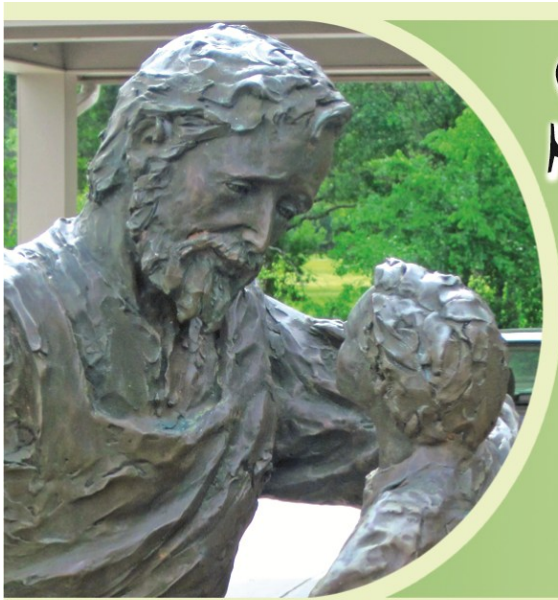




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JUNE 7, 2026 – SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

PARISH MINISTERS

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 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.

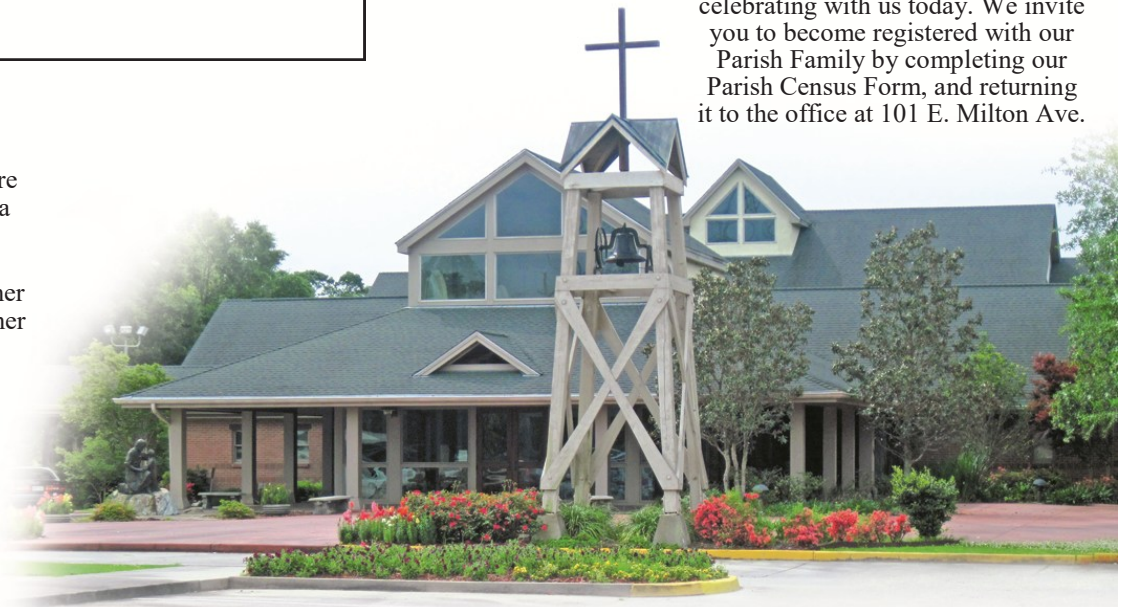
We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to become registered with our Parish Family by completing our Parish Census Form, and returning it to the office at 101 E. Milton Ave.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Troy Boudreaux	Steve Lemaire
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Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ John 6:51-58

When I was a young altar server, I once overheard two very different comments about the Eucharist. One person asked, "Is Father distributing the bread or the wine?" Later, another asked, "Can you go get Jesus from the tabernacle?" Same parish, same Mass, but two very different ways of speaking. I pondered: So, is it bread that we pretend is Jesus? Or is Jesus a tiny white thing in a box? I was utterly confused.

