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Ascension of the Lord
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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ST. JOHN *The* **BAPTIST**
catholic church



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday at 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday at 8:00 a.m.

Friday at 8:00 a.m., with Adoration until 11:30 a.m.

First Saturday of the month **only** at 8:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 3:30-4:15 p.m.

Monday, Wednesday thru Friday at 7:40 a.m. or by appointment

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Arun John, IMS, Pastor
Candice Breaux, Youth Group Minister
Betty Cain, Bookkeeper
Christel Dupont, Receptionist
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BAPTISM

Celebrated monthly after the 11:00am Mass. Parents should call the office to enroll in our baptismal preparation program, preferably early in pregnancy. Parents are encouraged to register in this parish and actively practice their faith.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Inquiries: Please call Carolyn Dupuy, 225-276-6269.

MARRIAGE

Contact the Pastor at least 6 months prior to your proposed wedding date. Preparation program is required. Couples should be actively practicing their faith.

CARE OF THE SICK

Emergency calls answered as soon as possible. Communion calls to homebound weekly by request. Please notify the office if someone is homebound.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Family should contact the Pastor to begin funeral arrangements.

For Cemetery information, please call Jerry Deshotel 225-281-0333.

PRAYER LINE

Please call Carolyn Dupuy, 225-276-6269.

Dear Parishioners,

It is not normal to live a life of loneliness. For total development of human personality, we need encouragement, support and the company of others. With mutual support and encouragement, husbands and wives can become better parents. A teacher who gets good responses from his/her students, can become a better teacher. A Christian can become a better human being by the support and encouragement of other Christians. Jesus understood this very well, and that is the reason why He promised to be with us always as a friend, as a comforter, as a consoler, as a helper and as a guide. That is the Good News of the Feast of the Ascension, "I am with you always, to the end of the world." Hence, we are not alone; we have the company, support and encouragement of Jesus. So, the Ascension of Jesus, His going to the Father, should not be understood as His breaking away from us. On the contrary, He wants to be with us always and for eternity. Through the Ascension, Jesus is even closer to us than before. He is with us at all times and in all places.

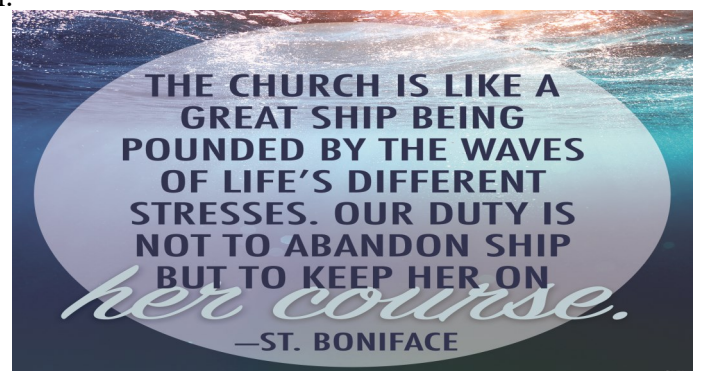
The Feast of the Ascension affirms the presence of Jesus with us. Along with affirming His presence with us, Jesus also gives us a mission, the mission of preaching the Good News of salvation by bearing witness to Him. Today's readings remind us of this fact. In the first reading, Jesus says to us, "You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." In the second reading, St. Paul amplifies this message by saying, "May God enlighten the eyes of our heart that we may know the great hope to which we have been called." And in the Gospel, Jesus calls us to continue His mission. So, today's Feast and the readings are inviting us to experience the ever-present GOD in our lives, and continue Jesus' mission through our own lives. This mission is not given to a select few, but to all believers. To be a Christian is to be a proclaimer and an evangelizer.

