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May 24, 2020: The Ascension of the Lord 2020

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MASSES

Weekdays: Tuesday 5:30 P.M.

Wednesday 8:00 A.M.

Thursday 8:00 A.M.

Friday 8:00 A.M.

Vigil Mass Saturday 5:00 P.M.

SUNDAY MASS 10:00 A.M.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Weekdays by Appointment

Saturday 4:30 P.M.

Sunday 9:30 A.M.

BAPTISM: By Appointment

MATRIMONY: Contact the Office 6 months before the celebration

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:

Anytime: Please call the Office

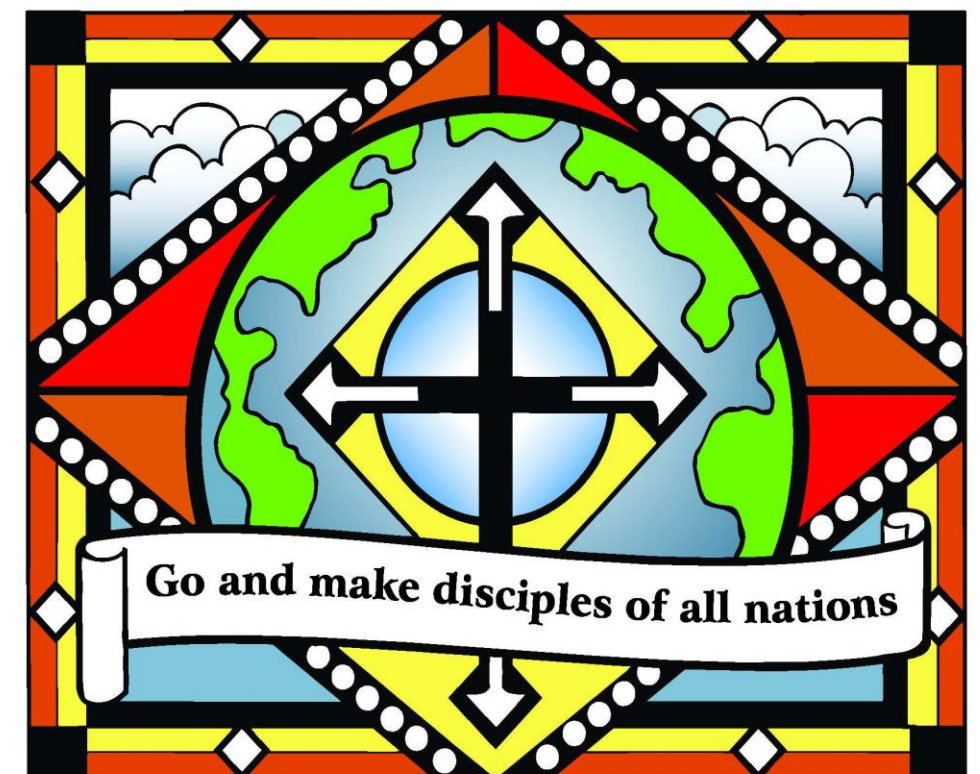
ROSARY & ADORATION: Every Wednesday at 7:30 am before Mass

Funerals

Call the office before making plans with the funeral director.

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How Well Do You Know Your Catholic Faith?

18) Why is "The Sacrament of Confirmation" necessary – Baptism, the Eucharist, and the sacrament of Confirmation together constitute the "sacraments of Christian Initiation," whose unity must be safeguarded. It must be explained to the faithful that the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace. (CCC 1285)

19) What is Confirmation in the Economy of Salvation? – In the Old Testament the prophets announced that the Spirit of the Lord would rest on the hoped-for Messiah for his saving mission. The descent of the Holy Spirit on Jesus at his baptism by John was the sign that this was he who was to come, the Messiah, the Son of God. This fullness of the Spirit was not to remain uniquely the Messiah's but was to be communicated to the whole messianic people. On several occasions Christ promised this outpouring of the Spirit, a promise which he fulfilled first on Easter Sunday and then more strikingly at Pentecost. From that time on the apostles, in fulfillment of Christ's will, imparted to the newly baptized by the laying on of hands the gift of the Spirit that completes the grace of Baptism. (CCC 1286-1289)

20) In Confirmation, why use anointing and what does it signify? – In treating the rite of Confirmation, it is fitting to consider the sign of anointing and what it signifies and imprints: a spiritual seal. Anointing is Biblical and rich in meaning. Oil is a sign of abundance and joy for it cleanses and limbers. It is a sign of healing since it is soothing to bruises and wounds. Anointing with oil has all these meanings in the sacramental life. The pre-baptismal anointing with oil of catechumens signifies cleansing and strengthening. The anointing of the sick expresses healing and comfort. The post-baptismal anointing with sacred chrism in Confirmation and ordination is the sign of consecration. By this anointing, the confirmand receives the "mark," the seal of the Holy Spirit. A seal is a symbol of a person, a sign of personal authority, or ownership of an object. Hence soldiers were marked with their leader's seal and slaves with their master's. A seal authenticates a juridical act or document and occasionally makes it secret. (CCC 1293 – 1295)

