

# Our Lady of Grace Roman Catholic Church



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## Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*Our purpose, at Our Lady of Grace Roman Catholic Church, is to provide a place of spiritual worship and growth for our members, our children, and all visitors. We wish to instill a spirit of prayer, integrity and generosity in each other, with a special concern for the poor, sick, elderly, disabled, the unborn and the weak. We especially encourage our parish members and organizations in their practice of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy with the poor and infirmed.*

## PARISH STAFF

### PASTOR

Rev. Fr. Christopher Chike Amadi, S.S.J.

### PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

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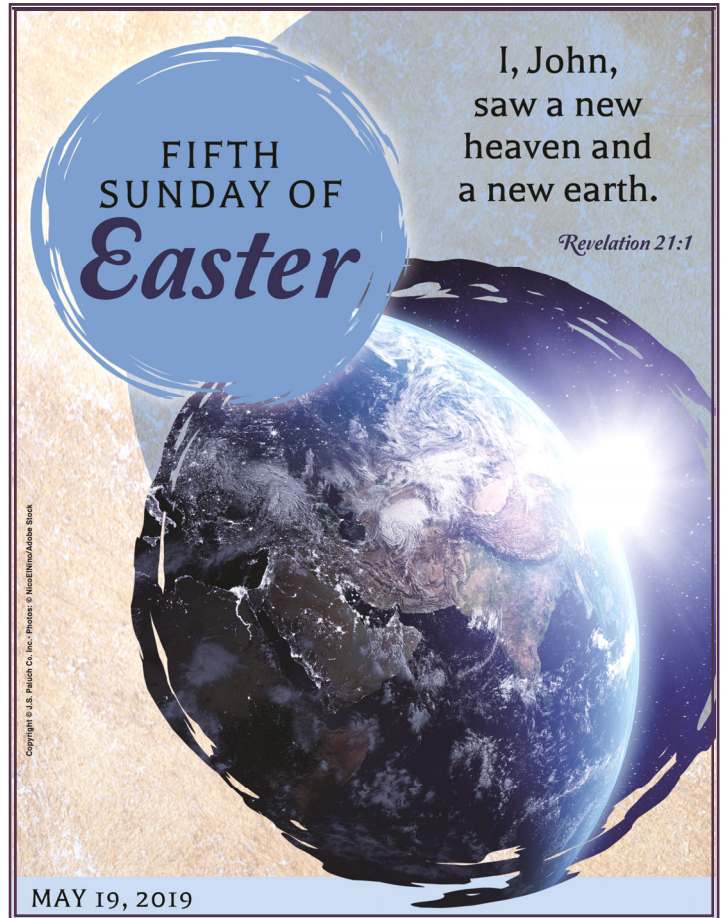
Mrs. Precious A. Joseph (985) 536-3115

### RCIA CLASSES

Any adult interested in joining the Catholic Faith or knowing more about the Catholic Religion should contact the Parish Office to sign up for RCIA faith classes.

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Announcements for the bulletin can be brought to the parish office, faxed or sent via email to [olgchurch@arch-no.org](mailto:olgchurch@arch-no.org). The deadline to submit announcements to be placed in the bulletin is on **Mondays by 12 noon.**



I, John,  
saw a new  
heaven and  
a new earth.

*Revelation 21:1*

MAY 19, 2019

## MASS SCHEDULE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 19, 2019

### VIGIL MASSES

Saturday 4:00 PM  
Sunday 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday **NO MASS**  
Tuesday 6:00 PM  
Wednesday 5:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
6:00 PM Sick of the Parish  
Thursday 8:30 AM Special Intentions  
Friday 8:30 AM Parish Mass  
Saturday 8:00 AM (1ST SATURDAY ONLY)

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Begins 1 Hour before each Mass and ends 15 minutes before Mass or by appointment anytime.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents and god-parents preparation is held on the 3rd Sunday of each month after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Baptism will take place on the 4th Sunday of each month. **Baptismal registration takes place ONLY at the Parish Office prior to baptism preparation class.**

