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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 $\ensuremath{\mathcal{E}}$ 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.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



Sat. June 1, 4:00 pm George & MaryAnn McKearan

Claire & Stanley Robert Lincoln Walker, Sr.

Mr. & Mrs. J. L. Meyers Sr.

Holy Souls in Purgatory Peter Vallelungo

Gary Boihem Shirley & Edmund Walsh

Gerardine & Darrel Hotard The Steudlein & Lemoine Families

Joyce Harris Eugenie Vathy

Claude & Nellie Barsoza- Anniversary

John Rose Dolores Ferrera

Joseph Gautreaux

Sunday June 2, 7:30 am Burke, Laudun, Marullo, Meyer Families

9:30 am Virginia Stansbury

Monica Flick Lawrence J. Cristina Sr.

Joseph Roman Jr. Jules Waguespack Jr.

Paul Wang, Sr. Randy Blaise
Fr. David Frank—Anniversary of Priesthood
Alden Ross– Healing Diane Colletti
Pope Francis– Intentions Earline Clark

Dolores Ferrara

11:30 am Marion Wellman—Healing

7:30 pm Parishioners

Mon. June 3,7:00 am Jason Franco

8:30 am Jake Carreca

Tues. June 4, 7:00am Jason Franco

8:30 am Geoffrey Dauunis

Wed. June 5, 7:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:30 am Sean Barrette—Personal Intentions

Thurs. June 6, 7:00 am All Holy Souls in Purgatory,

especially the deceased members of

FÔSS

8:30 am Geoffrey Daunis

Fri June 7, 7:00 am Paul Nguyen Cao

8:30 am Charlene Marsiglia –Birthday

Sat. June 8, 8:30 am Donald D'Antoni

Blood Drive for

Emmerson "Emmie" Amend
10 year old son of Ashley & Thomas Amend

Sunday, June 2, 2024 VFW post 3267 1133 Hickory Ave. Harahan Scripture Readings For the Week of June 2, 2024

Sunday of Christ Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood

Ex 24:3-8, Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18; Heb 9:11

-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

Monday

Memorial of Saint Charles Lwanga and Com-

panions, Martyrs

2 Pt 1:2-7; Ps 91:1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16; Mk 12:1-

12

Tuesday 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and

16; Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday Memorial of Saint Boniface, Bishop, Martyr

2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef; Mk

12:18-27

Thursday 2 Tm 2:8-15; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Mk

12:28-34

Friday Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Eph 3:8-12,

14-19; Jn 19:31-37

Saturday Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Tm 4:1-8; Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22; Lk

2:41-51

Sunday Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 3:9-15; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 2 Cor

4:13—5:1; Mk 3:20-35



Sanctuary Lamp Parishioners Chapel Lamp Jennie Giovenco

Weekly Collection Totals

May 19 \$9,730.78 May 26 \$8,294.88

Weekly Parish Expenses

\$14,945.60

These Figures exclude extraordinary income & expenses

St. Rita Harahan, Louisiana

Sunday June 2, 2024



Sun. June 2 10:30 am Coffee Social

Mo. June 3

Tues. June 4 6:00 pm St. Vincent

7:00 pm Salvation Class

Wed. June 5 7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thur. June 6 10:00 am Legion Of Mary

1:30 pm Silver Trotters Board Meeting

7:00 pm Baptism Seminar

Fri. June 7 9:00 am Holy Hour

Sat. June 8

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

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ What's New?

I never noticed it before, but our reading from Mark's gospel is similar to the story in John's gospel of the wedding feast at Cana. They begin with a problem presented to Jesus: Lack of wine (John) and a place for Passover meal (Mark.) They both involve jars of water. Jesus responds to both by giving orders: to the waiters (Jn) and to the apostles (Mk.) And both have miraculous changes: water into wine (Jn) and bread and wine into Jesus' Body and Blood (Mk.)

