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MASS SCHEDULE

Sat. Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

7:30 p.m.

Mon.-Fri.: 7:00, 8:30 a.m.

Saturday: 8:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00-3:45 p.m. Sunday: 8:30-9:15 a.m. &

6:45-7:15 p.m.



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HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK ${\mathcal E}$ SHUT-INS

Holy Communion will be brought to the home. Please call the church office when someone is ill and unable to come to church, or when someone is in a hospital. Prayers may be requested for the sick and elderly.

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ADORATION CHAPEL

Our St. Joseph Perpetual Adoration Chapel is located on the first floor of the Msgr. Champagne Complex on the corner of Jefferson Hwy. and Ravan Ave. and is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. (For everyone's safety, only assigned adorers are allowed entry with a key code between the hours of 6:00 pm and 7:00 am) Prayerfully consider spending an hour a week with Our Divine Lord. If you cannot commit to a specific hour, why not consider being a substitute? If you are interested, please contact the church office at 737-2915.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The sacrament is administered upon request to those near death, gravely ill, permanently handicapped, very elderly and those undergoing major surgery.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

3rd Sunday of each month following the 11:30 a.m. Mass.

BAPTISM SEMINAR

Parents and Godparents are required to attend a baptism seminar held at 7:00 p.m. Every month in the Mary Room at the rectory. Parents must attend the baptism seminar before their child can be baptized.

SARAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements should be made 6-8 months in advance by the bride and groom in person. Call one of the parish priests before coming. Couples must attend one of the pre-marriage courses.

FUNERALS

The family of the deceased should consult one of the parish priests concerning the time and place of the funeral before making commitments with the funeral home.

NEWCOMERS

Welcome, we are happy to have you. Please fill out an application in the binder at the front entrance of the church.

Pentecost



Sat. May 18, 4:00 pm George & MaryAnn McKearan

Whitney, Gertrude, Leslie & Gina Esthey

Peter Vallelungo Gary Boihem

Shirley & Edmund Walsh Gerardine & Darrel Hotard

Michael Muntz Betty & Frank Monistere Family

Tim Power—Healing Gary Power—Healing

Cindy Giavotella—Healing Michalis Spetsiotis

Melissa Korn—Intentions Mr. & Mrs. James Brouse– Healing

Marilyn & Husband Baudier, & Father -in-law -Intentions

Sunday May 19,7:30 am Fritz Windhorst

9:30 am Virginia Stansbury

Joseph Roman Jr. Monica Flick

Lawrence J. Cristina Sr. Jules Waguespack Jr.
Paul Wang, Sr. Jessica Hanna—Healing

Alden Ross- Healing Tommy O'Neil Healing

11:30 am Mary O' Neil Healing

7:30 pm Parishioners

Mon. May 20, 7:00 am Ronnie Farber—Healing

8:30 am Gary Power—Healing

Tues. May 21, 7:00am Jessica Hanna

8:30 am John McCrossen—Healing

Wed. May 22, 7:00am Cindy Giavotella—Healing

8:30 am Harold French

Thurs. May 23, 7:00 am Linda LaCombe

8:30 am Jules Waguespack, Jr.

Fri May 24, 7:00 am Ronnie Farber—Healing

8:30 am John McCrossen—Healing

Sat. May 25, 8:30 am Gloria Krieger—Intentions

Scripture Readings For the Week of May 19, 2024

Sunday Pentecost Sunday

Vigil Mass: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-

28, 29, 30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

Mass during the Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Monday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother

of the Church

Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-2, 3 and

5, 6-7; Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23; Mk

9:30-37

Wednesday Memorial of Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious

Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11; Mk 9:38-

40

Thursday Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-

20; Mk 9:41-50

Friday Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mk

10:1-12

Saturday Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8; Mk 10:13-16

Sunday Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20,

22; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20



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Weekly Collection Totals

May 5 \$13,243.00 May 12 \$11,865.00

Weekly Parish Expenses

\$14,945.60

These Figures exclude extraordinary income & expenses

St. Rita Harahan, Louisiana

Sunday May 19, 2024



Sun. May 19 12:30 pm Parish Baptisms

Mon. May 20

Tues. May 21 6:00 pm St. Vincent

7:00 pm Salvation Class

Wed. May 22 7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thur. May 23 10:00 am Legion Of Mary

7:00 pm Silver Trotters

Fri. May 24 8:30 am School Wide Mass (1-7)&

Awards

Sat. May 25

Church office Hours * Lunch 12:00 pm— 12:30 pm Hours : 9:00 am—4:00 pm

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS May 24

In 1815 Pope Pius VII instituted a feast day on May 24 honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary under this title after he returned to Rome from several years of captivity imposed by the emperor Napoleon Bonaparte.

