

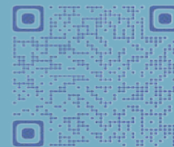
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*Founded: October 7, 1920 by
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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

I give you a new
commandment:
love one another."
- Jn 13:34a

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEK DAYS:

Monday - Friday | 7:00 am
First Saturday | 8:00 am

WEEKENDS:

Saturday | 5:00 pm
Sunday | 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am
Holy Days | 6:00 pm (Vigil) & 7:00 am

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

Saturday 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm and at any time by appointment.

BAPTISM

Please call the office to make an appointment with a priest and to register for the Baptism. The Baptism preparation class is on the first Saturday of the month followed by the Rite of Baptism after the 5 pm Mass Saturday evening.

MATRIMONY

Marriage is an important event in one's life. It requires a lot of planning & preparation. Kindly Make arrangements with a priest to start the preparation at least six months prior to wedding date.

May 18, 2025

Mass Intentions for the week of May 25th are due by Wednesday, May 14th.

The Legion of Mary will be praying the rosary everyday the week of :

**May 19th-26th
@ 3:30 PM in the church.
Everyone is invited to attend.**

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS MAY

For the use of the new technologies
Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION

**June 22, 2025
following 11AM Mass**

All parishioners and organizations are invited to join in honoring the Most Holy Body and blood of Jesus Christ.



Week at a Glance

Monday, May 19, 2025

7:00 a.m. Mass
11:30 a.m. Community Diner
3:30 p.m. Legion of Mary rosary
6:00 p.m. Charismatic Prayer Meeting

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

7:00 a.m. Mass
11:30 a.m. Community Diner
3:30 p.m. Legion of Mary rosary

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

7:00 a.m. Mass
11:30 a.m. Community Diner
3:30 p.m. Legion of Mary rosary
6:00 p.m. Exercise Class

Thursday, May 22, 2025

7:00 a.m. Mass
3:30 p.m. Legion of Mary rosary

Friday, May 23, 2025

7:00 a.m. Mass
3:30 p.m. Legion of Mary rosary

SVD Associates Teleconference Rosary



The rosary will be recited by the SVD Associates via teleconference each Friday at 7:00 pm. All are invited to join in the rosary along with your prayer intentions.

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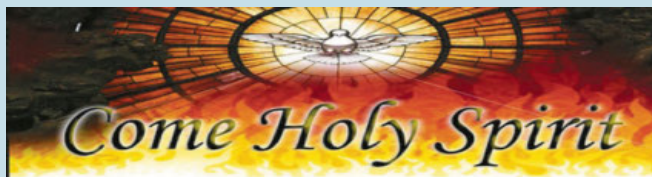


For I the Lord your God is with
you every step of the way
Isaiah 41:13

EVEN WHEN YOU CANNOT SEE HIM,
HIS HANDS IS HOLDING YOU UP,
AND HE WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU.

Breakfast and lunch will be served.
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LIFE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT SEMINAR: A WAY TO GROW SPIRITUALLY



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MONDAYS @ 6:00 P.M.

This seminar will consist of a series of eight talks relating to the Holy Spirit. Those attending will have a greater understanding of the "Baptism of the Holy Spirit" as mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles and Corinthians. Attendees will also have an opportunity to be prayed with to receive the Charismatic Gifts of the Holy Spirit. There will be a Special Mass held at St. John's Cathedral in Lafayette on the Eve of Pentecost. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please call Holy Ghost Parish Office to register or contact Deacon or Mrs. Charles R. Richard for more information. **May 19th: Talk #4 will be on The New Life presented by Fr. Joshua Munterim.**

IN PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY



We extend our heartfelt sympathy
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Keeping you in our prayers during
this difficult time.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

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- Registration fee is \$20 per
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July 14th - 18th 2025
8:00am to 3:00pm

More Info Contact the Youth Director
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May 18, 2025

