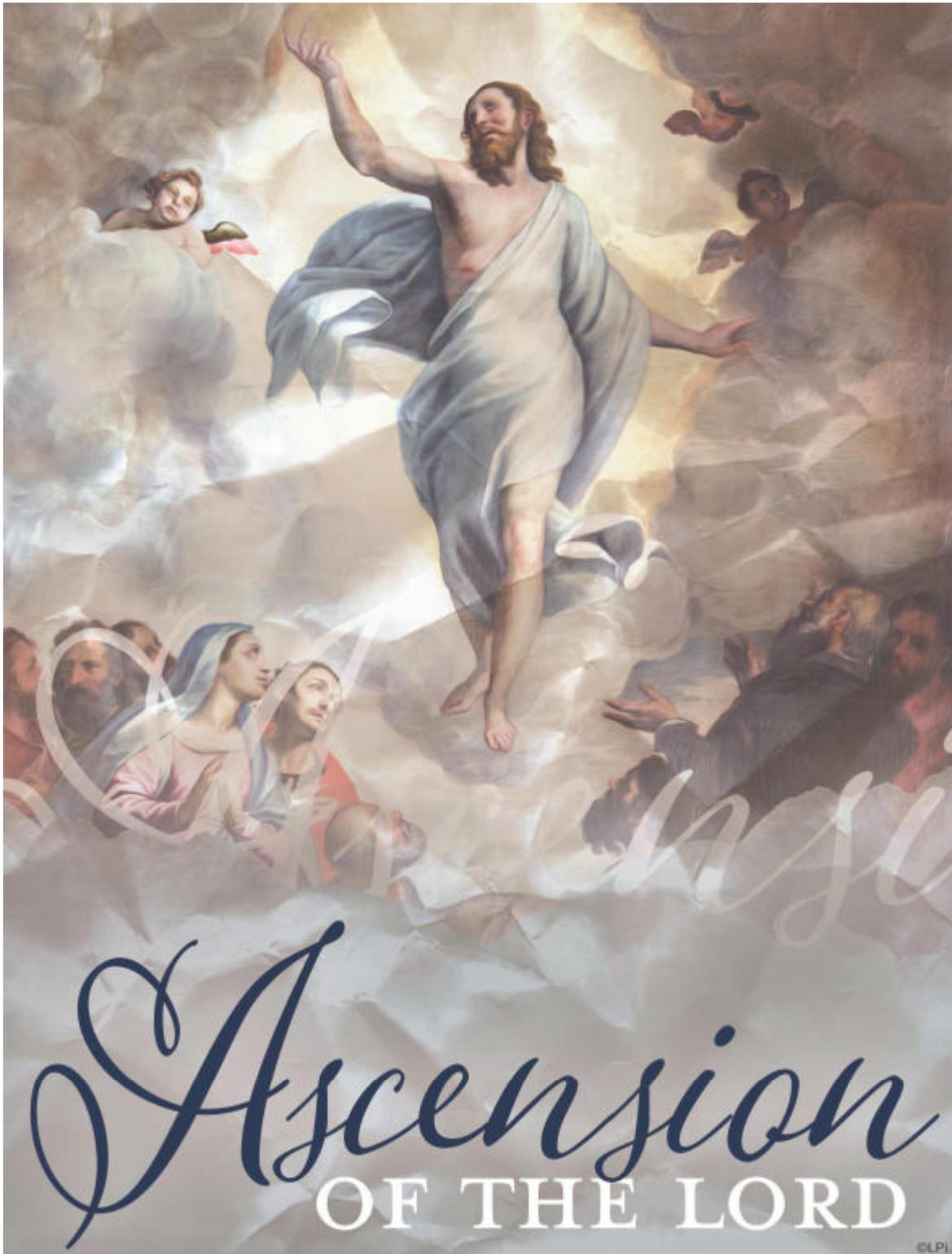




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# The Shamrock



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### Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

### Mass Times and Devotions

#### Weekends

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:30 a.m.

#### Weekdays

Tuesday: 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 8:00 a.m.

#### Adoration

Wednesday and Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

#### Rosary

Saturday: 3:15 p.m. Prayed in Church before Mass.

### Parish Staff

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Deacon Alec Campbell  
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Call to register parents and godparents for the required seminar and to schedule date and time. For more information, visit [www.stpatrickbr.org/Baptism](http://www.stpatrickbr.org/Baptism)

### Reconciliation

Saturday: 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. and by appointment.

### Marriage

Couples should contact the parish office at least six months prior to their desired wedding date.

### Anointing of the Sick

Call the parish office.

### Funeral Planning

Please call the parish office prior to scheduling with the funeral home.