Reflection of An Adorer

3/21/23

My dear daughter, I love you very much. As you pray the divine mercy chaplet, place yourselves in my divine love. Place your hearts, my dear children near my Sacred Heart. Let the blood and water that flows out over you wash you clean and then immerse yourselves in my Divine Mercy! Look into your souls, and fill them with my radiant light that pours forth from my Sacred Heart. My dear children I love you. My dear children, I thirst for your love. Give to me your prayers, fasting and penance filling up the hole in my heart for the many who do not even take time to know their Lord. Spend time with me, let the fire of my love for you, ignite your souls, so that you can bring light into the world, dispelling the darkness that invades you. Be one with me in love and mercy! Go in peace!

Pray for Them

John, Earl Deibel, Mary Ann Schmitt, Catherine Kives, Willie "Bill" Wolverton, John Paris, Doris Portera, Randy Roux, Dc. Nolen LeBlanc, Pat Trahan, Dale Fishel, Jo Maraist, Mark Crawford, Lisanne Lightfoot, Randy Smith, Gloria Krieger, Andrea Thomas, Diane Smith, Phil Crowson, Mary Morvant O'Neill, Edwyna Combe, Letty Loomas, Harold Bartchy, Lena Sparacio, Deborah Mula, Deacon Gary Borne, Bobbie Ann Bergeron, Jack Serigne, Lindsey Collier, September Wang, Vincent Palestina, Suzanne Unger, Linda Mayer, Cynthia B. Farrara, Dora Higgins, Amanda Livaudais, Mr. Tim Smith Sr. & Family, Mr. Tim Smith Jr. & Family, Worley Parks, John Bel, Henry S. Tuminello, Joyce Benoit, Bridget Celestin, Robert Vallejo, Alicia Walker– Cole, Alvin M. Castay, Sr. , Hilda Orgeron, James McCilwain, Bob Velez, Beau & Trudy Barrett, Joseph McAdam, Leslie and Al Mendoza, Barbara Guidry, Louise Chapman, Tim Walker, Nellie Barsoza, Francis Parks, Joel Stansbury, Yvonne Rousset, Donald Geier, Dan Peeler, Rebecca Wahl, Betty Oneill, Paige Brock, Randy Sroeba, Kathy Livaudais, Charlotte Evola, Janet Wild, Fred Grilletta, John Johnson, Louella Lange, Laura Knipper, Gerard Tonglet, Elizabeth Bonnette, August V. Cristina, Claude Barsoza, Mr. & Mrs. Peter Ward, Theresa Arroyo, Rodney Este, Sr., Philip Godbold, Gabriella Oga & Baby Dominic, Tommy Woods, Bruce Perry, The Picou Family, Shelley Vathy, Melissa Korn, Tomalyn Disalvo, Marilyn Pankratz, Lee Belgarge, Stephen Parks, Angie Kimbell, Jolene Salito, Frances Kemp, George & Grea Fay, Eric Rousselle, Lynne Podany, Steve Culotta, John McCrossen, Joe Miceli, Lynn Andoillna, Sylvia Belile, Fredrick Jones, Ronald Waguespack

Name will remain on the list for 6 weeks. If at the end of 6 weeks you wish for them to remain on the sick list for 6 more weeks you must call the office. This request must be made by the individual or an immediate family member.

MASS INTENTIONS

Our Mass Intentions book currently has openings available. Mass intentions can be made for the deceased, special favors granted, the sick, as a gift, birthday, wedding, thank you, or any occasion. A card will be sent on your behalf to the address provided by you. The donation is \$5 per Mass request. Please call the office at 504-737–2915 for more information or to have a Mass said or your behalf.

