

Fifth Sunday Of Easter

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“Whoever Believes In Me”

In today’s Gospel, Jesus is responding to a question from His apostle, Philip, who wants to know more about God.

Our minds work the same way. We have these questions about God. We wonder how God can be all good and yet allow evil in the world. We wonder about God’s silence when we pray and ask for things. We have many questions about God. And that is good.

Notice how Jesus answers Philip: “So you want to know what the Father is like. . . Well, you have gotten to know Me. Do you remember the way I treated little children? Do you remember the time I healed the leper by reaching out and touching him? Remember all those good times and tough times we had together? Well, Philip, I am God. I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me. If you want to know what God is like, look at Me.”

Our minds cannot comprehend all the philosophical and theological questions about God. So we continue our search.

But we already have the answer. We look to Jesus and the way He was revealed in the Gospels. By these words, we know that this is how God is.

You! Thank You! Thank You!

We would like to thank all the workers who labored so hard to make our Church Picnic a success. We say thank you to Mr. Lester Ducre for preparing the delicious food. Thank you also to those who brought the many tasty desserts and chips. Our thanks to the Antonians and Altar Society who served the food and desserts. A special thanks goes out to those who coordinated and supervised the games for the children. We would also like to say thank you to Wally Goodey and Dave Anderson who brought their antique cars for the parishioners to view. We hope everyone had a good time. Again, a hearty thank you! May God’s blessings be upon all of you.



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In the reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we see how the first community of Christians gathered together to discern and resolve how to care for each others’ needs. As good stewards of the sisters and brothers who gathered around the Eucharistic table, the community of faith selected those among them who were to ensure that no one was neglected. How do we resolve to serve the needs of our parish family? How do we ensure that those who might be perceived to be the least of our brothers and sisters are not left alone and neglected?

Weekly Budgeted Need	\$7,100.00
Last Sunday May 7	
Envelopes (Adult)	\$13,634.00
Loose	660.00
Total	\$14,294.00
Progress Report	
Cumulative Budget	\$319,500.00
Cumulative Income	325,795.68
Ahead	\$6,295.68
Second Collection	
(Retired Priests)	\$1,081.00

Trinity Dome Second Collection

The second collection next weekend will be a one-time collection for the Trinity Dome. This is the final step in the completion of our nation’s premier shrine to our Blessed Mother, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, America’s Catholic Church, in Washington, D.C.



Pastoral Council Election Forms

The election of four new members to the Pastoral Council is scheduled for June 3-4 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 now available at Church entrances and also in the Church Office. These completed forms are due in the Church Office before 4:00 p.m. by Monday, May 22. Candidates’ biographies will be in the bulletin May 27-28. The election will be held at weekend Masses June 3-4. Voting will continue through Thursday, June 8, in the Church Office. Announcement of the results will be at the June 10-11 Masses.



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Mass Intentions Requested

Monday, May 15

(Acts 14:5-18; Jn 14:21-26)

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday, May 16

(Acts 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31a)

8:00 a.m. Anthony Lama

Wednesday, May 17

(Acts 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, May 18

(Acts 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11)

8:00 a.m. JoAnn Pooley

Friday, May 19

(Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17)

8:00 a.m. John Lacourge

Saturday, May 20

(Acts 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21)

5:00 p.m. Rosemary Poche, Tina Mangano, Ken & Adele Salzer, Louis Mangano Sr. & Jr., Roszczynialski Family, Lee & Yvonne Tracey, Joseph D'Antoni Jr., J.C. Spiers, Maurice Poche, Eugene Blanchard Jr., Shirley Cavalier, Richard Hursey, Jerry Templet Sr., Charlene Bachemin, Freddy Richardson,

Sunday, May 21 Sixth Sunday of Easter

(Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21)

7:00 a.m. Maurice Bersuder, Sr.

8:30 a.m. Ronnie & Betty Lambert, Stephen Hall, Henry Jorns, Andrew Lambert, Jennifer Papa, Margaret Clayton, C.J. Lightell Sr., Myrtis Hebert, Pat & Cathy Downey, Mary Kittel, Laurie Howell

10:30 a.m. Parishioners



WEEKLY EVENTS

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

Pastoral Council—Wednesday, May 17, at 7:00 p.m. in Classroom 8 in the Parish Hall

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

Widows Group—Friday at 11:00 a.m. at Peck's Seafood Restaurant, 2315 East Gause Blvd., Slidell, for lunch then return to the Parish Hall at noon for fellowship and dessert

Confirmation Class—Sunday, May 21, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall

Just One Hour A Month!



Are you willing to spend one hour a month helping to clean the Lord's house? I am looking for two regular workers plus substitutes to help vacuum. If you are interested in this ministry, please call Audrey Ruiz at 601-799-4527.

