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CATHOLIC CHURCH



## THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD—MAY 16, 2021

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### EUCHARIST

Saturday ..... 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday ..... 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Weekday Masses: Tuesday.....6 p.m. w/Novena  
Wednesday thru Friday.....8 a.m.  
First Friday Mass ..... 8:00 a.m.  
First Friday Adoration..... 8:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

### PENANCE

Saturday 3:15–3:45 p.m. before Mass  
Or anytime by appointment.

### MARRIAGE

Arrangements should be made at least 6 months prior to wedding. No weddings during lent.

### BAPTISM

First Saturday of the month after the 4:00 p.m. Mass.  
**Baptismal Seminar:** Last Tuesday of the month.  
Make arrangements 2 weeks in advance.

### ANOINTING OF SICK

Anytime when in need. Please phone.

### MISSION STATEMENT

We the family of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church provide worship, education, ministerial and social opportunities for the Spiritual growth of all.

### Offertory Gifts

In Loving Memory of Sterling Aysen & Deceased Members of the Aysen & Bourg Flys by Inez Aysen.

### Lamp I

In Loving Memory of Elsie Taylor by Family & Friends.

### Lamp II

In Loving Memory of Ida R. & Andre Bourgeois, Andre M. Bourgeois(Anniv-5/25), Bob Bourgeois Jr, Lydia & Joseph Roger, Ophelia & Marcellain Bourgeois, M/M Theophine Aucoin, Edwina Boudreaux, Adela Clement, Victoria T. & Walter C. Richard, Tyrone Richard, Bob & Bessie Gros, & Deceased Loved Ones, Steve “Buck” Bourgeois, Mary & Elie Guillot & Fly, Andrew, Rita & Gustave & Harry Tabor, Annalie Gravois, For Conversion & Salvation of Souls, For Priest & Religious & Those in Prison by Susie & Walter Richard & Jerome & Jennifer Bourgeois & Fly.

### Missalettes

In Loving Memory of Nela Guillot, Janet Usey Molaison, Helen Usey, Virgie & Olivia by Family.

### Bulletins

In Loving Memory of Rose Hoffmann by Family.

Catholic Communication Campaign—2nd collection today  
Today we take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ and builds Catholic communities in the U.S. and around the world. Half the funds will remain here in the Houma-Thibodaux Diocese to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the Gospel message by donating to this 2nd collection today.

## The Ascension

The Christian belief is that after Jesus died on the cross on Good Friday, He rose from the dead on Easter Sunday. Jesus then walked the Earth among His followers for forty days, continually teaching about the Kingdom of Heaven.

The fortieth day, Jesus was eating, drinking and speaking among His followers. At this time, Jesus had “commanded” His disciples “that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but should wait for the promise of the Father, which you have heard (saith he) by my mouth.” After all was spoken to His followers, Acts 1:9 states “And when he had said these things, while they looked on, he was raised up: and a cloud received him out of their sight.”

According to the New Testament, the event of the Ascension occurred on Mount Olivet (Mount of Olives). The reading of Acts 1:12 states “Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount that is called Olivet, which is nigh Jerusalem, within a Sabbath day’s journey.”

Another mention of the Ascension occurs in the Gospel of St. Luke 24:50-51. The verses state “And he led them out as far as Bethania: and lifting up his hands, he blessed them. And it came to pass, whilst he blessed them he departed from them, and was carried up to heaven.” St. Mark also mentions the Ascension of Jesus in Chapter 16:19 stating “And the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God.”