21) Did Christ declare that he was marked? – Yes, In John 6:27, Jesus said, "Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God, has set his seal." Christians are also marked with a seal: "It is God who establishes us with you in Christ and has commissioned us; he has put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee." This seal of the Holy Spirit marks our total belonging to Christ, our enrollment in his service for ever, as well as the promise of divine protection in the great eschatological trial. (CCC 1296)

The Ascension of the Lord

Today's Readings: Acts 1:1–11; Psalm 47:2–3, 6–9; Ephesians 1:17–23; Matthew 28:16–20

STARING INTO THE SKY

We have choices to make in this Christian life. One choice is to be frozen, like the disciples just as Jesus ascends into heaven. They stand there and stare up into the sky, probably waiting for Jesus to return to them immediately. Too often we, too, take this stance. We stare into the sky, waiting to discover the presence of the Lord. Unfortunately, this choice will yield few results, if any. It is the Lord himself who summons us to opt for a second choice. That choice involves us turning our gaze from the sky to the world around us. He says, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations . . . And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:19, 20).



Michelle Waite, Jeff Waite, Callie Waite, Rita Sullivan, Martha Delmas, Mary Kirchoff, Heather Cotton, Maribeth Thompson, Becky Latner, Laurie Rel, Leigh Taylor, Robert Dixon, Amy Lacy, Ava Smith, Chip Conklin, Isabel Rel, Becky Thompson, Pat Potter, Marie Murray, Toby Robison, Linda Graham, Larry Robertson, Ed Thornton, Margaret Hampton, Frank Pigorsch, Stephanie Ray, Jerry Wigfield, Mike Knowles, Steve Sevier, Penny Dupont, Sister Luella Dominic Petry O. P., Sister Stephanie Sema-SSMI, Doug Jones, Joe Gable, Ann Gable, Lenny Motykiewicz, Ali Stringfellow Ray, Lisa Kloechener, Valeria Wallace, Donnie Wilson, Joe Watts, Sean Guillotte, Michelle Cook, Reggie Stewart, Nonie Reed, Betty Gunter, Tiffany Fontenot, Jimmy Marchand, Glenn Boney, Wayne Seymour, Frances Walley, H. Sanders,, Patricia Davis, Maurine Habley, Ray Thornton, Joe Whitson, Cory Moncrief, Carolyn Collier, Vicenta Obsenares, Edgar Gunter, Victoria Porter, Jonathan Cruz, Gennie Garret, Bob Echement, Lilly Breaux, James Wink, Mike Wilson, Leyah White.

Pray for the eternal repose of the souls of the most recently deceased members of the parish: Ida Clark, Theresa Wakeman, Jack Forbes,

Known Birthdays for May 2020

01st: Reggie Stewart	17th: Elizabeth Ramsay
03rd: Carol Tate	17th: Joshua Jamero
05th: Raymond Fonteot	18th: Christina Kirchoff
06th: Laura Davis	18th: Daryl Kirchoff
07th: Mary-Kathryn Ladnier	19th: Greg Teofilo
10th: Charles Krause	20th: John-Michael Ladnier
10th: Higinio Sanchez	22nd: Emily Riley
15th: Lynn Consention	26th: Lynn Goodwin
16th: Rudy Rel	29th: Forrest Bourgeois
16th: Amanda Oliver	

Known Anniversaries for May 2020

14th: Emily and Don Riley
21st: Christy and Robert Brown
21st: Melinda and Terry LaMay

Upcoming Parish Events

Saturday May 23rd: Mass at 5:00 pm.
Sunday May 24th: Mass at 9:00 am and 11:00 am.
Wednesday May 27th: Morning Prayer, Benediction, Rosary and Mass at 8:00 am.
Saturday May 30th: Mass at 5:00 pm.
Wednesday June 24th: Healing Mass (Nativity of St. John the Baptist).
Tuesday June 30th: All written material that will complete the study portion of the Confirmation class are due to Deacon Graham.
Wednesday August 19th: Faith Formation Retreat
Saturday October 4th: Pet Blessing (St. Francis Assisi)
Wednesday October 21st: Faith Formation Retreat
Monday November 2nd: All Souls Day (Church & Serenity Gardens)

Pray for the Special Intentions of those serving in the Armed Forces: Brent Smith, Travis Wilson, SPC Jackson Triston, Jr., Captain Will Hurd, Bryant Bailey & Zachery Bailev.