### MARRIAGES

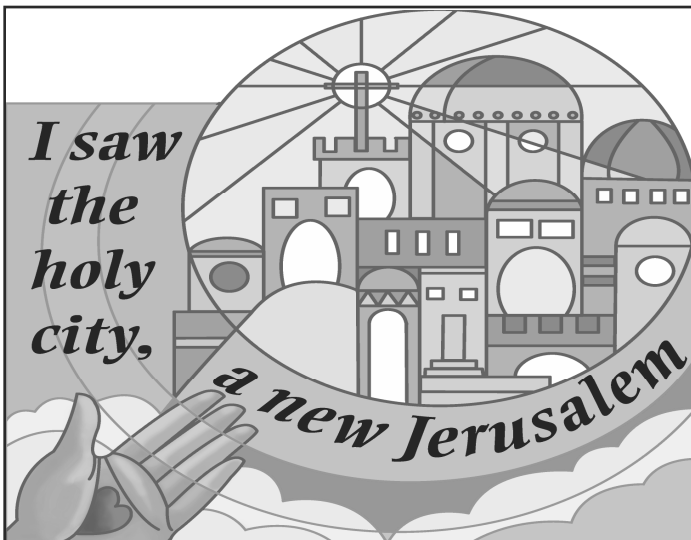
Please notify the Priest at least six to eight months prior to planning the wedding.

### PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office if someone is sick or hospitalized.

### FUNERALS

Please call the Parish Office before making arrangements with the funeral director.



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Today's first and second readings seem to contradict each other. In the Acts of the Apostles, Paul and Barnabas remind the other disciples that they would "undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God" (Acts 14:22). But in the second reading from Revelation, John says there will be "no more . . . mourning, wailing or pain" (Revelation 21:4). These two sides of the Kingdom show how real our faith is. Life is frequently contradictory. A woman in labor moves from pain to joy in seconds after her child is born. She doesn't forget the pain, but knows it is necessary for the joy of new birth. Only the artist knows how much effort and pain went into the creation of a painting, sculpture, or symphony. Married couples know that their love is measured as much by the sacrifices they make as by the joy they receive.

This also explains how difficult it is for the wealthy to get into the kingdom of God. If everything comes easily to you, if you never have to work for anything, you may not be capable of the sacrifices that true love entails. Some may have had life so easy, they don't know how to make the effort it takes to love God or people. And some who worked hard to acquire wealth don't understand the deeper joy that comes from sharing with others.

That's why Jesus in the Gospel talks of his coming death on the cross as the way that God will glorify him. Even God does not do things the easy way. Jesus didn't send a stunt man to take his place on the cross. The cushy jobs went to the angels who announced the birth of the Savior (Luke 1:26-32), or told the women at the tomb that he was risen (Luke 24:4-7). It was God who was born in poverty, in a time of high infant mortality (even higher when Herod tried to kill the Child). It was God who suffered, from the Agony in the Garden through the Crucifixion.

So when Jesus tells us to love one another as he has loved us, he knows what it cost. And he also knew that his death on the cross would be the beginning of a way of love that will eventually lead to "no more death or mourning, wailing or pain." We're not there yet, but we know we are not alone in our suffering for "God himself will always be with them" (Revelation 21:3).

**SCRIPTURE VERSE:** "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race."—*Revelation 21:3*

# Mass Intentions

## SATURDAY MAY 18, 2019

**4:00 PM** Shirley Ann Johnson, Jeffery Adams, Willi Hall, Cecile Ogretta Wilson-Hall, Melvin Charles Hall, Joseph Bert Hall, Carl Michael Hall, Deforest Brown, Gwendolyn Wolfe-Hall, Lenda Wilson-Dunn (L), Marie Antionette Hall (L), Agnes M. Hall (L), Special Intentions, All Hall, Wilson, White Maternal & Paternal Living & Deceased Members of the Families, Donnie Johnson, Mary Ann Parquet, Louise Joseph

## SUNDAY MAY 19, 2019

**8:00 AM** Our Lady of Grace Parishioners

**11:00 AM** Hilton Francois

## TUESDAY MAY 21, 2019

**6:00 PM** Jennifer Sylve Banks

## WEDNESDAY MAY 22, 2019

**5:00 PM HOLY HOUR**

**6:00 PM** Walter Gerard, III

## THURSDAY MAY 23, 2019

**8:30 AM NO MASS**

## FRIDAY MAY 24, 2019

**8:30 AM** Louise Joseph

## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READING (MAY 19, 2019 TO MAY 25, 2019)

