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MASSES

Saturday Anticipated: 4:00pm Sunday: 7:00 am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 5:15pm Monday/Friday: 7:00am Holy Day Vigil: 5:15pm Holy Day Masses: 7:00am, 12:05pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 1pm - 4pm Tuesday/Wednesday: 9am - 4pm Thursday 9am - 12pm Friday: Closed

CONFESSIONS

The Sacrament of Confession is available from 2:45pm to 3:30pm on Saturday and before all Sunday & Weekday Masses until 15 minutes before Mass time

BAPTISMS

Registration for Baptismal Class is to be made at the Parish Office, preferrable before birth of the child.

MARRIAGES

Couples are asked to make arrangements with the pastor at least six months prior to the wedding.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We ask you to introduce yourselves & to register at the Parish Office at your earliest convenience.

PARISH STAFF

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The Parish was founded in 1967 and the Church was built in 1982.

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Dear Padre August 10, 2025

Where did the Virgin Mary spend her last days on earth? Ephesus or Jerusalem?

Shortly before Jesus died on the cross, he entrusted his widowed mother to the protective care of John the Evangelist. (See John 19:26–27.) Accordingly, when John lived his final years in Ephesus, it is believed that Mary also spent her last days nearby in a modest stone dwelling, before being assumed body and soul into heaven "to be preserved from the corruption of the tomb" (Pope Pius XII, Munificentissimus Deus, 1950). Moreover, it is likely in Ephesus (present-day Turkey) where the tradition of Mary's Assumption started.

Pope Benedict XIV (1740–1758) declared Ephesus was "where the Blessed Mother...proceeded from this life into heaven." More recent popes, such as Paul VI in 1967 and John Paul II in 1979, prayed in this venerable home, known as Mother Mary's House. However, close to Gethsemane in Jerusalem is the Basilica of the Tomb of Mary from the fifth century. It is built around an ancient crypt where Mary's body was believed to have been laid before it was assumed into heaven.

While both Ephesus and Jerusalem claim to be the location where the Virgin Mary spent her last years on earth, experts contend the latter is the older tradition and the more credible place. Even if Mary temporarily left Jerusalem, it is probable she returned to the land of her birth and resided there at the end of her earthly life.

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OC CORNER

Registration inquiries should be made to Margaret Joubert @ joubertm@ocvikings.com

Supply lists are now available online - www.ocsvikings.com under Parent Resources.

August 11 The office will be closed for Faculty Retreat
August 12-13 Teacher inservice; office will be open from 8-2

August 14-15 Staggered entrance for students

August 15 All School Mass: 9:35am, St. Landry Church

August 18 All Students attend

WEEKLY PRAYER FOR PRIESTS EACH DAY

Eternal Father, we lift up to You these and all priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You in Jesus' name we pray. Amen. Sunday: Rev. Joshua Munterim, SVD; Monday: Rev. Joseph Nasser, SJ; Tuesday: Rev. James Bam Nguyen; Wednesday: Rev. Theodore Nnabugo; Thursday: Rev. Albert Gayle Nunez; Friday: Rev. Godwin Nzeh, CMF: Saturday: Rev. Bernard Obuya, SVD.

HOLY FATHER'S AUGUST PRAYER INTENTION

FOR MUTUAL COEXISTENCE Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BAPTISM

Parents of this parish who wish to have their children baptized should contact Deacon Bill Pollingue at the church office at 337-942-5628 to make an appointment.

PRAYER FOR HURRICANE SEASON

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to you, O Loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

PRO LIFE QUOTE

"Jesus came to die for all our sins, and that includes abortion."

Claire Culwell

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION TO MSGR. DEROUEN

Msgr. DeRouen will be celebrating his 43rd Anniversary of Ordination on Tuesday, August 12th. We wish him a Happy Anniversary and thank him for the gift he is to our parish.

SUMMERTIME

Summer is winding down but many of you are still vacationing. Please remember your weekly contribution commitment even if you are away. You can make donations online.

Remember to check MASSTIMES.ORG for Mass schedules in the cities you will be visiting. SAFE TRAVELS to all.

ADORATION CHAPEL IN NEED OF ADORERS

The Adoration Chapel need adorers for Tuesday mornings from 11:00am-12 Noon. If you are interested, please call Claire Robichaux at 337-305-6118.

LOUISIANA HOSPICE AND PALIATIVE CARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

If you are interested in volunteering as a patient visitor(either personally or on the phone), run errands, do bereavement calls or administrative chores, Louisiana Hospice and Paliative care needs you. Contact Naomi Joohnston @ 337-948-8835 for more information or to volunteer.

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR LOCAL SEMINARIANS

Sebastian Cramer - Church Point

Let us also pray for Michael Darbonne (Br. Andre Marie) from Washington who is studying to become a Brother.