This Feast of Corpus Christi is an excellent time to think about how we should speak about the Eucharist. In today's Gospel, Jesus declares: "My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink." (John 6:55) His words scandalized his listeners, who feared cannibalism, and even today puzzle many, who reduce them to metaphor. Both miss the truth.

The Church gives us better words that honor Jesus' words in the Gospel. After the consecration, we do not call it "bread" or "wine." Nor do we say, "a piece of Jesus" or even "Jesus." We say: the Eucharist. We say: the Body and Blood of Christ. We say: the Real Presence. We say: the Most Blessed Sacrament. These words safeguard the astonishing reality that Christ himself is truly present, whole and entire, under the appearances of bread and wine.

If we speak well about the Eucharist, we will think more clearly and believe more deeply. And if we believe more deeply, we will adore more truly the One who gives himself to us — not bread, not wine, but Jesus Christ himself, whole and entire.

— *Father John Muir*
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Please Pray For The Sick

Joyce Menard * Kenney Stickney * Jo Anne Means*
Gabe Fortier * Denise Hebert * Jeanne May *
Hunter Henry * Kim Vincent * Chelsea Santiago *
Janel S. Viator * Ms. Thibodeaux * Jamie Fox-Taylor
* David Dupont * Leoila Perrien * Heidi Roth *
Fletcher Cornbie * Andre Perrin * Ores Menard *
Carmen Castille * Chester Trahan * Paul Landry *
*Clarence Thibodeaux * Verna Smith * Laura Henry*
* Brenda Boudreaux * The Broussard Family*
Taylor Ross * Parker Schexnider * Special Intention

Our Gift Back to God

Offertory	\$11,962.00
Mailed / Dropped in Office	\$ 1,245.00
Total (May 24th)	\$13,207.00
Weekly Goal	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus our Goal	+\$1,207.00

Offertory	\$ 13,874.41
Mailed / Dropped in Office	\$980.00
Total (May 31st)	\$ 14,854.41
Weekly Goal	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus our Goal	+\$2,854.41

Thank you!

This Weekend's Second Collection Building and Maintenance Fund

The bishops' stewardship pastoral asks, "And what do Christians bring to the eucharistic celebration and join there with Jesus' offering?" The answer: "Their lives as Christian disciples; their personal vocations and stewardship they have exercised regarding them; their individual contributions to the great work of restoring all things in Christ."

"Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever." - Jn 6:57-58

Mass Intentions

Weekend of June 6th and 7th, 2026
Sat. 4 p.m., and Sun. 8 a.m. And 5 p.m. for the intentions listed
Sun. 10:30 a.m. for our parish (Pro Populo)

Jerry & Betsy Viator (His Anniv.), Wayne "Bubba" Begnaud, Jr., Van Paul Perrin, Geraldine (Gerry) Foreman, Randy LeBlanc, Jacob Guidry (Anniv.), Ix Joseph Romero, Willis & Geri Morvant, M/M Lawrence & Alice Benoit, Sr., Aimee E. Breaux Mittelsteadt, Janell Girouard, John Lloyd Trahan, Wilda & Louis Theo Bares, Shirley Broussard, Alyce Rose Doiga, Beverly Fuselier, Randall Picard, Cheri Trahan, Ronald Joseph Romero, Chester Henry, Kevin Manceaux, Merlin Alleman, Percy Joseph & Lucille B. LeBlanc, Dorothy Collins, Ken Dugas, Dianne Touchet, Earl J. Bouton, Sr., Floyd P. Broussard, Grace Perrin, Frank Palombo, Earless Romero, Jimmie Floyd Vincent, Leora Fuselier, Polly Breazeale, Jane Thibodeaux, In Thanksgiving for Benefactors of Little Corner Store

Monday 8th	Sick of the Community
Tuesday 9th	Gertrude Boudreaux, Neil Boudreaux
Wednesday 10th	Eustis & Beulah Touns (His Birthday)
Thursday 11th	Edvard Hebert, Jr.
Friday 12th	Jerry & Betsy Viator, Terry J. Broussard (4th Anniv.)

Sanctuary Candle Grace Lucas



Registration for Religious Ed is now closed for the 2026-2027 session. The deadline to register was May 31st, 2026. Please call Erin Dowd at 856-0800 if you have any questions or concerns.

