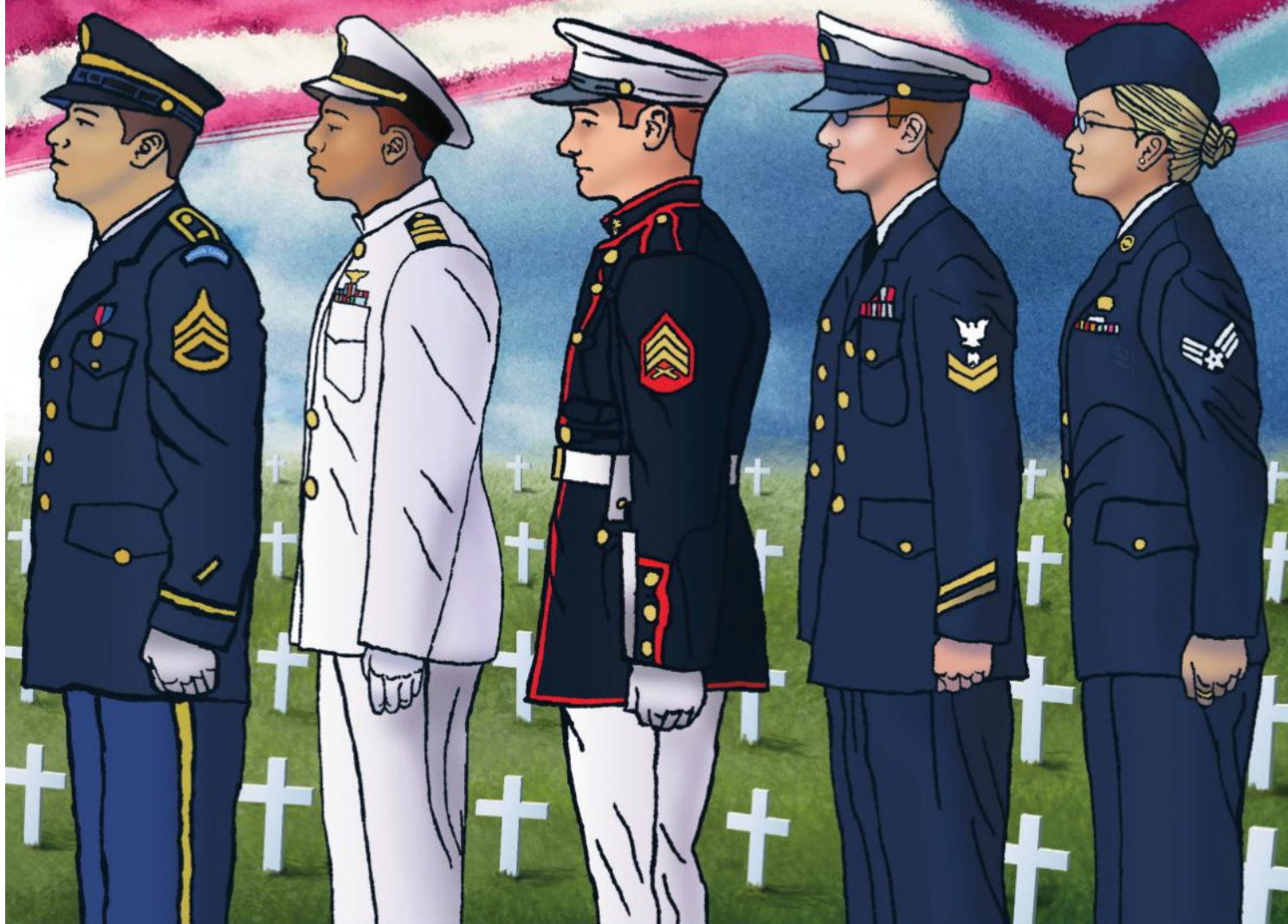


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MASS SCHEDULE

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 & 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.

