



OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

CATHOLIC CHURCH

MAY 14, 2023 | SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you always, the Spirit of truth." - Jn 14:16-17a

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WEEKEND MASSES

Confessions: Saturday 3:30pm - 4:15pm

Sunday: 8:15am - 8:45am or by appointment

Saturday: 4:30pm Anticipated Mass

Sunday Masses: 9:00am, 11:00am & 5:00pm

Confessions: Sunday 4pm-4:45pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday Communion Service: 6:30am

Wednesday & Friday: 6:30am

Tuesday & Thursday: 12:00pm Noon

SUNDAY CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Suspended for now due to Covid-19

SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Baptism

Call the Office to schedule

Sacrament of Marriage

Call Office for required minimum

Six Month Preparation

Sacrament of Holy Orders

or Call to Religious Life

Contact Rev. Michael Caraway,

Vocation Director (337) 527-9964

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Any time upon request

PARISH STAFF

Bernadine Trahan, Parish Secretary

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Angie Comeaux, Parish Catechetical Leader

Mona & Jimmy Richard, Maintenance

Jim Miller, Maintenance

TRUSTEES

Helen Louviere

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Ed Orgeron

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Patty Hanson

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Barbara Lantz

Michael Fontenot

Charles Savoy

Carter Ledbetter Prejean

We are not orphans.

The Spirit lives in us.

The human spirit is amazing in its ability to come back to life when the body is suffering or struggling. It is not easy; it is extremely hard to overcome many of the obstacles that we face in life, but this story is an inspiration to anyone who will listen. Today, St. Peter reminds us to bear witness to the Lord by the simple goodness of our lives, and by the hope that is in us for the joys of the life to come. In the midst of persecution and ill treatment Peter points out the gentle way and urges us to persevere in it. He points to the Lord who, though innocent, "died for the guilty, to lead us to God". The Lord himself is truly the unconquered one, risen from the dead to be our life, inside of us now. It is the Spirit of this unconquered Lord that is given to us now to be our life and our inspiration for good in this world of sin. The Lord told his disciples before his death, "I will not leave you orphans." It is a powerful statement and a vital promise. Orphans are vulnerable people, unsheltered and unprotected from the dangers of this world. They lack the loving care that rightly should be theirs. They are left alone in this world unless someone will love them.

We are not orphans. The life-giving Spirit is given to us in our baptism and confirmation and in the community of the Church. Without the life-giving Spirit there would be no Church—instead just a fading memory of someone who once lived among us, a good man who lived and died many years ago. But the one who died, rose again. He is the unconquered one and it is his Spirit that now animates his Church and all its members. It is by the power of that Spirit that we can live lives of simple goodness, faithfulness and kindness to others, even when others are not kind to us. It is precisely in times of hardship and persecution that the strength of the Spirit is to be seen in our lives. Persecution does not only mean the oppression of religious believers. It means any kind of human oppression, be it sickness or human hostility, family feuds, conflicts at work and arguments with friends and neighbors; all these are the daily tests of life where the unconquered Spirit of the Lord can be at work. The Spirit is given to us precisely to overcome these everyday difficulties. Remember, the Spirit is a person, not a thing, not a ghost, not imagination; but the Person-Jesus.

Fr. Keith

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

WEEK OF MAY 14, 2023

Mon Acts 16: 11-15, Jn 15: 26—16:4a
Tues Acts 16:22-34, Jn 16:5-11
Wed Acts 17:15,22—1:1, Jn 16:12-15
Thurs Acts 18:1-8, Jn 16:16-20
Fri Acts 18:9-18, Jn 16:20-23
Sat Acts 18:23-28, Jn 16:23b-28
Sun Acts 1:1-11, Mt 28:16-20



*of
Priesthood Ordination
for
Fr. Keith Pellerin*

A reception will be held following each Mass on Saturday, May 27th and Sunday May 28th in SMC to honor Fr. Keith on this wonderful occasion.

Fr. Keith served as Parochial Vicar (Associate Pastor) here at OLHC immediately following his Ordination in May 1998. What a blessing it is to have him here with us as he celebrates 25 years of Priesthood. Please make plans to gather as a faith community to congratulate and celebrate with Fr. Keith on this milestone anniversary!

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Offertory	\$ 7,721.00
Online	\$ 4,060.00
Total	\$ 11,781.00
Capital Imp/Bldg Fund	\$1,440.00
BSA Quota	\$30,829.00
Collected as of 4/30/23	15,863.36
Balance due 6/30/23	\$14,965.64

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Diocese of Lake Charles Pro-Life Ministries

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Catholic Communication Campaign

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN SECOND COLLECTION

Next week our second collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign engages and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Diocese of Lake Charles to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc. Thank you for your consideration and generosity!



DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Diocese of Lake Charles will host a special Anniversary Celebration on Sun. June 4, 2023, at the 11:15am Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Any couple celebrating their 25th, 50th, 55th, 60th, 65th or 70th year of marriage will be honored this year. Please come for this celebration of fidelity and grace. Group pictures of attendees will be taken immediately following Mass. A reception will follow in the Ave Maria Hall. Family members are welcome to attend. Please contact the Parish Office to register by May 19, 2023. 337-824-0168

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

MAY 15 - MAY 21, 2023

Mon	6:30am	Communion Service
	6:00pm	Men's Ultreya Mtg IC
Tues	10:00am	Rosary in Church
	12:05pm	Mass
Wed	6:30am	Mass
	7:00am	St Joseph Prayer Group
	12noon	Finance Council Mtg - SMC
Thurs	12:05pm	Mass
Fri	6:30am	Mass
Sat	3:30-4:15p	Confessions
	4:30pm	Mass
Sun	8:15-8:45a	Confessions
	9:00am	Mass
	11:00am	Mass
	4:00-4:45p	Confessions
	5:00pm	Mass



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MOTHER'S DAY

During the season of Easter, what a great time to remember our mothers and ask for God's blessing on them. It is God who ultimately gave us life. It is through God's unselfish love--mirrored in our mothers' willingness to associate their love with God's and take the risk to love us into life--that we have the opportunity for life. We remember our mothers this Mother's Day with much love. Let us pray for each of them:

God our heavenly Father,

you give to each the ability to share
your generative love.

