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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 24, 2025

My wife mentioned that neither the Book of Mormon nor the Catholic Bible mentions purgatory. Please comment.

A not-uncommon frustration is when a person searches the Bible for a particular word or phrasing. Frankly, it is expecting too much from the religious text to be able to faithfully record a particular word or phrase that originated hundreds of years after the ancient text was composed. Purgatory is one such example of this frustration. The concept of purgatory is referenced in the biblical text, particularly in 2 Corinthians 5:10 and 7:1, Hebrews 9:27 and 12:14, and 2 Maccabees 12:46, but the word is never used.

This should come as no real surprise because it was not until the writings of St. Thomas Aquinas (1225–1274) that the concept was expanded and formed into a theological statement of belief that has become central to Roman Catholicism. And what is that belief? The Catechism of the Catholic Church is clear: "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned" (CCC, 1030, 1031a). The Book of Mormon never references purgatory, but it does speak about the afterlife and the experience of "waiting" in the spirit world for the completion of earthly time.

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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 29 Class pictures - PK-6th; Individual Retakes

September 1 Labor Day - No School
September 7-8 September 19-20 Alumni Softball Tournament

September 23 Flea Fly Registration - more information to come

Please keep all of the student & faculty of all surrounding areas in your prayers as we begin this new school year

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. Stephen Pellessier; Monday: Rev. Donald Pelous; Tuesday: Rev. Neil Pettit; Wednesday: Rev. Hai Ngoc Pham, SVD; Thursday: Rev. Daniel Picard; Friday: Lt. Chaplain Ben Pitre, STL, USN: Saturday: Rev. Connor Poirrier.

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

"Every child conceived in the womb has the right to life, and that right is not subject to negotiation." **Tony Perkins, American Politician**

SR. CHARLOTTE'S FALL BIBLE STUDY

Beginning October 1st, Sr. Charlotte will have a Fall Bible Study focusing on the **New Testament**. More information to come in next weeks bulletin.

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.

ACADIANA VETERANS HONOR GUARD

The Acadiana Veterans Honor Guard is seeking retired and military veterans to join our organization helping us to honor any deceased Veterans. You will need to provide a DD214 for verification. You will be issued a uniform, training, also be required to stand at attention or at ease for about 10-15 minutes and be able to carry a rifle that weighs 9.6 pounds. If you need any more information, please call 337-873-1526, email us at avhonorguard.com or visit our web page at avhonorguard.com. We welcome all to our mission honoring our veterans.

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 Johnston @ 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 AUGUST 2025

Aug. 24-30, 2025--- Mike and Linda Hunt Aug. 31-Sept. 6, 2025--- Nell Hurst

Thank you for your commitment!



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Please know the Pastor is most grateful for your stewardship! "Everything we have and give comes from God." (1 Corinthians 29:11-17)

READERS

4:00 p.m.	J.P. Griffin
7:00 a.m.	Stephen Woods
8:30 a.m.	James Doherty
0:30 a.m.	Jeff Coreil
5:15 p.m.	William Jarrell
	7:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 0:30 a.m.

ALTAR SOCIETY

August 30	JoAnn Barron	
Linens	Flo Pierrottie	

ACTIVITIES

Sat./Sun. Aug. 23, 24	Choir returns from Summer break
Wed. Aug. 27 4:30 p.m.	Pro-Life Rosary
Sat./Sun. Aug. 30, 31	OCIA speaker at all Masses

THE CHOIR RETURNS THIS WEEKEND

OCIA SPEAKER NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend at all Masses, someone will speak briefly about the upcoming OCIA program.

CCD REGISTRATION DUE NOW

CCD registration has ended. 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 are ordering books this Thursday and classes begin on September 15th.

PRO-LIFE ROSARY

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

OHS CLASS OF 1975 REUNION

The OHS class of 1975 is having their 50th Class Reunion Celebration on Oct. 18, 2025. Please refer to the class Facebook page (OHS Class of 1975) for more information.

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

Sat., Aug. 23.......... 4:00 p.m. 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, Neil Bertinot, Anthony & Gladys Bertinot, Martha & Alphonse Clary, Johnny & Dona Clary, Bentley Whittlesey,, Dwain Pitre, Sr., Ruby Carroll, M/M Ballard Credeur, 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, Pearl Broussard, Todd & Jared Broussard, Rene Fontenot, Ricky Artigue, Scotty Artigue, Raphael "Keck" Guidry (Anniversary of Death), Joshua Peck, Jesse & Annie Leger, & Jesse, Jr., Merlin Frederick & Jacqueline James, Rose Fadaol McCarthy, Dale Doucet, Keith Stout, Angelo & Julia Palazzo, Dr. Robert Morrow and Ruth Grace Morrow, William F. & Mercedes Going & Family, William H. & Dorothy Hatch & Family, Fr. O. Joseph Breaux, Fr. Joseph C. DeLuca, Norbert J. Auzenne, M.M Felix B. Fontenot, M/M Octave Auzenne, M/M Stanley Abbott, Aubrey Fontenot, Brian A. Charles, Joseph, Lita, Salvatore, Frances, Anna, Nita & Ruth Culotta, George Soileau, Sam Lusco, Edward Lastrapes, Carl Schwartzenburg, Albert Speyrer & Irma Speyrer, Gregory Speyrer & Rand Speyrer

