

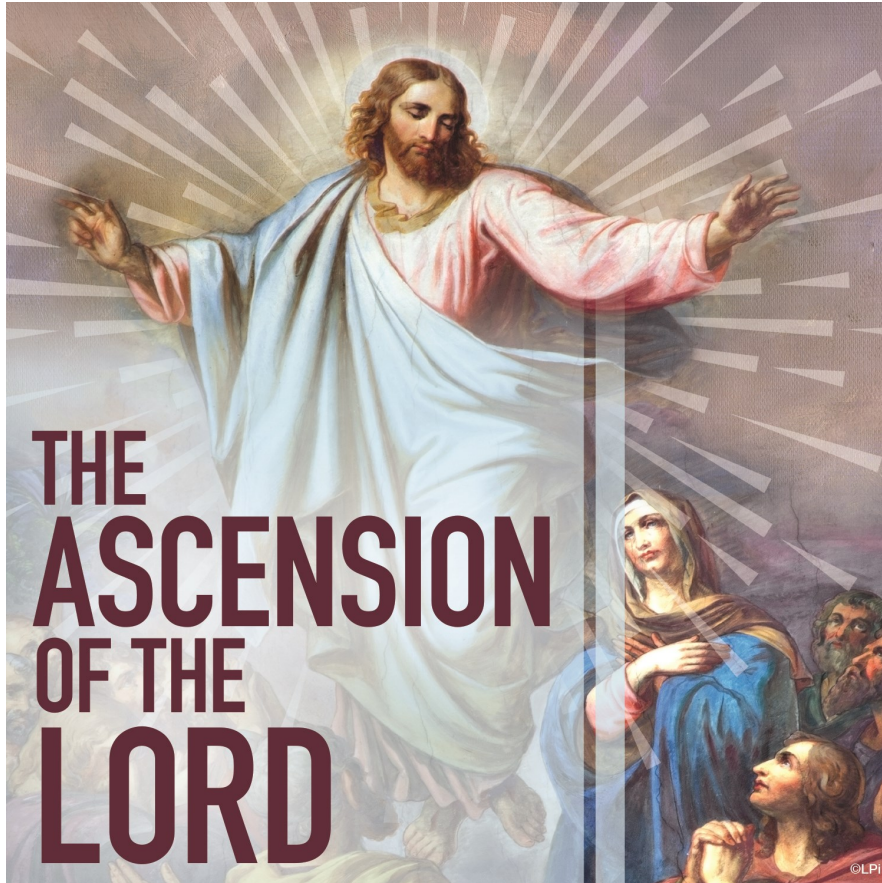


ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

One Hope! One Faith! One Family!

MAY 21, 2023

9150 HIGHLAND ROAD | BATON ROUGE, LA 70810



Memorial Day Schedule

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Monday, May 29, 2023

In Celebration of
Memorial Day
The Parish Office
Will Be Closed
And There Will Be
No Mass

DAILY MASSES

Monday & Thursday: 8:30 am

Tuesday: 5:30 pm (*Mass followed by Adoration until 7:30 pm*)

Wednesday: Noon (*Adoration 10:00 am until noon Mass*)

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:00 pm Vigil

Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:30 am, & 11:00 am

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesdays 4:00-5:15 pm

Wednesdays 11:00-11:45 am, in church or by appointment

Emergencies: After Hours, please call 766-2431 and follow the directions given on the voicemail message.

OUR MISSION

The mission of St. Jude the Apostle Parish is to instill hope in the hearts of all of our brothers and sisters by embracing one another and our diversity with a compassionate and a welcoming spirit, guided by our faith in Jesus Christ and the traditions of our Catholic faith.

PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

Parish PH: (225) 766-2431

Parish Fax: (225) 766-0722

School PH: (225) 769-2344

School Web: www.stjudebr.org

Parish Web: www.stjudecatholic.org

Fr. Trey Nelson, Pastor fathertrey@stjudecatholic.org

Deacon James Morrissey, Director of Administration

deaconjmorrissey@gmail.com

Office Hours: M-Th 8-4, (closed for lunch 12:30-1:30), Fri. 8am - 12noon



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE ASCENSION

Saturday and Sunday

May 20-21, 2023

www.stjudecatholic.org**THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD:***"I Am With You Always!"*