Bless those women in our lives who mirror your love
and bring forth life through their willingness
to risk bringing new life into this world.

Help us to show them our gratitude
for the gift of life and the gift of a mother's love.
May our life-giving God continue to bless them
and show them his unfailing love.

We ask this through Jesus,

God's Son and our brother. Amen.



PLANT THE SEEDS

OLHC Restoration Project Preview

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2023

The Feast Day of Our Lady Help of Christians

at 6 o'clock in the evening

Saint Mary's Center
Jennings LA

Our Lady Help of Christians parishioners and community members are cordially invited to the **"Plant the Seeds"** OLHC Restoration Project Preview on Wednesday, May 24th, the feast day of Our Lady Help of Christians. Rev. Keith Pellerin, Pastor, will lead a discussion and presentation on the current and future needs of our beautiful church. The goals of the project are to educate the community about the church and its furnishings as well as to preserve the historical elements of the church for future generations. Additional preview meetings will be held over the summer, leading up to a kick-off dinner and auction -- "Jazz It Up!" -- at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12th, at the William Broussard Hall in Jennings.



TODAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING

Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit. (Acts 8:17)

PSALM

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy. (Ps 66)
Or Alleluia.

SECOND READING

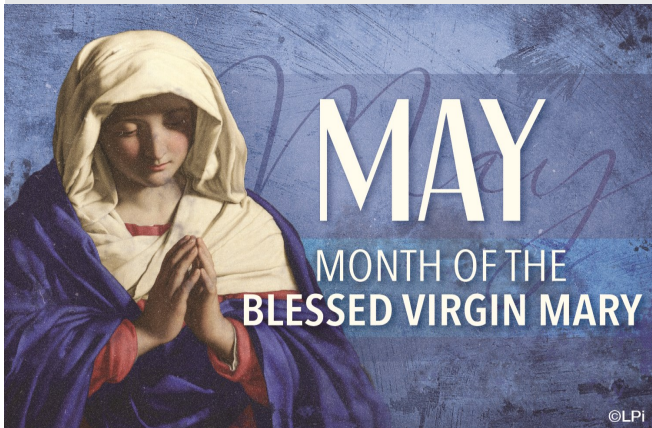
For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God.

Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. (1 Pt 3:18)

GOSPEL

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him." (Jn 14:15-17)

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LIVING ROSARY

On Saturday, May 20, 2023 we will have a Living Rosary in Our Lady's Prayer Garden immediately following the 4:30pm Mass. Please watch the bulletin for more details!!



MASS INTENTIONS

MAY 14 – MAY 21

Sat	4:30pm	Jane Boudreaux, Dot Mott, Ida Trahan, Patsy Pugh, Florence Roy
Sun	9:00am	Ruby Lee Gotreaux, Jane Boudreaux, Frank & Mary Neuner, Aline Sonnier, Johnnie R. Dennis, Mabel Martin, Mildred Vincent, Ivy L. Bergeron, Remy Sonnier
	11:00am	Universal Church
	5:00pm	Gloria Ardoin, Mary Louise Hoffpauir
Mon	6:30am	Communion Service
Tues	12:05pm	Robert Patenaude, Dorothy P. Richert
Wed	6:30am	Barbara Clement, Susan G. Daigle
Thurs	12:05pm	Gilbert & Mabel Martin, Charles Cassidy
Fri	6:30am	Jerod and John Carriere
Sat	4:30pm	Doris Reedy, Jerry Lymn Core
Sun	9:00am	Vivian B. Louviere, Didi Cassidy, Jackie Bougard
	11:00am	Voorhies & Elvie Carriere and Dot Pellerin
	5:00pm	Universal Church

SANCTUARY LIGHT THIS WEEK FOR

Virginia H. Houssiere and Vivian B. Louviere

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

The Parish Finance Council will meet at 12noon on Wednesday, May 17th.

May 14, 2023
6th Sunday of Easter

My dad was adopted as a baby. It's a big part of my family's story. His birth mother placed him in a Catholic orphanage not long after birth. A young couple longing for a baby strolled among the bassinets. My father, then only a few months old, looked at the husband and smiled. The man said, "That's my son." They took him home and the family grew. This moment of adoption was a wonderful truth they celebrated even when my dad was a young boy. They told him, "You're even more special than the other children, because we chose you to be our son." My dad's eyes well up with tears of gratitude whenever he tells the story, even eighty-three years later.

What is your story? Do we think or act like unwanted orphans? Who do we believe ourselves to be? As we continue to ponder Jesus' resurrection, we hear him say to us this Sunday, "I will not leave you orphans." God doesn't leave us alone like spiritual orphans. The power that raised Jesus from the dead is the Holy Spirit, who is also called the Spirit of Adoption. He chooses us to be His children, to share God's life forever. He gives us a future filled with hope. We are not orphans anymore! This Easter, that's the story we should share with others. It's the true story we are living right now — Father John Muir
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