Extra prayer cards are in the back of church

St. John Vianney, Patron of Priests, pray for us and all our priests.

VOCATION CHALICE FAMILIES FOR JULY 2025

Aug. 10-16, 2025--- Keith & Kathy Hebert

Aug. 17-23, 2025--- Matt & Kelsey Howard

Aug. 24-30, 2025--- Mike and Linda Hunt

Aug. 31-Sept. 6, 2025--- Nell Hurst

Thank you for your commitment!



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READERS

August 16. 4:00 p.m. Mike Ortego August 17.7:00 a.m. Stephen Woods 8:30 a.m. Bruce Gaudin 10:30 a.m. Iggie Castille 5:15 p.m. William Jarrell

ALTAR SOCIETY

August 16 Elsie Smith Linens Claire Robichaux

ACTIVITIES

Sun., Aug. 10 ... 9:30 - 12:30 p.m. PO BOY Sunday

CCD Registraton Deadline

Wed. Aug. 13 4:30 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary

Thur. Aug. 14...... 5:15 p.m. Assumption - Anticipated Mass Fri. Aug. 157:00 a.m. Mass - Assumption of The Blessed

Virgin Mary

12:05 p.m. Mass - Assumption of The Blessed

Virgin Mary

KC ANNUAL PO-BOY SALE

This weekend the KC's will have their Annual Po-Boy Sale. Pick-up is 9:30a.m.- 12:30p.m. in the Church Hall parking lot.

CCD REGISTRATION DUE NOW

CCD registration ends this weekend. If you have not registered your child you must do so NOW. Registration forms can be found on line or at the Church Office. Please complete the forms and return them to the Church Office along with the mandatory copies of Baptism and/or First Communion certificates, along with the applicable fees We will be ordering books this week and classes begin on September 15th.

PRO-LIFE ROSARY

The PRO-LIFE rosary will be recited Wednesday at 4:30p.m.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
- HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION
Friday, August 15th is the Feast of The Assumption and is a Holy day of Obligation. We will have an anticipated Mass at 5:15p.m. on Thursday and then on Friday the Masses will be at 7:00a.m. and 12:05 Noon.

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO VOLUNTEER

The Ladies Altar Society is looking to welcome new members. Meeting are once a month and it is a wonderful way to make new friends, and enjoy fellowship while having fun. Please contact Claire Reed if interested. 337-351-2671. We would love to see you in September.

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION PICTURES

There are a few First Communion pictures and Confirmation pictures in the Church Office for pick up.

ADORATION CHAPEL

The Adoration Chapel is open from 7AM - 6PM Monday through Saturday. If you would like to commit to an hour of adoration, please contact Deacon Jerome Collins @ 337-781-7185 or Claire Robichaux @ 337-305-6118.

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MASSES

Fontenot, Brian A. Charles, Joshua Peck, Jesse & Annie Leger, & Jesse, Jr., M/M Ballard Credeur, James "Jim" Lastrapes, Leland & Grace Devillier, Mike, Carl, Leland, Jr., Dale, Glen, Barbara Gayle, Kenny & David Devillier, Dudley & Eula Fontenot & Family, Lucien & Barbara F. Richard, Joseph, Lita, Salvatore, Frances, Anna, Nita & Ruth Culotta, George Soileau, Sam Lusco, J.D. & Mildred Dupre, Burnel Manuel, Sr., Hermina & Adam Lagrange, Jr., Essie & J.K. Briley, Lloyd & Birdie Ardoin, Jeremy Wilson, Sandra Collette, Theresa Tolar, Larry Lafleur, Maydel & Joe Jagneaux, Albert Speyrer & Irma Speyrer, Gregory Speyrer & Rand Speyrer, Wilbur & Alice Reed & Wilbur Reed, Jr., Anita Durio & Myrtle Gibson Raleigh Vige, Jr. & Dallas Barron, Penny Foret, Sandra Collette, Keith Stout, James R. Fontenot, William F. & Mercedes Going & Family, William H. & Dorothy Hatch & Family, Fr. O. Joseph Breaux, Fr. Joseph C. DeLuca, Neil Bertinot, Anthony & Gladys Bertinot, Martha & Alphonse Clary, Johnny & Dona Clary, Bentley Whittlesey,, David Soileau, Orval Fowler, Dale Doucet, Dwain Pitre, Sr., Ruby Carroll, Rose Fadaol McCarthy, Angelo & Julia Palazzo, Dr. Robert Morrow and Ruth Grace Morrow, Carl Schwartzenburg, Ewell Guidry (Anniversary of Death), Edward Lastrapes

Theresa Irma Gradney, M/M James Hunt & M/M Leopold Thibodeaux Families, Keith Sebastien, Greyson Myles Sebastien, Leroy & Joy Sylvester, Merlin Frederick, Jacqueline

