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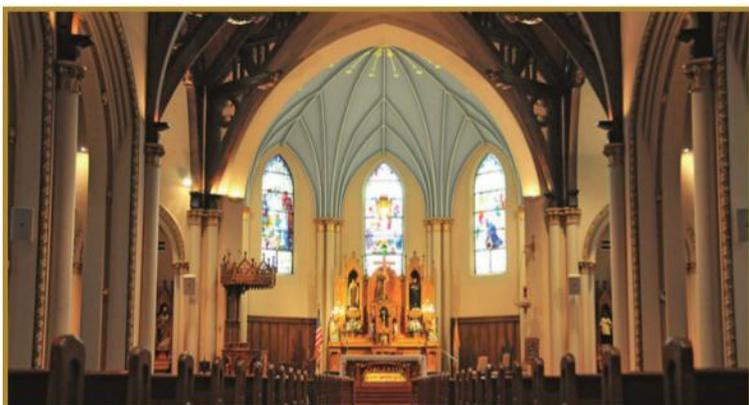
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PARISH PRAYER

Loving Father, You gather us together as a Roman Catholic family, to thank and praise You in shared faith and lived love. May we be drawn more completely into the life of Your Holy Spirit and hear Your personal call for each of us, helping us to reveal Your presence in this world. Inspired by Your love and moved by the example of our patron, St. Francis, let us be instruments of peace, to sow love where there is hatred, pardon where injury, faith where doubt, hope where despair, light where darkness, joy where sadness. Knowing that it is only in giving that we receive, in pardoning that we are pardoned, in dying that we are born to eternal life, we make this prayer through Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are a welcoming Christian community in New Orleans that is centered in the Eucharist. We are committed to the teachings of Jesus Christ, the traditions of the Roman Catholic Church and the dignity of human life. We are a family that strives to learn and share our faith by living the Beatitudes and by reconciling ourselves with God and one another.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Very Rev. Michael J. Schneller, V.F.
Diaconate Candidate - Dr. Tim Kettenring
Coordinator of Religious Education - Shelly Chiappetta
Director of Family Life Ministries - Melisa Rey
Administrative Assistant - Caroline Toso
Director of Music/Organist - Thomas D. Wright
Cantors - Julia Ernst, Jayne Edwards

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil	4:00 p.m.
Sunday	9:30 & 11:30 a.m.
Holy Days	To Be Announced
Monday	8:30 a.m.
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday-Friday	8:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday	3:00 to 3:45 p.m.
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.

At other times by appointment

NOVENA

In honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help on Tuesday following the 6:00 p.m. Mass.

ADORATION

Friday 9:00-10:00 am - In the Church

INFANT BAPTISMS

Celebrated on the 4th Sunday of each month after the 11:30 a.m. Mass excluding the season of Lent. First time parents and godparents are expected to participate in a Baptism preparation seminar which may take place during pregnancy. Please contact the Parish Center for more information.

MARRIAGE ARRANGEMENTS

The policy of the Archdiocese requires a minimum six-month preparation period for marriage, during which the couple meets with the priest or deacon and participates in the Archdiocesan marriage preparation program. Engaged couples should telephone the Parish Center no less than six months prior to the anticipated date of marriage for an appointment with the priest or deacon.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

The parish priest is to be contacted before the family makes any arrangements with the funeral director. Family members are also asked to meet with the priest to prepare for the Funeral liturgy.

Uptown Canticle by Father Michael



“Must you go, darling?” Samantha asked, her voice softly trembling like the call of a delicate, softly trembling bird whose heart was about to break. She was real upset. Alexander strode quickly toward her from the window across the room, until at last, he clasped her in his muscular, sinewy arms and held her close. *“Do you really have to go, my muscular, sinewy armed man?”* Samantha repeated. *“Yes,”* Alexander replied. *“Darling, a man can live a thousand lifetimes and never win Super Bowl tickets. If it happens, he must follow his destiny.”* When I retire, do you think I should consider writing romance novels?

Lord, do you have to go? Look up! Look around! Look within! These seem to be the directions of this Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. Artists depict Jesus being lifted up into a cloud. Some just show his feet below the cloud. His physical presence is gone. But if we look around we see the disciples. Still wounded but rejoicing in the transcendence they have witnessed. They return to Jerusalem and spend days looking within. What has happened? They were scandalized by the Crucifixion and lifted beyond imaginable joy by the Resurrection. Where are they to go from here? What new beginnings are they being asked to make? It is a time in between! A time for deeper looking within! Waiting for the movement of the Advocate, Holy Spirit!

To further understand the mystery, let me offer you an old legend in more scriptural vocabulary than a romance novel. One day archangel Gabriel said, *“Master, you must have suffered terribly for those people down there.”* *“I did,”* said Jesus. Said the archangel, *“Do they know what you did for them?”* *“Oh, no,”* said Jesus. *“Not yet. Just a few in Palestine know, but I have asked Peter and James and John and some others to make it their life’s work to tell others about me, until everyone in every place knows what I have done.”* A look of doubt spread over Gabriel’s face. *“What if those you have sent grow tired and old? What if the people who come after them forget? Haven’t you made other plans?”* Jesus answered, *“I haven’t made any other plans. I’m counting on them.”* No Plan B. As the body of Christ in the world, it is our role to live, to speak, to love and to serve in such a manner that others will *want* to know the good news of salvation.

