ronnie & Cindy Rodrigue
63370 Bayou Rd.

Bring your lawn chair and your friends!

After the Risen Lord ascended into heaven, His disciples continued his work on earth. Blest are the ones found working when he returns.



If you feel a call to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Josh Johnson at 225.336.8778, jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.



St. John Altar Society

The Altar Society will celebrate the end of the year with a meeting and meal at Clubhouse Bistro on Tuesday, May 18 at 11am.

Team 3 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, May 19 at 8am.

RITUALSONG

(Readings and Songs this Weekend)

Readings: Ascension of the Lord #1180

Entrance: Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise #640

Preparation: *Instrumental*

Communion: One Bread, One Body #1027

Sending Forth: Crown Him with Many Crowns #669

Plaquemine Lions Club

"World's Best" Spaghetti Dinners

Sunday May 30



The Lions Club will be selling spaghetti dinner tickets Sunday, May 16 outside the doors of the church before and after all Masses. The dinner (\$9), consisting of meatballs, spaghetti, corn and a roll, may be picked up Sunday, May 30 from 10am-12:30pm at the Lion's Club drive thru, 60255 Bayou Jacob Road.

The proceeds from the dinners will benefit vision impaired and special children.



Children's Liturgy

Volunteers are needed for Children's Liturgy. Volunteers need only commit to one Sunday a month or one Sunday every two months.

We will begin in September and end in May. Please email Wanda Ashley, Director, St. John the Evangelist Church, wandaashley681@gmail.com.

If you have volunteered for this ministry prior to the pandemic, please send an email to update our list. If you have questions, please contact Wanda by email.

Thank you.

Parish Wedding Anniversary Mass and Celebration



On Saturday, June 5, 2021, at St. John the Evangelist Church, couples celebrating 25, 50, 55, 60, 65 or greater years of marriage will be honored at 4pm Mass. A reception will follow for family and friends hosted by the St. John Altar Society.

If you are celebrating one of these anniversaries this year and would like to celebrate with us, please email marshaadupont@sj.brcxmail.com, call the church office (225.687.2402), or fill out the form below. You may drop the form in the collection basket at any weekend Mass or mail it to St. John Church, 57805 Main Street, Plaquemine, LA 70764

Full Names: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Date of Marriage: _____

Please circle anniversary to be celebrated:

25 50 60 65 More than 65 _____

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

These words of Jesus are an excellent invitation to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

(Mt 11:28-30)

The Adoration Chapel is open from 4am-10pm with distancing of 3 feet between adorers. To volunteer for a scheduled hour or as a substitute, please contact JoAnn Daigle at 225.687.4621 or 225.776.4865.

Daily Scripture Readings May 17-23, 2021

Monday, May 17:

Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday, May 18:

Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday, May 19:

Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday, May 20:

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday, May 21:

Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday, May 22:

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday, May 23:

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27;
Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34;
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Baptisms and Seminars



Baptism Seminars

Monday, June 7, 2021

Monday, July 12, 2021

Monday, August 2, 2021

Baptisms

Saturday, May 22, 2021

Saturday, June 26, 2021

Saturday, July 24, 2021

Saturday, August 28, 2021

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

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

Lord, let me never forget the great gift of the Spirit, whom you gave me in Baptism.

A Grateful Acknowledgement



We gratefully acknowledge everyone who labors tirelessly in keeping the church grounds beautiful. Pictured above (l to r) following a day of planting are Theresa Gail Gasquet, Trish Ramirez, Derryl Comeaux, Angela Frasca, Joyce Daigle and Betty Aucoin.

We are grateful to Dupont Nursery for their generous donation of the seasonal flowers given in loving memory of Robert "Bobby" & Dorothy "Bootsie" Dupont.



The Roman Catholic Diocese of
BATON ROUGE

60 Years in the Year of St. Joseph

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, Pope Francis' proclamation of the Year of St. Joseph and our diocese's 60th anniversary, the Diocese of Baton Rouge will be celebrating "60 Years in the Year of St. Joseph" from May 1, 2021 - March 19, 2022.

Throughout the year, there will be opportunities to learn more about the history of our local church and celebrate its patron through videos, news stories, liturgical celebrations and more.

If you're interested in learning more about "60 Years in the Year of St. Joseph," please visit diobr.org/60years and follow @DioceseBR on Facebook.

IMPORTANT DATES

May 1, 2021 - The Feast of St. Joseph the Worker,

"60 Years in the Year of St. Joseph" begins

July 22, 2021 - Celebration of the Papal Bull Announcing the

Creation of the Diocese of Baton Rouge

November 8, 2021 - 60th Anniversary Liturgical Celebration

(the installation day of our first bishop.)

March 19, 2022 - The Solemnity of St. Joseph,

"60 Years in the Year of St. Joseph" ends

Mass Intentions — May 22-28, 2021

Saturday, May 22-4pm 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; Ione Robbins, Calvin Robbins, Calvin Robbins, Jr.; M/M Lindon Rivet & Family, J. P. Messina, M/M Laurence Gulotto; The Currier Family; Emily, Harry, J. C. & Connie Vercher

Sunday, May 23-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, May 23-9am 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; Kristina Mellema; Olga Himel; Rosa, Curtis, Brian & Denise Breaux; Bill Middleton III; Benny & Annie Vaughn; Virginia Simon

Sunday, May 23-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Brenda Fremin; Dominic Engolio, Frances & Michael Savariste, Frank Savariste; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Isaac Vaughn, Nilda Vaughn, Isaac Vaughn, Sr.; Christopher Stassi; Steve Patin, T. N. & Ray Patin; Jerry Dugas

Tuesday, May 25-6pm Mass

Rusty Haydel

Wednesday, May 26-7am Mass

Alfred & Mercedes Carville

Thursday, May 27-7am Mass

Edward & Lorena Clement

Friday, May 28-7am Mass

Brenda Comeaux



Offerings/Contributions/Collections (Weekend, Mail-ins, Online, Other)

Stewardship.....	\$48,009.00
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Other Collections.....	\$18,644.00

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Sanctuary Candle May 16, 2021

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