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JUNE 1, 2025 - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

PARISH MINISTERS

Rev. William Schambough*Pastor*
Chenell Privat*Secretary to the Pastor*
Tammy Hyde*Bookkeeper*
Erin Dowd*Religious Ed Coordinator*
John Buroker*Choir Director*

CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday & Friday 6:30 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 8:30 a.m.
Holy Days: 6:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION: Saturday from 3:00–3:55 pm, 20 minutes before daily Mass and by appointment, (please call the office).

BAPTISM: Preparation for the sacrament is provided to parents held in the evenings. (See bulletin for time and place.) Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy, to avoid undue delays.

ANointING OF THE SICK: For Anointing, death, or in case of an emergency please call the parish office.

MARRIAGE: Couples planning marriage are asked to contact the pastor or deacon at least six months before your proposed date.

WELCOME, VISITORS.

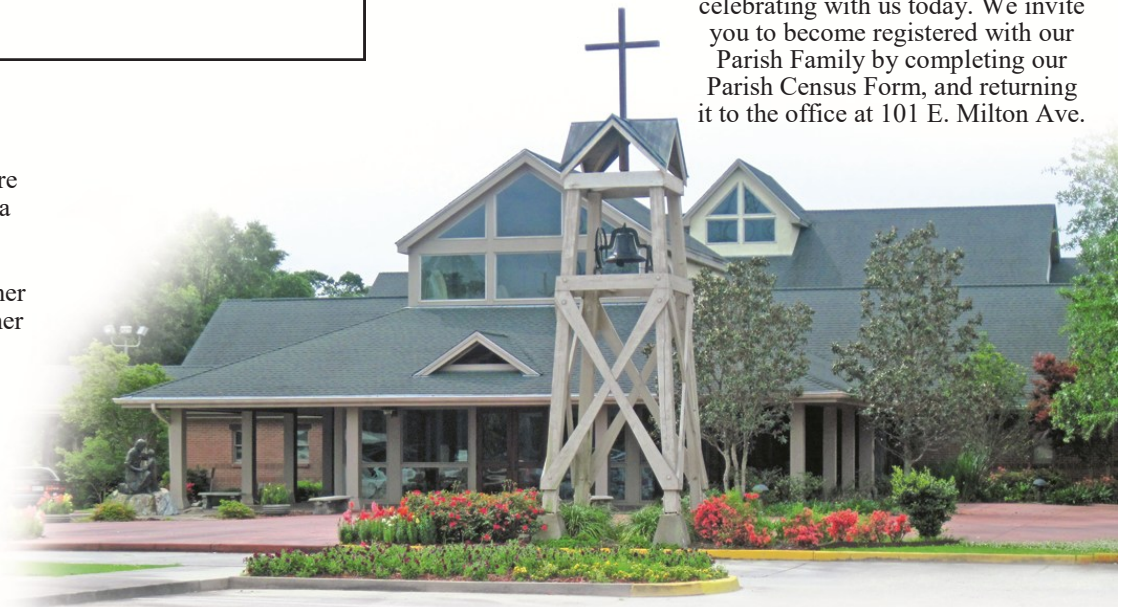
We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to become registered with our Parish Family by completing our Parish Census Form, and returning it to the office at 101 E. Milton Ave.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Troy Boudreaux	Steve Lemaire
Bob Cole	Nancy Messa
Charles Duchamp	Guy Picard
Dennis Dumas	Judy Picard
Nick Gaspard	David Walther
Dan Guidry	Marie Walther
Cindy LeBlanc	

PARISH TRUSTEES

Linda Desormeaux
Robert Landry



7th Sunday of Easter
The Ascension of the Lord
John 17:20-26

The famous 20th century St. Padre Pio said once that he would wait outside the gates of heaven until the people in his life had entered. I'm not sure that I, or frankly many people I know, would say that and mean it. Yet that is precisely the kind of attitude we see in Jesus as he prays for us in the Gospel today. Having celebrated the Ascension of the Lord just a few days ago, we now hear the Son of God at the Last Supper pray to his Father **"that they may be brought to perfection as one"** (John 17:23). What does this mean for us?

I'd wager that we are not surprised that Jesus wants to make us perfect — that is, happy, whole, and healed. The shocker is that he desires this for us collectively and not just individually. Perfection is a team sport. We need each other to be perfect. Jesus is like a mother longing for her adult children to learn how to be in loving support of one another. He wants the perfection of his disciples to be not some individualistic plan of moral uprightness, but a loving communion of brothers and sisters.

Let's apply this practically. Do I see my participation at Mass as something I do merely for my own peace and edification, or as something I do with and for the people around me? Do I see my ongoing need for forgiveness as something that simply makes me feel better, or as a task that heals those around me, too? Is my dearest hope to individually get to heaven when I die, or is it to be part of the great procession of souls, together marching towards the heavenly Jerusalem? Do I want to be in heaven with people I currently find difficult? How would my life change if I did?