The Ascension is about liminal, threshold, time. The disciples are standing at the door, the threshold of a new age. Now as Jesus returns to his Father the disciples stand on the threshold of the age of the Spirit. No longer are they to stand looking up, but to go forth. The church begins where Jesus left off. Once the Spirit fills the disciples with fire on Pentecost that fire spreads to all corners of the known world. Do we follow the disciples’ example? Are we so filled with the fire of the Spirit that we carry the message of Jesus into our work places? Our homes? Our places of recreation? Or even our churches?

Taking on the responsibility of continuing the ministry of Jesus is similar to an apprenticeship. In his book *Life on the Mississippi* Mark Twain (aka Samuel Clemens) writes about learning to read the river under the mentorship of pilot Mr. Horace Bixby. Later Twain stated that if he had known how difficult it would be to learn and traverse the almost 2,000 miles of the Mississippi river with all its bends, sandbars, islands and towns, he would not have had the courage to begin. But the wise Mr. Bixby saw something in Twain, and with his help, the future boat captain and author was able to learn to *“read the river.”*

Twain’s apprenticeship under Mr. Bixby is like the process of becoming a Christian as we take on the responsibility for continuing the ministry of Jesus. Just as Twain would learn to *read the river*, so would those first disciples and all of us, subsequent followers of Jesus learn to read the signs of the times, to assess the needs of the human community and rely on the power and presence of the Spirit to mentor us along the way. We learn to live according to Gospel principles and by making the spiritual and corporal works of mercy our daily agenda. Like the scene on the Mount of Olives, are angels whispering for you to “move on” and take up some work that invites your bearing witness to Christ? Did anyone who said “goodbye” give you an assignment – something beyond the usual things like: *“Take care of yourself”*?

No longer do we stand gawking upward. We need to move out into the world of ours carrying the fire of the Spirit and spreading those flames to ignite our world with the love that is the essence of the kingdom of God. A great deal of work needs to be done. So ... don’t stand around looking up. Get moving! And learn to *read the river*.

Catholic Community Foundation Seeks Saint John Paul II Award Nominations

The Saint John Paul II award will be presented to an outstanding Catholic layperson(s) or permanent deacon who resides in the Archdiocese of New Orleans & who exhibits inspirational examples of generosity & Christian stewardship. *Award criteria include:* • *Practicing Roman Catholic layperson(s) or permanent deacon* • *High moral character* • *Volunteer service and board memberships* • *Exemplary personal values.* Names of nominees & related information must be submitted by Friday, June 3, 2022, at 11:59 p.m. A nomination form, which includes submission details, can be downloaded from the foundation's website at www.ccfnola.org. This year's winner will be recognized during our annual 'Celebration of Catholic Generosity'. Please contact Pamela Richard at prichard@ccfnola.org with questions.



RETRouvaille

A LIFE LINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Married Couples Retreat

Retrouvaille provides help & support to married couples undergoing difficulties. It has proven helpful to couples who are troubled & stressed, or if the relationship has grown cold & distant. The next Retrouvaille Weekend will be June 24-26 at William J. Kelly Retreat Center in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. Register or get info at: www.helpourmarriage.org or email retrouvaillenola@gmail.com.



Pray the Rosary for Ukraine

following 8:30am masses on
Mondays, Wednesdays,
Thursdays, and Fridays.



Respect Life focus for May/June:

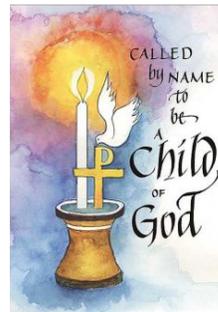
*Couples Struggling with
Fertility / Infertility
therefore, we present the
"Tree of Life."*

The "Tree of Life" is an opportunity for parishioners to "Spiritually Adopt" a couple hoping to conceive, those awaiting an adoption, unborn baby or parents who have conceived. Add them with a real name or anonymously.

- ✘ **Choose a butterfly (provided)**
- ✘ **Write "name" of couple/baby**
- ✘ **Hang it on "The Tree of Life."**
- ✘ **Pray for babies remembered in the hearts of those struggling with infertility.**

The "Tree of Life" will be on display from Mother's Day until Father's Day.