A beautiful story tells of how Jesus after His ascension into heaven, was surrounded by the Holy Angels who began to inquire about His work on earth. Jesus told them about His birth, life, preaching, death and resurrection, and how He had accomplished the salvation of the world. The Angel Gabriel asked, "Well, now that You are back in Heaven, who will continue Your work on earth?" Jesus replied, "While I was on earth, I gathered a group of people around Me, who believed in Me and loved Me. They will continue to spread the Gospel and carry on the work of My Church." Gabriel was perplexed and asked, "You mean Peter, who betrayed You, and all the rest who ran away when You were led to Your crucifixion? You mean to tell me that You left them to carry on Your work? And what will You do, if this doesn't work?" Jesus answered, "It must work. I have no other plan." Truly, Jesus has no other plans than to depend on the efforts of His followers. Jesus depends on each one of us to spread His message.

The Feast of the Ascension reminds us of the ever-present God in our lives, and our responsibility as Christians to continue Jesus' mission of proclaiming God and His message of salvation to all people and to every nation. Sometimes people wonder, how can they preach and proclaim, and to whom can they proclaim His message to?

After attending a convention led by Billy Graham, a woman wrote to him, "Dear Sir, I feel that God is calling me to preach the Gospel. But the trouble is that I have twelve children. What shall I do?" The televangelist replied: "Dear madam, I am delighted to hear that God has called you to preach the Gospel. I am even more delighted to hear that He has provided you with a congregation." Yes, we can preach God's message to people in and around us; they can be our children, friends, neighbors, people in the work place, etc. Wherever and whenever God provides us with a congregation, we have to proclaim His message to them. The best way to do this is through our own lives. Let us pray today that we may experience the ever-present God in our lives, and be able to live in accordance with His teaching and be witnesses of His Gospel.

God Bless You,
Fr. John





Vacation Bible School
True North, Trusting Jesus
in a wild world
 July 7th-11th, Grades K-5
 Registration forms can be
 found on the Church
 Website, in the Church Office
 and in the back of Church.
 The registration deadline is
 June 19th. For more
 information, please contact
 the Christian Formation Office, 225-749-3387.

The Volunteer Meeting will be at 6:00pm on
 Wednesday, July 2nd in the Activity Center.

Confirmation Retreat

Confirmation Retreat
June 18th at 10:00am
Activity Center

**Please call the Christian Formation
 Office, 225-749-3387, for details.**



Food Pantry Distribution Dates:
 June 9th
 July 14th
 August 11th

Distribution takes place at 8:30am
 from the Activity Center. Please
 consider a monetary donation or
 any nonperishable items for our
 Food Pantry. Thank you.

Stewardship of Finance

May 11th:

166 Identified Givers:	\$10,456.00
Loose Collection:	+847.00
Total Collection:	\$11,303.00

May 18th:

190 Identified Givers:	\$12,106.00
Loose Collection:	+729.00
Total Collection:	\$12,835.00

May 25th:

146 Identified Givers:	\$7,934.00
Loose Collection:	+438.00
Total Collection:	\$8,372.00

Thanks for your generosity!

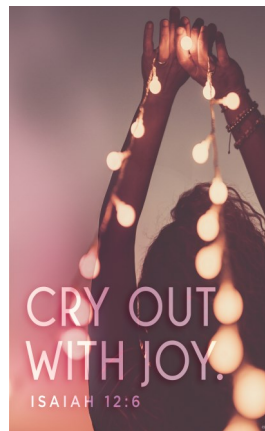
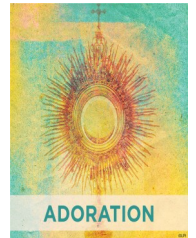


Please welcome this child to our
 faith community who was
 baptized on May 18th:

Zoey Ann Cifreo
 daughter of Justin & Rachel Cifreo

Father John needs a volunteer to assist with Baptisms once a month after 11:00am Mass. Please contact the Church Office to volunteer.

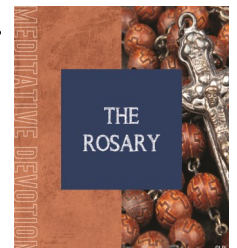
All Night Eucharistic Adoration
 begins at 8:00pm on Friday,
 June 6th and ends with 8:00am
 Mass on Saturday, June 7th. Sign
 up sheets can be found in the
 back of Church.



