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Masses

Saturday Vigil	4:00 pm
Sunday7:30am, 9:0	
Tuesday	6:00 pm
Wednesday	7:00 am
Thursday	7:00 am
Friday	7:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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



Pentecost Sunday

May 19, 2024 Caution: Spirit at Work

If Pentecost celebrates the gifts of the Spirit, it can tempt us to separate the Spirit from the Father and Jesus. Sometimes we think of the Father as the God of the Old Testament, Jesus as center of New Testament, and the Spirit as God of the present age, almost as if the Father and Jesus were enjoying their retirement. No, we have one God who is over all and in all.

The Spirit has been active in all ages. The prophets were empowered by the Spirit to proclaim God's word to Israel. Jesus was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus was filled with the Spirit as he preached and worked miracles. Then at Pentecost the disciples were filled with the Spirit.

The Spirit's gifts are meant to be shared. The prophets could not help proclaim God's message. Jesus shared all he knew with his disciples. The disciples went out to the world to spread the news of Jesus' death and resurrection. So we, too, are given gifts to be shared.

As we come to realize how much God has done for us and how close he is to us, we will want to share that with others. Obviously, we can't make everyone believe in Jesus. But how sad would it be if someone we know was looking for the truth and we neglected to offer it? Tom Schmidt

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Plaquemine, LA



Eucharistic Adoration Come and Adore. Jesus is Waiting for YOU.

An Invitation to Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament:

Be subject therefore to God, but resist the devil and he will flee from you ... Be sorrowful and mourn and

weep ... Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he will exalt you. (James 4:6-10)

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

Scripture Readings

Week of May 19, 2024

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	Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1ab, 24ac, 29bc-30, 31, 34; Gal 5:16-25;
	Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15
Monday	Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14;
	Ps 87:1b-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34
Tuesday	Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11, 23;
	Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday	Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11;
	Mk 9:38-40
Thursday	Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk 9:41-50
Friday	Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12;
	Mk 10:1-12
Saturday	Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8;
	Mk 10:13-16
Sunday	Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
	Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33:4-6, 9, 18-19,
	20, 22; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20

Plaquemine Lions Club

"World's Best" Spaghetti Dinner Sunday, May 26

The Lions Club will be selling spaghetti dinner tickets (\$10) the weekend of May 19 outside the doors of the church before and after all Masses.

You may pick up dinners at the Lions Club, 60255 Bayou Jacob Road, Sunday, May 26 from 10am until 12:30pm.

Benefit: Vision Impaired and Handicapped Children

Attend Mass While Vacationing

Going out of town? Want to attend Mass? No problem. Visit <u>www.DiscoverMass.com</u> to find a Catholic Church near you.

Ritualsong

Pentecost Sunday #1185 Entrance: Come, Holy Ghost #648 Preparation: **Instrumental** Communion: Send Us Your Spirit #654 Sending Forth: O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God #649



Baptisms & Baptism Seminars

Baptism Seminars — 7pm Parish Office Third Floor Monday, June 3, 2024 Monday, July 8, 2024 Monday, August 5, 2024

Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass

Saturday, May 18, 2024 Saturday, June 22, 2024 Saturday, July 27, 2024 Saturday, August 24, 2024

Dates are subject to change. Please contact Lily Skidmore 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.

May Devotion: The Blessed Virgin Mary During the month of May, the Yard Rosary will be prayed at the homes of parishioners at 7pm.

Sunday, May 19: Jimmy & Sheryl Ramirez 57830 Jumonville St. Monday, May 20: Stacey Decuir 58220 Randolphs Dr. Tuesday, May 21: Louis & Annette Zeringue 58358 Clement St. Wednesday, May 22: Danny & Christina Cedotal 59345 Island Dr. Thursday, May 23: Derryl Comeaux 57820 Erwin Dr. Friday, May 24: Marla Bueche 59036 Postell Ave. Saturday, May 25: Reuben & Mattie Hall 58360 Island Dr. Sunday, May 26: Ronald & Annie LeBlanc 57712 Erwin Dr.

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

May 19, 2024

Pentecost Sunday



Holy Spirit Prayer Group

A Community of Faith Praying for Others

The Holy Spirit Prayer Group will meet Sunday, May 19 in church from 4-6pm. 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. Prayers are offered for the success of our parish efforts through our many organizations that reach out to parishioners and the community at large.

The Holy Spirit Prayer Group also welcomes folks of different denominations and those who may not be connected to a church community at this time.

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

From the Desk of the Business Manager/Bookkeeper

In your monthly packet of envelopes for the month of May is an ivory-colored envelope marked "The Catholic Commentator". As many of you know, the Catholic Commentator is no longer in publication. These envelopes were already in the 2024 annual production stage when we asked that they be cancelled. Therefore, they were included in your monthly packet. The envelope has been cancelled for the upcoming year 2025 and each subsequent year, thereafter. Some of you have already sent in a contribution for this envelope and those monies were deposited into the **General Fund** to help with our monthly financial obligations. If you wish to have your contribution reimbursed to you, please call me at 225.687.2402 so that I can begin that process.