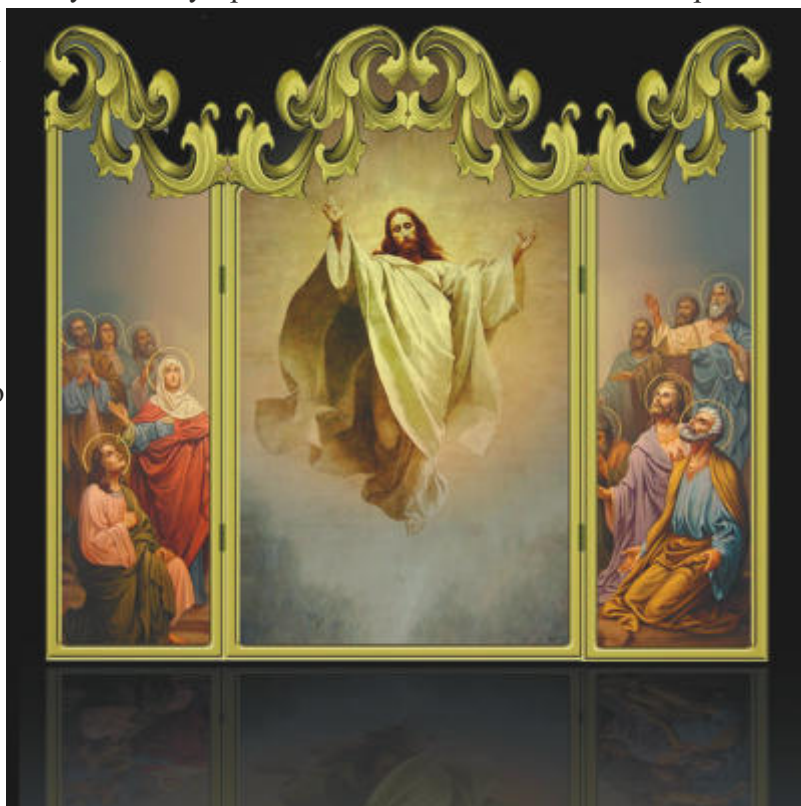
In The Lost Books of the Bible, there is a mention of the Ascension by Jesus himself. Located in The Epistles of Jesus Christ and Abgarus King of Edessa, Jesus responds to the King, via Ananias the footman, to the King’s request of a healing visitation. “But after my ascension, I will send one of my disciples, who will cure your disease, and give life to you, and all that are with you.”

King David wrote a prophecy of the Ascension in The Book of Psalms 67:19. King David stated: “Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive; thou hast received gifts in men.” This Psalm is located in Psalms 68:18 of the New King James version of the Bible.

Unfortunately, there are not detailed mentions of the Ascension in the Holy Bible. One theory is based on how the apostles were dealing with all these events. There was a whirlwind of events occurring in a short amount of time. Jesus came to teach and He also performed miracles; He died; He rose from the dead; and then He reappeared on Earth for forty days. The fortieth day, he ascended into Heaven as the apostles watched. Ten days later, some of the followers were visited by the Holy Spirit on Pentecost and were able to speak many languages. There was so much activity taking place including the death of their friend and mentor that perhaps they did not want to write very much regarding the Ascension.

Another theory arises from the importance of the Ascension itself. Perhaps the Ascension was not to be an important event recorded in the Bible. Jesus ascending into Heaven was not His purpose on this Earth. His purpose was to tell the world about the Kingdom of Heaven, to show all people the way to the Kingdom of Heaven, and to save all souls who follow God. Therefore, the Ascension was not an event the apostles thought to be important. Perhaps the writing about the Ascension was discussed by Jesus with His apostles before He left this Earth.

(source: holidayscalendar.com)



# THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD — MAY 16, 2021

## COLLECTIONS—May 8 & 9

Envelopes.....	3926.00
Loose.....	1592.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>5518.00</b>
Parish Devel.....	870.00
Mass Stipends.....	375.00
Yearly Cemetery Reimb.....	6284.80

### PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

O good St. Joseph, Guardian of Jesus and Mary, I place myself under your faithful protection.

You were always attentive to the voice of the Lord and never ceased to follow wherever God led you. Help me to hear and respond to God’s voice with the same humble fidelity.

O St. Joseph, Terror of demons, protect me from all that might tempt me away from abiding in communion with Jesus.

Chaste Spouse of the Blessed Virgin, grant me a pure heart that I may see as God sees, and love as God loves.

