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Monday through Thursday: 8:00am—2:00pm

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Terry Mouton—Maintenance

Maria Winn—Receptionist/Secretary

St. John Berchmans Choir, Charlotte Jagneaux, Phyllis Simar, Kristi Anderson, Nick & Kristen Latiolais—Music Ministers

MASS SCHEDULES

Weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00pm

Sunday Masses: 8:00am & 10:00am

Weekdays:

Tuesday—Friday at 12:15pm

Communion Service on Mondays at 12:15pm

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the Church Office to schedule Baptism.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday: 3:00pm—3:30pm or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please make arrangements with the Pastor at least six months before the anticipated date of Marriage.

FUNERALS

Please contact the funeral directors and they will contact the Church.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK AND ELDERLY

Please contact the Pastor before going into the hospital for a planned surgery.

COME, LORD JESUS!

Meets every Tuesday at 4:30pm and
Thursday at 10:00am in the
Church Hall.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

May 11-12, 2024

The Ascension is an interesting feast when you think about it. We celebrate Jesus leaving! Jesus' first departure from the earth was sudden and unexpected, at least to his followers. That Good Friday departure was characterized by sorrow, confusion, and loss. This departure has a different feel: anticipation.

Today's Gospel is full of the mighty deeds Jesus predicts for his followers. *"In my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents [with their hands], and if they drink any deadly thing it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."* Mark's account of the Ascension is abrupt and succinct. *"Then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven."* Jesus ascends and the Apostles go. *"But they went forth and preached everywhere."* The real moment likely had a bit of lag time. Realistically, the Apostles had quite the task in front of them. Can you imagine those first few moments on the hilltop after Jesus disappeared, as the Apostles met each other's eyes? "This is it. He really is gone this time. It's up to us now."

Mark's abrupt transition from Ascension to action makes his meaning clear. The Ascension isn't just about Jesus. It's about us. Are we ready to go? Are we ready to be commissioned? This is the heart of the Ascension message — Jesus leaves so we can go. We might not "go into the whole world," but we all live in a corner of it. The command to "proclaim the Gospel" isn't a call for everyone to be formal preachers of the Word. We do, however, proclaim our beliefs with the way we live our lives. Do our lives proclaim Easter joy?

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THIS WEEK'S MASSES:

Saturday, May 11, @ 4:00pm: J. B. Cormier, Tony Paul Cormier, John Roy "Pappy" Cormier; Lawrence & Mary Jane Nero; Marcel Dugas, Lauris Dugas, Doris Jagneaux Romero; Danny, Eric & Tracy Meche; Larry & Anna Jean Janise; Dusty Shane Prudhomme, Amedie & Sybil Meche; Dec. of Judy Leger; Elta & Joe Courvelle, Lee Jane Benoit; Shirley Miller, Paul & Noella Legere; Joan, Mike & Thomas Boudreaux; Kelly Johnson, Inez Guilbeau, Leta Johnson; Glenn D. Savoie; Nicholas Venable, Marie Saucier, Adele Turner, Natalie Venable; Ken Elliott; Howard Patin, Louanna McGee, Delta Patin; Robert "Bobby" Burleigh; Vergie Lewis, Geraldine Thomas, Deanna Woods; Mary Woods, Emma Woods, Debra Savoy; Genevieve Menard, Leon Menard, Gerald Credeur.

Sunday, May 12, @ 8:00am: PARISHIONERS.

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Monday, May 13, @ 12:15pm: COMMUNION SERVICE.

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Wednesday, May 15, @ 12:15pm: Lorena "Ti-Moon" Guillot, Mae Arceneaux, Ray Bourgeois.

Thursday, May 16, @ 12:15pm: Edgar James "Jimmy" Miller, Roberta Leger, Larry Babineaux.

Friday, May 17, @ 12:15pm: Special Intention.

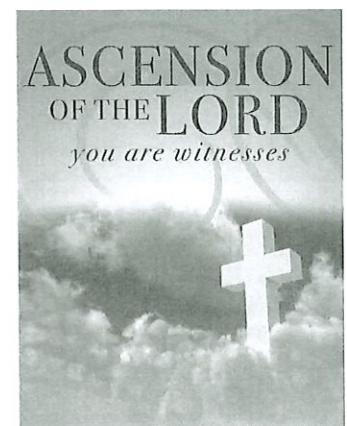
COLLECTIONS:

Offerings: -----\$6,871.00
Funds for the Poor: -----26.00

Thank you for your generosity!

St. Gertrude Special Rosary

Herbert Prudhomme
Norma Prudhomme
Dennis Prudhomme
Herbie Vidrine
Larry Babineaux



ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 11-12, 2024

“In Memory of Deceased Loved Ones”—We currently have spaces on the back of the bulletin available to parishioners who would like to have their deceased loved ones remembered. These spaces will be filled on a week to week basis, for a donation of **\$10.00 per week**. To view a sample, please see the back of this weekend’s bulletin. For more information, call (337/668-4413) or come by the Church Office during regular office hours.

