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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

## The Ascension of the Lord

May 21, 2023

You will be my witnesses. (Acts 1:8)

Today's first reading describes the last time the apostles saw the risen Christ. Luke describes the scene in the very first chapter of his Book of Acts, but words alone can't capture the amazement and wonder the apostles must have felt when they saw Jesus "lifted up" into heaven (Acts 1:9). They were blessed indeed to have seen all that Jesus said and did, from the beginning of his ministry up to this dramatic moment.

But along with this privilege came a great responsibility. In his final instructions to his apostles, Jesus said, "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). This was their new purpose in life, the very reason why Jesus had chosen them in the first place. Upon their eyewitness accounts would rest the faith of millions of believers—and the entire Church—through the centuries.

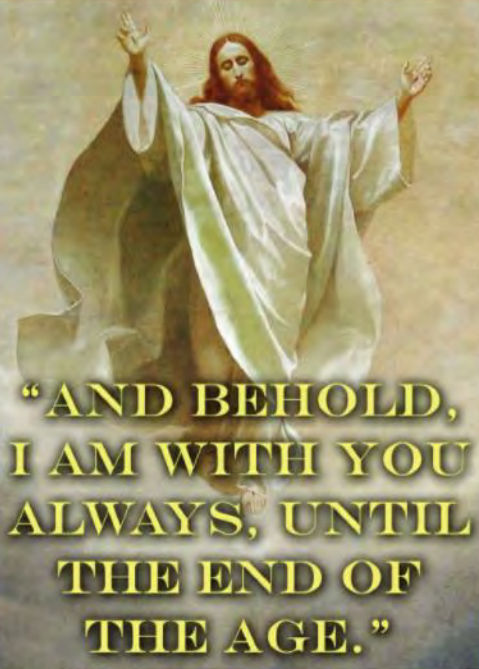
Of course, many other people have followed in the apostles' footsteps by witnessing to Christ. They may not have seen Jesus firsthand, but they have experienced his presence and the power of his Holy Spirit in their lives. In fact, every person who calls himself a believer is also, by default, a witness to Christ.

Do you think of yourself as a witness? If you follow Jesus, you can't help being one. You witness by the values that guide you, by the love you show others, and by your life of prayer. You witness when you share how God is working in your life or how he has forgiven you or answered a prayer.

Jesus' final words at his Ascension weren't just for his apostles; they are for you, too. So how might you witness to Jesus today? Every day presents a new opportunity—one that might just lead another person to a new or deeper love of the Lord.

*"Holy Spirit, open my eyes to the ways I can witness to you today."*

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### Iberville Parish Baccalaureate Mass

We welcome members of Iberville Parish who are graduates of college or public schools to the 4pm Baccalaureate Mass Saturday, May 20 in their honor.

We pray for the graduates and their parents and congratulate them for a job well done.

### In Loving Memory...

A grateful acknowledgement is made to the following persons who donated memorial gifts to St. John the Evangelist Church Building Fund in loving memory of:

**Wayne Gomez**

Donated by:  
**Gordon Gregoire & Family**  
**Tri-Parish Contractors, Inc.**  
**Josephine Zito**

### Summer Program for Youth "Learning to Love Like Jesus" St. John Church and Parish Hall

Our Summer Programs will replace the Vacation Bible School. It is our intent to reach all our youth in the Church Parish.



The schedule is set up to accommodate smaller groups and to focus more attention on each child's spiritual path through fun and fellowship.

June 5, 6 & 7 — 4 & 5 year-olds — 10am-Noon  
June 12, 13 & 14 — 6 & 7 year-olds — 10am-Noon  
June 19, 20 & 21 — 8, 9 & 10 year-olds — 10am-Noon  
June 26, 27 & 28 — Pre-teens & teens — 6-7:30pm

The registration forms are in the church office and on our website, [stjohnchurchplaq.org](http://stjohnchurchplaq.org) under FORMS for Students, Ambassadors and Adult Volunteers.

Ambassadors and Adult volunteers are needed! All registration forms should be completed and sent by May 25.

There is no fee for the Summer Programs. Please donate funds to St. John church to cover expenses.

Any questions? Please send an email to Wanda Ashley, [wandaashley681@gmail.com](mailto:wandaashley681@gmail.com) with your contact email or cell phone number.



### Plaquemine Lions Club "World's Best" Spaghetti Dinner Sunday, May 28

The Lions Club will be selling spaghetti dinner tickets (\$10) Saturday, May 20 and Sunday, May 21 outside the doors of the church before and after all Masses for the May 28 dinner. The dinner consist of spaghetti, two large meatballs, corn and a roll.

You may pick up your dinner at the Lions Club drive through parking lot, 60255 Bayou Jacob road Sunday, May 28 from 10am-12:30pm.