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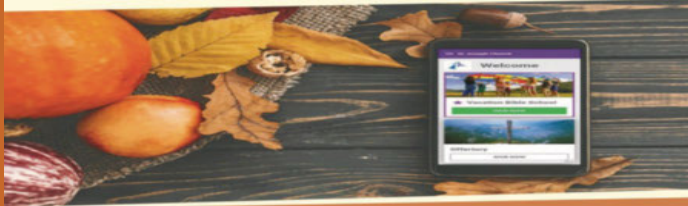
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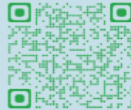
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Holy Land	\$771.00
Other Receipts.....	\$2,103.00
Total Receipts.....	\$16,363.45
Catholic Education	\$15.00
B.S.A.	\$571.05
Holy Ghost Charities	\$93.00

The week of May 10/11, 2025

Offering.....	\$11,634.99
PLC Debt & Building Fund.....	\$451.00
Other Receipts.....	\$3,583.25
Total Receipts.....	\$15,669.24
Catholic Education	\$10.00
B.S.A.	\$122.00
Holy Ghost Charities	\$60.00

REQUIRED WEEKLY BUDGET

\$19,183.00

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MAY 25, 2025

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May 24/25, 2025

5:00 pm
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J. Andrus

7:00 am
E. Rami
N. Anderson

9:00 am
B. Villery
L. Florence

11:00 am
J. Payne
M. Jackson

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 pm
E. Roberts
T. Dauterive
D. McKnight

7:00 am
L. Bellard
C. Esprit
R. Simien

9:00 am
B. Simmons
D. Manuel
J. Duplechain

11:00 am
F. Pickney
C. Sibley
J. Henry

2025 SPRING RAFFLE

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Parish Life Center Laon Payment**

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2nd Prize - \$1,000 cash

3rd Prize - 750.00 cash

4th Prize - \$500.00 cash

5th Prize - \$250.00 cash

Drawing - Sunday, July 6, 2025

Donation \$2.00/Ticket

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and at the parish office.**

MASS INTENTIONS

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 17, 2025
5:00 p.m.

For the Living: Theresa Rayme and family, The Richard & Briscoe Families

For the Deceased: Herman Rayme, Goldie Ann Broussard, Howard Broussard and Byron Broussard, Carl Breaux, Jr., Rose Thomas Breaux and deceased family, Audrey Prince Owens, Cora Prince, Lee Prince, Paul M. Prince, Melissa Prince, Mable Robertson, Gerald Robertson, Kenneth Gradney, Kenneth Ray Robertson, Antoine & Antonia C. Rivette & deceased members of the Rivette & Comeaux Family, Kay Castille, Martine Castille, Herbert Castille, The Richard & Briscoe Families

Sunday, May 18, 2025
7:00 a.m.

For the Living: Marsha Bryant (BD), Tim & Miles Bryant, Martin Jean, Ronald Jean, Clarence Merricks

For the Deceased: Gertrude Kennerson and Deceased Members of the Broussard and Kennerson Family, Rosa, Alley, Elemenia Jean and deceased members of the Jean and Chavis families; Nedra, Allay Sr., Carlton J. and deceased members of the Jean and Marks Families, Dorothy Broussard and deceased members of the Broussard and Dartez Family, Leroy Leday, Josephine Leday, Carolyn Leday, Paul Leday, Joe Leday, Deborah Reed, Yvette Clay Darby, Dorothy L. Talbert, Ray Talbert and deceased members of the Talbert families, Benjamin, Marie, Curt, Lorenzo and Dixie Chenier, Barbara Broussard and deceased members of the Broussard and Weatherall families, Lillie Clay, Carl Clay, Simone Cecilia Batiste and deceased members of the Richardson, Robins and Clay families, JoAnn Merricks & Deceased members of the Francis and Merricks Families, Wallace Frank, Sr., Marjorie D. Frank, Rapheal Frank, Reginald Frank, Kenneth Frank, Sr., Willie Pickens, Sr., Adele D. Pickens and deceased members of the Pickens and Davis family

9:00 a.m.