Sun., Aug. 247:00 a.m. Keith Sebastien, Greyson Myles Sebastien, Leroy & Joy Sylvester, M/M James Hunt & M/M Leopold Thibodeaux Families, Ida Arceneaux,

Theresa Irma Gradney, Dr. Robert Speyrer, Scotty Speyrer

8:30 a.m. Dr. Daniel H. Buller, Barbara Hidalgo, Sarah Jarrell 10:30 a.m. Lester Lalonde, Cecil Lavergne, Gerrit Paul Ryder

& Ryder & Quebedeaux families, Beth, Ben, Morgan & Christian Adams, Gus Dupre, Raymond & Neva Ryder, Edwin "Red" Tate, Kasie Briley, Ryan Marks, Cecile Chelette, Charles Ralph Nezat, Lorella L. Sonnier, Lynwood & Elsie Hebert, Raymond & Neva Ryder, 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, Wilson & Norma Lee Stelly, Desiree Prudhomme Richard, Josie & Larry Prudhomme

5:15 p.m. Lynwood Hidalgo, M/M Felix Hidalgo, Jr. Fly, M/M

Vincent Guidry Fly., John & Dora Mengarelli

Mon., Aug. 257:00 a.m. Marcus Paul Fontenot (Birthday)

Tues., Aug. 26......7:00 a.m. Louis H. Higginbotham, Lezime J. Leger, Louise H. Leger

of Death)

Wed., Aug. 277:00 a.m. Larry And Josie Prudhomme (Josie's Anniversary

Thurs., Aug. 28........7:00 a.m. Parishioners of Queen of Angels
Fri., Aug. 29.......7:00 a.m. Evelyn P. White, Keith Sebastien, Greyson Myles
Sebastien, Leroy & Joy Sylvester (Greyson Myles Birthday), Angelo & Julia Palazzo, Dr.

Robert Morrow and Ruth Grace Morrow (Ruth's Birthday)

Abbott, Aubrey Fontenot, Brian A. Charles, Rose Fadaol McCarthy, J.C. Dupre, LeRoy & Essie Lafleur, Clarence & Mary Dupre (J.C. Dupre's Death Anniversary), James "Jim" Lastrapes, Merlin Frederick & Jacqueline James, M/M Ballard Credeur, Joshua Peck, Jesse & Annie Leger, & Jesse, Jr., Leland & Grace Devillier, Mike, Carl, Leland, Jr., Dale, Glen, Barbara Gayle, Kenny & David Devillier, Dudley & Eula Fontenot & Family, Lucien & Barbara F. Richard, Carl Schwartzenburg, Edward Lastrapes, Albert Speyrer & Irma Speyrer, Gregory Speyrer & Rand Speyrer, Dwain Pitre, Sr., Ruby Carroll, 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, William F. & Mercedes Going & Family, William H. & Dorothy Hatch & Family, Fr. O. Joseph Breaux, Fr. Joseph C. DeLuca, Dale Doucet, Keith Stout, Angelo & Julia Palazzo, Dr. Robert Morrow and Ruth Grace Morrow

Sun., Aug 317:00 a.m. Ida Arceneaux, Theresa Irma Gradney, Dr. Robert Speyrer, Scotty Speyrer, Keith Sebastien, Greyson Myles Sebastien, Leroy & Joy

Sylvester, M/M James Hunt & M/M Leopold Thibodeaux

8:30 a.m. Dr. Daniel H. Buller, Sarah Jarrell, Barbara Hidalgo

10:30 a.m. Lorella L. Sonnier, 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, Charles Ralph Nezat, Kasie Briley, Ryan Marks, Cecile Chelette, Edwin "Red" Tate, Gus Dupre, Morgan Adams, Raymond & Neva Ryder, Jim Adams, Lester Lalonde, Cecil Lavergne, Gerrit Paul Ryder & Ryder & Quebedeaux families, Lynwood & Elsie Hebert, Desiree Prudhomme Richard, Josie & Larry Prudhomme

5:15 p.m. John & Dora Mengarelli, Thelma & Paul Spell

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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