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Tuesday 5:30 P.M.
Wednesday 8:00 A.M.
Thursday 8:00 A.M.
Friday 8:00 A.M.
First Saturday 8:00 A.M.

Saturday 4:00 P.M.
Sunday 8:00 A.M.
10:00 A.M.
5:00 P.M.

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday
8:00 A.M. — 4:00 P.M.

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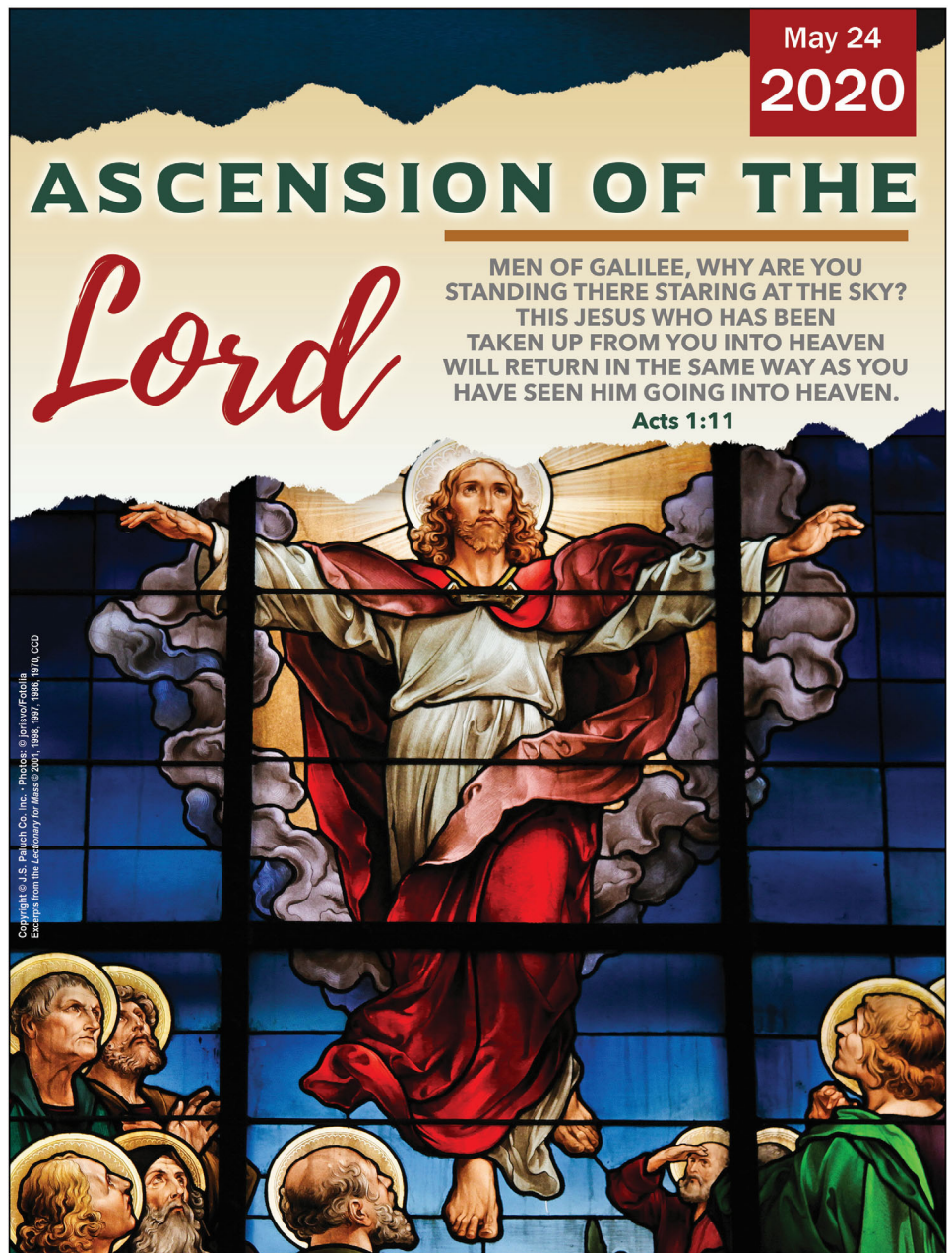
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Sacraments

Baptism

Parents should contact the Parish Office regarding Baptism prior to the birth of the child.