— *Father John Muir*

Please Pray For The Sick

Joyce Menard Laura Henry Beau Gaspard
 Melissa Lapointe David McKeon Diana Johnson
 Marc Broussard Mark Broussard
 Yvonne LeBlanc Red Hall Jerome Auzenne, Sr.
 Danny B. Comeaux Chuck Lindsey Reed McIver
 Christine Marie Gotte Kenney Stickney
 Polly Breazeale Pat Broussard Rita McDaniel
 Gabe Fortier Kenny Menard Melissa Logan

Our Gift Back to God

Offertory (*Due to early printing, not available*) \$
 Building and Maintenance Fund (May) . . . \$ 4,127.85

Thank you!

This Weekend's Second Collection
 Building & Maintenance Fund

The second reading today contains the somber warning that Jesus is coming soon and will bring to each person the reward that his or her conduct deserves. Has my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me been such that I could respond joyfully, "Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!"?

Jesus prayed saying: "Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me." - Jn 17:20-21

Mass Intentions

Weekend of May 31st and June 1st, 2025
Sat. 4 p.m., Sun. 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. for the intentions listed,
Sun. 10:30 a.m. for our parish (Pro Populo)

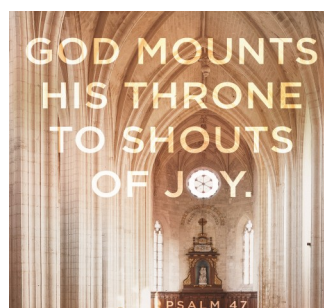
John Lloyd Trahan, Jackie LaFleur, Randall Picard, Gladys Bernard (Anniv.), Thomas & Dorothy Collins, David Brune, Sue Naumann, Mabel & Romain Hebert, George Lee Broussard, Lavern McLean Boudreaux (Anniv.), Jeffery Louis Boudreaux (Birthday), Chester Henry, Cheri Trahan, Wilda & Louis Theo Bares, Earless Romero, Willis & Geri Morvant, Vernis Breau, Janell Girouard, Dianne Touchet, Ernest & Jacquelyn Albert, Geraldine (Gerry) Foreman, Preston Simon, Lawrence Broussard, Kevin Manceaux, Alex LeBlanc

Weekday Masses

Monday 2	Ernest & Jacquelyn Albert (Wedding Anniv.)
Tuesday 3	Neil Boudreaux, Gertrude Boudreaux, Joseph & Vivian Johnson
Wednesday 4	Herman "Tully" & Wilma Rae Landry (Wedding Anniv.), Verna Picard (Birthday), Tonya Strother Hebert, Mary Lou David (Birthday)
Thursday 5	Edvard Hebert, Jr.
Friday 6	Otha Shannon, John Shannon, Dudley & Amie Denais (Wedding Anniv.), Ronald Joseph Romero

Sanctuary Candle

Kevin Manceaux





Summer Office Hours begin on June 2nd through July 31st. The office normally closes at 4:00 but will close at 3:00 p.m. during the months of June and July. Have a safe and happy summer break!

Elderberries next social will be held on Tuesday **June 10th** at 9:00 a.m. at the Life Center. Lunch to follow afterwards at Pinchers in Maurice.

The Next Baptism Seminar will be held on Thursday, **June 12th**, at 6:30 p.m. in church. Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy in order to avoid any delays.



May

We welcome into the family of St. Joseph's the newly Baptized. Welcome:

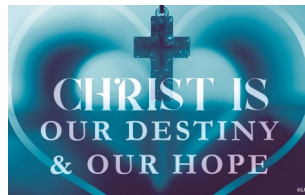
*Weston Lee Smith
Alice Faye Perrodin
Henry Alexander West
Parker Joyce Stelly
Oliver Charles Morel*



Events This Week

- Mon. (2nd):** Confession 6:00 a.m.
Mass 6:30 a.m.
- Tues. (3rd):** Confession 8:00 a.m.
Mass 8:30 a.m.
- Wed. (4th):** Confession 8:00 a.m.
Mass 8:30 a.m.
Adoration 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Thurs. (5th):** Confession 8:00 a.m.
Mass 8:30 a.m.
- Fri. (6th):** Confession 6:00 a.m.
Mass 6:30 a.m.
Parish Office Closed
- Sat. (7th):** Confession 3-3:55 p.m.
Mass 4:00 p.m.
- Sun. (8th):** Mass 8:00 a.m.,
10:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Sensory Mass (Family Mass) A monthly Sunday Catholic Mass option for families with children or young adults who could spiritually benefit from accommodations for sensory needs. Various arrangements for self-seating or standing or wheelchair access. Florescent lighting turned off, incandescent lights dimmed. Little or no music. Applicable brief homily, zero-step entry into Church. No rush environment to enjoy your family and time with God in worship. The next Mass will be held **June 21st** at 5:30 p.m.



Registration for Religious Ed is now underway for 2025-2026 for students in grades 1st through 8th. Registration forms can be found on the St. Joseph Website www.stjo-milton.org. **The deadline to register is May 31, 2025!** Please call Erin Dowd at 856-0800 if you should have any questions or concerns.

Adoration: Join us every Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Additionally, the Church is unlocked from dawn to dusk for personal prayer. Adorers may pray in our *Blessed Sacrament Chapel Area* behind the altar.