Benefit: Vision Impaired and Handicapped Children

### RITUALSONG

(Readings and Songs this Weekend)

Readings: Ascension of the Lord #1180  
Entrance: Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise #640  
Preparation: \*\*Instrumental\*\*  
Communion: Open My Eyes #763  
Sending Forth: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #806

### EUCCHARISTIC 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. To volunteer for a scheduled hour or as a substitute, contact JoAnn Daigle at 225.687.4621 or 225.776.4865.

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A grateful acknowledgement is made to the following persons who donated a memorial gift to St. John the Evangelist Church Building Fund in loving memory of:

**Douglas Durand**

Donated by:  
**Jimmy & Sheryl Ramirez**

### Holy Spirit Prayer Group



The Holy Spirit Prayer Group will meet Sunday, May 21 from 3-5pm in church. The mission of the prayer group is to offer praise to God, and intercessory prayers for individuals, our community and the needs of the world.

For more information, contact the church office at 225.687.2402. All are welcome! Come join us!



### May Devotion

Each year in May, our St. John community honors the Blessed Virgin Mary by offering the opportunity to pray the Rosary outdoors at the homes of parishioners at 7pm.

Monday, May 22: Danny & Christina Cedotal  
59345 Island Dr.

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

Wednesday, May 24: Joyce Daigle  
25340 Hackberry Ln.

Thursday, May 25: JoAnn Daigle  
24510 Hebert St.

Friday, May 26: Liz Troxclair  
58560 Delacroix Ave.

Saturday, May 27: Nolan & Marla Bueche  
59036 Postell Ave.

Sunday, May 28: Rueben & Mattie Hall  
58360 Island Dr.

Bring your lawn chair and your friends.

## St. John High School 2023 Maypole Court



Photo credit Donna Kirkland

The 84th Annual St. John High School Maypole Ceremony was held at the Carl F. Grant Civic Center on Sunday, May 7, 2023. As tradition dictates, senior maids and their young attendants process in the Maypole. The senior maid with the highest academic standing is named the Maypole Queen. To honor Our Blessed Queen Mother, the true Queen of May, a traditional May Crowning is performed by the newly named Maypole Queen.

First row, l to r, Lenin Engolio, Emily Burleigh, First Runner-up Chloe Markins, Queen Morgan LeBlanc, daughter of Todd and Wendy LeBlanc, Second Runner-up Kassie Carville, Madelyn Little and Anna Claire Campbell.

Middle row, l to r, Caroline Gilbert, Lila Haydel, Lauren Glaser, Madelyn Parnell, Kynleigh Rhymer, Eleyna Hanks and Mary Bradford.

Top row, l to r, Emma Perry, Anna Curry, Takia Wesley, Maya Myles, Baylie Romero, Ali Mancuso, and Anna Catherine Bradford.

**Congratulations to the 2023 Maypole Court!**

### Baptisms and Baptism Seminars



#### Baptism Seminars

Monday, June 5, 2023  
Monday, July 10, 2023  
Monday, August 7, 2023

#### Baptisms

Saturday, May 20, 2023  
Saturday, June 24, 2023  
Saturday, July 22, 2023  
Saturday, August 26, 2023

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 at the church office (225.687.2402) during the early stages of pregnancy to confirm the dates of the seminar.

### Daily Scripture Readings

May 21-27, 2023

#### **Sunday, May 21:**

Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

#### **Monday, May 22:**

Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-7; Jn 16:29-33

#### **Tuesday, May 23:**

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

#### **Wednesday, May 24:**

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

#### **Thursday, May 25:**

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

#### **Friday, May 26:**

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

#### **Saturday, May 27:**

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

## Mass Intentions — May 27-June 2, 2023

### Saturday, May 27-4pm 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; Donald Aucoin, Aucoin & Wunstel Families; Michael Laurent; John Hoffman, Sr.; J. Hubert Millet, Milda Millet, Louis Family, M/M Harold Marionneau; Faye & Harry Martinez; Ione Robbins, Calvin Robbins, Calvin Robbins, Jr.; Sadie & Tony Mancuso

### Sunday, May 28-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners



### Sunday, May 28-9am 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; Scott Jude Marino, A. J. & Nera Rodriguez, Anthony & Mary Marino, Kids of St. Jude; Fr. Jimmy Jeanfreau; Denise Miranda; Flo, Allen & Paco Ourso; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; Virginia Simon; Gloria, Mark & Donald Cavalier; Jack Laurent, Richard Ieyoub; Merle Ostergren; Douglas & Devin Durand

### Sunday, May 28-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Brenda Fremin; Isaac Jr. & Brent Vaughn, Nilda & Isaac Vaughn; Henry C. Neubig

