



# ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CATHOLIC CHURCH

— ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD —

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 7, 2023

## MASS SCHEDULE

Masses are currently being held  
in the St. Dominic Savio Center  
to the right of the school.

### MASS TIMES

Saturday..... (Vigil) 4:00pm  
Sunday..... 8:30am, 10:30am, 7:00pm  
..... (Spanish) 3:00pm

### DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday..... 8:30am

### CONFESSIONS

One half hour before each Mass daily  
and Sundays.

### PERPETUAL ADORATION

**CHAPEL** - Currently open every day  
9:00am - 9:00pm.

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## 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the  
Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also  
know my Father." - Jn 14:6-7

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### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

To those who persist in faith, the truth is a living stone, strong  
enough to support the weight of real joy. To those who despair of  
faith, it is a stumbling block. The truth will always be in their way.  
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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, May 8

8:30 am Zulma Williams

### Tuesday, May 9

8:30 am Karen Angelo

### Wednesday, May 10 • St. Damien de Veuster • St. John of Avila

8:30 am Special Intention

### Thursday, May 11

8:30 am Souls in Purgatory

### Friday, May 12 • Sts. Nereus and Achilleus • St. Pancras

8:30 am Betty Leon

### Saturday, May 13 • Our Lady of Fatima

10:00 am FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS

4:00 pm

Melancon & Fisher Families, Jimmy Daigre, Dan Guidry, Gregory Hymel, E.J. & Edna Guidry, Conrad & Betty Hymel, Grady Duff, Jr., Scott Duff, Deacon Paul & Philip Dupuy, Edith Layton, Souls in Purgatory, Marilyn Torres, Living & deceased members of the Larousse & Brock Families, Nellie Powell, Allison Rice, Norma Pierre, Jourdan Growl, Steve & Nancy Valure, Mother's Day Intentions

### Sunday, May 14 • Sixth Sunday of Easter • Mother's Day

8:30 am Karen Angelo, Louanie Daigle, Gertrude Fisse, All Souls, Hazel Lawless, Shelbi Ory, Special Intention, Mother's Day Intentions

10:30 am Norman & Verna Millet, Rosalind M. Hutson, Deborah Acosta, Jessica Fournet, Mother's Day Intentions

3:00 pm (en espanol) Our Parishioners, Dolores Fajardo, Mother's Day Intentions

7:00 pm Sharon Simoneaux Triche, Mother's Day Intentions

### VIGIL LIGHT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

In Memory of "Big T" Valure

### CHAPEL CANDLES BURN THIS WEEK FOR

The Valure, Martin, and Frost Families



## Ascension of Our Lord Feast Day Celebration

Thursday, May 18, 2023

Mass at 7:00pm

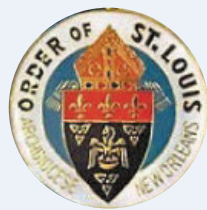
Candlelight Rosary following Mass

Concludes with Fellowship and Refreshments

The Rosary will be led by our Deacons and the AOL Ministry Teams.



## AROUND OUR CHURCH & OUR COMMUNITY



### ORDER OF ST. LOUIS IX MEDALLION RECIPIENT

The Archdiocese of New Orleans established the St. Louis IX award several decades ago as a way to honor men and women who live their faith by service to the parish. This year, we honor our dedicated parishioners **Linda & Gene Fryoux, Sr., and Irene Rauch.**

Linda Fryoux is a devoted, active, longtime parishioner and has been and is still very active in our ministries. She is a committed Chapel Adorer of many years, a lector, commentator, and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at the 4:00pm Saturday Mass. She is also a Eucharistic Minister to the Sick and Homebound. Linda and Gene deliver religious materials including The Word Among Us monthly to the local prison. Linda volunteers whenever we need her and is very helpful and kind. She volunteers at St. John Ministry of Care and shares her love of her Catholic faith.

Irene Rauch is another longtime parishioner. She is a committed Chapel Adorer, Eucharistic Minister to the Sick and Homebound, and volunteers when asked. She bakes cookies annually with the Altar Society and was once very involved in parish and school activities including music, religious education, parish Charismatic meetings and many other things.

Linda, Gene, and Irene will receive their medallions at a special ceremony at St. Catherine of Siena on Sunday, May 7th. The ceremony will be live-streamed. Visit our parish website for the link.



### FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, MAY 13TH  
10:00AM  
ST. DOMINIC SAVIO CENTER



### ACTS Women's Retreat June 1 - 4, 2023 Lumen Christi Retreat Center

Women of Ascension of Our Lord are invited to join with the women of St. Joan of Arc in an extraordinary weekend! This experience will take place June 1st - 4th at Lumen Christi Retreat Center in Schriever, Louisiana. Visit our Parish Website for information and registration forms. Or you may contact one of the retreat directors:

DIRECTOR: Tanyia Tregre 504-559-3760

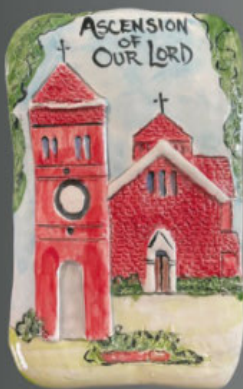
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### Ascension of Our Lord Church Plaque Raffle

We will be selling tickets to raffle off 7 of these beautiful ceramic plaques depicting our beloved Ascension of Our Lord Church to raise funds for **Cory Ford's Ordination Reception and Gift** from AOL Parish. Tickets will be sold at all weekend Masses beginning the weekend of May 6th & 7th and will continue until the Ascension of Our Lord Feast Day Celebration on May 18th. Winners will be drawn after the Candlelight Rosary which follows our Feast Day Celebration Mass. Winners need not be present to win. Tickets are **\$5 each or 5 for \$20**. Tickets can also be purchased at the Parish Office.



