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### Mass Schedule:

#### SATURDAY:

4PM CONFESSION  
 5PM MASS

#### SUNDAY:

7AM MASS  
 10AM HOLY ROSARY &  
 DIVINE MERCY  
 11AM MASS

#### WEEKDAYS:

WED. 7AM MASS  
 THURS. 7:30 MASS  
 FRI. 7:30 MASS,  
 DIVINE MERCY TO FOLLOW  
 (CONFESSIONS ARE  
 AVAILABLE 15 MINUTES  
 BEFORE DAILY MASSES)

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*Our  
 Lady of the  
 Assumption*  
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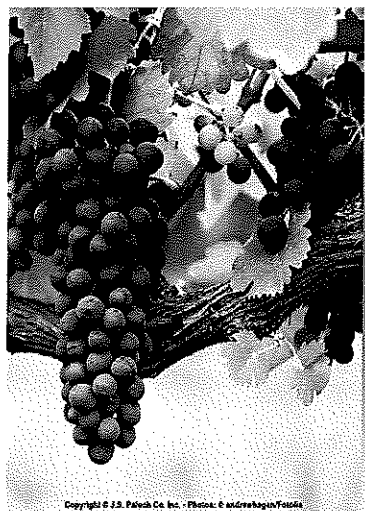
### Mass Schedule for Our Lady of the Assumption:

**SUNDAY: 9AM MASS**

**TUESDAY: 6:15 PM CONFESSION 6:30PM MASS**

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF

# Easter

APRIL 29, 2018

By this is my  
Father glorified,  
that you bear much  
fruit and become  
my disciples.

John 15:8

## LIVING BRANCHES

The Gospel and second reading for this Fifth Sunday of Easter emphasize the need for us to remain in Christ, and he in us. This shared life finds expression in the image of the one vine and many branches. We become living branches of the vine, members of the Body of Christ through baptism, Eucharist, and confirmation, sacraments of sharing God's own life. The First Letter of John describes the fruit of this vine as active love of neighbor: "And his commandment is this: we should believe . . . and love one another" (1 John 3:23).

Our first reading from Acts shows us an example of someone who shares in Christ's life in the person of Saint Paul. Paul's fearless witness, even at the risk of his life, is proof to everyone that the risen Lord's Spirit truly fills him with life and is bearing fruit in him.

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26  
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21;  
Jn 14:27-31a or (for the memorial)  
Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24;  
Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58  
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8  
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14  
Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17  
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21  
Sunday: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4;  
1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17  
or Jn 17:11b-19

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Pius V  
Tuesday: St. Joseph the Worker  
Wednesday: St. Athanasius  
Thursday: Ss. Philip and James;  
National Day of Prayer  
Friday: First Friday  
Saturday: First Saturday; Cinco de Mayo

## FAST AND SLOW

Our readings today offer a sharp contrast that hints at the wide variety of ways in which God works. In Acts, there is a rush of activity and profound change happens in a hurry. Paul, who was a leader in persecutions of the first Christians, has recently encountered Jesus on the road to Damascus. In today's passage, Paul has suddenly become a powerful witness for Jesus, risking his life and astonishing both the Christians and their enemies. This is God working fast, and everyone is trying to keep up!

In contrast, in today's Gospel from John, Jesus describes the vine and the branches bearing fruit. Vines and branches by nature act slowly and quietly. The passage itself is repetitive and meditative, inviting us to slow down and listen to what is happening under the surface. This speaks of the slow, patient work of God.

## DISCERNMENT AND LOVE

The scriptures indicate that God often works on a long-term time frame. We might need our whole lives to learn some of God's lessons. The Church sometimes takes centuries to learn vital lessons about God. But within God's slow work, there are bursts of activity when the moment is ripe in God's eyes. We might perceive these bursts of God's grace, if we are able to see.

This fascinating mix of fast and slow can invite us again to deepen our practice of discernment. Discernment is the art of paying attention to God. It is the capacity to detect God's activity, which leads us toward bearing fruit and away from that which is fruitless. In our messy world, and aware of our personal frailties, discernment is often difficult. It helps to remember that God's activity is revealed in love. Whether fast or slow, God always works in love. We are called to perceive God's dramatic and sudden activities as well as God's deep and patient work of love in daily life and in our world.

## SANCTUARY LIGHT: APRIL 28 — MAY 4



The Sanctuary Light at St. John will burn  
in memory of **Vivian Kelly**.  
The Adoration Chapel will burn  
in the memory of **Christopher Giroir**.  
The Sanctuary Light at Our Lady will burn  
in memory of **Andrew Cambre**.