The Elderberries will meet on **Tuesday, June 9th** at 9:00 a.m. in the Life Center. Lunch will follow at Bon Temps Grill in Lafayette.

The Next Baptism Seminar will be held on **Thursday, June 11th** at 6:30 p.m. in Church. Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy to avoid any delays.

Sensory/Family Mass: Our next Sensory/Family Mass will be **Saturday, June 13th** at 5:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Church. This Mass is for families or anyone who could spiritually benefit from accommodations for sensory needs. All are welcome!

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a **Bake Sale** on **Sunday, June 21st** after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses. The proceeds from the sale will go toward helping a local Milton resident with the installation of a needed handicap ramp for his home. The KC Council and the parish greatly appreciate your help!

CHEERMAS in July with the STM Cheerleaders will be **July 7th - 10th** from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.. Lil' Cheer Camp Grades K- 5th and Summer Intensive Grades 6th - 8th. Preregistration is \$165.00 and Walk-in Registration is \$175.00. For more information, visit their website at www.stmcougars.net/campus-life/summer-camps.



Events This Week

Mon. (8th):	Confession 6:00 a.m. Mass 6:30 a.m.
Tues. (9th):	Confession 8:00 a.m. Mass 8:30 a.m. Elderberries 9:00 a.m. (Church)
Wed. (10th):	Confession 8:00 a.m. Mass 8:30 a.m. Adoration 5:30 p.m.
Thurs. (11th):	Confession 8:00 a.m. Mass 8:30 a.m. Baptism Seminar 6:30 p.m. (Church)
Fri. (12th):	Confession 6:00 a.m. Mass 6:30 a.m. Parish Office Closed
Sat. (13th):	Confession 3:00 p.m. Mass 4:00 p.m. Sensory Mass 5:30 p.m.
Sun. (14th):	Mass 8:00 a.m. Mass 10:30 a.m. Confession: 4:15 p.m. Mass 5:00 p.m.

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.

Engaged Couples Spend a weekend away from the cares and distractions of everyday living. Attend a **Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend.** The weekend is open to any engaged couple wanting to prepare for a deeper more meaningful life together in a Sacramental Marriage recognized by the Catholic Church according to its Church law. Upcoming weekend dates for 2026 are **Aug. 21-23, Oct. 16-18.** For cost of weekend, other dates, and to learn more, visit our website at www.ceelafayette.org or contact **Mike & Phyllis Totaro** at 337-962-5798 (Phyllis) or reginfo.ceelaf@gmail.com.

Revival—A Grieving Mother's Retreat. Red Bird Ministries is hosting a Revival Retreat for mothers who have experienced the loss of a child—through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant loss, or the death of a child at any age. The retreat will be held **June 12th thru 14th** at Grand Coteau Retreat Center, St. Charles College, Grand Coteau, LA. This retreat offers a compassionate, faith-filled space for mothers to encounter Christ in their sorrow, honor their child's life, and find hope within the Church. For more information, or to register, please visit: <https://www.redbird.love/revival> You are not alone. The Church walks with you.

Hallow

Already using Hallow? Simply open the app, tap the **Community** tab at the bottom of your screen, visit our **parish page**.

New to Hallow? Visit hallow.com/parish, search for our parish (zip code works best), and follow the prompts. You'll receive a special trial with full access to Hallow's premium content. If you'd prefer to stay on the free version, just tap **"Skip"** — you'll still have access to our parish page and the prayer challenges. **Need help getting started?** Email: parishsupport@hallow.app



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Kgs 17:1-6/ Ps 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 17:7-16/ Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday:	1 Kgs 18:20-39/ Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 (580)/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13/Mt 5:20-26
Friday:	Dt 7:6-11/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30
Saturday:	1 Kgs 19:19-21/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10/Mt 5:33-37

Next Sunday's Readings

Ex 19:2-6a
Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5
Rom 5:6-11
Mt 9:36-10:8

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: What is “true food” and “true drink,” when you live in a society where bodily nourishment is so plentiful that we reject it out of pride, that we feel a shame for needing it, and that we use it as a balm for feelings of boredom, pain, and fear?

True Food

Like most millennial women, I have a bizarre relationship with food.