Baptisms



St. Francis of Assisi Church
Welcomes
Joseph Fine IV
Margaret Peters
Warren Neal
into the family of the
Catholic Church

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PULSE Leadership Institute (PLI) is an inspirational pro-life training for high school and college students. At PLI, students will be educated and empowered to be the next generation of pro-life leaders and to uphold a culture of life in their communities.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

CHURCH SUPPORT

YOUR STEWARDSHIP IS THE SOURCE OF OUR GROWTH

May 21 - 22, 2022

1st Collection: \$7,850.00
(includes envelopes, loose, and e-giving)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED
GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS
May 29th - June 4th

Sunday 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 OR Seventh Sunday of Easter Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9; Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26
Monday Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56
Wednesday Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a & 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 & 7; Jn 21:20-25

A Stewardship Moment

Today we celebrate the feast of the Ascension of our Lord, a feast which, in part celebrates the confidence he placed on his close followers to continue his ministry. In the Gospel reading Jesus reminds his followers of the purpose of his mission, and commissions them to continue his work by proclaiming his word and by living courageously that which they preached. He also promises them the Holy Spirit who he said would strengthen them for the task ahead. As stewards of Jesus' life and ministry, a good question for us to reflect on this week might be this: Has Christ's confidence in the quality of our own witness been well placed?

 **Church Sanctuary Lamp**
*Our Church Sanctuary Lamp
burns this week for
Peace in our Families*



Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, MAY 28 4:00 pm Lucille Mire McCann, Alice R. Mire, Margaret "Butsy" Ross, Rita T. Aucoin, Michael Rapier, Kelly Hoffmann Jackman, Henry Schorr

SUNDAY, MAY 29 9:30 am Parishioners
11:30 am Betsie Melancon, Rita T. Aucoin, Paul T. Gillin

MONDAY, MAY 30 8:30 a.m. Intentions of Debbie Gard

TUESDAY, MAY 31 6:00 p.m. Robert Keller

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1 8:30 a.m. Mitchell Berry

THURSDAY, JUNE 2 8:30 a.m. All Souls Book of Remembrance

FRIDAY, JUNE 3 8:30 a.m. Mitchell Berry



Mass Intentions

Mass offerings are \$5 each and are available for weekday Masses and weekend Masses - Saturday, 4 pm Vigil and Sunday 11:30am.

For more information, please call the Parish Office (504) 891-4479.

Prayer Intentions

Please remember the following parishioners and friends in your prayers: Jerry Abdo, Anne Atkinson, Ann Babington, Barbara Barrosse, Savannah Becnel, Simone M. Becnel, Jennifer Siegrest Bondio, Christopher Brewster, Ben Capshaw, Mary Chamberland, Antoinette Clark, Marvette Clark, Cathy Dermady, David Doll, Sr., Guella Dragon, Rosita Duplantier, Mildred Flynn, Cynthia Gilmore, Tamberly Gray, Ryan Hartley, Sherry Heller, Sandra Hill, Pat Jones, Gerry Keller, Leona Labat, Meredith Landry, William Robert Little, Robert Maddox, Cheryl Ann McDonald, Craig Melancon, Darnell Menasco, Veronica Merritt, Lynn Middleton, Jeff Mitchener, Joy Morton, Jay Occhipinti, Johnny Parker, Paige Peterson, Melissa Phelps, Steven Philburn, Carol Rodriguez, Nedine Rende, Betty Richburg, Nell Ricker, Fred Riggle, Patricia Riggle, Justin Roy, Emma Ryan, Robert Schwab, Louis Scott, Sr., Samantha Smith, Harriet Suarez, Sara Surgi, Deacon Wil Toups, Nancy Williams, Residents of Audubon Retirement Village (Hainkel), Covenant & Poydras Homes & Lambeth House and patients of Children's Hospital.

O heavenly Father, You sent Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to heal every infirmity and to deliver us from death. We pray that You heal Your servants from our parish family, friends, and relatives of every spiritual and bodily ill which afflicts them. Amen.

The last informal **“Information Nights”** for those who sense God speaking about serving in ordained ministry are encouraged to “Come and See”. Attendance is required at one of these sessions to get basic criteria for entrance into formation & to consider requesting an invitation to attend the more formalized “Discernment Gatherings”. *Wives are encouraged to attend. Before you attend, please speak with Fr. Michael.*



Wednesday, June 1 – 6:30 PM

Archdiocese of New Orleans Administration Building
7887 Walmsley Avenue
Preregister: pdiacoonate@arch-no.org 861-6329.



God of power & mercy, you destroy war & put down earthly pride. Banish violence from our midst & wipe away our tears, that we may deserve to be your sons & daughters. Keep in your mercy men & women who have died in the cause of freedom & bring them safely into your kingdom.—Adapted from *Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers*

The Parish office will be closed Monday, May 30th in observance of Memorial Day.

Jesuit Church First Tuesdays

CANNONBALL CONVERSATIONS

Celebrating the Ignatian Year

Until he was twenty-six, the Jesuit founder Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556) dreamed mainly of fame, fortune, and fighting. Then an enemy cannonball set him on a different path, one that changed his life and ultimately the world.

Join us each first Tuesday, November through July, for a lunchtime Ignatian Year program on faith, finding your path, and —yes— changing the world.

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THE SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST
AND THE
Golden Jubilee of the
Ordination to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ
OF OUR PASTOR
Very Reverend Michael J. Schneller, V.F.
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