*In Sympathy* Our Communities of Faith  
extend our sympathy and prayerful  
support for the family of:  
**Rosanne Rodriguez Cooper**, sister of Rachel Morales.  
May the Lord grant comfort and peace  
to this family and may she and all who sleep in Christ,  
find in His presence light, happiness and peace.





### REGISTRATION

for next school year is now open.  
You can register online or in the Religious Ed Office.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

May 29th—June 1st  
9:00am-11:45am

Registration has begun.

Forms are available in the parish office  
and Religious Ed office.

*Donations of snacks and small water bottles  
would be greatly appreciated.*



### PICTURES

First Eucharist and Confirmation pictures are  
available for pick up in the Religious Ed office.

### FINAL WEEKEND ~C.R.S. RICE BOWL (Lenten Project)

This is the final weekend the basket will be on the  
altar near the Credence Table.

Children are to walk up the ramp on the left side of  
the altar and place their Rice  
Bowl in the basket before Mass.

If you forgot your bowl, please  
return it to the Religious Ed  
office by Wednesday (May 2).



### Zachary Senior Named Finalist of the Knights of Columbus Catholic Youth Leadership Award Competition for the Diocese of Baton Rouge

Congratulations to Zachary High School senior and St. John  
parishioner Miranda Louise Albarez (KC Council 10080) for  
being named a Winner of the Knights of Columbus Catholic  
Youth Leadership Award (CYLA) competition for the Diocese  
of Baton Rouge, receiving a \$500 award.

On Sunday, April 8th, Miranda competed against high  
school seniors representing all seven Catholic Diocese in  
Louisiana for the Knights of Columbus Catholic Youth  
Leadership Award (CYLA) State Finals. The diocesan finalists  
were all students that display outstanding contributions to  
the Church, spiritual life, community life, and academics.

Each finalist was interviewed by  
a panel of judges in which they  
answered discussion questions  
related to the world, religion,  
and morality. B.R. Diocesan  
Winner Miranda Albarez earned  
third place in the State CYLA  
Finals, which comes with a  
\$2,000 award.

Miranda is the sister of  
parishioner Colin Albarez and the  
daughter of parishioners  
Stephanie and Randy Albarez.



State CYLA Chairman Delmar Forbes (left) and Diocesan Administrator Sam  
Mastretta present Miranda Albarez with a plaque for winning the Knights of  
Columbus Catholic Youth Leadership Award for the Baton Rouge Diocese.

Congratulations to Miranda and the Albarez family!



### ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

May 3: Altar Society at 10:00 am

May 8: Homeless Shelter

May 9: Men's Club at 6:30 pm

May 13: K of C Quarterly Breakfast following 7am Mass

May 23: St. Vincent de Paul at 6:00 pm

May 25: Armada Prayer Group

Every Monday at 6:30 pm: Charismatic Prayer Group

Every Friday at 7:30 pm: Narcotics Anonymous



### OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

May 1: Men's Club at 7:00 pm

May 8: Altar Society at 7:00 pm

May 15: St. Vincent de Paul at 7:00 pm

May 17: St. Vincent de Paul at 9:00 am

## HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED...

### **What is the difference between the Religious Education office and Youth Ministry?**

It's a great question and both Religious Ed and Youth Ministry work very closely on our common goal; Leading our children closer to Christ! We work together on almost all our activities, but we do have separate budgets and responsibilities.

The Religious Ed office's mission is to support parents in their efforts to teach children about our faith including Sacramental preparation.

In K-5 our program is called "**Christ Our Life**". This is a dynamic interactive program to engage our elementary children. Link to learn more [www.christourlife.com](http://www.christourlife.com)

Our 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade program is called **Edge**. This program is designed to lead youth closer to Christ through semester long studies of different aspects of our faith and how we can apply these to our everyday life. We use scripture, catechism, videos, guest speakers, activities and small group discussion to bring the teachings to life. We always begin our lessons with a light meal because Christ always fed when He taught.

High School is called **Life Teen** and it is similar to Edge. Link to learn more about Edge and Life Teen [www.lifeteen.com](http://www.lifeteen.com)

For Confirmation we use the Dynamic Catholic program called "**Decision Point**" and our First Communion is as by Dynamic Catholic called "**Blessed**"

We also supply opportunities for retreats and community service, Vacation Bible School, Specialized individual catechism for youth unable or not ready to participate in our classes, training for Core Team members and teachers, retreats and many other special events.