*Call the parish office to place individuals on the prayer list in the bulletin or the parish prayer line. Names will remain listed in the bulletin for approximately 2-3 months unless otherwise notified.*

## Stewardship of Finance

*May 2, 2021*

Identified	\$27,980.85
Unidentified	\$1,100.00
Building Fund	\$3,856.00
Other	\$165.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$33,101.85</b>

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*Stewardship*

is the grateful response of a Christian disciple  
who recognizes and receives God's gifts  
and shares these gifts in love of God and neighbor.

## The Mission of St. Patrick Church

Conscious of God's presence, the family of St. Patrick Parish  
strives to create a community of oneness in God's love.

Called, we follow Jesus,

Empowered by the Spirit, we dedicate ourselves to living Christ's Message:  
Love of God, shown forth in love of neighbor.

## *No Tracking App Needed For Finding Jesus*

A man and his wife spent just about every evening out on their driveway in special reclining rockers just staring up into the sky. They had special pillows on which to rest their head. If you didn't know better, you would think they were tanning their face and neck. For hours each evening they sat staring into the sky to watch the planes fly over. They had one of a few smart phone apps that can tell the altitude, distance, aircraft type, airline, flight number and pretty much everything about a flight, in real time, and anywhere in the world. It can even tell you about planes flying over that are not visible to the naked eye. There they sat, night after night, staring up into the sky learning where flight plans originated and where they would end.

In this week's reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we read the account of the Ascension of Our Lord into heaven. "...as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?'"

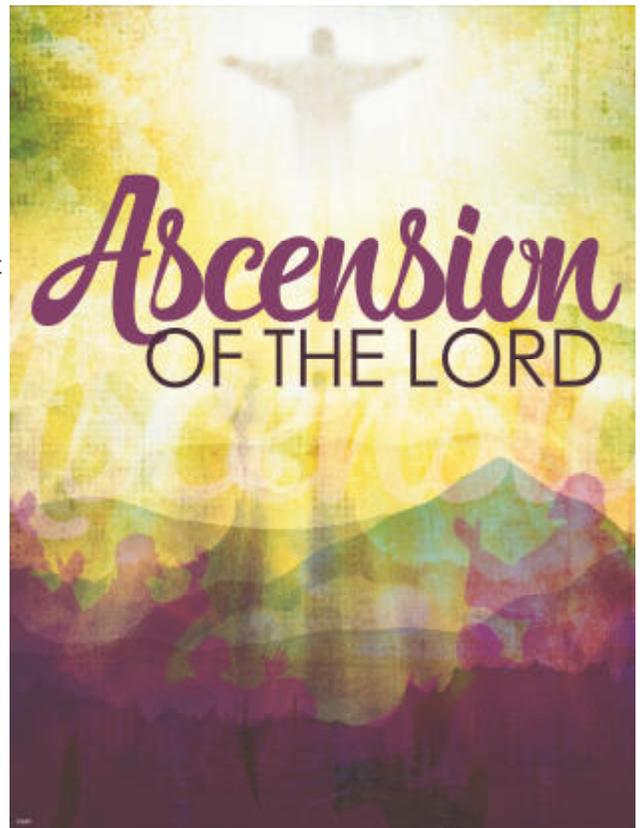
"Don't just sit there, get on with your lives," the men seem to say. And that's just what the people did. They worked diligently and began to build the church. The Gospel this week says that they "went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs."

God has been faithful to us through the ages. Each one of us has had our down times when things weren't going so well, when we faced illness, death, broken relationships or tough decisions. Each of us has had our ascension moments, too. These were times of great joy, consolation and celebration. In those times of ascension, we recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread when we gathered to share a meal with friends, family or complete strangers or when we received Holy Communion with other members of our church family. We've also recognized Jesus through caring and loving people, those who bother to stop and ask how we are doing, who hold the door open, who care for us when we are sick and who offer words of consolation or encouragement and support. That is how the Lord continues his work among us. We recognize him in special moments of our lives.

In St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians, he writes: "May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him." Jesus' spirit is always with us. The challenge sometimes is to see it, not so much with our own eyes, but with the eyes of our heart.

When we love one another, forgive one another, reach out to one another and truly care for one another, we continue Jesus' mission and we build up the church, the people of Christ.

How are we called to action in the world? We can start by seeing Jesus in the person standing right beside us, the one living down the street, those who are caregivers, the checker in the grocery store, the doctor, the postal carrier, the sanitation worker. Don't look for Jesus in the sky. We don't need a special app for our smart phone to track him. He's already here. His spirit is always with us.



## Please Pray For Those Being Ordained Priests

Please keep these young men of our diocese in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare for ordination to the priesthood on Sat., May 22. This has been a long but grace-filled journey for them and they look forward to beginning their priestly ministry to which they have been called by God. Please pray for more vocations to the priesthood as the number of priests throughout our country and in our diocese continues to decline.



