ASCENSION OF THE LORD







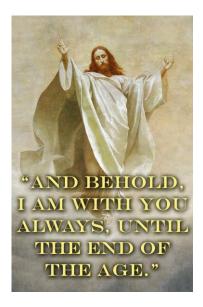
All you peoples, clap your hands; shout to God with joyful cries.

For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,

the great king over all the earth.

Psalm 47:2-3

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



Readings for the week of May 21, 2023:

Sunday, May 21, 2023 The Ascension of the Lord Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

Monday, May 22, 2023 St. Rita of Cascia, Religious Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33 Tuesday, May 23, 2023

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

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday, May 25, 2023 St. Bede the Venerable,
Priest & Doctor of the Church; St. Gregory VII,
Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a&5, 7-8, 9-10, 11;
Jn 17:20-26

Friday, May 26, 2023 St. Philip Neri, Priest Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday, May 27, 2023 St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, &7; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday, May 28, 2023 Pentecost Sunday Acts 2:1-11: Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34: 1

Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23



Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help is held each Monday at 8:30 a.m. at St. Anthony Church and each Tuesday at St. Joseph Church during Mass at 6:30 p.m.

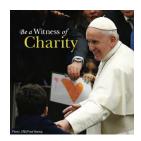
Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction with Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held at St. Anthony Church on First Friday following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. All are welcome.





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MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK ST. JOSEPH ST. ANTHONY

Saturday, May 20, 2023

4:00 p.m. – Ehret Fly., Benny Randazzo, Brenda Hingle, Ortolano Fly., John Hefti, Robert Klein Fly., Charles Perry Fly., Cheryl Perry Smith, Francis Hefti Fly., Souls in Purgatory, Donald Trump Fly., Eddie Falterman, Loislyn Scardino, Blanchard Fly., Falterman Fly., Danny Blanchard, Eddie Falterman, Jr., Patsy Grefer, Amy Loup, Melissa Giangrosso, George W. Smith, Jr., Palermo Family

Sunday, May 21, 2023 7:30 a.m. – Helen E. Bach

9:30 a.m. – Lopez Fly., Brad Theard, Cambre, Brunet, Fonseca & Boudreaux Flys., Carmen Koenig Kass, Wiley J. Beevers, Marie Lynn Reine, Josephine Pasateri Weigel, Nidia Rodriguez, Theresa DiPascal, W. Richard & Helen White, Bill Ryan, Jay Sunseri, Catherine Kloor, Kenneth Maurice Thomas, Sr., Vernita Johnson Gaines, Joseph Jones, Sr., Debra Ann Burrle, Dr. Earl Madere, Jerry Marvin Hart, Jeanne Marie Richard, Nestor Manuel Ponce, Rita Schmitt Roccaforte, Alvin Joseph Turner, Hurved Anthony Price, Eddie Lasseigne, Amy Loup, Constance "Connie" Bahman, Daniel Walters

11:30 a.m. - For All Parishioners

6:30 p.m. – For the Haitian Community

Monday, May 22, 2023 12:10 – Paul Walther, Sr.

Tuesday, May 23, 2023 6:30 p.m. – Justin Goetz

Wednesday, May 24, 2023 12:10 – Janice Pierce Newby

Thursday, May 25, 2023 12:10 – Ruth Casler

Friday, May 26, 2023 12:10 – Milton Malik Saturday, May 20, 2023

5:00 p.m. – Lawrence Kass, Sr., Larry Kass, Jr., Marvin Bush, Tre' Anthony Walker, Lloyd Bellaire, Jr.

Sunday, May 21, 2023 10:30 a.m. – Michael C. Arnold, Jr.

Monday, May 22, 2023 8:30 a.m. – For Peace in the World

Tuesday, May 23, 2023 8:30 a.m. – Harold Gaddis

Wednesday, May 24, 2023 8:30 a.m. – Ray Escoffier

Thursday, May 25, 2023 8:30 a.m. – For the End of Violence in Our Archdiocese

Friday, May 26, 2023 8:30 a.m. – For All Deceased Parishioners

Saturday, May 27, 2023 8:30 a.m. – Carmen Koenig Kass

5:00 p.m. – Susan P. Petersen, Tre' Anthony Walker, Lloyd Bellaire, Jr.

Sunday, May 28, 2023 (Pentecost Sunday) 10:30 a.m. – Margaret D. Arnold, Nidia Rodriguez

In Memoriam

Let us remember to pray for the repose of the souls of Loyce Plaisance Burnetz, Constance "Connie" Bahman, Lovinia "Lee" Arnona, and Anthony Bono, Sr. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.



SUNDAY AND MONDAY BINGO'S AT GRETNA BINGO PALACE BENEFIT ST. JOSEPH RESTORATION

St. Joseph Church as the 3:00pm slots on Sundays and Mondays at the Gretna Bingo Palace. Please come out to play BINGO and support our Church.

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For information regarding Baptismal Seminars, please call the St. Joseph Parish Office or send an email to stjosephgretna@arch-no.org.





St Joseph Church & Shrine Married Couples Retreat

Would you like to break away with your spouse and spend quality time enriching your marriage?

Then join us on our parish sponsored *Married Couples Retreat* at the beautiful St. Joseph Abbey in Covington. The retreat begins with

breakfast on January 13th and ends after lunch on Sunday January 14th. Don't miss out on this great weekend get-a-way!

For more information or to register go to <u>FaithandMarriage.org</u>. Limited to the first 30 couples! Suggested donation of \$325 is requested but *not required*. Pre-registration deposit, which is part of the donation, is \$100. There are a limited number of rooms, so please sign up today!