Friends, as I look back on my anniversary of ordination and Mother's Day last Sunday, I am grateful for so much. It's hard to believe that I have been a priest for 35 years! Throughout it all, Saint Jude Parish has been an important part of my life, going back to my childhood when we lived right up Highland Road on Wylie Drive. Since it was Mother's Day, and since I have a niece and nephew both graduating from LSU on this week, my family and I decided to wait until next week to do an anniversary celebration. In looking back over these years, I thought I would offer a few perceptions about some of the changes in the world around us that I have noticed and experienced. I have served at St. Isidore Parish in Baker, St. Jude the first time (as Fr. Mike's associate), Most Blessed Sacrament Parish here in Baton Rouge, and then as pastor of the shared pastorate of St. Anne, Assumption, and St. Philomena Parishes in Napoleonville, Plattenville, and Labadieville. For these past 13 years I have served here with you, and it has been an amazing experience. Things were different in almost every way imaginable back in 1988 when I was ordained. Cell phones were just coming out and only available in "bag phone" format. There were nowhere nearly as many channels available on regular TV. There were no Facebook, no Snapchat, no Instagram and the like. There was no text-messaging, Tik-Tok, or internet, at least as we know it today. Fax machines, ditto machines, old-fashioned copier machines were still in use everywhere. And when we produced our weekly parish bulletin, it was done in the parish office workroom, on "real" paper, cut and pasted by hand, and then personally delivered to a local printer. Masses were pretty much packed across the board. If your church offered a youth ministry (youth group) activity, the sign-up was so strong, that we at times almost had to turn people down. Volunteerism was exceptionally strong, both for church and school. Many stores closed on Sundays. And the pace of life was slower. Now, here we are in 2023, and life for all of us is about as ramped-up in speed as it ever has been before. The "disease of busyness," as Thomas Merton called it, affects all of us, even our children. People are good people. People love God. People are deeply, genuinely spiritual. But religion and "going to church" is not the priority for many that it was in the past. Sports take the place of worship. Club meetings, other competitions in other areas of life not only take up so much of our time—and that of our children—it leaves many feeling exhausted. A lot of our children, especially at the middle school and high school levels, don't get enough sleep at night. Tons of people suffer from "F.O.M.O." and feel the need of remaining constantly connected to everyone and everything "out there." Many suffer emotionally from this. And then there's the reality of war in the world, gun violence on our streets, in our schools, and even in malls and places of worship. Sometimes we find ourselves wondering, maybe, "where's it all heading?" Here's my thought about the type of attitude we are called to take toward the landscape of life: perhaps now more than ever we need to hear the words of Jesus to his disciples in today's Gospel: *"Go and make disciples of all the nations...and know that I am with you until the end of the age."* As we celebrate this Ascension Sunday, and as we continue to live life and seek happiness, I invite us to renew our belief in Christ's promise; namely, that we are never alone. God will always provide. God is ever faithful. The world will continue to change, but God's connection to us, love for us, and protection over us will not.

SACRAMENTS & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Carmel Acosta, Director of Christian Formation
(225) 766-2431 | carmela@stjudecatholic.org

PLEASE WELCOME WITH PRAYERS OUR BABIES BAPTIZED IN APRIL

Demi Grace Breaux
Grace Marie Chauvin
Karlyn Lucille Martin
Clara Louise Mendler

Shepherd James Mendler
Juliana Monroe Messina
Oliver Gray Millet

PSR TEACHERS NEEDED FOR 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

We are looking for joyful and faithful volunteers to co-teach or assist children of the parish that do not attend a Catholic school. Candidates do not need to have teaching experience, but a willingness to share the faith with the youth weekly from September through March on Wednesday nights.

We especially need adult volunteers for Grades 5, 7, and High School.

CONFIRMATION - LATE REGISTRATION

Families of 10th grade students, if you have a student that needs to register for Confirmation at St. Jude, please register by June 1st.

VBS-REGISTRATION IS CLOSED

We are full and are unable to register any more students. Families that are already registered and have not paid, please use the payment link <https://give.stjudecatholic.org/give> to complete your registration.

We are looking forward to seeing you at VBS this summer — it's going to be Stellar!
June 12 - 16, 2023

FINANCIAL GIVING

Mindy Coogan, Financial Assistant and Benefits Coordinator , (225) 766-2431
mindyc@stjudecatholic.org

ATTENTION PARENTS OF CHILDREN AT ST. JUDE SCHOOL

In order to qualify for the Identified Stewardship Giver (ISG) admission bracket and corresponding lower tuition rate for the upcoming school year, you must have met the minimum identifiable amount of **\$300.00** given through the Church offertory collection using the envelopes or the portal for online giving. **Contributions must be made by December 20, 2023 to count towards the 2024-2025 application year.**

A Catholic family, whether in-parish or out of parish, is defined as "a family in which one or both head(s) of the household are baptized Catholic and registered in a church parish."

A Catholic in-parish family (in other words, members of St. Jude Parish) is defined as, "a family in which one or both head(s) of the household are baptized Catholic and registered in St. Jude Parish, by way of our Parish Census Process."

A non-Catholic family is defined as, "a family in which neither of the heads of household are a baptized Catholic." Please note that a non-Catholic family cannot register as a member of St. Jude Parish. Also note, that, a non-Catholic family cannot request to have their child baptized, simply in order to be eligible for the Catholic, in-parish rate.

Please note that, if a Catholic family residing in the geographical boundaries of a church parish other than St. Jude wishes to register in our parish, they must receive a letter of permission from the pastor of the parish in which they do reside geographically.

If you have any questions about your contribution amount for 2023 please contact Mindy Coogan in the Church office at 225-766-2431, mindyc@stjudecatholic.org

MINISTRIES

Contact our Office (225) 766-2431, or email
 deaconjmorrissey@gmail.com or
 fathertreynelson@gmail.com



Please Take a Baby Bottle or Envelope After Mass:

- ◇ Saturday, May 20
- ◇ Sunday, May 21

Then, Return Them The Following Two Weekends:

- ◇ May 27-28 &
- ◇ June 3-4

Or you may give online:

<https://www.womansnewlife.com/babybottle>

<https://stjudebr.org/>

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Catholic Daughters Court Regina Coeli #2063 of St. Jude Parish, held its annual baby shower for the Catholic Charities, Diocese of Baton Rouge, at the May meeting.