St. Joseph Church & Shrine  
**Women's Day of Reflection**  
"FINDING GOD IN ALL THINGS"  
Presenter: Noel Delery  
**May 27, 2023**  
8:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Culminating with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Mass at 4:00 pm  
St. Joseph Church Gymnasium  
Corner of 7th & Newton St., Gretna, LA  
Free event open to women of all faiths.  
Refreshments/Lunch provided.  
Scan the QR code to register.  
Registration due by May 12, 2023



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

#### Monday, May 8

6:00pm Parish School of Religion - School building #2

#### Thursday, May 11

7:00pm Women's Holy Hour - Adoration Chapel

7:00pm PTO Meeting - Don Bosco Hall

#### Friday, May 12

8:30am School Mass - Savio Center

#### Saturday, May 13 • Team 2

10:00am First Communion Mass - Savio Center

11:00am Rosary for Peace - Adoration Chapel

#### Sunday, May 14 • Team 2

7:00pm Youth Mass - Savio Center



### PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL



**ADORERS ARE NEEDED!!**

**Adoration has resumed in the Chapel every day from 9:00am to 9:00pm.**

Keep in touch with us  
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### Kids Corner

#### Prayer

Thank you for promising to make a special place for me in heaven, Jesus.

#### Mission for the Week

Jesus is getting ready for you. Make sure you are getting ready for Jesus. Ask God to help you grow closer to him every day.

#### Sharing the Gospel

Jesus is getting a place ready for you in heaven. One day you can spend time with Jesus there. You will never get sick. You will never be sad. You will never be left out. You will be loved because you are God's special child, and he wants to spend time with you every day.

**Now color the picture!**



Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

HEARTS  
TRUST  
PREPARE

PLACE  
GOING  
FATHER

BELIEVE  
LIVING  
MIRACLES

A	T	N	A	Y	H	O	F	N	T	W
H	M	O	P	R	E	P	A	R	E	H
A	I	S	A	E	A	S	T	N	I	M
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"So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?"



### SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISMS:** Baptismal seminars are held on the first Tuesday of each month in the Parish Office at 7:00pm. Please call the Parish Office to pre-register.

**WEDDINGS:** Couples must contact the priest at least six months prior to the preferred date of the wedding.

**ANointing OF THE SICK:** Please call the Parish Office at 985-652-2615.

**HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:** To be added to the list, please call the Parish Office.

**FUNERALS:** Family must make arrangements with the priest prior to making final arrangements with the funeral home.





## WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

**Question:** Are Catholics obligated to attend Mass each Sunday, or receive Communion each Sunday?

**Answer:** The questions about Mass attendance and the reception of Holy Communion are clearly outlined in what are traditionally called the “Precepts” of the Church. These specific teachings are intended to stand alongside the Ten Commandments as fundamental practices for Catholics and are outlined in the Code of Canon Law. The obligations related to Mass attendance and receiving Communion are outlined in the first and third precepts, which we find quoted in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (no. 2042):

The first precept (“You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor”) requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principal liturgical feasts honoring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints; in the first place, by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days.

The third precept (“You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season”) guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord’s Body and Blood in connection with the Paschal feasts, the origin and center of the Christian liturgy.

Rather than seeing these as obligations that are simply to be fulfilled out of a sense of duty, Pope Saint John Paul II reminds us of the grace that is made available to us when we gather for Sunday celebrations of the Eucharist: “Sunday is the day which is at the very heart of the Christian life... Time given to Christ is never time lost, but is rather time gained, so that our relationships and indeed our whole life may become more profoundly human” (Dies Domini, no. 7). ©LPi



## REFLECT - QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

### First Reading

We hear today of some of the practical problems (assisting widows) the early Christians faced with the growing Church in Jerusalem. They solved the problem with division of labor. Which of your co-workers or friends need your help this week to carry a burden?

### Second Reading

Peter contrasts those with faith who announce the praises of God to those without faith who disobey God’s word. How do you react to family or friends who are without faith?

### Gospel

Jesus assured his disciples that “whoever believes in me will do the works that I do.” How do you think you imitate Jesus? ©LPi

## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

### RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By: Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

#### Building on the Cornerstone

Before I married my husband, I assumed there were “ugly houses” and “pretty houses,” and that was that. But Matt is an architect, someone who reads books with titles like “A Field Guide to American Houses” for fun and who uses the term *vernacular architecture* like he knows what it means.

Through him, I’ve come to learn a lot about why certain structures simply don’t have a pleasing look. There is a logic to ugliness, as it turns out. One of the main reasons a building or a home might strike some of us as ugly is because it has undergone a careless renovation. Whether out of laziness or an effort to be cost-effective, additions are made that depart from the architectural style of the original structure. The result is slapdash, confusing — ugly, for lack of a better word.

What is added on later must somewhat resemble the original. If you want to depart dramatically from the original style of a building, it’s better to build a separate structure altogether.

I think of this principle when I consider Christ as the “cornerstone.” We know we are called to model ourselves on Christ, to build on his example. But so often we cherry-pick elements of his message and attempt to build on it with additions that make no sense.

When someone looks at us, at our lives, they should be able to tell after whom that life is patterned. We must resemble the cornerstone, if we do not, it will be apparent, unseemly. You can’t see God the Father without embracing God the Son. You can’t chart the future of a house without any thought for its past.

If Christ is not our inspiration, he will be our contradiction.

*“...like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house...to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” — 1 Peter 2:5*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22)/1 Pt 2:4-9/ Jn 14:1-12
Monday:	Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/ Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday:	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/ 1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

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