Thank you to all of you who have contributed to the "100 Years Capital Campaign" program. Your support is greatly appreciated! Many of you are including your donations in one check along with your other monthly donations (stewardship, maintenance and repairs, etc.). Please remember that your donation to the Capital Campaign should be made by separate check and not included with any other donation. This helps me to keep financial records of the parish "neat and tidy". As always, thank you for your generous financial support of St. John Church. Medric

Altar Servers

Service at the Table of the Lord Any boy or girl in the 3rd grade or

older interested in becoming an Altar Server and assisting at Holy



Mass is invited to join. The ministry of Altar Server is a wonderful way for our young children and youth to involve themselves in service at the Table of the Lord.

Access the registration form located on our website, www.stjohnchurchplaq.org, under the FORMS tab. Upon completion of the application, someone will contact you regarding a brief training.

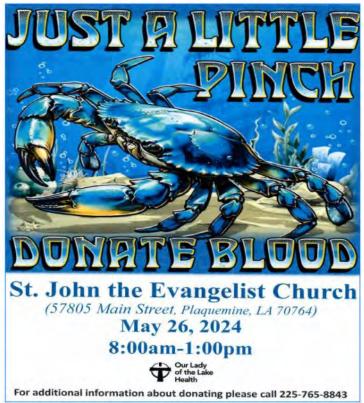


Important Acadian Festival Notice

Any 2024-2025 Senior girl attending Plaquemine High School, Iberville West Math, Science and Arts Academy or St. John High School or lives in Plaquemine and

attends a school outside of Iberville Parish is eligible to apply online at <u>acadianfestival.org</u> to be considered for the 2024 Acadian Festival Princess Court. <u>Application period will be June 1 - June 30, 2024</u>. You will receive confirmation when your application has been successfully submitted. There will be no calling of members in the application process.

The Acadian Festival Committee and/or the Knights of Columbus are not responsible for contacting girls to apply.



Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church



Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

May 2024

St. John the Evangelist Rev. Gregory J. Daigle

One Minute Meditations

St. Athanasius of Alexandria

Born a Christian in Egypt, St. Athanasius became a priest and a great

> Catholic faith. Recognized for his intelligence and holiness, he was chosen to be secretary to Bishop Alexander of Alexandria, and later succeeded him as bishop. Because of the terrible persecutions and political climate, he was exiled several times during his office. For the rest of his life, St. Athanasius worked to defend the divinity of Christ. He died in 373.

Stress and surrender

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Stress can result from feeling powerless in difficulties, yet change isn't always up to us. Knowing when to step back and surrender can actually bring peace. Turning to God with trust gives us the power to navigate life's challenges with faith and serenity.

"St. Joseph the Worker stands as a symbol of quiet strength and faithfulness, teaching us that in the ordinariness of

our work, we honor God in profound ways." Pope Francis

re Stews

Spread the Gospel like Our Lady

On the feast of the Visitation (May 31), we celebrate when Mary carried the Good News of our salvation to Saints Elizabeth and Zechariah – that God took on our humanity to fulfill

His promise of salvation. Today, we're also called to bring the same Good News as Mary did:

Be filled with Christ's presence: Jesus indwells in us (John 15:5) to empower us for mission. This is accomplished through the

Sacraments – Baptism, Eucharist, Reconciliation. We need to offer God our open, receptive, and attentive hearts.

Become a quiet witness: Mary "kept all these things, pondering them in her heart" (Luke 2:19). Emulate her quiet witness by living with deep faith and trust in God's plan, letting your actions demonstrate the strength of your beliefs.

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord: Mary's Magnificat recalls the ways God

answered the needs of His people, culminating in the coming of His Son. Can you articulate your own Magnificat – recounting God's loving intervention in your life? If not, ask the Holy Spirit to reveal it

to you so you can share it with others.

Serve with humble love: After receiving the news that she was to become the mother of the eternal King, Mary rushed to St. Elizabeth's side to serve her. Look for ways to imitate our humble Queen. Serve with love.



Why is Pentecost the "birthday of the Church?"

Pentecost is referred to as the "birthday of the Church" because it marks the day when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles, empowering them to preach the Gospel across nations, effectively initiating the spread of Christianity. This event, occurring fifty days after Easter, symbolizes the Church's emergence as a global community united under the teachings of Christ. It celebrates the moment when the Apostles began to baptize thousands, leading to the rapid growth of the Christian faith.

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Pentecost Sunday

Four steps to inner peace

In the Catholic tradition, developing inner peace is deeply intertwined with spiritual practices and faith in God's plan. This journey involves key elements that help us find serenity and resilience amidst life's challenges.

Prayer is fundamental. Through regular prayer, we communicate with God, seeking guidance and strength. Heartfelt prayer fosters a deep sense of connection with God, helping us to alleviate anxiety and promote tranquility.

Sacraments are vital. Participation in the sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Reconciliation, are direct encounters with God's grace, which cleanse,



Jesus appeared to the Apostles on the mountain in Galilee to give them their final instructions. They were to go forth, baptize, and make disciples, and to teach what they had been taught. These are our instructions, too. Once we meet Jesus and experience His love for us, we can't keep Him to ourselves. We must proclaim Him.

