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Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm
Sunday 7:30 am

9:00 am
11:00 am

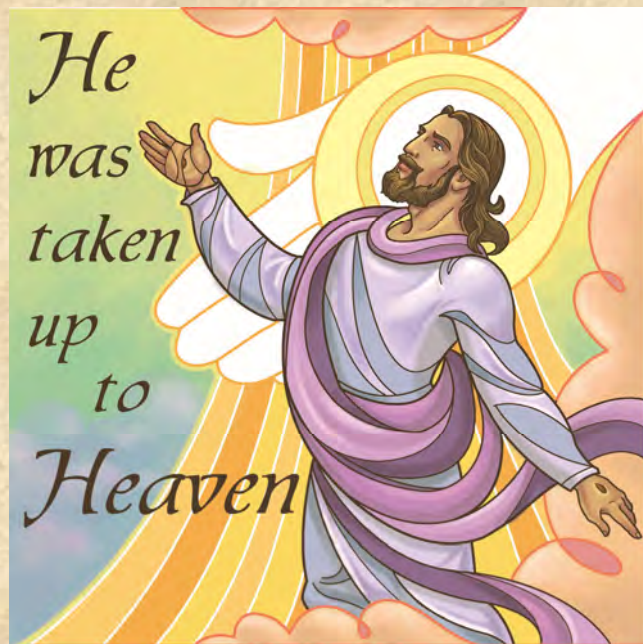
Tuesday 6:00 pm
Wed., Thurs., Fri. 7:00 am

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



The Ascension of the Lord

May 29, 2022

Coming or Going?

The Gospel of John that is read on the Vigil of Pentecost says that "there was . . . no Spirit yet, because Jesus had not yet been glorified" (John 7:39). Obviously the Spirit is co-eternal with the Father and the Son, so John is trying to get our attention. He means that we could not experience the gifts of the Spirit until Jesus had died and risen from the dead. One way of looking at the Ascension is that Jesus can do much more for us in his glory than he could while on earth. How does this work? It happens in two steps. First, he sends the Holy Spirit to the disciples. Second, the disciples become his witnesses to all the nations. So let's look at the first step.

While Jesus walked the earth, he chose to be limited in time and space, so that a few people could get to know and love him. But after his resurrection, he could be more effective by sending his Spirit to all believers. Because he

is ascended into glory, he can live in all of us. And that leads to the second step.

Before his death, Jesus began to collect a group of followers. Some got to know him more deeply and became disciples. The rest of the followers were merely curious, or attracted by stories of miracles he had performed. But after his ascension the disciples began to experience Jesus in each other. They could not help but be excited about that and spread that excitement to others. May we all experience that presence in the Spirit, seeing Jesus in ourselves and others.

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May 29, 2022

Dear Family:

On this Seventh Sunday of Easter, we find ourselves between two solemnities, the Ascension and Pentecost. Today's first reading from Acts recounts the martyrdom of Stephen and introduces Saul, later to be called Paul. Paul will become a key figure in the latter portion of this book. In today's selection, it would be difficult to miss the echoes of words heard previously, words that had been spoken by Jesus. Stephen, like Jesus, prays that his executioners may be forgiven.

The Gospel from John begins very much in the same way as today's reading from Acts. The text begins, "lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed." At the hour of Stephen's death, he "looked up intently to heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God." The Gospel continues with Jesus' prayer to his Father. Immediately after this prayer, John's Gospel tells us of Jesus' betrayal and arrest.

Today's responsorial psalm is identified as a psalm of God's kingship. It is one of a small collection of psalms that extol God's reign throughout the known cosmos. In Psalm 97, we hear that justice is foundational to God's reign. This text provides us with an interesting contrast with the ways of human justice depicted in Acts, where Stephen, innocent of any crime, is stoned to death.

Some questions for reflection:

- **As you reflect on today's readings, consider how followers of Jesus are invited to live as Jesus lived. More specifically, consider the importance of prayer and forgiveness in the Christian life.**
- **Reflect on Saul/Paul's conversion. He is introduced in today's first reading at the stoning of Stephen, where his presence affirmed the stoning. Try to imagine the depth of his encounter with God that would cause his change of heart. Where do you need a change of heart? Will you allow God to work this conversion in you?**
- **What does today's Gospel reveal about the relationship of Jesus to the Father? How can you have a more intimate relationship with God?**

Please welcome Fr. Francis Maitru, of the Fransican Missionaries of Hope for Masses next weekend. He will make a mission appeal for the good of the Gospel in the missionary areas they serve. I will be out of the office from Friday, June 3 until Saturday, June 11th.