Pentecost

SAINT RITA OF CASCIA (1381-1457) May 22

If you're ever in Philadelphia on May 22, forget parking anywhere near Saint Rita's shrine. Cars line streets and fill medians as throngs pack a candlelight vigil and six Masses, honoring this patroness of lost causes, hopeless situations, and—as her statue in countless churches built by twentieth-century immigrants testifies—difficult marriages, troubled homes, and alienated children. Wise people warn, be careful what you pray for. "Divine Savior," Rita prayed, "let me suffer like you!" Obedient to parents who refused her wish to become a nun, Rita married a man who returned her devotion with twenty years of abuse. When enemies murdered him, Rita's two sons swore revenge. Paintings depict her pointing the angry boys toward Christ crucified, whom she begged to restrain them. Within the year, both sons died. Alone now, Rita went to the convent but was refused. The nuns feared violence, since one of them was related to the murderer. Rita arranged peace between the families, made vows, and became much sought after as a counselor and intercessor for forty years on earth—and ever since in heaven. —Peter Scagnelli

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Pentecost Sunday 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. Actually, all three persons share one God-life. Instead of three gods debating the fate of the universe, 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. The Spirit led Jesus into the desert at the beginning of his ministry. (Search the word "spirit" in the four gospels and it appears 75 times.) Jesus was filled with the Spirit as he preached and worked miracles. Then at Pentecost the disciples were filled with the Spirit.

So what about Pentecost? It is really about using our gifts and sharing the good news. The Spirit gives us the power, courage, and energy to do this. 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.

The greatest gift we have been given is the news of our salvation. This feast reminds us to share that with others. We may do that by example, as when we worship together, forgive others, give to the poor or help someone in need. We can also share that news by teaching our children about God and his love for them, teaching them to pray, or sharing our faith with other adults. 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

St. Rita Harahan, Louisiana

St Rita Granparents CLUB FUNDRAISER



St Rita Grandparents Club Fundraiser May 25 and May 26 (After all Masses)

Pelican Car Wash Coupons will be on Sale for \$20.00 each (they are

valued at \$35.95 each) This money will help the various functions provided for our St. Rita School Students. For information contact: Peggy Hernandez at (504) 491-7087

Silven Trottens

The monthly meeting of the Silver Trotters is scheduled for Thursday, May $23^{\rm rd}$ at 7:00pm in the gym. Doors open at 6:00pm. Our guest is Wendy Lestage of JCOA to discuss an Inventory of Assisted Living Housing. After the meeting there will be refreshments. Next Month is our Red, White and Blue Party on Saturday, June $29^{\rm th}$ after 4:00pm Mass in the gym. Hot dogs, potato salad, chips everything American and to top it off Apple Pie. If you would like to attend the cost is \$15.00 per person. For additional information please contact Louise Chapman at (504) 737-3797.



If you would like to have your home Enthroned to the Sacred Heart of Jesus or inquire about it...please sign-up in the vestibule of the church under the Divine Mercy image! Thank you!

Sunday May 19, 2024

The Power of Pentecost

Today's first reading recounts the great event of Pentecost. Pentecost is often called the birthday of the Church. What does that mean?

Before he ascended into heaven, Jesus said to his apostles: "stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high" (Lk 24:49).

Christ made it clear that without the Holy Spirit, his apostles could not do the work he did. They could not grow in virtue. They could not accomplish the mission he gave them. It was only after Pentecost that the Church was able to live, thrive, and grow. Even though they had just spent three years with Jesus, the leaders of the Church that Christ had established couldn't do anything without the indwelling of the Spirit

Two thousand years later, we need the Holy Spirit more than ever! St. Pope John Paul II constantly stressed openness to the Spirit of God, "We must rekindle in ourselves the impetus of the beginnings and allow ourselves to be filled with the ardor of the apostolic preaching which followed Pentecost."

Through baptism, the third person of the Holy Trinity makes our bodies his temple, a gift that is "confirmed" in the sacrament of confirmation. This is how Christ gives us the power to know Him and the Father, and to do what He calls us to do.

But the Holy Spirit, even as He lives inside of us as baptized Christians, is only as active as we allow. We must implore Him daily to help us. Having free will, we can choose to fan into flame the gift of the Holy Spirit and truly be transformed and empowered, or we can quench the flame and even allow it to be extinguished in us.

St. Pope John Paul II also said, "Whenever the Spirit intervenes, He leaves people astonished. He brings about events of amazing newness; He radically changes persons and history." This is the power of Pentecost. All we need to do to experience this kind of transformation is to say, like Mary did, "Be it done unto me."

Breathe into me, Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Move in me, Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Attract my heart, Holy Spirit, that I may love only what is holy. Strengthen me, Holy Spirit, that I may defend all that is holy. Protect me, Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy. (St. Augustine)

By Christine Hanus

Today as we celebrate Pentecost the Holy Spirit wants to make us advocates of God's presence to bring new life to others,

especially those who do not know the love of God in their lives.

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