Jesus also revealed to the Apostles, and to the crowd gathered with them, that God is a Trinity —Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – three Divine Persons united in love. The belief that God is three, yet one, is distinct to

Matthew 28:16-20, The Holy Trinity

Christianity. When we became members of the Church, we were baptized in the name of the

Trinity. The Trinity is a mystery we may not fully understand, but we can still live in its love and power. We proclaim our faith in it whenever we make the Sign of the Cross: "In the name of the Father, and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit." Our ultimate goal is to follow Christ into the eternal life of the Trinity.



May 9 - The Ascension of the Lord. This solemnity marks the completion of Jesus' mission of salvation and His triumphant entry into Heaven. Note: In many dioceses, observance of Ascension has been moved to the following Sunday.

May 10 - St. Damien of Molokai (1889). Born in Belgium in 1840, Joseph de Veuster became Father Damien at the age of 19. He ministered to lepers on the Hawaiian island of Molokai. He died of the disease after serving there for sixteen years. He is the patron of lepers and outcasts.

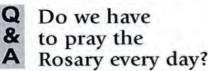
May 20 - Mary, Mother of the Church (2018). On the Cross, Jesus gave us His mother to be our mother (John 19:27). Even in Heaven, she prays and cares for us as our spiritual mother.

May 21 - St. Cristóbal Magallanes and Companions (1937). Fr. Christopher Magallanes was part of the Catholic Action Movement in Mexico, resisting the anti-Catholic Mexican government. Despite great persecution, he established a seminary at Totatiche. He and his companions were martyred.

heal, and fortify the soul against the struggles of daily life.

Listen for God's voice. Reading and meditating on the Scriptures provides insights and divine wisdom, helping us to align our thoughts and actions with God's will, thereby fostering a peace that transcends understanding.

Love is key. Jesus asked us to practice forgiveness and charity, which heal and build relationships, creating communities of support and love. Living out these values daily contributes to personal and communal peace, reflecting the Catholic approach to nurturing a peaceful heart.



Praying a daily Rosary is not required but it is recommended. It is a meditative prayer that facilitates a deeper engagement with the mysteries of Christ's life, alongside the intercessory role of the Virgin Mary. St. Dominic, who founded the Dominican Order, promoted the



Rosary and credited praying the Rosary with ridding the Church of the Albigensian heresy. Pope St. Pius V attributed the

miraculous victory of Christian forces at the Battle of Lepanto in 1571 to the Rosary. Since then, many popes have urged us to pray this prayer.

The repetitive nature of the Rosary's prayers, such as the Hail Mary, fosters a meditative state that can lead to a sense of peace. This repetition is not just a mnemonic device but a way to quiet the mind and open the heart to God's guiding voice. Moreover, praying the Rosary is also a way to seek Mary's intercession. As the Mother of Christ, her proximity to Jesus is seen as a powerful aid in bringing our prayers before God.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 25-4pm 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; Cindy L. Capone; J. Hubert Millet, Milda Millet, M/M Tony Louis, M/M Harold Marionneaux; Sam A. Distefano, Sr.; Special Intention S.O.D., M/M Edmond Gomez & Family

Sunday, May 26-7:30am Mass

St. John Parishioners

Sunday, May 26-9am 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; Tina & Jake Loyacano, Vincent M. Ferachi, Dudley Landry Family, Joe Colletti, Sr. Family; James Roucher; Guy Hopkins & Family; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; Denise Miranda; Ida Gaudet Family, Ruel Seneca, Sr., Leah Diamond, Linda Seneca Rafflee; Cathie Blanchard

Sunday, May 26-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Isaac Vaughn, Jr., Brent Vaughn, Margaret Landry, Sidney Hedges, Jr.; Leon, Nell & Pascal Graffeo, Connie Lynn LeBlanc; A Special Intention

Tuesday, May 28-6pm Mass Walter Mazone

Wednesday, May 29-7am Mass J. R. Boudreaux, Virgie Junot & Family

Thursday, May 30-7am Mass

Donald Aucoin, Aucoin & Wunstel Families

Friday, May 31-7am Mass

Joshua "Josh" Landry, Harry & Vivian Banta, Gloria & "Joe" Landry

Children's Liturgy

May 19 — 9am Mass — Tracy Cox

Anyone interested in helping with Children's Liturgy ministry may call the church office at 225.687.2402.



Coffee & Donuts

May 26, 2024 June Pinsonat, Sandra Bizette & Mary Jo Caffarel (7:30am Mass)

Bobby Blanchard, Susie Burns & Michelle Sharon (9am Mass)



Sanctuary Candle May 19, 2024

St. John the Evangelist **The Blanchard Family** St. Clement of Rome **Rose Marie Canella LeBlanc**

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"Receive the Holy Spirit." Is the Holy Spirit preparing you to share the Lord's



mission as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 225.336.8778, jjohnson@diobr.org.

St. John Altar Society

Essential Support System of the Church Altar Society Team 4 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, May 22. Volunteers are welcome.



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