Stephanie Sterling, Director of Family Services, was our guest and marveled at the items donated for their services to the underserved in the community!



Members of Catholic Daughters of St. Jude attended the 50th Biennial CDA State Convention May 4-7, 2023, celebrating 100 years of Catholic Daughters in Louisiana! Our Court members earned several awards: Silver Award for charitable contributions; 2nd place in the newsletter contest; and 1st place in Youth for our Junior Catholic Daughters project on Charlene Richard, who is being considered for sainthood! Congratulations to Court Regina Coeli on their many accomplishments!

Pictured L to R:

Stephanie Carpenter,
 Terna Burden, Sylvia
 Waits, Loretta
 Britt, and
 Barbara Michael



COMMUNICATIONS

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DOES SCHOOL VACATION MEAN VACATION FROM THE FAITH? IT NEED NOT BE SO!

The Augustine Institute boasts a wealth of resources on FORMED.org designed to nourish your family's faith throughout the summer.

Take a virtual family pilgrimage to holy sites throughout the world. Set aside time – from a day to a few weeks – for a personal retreat in which you can participate from the comfort of that quiet space in your own home. Beef up your spiritual reading through the FORMED Book Club or the FORMED NOW Book Studies.

In this time of planting and growing, let the seed of faith be planted and grow within you for a beautiful harvest of graces at the end of the summer.

Find it all here: <https://formed.org/>

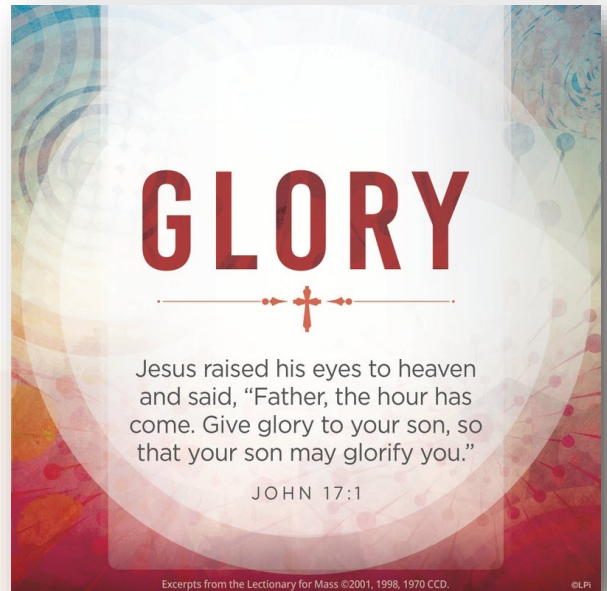


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Did you know that we have several social media platforms?

We are here to meet you wherever you may be.

For instant access, visit our website now by scanning this QR code with the camera app on your phone! Then select a platform on our homepage.



SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading:

All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer,
together with some women,
and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.
(Acts 1:14)

Psalm:

I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord
in the land of the living. (Ps 51)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you,
for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. (1 Pt 4:14)

Gospel:

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said,
“Father, the hour has come.
Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you.” (Jn 17:1)

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 22

8:30 am Mark Babin

Tuesday, May 23

5:30 pm Cecilia Udoh

Wednesday, May 24

12:00 pm Cynthia Rene Guichet

Thursday, May 25

8:30 am For the People

Friday, May 26 NO MASS

Saturday, May 27

4:00 pm John Robert Vavasseur
Maefred Curran
Richard Ieyoub
Donald Halse

Sunday, May 28 Pentecost Sunday

8:00 am Ralph & Joan Layman
9:30 am Bonfanti & LeJeune Family
11:00 am Jack Cadigan, Sr.

**Monday, May 29 - Memorial Day, Office Closed and
No Mass today**

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions are taken on a first come basis for both weekday and weekend Masses. Each mass intention requires a \$5.00 stipend which must be included with request. Please complete the Mass Intention Request form and return it by mail along with the stipend (one for each request) to the Parish Office. If you have questions, please call us at 225-766-2431. Find the form here:

<http://www.stjudecatholic.org/content.cfm?id=1242>

A VOCATION VIEW

God's love and mercy continue to be shown today as He calls men and women to follow his Son as a priest, sister, or brother. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call or email Rev. Joshua Johnson at (225) 336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org

WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 (13)/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

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 and 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: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/
Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/
Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23



PRAYER REQUESTS

IN NEED OF A PRAYER?

**Call our Prayer Line - It's Free!
Someone is Awaiting Your Call**

(225) 766-3668 Mildred Mumphrey
(225) 766-5276 Mary Altazan

CULTURE OF LIFE REFLECTIONS

Let us always remember that the way we treat the last and the least of our brothers and sisters speaks of the value we place upon all human life.

--Pope Francis Tweet, January 12, 2023