

## SAINT JOHN BERCHMANS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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### PARISH STAFF

Rev. Kenneth J. Domingue—Pastor  
Bridgette Lanclos—Bookkeeper  
Harry Bernard—Cemetery Maintenance

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.

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 4-5, 2024

**I** have called you friends." Authentic friendship can seem hard to come by these days, especially in our transient society. We move away from family, change jobs, switch parishes, and end up in entirely new places with entirely new people. When we look for new friends, we all have different qualities we're looking for. While we may think of certain standards of behavior necessary to be a "good" friend, we would hardly refer to them as rules or "commandments."

In fact, if a friendship or romantic relationship—new or old—becomes characterized by imposed obligations, we would rightly be suspicious. Friendships, we understand, ought to be characterized by freedom. We love the person, even sacrifice for them at times because, within ourselves, we want to maintain the friendship. So why does Jesus use the language of command as he calls the Apostles his friends? "You are my friends if you do what I command you."

Jesus is radically transforming the concept of commandment. In the Jewish heritage of the Apostles, they would hear the word "command" and immediately think of the strict Levitical law and distance from God. In introducing the language of friendship, Jesus ties "commandment" to inner freedom of heart. The disciples have this freedom precisely because they know "what [the] Master is doing." Jesus has invited his followers into intimate friendship all along. He shares openly with them. He has patience with their flaws. He isn't scandalized by their failures. He celebrates their successes. We, too, have been called by love and invited into a relationship with Jesus. It is you and I that Jesus chooses and appoints. He does so personally, not from a distant mountain shrouded in clouds. This "new commandment" to "love one another" is received around the shared table in the breaking of the bread.

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## THIS WEEK'S MASSES:

**Saturday, May 4, @ 4:00pm: PARISHIONERS.**

**Sunday, May 5, @ 8:00am:** Gladue & Ada Meche, Dana Trahan, Ernest, Sr., Editha & Tommy Benoit, Ernest "Ben" Benoit, Jr.; Clara & Ronnie Pomier; Liv./Dec. of Sedalise & Ervin Stoute; Dec. of M/M Ivory Lewis, Dec. of M/M Leslie Duplechain & Family; Larry Babineaux.

**Sunday, May 5, @ 10:00am:** Bryon "Bree" Mayeaux; Earlin & Hermina Gautreaux; Shirley Miller Theriot Sonnier; Rose M. Miller; Betty & Norwood Roger.

**Monday, May 6, @ 12:15pm: COMMUNION SERVICE.**

**Tuesday, May 7, @ 12:15pm:** Edgar James "Jimmy" Miller, Roberta Leger, Larry Babineaux; Francis Henry, Myrtle Henry, George Henry.

**Wednesday, May 8, @ 12:15pm:** Aaron, Moochie & Cynthia Cormier; Babineaux, Cormier & Meche Family.

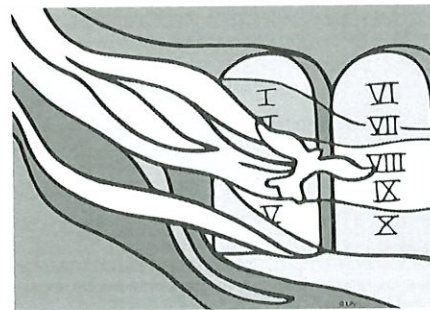
**Thursday, May 9, @ 12:15pm: COMMUNION SERVICE.**

**Friday, May 10, @ 12:15pm:** Lorena "Ti-Moon" Guillot, Juanita Blanchard, Milton Guilbeau.

## COLLECTIONS:

Offerings: -----\$5,947.00  
Funds for the Poor: ----- 11.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

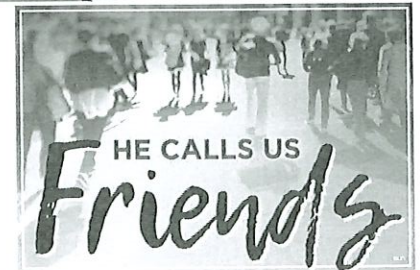


## St. Gertrude Special Rosary

Herbert Prudhomme  
Norma Prudhomme  
Dennis Prudhomme  
Herbie Vidrine  
Norma Richard  
Larry Babineaux

## Bishop's Services Appeal (BSA) Payment Methods:

Check Payable to BSA. Mail in envelope provided.  
Credit/Debit Card Payments: Visit [diolaf.org/BSA](http://diolaf.org/BSA) or  
text DIOCESE to 50155.  
Questions? Call (337) 261-5641



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 4-5, 2024

The DesOrmeaux Foundation would like to thank the parishioners of St. John Berchmans Church for donating \$2,083.00 in the Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit their Pro-Life, Pro-Family Non-Profit Organization. Because of supporters like us, they are able to see 200 pregnant moms each month and provide FREE services such as ultrasounds, parenting courses, education & vocation training, food, and clothing. **Merci Beaucoup!**

**THANK YOU** to all of our CCD Teachers, Helpers, Volunteers, DRE, and Parents, for a very successful and educational 2023/2024 Religion School Year! **Special Thanks** also to Principal Crystal Campos for use of Cankton Elementary School classrooms. **Information on 2024/2025 Religion Registration will be posted in upcoming Bulletins.**

**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.



**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](http://www.ceelafayette.org) or call Tom & Geraldine Rizzuto at 337/984-7954.

The Jesuit Spirituality Center, Grand Coteau, will be holding an upcoming Silent Retreat beginning on **Sunday, May 31st (3 day)**. For more information, please visit their website at [jesuitspiritualitycenter.org](http://jesuitspiritualitycenter.org) or call 337/662-5251.

If anyone has an excess of muscadines, blackberries, plums, and/or figs during the upcoming months, please call the Church Office (337/668-4413). Kenneth and Rita Pitre, who donated the homemade wine for this year's St. Joseph Altar, can use these to prepare wine for next year's St. Joseph Altar. Thank you!

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.

**Remember Me Support Group Meetings** for caregivers, family, and friends of individuals with Dementia/Alzheimer's, are held twice a month. The **second Tuesday of each month at 12:00 Noon** at the Family Center, St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 610 Rain Tree Trail in Lafayette and on the **fourth Tuesday of each month**, caregivers meet for a "funday" at **10:30am**. Please contact [setonrememberme@gmail.com](mailto:setonrememberme@gmail.com) or call 337/235-1483 to find out the monthly meeting spot as it differs each month.

**During the month of May**, we will honor Mary by praying the rosary on weekdays in our Church, continuing **Monday, May 6th to Friday, May 31st, at 11:30am**. Everyone is invited to attend!

**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.

**Surviving Divorce Series:** This 12-week program is designed to bring Hope and Healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage whether you are newly separated, divorced, or still struggling with issues many years later. For more information or to register for an upcoming divorce recovery series, please contact the Office of Marriage & Family Life at 337/261-5653 or email [kchapman@diolaf.org](mailto:kchapman@diolaf.org).

**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.

Our sanctuary lamp(s) burn this week in memory of:

Rose M. Miller  
Gerald Credeur

Please pray for the sick:

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

Lay Ministers Schedule - May 11-12:

Saturday @ 4:00pm Mass

Connie Benoit, Glenn Menard

*Lector:* Paula Frederick

Sunday @ 8:00am Mass

Francine Gardner, Stuart Gardner

*Lector:* Francine Gardner

Sunday @ 10:00am Mass

Jade Richard, Alyce Miller

*Lector:* Volunteer

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