For the Living: Legion of Mary Our Lady Spouse of the Holy Spirit, Gloria Lazard, Bridgette & Hunter

For the Deceased: Mildred Hiner Gordon, Ruby Rideau Gordon, Henry Gordon, The Legion of Mary Our Lady Spouse of the Holy Spirit, Donald West Tate, Norma Singleton, Edward Lee Darjean, Joseph and Lee Audrey Beverly, Mitchell and Leonor Olivier, John Miller, Darren J. Miller, Sr., Gregory L. Washington, Sr., Gregory L. Washington, Jr., Ella Hill, Michael Pickens, Arthur Pickens, Sr., Clementine Pickens, Arthur Pickens, Jr., M/M Louis Butler, Sr. and Sons, Mary B. McCoy, Mary B. Butler, Geraldine Sonn, Jovan Sam & Deceased Members of the Sam, Pitre & Lazard Families, Judy Singleton, Weston Singleton, Hazel Singleton, Judy Singleton, Bernard Lewis, Sr., Victoria A. Lewis, Vickie Lester Lewis, Robert A. Lewis, Mr. & Mrs. Valentine Richard, Terrance Singleton, Wilda Mae Gallien (Birthday), Mary Ann Jordan, Michael Vallier, Michael A. Vallier, Thomas Vallier, Sr., Farice Daigle, Sr., Selby Daigle and deceased members of the Mallet, Chenier, Calais and Daigle families, Ella Mae Fitzgerald, Donald D. Fitzgerald, Russell G. Daniels & Deceased Children, Herman Fuselier and deceased members of the Fuselier & Sonnier family, M/M Adam Rideaux and deceased members of the Rideaux family, M/M Albert Mallet and deceased members of the Mallet family, Willie Jaroy Zachary, Edna Jackson Major, Dennis and Audrey Mae Zachary, The Anderson and Allen Family, Douglas Kimble and deceased members of the Kimble and Broussard family ;, M/M Robert (Laura) Morrison, M/M John (Wilma) Vallien, M/M John (Juanita) Guillory, M/M Willie & Lucy Duplechain, Junius LeBlanc, Lillian LeBlanc, Wilson LeBlanc, Marie Lynn Randle, Glenn Keith Thomas, Kevin Randle, Vivian R. Mason, Joe C. Mason, Carmen M. Davis, Wendell Mason, Sr., Donovan Russell Guidry, William Charles Mason

11:00 a.m.

For the Deceased: M/M Felix Fontenot, Joyce & Stanley Abbott,

Aubrey Fontenot, Joseph Charles, Jr., Bryant Charles, Charles Richard, Jr., Zack and Leona Richard, Members of the Richard and Collins families, Therezile A. Jolivet, Gaylia Tevis, Bertha Auzenne, Vincent Charles & Deceased Members of the Charles, Woods & Thomas Family, Theodore & Josephine Woods & Deceased Members of the Woods Family, Cornelia W. Charles (Anniversary), Gerard K. Casimere and members of the Casimere and Broussard families, Josephine Z. Dudley, Howard L. Dudley, Dexter James Major

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 19, 2025
7:00 a.m.

For the Deceased: Bernadette Thierry, Audrey, Bernice, Eli & Henry Duckless, Marshall Thibodeaux-5th A, Roland Thibodeaux-2nd A, Robertson Thibodeaux

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Holy Ghost Parishioners

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Holy Ghost Parishioners

Thursday, May 22, 2025

Holy Ghost Parishioners

Friday, May 23, 2025
7:00 a.m.