St Joseph will be holding a diaper drive for the Community Center for Life on weekend of May 27/28. Please bring a pack or two of diapers to Mass starting this weekend (drop off box will be provided in the rear of church).



Diapers can also be dropped off to the Parish Office or directly with the CCL Office on the corner of 6th and Lafayette. An assortment of sizes is needed. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



The St. Anthony Ladies Club will meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6pm in the St. Anthony School cafeteria. All ladies are invited. Looking forward to seeing you there. Please note that future meetings will be

held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.



Anyone wishing to donate a dessert, please contact Glenn Esteve at (504)405-2576

St. Cletus Church in Gretna is seeking committed adorers for their Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. Information pamphlets are available in the rear of church. Hours are available Monday-Friday from 8:00am to 9:00pm. To sign up or if you would like more information about adoration, please contact one of the St. Cletus chapel coordinators: Monica Cancienne (504)452-9748 or Tessa Matrana (504)382-8398.

Our next Pizza with The Pastor will be on June 12, 2023 at 6:30pm in St. Joseph Church. We will have devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and then have dinner in the Rectory. All are invited to attend.





Happy Birthday Fr. Frank Carabello who recently celebrated his 87th birthday! St. Joseph Ladies Retreat August 18, 19, 20



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Our Lady of Hope is a wonderful place to experience a closer relationship with our Heavenly Father, and we are hopeful that you will give prayerful consideration to join Fr. Gary on this St. Joseph Women's weekend retreat opportunity.



Cherished: A Retreat for Those in a Season of Infertility Friday July 7 - Saturday, July 8, 2023 St. Joseph Abbey Retreat Center, Covington

The Archdiocese of New Orleans Office of Marriage and Family Life and Springs in the Desert are partnering to offer the above retreat. Infertility is a heavy burden that not everyone understands, but you don't have to carry it alone! Wherever you are on the path of infertility, the Marriage and Family Life Office invites you to join the Springs in the Desert team as they reflect on the emotional, relational and spiritual aspects of the infertility experience, and offer practical suggestions for strengthening your relationship with God and your spouse. Come with your spouse or on your own for a time of prayer, healing, and friendship. To learn more about Cherished and to register, visit springsinthedesert.org/nola. If you would like to speak with someone about the retreat, please contact Chris O'Neill, Director, Marriage and Family Life Office, at 504-861-6243 or coneill@arch-no.org.



Deacon Lawrence Wumya will be become part of St. Joseph/St. Anthony Parishes beginning the first weekend of June 2023 (June 3-4). Please welcome Deacon Lawrence to our Cburch family.

Brief Family Background

Lawrence Wumya was born on Sunday, September 10, 1989, in Malshegu, Tamale, in the northern part of Ghana, to Mr. Charles Kobli Wumya Naporo and Regina Amina Wumya Dasana. Both parents got converted to Christianity before their marriage in 1988. I was baptized and confirmed on April 10, 2004, at Malshegu, a mission Church community of Holy Cross Parish.

I am the first of three children of my parents. My parents were baptized and confirmed Catholics. They were both devout Catholics and committed members of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. My father passed on May 17, 2017, two years into my seminary formation. The marriage life of my parents was one of dignity and respect, worthy of emulation. Their life together as a couple impacted and influenced my life greatly: my religious, social, and emotional worldviews have been shaped by their marriage life.

Brief Education Background

1996-2004 – Primary School and Junior High School

2004-2007 - Business Senior High School

2007-2011 - Four Year Business in Cost Accounting

2011-2014 - Three-year Diploma in Basic Education Certificate

2014 -2015 - Part-time classroom teacher in Primary Four and taught Core-Mathematics at Senior High School

2015-2016 - Started Seminary foundation at St. Michael Propaediutic Major Seminary, Diocese of Yendi

2016-2019 - St. Paul's Catholic Seminary, Accra - three-year philosophy studies

2019-2021 – St. Peter's Reginal Seminary, Cape Coast – theology studies

Midway through 2021 – transferred to Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans, where he continues his studies until today.

Brief Vocation Story

The Priest who has been my role model in my discernment process was Fr. Olivier Leicester, Missionary of Africa, a French man. He learned and mastered the local language, Dagbani, and was even more fluent in speech and legible in writing than the natives. As a result, he translated almost everything about the liturgy into the local language. His desire, passion, zeal, perseverance, faith, hope, and love for people is what I want to model my priesthood upon.

My desire to be a priest began when I was a senior in high school. However, out of fear of failure, I decided to suppress the desire and I proceeded to enroll in Teacher Training College. The cause of my fear was, first, based on the fact, that my community is 97% Muslim, and my family is 90% Muslim. As Muslims, they cannot even conceive the idea of marrying one wife, how could they understand a man who would not marry at all? Second, people from my community have entered the seminary before me but left somewhere through. These were the causes of my fear because I do not want to begin a journey I would not end. I never lost the desire even as a teacher. However, because of the same fear, I decided to proceed to the university. A few weeks later, I visited a village on Ash Wednesday. They told me that they had not had Mass in three months because there were no priests. They only put ashes on their own heads to remind them that it was Ash Wednesday. This experience affirmed my desire for the vocation of priesthood and gave me the courage to enter the seminary without any regrets about passing up my university admission.



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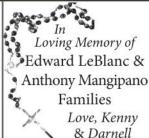
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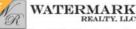
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