**Deacon David Dawson**  
Sacred Heart  
Baton Rouge



**Deacon Danny Roussel**  
Our Lady of Peace  
Vacherie



**Deacon Taylor Sanford**  
Saint George  
Baton Rouge

## Altar Servers Training Scheduled

As we open up our church and gradually return to some sense of normalcy, we are reinstating the ministry of altar server.

A training session for Altar Servers will be held on Wednesday, May 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. in church. All former altar servers and anyone interested in this ministry should attend the training.

Children who have celebrated First Eucharist, teens and adults can become altar servers.

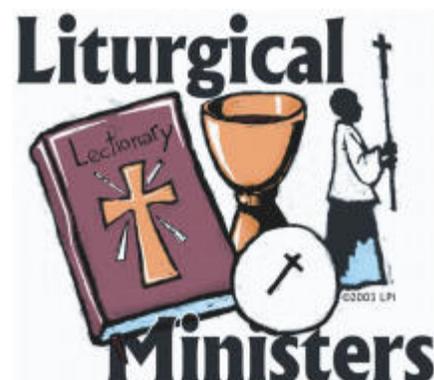


## Readers, Communion Ministers Needed

We appeal to our former readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to please consider returning to ministry.

We are so very grateful to those who have so unselfishly been serving in these ministries throughout the pandemic.

If you are ready to return to ministry and be added to the schedule or have any questions, please call the office or send an email to [pfolse@stpatrickbr.org](mailto:pfolse@stpatrickbr.org).



## *Celebrating "60 Years in the Year of St. Joseph"*

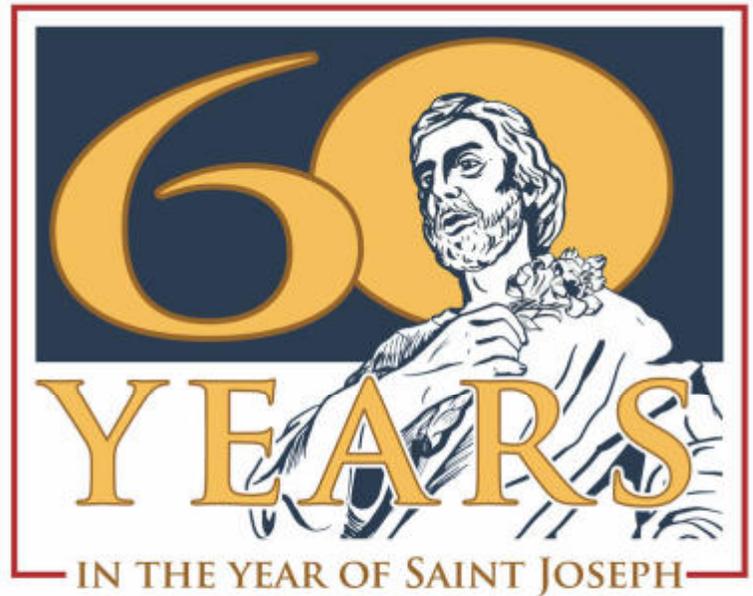
Pope Francis has proclaimed this the Year of St. Joseph. Our diocese is also celebrating its 60th anniversary from May 1, 2021 to March 19, 2022 and has come up with the slogan "60 Years in the Year of St. Joseph."

The name of the church parish that would become our cathedral was changed to "St. Joseph" in the 1830s. St. Joseph officially became the patron of our diocese in the 1990s by decree of then Bishop Alfred C. Hughes.

Throughout the year, there will be opportunities to learn more about the history of our local church and celebrate its patron through videos, news stories, liturgical celebrations and more.

If you're interested in learning more about the upcoming celebrations, see [diobr.org/60years](http://diobr.org/60years) and follow @DioceseBR on Facebook.

Please pick up a prayer card on your way out of church this Sunday and remember to pray to St. Joseph, the holy patron of the Diocese of Baton Rouge.