Matrimony

Engaged couples should contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to the anticipated wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick

Those who are seriously ill or in danger of death should contact the Parish Office to request the Sacrament of the Sick



This is Seventh Sunday of Easter and also Ascension Sunday.

He was born in 1894 in Poland. When he was only 12, the Virgin Mary appeared to him and offered him a choice of the graces of virginity or martyrdom. In his zeal, he asked for both and

thereafter was filled with a great love of Mary Immaculate. In 1910 he entered the Franciscan Order and in 1917 founded the Sodality of the Militia of the Immaculate whose members consecrated themselves to the Virgin Mary. The success of the Militia eventually led to the founding of a friary near Warsaw whose purpose was to promote the Militia even further through the mass media. He would eventually found two more monasteries in Japan and India.

When the Germans invaded Poland in 1939, he was taken prisoner but was eventually released. In February 1941, he was arrested once again and sent the Pawiak prison in Warsaw and was singled out for special ill-treatment. A witness tells that in March of that year an SS guard, seeing this man in a Franciscan habit girdled with a rosary asked if he believed in Christ. When the priest replied "I do" the guard struck him. The SS guard repeated the question several times, and, always receiving the same answer, went on beating him mercilessly until he passed out.

In May, he and four companions were deported to Auschwitz where he was put into forced labor. Despite having lost a lung to tuberculosis when he was only 25, he accepted the hard work with heavy stones and tree trunks without complaining. One day, he was kicked, punched and whipped so severely that he had to be taken to the camp hospital. Although he was suffering greatly, he secretly heard confessions in the hospital and spoke to other inmates about the love of God.

Prisoners at Auschwitz were slowly and systematically starved, and when food was brought, everyone struggled to get his place and be sure of a portion. This priest, however, stood aside in spite of the ravages of starvation, and frequently there would be none left for him. At other times he shared his meager ration of soup or bread with others.

Near the end of July, a prisoner apparently escaped, and men from his bunker were paraded out in the courtyard, knowing full well that for every one who escaped, ten would die. They were selected at random, including a sergeant, Francis Gajowniczek. When he cried out in a despairing voice, "My wife, my children, I shall never see them again!" this priest stepped out from the ranks and offered to take Gajowniczek's place.

"Who are you?" the SS man asked carelessly.

"I am a Catholic priest. I wish to die for that man. I am old; he has a wife and children."

He and the nine others were led off to the death chamber of Cell 18. The dreadful irony of the situation is that the escaped prisoner was later found drowned in a camp latrine, so the terrible reprisals had been exercised without cause. As reported by an eyewitness, while he was slowly being starved to death, he led all of the condemned men in daily prayers. One by one, the others died, leaving only four alive. Of the four, only this priest was fully conscious. Since he was taking so long to die and the cells were needed for new victims, he was given an injection of poison, which he accepted with a prayer on his lips. When the eyewitness returned, he found the man with open eyes and his head drooping sideways, but his face was calm and radiant.

The priest was, of course, St. Maximilian Kolbe. He proved the depth of his love for Christ by willingly dying in another man's place. As the ultimate test for a follower of Christ, he applied devoutly and ultimately Christ's words: "There is no greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13).

Note: Attached to our bulletin this weekend is the "O Jesus In Union With Your Most Precious Blood" sticker for your restroom mirror, refrigerator, or car. Please pray often for our parish and for the Universal Church.

With much love and affection, I remain

Fr. Jason Mouton
St. Martin de Tours, Pray for Us!



The month of May (ancient Italic goddess Maia}. It means "the great goddess the increaser," hence month of growth.
May 25: Memorial Day – Parish and Diocesan offices **CLOSED!**

Month of June Dedication: From the Roman clan Junius and devoted to the Sacred Heart of Our Blessed Lord.



June 1: Hurricane Season Begins – Please pray for us all to be spared by another natural disaster & Blessed Virgin Mary Feast Day, Mother of the Church.

June 6: 8:00.am. First Saturday Mass.

June 13: Fr. Mouton's 28th year anniversary of ordination to the Sacred Priesthood of Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

June 7: Holy Trinity Sunday
June 14: Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ
June 14: Flag Day
June 19: Sacred Heart of Jesus
June 20: 1st Day of Summer.



June 21: Father's Day!



July 1: 6:30p.m., Meeting for those wishing to attend next year's pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Magnificate Travel Company.



July 4: Fourth of July Celebrations.