Project Rachel Abortion Healing Ministry offers private sessions with trained facilitators at **no charge** for anyone who is suffering because of an abortion experience. Call Project Rachel at 337/261-5598 to begin your journey of healing and reconciliation. Project Rachel is funded through the Bishop’s Services Appeal.

Attention High School Seniors applying at McNeese: St. John Berchmans has been offered a **\$1,000 Scholarship** at **McNeese State University** to be used during the freshman year. If interested, please contact the Church Office at 337/668-4413, for application process.

Thanks to everyone who participated in our **Lenten Rice Bowl Campaign!** A check for **\$500.00** was sent to Catholic Relief Services. Thanks also to those who contributed to **St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital**. A check in the amount of **\$1,200.00** was sent to the Hospital. Thank you for your participation!



ENGAGED COUPLES! Spend a weekend away from the cares and distractions of everyday living. Attend a **Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend**. The weekend is open to any engaged couple wanting to prepare for a deeper more meaningful life together in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church according to its Church law. **Upcoming weekend: September 13-15, 2024.** For cost of weekend and to learn more, visit our website at www.ceelafayette.org or call Tom & Geraldine Rizzuto at 337/984-7954.

Hunter Education Classes will be held on **Friday, May 24th, from 8:00am-5:00pm** and **Saturday, May 25th, from 8:00am-3:00pm**, in the **Church Hall**. Please contact Carrol Marks at 337/945-7377, for more information.

St. John Berchmans Council 10745 Knights of Columbus Sausage Po-Boy Sale (with Chips) and **Cake Sale**, will be on **Sunday, June 2nd**. Donations are **\$10.00**. Pickup from **9:00am until 12:30pm** at the **Church Hall**. Tickets may be purchased from any KC member.

A **St. Gertrude Special Intention** is to aid our deceased souls in Purgatory. Through prayers and rosaries in honor of our deceased loved ones, we hope to receive indulgences applicable to the souls in Purgatory, thus reducing their time in Purgatory and hastening their entrance into Heaven. St. Gertrude Special Intention requests are being accepted at the Church Office for a donation of **\$5.00**. Your loved one’s name will be listed in the bulletin and displayed in the candle room in the Church. Deceased loved ones will also be remembered during every Monday rosary with a special intention to St. Gertrude, which releases souls in Purgatory.

Survivors of Violence Mass will be held on **Saturday, May 25th, at 10:00am**, at **Immaculata Center Chapel, 1408 Carmel Drive, Lafayette**. Celebrant will be Bishop Douglas Deshotel. Please call 337/261-5545 or 337/261-5653 or visit <https://diolaf.org/survivorsofviolencemass> to register the name of your loved one that died by violence to be printed in the Mass program and bring a small framed picture of your loved one to display at the Mass. Sponsored by Diocese of Lafayette, Ofcs. of Justice and Peace and Marriage and Family Life.

Mother’s Day Prayer

Lord, bless our mothers. Draw close to them and hear their prayers for their children.

*Give them the grace of surrendered love—
a love that images the love of our heavenly mother, Mary.*

May all Mothers find daily the strength to love generously, the patience to endure graciously, and the grace to live their vocation of motherhood joyously.

*We ask this through our
Lord, Jesus Christ.*

Amen.

Happy Mother’s Day to All Mothers!!

During the month of May, we will honor Mary by praying the rosary on weekdays in our Church, continuing on **Monday, May 13th through Tuesday, May 31st, at 11:30am**. Everyone is invited to attend!

Please Note: Due to Mother’s Day this Sunday, the monthly **KC meeting** will be held next **Sunday, May 19th**, beginning at **6:00pm** in the **Church Hall**, with rosary at 5:30pm.

Our sanctuary lamps burn this week in memory of:

All Liv./Dec. Mothers & Grandmothers
Joseph Lee Baudoin, Angela Marie B. Boutin, Liv./Dec. of
Baudoin & Guilbeau Family

Please pray for the sick:

1. Gladys Woods, Debbie Horn
2. Norward Richard, Scott LeBlanc, Pam LeBlanc, Eva Pitre, Arleen Mire
3. David Domingue, Sherry Marie Dugas, Melinda R. Broussard, Velma Richard, Iva Clavelle, Elmo & Aline Begnaud

Lav Ministers Schedule - May 18-19:

Saturday @ 4:00pm Mass

Chris Gisclair, Paul Richard

Lector: Pat Elliott

Sunday @ 8:00am Mass

Cindy Wartelle, Rickey Melancon

Lector: Rickey Melancon

Sunday @ 10:00am Mass

Sheila Gradney, Stephanie Benoit

Lector: Stephanie Benoit

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