**Sunday** Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rv 21:1-5a;

Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

**Monday:** Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16;

Jn 14:21-26

**Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

**Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

**Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

**Friday:** Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

**Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

**PRAY FOR . . .**  
 Agnes Hall, Joshua J. Morgan, Joseph Dupas, Olga Leblanc, Alethea Bardell, Kenisha Anderson, Leroy Houston, Joann Gray, Victoria Dominique, Michael Lipps, Ernest Morgan Jr., Catherine Twine Simon, Craig Watson, Michelle Marcadel, Cornel Jones, Montrelle Dennis, Romond Taylor, Devon Walker, Rosalee Sylvas, Donald Lipps, Donna C. Jackson, Sandra Simoneaux, Elizabeth Hebert, Sr. John Mary Jackson, Tierney Smith, Torriel Charde Smith, Karen Duhe-Wilson, James Jackson, Travis Thomas, Ceola Gerard, Gary Sylve, Arthur D. Parquet, Felton Parquet, Lorita Savoie, Shelia P. Melancon, Gloria Ferrygood, Chandra Johnson, Lindsay Marts, John Sylve, Sr., Sharon Parquet, Jennifer Sylve Banks, Hilton Farlough, Monique Joseph, Theresa Fleming, Beverly Harris, Lois Gray, Wilhelmina Armour, Emile Rousseve, Amanda Cole, Johnny Bee Griffin, Thomas Parquet, Jr., Melvin Parquet, Tiana Roussell, Marjorie Schnyder Noble, Chesney Jones, Jr., Edward Scioneaux, Sr., Angela Jones-Howard, Joseph & McCloud Family

## OUR LADY OF GRACE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH RESERVE, LA

### ORDER OF ST. LOUIS IX MEDALLION RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to Mrs. Carolyn Bossier, who will receive the Order of St. Louis IX Medallion. Archbishop Gregory Aymond will present the medallions on **Sunday, May 19, 2019 at 3:00 PM** during a special ceremony at St. Joseph Church, 1802 Tulane Ave, New Orleans, LA. The Order of St. Louis IX Medallion is presented to members of the laity who have contributed their time and talents to the church. May God continue to bless her for all that she does for Our Lady of Grace Community.

— Fr. Christopher C. Amadi, SSJ

### CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL 2019 GRADUATES

#### GOD BLESS YOU GRADUATE

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the Lord. Jeremiah 29:11-14



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## Congratulations To All

### 2019 LENTEN DINNERS

A special thank you to all who helped to make the Lenten dinners a success. Due to the diligent work of all who volunteered, made a donation and purchased dinners, the Lenten dinners made a profit of **\$15,651.50**. May God continue to bless you for your support to our church and community.

- Fr. Christopher C. Amadi, SSJ



### POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY

**EVANGELIZATION—CHURCH IN AFRICA:** *That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for the continent.*

### SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK

Our Lady of Grace Church Parish continues to partner with Second Harvest Food Bank to distribute food to those in need. Food will be distributed from the Joseph C. Rodney Parish Hall on **Thursday, May 23, 2019 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM**. Please see the flier on the bulletin board in the foyer of the church.

### BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

Suddenly single again? Dreading being alone? Feeling the pain of having to go on with life but . . . everything has changed? Have you lost your spouse due to Divorce, Death or Separation? Having difficulty coping? Help is on the way. Beginning Experience Ministry under the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Office of Marriage and Family Life will begin a 10 week program "Coping With Life Alone" to help those struggling to cope with this loss. The Coping Program will begin on **Wednesday, June 5, 2019, from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM** at St. Angela Merici's conference hall adjacent to the Church on 835 Melody St., Metairie. The cost will be \$35. Call Bette Armentor at 504-339-7776 to register and for questions.



**Bible  
STUDY**  
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**BIBLE STUDY: Tuesday's at 6:30 PM** in the Fr. Joseph C. Rodney Parish Hall. All are invited and welcome to attend.

## Weekly Collections

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| <b>MAY 11, 2019 TO MAY 12, 2019</b> |                  |
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| <b>REGULAR COLLECTION</b>           | <b>\$4278.00</b> |
| <b>DIOCESAN PRIEST RETIREMENT</b>   | <b>\$ 221.00</b> |
| <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b>                 | <b>\$ 523.00</b> |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                        | <b>\$5022.00</b> |



### SANCTUARY LIGHT IN THE CHURCH

Shelton Clark, Sr., Shelton Clark, Jr.,  
Dardnella Clark, Karen C. Tassin  
Requested By: Mrs. Bobbie Butler, Mrs. Mona Nicholas  
From: May 1, 2019 to May 31, 2019



### SANCTUARY LIGHT IN THE CHAPEL

The Sanctuary Light will be lit for:  
Isabella Francois  
Requested By: Charlotte Hooker  
From: May 1, 2019 to May 31, 2019



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