July 17-22: Fr. Mouton on Vacation, "Mother's Dream" Cabin in Pigeon Forge, TN, with family and friends.

July 15-19: Unity Explosion in Beaumont, Texas; MCM Elegante Hotel (African-American gathering).

July 24-29: Knights of Peter Claver National Convention, Chicago, Illinois (Friday – Wednesday).

Aug. 15: Assumption of Mary
Sept. 7: Labor Day – Parish Offices Closed.

Sept. 8: Celebration of the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Deacon Wynard Boutte's Birthday.

Sept. 20: Shelia Ambrose Birthday (Rector's Housekeeping and Cook).

Sept. 22: Edwin Horn's Birthday (Carpentry).

Sept. 27-30: Stewardship Conference – Anaheim, California.

Sept. 29: Tammy Leblanc's Birthday – Parish Assistant.

Oct. 16: Boss' Day

Oct. 20: 6:30p.m., Sacrament of Confirmation conferred by Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel.

Oct. 30: 7p.m., Wedding, Msgr. Douglas Courville.

Oct. 31: Dianne Champagne's Birthday, Staff.

Nov. 1: National Black Catholic History Month; Vocation Awareness Week Begins.



Nov. 1: Daylight Savings Time ENDS – Clocks FALL BACK ONE HOUR! ALL SAINTS DAY!



Nov. 5: Jeanette Broussard's Birthday – my former Sacristan at St. Anne.
 Nov. 1-8: Fr. Mouton on Vacation
 Nov. 6: Pat Melancon's Birthday, Parish Musician.
 Nov. 21: African American Catholic Youth Congress, S.T.M. High School, 8a.m.-5p.m.
 Nov. 22: Feast of Christ the King.
 Nov. 25: 6:15p.m. Thanksgiving Vigil Mass.



Nov. 26: Thanksgiving Holiday – Parish Offices CLOSED. Mass TENTATIVELY AT 9:00a.m.

Nov. 29: First Sunday of Advent.
 Dec. 8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception.
 Dec. 10-12: National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry, Hyatt Regency Hotel, New Orleans, La.
 Dec. 13-20: Fr. Mouton on Vacation.
 Dec. 17: Fr. Mouton's Birthday.
 Dec. 21: First Anniversary of Fr. Mouton's Appointment as Pastor of St. Martin de Tours.



Dec. 20 After 10am Mass DECORATING OF THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS.



Dec. 24: 4p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass



Dec. 25: Christmas Day Masses 8 & 10a.m.
 Dec. 28: Monday – Parish Offices Closed (Post Christmas).
 Dec. 30: 5:30p.m. Fr. Joe Alexander's Christmas Social with Black Clergy.
 Jan. 1: New Year's Day; Feast of Mary, Holy Mother of God.
 Jan. 8: 7p.m., Wedding at St. Martin De Tours, Msgr. Douglas Courville.
 Jan. 18: Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday – PARISH AND DIOCESAN OFFICES CLOSED!



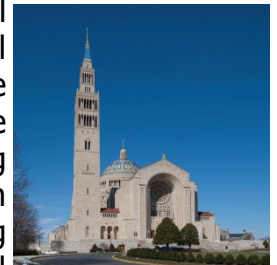
March for Life

Washington D.C.

Jan. 20-28, 2021 – March for Life Week in Washington, D.C., Fr. Mouton & others.

As reported previously in numerous bulletins, please give prayerful consideration for attending with me. Know that usually it is cold and snowing so one would have to prepare accordingly; but I will apprise you as the time draw nearer of weather conditions. God Bless to all. Even though I usually stay at the Josephite Seminary in D.C., when I take larger groups we make reservations at Embassy Suites Hotel in Crystal City, Virginia just three miles from our Nation's Capital and one mile from Washington National Airport (Ronald Reagan). Therefore, it depends on the interest of individuals and/or families as to our options for accommodations.

We will attend the annual Mass for Life at the National Cathedral Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception the evening before and then the March the following day beginning at 11:00a.m. with meal following at Union Station, Dubliner Irish Pub, Josephite Seminary Refectory, or Hotel restaurant. Again, please call if you are interested in this pilgrimage.



Pro-Life Corner!



For all Christians: That our example may give witness to the precious gift of human life, from conception to natural death: We pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer!

Marriage Tips!