Now the wedding feast showed Jesus using the water meant for purification and changing it to wine for a wedding. The Jews needed to purify any dishes in order to keep the kosher laws. But Jesus replaced those laws with a new one, the law of love, symbolized by the wedding. In our gospel today, Jesus replaces ordinary food with spiritual food. He is doing something new, beyond the requirements of the Old Testament.

What does that mean for us? Jesus is showing God's love for us in a new way. You might say he is replacing the way he comes to us. The bread and wine at the last Supper were signs of Jesus' body being broken and his blood poured out for us on the cross. When he gave his life for us, he rose from the dead to give us hope. And now we have the Eucharist, in which he becomes our new food and drink. Just as the Passover meal became a sign of Jesus' real death on the cross, our Eucharist is the sacrament of his real presence among us today.

Do we really believe that the Eucharist is Jesus, the Son of God? The way to measure that is to ask, how has Jesus changed your life? Do you love others more because you know God loves you? Do you have less fear of the future, because the Holy Spirit gives you courage? Do your children know Jesus, because you share your faith with them? In the Eucharist, God gives us a new way to be with him. Let us look forward to being renewed in spirit whenever we receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

Pray for Them

John, Earl Deibel, Mary Ann Schmitt, Catherine Kives, Willie 'Bill" Wolverton, John Paris, Doris Portera, Fr. 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, Mr. & Mrs. Peter Ward, Theresa Arroyo, Rodney Este, Sr., Philip Godbold, Gabriella Ogg & 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 & Greg 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.

Reflection of An Adorer

My dear daughter I love you very much. Oh hear the cries of my children; there is much sadness in your world. Your hearts are weeping because there is much evil happening that is beyond comprehension. My children need to be in constant prayer. You need to stay close to me and unite your hearts with my Sacred Heart. I am your Lord, your God, who loves you so much. Come close to me and bathe in the warmth of my love. Enter into the light of my Sacred Heart. I embrace you, my dear ones, I want to comfort you. See my arms are open wide to pull you close to me. It is very necessary for my children to spend time with me, adoring me in the Holy Eucharist. Refuel your minds, bodies and souls with my love and mercy. You should need to be with me as much as the air you breathe to survive. I am the breath of life that will sustain you. I am the light that will sustain you in all your combats, for my light will overcome the darkness. Be one with me, and fill your hearts with my infinite love! Go in peace, and pray for peace!

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Parish Events to participate in the National Eucharistic Revival

Thurs, May 30 6:00pm in church – Special Holy Hour

Musicians from the TEC Community Contemporary Praise and Worship Music A dimly lit church so we can have an intimate setting to be in the true presence of Our Lord Jesus

Sat, June 1 After 4:00 Mass – Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession

Thurs, June 13 6:00pm in church – Special Holy Hour

Musicians from the TEC Community Contemporary Praise and Worship Music A dimly lit church so we can have an intimate setting to be in the true presence of Our Lord Jesus

June 22/23 in Gym – Sat. June 22 after 8:30am Mass – 6:30pm

Sun. June 23 after 7:30am Mass – 7:00pm

Display of Eucharistic Miracles through out the Centuries -Admission is FREE

Thurs July 11 6:00pm in church – Special Holy Hour

Musicians from the TEC Community

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we can have an intimate setting
to be in the true presence of Our Lord Jesus

Thurs Aug 15 1:30 – 3:30pm on the River – Prayer Vigil as The Blessed Sacrament passes by in a boat to St Louis Cathedral

Archdiocesan Events to participate in the National Eucharistic Revival

The National Eucharistic Revival will culminate with two major national events: Four cross-country Eucharistic Pilgrimages from the North, South, East, and West and converging at the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis to be held July 17-21 of this year.

2 young men, 4 young women, 2 seminarians, and a Priest and a Brother from the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal will be making the entire Southern "Juan Diego" pilgrimage from Brownsville, TX to Indianapolis, IN.