Sign up to make a recurring automatic donation by going to StRitaHarahan.com where you will find a link to our Online Giving page or **make a one time donation**



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.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

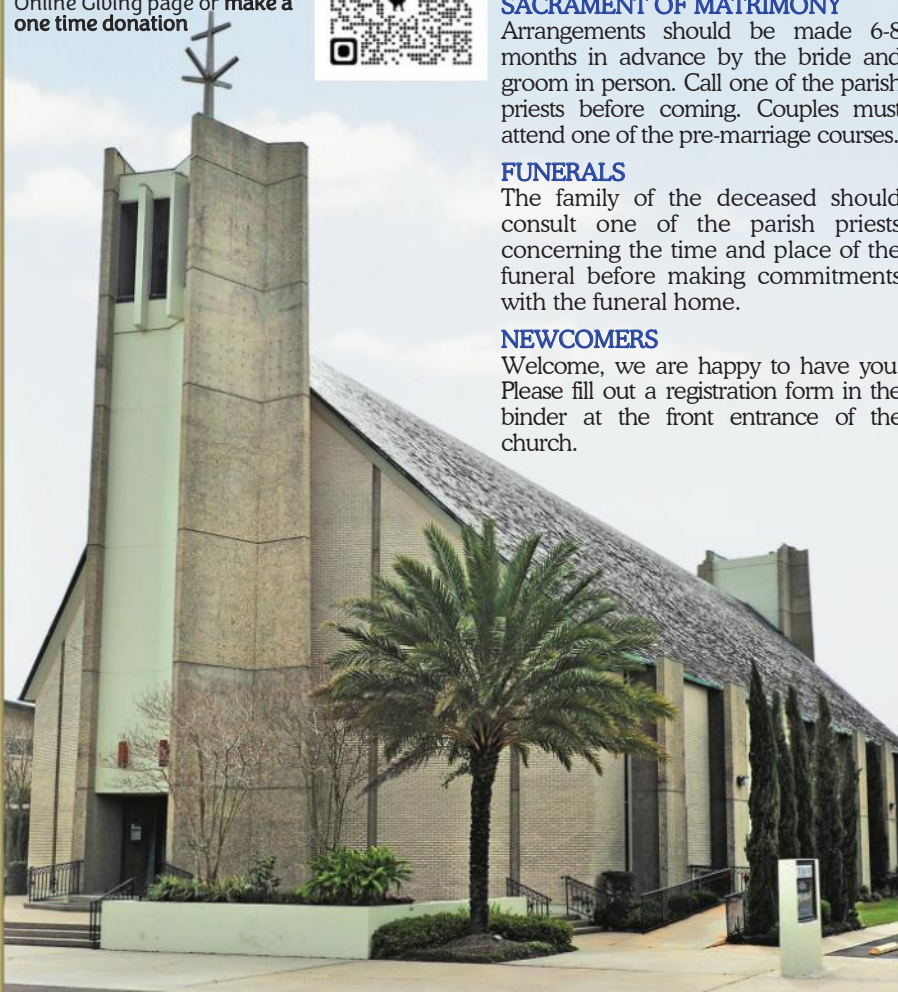
Arrangements should be made 6-8 months in advance by the bride and groom in person. Call one of the parish priests before coming. Couples must attend one of the pre-marriage courses.

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 a registration form in the binder at the front entrance of the church.



St. Rita Harahan, Louisiana



Sat. May 24, 4:00 pm Deborah Mula

Peter Vallelungo

Gary Boihem

Billy Yochum

Charles J. Becnel

Herman Abry

Irma Gil

Beth Lobel

Louise Abry—Intentions Peace

Sun. May 25, 7:30 am Monica Flick

9:30 am Charlie French

Rhett & Brenda Miranda 1Yr Anniversary

Keith Matherine

David Chapman

Lawrence J. Christina, Sr.

Thomas Carter

Alvin Castay, Sr.—healing

Paul Wang, Sr.