May is traditionally a month dedicated to the Blessed Mother. Consider praying a rosary today, even just a decade, and entrusting your spouse and family to Mary's motherly care.

Prayer for Safety in Hurricane Season



"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 a 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 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 the heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen."

Bishop Maurice Schexnayder

Note: Hurricane season begins June 1st. Let us all pray to the Lord to spare us once again from another catastrophe.



Sacrament of Matrimony
May 16, 2020

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Billeaud



From the Diocese!

As you're aware, the Year of St. Joseph was set to begin on March 19th of this year. In light of our current situation, those opening events were canceled. After

meeting with the bishop, we've decided to adjust our schedule.

The year will now open on Sunday, August 16th, 2020. At Saturday anticipated Masses and Sunday Masses of that weekend, the bishop is directing all parishes to celebrate the Votive Mass of St. Joseph with its accompanying readings instead of the usual 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time (GIRM 374).

This weekend will also be an opportunity:

- To celebrate St. Joseph Altars, especially for those parishes who were unable to celebrate this past March.
- To place Bishop Deshotel's pastoral letter in bulletins
- To preach on the person and life of St. Joseph, emphasizing his adoration, obedience, and service
- To distribute the Year of St. Joseph commemorative booklet.

Additionally, Bishop Deshotel will celebrate two opening events: **Opening Mass at St. Joseph in Patterson on Sunday, August 16th at 9:00am;** and **Adoration & Evening Prayer at the Cathedral on Sunday, August 16th at 6:00pm.**

The year will close on Saturday, May 1st, 2021. Bishop Deshotel will celebrate a **Closing Mass at St. Joseph's in Milton on Saturday, May 1st at 10:00am**, with food and music following on the grounds there in Milton.

Our 13 St. Joseph's parishes, each deanery, as well as the offices and ministries at the chancery are also organizing events for the year. **We hope to provide each parish with a packet of material by July 1, 2020.**

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS WITH THESE EVENTS PLANNED AND SPREAD THE WORD TO ALL FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS.

St. Joseph, Pray for us!



**BLESSED MOTHER STATUE
WILL BE AT THE HOME OF
Roland Babin
May 26-June 1, 2020**



Prayer for Our Nation's Economy

Dear Heavenly Father, in the name of the Lord Jesus, we pray for our nation's economy. We

know that even more than a strong military, a strong economy helps keeps a nation powerful. Father, we pray that You would raise up people of skill and wisdom who will affect the economy of our nation. Give them inspired ideas and a voice with the powers that be.

Cause Congress to vote aright in these matters. Give them foresight so that provision might be made for our nation's future, not just its present.

Father, as the people of our nation continue to finance the preaching of the gospel and help the poor all over the world, we pray that You would continue to prosper us more. Amen.



•FOR YOUR INFORMATION•

In order to keep you the wonderful parishioners of St. Martin de Tours, we have recently purchased and placed two floral plants in the pots in front of the rectory and two large shrubberies at the front entrance to the rectory also to make the fascia more appealing and inviting to all who pass by.

Also, we "thank" Brenda Courville for the outstanding work she does each weekend with beautifying our church altar with floral arrangements, the individuals who volunteer to clean the church each weekend, our lectors, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, ushers, 10a.m. choir members, Tammy & Clint Leblanc (for assisting with live streamed masses) and Dianne Champagne (office staff members) who have gone over and above during the time of the corvid-19 pandemic, Pat Melancon who was musician during the televised sessions on Sundays and did an outstanding job as always, and all others who give by simply praying for the parish at home silently or in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Our Blessed Lord knows your hard work and endeavors and is indeed well pleased as am I.

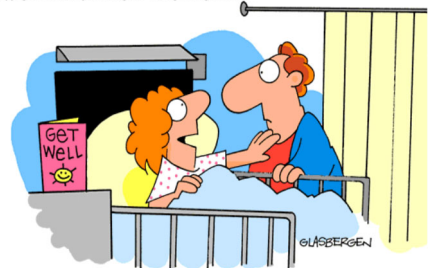
Mother's Day gifts were purchased and distributed at the outdoor Mass under St. Martinsville's Magnolia Park pavilion on Sunday, May 10 at 11a.m. Please enjoy!

CHURCH HUMOR



"I looked, and the Ten Commandments don't say anything about running with scissors!"

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"There was a tunnel and a bright white light and a souvenir shop. I brought back T-shirts for the kids!"