Mass Intentions

Saturday & Sunday Mass Intentions
Saturday 5:00 pm – For all the sick, infirmed, and homebound of the parish
Sunday 10:00 am – For all deceased parishioners

Daily Mass intentions

Week of May 26-29
 May 26, 27 & 28 –For the eternal repose of the souls of Deceased relatives/friends of Kathie and Steve Sema and Kathy Scott
 May 29th – For the eternal repose of the souls of Deceased relatives/friends of Carol and Johnnie Tate.

Week of June 2- 5
 June 2, 3, 4 & 5 – For the eternal repose of the souls of Deceased relatives/friends of Doris Sema and Imelda Naraval.

Week of June 9 - 12
 June 9, 10, 11 & 12 – For the eternal repose of the souls of Faustino Pidlaoan, Elena Pidlaoan, Manuela Liquiran and Domingo Liquiran by Edith Tomas.

Capital Campaign

Campaign Goal is \$195,000.00
 Pledged to date **\$473,266.00**
 Because of your support we are at 243% of our campaign goal.

Stewardship for May 17th:
 Regular: \$5,472.00

Catholic Charities

As of today, we are at \$21,670.00 in our Catholic Charities Campaign which is 124.5% of our goal of \$17,400.00

GRACE BUILDS ON NATURE

A seminary theology professor of mine was always reminding us of this second choice with the words, “Gentlemen, remember that grace builds on nature.” It is through the world around us—through those God has planted into our experience—that God will be revealed. People who are involved in the Church’s work of Christian initiation learn this through their ministry. As they listen to the stories of people who are experiencing deep conversion, they begin to meet the Lord in new ways. It is as if the Lord Jesus is being born again right before their very eyes. Perhaps in the past you have heard today’s Gospel mandate and cast it aside saying, “Oh, Jesus really meant those words for priests, and I’m certainly not a priest.” Perhaps today’s feast is the opportunity to realize that these words are meant for each one of us. If grace does build on nature, let’s open our eyes to possibilities of discovering Christ all around us, rather than staring blankly into the sky.

HOMEBOUND MASS FILMING:

The next Homebound Mass Filming will take place at the Archbishop Chapel at 400 Government Street and will be filmed at 9:00 am.

NURSING HOME OUTREACH:

Every First Friday of the Month there is a Mass celebrated at the Grand Bay Convalescent Home at 10:00 A.M. **Join US!**

HOUSE BLESSINGS

We highly encourage **House Blessings**. Please call Father Sherwin to schedule the blessing of your home.

Lectors for next weekend, May 30 & 31:

5.00 pm on Saturday, May 30 – Teresa Dorriety
 9:30 am on Sunday, May 31 – Ty Teofilo
 11:00 am on Sunday, May 31 – Andrea Graham
 Anyone that is interested in lecturing during Mass at St. John’s, please contact Carol Voss at cavoss99@gmail.ocm.



Announcements for Week of May 23, 2020

- The Parish stewardship** for the 6th Sunday of Easter, May 17, 2020 was \$5,472.00.
- Confirmation Class information** was sent out by email this week. Deacon Graham needs you to respond to him that you have received that information. As of now only three have responded.
- Anyone in the parish** who is willing to lector please contact Carol Voss at cavoss99@gmail.com.
- Our thanks and heart felt appreciation** go to the “Altar Sodality” for donating new “green” and “red” altar cloths for the church altar which will be used during the appropriate church seasons.
- Our hard work continues to pay off.** It is time for our quarterly “Generations of Faith Campaign “ distribution for St. John the Baptist here in Grand Bay. Our parish distribution for the gifts received for the quarter of February 1 thru April 30, 2020, is \$3,438.83 to be deposited into our parish account ending in 5021. Our total gifts received this quarter was \$17, 194.16 bringing our total gifts received to 38% of our parish goal. The next quarter distribution will be in August 2020.
- On-Line Giving:** Again, we would like to remind everyone that we now have on-line giving through our website, stjohngrandbay.org. You can go to our website and click on “on-line giving”, then you will be walked through the set-up. Through this site you can do a one-time donation or set up on going contributions weekly and monthly. You can also do you contribution to the “Building Fund” and the “Maintenance Fund.”
- Food Vouchers:** On Wednesday, May 27th, Catholic Charities will be her at St. Johns giving out food to help local families that are in need. If any family in our parish has a need for help or knows of any family in the Grand Bay, Irvington, and Bayou Batra areas who have a need for help please contact Deacon Graham by text at 251-605-5972. Please let Deacon Graham know asap as he needs to let Catholic Charities know about how many families are in need which helps them to better prepare for the need.
- Known Birthdays:** **26th:** Lynn Goodwin, **29th:** Forrest Bourgeois: **No Known Birthdays this week:**