John Illg

Billie Roman

Mary Bragagnini –intentions

Robert Binnney—healing

Tommy & Tracy Flick– in thanksgiving /intentions

John Weichmain

11:30 am Marlene Swift

7:30 pm Parishioners

Mon. May 26, 7:00 am Herman Abry

8:30 am Donald F. Flores

Tues. May 27, 7:00am Danya Foreman—healing

8:30 am Billy Yochum

Wed. May 28, 7:00 am Bryan Barre' - healing

8:30 am Linda Bauer—intentions

Thurs. May 29, 7:00 am Tommy O'Neill—intentions

8:30 am Billy Yochum

Fri May 30, 7:00 am Marlene Swift

8:30 am Linda Bauer– intentions

Sat. May 31, 8:30 am Victor Marsiglia

Sunday May 25, 2025

Scripture Readings
For the Week of May 25, 2025

Sunday

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

Monday

Memorial of Saint Philip Neri, Priest

Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn15:26-16:4a

Tuesday

Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

Friday

Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday

Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Zeph 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56

Sunday

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9; Rev 22:12-14, 160-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26

Weekly Collection Totals

May, 18

\$9,750.43

May, 11

\$10,090.67

Weekly Parish Expenses

\$14,945.60

These Figures exclude extraordinary income & expenses

Gwendolyn Weber Normand



Cheryl Kjormoe

Dorothy Aultman

Judith Jensen



Sixth Sunday of Easter

In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."

In the month of May, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting

families, providing in food, for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!

Thank You for your continued contributions



Sanctuary Lamp

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Parishioners

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

THE WEEK
AHEAD

Sun. May 25	2:30 Regia
Mon. May 26	Church Office Closed
Tues. May 27	Summer Hours start 6:00 pm St. Vincent
Wed. May 28	7:00 pm Choir Practice
Thur. May 29	
Fri. May 30	10:00 am Legion of Mary
Sat. May 31	

HEADS UP!!

**Sunday, June 22 is the
Feast of Corpus Christi**

**We will host a Eucharistic Procession
AFTER the 9:30 Mass**

**Therefore, the
11:30 Mass will begin AFTER
the Procession
and**

**MAY BEGIN
a little later than 11:30**

Pray for Them

John, Earl Deibel, Mary Ann Schmitt, Catherine Kives, Doris Portera, Fr. Randy Roux, Dc. Nolen LeBlanc, Pat Trahan, Dale Fishel, Jo Maraist, Mark Crawford, Gloria Krieger, Edwyna Combe, Letty Loomas, Harold Bartchy, Deacon Gary Borne, Bobbie Ann Bergeron, Suzanne Unger, Cynthia B. Farrara, Dora Higgins, Amanda Livaudais, Mr. Tim Smith Sr. & Family, Mr. Tim Smith Jr. & Family, Henry S. Tuminello, Joyce Benoit, Alvin M. Castay, Sr., Leslie and Al Mendoza, Louise Chapman, Tim Walker, Nellie Barsoza, Francis Parks, Joel Stansbury, Yvonne Rousset, Donald Geier, Dan Peeler, Rebecca Wahl, Paige Brock, Janet Wild, Fred Grilletta, Louella Lange, Theresa Arroyo, Philip Godbold, The Picou Family, Melissa Korn, Marilyn Pankratz, Stephen Parks, Frances Kemp, George & Greg Fay, Eric Rousselle, Steve Culotta, Joe Miceli, Sylvia Belile, Ronald Waguespack, Mary Giovenco, Robert Kemp, Danny & Emily Barre, Linda Bauer, Carl Dolly, Esther Coy, Patrick Lonergan, Charlotte Thibodeaux, Sandra LeBlanc, Glenda Melton, Sergio Morris, Dianne Smith, Jean Dietzway, Diana Parks Sean Nettles Sr., Geri Gelpi, Patricia Touro, Otis Guichet, Jr., Ronald & Kathy Livaudais, Judith Cavalier

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.