With deep tenderness you cared for Mary and held the sleeping child Jesus, the Son of God, in your arms. O dear St. Joseph, pray for me that I might have a mind and heart to receive that same love from my Father in heaven.

St. Joseph, intercede for me always so that under your care I might be found worthy to rejoice forever with Jesus and you in heaven. Amen.

### Pastoral Council Meeting

The Pastoral Council Members will meet on Wednesday, May 26th at 6 pm in the St. John Hall. All members are urged to attend. We will keep the social distancing in place. See you there!

### Parish Communication Project Update

This weekend is our Communication Update Weekend! In an effort to better serve and communicate with our parish families we have provided a personalized communication update card for every registered family by mail. We are requesting all families complete and return their Communication update Card by mailing your completed card to the church office using the envelope included in the mailing. If you did not receive a card, there are some available at each door of church. Please pick one up. Your help by returning your communication update card as soon as possible is vitally important to achieving our goal of 100% participation. Thank you for your cooperation! God Bless!



## MASSES—May 15—21

World Peace, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Russel & Emelda Benoit, Lee & Eudora Chauvin, Ida R. & Andre E. Bourgeois, Andre M. Bourgeois, Bob Bourgeois Jr., Lydia & Joseph Roger, Ophelia & Marcellain Bourgeois, M/M Theophine Aucoin, Edwina Boudreaux, Adela Clement, Victoria T. & Walter C. Richard, Tyrone Richard, Bob & Bessie Gros, & Deceased Loved Ones, Mary & Elie Guillot & Fly, Andrew, Rita & Gustave & Harry Tabor, Stanley Gravois, Annalie Gravois, Joseph N. Niquiporo, Sterling Aysen, Irving Chiasson, For Conversion & Salvation of Souls, For Priest & Religious & Those in Prison, Maurice Mire, Chester A.Mire, Hazel Mire, Virginia Mire, Louis Mire, Eulalie Mire, Eula Benoit, Louis Benoit, Regina Carlos, Larry Benoit, Gary J.Benoit, Russell Bernard Sr.(BDay-1/6), Eddie & Edna Filce, Thomas & Anna Mae Bernard, Trysten Bernard, Robert Thibodaux Jr, Roger & Fields Flys, Mire & Duet Flys, Randy Duet, Abby Tabor Sr, Valcour & Regina Tabor, Edmond & Elise Naquin, Harold Terracina, John Arceneaux, Louis Thibodaux, Rhea G. Hall, Kimberly H. Robichaux, Paul & Margaret Boudreaux & Deceased Family Member, Betty & Jimmy Boudreaux, Loralyn, John & Jeanne Fields, Harold Terracina, John Acherman, Maurice P. Mire, O.J. Legendre, M/M Edward Aucoin, Timmy Aucoin, Henry Usey, Janet (Usey) Molaison, Paul Dudek, M/M Leonce Guillot, Earl, Wilbert, William, Gilbert & Olivia, Francis & Virgie, M/M Marcel Usey Sr, M/M Xavier Toups & Fly, M/M Bartholew Thibodaux & Fly, M/M Tanile Morvant & Fly, Esther & Stanley Morvant Sr, Audrey & Stanley Morvant Jr, Lilly & Harold Clement, Sylvia & Chester Tabor, Gerald & Tiffany Crouch, Elsie & Carolyn “Tut” Delaune, Charles Prejean, Terry Hymel, Louis Thibodaux, Nazie & Dolien Thibodaux, M/M Wilson Alleman, M/M Ridley Westerman, Christopher