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MAY 16, 2021 - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION: Saturday from 3:00–3:55 pm, 20 minutes before daily Mass and by appointment, (please call the office).

BAPTISM: Preparation for the sacrament is provided to parents held in the evenings. (See bulletin for time and place.) Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy, to avoid undue delays.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: For Anointing, death, or in case of an emergency please call the parish office.

MARRIAGE: Couples planning marriage are asked to contact the pastor or deacon at least six months before.

CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST

Saturday:.....4:00 p.m.
Sunday:8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.

****Weekday Mass Change due to COVID:**

Monday & Friday 6:30 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday:.....8:30 a.m.
Holy Days:..... 6:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

WELCOME, VISITORS.

We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to become registered with our Parish Family by completing our Parish Census Form, and returning it to the office on 208 E. Edith.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Pam Begnaud Trista Littell
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The Ascension of the Lord

There is always something very tender and heartwarming about a kiss. When someone who loves us offers us a kiss, it sends a clear message that we are valued and special. We occupy a unique place in their lives and have a distinct purpose. Kissing celebrates the wonder and beauty of human life. In a very powerful way, we are connected, through intimate touch, with another human being. With the incarnation of Christ, God kissed humanity. God, revealed so perfectly in Jesus Christ, showed us that we have value and are made in God’s image and likeness. Mortal human beings radiate with the presence of God and are worthy enough to reveal the intimacy of the Divine Mystery. The human race is not simply something God created from a distance but something special within which God dwells.

It is no wonder then, why the poor hold such an honored place in Jesus’ ministry. They speak of God’s love and they cry out for the compassion that is due them as children of God. Justice is about setting relationships right because we are all filled with God’s love and have dignity. The human story is understood as a partnership, a true and new covenant, celebrating a love relationship between all of creation and their Creator. It is a story that does not end with the Cross or even the Resurrection. The story finds its happy ending in the Ascension. Our human narrative is still evolving and moving ever more closely toward that day when all will be one in Christ.

Jesus now sits at the right hand of the Father as the Christ of God. In the ascended state, we see what we are all meant to become and have before us the transformed life that awaits all of creation. The disciples got a glimpse of what this transfiguration would be on the holy mountain and it is an essential part of the Good News we are called to proclaim! Christ, now ascended to the Father, sets our paths straight and gives us a look at what awaits us. The day-to-day challenges of life often find us struggling with our incompleteness. Today’s celebration gives us the strength to persevere, knowing that we’ll eventually be well. May our hearts be enlightened so that we can know this hope and the surpassing greatness of Christ’s power!

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Our Gift Back to God

Offertory	\$10,582.00
Mailed/Dropped in Office	\$+2,430.00
Total (May 9th)	\$13,012.00
Weekly Goal	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus Our Goal	\$+1,012.00
Aid to Eastern Europe	\$ 1,427.00

Thank You!

Next Week’s Second Collection

Bishop’s Services Appeal

Jesus is the perfect steward—watching carefully over all who had been entrusted to Him by the Father and then sending them all out into the world in service. May I similarly protect and wisely use the gifts entrusted to me!

“Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.” - Mk 16:15b-17, 18c

Mass Intention

Weekend of May 15th & 16th, 2021
Sat. 4 p.m., Sun. 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. for the intentions listed,
Sun. 10:30 a.m. for our parish (Pro Populo)

Joe Gallet, M/M Claude Landry (His Anniv.), M/M Wilmer Landry, Jacquelyn Albert, Gurlie Steiner, Zachary Hebert, Matt LeBlanc, Wilda & Louis Theo Bares (Her 3rd Anniv.), Willis & Geri Morvant, T. J. Sonnier, Mena Courts Romero, Edvard & Lydia Hebert Family, Colby Courville, Randy Courville, Warren Baudoin, Mildred Baudoin, Rhonda Pepples, Eura V. Simon (Anniv.), William “Billy” Hawkins, Jr.