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## WEEKLY PRAYER

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 16, 2021

<b>SUN 5/16</b>	<i>Ascension:</i> Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20 <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter:</i> Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19
<b>MON 5/17</b>	Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33
<b>TUE 5/18</b>	Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a
<b>WED 5/19</b>	Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/ Jn 17:11b-19
<b>THR 5/20</b>	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26
<b>FRI 5/21</b>	Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19
<b>SAT 5/22</b>	<i>Morning:</i> Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [7b]/Jn 21:20-25
<b>SUN 5/23</b>	<i>Vigil:</i> Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 <i>Extended Vigil:</i> Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 55, 56 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 <i>Day:</i> Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

### OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 16, 2021

<b>Sunday:</b>	The Ascension of the Lord; 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day
<b>Tuesday:</b>	St. John I, Pope and Martyr
<b>Thursday:</b>	St. Bernadine of Siena, Priest
<b>Friday:</b>	St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
<b>Saturday:</b>	St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Pentecost Sunday

### LIVE THE LITURGY

#### Inspiration for the week

When Jesus was physically with his disciples, he guarded and protected them. One of his greatest desires was that they share his joy completely. God's love is the source of all things and their sustenance. As we conduct the normal routines of our lives it is easy to get caught up in the immediacies of this world and lose focus. We become very self and worldly dependent, forgetting that God wishes to guard and protect us. The joy the resurrected Christ can offer cannot be found in this world. It takes a bit of faith to realize that God's will is a constant in our lives and that God desires only the sustenance and goodness of both our bodies and our souls. We need to trust in God's constant and rejuvenating love. This radical resurrection trust allows us to experience the joy of God's presence in all of the good and the bad, positive and negative, life building and life destructive events that we encounter. God remains where love remains.

### SANCTUARY LIGHT

George Tanoos (May 5-28, 2021)

### MEMORIAL GIFTS TO YOUR CHURCH

Please consider remembering St. Patrick Church with a planned gift in your last will and testament. Please encourage your family and friends to make a donation to St. Patrick in lieu of flowers at the time of your death. A memorial gift to St. Patrick Church is a wonderful way to acknowledge the lives of those who considered this parish their beloved spiritual home. Call the parish office for more information.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, May 15, 2021

**4:00 p.m.:** Wilma T. Cronan, James Michael Cronan, Larry Joseph Cronan, George Tanoos, Margaret Ray, Wallace Young, Earl Weber, Jo Ann LeBlanc, Fred Connors, Tim Smith, Sr., Michael White, intention of Bette Connors family, intention of Laura Cicero and intention of Tommy Drodody

#### Sunday, May 16, 2021

**7:30 a.m.:** For the people of St. Patrick

**9:30 a.m.:** Jackie Hazey, Margaret Hirezi, Oscar Godeaux, Jean Cangelosi, Margaret Chachati, Bernadine Chenevert, Anne and John Gajda, Dr. Seven Collins and Laura Collette Hebert.

**11:30 a.m.:** Lee Dupuis, Glenn Gaudet, Dale Gaudet, Terry Edwards, Betty Romaine, Frank Bravata, Tom Lucek and Elie Picou

#### Tuesday, May 18, 2021

**6:00 p.m.:** Margaret Ray, Jesse Trejos and Morris J. Rabalais

#### Wednesday, May 19, 2021

**8:00 a.m.:** Robin Kornrump, Rita Glade Musemeche, Tayler Huett and the intention for Gilbert for good health

#### Thursday, May 20, 2021

**8:00 a.m.:** Chung Le, Maxine Imhoff, Ileana Bellecci and Doicy Diez

#### Friday, May 21, 2021

**8:00 a.m.:** Jeffery Wells, intention of Phyllis Brister, and Gilbert's special intention

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

S. Medica, A. Pichon, Jr., J. Root, K. Johnson, A. Roy, G. Mackey, L. Polite, L. Barbarin, B. Coghlan, S. Rikhoff, C. Mokry, R. Geissler, G. Auzenne, V. Mayeux, P. Romano, T. Shiver, E. Picue, S. Duet, T. & C. Lastrapes, C. Broussard, C. Heckman, S. Patrick, D. Suire, J. Broussard, B. Veillon, N. Lorio, J. Cronan, F. Fontenot, D. Soileau, M. B. Langlois, G. Lohfink

### HEARTFELT SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS

Heartfelt sympathy and prayers are extended to the family of Doicy Diez and to Anthony and Madeleine Timpa on the death of her mother, Ileana Bellecci. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord...

"Trust me."  
—GOD

# Habitat for Humanity Needs Your Help

Let us remember all that has been given to us so that we may give to others. You're invited, and we pray you follow the example set by our Lord, to give your time on Sat., June 12, to help paint the interior and work on the trim during this year's Habitat for Humanity Catholic Build. If you haven't already, plan to join us to help this year's family who has already helped others and who are now trying to help themselves. If you need more information or would like to volunteer, please call Ken Koehler at 561-301-2820 or email kkoehler@windstream.net.



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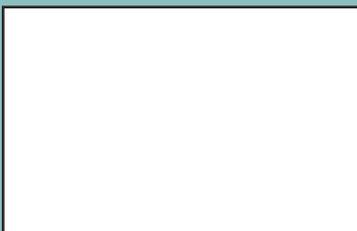
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