For the Deceased: Wilda Mae Gallien, (Birthday)

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Patrick Aggison, James Albert, Anthony Alexander, Debra Alexander, Verlia Alexander, Terri Allen, Kendra Allison, Eva Antoine, John Austin, Lakeshia B. Austin, Alana Jones Auzenne, Gloria Auzenne, Joyce Babineaux, Mahogany Barrow-Babineaux, Joseph Baker, Mary Alice Benoit, Patricia Bertrand, Timothy Bryant, Linda Cain, Ann Carrier, Andre Carron, Orelin Carter, Champagne, Gertrude Charles, Martha Charles, Annie Chavis, Pamela Chenier, Lloyd Cormier, Helen Cretien, Joseph Curtis, Rita Daniel, Bertha Davis, Serita Declouette, Ethel DeJean, Theresa Donatto, Darlene Durald, Barbara R. A. Duroisseau, Laura Duroisseau, Marie Eaglin, Vincent Eaglin, Armand Espree, Jr., Lillie Ewell, Gail Finley, Shirley Francis, Lawrence Frank, Mary Fuselier, Pilaura Gallo, Spencer Gallow, Hilda Garderer, Cynthia Green, Jeanette Green, Barbara Guillory, Carl K. Guillory, Thelma Guillory, Leonard Hamilton, Justine Hardy, Linda Hardy, Timothy Hardy, Jr., Timothy Hardy, Sr., Ethel Hawkins, Catherine Hayes, Derek Henry, Janice Henry, Leon Henry, Lelan Henry, Cleveland Hooper, Marie Jackson, Aaron Johnson, Florence Johnson, M/M Joe Johnson, Mary Johnson, Thomas Johnson, Depetris Jolivet, Frazier Jordan, Julia King, John Landry, Lucille Lastrapes, Corey LeBlanc, Clebert Levier, Amos Lewis, Paul L. Lewis, Georgia McCloud, Martin W. Manuel, Darryl Mason, Anastasia Mason, Ezola Mayfield, Lisa Meche, Francisca Mouton, Emma Montgomery, Joyce Mouton, Debra Murray, Leona Nash, Mary L. Nevills, Dorothy Payne, Florence Pickney, Charissa Pitre, Faron Racca, Emily Richard, Joyce Richard, Lucille Richard, Shirley Richard, Jenita Robert, Victoria Robert, Mary Ann Rubin, Gregory Savoie, Makayla Savoie, Sonja Semien, Todd W. Shaw, Benjamin R. Shelvin, Barbara Simmons, Irma Singleton, Mary Sonnier, Shirley Stevens, Mary Stewart, Ivory Stewart, Eula Sylvester, Tiphani Todora, Joseph Taylor, Jr., Maize Taylor, Jo Ann Thomas, Voulanda Thomas, Wanda Thibodeaux, Germaine Thierry, Gretchen Thomas, Jean Lois Thomas, Adilynne Troullies, Lillie Turner, Octavia Valliere, Mark Veazie, Gloria Washington, Brenda Williams, Stephen Williams, Major Willis, Jr., Antoine Woods, Eugene Woods, Nelson Zachary, Major & Gilbert families, Fannie Zachary, Patrick Zachary, John Zenon, SVD Benefactors

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5th Sunday of Easter May 18, 2025

Exegesis Of the 1st Reading: Acts 14:21–27

This reading includes the last stages of the first missionary journey. Previously on this journey, Paul and Barnabas were confronted by angry mobs (13:50; 14:5). And Paul was most recently stoned and left for dead (14:19). Despite such hardships, the apostles are not discouraged. As this reading begins, they are proclaiming the good news to the populace at Derbe, the eastern limit of their journey. By God's grace a significant number of people there accept the invitation to faith.

1) Devoted Service. From Derbe, Paul and Barnabas retrace their steps, returning to the very places where they had met such resistance earlier. Understandably the apostles feel a need to encourage the disciples in those places, reminding them of the need to accept such hardships for the sake of a kingdom many could not yet appreciate. To further strengthen these fledgling communities of faith, the apostles appoint leaders over them, entrusting them to the Lord with prayer and fasting. Such details make clear what good shepherds Paul and Barnabas are to the Churches established on their journey.

2) Divine Grace. From the port of Attalia on the southern coast of Asia Minor, the apostles return to Antioch in Syria, the community of faith in Antioch that sent the apostles on this first missionary venture. Now the apostles gather that community together to give them an account of their experiences. Remarkably, they make no mention of their hardships. Instead, with surely breathless excitement, they speak of everything God accomplished, especially the invitation to life extended to the gentiles.