Peace,

Fr. Greg

We welcome the St. John High School
Classes of 1952, 1962 and 1972 to 4pm
Mass as they celebrate their class reunions
with us.



May Devotion



During the month of May, the Yard Rosary
is prayed at the homes of our parishioners at
7pm.

Sunday, May 29: Ronald & Annie LeBlanc
57712 Erwin Dr.

Monday, May 30: Brad & Robin Hemenway
59330 Sexton Dr.

Tuesday, May 31: Betty Aucoin
57765 Senator Gay Blvd.

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

The St. John Church Office will be
closed Monday, May 30 in observance
of Memorial Day.

Let us not forget ...



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention June 2022

For Families

We pray for Christian families around the world; may
they embody and experience unconditional love and
advance in holiness in their daily lives.

Daily Scripture Readings May 30 - June 5, 2022

Monday, May 30:

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

Tuesday, May 31:

Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6;
Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday, June 1:

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

Thursday, June 2:

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

Friday, June 3:

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

Saturday, June 4:

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

Sunday, June 5:

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 Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or
Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

Plaquemine Lions Club "World's Best" Spaghetti Dinner Sunday, May 29, 2022



Pickup dinners at the Lions Club drive-thru Sunday,
May 29 from 10am-12:30pm.

Benefit: Vision Impaired and Handicapped Children

RITUALSONG

(Readings and Songs this Weekend)

Readings: The Ascension of the Lord #1180

Entrance: Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise #640

Preparation: **Instrumental**

Communion: Be Not Afraid #797

Sending Forth: Go to the World! #641

St. John Valedictorian and Salutatorians



Congratulations to the 2022 St. John High School
Valedictorian and Salutatorians!! Shown during
graduation ceremonies May 12, 2022 at St. John the
Evangelist Church are:

Salutatorian John Merritt Bueche,
son of Brandon and Beth Bueche,
Valedictorian Isabella Marie LoBue,
daughter of Jarid and Gina LoBue and
Salutatorian Gracen Annelise Patin,
daughter of Ty and Shannon Patiin

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Summer Feeding Program Grab & Go Student Meals June 3, 10, 17 and 24

For the third year in a row, the Diocese of Baton Rouge
Child Nutrition Program is providing free boxed meals
to children throughout the summer months. Each
student will receive a package containing 5 breakfasts
and 5 lunches plus a gallon of milk.

- Meals will be distributed on a first-come/first-served basis.
- Drive-thru meal service will be provided. However, walk-up service will also be available, but all should maintain proper social distancing.
- At least one (1) child must be present in order to receive a meal package. If additional meal packages are needed, the parent/guardian must print and complete the "Parent Pickup Form" and bring it with them to the meal distribution site. Forms will also be available at each site.

Distribution will be at St. John the Evangelist parking
lot every Friday in June; June 3, 10, 17 and 24 from
9am until 11am.

June

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4  Maintenance & Repairs Collection
5  Maintenance & Repairs Collection	6 7pm Baptism Seminar Conference Room	7	8	9	10	11
12 4-6pm Holy Spirt Prayer Group Church	13  2pm Catholic Daughters Meeting Parish Hall	14	15	16  7pm K. C. Meeting K. C. Home	17	18
19 	20	21	22	23	24	25  Following 4pm Mass Baptisms
26	27	28	29	30		

Celebrating the Sacraments

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

"The devotion to the Eucharist is the most noble, because it has God as its object; it is the most profitable for salvation, because it gives us the Author of Grace; it is the sweetest, because the Lord is Sweetness Itself." —St. Pius X

The Adoration Chapel is open from 4am-10pm. To volunteer for a scheduled hour or as a substitute, contact JoAnn Daigle at 225.687.4621 or 225.776.4865.

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



Am I being called to priesthood or religious life? If you feel a call to a Church vocation, call or email Fr. Josh Johnson at 225.336.8778, jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.



Wedding Preparations

Couples contemplating marriage should contact the Church 6 months prior to the wedding. Plans should not be made before contacting the Church office. Anyone previously married must have an annulment freeing them to marry in the Catholic Church. This includes members of other denominations seeking to marry Catholics in the Catholic Church.

For more information or to schedule a wedding, please call Susan Landry at 225.687.2402.