### Tuesday, May 30-6pm Mass

J. R. Boudreaux, Virgine Junot, Jerry Orcino

### Wednesday, May 31-7am Mass

Donald Aucoin, Aucoin & Wunstel Families

### Thursday, June 1-7am Mass

Theresa D. Businelle

### Friday, June 2-7am Mass

Ronnie Dugas, M/M Fallon Trabeaux M/M Alvin Dugas, Russel Naquin, Jr., Fal Naquin



### Sanctuary Candle May 21, 2023

St. John the Evangelist  
Lorraine "Catty" Hebert,  
Mary Kay Marchand Hudson,  
Hebert & Clement Families

St. Clement of Rome  
Alfred & Mercedes Carville

### A Vocation View

God's love and mercy continue to be shown today as He calls men and women to follow his Son as a priest, sister, or brother.

If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call or email Rev. Joshua Johnson at 225.336.8778, [jjohnson@diobr.org](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org).



### Coffee & Donuts May 28, 2023

Ed & Anne Reeves (7:30am Mass)

Lee Ann Howard & Amy Bradford (9am Mass)

### Altar Society

Altar Society Team 4 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, May 24 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.



### 2023 ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CHURCH FAIR PIERRE PART, LOUISIANA

MAY 26<sup>TH</sup>, 27<sup>TH</sup>, & 28<sup>TH</sup>

COME AND JOIN THE FUN!!!!!!

Games, Music, Cook-Off, Bingo,  
Live Auction and of Course Delicious Cajun Food

#### FRIDAY, MAY 26<sup>TH</sup> 6:00PM TO 10:00PM – FAMILY NIGHT

6:00pm - 10:00pm Rides - (Bracelet - \$25)  
6:00pm - 10:00pm Games

**MENU: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Nachos, Fried Fish and French Fries**

#### SATURDAY, MAY 27<sup>TH</sup> 11:00AM TO MIDNIGHT

6:00am - 11:00am Cajun Cook Off – (Seafood & Wild Game) Judging at 11:00am  
(To be sold for lunch or quarts)  
12:00pm - 4:30pm Rides – Ride Bracelet (\$25 – from 12:00pm – 4:30pm)  
12:00pm - 3:00pm Live Entertainment by "ROCKING RANDALL"  
1:00pm - 9:00pm Games  
2:00pm Bingo (Church Hall) (\$2,500 total giveaway includes \$1,000 jackpot)  
5:30pm - 10:00pm Rides – Ride Bracelet (\$25 – from 5:30pm – 10:00pm)  
5:30pm - 8:30pm Live Entertainment by "DAMON TROY"  
9:00pm - 12:00pm Live Entertainment by "RYAN FORET & FORET TRADITION"

**LUNCH MENU: Hamburgers, French Fries, Hot Dogs, Nachos,  
Cook Off Foods to be sold**

**DINNER MENU: Crawfish Stew, Shrimp Stew, Seafood Gumbo, Fried Fish  
and Turtle Sauce Piquante (Sold in cups or plates)**

#### SUNDAY, MAY 28<sup>TH</sup> 11:00AM TO 10:00PM

11:00am - 7:00pm Games  
11:00am - 4:00pm Rides – Ride Bracelet (\$25 – from 11:00am – 4:00pm)  
11:30am - 2:30pm Live Entertainment by "FREDDIE RODRIGUE"  
2:00pm Live Indoor Auction (Church Hall)  
3:00pm - 6:00pm Live Entertainment by "JR. LACROSSE"  
4:00pm - 9:00pm Rides – Ride Bracelet (\$25 – from 4:00pm – 9:00pm)  
6:00pm Memorial Day Moment of Silence  
7:00pm - 10:00pm Live Entertainment by "SHORTS IN DECEMBER"

**LUNCH MENU: Crawfish Stew, Shrimp Stew, Seafood Gumbo,  
Fried Fish and Turtle Sauce Piquante (Sold in cups or plates)  
Hamburgers, French Fries, Hot Dogs, Nachos**

**DINNER MENU: Hamburgers, French Fries, Hot Dogs, Nachos and Jambalaya**

## A Grateful Acknowledgement

A grateful acknowledgement is made to Dupont Nursery for donating spring ornamentals and to our St. John Church Landscape Committee who work diligently to beautify the church grounds.



Member shown planting, clockwise, are Trish Ramirez, Betty Aucoin, Janet Bryant and Derryl Comeaux.



June Pinsonat and Mary Jo Caffarel, above, take great care of the urn flowerbed. Also helping with spring planting were Donna Carville, Cheryl Gros, Lorraine Hidalgo, Deryl Ourso and Jeanne Panepinto.

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