



## MASS TIMES

### WEEKENDS

Saturday | 4:00pm

Sunday | 7:00am & 9:30am

### WEEKDAYS

Monday / Wednesday | 6:30pm

Tuesday / Thursday | 7:30am

1st Thursdays | 6:30pm

Holy Days & Anticipated Mass | TBA

Tuesday Rosary | 9:00 am

Holy Hour of Adoration & Benediction

1st Thursdays | 5:30pm

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## SACRAMENTS

Confession: 30 minutes before weekend mass or by appointment.

Matrimony: Contact the pastor at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date.

Baptism: A class will be given if you are expecting and have not attended a baptismal class.



# 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love." - Jn 15:10

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# PRAYER & WORSHIP



## PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

If you would like to be added to either list or know of someone who needs to be added, please email Susie Miller to [svcbk@gmail.com](mailto:svcbk@gmail.com) (e-mail is best because it is in writing and has a date and a time attached to it, but if that would cause a hardship, you can call Susie at 337-622-3218) Names received before noon on Tuesday will appear in the next week's bulletin, not the current week. Names will remain on the list for 2 weeks and then be removed. If after the 2 weeks, you still need prayer, by all means, please send another message and we'll keep praying!

### OUR SICK

Margaret Arrant, Patty Borne, Joyce Bourque, Bennie Breaux, James Castille, Pammy Derouen, Terry Dubard, Joyce Guidry, Ellen Harrington, Jamie Hoffpauir, Emerson Irvin, James LaBove, Judy Leonard, Linda Lognion, Alex Manning, Kennon Martin, Katie McLean, Wyatt Myers, Mark Pedersen, Donald Pugh, Don Racca, Henry Romero, Jeannie Taveney Smith, Bridgette Sonnier, Barbara Theriot, Ethan Troclair, Wilton "Buck" Young; Craig Zaunbrecher

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### THE MAY PRAYER INTENTIONS:

**Pope Francis** The world of finance, let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with Governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

**Bishop Glen John Provost** For the Church, that its mission to spread the Gospel of Christ and preach the Good News may inspire many to conversion and deeper love for God, we pray to the Lord.

### Saturday, May 8

**4:00 PM** Patsy Holland, Lawrence Primeaux, Alice (Nucy) Nunez, LaBov,e, Charlie Ronsonet, Bob Harvey, Harvey Family, Hilda Mae, Tiny Dubrock, Harrington family, Irvin Jones, Mothers

### Sunday, May 9

**7:00 AM** Mass for Parishioners

**9:30 AM** Harold & Sylvia Hartwell; Robert & Lucille Hartwell; Madeline Leonard, Leonard & Aucoin Families; Bella Hahn; Idell & J B Courville, Norman & Tammy Courville, Brenda & Patsy Courville; Breaux family, Souls in Purgatory

### Monday, May 10

**6:30 PM** Alice Nucy Nunez

### Tuesday, May 11

**Gaston Dubrock**

### 7:30 AM Wednesday, May 12

**6:30 PM** Idell & J B Courville, Norman & Tammy Courville, Brenda & Patsy Courville

### Thursday, May 13

**7:30 AM** Pastor's intentions

### Friday, May 7

**NO MASS**

## GOSPEL MEDITATION | ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

### May 9, 2021—6th Sunday of Easter

"Spiraling out of control," is a phrase that can easily describe the current display of human existence. In addition to the violence, unrest, uneasiness and turmoil that are common elements of our daily news, other essential pieces are misplaced or missing. Many lack an objective center around which to order and structure their lives or a clear set of definable goals or mores to act as guideposts and life directives. It appears that "feelings" have become a "new god" and traditional structures and ideals set aside. It is almost as if history only shows that we got this whole thing wrong and many are determined to finally set things right. The real truth, however, is that while wrongs and errors are certainly a part of our often-checked past, it is hardly the case that all was wrong. It is not our task to rewrite the history of our lives, but to learn from mistakes that were made, and preserve the perennial wisdom at the root of our successes. Learning is an essential part of being human.

The question becomes, however, from whom do we learn? Some have such a hard time placing God in that position, but that is precisely where God needs to be. God is the Master Teacher from whom all of humanity learns and gets its cues. It is in and through this relationship with the Gardener of Life that we are fashioned and pruned into the people we are intended to be and can be. It is only in God that we are able to find our best selves. Sadly, many think that religion too, as well as history in general, has also gotten all this wrong. Yet, our resurrection faith tells us differently. We are reminded,

today especially, that we are meant to remain in Christ as Christ remains in us. We are also reminded that Jesus, the Incarnate God, is the vine upon which we grow, the branches that flow from the source of God's life.

Giving up our will to God's can be a painful endeavor. It is not easy to set our own desires and wants aside and allow God to step in and direct and guide our growth. But this is the only way to prevent deadly weeds from overtaking us and bringing us to a place of self-destruction. God's commandments are the very guideposts and benchmarks we need, yet many seek to remove them from all public view because they appear to limit self-expression and suppress what is considered by many to be "human freedom." They are the only way we can find freedom, however. And, until we learn this fundamental lesson, we will continue to spiral out of control, never really knowing who we are, what our potential can be or how life really can be lived. We will not know peace.