Weekday Masses

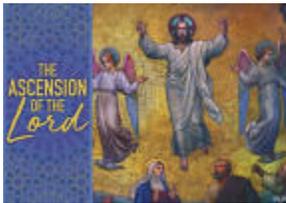
Monday 17	John J. Ladner
Tuesday 18	For First Responders and Those Serving in Our Armed Forces
Wednesday 19	Harry Baudoin (Anniversary), Kiley Begnaud (Anniversary), Betty M. Badeaux (Anniversary)
Thursday 20	Sick of the Community
Friday 21	Vocations to the Priesthood

Sanctuary Candle

Ruby LeBlanc

Please Pray For The Sick

Susan Vincent Gunner Breaux Brennen Albert
 Joyce Comeaux James Benoit Marla Francois
 Dolores Benoit Kathryn Trahan Bobby Trahan
 Charlie Harrington Kim Vincent Hunter Henry
 Luby Landry Guy McKeon Bethany Touchet
 Lilly Mae Romero Enola G. Bernard Gail Anslem
 Mary Belle Broussard Mary Trahan Sara LaCroix
 Phillip LaCour, Sr. Norval Knapp Heather Herrick
 Bernice Blanchard Richard Vickie Dillenger
 Jeff Harrell Mike Blanchard Lynn Broussard



The Next Baptism Seminar will be held on Thursday, **June 10th**, at 6:30 p.m. in Church. Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy in order to avoid any delays.

Opportunities for Adoration: Wednesday 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with appropriate silence and musical accompaniment. Friday, 6:50 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. Additionally, the Church is unlocked from dawn to dusk for personal prayer. Adorers may pray in our *Blessed Sacrament Chapel area* behind the altar. Seating is provided there.

The Ladies Altar Society Rosary Group will meet on Tuesday, **May 18th**, at 9:30 a.m. in Church. There will be no hostess and no reception. Continue to practice social distance and wear a mask. All ladies of the community are invited.

St. Joseph Website Please visit our Parish Website at www.stjo-milton.org. You will find lots of great information from calendars of current and upcoming events, religious ed registration forms, census forms, bulletins, and much more. This is a great way to stay informed!



Events This Week

- Mon. (17th):** Mass 6:30 a.m.
- Tues. (18th):** Mass 8:30 a.m.
LAS Rosary Group
9:30 a.m. (Church)
- Wed: (19th)** Mass 8:30 a.m.
Adoration 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Thurs. (20th):** Mass 8:30 a.m.
- Fri. (21st):** Mass 6:30 a.m.
Parish Office Closed
- Sat. (22nd):** No Events Scheduled
- Sun. (23rd):** No Events Scheduled



Word of Life “Everyone is in need of reassurance, and if we, who have touched ‘the Word of Life’ do not give it, who will? How beautiful it is to be Christians who offer consolation, who bear the burdens of others and who offer encouragement: messengers of life in a time of death!” *For all Christians: That our example may give witness to the precious gift of human life in this world and the invitation to eternal life in the next.*



A Spiritual Communion - to be prayed daily

O my divine Jesus, how great is my desire to receive your sacred body! Oh, come now into my soul, at least, by a spiritual communion! O Jesus, my divine Savior, save me.

O my God, hiding myself with a humble confidence in your dear wounds, I give up my soul into your divine hands, Oh, receive it into the bosom of your mercy. **Amen.**

Guardian Angel, go to St. Joseph Church for me O holy Angel at my side go to the Church for me. Kneel in my place at Holy Mass where I desire to be.

At Offertory in my stead take all I am and own And place it as a sacrifice upon the altar throne.

At holy Consecration’s bell adore with Seraph’s love, My Jesus hidden in the Host come down from heaven above. And when the Priest Communion takes,

O bring my Lord to me, That His sweet Heart may rest on mine And I His temple be. **Amen.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a
- Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26
- Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday: *Morning:* Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [7b]/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday’s Readings

- Acts 2:1-11
- Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34
- 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
- John 20:19-23

Religious Orders

Question: What is the meaning of the letters that professed religious have after their names?

Answer: The Catholic Church includes hundreds of religious communities. The priests, religious brothers, religious sisters, and nuns of these communities (which are often referred to as “religious orders”) are committed to particular spiritual traditions and often to a particular charism (such as teaching, healthcare, social work, or pastoral care).

To help identify a person as a member of a particular religious community, the custom developed of including post-nominal letters that provide a sort of shorthand for the name of the community that the priest, brother, sister or nun is part of. So, for example OSB after a person’s name would indicate that they are a member of the Order of St. Benedict (the Benedictines), just as SJ would indicate that a priest or brother is a member of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) or RSM would show that a woman is a Sister of Mercy.