Exegesis of the 2nd Reading: Revelation 21:1–5a

1) Holy City. John sees a new and holy Jerusalem coming down from heaven like a bride on her wedding day.

2) Divine Presence. A loud voice declares that God is now with the people, giving them comfort and new life.

Exegesis of the Gospel: John 13:31–33a, 34–35

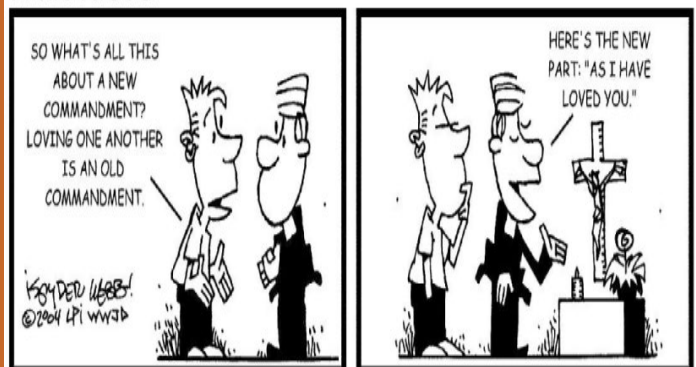
Today's passage is taken from the introduction to the farewell discourse of the Gospel of John. That discourse extends from chapters 13 through 17. Its purpose is to prepare the disciples for Jesus' departure from this earth when they will have to take over his work. This chapter began with the unique event of the foot washing wherein

the interrelationship between Jesus and his disciples is stressed. It will end with the powerful teaching of Jesus formulated as "a new commandment."

1) Mutual glorification. Today's Gospel begins with an emphasis stressing that Jesus, the Son of Man, is glorified and God is glorified in him (13:31). The phrase "to glorify" is repeated here five times. This is not an easy phrase to interpret because of its intimate connection with John's emphasis on the "hour" of Jesus. This hour refers to the time of Jesus' death when he will be raised up on the cross in glory and exaltation. This mutual glorification was first emphasized in the prologue to the Gospel: "And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son full of grace and truth" (1:14). In other words, glorify implies the presence of God in Jesus, which has become visible to the world. This glory will reach its fullness when Jesus returns to God. Herein the full glory of God and Jesus will be revealed.

2) A new commandment. Jesus' final instruction to this disciples is to give them a new commandment, one stating that the disciples are to love one another. That, however, is not the new part. The new part is that they are to love one another as Jesus has loved them. Jesus' love is to be the paradigm for the disciples' loving one another. There is even more. How did Jesus love his disciples? As he demonstrated in the foot washing, Jesus loved his disciples as an equal, as a mutual servant about to give everything up for those he loved. That is what he will do when he is given up on the cross. This radical equality is what the disciples are commanded to imitate: to love one another as Jesus has loved them. This kind of love uniquely marks the disciples of Jesus. That commandment is still in force.

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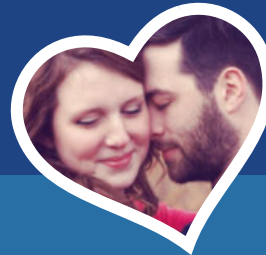
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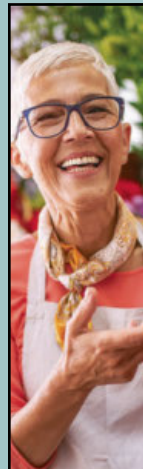
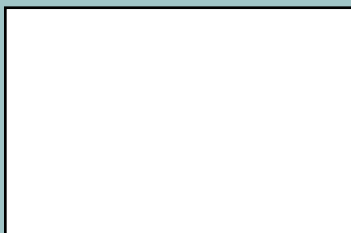
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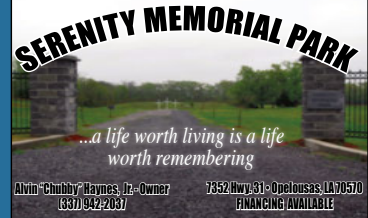
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