

Ascension of the Lord

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A Possibility For Change

Often, we are not open to the new possibilities in Christ. We can lead our lives worrying about future plans, or regretting something that happened on our journey, which we cannot undo. The Ascension story is a reminder to us that Christ has overcome everything and has left us a Consoler who brings peace.

As we gather around His table, let us each ask the question: "What is it that stops us celebrating my human dignity?" One thing that often holds us back is our fear—fear of failure, fear of being alone, fear of being misunderstood, fear of death. The simple truth is that there is nothing in our lives that has not already been conquered by the Christ who shared the same body as us. He asks us to trust in Him and let our fears go, entering into a prayer of praise in the Spirit that we might ascend to a new level of hope.

Christ asks that the primary message to be preached is one of forgiveness and change. That means offering reconciliation to those who have hurt us, but also forgiving ourselves for being weak. We are called to be people of hope. As people who believe in the redemption won by Christ's resurrection and ascension, we are compelled to look in trust beyond present realities, knowing that change is a possibility for all, even for ourselves.

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

We would like to thank all the workers who labored so hard to make our Church Picnic a success. The delicious food prepared by Mr. Lester Ducre and the delightful fellowship in the Parish Hall in spite of the rainy weather made the event quite enjoyable. Thank you also to those who brought the many tasty desserts and chips. A special thank you goes out to the Antonians and those who served the food and desserts. We hope everyone had a good time. Again, a hearty thank you! May God's blessings be upon all of you.



Offertory Giving

Today we celebrate the feast of the Ascension of our Lord, a feast which, in part, celebrates the confidence He placed in His close followers to continue His ministry. In the Gospel reading, Jesus reminds His followers of the purpose of His mission, and commissions them to continue His work by proclaiming His word and by living courageously that which they preached. He also promises them the Holy Spirit who He said would strengthen them for the task ahead. As stewards of Jesus' life and ministry, a good question for us to reflect on this week might be this: "Has Christ's confidence in the quality of our own witness been well placed?"

Weekly Budgeted Need	\$7,000.00
Last Sunday May 1	
Envelopes (Adult)	\$9,546.00
Loose	<u>640.00</u>
Total	\$10,186.00
Progress Report	
Cumulative Budget	\$308,000.00
Cumulative Income	<u>311,635.16</u>
Ahead	\$3,635.16

Pastoral Council Elections

The election of two new members to the Pastoral Council is scheduled for June in time for the first meeting of the new fiscal year in July. Biography forms for candidates wishing to run for a council seat are available at the entrances of the Church and in the Church Office. These completed forms are due in the Church Office by Tuesday, May 16, before 4:00 p.m. Candidates' biographies will be published in the May 28-29 bulletin. The election will be held at weekend Masses June 4-5. Voting will continue in the Church Office through Thursday, June 9, ending at 4:00 p.m. Announcement of results will be during the June 11-12 Masses.



Altar Flowers Donation



If you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory of a deceased loved one, a family or friend on his/her birthday/anniversary, or just to honor a person, please call the Church Office. We have openings for you to share your special occasion in a memorable way.

Mass Intentions Requested

Monday, May 9

(Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33)

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, May 10

(Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a)

8:00 a.m. Deacon Richard & June Calkins

Wednesday, May 11

(Act 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, May 12

(Act 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26)

8:00 a.m. Kern and Mary Kittel

Friday, May 13

(Act 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19)

8:00 a.m. Purgatorial Society

Saturday, May 14

(Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17)

5:00 p.m. Harry & Catherine Tracy, Tina Mangano, Joseph D' Antoni, Maurice Bersuder Sr., Rosemary Poche, Eugene Blanchard Jr., Madeline Simmons, Ken & Adele Salzer, Louis Mangano Sr. & Jr., Jerry & Barbara Roszczynialski, Jody Roszczynialski, Helen Fabre, Edward R Lacoste, Imelda Gares, Roger Doucette, Lee & Yvonne Tracey, Antonians & Benefactors

Sunday, May 15 Pentecost

(Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23)

7:00 a.m. Joe Nunez

8:30 a.m. Henry Jorns, Henrietta Fischer, Ramon Garay Sr., Mark Symons, Ronnie & Betty Lambert, Wanda Morel, Pat & Cathy Downey, Richard & June Calkins, Bonnie Milczarek, Emile Weathers Jr., Ravelnel Ayme, Mary Kittel, Laurie Howell, Isabel Margavio, Dorothy Newman

10:30 a.m. Parishioners



WEEKLY EVENTS

Lord, Teach Me to Pray—Women's program Mondays 10:30 a.m. to noon in St. Anthony Hall

Legion of Mary—Monday 7:00 p.m. in St. Anthony Hall

Tuesday Morning Rosary—Tuesday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and the St. Jude Novena in St. Anthony Hall

RCIA Tracks I & II—Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in classrooms

Annulment Workshop—Tuesday, May 10, in Classroom 6 in the Parish Hall at 7:00 p.m. The workshop is designed for persons who wish to petition for a Declaration of Nullity and for the individuals who will be witnesses. The cost for the workshop is \$10 (for supplies and refreshments). For more information, call Deacon Richard or June Calkins at 985-863-2560.

