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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Weekdays:

5:30 pm (Tuesday and Thursday)

9:00 am (Wednesday) 6:30 am (Friday)

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday: 9:00 am — 5:00 pm

Tuesday: 9:00 am — 5:00 pm

Wednesday: 9:30 am — 5:00 pm

Thursday: 9:00 am — 5:00 pm

Friday: 9:00 am — 12:00 pm

(Closed daily from 12:00 pm — 1:00 pm for Lunch)

PASTOR:

Rev. Msgr. J. Robert Romero

SACRAMENTAL MINISTER:

Fr. Ed Degeyter

BOOKKEEPER:

Linda L. Viator

SECRETARY:

Polly Camacho

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Brenda Romero — 365-3759

PASTORAL COUNCIL

PRESIDENT: *Barbara Breaux*


RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:00 pm — 3:45 pm and
30 minutes before weekday Masses

ROSARY:

Wednesday: 8:20 am (*Pro-Life*)

Thursday: 5:00 pm

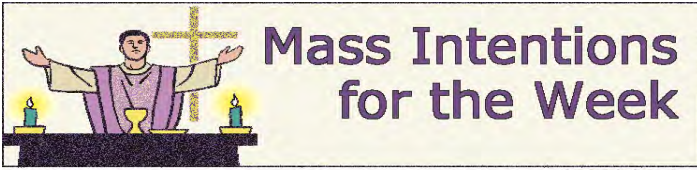


SIXTH SUNDAY OF
Easter
MAY 17, 2020

Jesus said, "If you love me
you will keep my commandments."

John 14:15

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Mass Intentions for the Week

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Mass Intentions will be prayed for during private Mass by Msgr. Romero when no public Mass held.

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

5:30pm Grace Gonsoulin

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

9:00am Cecile & Robert Halphen, Sr.
Quang V. Nguyen, Fly
Joseph Viator, Patti Gagnard

Thursday, May 21, 2020

5:30pm Parishioners

Friday, May 22, 2020

6:30am Kenny Byrom (ann of death)
Allen Kenner (liv)(bd)

Saturday, May 23, 2020

4:00pm Amelia Segura Selph, Oris Gachassin
Lynward Ransonet, Patrick O'Brien
Harvey & Joyce DeCourt, Juanita Winkle
Cecile & Sandy Vincent, Roy Flores

Sunday, May 24, 2020

7:00am Parishioners, Mona B. Simon
Charles Froisy, Marlene T. Broussard
Tan & Jean Dugas

9:00am Msgr. H. J. Barsen, Gerald "Bick" Girouard
Quang V. Nguyen, Agapito A. Castro
Effie Fabre

11:00am *Please note: time change*
Fr. A.J. Boumans, Donna M. Lanza

Hours the Church is open for prayer:

During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Church is Closed on Sundays per Bishop Deshotel (3/23/2020)

Monday 9am - 5pm
Tuesday 9am - 5pm
Wednesday 9am - 5pm
Thursday 9am - 5pm
Friday 9am - Noon
Saturday 9am - Noon

Enter & Exit
only through door
directly facing
Parish Hall

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

By appointment only, call church office 364-8360 and leave a message with our answering service. We will return the call.

Please remember to maintain social distancing at all times (at least 6 feet between people).

Children must be monitored by an adult at all times.



SANCTUARY LIGHT:

*In Memory Of:
Effie Fabre*



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1 lb. Boiled Shrimp, Corn & Potato

Knights of Columbus

Council #12997 Fundraiser

**The fundraiser been postponed.
Tickets purchased will be used
for the rescheduled date.**



**If you have any questions, please
contact Wayne Duhon, Sr. 337-339-1602.**

REFLECTIONS - Sixth Sunday of Easter - How easily are you offended by what others say? Do you find yourself feeling indignant when others twist what you say or do? Do you feel you have the right or even obligation to "set them straight" and clear your name? Is that the way a disciple of Christ should respond? There will always be things we say and do that others find offensive in some way, even if that was the furthest thing from our minds. The best way to refute falsehoods is by living an honorable life - doing what is right and just, treating others with respect, kindness and compassion. The fruits of our behavior will bring out the truth.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments." - John 14:15
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“I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.” [John 14:18]

Jesus Christ is **renewing his promise** to never **abandon** us, and we should thank him for that. Jesus is always **with** us.