St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church
PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

April 24 - May 2, 2021

Fr. Jason Mouton
Spiritual Director

Orientation Meeting
Wednesday, July 1, 2020
6:30 p.m.

St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church -
Old School Cafeteria behind the church
133 South Main Street, St. Martinville, LA 70582

Join us to learn about the pilgrimage
and take advantage of special discounts!

PILGRIMAGE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Peter's Primacy
- Nazareth
- Capernaum
- Stella Maris
- Holy Sepulchre
- Gethsemane
- Via Dolorosa
- Mount of Olives
- Mount Tabor
- Mount of the Beatitudes
- Church of the Nativity
- Qumran & Dead Sea Scrolls
- Grotto of the Annunciation
- Boat Ride on Sea of Galilee
- Tabgha, Site of the Miracle of Multiplication



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337-291-1933

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Date - Time	Eucharistic Ministers	Lector	Mass Intentions
Tuesday 5/26/20 Novena Mass 5:30pm	Doreen Durand	Dianne Champagne	Ethel G. Oubre & Mark; Safe travel (trip)
Daily Mass 5/27-29/20 8:00 AM	Suzanne Durand	Buddy Hebert	Wed. 5/27/20 Lena Segura (DA) Thurs. 5/28/20 Troy James LeBlanc (1st DA) Fri. 5/29/20 Hugh Mark Courville
Saturday 5/30/20 4:00 PM	Howard Boyer; Francine Champagne	Nanette Gooch	Ethel G. Oubre; Jean & Yola Poirier; Dennis, Lucette & Walter Hulin; AJ "Bon" & Leona Champagne (her DA); John "Noonie" Viator; Beranger D. Theriot; Clara Trahan Dwyer & JD Dwyer; Michael Anthony Mire & Clifton Mire, Sr.
Sunday 5/31/20 8:00 AM	Gerald & Laura Bodin	Freddie Foti	Priscilla Hulin; Mitchell Daspit; Bryan James Poirier; AJ "Jay" Melancon, Jr. & Keith; Hubert & Lorena Hulin (Lorena DA 6/4); Myrtle Girouard & Roy Breaux; Ava Nicole Douet
Sunday 5/31/20 10:00 AM	Becky Patin; Blake Douet	Julie Hulin	Harvey Pelafigue; M/M Clifford Durand, Sr.; (her DA); Genevieve "Jenny" Theriot & Ben; M/M Alfred Landry; M/M Albert Landry; Russell & Jeanelle Landry; M/M Desire Delahoussaye & Betty; Garrett Matthew Tabor, Lilly Belle & DeBlanc; Donna & Gerald Hulin, Stanley & Della Melancon; Special Intention; Yvette Romero Cartwright; Marin & Joanna C. Durand; Pim & Pecko Eastin; Hazel Robertson; Cliff Durand; Harold G. Bienvenu, Jr.; Marie & John Sonnier, Sr. & Aunt Loretta; Wade & Kathryn "Kat" Watkins; Leonce "Cas" Jr. & Cory "Cas" Boudreaux

If a name is not printed above due to human error, be assured God has received the intention in heaven. - Canon law 945. If a daily Mass is cancelled or substituted with a Word Service, Mass intentions MAY be transferred to another Mass.



Easter Basket Giveaway

Due to St. Martin de Tours being closed on Easter Sunday this year,

Fr. Jason Mouton would like all children attending the 10am mass on Pentecost Sunday (next weekend) to be given a ticket to win a beautiful Easter Basket. Easter eggs will be provided for all children.



USHERS

Thank you to all our Ushers for making the transition back into church a smooth one. We appreciate you!



In Memory of
Troy James
LeBlanc
(DA 5/28)

Happy Father's Day



FATHERS DAY MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Donations are being accepted for Fathers Day. Please put your offerings along with names in the offertory basket at any mass or mail to P.O. Box 10, St. Martinville, LA 70582



CANDLES

Sanctuary Candle: Troy James LeBlanc (1st DA 5/28)
Consecration Candles: Lawrence J. "Pee Wee" & Lillie Mae "Dottie" Barras & Andrew

Stewardship of Treasure
Many Thanks for Your Continued Generosity!

General Offertory 5/17/20	\$ 4,741.00
Weekly Budget (2019/2020)	\$ 9,000.00
Difference	\$ - 4,259.00
Reduction of Church Debt	\$ 2,063.00



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