8:30 a.m. Patrick (Pat) Doherty, Barbara Hidalgo (Wedding

Anniversary), Sarah Jarrell

10:30 a.m. Edwin "Red" Tate, James Fontenot, Charles Ralph Nezat, Kasie Briley, Ryan Marks, Cecile Chelette, Gerrit Paul Ryder & Ryder & Quebedeaux families, Jim Reynolds (Wedding Anniversary), Hilton, Eunice & Paul Prejean, Lorella L. Sonnier, Gus Dupre, Morgan Adams, Raymond & Neva Ryder, Lynwood & Elsie Hebert, Gene Bourdier, Edward Stelly, Jim Adams, Lester Lalonde, Cecil Lavergne, Leopold A., Patricia C. Castille, Tony Chachere, Sr., Patricia K. Chachere, Tony Chachere, Jr., Myrtle & Lloyd Smith, M/M Charles Castille, Gary G. Castille, Jeffrey Spring, M/M E. W. Amy, Entire L.A. Castille Family, Desiree Prudhomme Richard, Josie & Larry Prudhomme

5:15 p.m. John & Dora Mengarelli

Mon., Aug. 117:00 a.m. Suzy and James Foster, Gene Bourdier, Edward Stelly (Gene Bourdier's Birthday)

Tues., Aug. 12.....7:00 a.m. Louis H. Higginbotham, Lezime J. Leger, Louise H. Leger, John G. Fontenot, Marie Louise Mills Tully

Wed., Aug. 137:00 a.m. Parishioners of Queen of Angels Thurs., Aug. 14.......7:00 a.m. Parishioners of Queen of Angels Fri., Aug. 15......7:00 a.m. Keith Stout (Birthday)

Sat., Aug. 16 4:00 p.m. Norbert J. Auzenne, M.M Felix B. Fontenot, M/M Octave Auzenne, M/M Stanley Abbott, Aubrey Fontenot, Brian A. Charles, Dicky Parker, Edward, Beulah & Judy Martin, Dwain Pitre, Sr., Ruby Carroll, Edward Lastrapes, Rose Fadaol McCarthy, James R. Fontenot, Keith Stout, M/M Ballard Credeur, Carl Schwartzenburg, Dale Doucet, Leland & Grace Devillier, Mike, Carl, Leland, Jr., Dale, Glen, Barbara Gayle, Kenny & David Devillier, Dudley & Eula Fontenot & Family, Lucien & Barbara F. Richard, James "Jim" Lastrapes, Lebon Simoneaux, Joshua Peck, Jesse & Annie Leger, & Jesse, Jr., Merlin Frederick & Jacqueline James, Alvin & Novella Taylor, Angelo & Julia Palazzo, Dr. Robert Morrow and Ruth Grace Morrow, J.D. & Mildred Dupre, Burnel Manuel, Sr., Hermina & Adam Lagrange, Jr., Essie & J.K. Briley, Lloyd & Birdie Ardoin, Jeremy Wilson, Sandra Collette, Theresa Tolar, Larry Lafleur, Maydel & Joe Jagneaux, Albert Speyrer & Irma Speyrer, Gregory Speyrer & Rand Speyrer, Raymond Couvillion, William F. & Mercedes Going & Family,

William H. & Dorothy Hatch & Family, Fr. O. Joseph Breaux, Fr. Joseph C. DeLuca Sun., Aug 177:00 a.m. Dr. Robert Speyrer, Scotty Speyrer, Ida Arceneaux, Theresa Irma Gradney, M/M James Hunt & M/M Leopold Thibodeaux Families, Keith Sebastien, Greyson Myles Sebastien, Leroy & Joy Sylvester, Merlin Frederick & Jacqueline James

8:30 a.m. Barbara Hidalgo, Sarah Jarrell, Dennis, Daniel &

Wilbur Reed, Jr., & Agnes & Elbert Arnold

10:30 a.m. Charles Ralph Nezat, Curtis(Black) Soileau, Gene Bourdier, Edward Stelly, Gerrit Paul Ryder & Ryder & Quebedeaux families, Leopold A., Patricia C. Castille, Tony Chachere, Sr., Patricia K. Chachere, Tony Chachere, Jr., Myrtle & Lloyd Smith, M/M Charles Castille, Gary G. Castille, Jeffrey Spring, M/M E. W. Amy, Entire L.A. Castille Family, Lorella L. Sonnier, Hilton, Eunice & Paul Prejean, Edwin "Red" Tate, Kasie Briley, Ryan Marks, Cecile Chelette, Lynwood & Elsie Hebert, Gus Dupre, Morgan Adams, Raymond & Neva Ryder, Lester Lalonde, Cecil Lavergne, Desiree Prudhomme Richard, Josie & Larry Prudhomme

5:15 p.m. John & Dora Mengarelli

NEW TO THE PARISH

If you are new in the parish and are not registered in our parish census, we invite you to do so by providing your:

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