Altar Flowers Donation

The lovely flower arrangements adorning the altar this weekend were donated in memory of **John Lacourge** by his wife Dorothy Lacourge in honor of their 65th anniversary.



SPP Stained Glass Window Prints

Father Bernie has authorized the sale of prints of the original paintings completed by local artist and parishioner Diane Bourgeois. The original paintings were auctioned at the 2016 Summer Soiree. The proceeds from this sale will go toward the funds for the 2018 Youth Washington Trip. The prints are available for purchase at \$20.00 each or both for \$35.00. Those interested should contact the Church office during regular office hours or Danny Bourgeois at 504-376-3701.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention

Christians in Africa—"That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice and peace."

Tabernacle Lamp

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



Pray For The Sick

Valdeana Bauer, Audrey Bonnet, Diana Bradshaw, JoAnn Brewin, Sonia Braud, George & Wanda Butko, May Caballero, Patricia Cuccia, Dotsy Chedville, Deacon Pat Downey, Steve Dunn, Marcelle Ernewein, Carroll Fourcade, Julia Drake, Jeanette Gomez, Deacon John Howard, Virgie Hurstell, Allen & Joan Jagneaux, Maria Kalcic, Gloriette Kiem, Elizabeth Kittel, Cheryl Martin, Shirley Matthews, Vito Montalabano, Jessie O'Dell, Cheryl Poiroux, Marlene Ragusa, Robert Reinecke, Ed Roszczynialski, Adele Salzer, Cathy Smith

Vacation Bible School

Come join us this summer at Vacation Bible School. Our theme this year is "Maker Fun Factory: Created by God, Built for a Purpose." This FREE one-week program is filled with incredible Bible learning experiences that kids see, hear, touch and even taste! Sciency-Fun Gizmos, team-building games, cool Bible songs and tasty treats are just a few of the activities all children ages 3—11 will experience.



Vacation Bible School Registration is now open and will close Sunday, May 28. This year's program will be held June 26-30 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. On Saturday, July 1, 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 **SUNDAY, MAY 28**.

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.

LIME GREEN—VBS Student 3-11

ORANGE—Youth Helper (MUST be 12 or older)

YELLOW—Age 18 and Adult Volunteers

Please complete the form and return it **NO LATER** than **SUNDAY, MAY 28**.

Lord, Teach Me To Pray

Please join us in the prayer series "Lord, Teach Me to Pray—Part 1 Praying Christian Virtues" beginning Tuesday, June 6, at 10:00 a.m. Meetings will be held at 1102 Dale Street, Slidell 70461. You will be introduced to the meditative and contemplative way of prayer devised by St. Ignatius of Loyola, enabling you to further develop your prayer life and intimacy with Jesus. To register, call Nancy Henderson at 504-231-9830 or Janice Tull at 504-460-2506.

A Mother's Love

Your arms were always open when I needed a hug. Your heart understood when I needed a friend. Your gentle eyes were stern when I needed a lesson. Your strength and love has guided me and gave me wings to fly.

Sarah Malin

Top Ten Sayings Of Biblical Mothers

10. Samson! Get your hand out of that lion. You do not know where it has been! (*Judges 14:5-9*)

9. David! I told you not to play in the house with that sling! Go practice your harp. We pay good money for those lessons!

8. Abraham! Stop wandering around the countryside and get home for supper!

7. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego! Leave those clothes outside; you smell like a dirty old furnace!

6. Cain! Get off your brother! You are going to kill him some day!

5. Noah! No, you cannot keep them! I told you, do not bring home any more strays!

4. Gideon! Have you been hiding in that wine press again? Look at your clothes! (*Judges 6:11*)

3. James and John! No more burping contests at the dinner table, please. People are going to call you the sons of thunder! (*Mark 3:17*)


2. Judas! Have you been in my purse again?!

1. Jesus! What do you think, you were born in a barn?

The Trinity: The Relationship At The Heart Of All That Is!

The mystery of the Trinity is not something we cannot understand, but rather something that we can never finish understanding. Come join us at the Carmelite Spirituality Center (62292 Fish Hatchery Road, Lacombe) in a weekend retreat of input, guided personal reflection and prayer, sharing and quiet time. Together we will delve into the mystery of who God is and who we are. Retreat leaders will be Sisters Barbara Breaud and Terry Falco. The retreat will be held Friday, June 23, through noon Sunday, June 25. Registration will be from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. with the opening session at 7:00 p.m. No evening meal will be provided Friday. Cost is \$190.00 with a required \$50.00 deposit. Please pre-register at 985-882-7579 or 985-264-0314. You may also e-mail Sister Falco at carmelcenter@bellsouth.net

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