Alleman, M/M Ralph David, Charles Alleman, Juanita Alleman, Johnathan Besson, Gustave, Enola & Crane Arcement, Lois & Ralph Joulas, Cazenave & Graugnard Flys, Aleen Lorio, Charlotte Zieyes, Wilson E.Thibodeaux, Michael A.Thibodeaux, Amy T.Steinacker, Mona(B-5/19 & D -5/20) & Joseph Pitre Sr, Hilda & Titus Crawford, Mary E Thibodeaux Marcel, Randolph & Sylvia Richard, Richard & Mire Flys, Albert “A.J.” Guillot Jr, Albert J.Guillot Sr, Harry & Letitia Webre, Jody Arcement, Lawrence “L.J.”Arcement, Charlie Adams, Bernice Morvant, Ernest Floyd Thibodaux, Ricky, Larry, Louise & Junius Boudreaux, Chester Chiasson Jr, Odette Naquin, Calvin Naquin Sr, Calvin Naquin Jr, Peggy & Chester Chiasson & Holly, Stacy Domangue, June Shaw, Bob Breaux, Nora Shaw, Billy & Delta Shaw, Scott Naquin, Dean Fakier, Rosadel Fakier, Louis Fakier, Raymond & Betty Waguespack, Trosclair, Tregre, Bernard & Terracina Flys, Lester (B-Day-5/16) & Lucille Gravois, Joseph & Louise Accardo, Ivory Stewart, Francois & Winnie Aubert, Wilson & Alice Adams, Michel & Lydia Guillot, Judith Guillot, Aubert, Adams & Borne Flys, Mary Elizabeth Hebert, Eustace Breaux, Milton & Yvonne Breaux, Amedeo Sr & Laura(Death Anniv-5/16) Roger, Lloyd Legendre, M/M Gus Legendre, M/m John B. Ray, O. J. Legendre, Timmy Aucoin, M/M Edward Aucoin, M/M Andrew Milek, Cathy Milek Pharo, Clarence Ford, M/M Louis Fakier, M/M Luke Ford Sr, Thomas E. Gros, Allen Cavalier, Daphne LeRay, M/M Calvin Bourgeois, Drew Adams, Ruffy Adams, Adams & Clement Flys, Elward Arcement, Ricky LeBlanc, Jr., Elsie & Ricky LeBlanc, Dwight LeBlanc, Carole Ann Domangue, Bessie & Louis LeBlanc and Camelia & Elphege LeBlanc, Sophie & Elward Arcement, Sophie & Phillip Cancienne, Dora & Tecoon Arcement, Joe, Verna & Camille Boudreaux, Joyce & Ray Waguespack, Donna Boudreaux Toups and Mary Deanna Dohmann Chachere, Nola Trahan Dohmann, Blackie Dohmann, Carolyn & Alvin LeBlanc, Bryan Ritchie, Barbara Richard Landry, Chester Boudreaux Sr, Milton Duet,Louis L. Dill Jr, Ida & Lawrence Blanchard, L.J.(Al), Irving & Dave Blanchard, Hilda & Louis Dill Sr & Fly, Ione Clause & Hilda Reed, Melvin Pallock, Michael Thomas, Charles(Bubba)Braud, Daniel Legendre, Denis & Rose Legendre, Emile & Marie Blanchard, Joyline Cancienne, Loy Smith, Allen Cavalier, M/M Dewey Talbot & Lorena, Paul & Thelma Boudreaux, Pam & Carrol, Roy & Earline LeBlanc, Chris Alleman, Milton Benoit, Ervin Benoit, Jack Legendre, Anna Mae & Norman Naquin(A-3/10), Tom & Wanda Swafford, Marilyn Himel, Nela Guillot, Janet(Usey)Molaison, Hellen Usey, Virgie & Olivia Guillot, Elsie Taylor, Legendre & Taylor Flys, Albert C. Gerstle Jr, Norman Navarre, Brian Parks, Clement, Navarre, Aucoin Families, Enid & Rodney Mire, Lesley LeBlanc, Gigi Bonvillain, William & Windy Adams, Joyce Hidalgo, Anita Ponvelle, Allen Cavalier, Lester & Lucille Gravois, Eileen G. Price & Fly, Jy & Lill Duncan, Andrew Lyons, Byrne Legendre, Brent J.Hall, Clark Kraemer, Irvin & Lillian Perque, Parishioners

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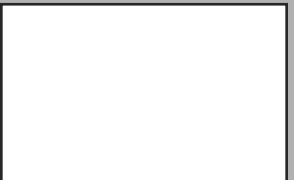
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