*The Sanctuary Candle
 burns in memory of
 Melvin & Cameron
 Whaley.*

Prayers and Sympathy are
 extended to the families of
**Bob Wilson and
 Cynthia Marionneaux Beaver**
 upon their deaths.

Please join the Ladies of our
 Church to pray the Rosary
 at 3:00pm every Tuesday at
 the Grotto in front of
 Church.



Pray for Vocations

Is God inviting you to carry
 on His mission and serve His
 people as a priest, deacon,
 sister or brother? Please talk
 to your priest about your
 interest in this vocation or
 reach out to **Father Josh
 Johnson at the Vocations
 Office at 225-336-8778 or
 email him:**
jjohnson@diobr.org
 or visit: **www.diobr.org/
 vocations**



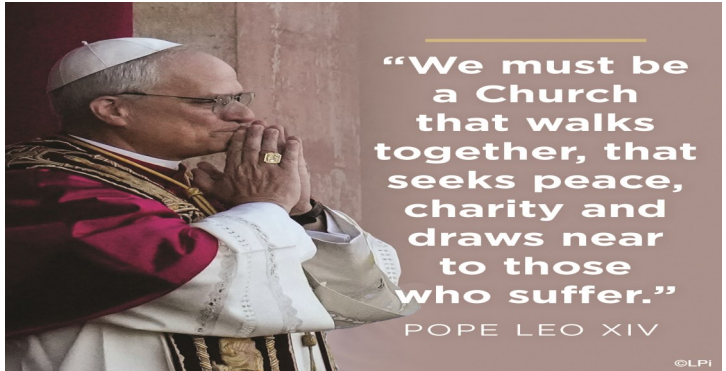
Readings for the week of June 1, 2025

- Sunday: Acts 7:55-60/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/
Jn 17:20-26 *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/
Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or
Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53
- Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/
Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a
- Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/
Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-
10, 11/Jn 17:20-26
- Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/
Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and
7/Jn 21:20-25
- Next Sunday: *Vigil:* 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 (see 30)/
Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/
Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/
Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/
Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34
(see 30)/ 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/
Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

Prayer for Protection against Storms and Hurricanes
Our Father in Heaven, through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us during this hurricane season from all harm. Protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



Marriage Preparation Sponsor Couples
 Please consider serving in this Ministry to assist our engaged couples who are preparing for the sacrament of Matrimony. A training course is offered by the Diocese for the Prepare and Enrich Program. Please contact Pam LeDoux, 337-513-1334, to be a part of this Ministry.



Zipper's Thrift Shop Sale
Dates at 7:30am
June 5 & 19
July 17 & 31
August 14 & 28
 You can reach them at
225-506-8622.



Blood Drive with Our Lady of the Lake
Sunday, June 29th
7:00am-1:00pm
Blood Bus will be in the Church parking lot.
Save a life! Give Blood!

K.C. Calendar May Winners
 Angelle Soniat, Juan Bustos, Gina Lemoine, Reeve Davis, Brittany Beatty, Brad Bourgoyne, Jeff Guidry, Gabe Cordell, Madison Troxler, Freddie Landry, Kim Cox, Travis Prejean, Kennedy Taylor, Gayle Stelly, Chantal Hidalgo, Jessica Ourso, Melanie Breaux, Brenley Cazes, Leroy Blanchard, James Marius, Lawrence Williams, Annalise Grace Ducote, Dixie Lemoine, Stephen Smith, Jr., Denise Brou, Dr. & Mrs. James Shelley, Mark Davidson, Caden Courtade, Meredith Maciasz, Anthony Latino, Jamie Denoux

A Trip to Croatia, Poland & Medjugorje with Father John
September 22-October 3, 2025
12 day Pilgrimage through Nativity Pilgrimage: info@nativitypilgrimage.com
 You can register and obtain more information, by contacting Debbie Dupuy, 225-247-0052.

Things happening in our Diocese
Community Baby Shower: Walking with Moms Program, through Compassion in Crisis, on June 14th at the Catholic Life Center. Please call Deacon Randall Waguespack, 225-446-8515, if you can volunteer to help with this event.