PARISH NEWS

Altar Flowers are in memory of the benefactors and their families who donated.

We welcome into our church family the son of Mark and Shyann Crochet; Brantley River Crochet who is being baptized into the faith, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May the blessing of the Lord be always upon him.

AREA NEWS

The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, has announced by Decree that the Diocese of Lake Charles will observe the "Year of Saint Joseph" with pilgrimage sites at the Parishes dedicated to St. Joseph (DeRidder, Elton, Vinton, and Welsh).

Priests throughout the Diocese are also encouraged to celebrate, on the first Wednesday of each month, a Votive Mass of Saint Joseph, and foster devotion to this Patron of the Universal Church by means of the Litany of Saint Joseph, Saint Joseph Altars, and other suitable devotions.

To mark the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, His Holiness Pope Francis proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from December 8, 2020, to December 8, 2021.

COMMENTARY

Is gossip a mortal sin?

Answer: To really ask this question, we must consider the Eighth Commandment: "You shall not bear false witness." In its reflections on this commandment, The Catechism of the Catholic Church invites us to not only think about what bearing "false witness" means, but to also consider how we understand the truth and how we communicate more broadly. This is why so much of this section of the Catechism has to do with the gift of language. With this in mind, we will notice that the word "gossip" isn't used by the Catechism. Instead, we find the words "detraction" and "calumny," which are actually two forms that gossip can take, and both can be quite serious.

First, detraction is the of revealing "another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them," without morally valid reasons. Calumny, by extension, is saying something about another person that is untrue, and it is sinful because it "harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgements" (see no. 2477).

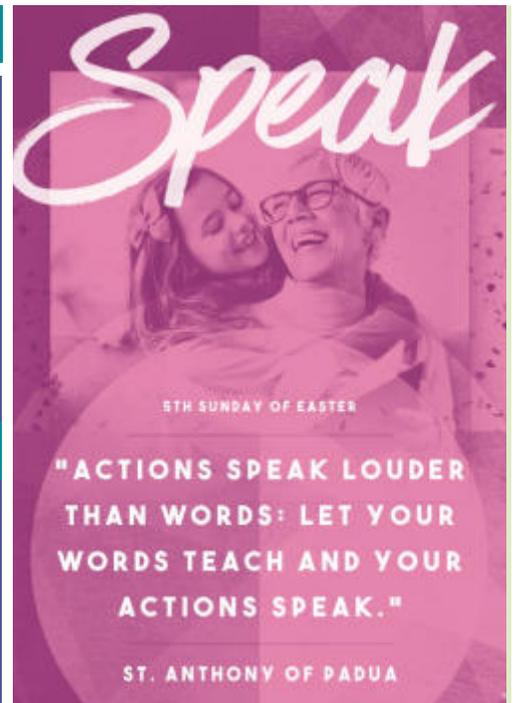
In all of our communication, we have to always recognize that we have a moral obligation to the truth and to always work to protect the reputation and honor of our neighbors (see no. 2479).

Gossip can, in fact, prove to be a very serious sin. After all, the Catechism reminds us: "No one is bound to reveal the truth to someone who does not have the right to know it" (no. 2489). When we have gossiped, especially if we are aware we have damaged another person's good name or reputation, we want to make every effort to undo the damage we have done, including seeking the grace and forgiveness offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**Quote for the Day:** "Abortion is a Violation of Providing Life to a Human Being"

*Charlotte Pence*

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER



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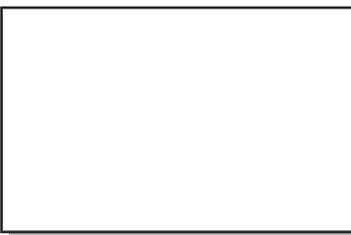


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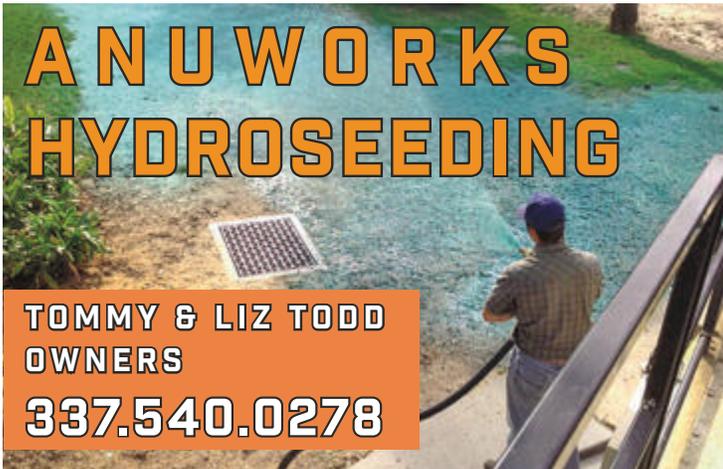
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