- He is with us in **our hearts**, through the gift of the Holy Spirit that he poured into us at confirmation.
- He is with us in the **Eucharist**, 24/7, whenever we need him.
- He is with us in the **Bible**, the revealed Word of God that will always nourish our souls if we read it with faith.

He is with us in the **Church**, the bark of Peter guaranteed to reach the heavenly shores. Yes, Jesus is **truly with** us. He has **not** left us orphans.

But there is a chance that we have **made ourselves** into orphans.

- Maybe we look like Christians on the **outside**, but still haven't really become Christians on the **inside**.
- And maybe that's why we feel **gnawing frustration** or **loneliness** deep in our souls.

Today, Jesus is giving us **another chance**, a new **invitation** to let him take up residence on the throne of our hearts, to, as St. Peter puts it in the Second Reading, "sanctify Christ as the **Lord of our hearts**." [1 Peter 3:15a]

- There can only be **one King** in our hearts.
- Either **ourselves**, with our ignorance, weakness, and limitations,
- or **Christ**, with his infinite wisdom, power, and goodness.

Today, let's **pledge our allegiance** once again to **Christ**, the everlasting Lord.

Today, let's put our trust in **his promise** by promising

- to **accept his will**, even when it hurts,
- to **follow his teaching**, even when it is inconvenient and unpopular,
- to **take up our crosses** with Christ, following him all the way through the Crucifixion to the **Resurrection**.

That's what the Apostles did, and they had **no regrets**.

As **COVID-19** causes our absence from Mass, we long for Jesus more. Let us keep our closeness with Him in a Spiritual Communion composed by Pope Francis:

“At Your feet, O my Jesus, I prostrate myself and I offer You repentance of my contrite heart, which is humbled in its nothingness and in Your holy presence. I adore You in the Sacrament of Your love, the ineffable Eucharist. I desire to receive You into the poor dwelling that my heart offers You. While waiting for the happiness of sacramental communion, I wish to possess You in spirit. Come to me, O my Jesus, since I, for my part, am coming to You! May Your love embrace my whole being in life and in death. I believe in You, I hope in You, I love You. Amen.”

PRAYER & SICK LIST



The names on our prayer list will stay on for 90 days. If you want to add or delete a name, please call the office @ 364-8360: Rhonda Darden, Peggy Lancon, Mary Ann Babin, Clifton Babin, Cindy Trahan, Kay Bourreaux, Lynn Bodin, Harriet Fowler, Craig Daniels, Acey & Diana Frugé, Mercedes Turner, Lonnie Lavergne, Cheryl Lavergne, Rita Gary, Kurt Lambalino, Kressant Landry, Joy Mayer, Lori Aguillard, Dale Landry, Charles Gautreaux, Jason Walker, Peggy Miguez, Alvin Theriot, Rose Guilbeau, Peter & Bernadine Williams, Mike & Dolores Boutte, Jerome Reed, Carol Romero, Jr., Hiroe Argobright, Neal Boutte, Christy Lannie, Sherry Darcey, Chandler Dore, Betty Duhon, Keren Viator, Patsy Barrilleaux, Emile & Doris Barras, Kiersten Price, Dawn Broussard, Stephen Etienne, Michael & Linda Sundberg, Raphael & Marie Duplechain, Dr. Angela Langlinais, Myrna & Millard Poche, Jaquie Gondran, Ed McVey, Tammy Johnson, Stephanie Breaux Bradley, Celia Camacho, Carmen Merryman, Fran Jackson, Gilbert Jackson, Robin L. Viator, Theresa Olmsted, Sheryl S. Bourque, Lloyd & Ronnie Landry, Elise C. Verret, Michael & Claire Landry Family, Gloria Landry, Kate & Dylan Ortego, Dustin & Nicole V. Ortego, Colin D. Trahan, Carson Viator, Stella & Kole Schouest, Gerald Viator, Brittany Marceaux, Hadley Babin, James Boudreaux, Heath Michael Boutte, Brent Buteaux, Gayle Hebert, Danny Segura, Ruby Seneca, Randy Breaux, Monique Martin McCarty, Sally Romero, Jason Goutierrez, Edward Hartwell, Caroline Dubois, Donald Poche, Debbie Clark, Gwen Meyers, Jim Upchurch, Irene Hebert, Janis Dugas, Alice Robicheaux, Thelma Hulin, Dwayne Dugas, Curtis Hulin, Emma Lou Doerle Segura, Abby Musselwhite, Tiffany Segura, Child of Antonio & Jaclyn Aleman, Tara Romero, Billy Slampa, Brenda & Larry Musselwhite, Corliss Ramirez, Dorothy McDonald, Ulysse Robicheaux, Margaret Richard, Brenda Castille, Chuck Estave, Ricky L. Lewis, Keisha Castille, Jerry Shuptrine, Randal Romero