Baptisms in our parish



Skylar Renee Elazab
Joseph Michael Cousins, Jr.
Levi Christopher Fraino



HOLY SPIRIT NOVENA

UNITED WITH OUR LADY AND THE FIRST APOSTLES. WHO PRAYED IN THE UPPER ROOM. WE INVITE ALL TO PRAY FOR THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT PRIOR TO PENTECOST FOR OURSELVES AND OUR LEADERS.

NOVENA BEGINS MAY 30, 2025

WE PRAY THAT GOD WOULD USE THE NEW POPE LEO XIV TO BRING ABOUT A SPIRITUAL REVIVAL IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH THAT WOULD SWEEP ACROSS THE WORLD.

RECITED AFTER 7:00 AM AND 8:30 AM MASSES DAILY (WEEKENDS BY YOURSELF)

Don't miss out register today

St Rita / St. Charles Borromeo

ACTS Women's Retreat

The goals of the retreat are to allow an opportunity for each person to focus on their faith and its application during their daily lives, to build purpose in their prayer life, to increase their presence at the liturgy, and to cultivate friendship among members of the church community.

Registration forms will be available

July 10th—13th

**Lumen Christi Retreat Center
Shriever, LA**

Cost \$375.00

\$100.00 deposit with registration

Remaining balance due July 10th at check in
Financial aid may be available if necessary

MEMORIAL DAY

★ IN MEMORY OF OUR HEROES ★

GOD OF POWER AND MERCY. YOU DESTROY WAR AND PUT DOWN
EARTHLY PRIDE. BANISH VIOLENCE FROM OUR MIDST AND WIPE AWAY
OUR TEARS. THAT WE MAY ALL DESERVE TO BE CALLED YOUR SONS
AND DAUGHTERS. KEEP IN YOUR MERCY THOSE MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE DIED IN THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM AND BRING
THEM SAFELY INTO YOUR KINGDOM OF JUSTICE AND PEACE. WE ASK THIS THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN—

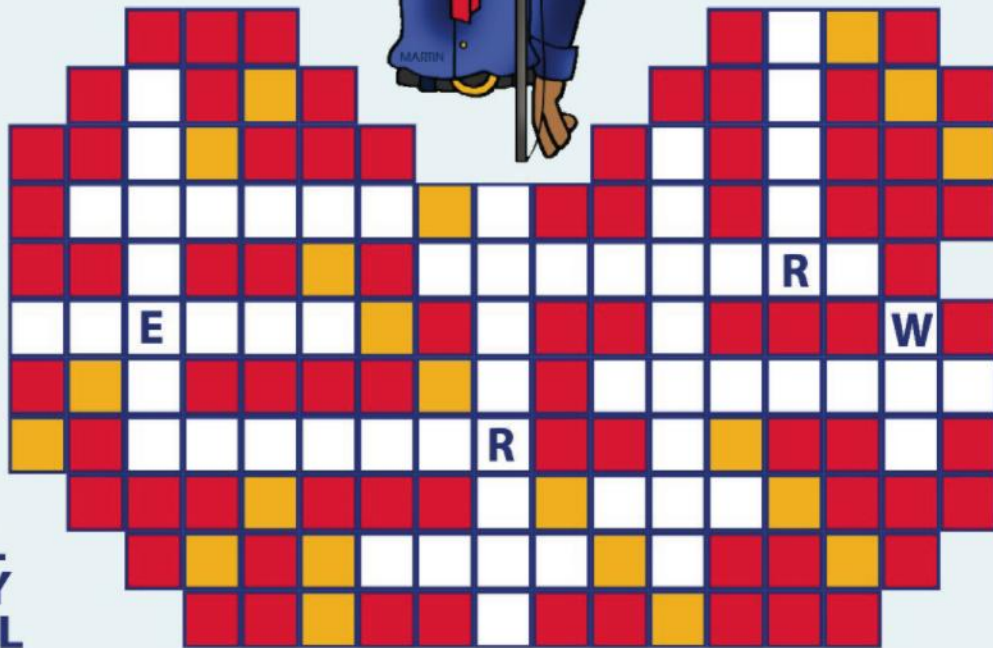
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Memorial Day Crossword

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Let All the Nations Praise You!