The Archdiocese of New Orleans will welcome the pilgrims June 7-9, 2024 with several public celebrations:

On Friday June 7th beginning at 6:30 p.m., Archbishop Aymond will lead a public Eucharistic Procession from the steps of Notre Dame Seminary and proceeding to St. Rita's Church on Lowerline Street. The procession will be followed by a time of Eucharistic Adoration with music provided by the Vigil Project and a reflection by one of the perpetual pilgrims.

•The CYO / Youth & Young Adult Ministry
Office will host a "Theology on Tap" evening with the
National Eucharistic Perpetual Pilgrims on Saturday,
June 8th from 6:30 - 8:00 PM at St. Angela Merici
Gym (901 Beverly Garden Drive, Metairie.) This event
will give the pilgrims a chance to meet our young
adults and encourage them in their walk of faith.
Contact James Behan at [yam@arch-no.org]
yam@arch-no.org for more information.

·Archbishop Aymond will offer the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 9th at St. Louis Cathedral followed by a Eucharistic Procession around Jackson Square. All are invited.



A Prayer to Avert Storms and Hurricanes

Father, all the elements of nature obey your command.
Calm the storms and hurricanes that threaten us
and turn our fear of your power into praise of your goodness.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.
Amen.

St. Rita Harahan, Louisiana

Sunday June 2, 2024

Two Directed Retreats

Come away for a while... and deepen your relationship with God

Two Five-Day Silent, Directed Retreats Held at the Cenacle on the Lake 5500 St. Mary Street Metairie, LA 70006

Retreat 1 Begins: Friday, June 28, 4:00pm Ends: Wednesday, July 3, after supper

Refreat 2 Begins: Thursday, July 25, 4:00pm Ends: Wednesday, July 31, after supper

Sponsored by the Archdiocesan Spirituality Center Register on the web: https://nolacatholic.org/registration or Telephone (504) 861-3254



"Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he proyed."

Come to a Directed Retreat

A directed retreat is a completely silent retreat. Each retreatant meets daily with a spiritual director, is given scripture to pray with and spends the rest of the day in silence, prayer and rest. Through scripture and reflection under the daily guidance of the Spiritual Director, the retreatant will become more aware of God's presence and action in their life. Come away for awhile....



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Panis Angelicus / Bread of Angels

Music is a way to express emotion when words are otherwise limited. As I have always found prayer difficult, I've been trying to better develop my relationship with God through various aids. One recent example is investing in piano lessons for my children, with the hope that this will result in a skillset that they can use to praise God. Have you ever stopped to take in just how important music is in the Church? How many beautiful hymns can you recall word for word?

Panis Angelicus is one of my favorite hymns about the Eucharist. I remember growing up listening to the version by then 10-year-old Charlotte Church. In English, the hymn is translated as "The Bread of Angels", and originates from a longer hymn by Saint Thomas Aquinas for the Feast of Corpus Christi (the Body of Christ).

Bread of Angels, made the bread of men; The Bread of heaven puts an end to all symbols: A thing wonderful! The Lord becomes our food: poor, a servant, and humble. We beseech Thee, Godhead One in Three That Thou wilt visit us, as we worship Thee, lead us through Thy ways, We who wish to reach the light in which Thou dwellest. Amen.

The Feast of Corpus Christi is about understanding the importance of the Eucharist, that which can only happen through the Mass. Understanding the value and importance of the Mass is so important, especially since it is so often taken for granted. It is a battle against the distractions of this world to prioritize Mass, particularly when multiple family members need convincing.

Becoming one with Jesus when receiving Communion is a mystery that can be hard to grasp. But as Saint John Vianney declared, "If we truly understood the Mass, we would die of joy!" Jesus gave us this most awe-inspiring Gift of Himself. It is difficult to capture with human emotion, but is a reminder that He is always with us, nourishing us in times of both prosperity and weakness, until the end of the age.

By Alexis Dallara-Marsh

Corpus Christi:

Today as we celebrate the gift of the Body and Blood of Christ let us pray for those who are hungry, malnourished and starving.



Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help those who are hungry.





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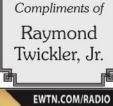
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