Please also pray for those individuals who, although they are in need of your prayers, have requested that their names not be publicized for privacy reasons.

Thank you!

Our community changed lives this Lent, and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say thank you! **Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl in the boxes located at the entrances to Church.**



WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED Sign Before the Gospel

Q: I have been going to Mass for years and have always wondered: why do we make the three signs of the cross before the Gospel?

A: Certainly, many people go to Mass or other devotions, doing and saying things out of habit or reverence and not really understanding the reasons behind some of these things. But everything we do has a meaning or purpose that helps us to worship better, proclaim our beliefs, or focus the attention of the people on something that has a greater importance or significance. A review of the meaning of various gestures and practices can help us have a deeper appreciation for what we do.

There is a little prayer that goes with the three crosses before the Gospel: "May the words of the Holy Gospel be on my mind, on my lips and in my heart." In standing to hear the Gospel, we acknowledge that Jesus is present, and the words of the Gospel are addressed to us. All of the gestures and special postures we adopt before the Gospel are intended to help us prepare for hearing the Word as well as act on it. The incense, the Alleluia, the deacon or priest, and the special dialogue and announcement that introduces the Gospel help us focus our attention on the Good News we are about to hear. The three signs of the cross show our desire and good intention to hear and live the Gospel.

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OUR GIFTS TO GOD week ending May 10th

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saint snippets
May 21



I am convinced that it is still best that I speak the truth, even if it costs me my life.

Bl. Franz Jägerstätter
Austrian husband, father, and conscientious objector to the Nazis during World War II. He was sentenced to death and martyred at the age of 36.

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TODAY'S READINGS

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2020

Reading I: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

- In Acts 2, St. Luke records how the Holy Spirit initially descended upon the Jewish believers in Jerusalem. In today's reading, we hear how the Holy Spirit also descended upon the Samaritans who believed in Jesus. What lesson do you think St. Luke is conveying to us?

Reading II: 1 Peter 2:3:15-18

- St. Peter advocates for being prepared to defend the faith, even in the face of danger. How does one find the courage to defend the faith in a hostile environment?

Gospel: John 14:15-21

- Jesus reveals to his disciples that the intimacy between himself, the Holy Spirit, and the Father can be shared with fellow believers. How do you experience the intimacy of our triune God?

CURRENT EVENTS

Tuesday, May 19, 2020

No Public Mass (as of time of bulletin submittal)

Wednesday, May 20, 2020

No Public Mass (as of time of bulletin submittal)

Thursday, May 21, 2020

No Public Mass (as of time of bulletin submittal)

Friday, May 22, 2020

No Public Mass (as of time of bulletin submittal)

Saturday, May 23, 2020

No inside Church Mass (as of submittal time)
(if "order" changes, then normal Mass at 4pm)

Outdoor Mass - if no inside Mass

6pm in front of Church remember your chair,
Face mask, and social distancing

Sunday, May 24, 2020

No inside Church Mass (as of submittal time)
(if "order" changes, then Sunday Masses at:
7am, 9am & 11am - 10:30am Mass moved)

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