Baptism Seminars and Baptisms

Baptism Seminars — 7pm
Church Office Third Floor

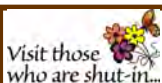
Monday, June 6, 2022
Monday, July 11, 2022
Monday, August 1, 2022



Baptisms—Following 4pm Mass

Saturday, June 25, 2022
Saturday, July 23, 2022
Saturday, August 27, 2022

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.



Community Lay Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Community Lay Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist bring Communion to those who are unable to attend Mass. They may be ill, confined to their homes, care facilities or in the hospital. Families of the sick are encouraged to notify Marsha Dupont at the church parish office (225.687.2402).

If you are a Eucharistic Minister and are willing to help with this important ministry, please contact Marsha at the church office.

Vacation BIBLE SCHOOL



Peace Lab

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Tuesday, July 5 - Friday, July 8, 2022
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Experience His Peace-
Draw from His strength-
Rest in His love-*



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Mass Intentions — June 4-10, 2022

Saturday, June 4-4pm 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; The Currier Family; Russell Adams; Douglas Bourgoyne, Artie Lyons, Lydia Mae Blanchard; Mary & Chuchie Flatau, Flatau & Orcino Families; Marie Ragusa LeBlanc; Terry Landry, Sr., Terry Landry, Jr.; Kynlee Bueche; M/M L. J. Raymond, M/M Joseph E. Bujol; Johnny & Johnny Zito, Jr., Andrew & Carlo Canova; John E., Cecile D. & Maurice E. Brown, Joan B. Heath, Brown & Duhon Families; M/M Houston LaBauve, Claudia LaBauve, Cecilia Laurent; Ramirez Family, Kirsch Kember Anderson; Carol Brandt, Raymond & Amanda Ducote; Alfred, Mercedes, Lester & Mary Carville, Edmund & Louise Bujol, Reid & Gerry Rainey; Harry & Faye Martinez; Cleveland Boudreaux; Winnie & Harry Gallagher, Ethel & Harry Blanchard; Karen Banta; Lonnie Michel, Baco Romero; Bret Thompson

Sunday, June 5-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, June 5-9am 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; Joshua "Josh" Landry, Harry & Vivian Banta, Caliste "Joe" Landry, Jr.; Lorraine "Catty" Hebert, Mary Kay Marchand Hudson, Hebert & Clement Families; George & Gloria Ramirez, Jimmy & Agnes LeBlanc, Fred Hebert; Angele & Jean Claud Cavalier, Neila Simoneaux; Glynn Hebert, A Special Intention; Kathy Ourso; Victor Crescienne, Theresa Crescienne, Crescienne Family, Michelle Family; Robert Jude Grace; Pete & Mary Ann Miranda, J. W. Bryant Family; Keri Lynn Prejean; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Mae Ourso; Virginia Simon; Henry J. Daigle & Family, Alfred & Volena Roth & Family, Alfred Roth, Jr., Dupuy & Bourgoyne Families; T. N., Ray and Stephen Patin

Sunday, June 5-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Ed, Myrna & Sonny Hargrove; Brenda Fremin, Luke & Mary Fremin, Charles & Rosa Drago, Ellis & Enola Fremin; Sam "Buttie" & Lucille Leggio Distefano; Joseph Daigle; Isaac Jr. & Brent Vaughn, Nilda & Isaac Vaughn, Sr.; George "Brother" Michel, Alvin J. Daigle, Sr. Family, Alvin J. "Peta" Daigle, Jr., Edith E. Guillot; The Calvaruso Family; A Special Intention; Christopher Stassi

Tuesday, June 7-6pm Mass

Case, Gum & Schuler Families; Winnie & Harry Gallagher, Ethel & Harry Blanchard; Bobby & Bootsie Dupont

Wednesday, June 8-7am Mass

George "Brother" Michel, Kerry E. Daigle, M/M Anatole Michel

Thursday, June 9-7am Mass

Robert Jude Grace



Friday, June 10-7am Mass

Dorothy Skidmore



Sanctuary Candle

May 29, 2022

St. John the Evangelist
My PaPa & My Momma

St. Clement of Rome
Joann Nolan

Coffee & Donuts

May 29, 2022

Pete & Bonnie Blanchard (7:30am Mass)

Roger & Rosalind Sadden (9am Mass)



Altar Society

Altar Society Team 1 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, June 1 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.

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OUR EYES ON
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ARE ON THE
JESUS WE
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