I’m so busy and distracted that most days, I forget to eat — until nighttime, when I make some very questionable decisions, usually involving cake. I also came of age in a time when any woman without a visible eating disorder was labeled as “curvy” (and curvy was understood by everyone to be A Very Bad Thing). Thus, I have a deep feeling of shame whenever I do eat, even when I am hungry, and even when it’s something good for me.

I’m so messed up when it comes to food that I often wonder if I even have a good point of reference for understanding the Eucharist. What is “true food” and “true drink,” when you live in a society where bodily nourishment is so plentiful — at least for certain fortunate people like me — that we reject it out of pride, that we feel a shame for needing it, and that we use it as a balm for feelings of boredom, pain, and fear?

But I suppose there’s no better way to understand the Eucharist, when you really think about it. The Israelites survived on manna from Heaven — what they would have given for a grocery store. What they would have given for redemption.

I am given both. I appreciate neither to the extent that I should.

True food, true nourishment, true life — physical and spiritual — these are things we all desperately want. And so many of us have them. But our ability to understand what they mean — well, it’s hampered. This isn’t Eden, after all.

We are reading a book missing half its pages, singing a harmony missing half its parts. We stumble forward, knowing that the fullness can come, will come — one day.

If we keep trying.

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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:

Rev. Conley Bertrand
Rev. Paul Bienvenu
Very Rev. William Blanda, VF
Rev. Howard Blessing
Very Rev. Kevin Bordelon, JCJ, JV
Rev. Marshal Boulet
Rev. John Joseph Bourque, CJC



Thought of the Week

Your mind will always believe everything you tell it. Feed it faith. Feed it truth. Feed it with love.

Word of Life “Christ’s blood reveals to man that his greatness, and therefore, his vocation, consists in the sincere gift of self. ...It is from the blood of Christ that all draw the strength to commit themselves to promoting life. It is precisely this blood that is the most powerful source of hope, indeed it is the foundation of the absolute certitude that in God’s plan life will be victorious.” *May the worthy reception of Jesus in the Eucharist strengthen our commitment to protect the gift of human life from conception to natural death; let us pray to the Lord.*

Virtues, Explained! Gratitude

Mini Explanation — Gratitude pays a kind of “moral debt.” Children owe it to their parents; citizens owe it to their country. The Eucharist is the most perfect act of gratitude, wherein God is acknowledged as the source of all good.

Gratitude, Explained!

How many of us have been told to “be grateful” when we look a little glum? But the truth is that gratitude is about more than just attitude. This virtue concerns our actions — how we carry ourselves in the world, how we behave toward other people, and how we submit to lawful authority.

“Gratitude answers to the moral debt,” St. Thomas Aquinas writes (Sum., II:II, 106, Art. 1). We owe gratitude to those who have cared for us — children owe it to their parents in the form of respect (CCC 215) and citizens owe it to their country in the form of love and service (CCC 215).

The Eucharist is the most perfect act of gratitude. Appropriately, Jesus “gives thanks” for the bread at the Last Supper, just as we give thanks before the Eucharist — acknowledging God as the principal source of all that is good.

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Liturgical Ministers June 13th through June 14th, 2026 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 13th, 4:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Linda Desormeaux
Lector: Dan LaPointe
Eucharistic Ministers: Julie Howell, Jan Landry, Deacon Todd McKee
Altar Servers: Ella Gaspard, Jack Gaspard

Sunday, June 14th, 8:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Trish Suire
Lector: Naomie Fitzgerald
Eucharistic Ministers: John Landry, Paula Landry, Vance Lanier
Altar Servers: Rosie Fitzgerald, Grace Ortis

Sunday, June 14th, 10:30 a.m.

Sacristan: Kristi Lancaster
Lector: Leslie Breaux
Eucharistic Ministers: Kristi Lancaster, Jude Bares, Cindy LeBlanc
Altar Servers: Emery Lancaster, Isla Anding, Waylon Anding

Sunday, June 14th, 5:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Sharon Moore
Lector: Sharon Moore
Eucharistic Ministers: Emilie Boudreaux, Troy Boudreaux, Deacon Todd McKee
Altar Servers: Nathan Waguespack, Thomas Roy