All of the above activities are funded through the Religious Ed office in the following ways:

1. Registration fees for the classes
2. Donations
3. Monthly Stipend from the parish funds

Youth Ministry works closely with the middle and high school Religious Ed programs. Youth ministry also provides opportunities for the youth to experience their faith in different ways beyond the classroom. These are the events that Youth Ministry provides:

**Working at the Homeless Shelter, mission trips, Stubenville Retreats, DYC, Abbey Youth Fest, World Youth Day, March for Life, Bible Studies, retreats, concerts and many fun activities.**

All of the above activities are funded through the Youth Ministry office in the following ways:

1. Donations (**monthly envelop in church packets**)
2. Fundraising

How can you help Religious Ed and Youth Ministry?

**\*The *Youth Bible* and *Catechism of the Catholic Church* are used in all programs.**





We want to thank everyone who came out and joined us or supported us in any way for our 4th annual Italian Dinner! We will be using the funds raised to attend our Mission Trip in June!

I also want to thank the SJB Youth committee members for all of their time and hard work that they put into helping organize all of the fundraisers to support our growing youth ministry to enable them to encounter Christ in different events such as the March for Life, Mission Trip, and Steubenville!

Conferences.

You can follow us on Facebook at [St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Youth Ministry](#)  
Instagram [@sjb\\_youthministry](#)



**The Office of Religious Education and the Office of Youth Ministry  
would like to thank you for your support in the 2017-2018 School Year**

Religious Education team would like to thank all the teachers for our K-5<sup>th</sup> program and all the Core Team Members for the Life Teen and Edge programs, Confirmation Team and the speakers and those that came to serve food, kept us safe, and helped us in anyway with our programs.

Thank you for all the monetary donations from our generous parishioners, please know how much your donations are appreciated and that we are conscientious stewards of your donations. Without these monies we would not be able to maintain our programs.

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make the new Adoration Chapel a reality.

Thank you to the Men's Club and the Knights of Columbus for your generosity and hard work.

Thank you to the Ladies Altar Society for all your support and for all you do for our parish.

Thank you to all who donated water and snacks, it is such a great relief to have these available.

Thank you to all the staff of St John's for their support.

To Father Jeff and Father Chuck for all you have done for the youth of our parish.

Thank you to those who pray for our programs, bless you for your support.

The 2017-2018 school year was remarkable thanks to all of you!

In His Love,  
Susan B.

In Christ,  
Lesley H

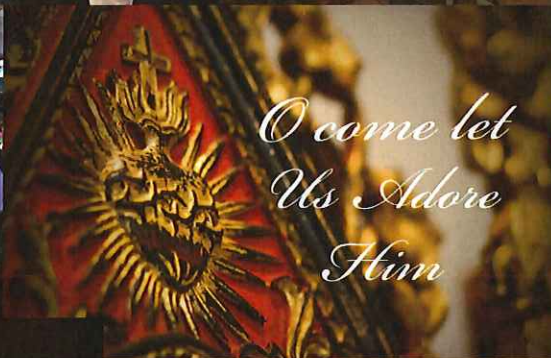
Thank  
  
you.