Word of Life If you or someone you know has had an abortion, be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Additionally, other confidential, passionate help is available. Select "Find Help" from the menu on www.hopeafterabortion.org to find the diocesan Project Rachel Ministry near you. *For those suffering after abortion: May they know that the Lord desires to bring healing, and turn to Him for His mercy and peace; let us pray to the Lord.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a
- Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26
- Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday's Readings

- Acts 2:1-11
- Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (R./cf.30)
- 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Romans 8:8-17
- John 20:19-23 or John 14:15-16, 23b-26

God's Game of Telephone

You've probably played the game of "pass it on" before, maybe years ago on the playground. It's a simple concept: one person whispers something in another person's ear, and it gets repeated person by person throughout the group, until finally the last one to hear the message has to say it out loud. Whatever ends up being said at the end of the game is usually a far cry from the original statement, and everyone has a good laugh.

As individuals, we don't receive news in the same way. Our personalities, our histories, our weaknesses, and our strengths determine how we interact with information we encounter in the world, both good and bad. One person will interpret a compliment positively; someone else will take offense. One person reacts to news of a job promotion with joy, another is disappointed that now they will have less time with their family. The same news can mean completely different things to different people.

But what God gives us is the truth in love, and the truth in love is the same in every place and in every time, for every person of every race. When Christ prayed to the Father that "the love with which you loved me may be in them," he was asking that the magnificent gift that had been imparted to him would also be imparted to us.

Our job is to play a game of pass it on with this gift of love. How do we keep it from becoming warped? Through remaining committed to the word of God, to the sacraments, and to one another.

In this game, we don't change the message. The message changes us. And we have to give it away to keep it.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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"A priest is not a priest for himself, he is a priest for you." - Cure' of Ars

Please Pray for Our Priests:

Pope Leo XIV

Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel

Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell

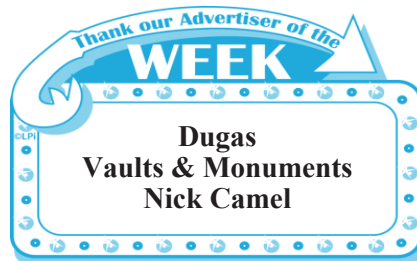
Rev. Emmanuel Fernandez

Rev. Sam Fontana

Rev. David James Furka

Rev. Abelardo Gabriel, SVD

Youngsville Meal Site Connect with other seniors (60 and older) at the new Youngsville Meal Site located at the VFW Hall, 204 Lafayette Street, Youngsville. Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. excluding holidays. Registration is required. Call 337-262-5990. Meals are \$1.25. Meet other people, eat a nutritious meal and enjoy activities.



Thought of the Week

The only difference between saints and sinners is that every saint has a past while every sinner has a future.

Ascension of the Lord

Question:

Couldn't Jesus have done more good if he stayed on earth, rather than ascended into heaven?

Answer:

This is an interesting question! During his earthly life, Jesus gave sight to the blind, healed paralytics, drove out demons, and fed thousands with only a few loaves of bread. Imagine what he could have done if he'd never ascended into heaven! Imagine what our world could be! It's an interesting thought to consider, especially as the world face challenges that only seem to deepen and expand. Yet at the Last Supper, Jesus says, "It is better for you if I go." Why? His response must have seemed strange to the Apostles at the time. In his place, Jesus says, he will send the Paraclete, the Comforter, the Advocate. He promises to send the Holy Spirit.

Jesus' departure allows the Apostles to become the leaders he has formed them to be. Jesus is no longer situated in only one geographical location, and his Church will never be a political kingdom. Soon after the Ascension, we celebrate Pentecost — the descent of the Holy Spirit and the radical empowerment of the followers of Jesus. We share in that empowerment and in that mission. Jesus is present in the sacraments, and he is present in us. Through our faith, hope, and love, we are called to be the good he does here on earth!

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Liturgical Ministers June 7th and June 8th, 2025

Sacristans, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers

We ask all ministers to please be there **15 minutes before Mass**. Sacristans, please be there 30 to 45 minutes before Mass. Please request a sub on your ministry pro app if unable to make your scheduled time.

Saturday, June 7th, 4:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Jan Landry

Lector: Beth Viator

Eucharistic Ministers: Jed Bourque, Monica Bourque, Brenda Manceaux

Altar Servers: Vivian Deshotel

Sunday, June 8th, 8:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Angie Landry

Lector: Judy Cole

Eucharistic Ministers: Trista Littell, Donna Pitre, Angie Landry

Altar Servers: Grace Ortis, Nathan Waguespack

Sunday, June 8th, 10:30 a.m.

Sacristan: Leurline Norris

Lector: Cindy Fontenot

Eucharistic Ministers: Chrissy Smith, Erin Dowd, Leurline Norris

Altar Servers: Ella Maynard, Gabriel Gremillion, Thomas Sanner

Sunday, June 8th, 5:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Mary Landry

Lector: Dennis Dumas

Eucharistic Ministers: Debbie Dumas, Emilie Boudreaux, Troy Boudreaux

Altar Servers:

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