Apologetics—Wednesday, May 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Patriotic Rosary—Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

Pope Francis' Mission Intention

"That families, communities and groups may pray the Holy Rosary for evangelization and peace."

New CD's On Rack

New CDs have arrived from Lighthouse Catholic Media and have been placed on the rack at the front entrance to the Church.



The Necessity of Divine Mercy

Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, reveals the urgency to live and share the powerful message of Divine Mercy. He explains the basics of the Divine Mercy feast, image, novena, chaplet, and hour of mercy, and how to incorporate them into your spiritual life. In this Year of Mercy, discover God's transformative message of Divine Mercy.

Swimming Upstream: Going Against the Current Culture

In this empowering talk, Steve Ray shares what it means to be a Christian in today's world. By examining the lives and martyrdoms of the early Christians and understanding how they transformed the pagan Greco-Roman culture, Steve gives us a blueprint for the New Evangelization. Learn from early Christians how to swim upstream against the current culture and become a witness for Christ.

Tabernacle Lamp

This week the Tabernacle lamp in the Sanctuary burns in honor of **All Mothers, Living and Deceased.**

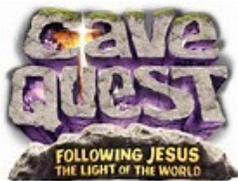


Pray For The Sick

Mike Adams Sr., Valdeana Bauer, Diana Bradshaw, JoAnn Brewin, May Caballero, Ashley Code, Patricia Cuccia, Dotsy Chedville, Erlene Dearie, Pat & Cathy Downey, Steve Dunn, Marcelle Ernewein, Jonathan Fandal, Carroll Fourcade, Gail Garay, Jeanette Gomez, Virgie Hurstell, Joan Jagneaux, Maria Kalcic, Elizabeth Kittel, Andrew Lambert, Cheryl Martin, Luke Martin, Shirley Matthews, Rose Mire, Bailee Mitchell, Jessie O'Dell, Cheryle Poiroux, Walter Reese, Ed Roszczynialski, Cathy Smith

Vacation Bible School

Come join us this summer at Vacation Bible School. Our theme this year is “Cave Quest” Following Jesus, the Light of the World.”



This FREE one-week program will include Bible stories, Bible crafts, fun games, tasty snacks and lots of fun for all children ages 3—11.

Vacation Bible School Registration is now open and will close on Wednesday, May 25. This year’s program will be held June 20—24 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. On Saturday, June 25, a closing celebration and covered dish dinner will be held in the Parish Hall at 6:00 p.m. after Mass.

The program is open to children ages 3 (must be potty-trained) through 11 years old. Please use one registration form per person. Registration forms are available in the CCD Office, Church Office or at Church entrances. Return the completed form(s) to the Church Office, drop it in the collection basket at Mass or the dropbox outside the Church Office door **NO LATER** than **WEDNESDAY, MAY 25**.

Kids 12 and older can register as Youth Helpers.

Adults need to register as Adult Volunteers and must have completed the Safe Environment course.

Registration forms are at Church entrances.

BLUE—VBS Student

PINK—Youth Helper (MUST be 12 or older)

ORANGE—Adult Volunteers

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A Mother

When you are a child, she walks before you,

To set an example.

When you are a teenager, she walks behind you

To be there should you need her.

When you are an adult, she walks beside you

So that as two friends, you can enjoy life together.

Author Unknown



Save The Date—Saturday, August 27

Tickets to “The Summer Soiree,” featuring Ronnie Kole, Harvey Jesus and Fire as well as several auctions, on August 27 at the Northshore Harbor Center, Slidell, are available in the Church Office. Cost is \$50.00 each. Proceeds help benefit the 2017 March for Life Trip to Washington, D.C.

Salute To All 2016 Graduates

Embarking on a journey which began some time ago, how could you have imagined all the things you would come to know. You learned to use each challenge as an opportunity, to overcome each problem, despite adversity. It was not always easy keeping up with friends at school, but you held on to your beliefs and followed “the golden rule.” You found your voice and chose a path that honors who you are, and that, I think, may be your greatest lesson learned thus far. For no one could be prouder of the person you have become, and that is why I am confident that the best is yet to come.



May you never waste a moment “wishing” life was not unfair. Rather use the gifts God gave to you, to change the world out there. Your Graduation signals that you are on your way, so spread your wings and fly my dear, forever and a day!

Barbara D. MacAdam

In Memoriam



It is with deep sympathy that we inform you of the death of **Mildred “Millie” Vallas Westcott**, beloved mother of Annie Johnson (Jim) and grandmother to many grandchildren, of our parish, who was called by God to her eternal reward. Please remember **Millie** and all those who mourn her in your Masses and prayers.

Day Of Prayer At Rosaryville

Looking for a Day of Prayer? Join us at Rosaryville Spirit Life Center, on Wednesday, May 18, for a day of prayer and reflection on the theme "God Sees ‘Small’ as Beautiful." We will start at 9:00 a.m. with coffee and fellowship. The talks will begin at 9:30 a.m. with discussion and quiet time for reflection. Lunch will be served at noon. The cost of the day is \$35.00. The day will include the celebration of the Eucharist and will conclude at around 2:30 p.m. For more information, contact Stephanie Davis, OPA, at 225-294-5039 or sdavis@oppeace.org

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