Blessing!  
Joyanne

God Bless,  
Kathie



2017-2018  
*Religious Education and Youth Ministry Events*





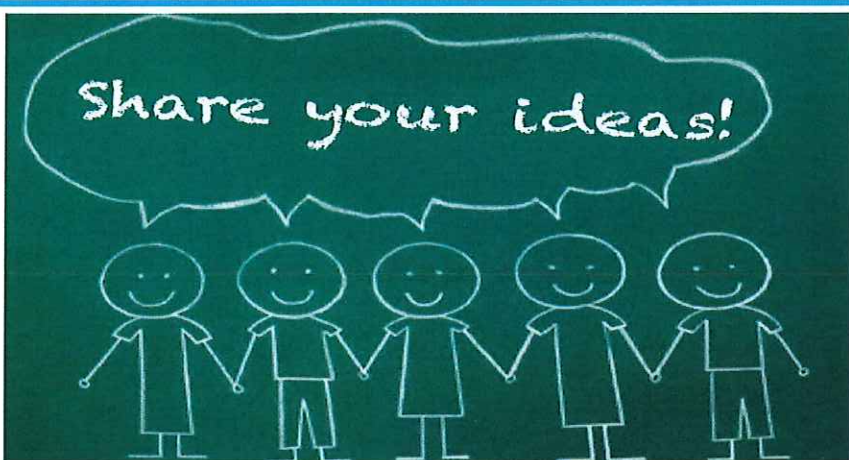


## OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5, 2018  
(the planning begins now)

*Please  
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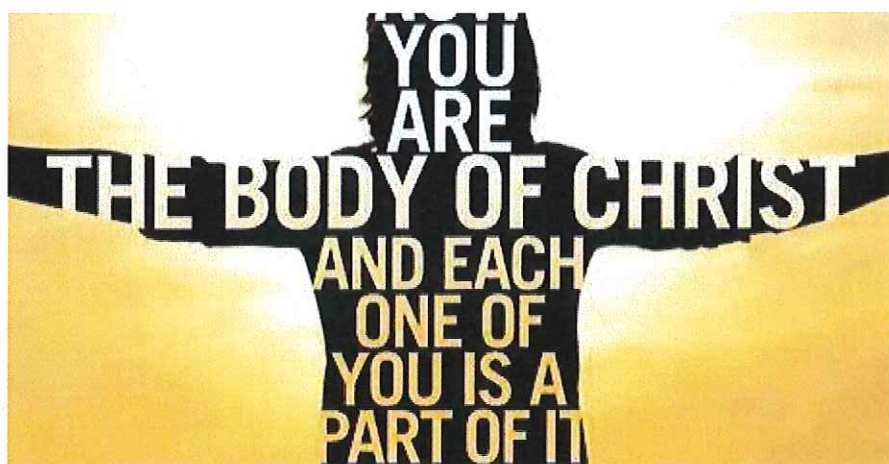
**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**



First, get  
everyone  
involved

**Share your ideas or suggestions  
with the Ladies Altar Society  
and Men's Club OR  
write it down and  
drop it in the collection basket.**

**Let's make 2018  
the best Celebration yet!**







The Dusters  
will meet on Tuesday,  
May 8th and May 22nd  
at 9:00am in the church.  
Everyone is welcome and  
the more the merrier!

If you can help, please just show up.  
The more hands, the easier for everyone.



Marvin Ashford, Jr., Army	Aaron Barr, USAF
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Cody Castello, USMC	Eugene Cazedessus, USMC
Chase Boyd Chandler, Army	LeLand Crochet, III, USM
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#### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS IN APRIL / MAY

April 29: Catholic Home Mission  
May 6: Debt Reduction/Legacy of Faith Capital Camp.  
May 13: Catholic Commentator  
May 27: Catholic Communications Campaign

#### WEEKLY COLLECTIONS 04/29/2018

<b>St. John the Baptist</b>		
Identified (Envelopes, checks, online)	\$	13,760.00
Unidentified (Loose cash)	\$	1,114.25
Building Maintenance	\$	870.00
Youth Ministry	\$	465.00
Religious Education Donation	\$	125.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	125.00
Priest Retirement	\$	190.00
Legacy of Faith (Debt Reduction)	\$	8,375.00

#### Our Lady of Assumption

Identified (Envelopes, checks, online)	\$	3,207.14
Unidentified (Loose Cash)	\$	202.00
Youth Ministry	\$	5.00

#### HEALING ROSARY ~Rescheduled~

May's monthly Healing Rosary  
has been moved to the end of April:  
**Monday, April 30th** at 9:00am at the Holley residence.  
There will be no Healing Rosary in May.



Zachary Food Bank's

**WISH LIST** for SJB this week:

Instant Items: Potatoes, grits, oatmeal...

Please help the hungry  
in the Zachary community.

#### NEXT WEEK at St. John the Baptist

**Sunday, April 29**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

-7:00 am: Mass / Coffee

-11:00 am: Mass / Baptisms

**Monday, April 30**

-9:00 am: Healing Rosary at Holley residence

-10:00 am: Bible Study "Ephesians"

-6:30 pm: Scouts

-6:30 pm: Prayer Group

**Tuesday, May 1**

-5:00 pm: Children's Choir

-5:30 pm: Youth Choir

-6:00 pm: Adult Choir

**Wednesday, May 2**

-7:00 am: Mass

-6:00 pm: High Youth Ministry

**Thursday, May 3**

-7:30 am: Mass

-10:00 am: Altar Society

**Friday, May 4**

-7:30 am: Mass / Divine Mercy / Coffee

-7:30 pm: N.A. Meeting

**Saturday, May 5**

-4:00 pm: Reconciliation

-5:00 pm: Mass

**Sunday, May 6**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

-7:00 am: Mass / Coffee

-11:00 am: Mass



#### NEXT WEEK at Our Lady

**Sunday, April 29**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

-9:00 am: Mass

**Tuesday, May 1**

-6:15 pm: Reconciliation

-6:30 pm: Mass

-7:00 pm: Men's Club

**Sunday, May 6**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

-8:30 am: First Sunday Rosary

-9:00 am: Mass

-10:00 am: First Sunday Social





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