Jesus is preparing His apostles for what is to come because they cannot even imagine it: soon after this discourse, He will be arrested and tortured and killed. And then He will **rise**, but he must ascend to the right hand of the Father, so that (just nine days of prayer later) the Holy Spirit can be sent to them to clarify all that Jesus has given them. So they need not be afraid. They will not be alone.

He makes these amazing and incomprehensible promises before they can grasp what it will mean for them: that Jesus must go but will not leave them orphans, that the Eucharist will keep them always united to Him, that God will dwell within them, that the Holy Spirit will support their souls and their work, that peace can be theirs amidst the confusions and difficulties they will experience, and so much more!

He makes these promises to each of us as well! When we are baptized, we are cleansed of sin and God comes to dwell within us. Even more, we are made children of God in Christ His Son – we are given the rights of children who will inherit everything and who know the way **home**. If we love God and obey His commands, if we participate in the sacramental life of the Church, God comes to us and dwells within us. God's presence within us – as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – purifies our hearts and our intentions, ignites our love, and deepens our communion with Him, so that we learn to love and serve others with true selflessness.

For our part, we must have the intention of uniting all things to Christ and offering them in the Holy Spirit to the Father – this intention consecrates all we do (from prayer to paperwork, from dishes and diapers to devotions) and makes it holy. We belong to Him truly when we try to love Him by following His directions for living well, from an eternal perspective. This is what brings peace in a troubled world: the knowledge that God is with us, and everything we do matters to Him and can glorify Him!

During Lent we prepared ourselves to enter into Jesus' great Sacrifice of Redemption on the Cross; because He freely laid down His life for us, we can be truly alive, and live forever in joy and peace and glory. During the 50 days of Easter, we celebrate this stupefying Gift and learn to receive all He longs to give us in this Salvific Act - at every Eucharist, we enter into this moment of self-sacrificing love which saves us, and give thanks for it anew.

At each Mass, let us rejoice and give thanks because God has saved us, unites us to Himself and to each other in Holy Communion, and leads us always in the way of Truth, toward our forever Home in the Heart of the Father.

By Kathryn Mulderink

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER A HUMBLE GOD

The second reading from Revelation gives us a picture of the new Jerusalem as a sign of the power and majesty of God. Gleaming with precious stones, a massive high wall with twelve gates, it is illuminated not by the sun but by the glory of God. Yet the other two readings seem to describe a humble God who wishes "not to place on you any burden beyond . . . necessity" (Acts 15:28), and Jesus in the Gospel tells his disciples that "the holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name . . . will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you" (John 14:26). This gentleness reminds me of an icon by the Russian monk Andrei Rublev that depicts the Trinity as three angels bowing in deference to each other. This humility may be what moved Jesus to say that "the Father is greater than I" (John 14:28). It is certainly a unique way of understanding God.

I used to think of free will as God's way of testing our worthiness for the kingdom of heaven. But it is more likely part of that same humility, God not being forced on us. While we are given ways to know God, especially through the scriptures and the witness of those who went before us in faith, God leaves us free to believe or not, to love God or not. When the Father sent his Son Jesus to show us his love, he sent us a tiny baby, born in a stable, not a mighty warrior leading an army. When Jesus rose from the dead on Easter, he appeared not in triumph to strike down Herod and those who had put him to death, but quietly to a handful of disciples who already believed in him.

So does this mean God leaves us on our own to get through life? No, God gives us the Holy Spirit to teach and remind us of all that Jesus said. That "reminding" is an important way the Spirit helps us today. You may have spent years in religion classes or the RCIA process. When you need an answer to life's questions, the Spirit may remind you of something you heard from a teacher or read in the scriptures. As you pray over that question, the Spirit may help you understand how the scripture applies to you. So the more you read the Bible, the more likely that the Spirit will have something of which to remind you.

Tom Schmidt



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