Other common examples include:

- DC = Daughters of Charity
- FSC = The Brothers of the Christian Schools/Christian Brothers
- OCist = The Order of Cistercians
- OCD = Order of Discalced Carmelites
- OFM = The Order of Friars Minor (the Franciscans)
- OFM Cap = The Capuchin Franciscans
- OP = The Order of Preachers (Dominicans)
- OSF=Franciscan Sisters
- SC = Sisters of Charity
- SDS = Society of the Divine Savior (Salvatorian Priests and Brothers and Salvatorian Sisters)
- SSND = School Sisters of Notre Dame
- SVD = Society of the Divine Word (Divine Word Missionaries)

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“A priest is not a priest for himself, he is a priest for you.” - Cure’ of Ars

Please Pray for Our Priest:

Rev. Howard Blessing
 Rev. Kevin Bordelon
 Rev. Marshall Boulet
 Rev. John Joseph Bourque, CJC
 Rev. Millard Boyer
 Rev. James Bradley, SJ
 Rev. James Brady, JCL

Young Adult Retreat (Ages 18-30) to be held on **July 9th-11th** at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House, in Grand Coteau. The retreat is for young men, young women and young couples. It will be directed by Fr. Joe Laramie, S.J. Deposit \$25.00. The total cost is \$200 (includes deposit). To register call 662-5410 x 200 or visit our website: ourladyoftheoaks.com.

Holy Cross Little Shepherds ELC Are you looking for a loving, nurturing, and safe learning environment for your toddler or preschooler? Holy Cross Little Shepherds is a Catholic Early Learning Center with classes available for children ages 18 months—PreK-4 located at Holy Cross Church in Lafayette. School hours are 9:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. and days to attend vary depending on your child’s age and preferences. Our dedicated and enthusiastic staff welcome the opportunity to have you join us. If you are interested in more information, a tour, or to register please call our office at 984-2636 or email us at sgallo@hollycrosslafayette.com.

Thought of the Week God’s blessings come in many different guises. Some we see straight away some we only see and appreciate in retrospect.

Why Are We Looking at the Sky?

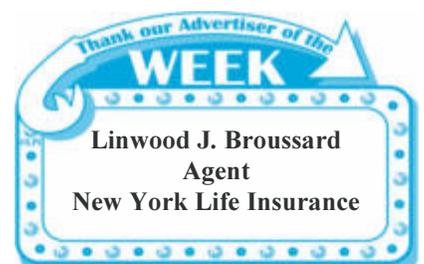
Men of Galilee — why are you looking at the sky? It seems like a pretty foolish question for the angels to be asking the disciples. Their best friend just flew away in a cloud. I think in that situation, my first reaction would probably be to stop and stare, too.

But let’s not forget, the disciples had a lot of work to do. A world full of souls to evangelize. I’ve always been a little amused at the thought of the angels shoeing them down from Mount Olivet. *Get to work! The kingdom isn’t going to build itself!*

In our own faith lives, we often find ourselves looking at the sky, don’t we? We’re the faithful, after all. We have seen Christ. We have accepted him. We have given ourselves to him. What more do we need to do? Perhaps we excessively dwell on the past, or anxiously anticipate the future. Perhaps we can’t move on from a mistake we have made, or we are shying away from a challenge in front of us. We all have our own cloud that has bewitched us.

But let’s remember, our faith compels action. Once again, the kingdom isn’t going to build itself.

Why are you looking at the sky? The work is here. The hour is at hand. A good steward is to be mindful of the gift of time. What’s the mountain you need to climb down? What is the task God is handing you? For what purpose has God placed you here, at this very moment in history?





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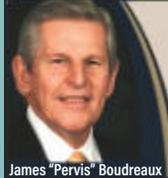


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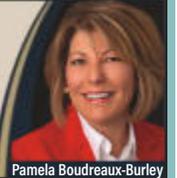
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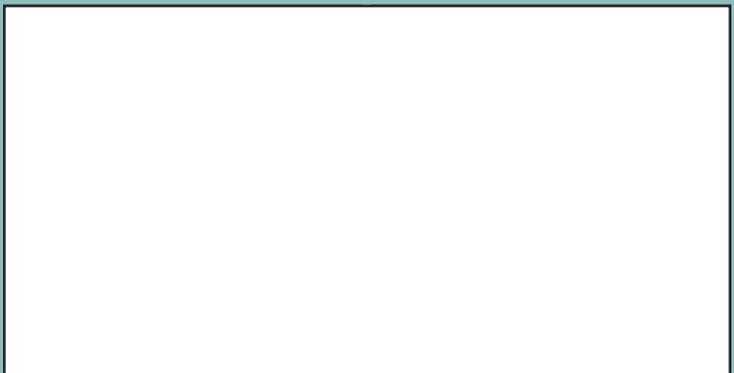
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