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The Ascension of the Lord
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ST. JOHN *The* BAPTIST

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil..... 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 a.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m., with Adoration until 11:30 a.m.
First Saturday of the month only 8:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday..... 3:30–4:15 p.m.
Tuesday thru Friday..... 7:40 a.m. or by appointment

PARISH STAFF

Very Rev. Matthew P. Lorrain Pastor
Sammy Collura Permanent Deacon
Carolyn Dupuy Bookkeeper
Pat Durbin..... Parish Secretary
June Hebert Director of Religious Education
Karen Lemoine Christian Formation
Celeste Veillon Music Director
Larry Durbin..... Maintenance Supervisor
Richard Rabalais..... Maintenance

OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Friday 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Office closed for lunch 12:30–1:30 p.m.

BAPTISM

Celebrated monthly after the 11:00 am Mass. Also celebrated during Mass on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and Easter Sunday. Parents should call the office to enroll in our baptismal preparation program, preferably early in pregnancy. Parents are encouraged to register in the parish and actively practice their faith.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Inquiries – Call the Parish Office

MARRIAGE

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

CARE OF THE SICK

Emergency calls answered immediately, if possible. Communion calls to homebound and hospitals weekly by request. Please notify the office if someone is homebound.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Family should contact the pastor to begin funeral arrangements.

PRAYER LINE

Call Judy Thousand, 749-9257 or the Parish office

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." - Mt 28:19-20

Dear Parishioners,

We are nearing the end of the Easter season and so we pause this weekend to reflect on the mystery of our Lord's Ascension to heaven. Jesus, in his glorified body, now sits enthroned at the right hand of God the Father. He watches over his Church in fulfillment of his promise to remain with us until the end of time.

Next Sunday is the Feast of Pentecost when we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and the beginning of the Church. We are called to continue the universal mission of the Church by bearing witness to the saving love of Christ in our own day and time. The Holy Spirit breathes the very life of Christ into us so that we can share his love with others.

Today is the last day to nominate one or more of your fellow parishioners to serve on our Parish Pastoral Council. The forms may either be mailed to the church office or placed in the collection basket. The two new members will then be chosen at the June 14 meeting of the Council. They will serve three year terms beginning with the September 2017 meeting.

As I mentioned two weeks ago, we are blessed to have a seminarian, Danny Roussel, live and work in our parish this summer. He moves in at the end of this week to begin an eight-week summer assignment during which time he will join us for prayer, service, spiritual formation, and hopefully a little recreation. Part of Danny's job description is to be a witness for vocations in the hope that some of our younger parishioners may also consider a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate, or consecrated religious life.

Deacon Sammy Collura has exercised the option to retire from full time ministry and has written a letter for next week's bulletin. Deacon Sammy has made the 62 mile round trip drive from his home in Maringouin once or twice each week to serve Mass, teach catechism, and facilitate our baptism seminars. Although he is retiring from full time ministry he remains a deacon in good standing and will continue to serve the Diocese whenever possible. I thank Deacon Sammy for his devotion to the Church and for his generosity in serving our parish these past 11 years.

In addition, our custodian Richard Rabalais, has been recovering from a stroke he experienced this past December. Richard has been a valued employee for 24 years and rarely took sick leave or vacation. This allowed us to continue to support Richard and hold his job for him during these past months of rehabilitation. Although he has made great progress, it now seems that Richard will not be able to return to work. We give thanks for his service to our community and pray for his continued recovery.

Lastly, our Catholic Daughters and Knights of Columbus invite everyone to spend an hour in prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament this First Friday, June 2, starting at 8:00 p.m. and ending just prior to our 8:00 a.m. First Saturday Mass.

In Christ,
Father Matt

CATECHIST RETREAT—SUNDAY—JUNE 11TH
ALL CATECHISTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US AT 11:00 MASS
LUNCH IN ACTIVITY CENTER 12:00—12:45
RETREAT 1:00—4:30
PLEASE RSVP TO JUNE OR KAREN AT 225-749-3387 BY JUNE 5TH



Love. Grow. Serve.



VBS
JULY 10 — 14
MAKER FUN FACTORY
Created by GOD
Built for a Purpose
9am—12 noon



The Parish Council will be holding its election at their meeting on June 14th. If you or someone you know is interested in serving on this committee, please pick up a nomination sheet from the shelf in the back of church and turn it in before May 28th.

A VOCATION VIEW

God's love and mercy continue to be shown today as He calls men and women to follow his son as a priest, sister or brother. If you think God is calling you to follow his Son in this way, call Fr. Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, amerrick@diobr.org.



PRAYERS & SYMPATHY are extended to Sara Grady & her family upon the death of her brother, Dave McDempsey and to Steve Bourgoyne and his family upon the death of his father, Steven "Mickey" Bourgoyne. Please keep them in your prayers.

**BRUSLY LIONS CLUB
ANNUAL BAR-B-Q**

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2017

Bar-B-Q Chicken Dinners

Served from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

DONATION PER PLATE..... \$8.00

202 E. St. Francis St. - Brusly, Louisiana

Congratulations!

Maddox Edward Mouch, son of Jeremy Wayne & Jennifer Lynn Mouch was baptized here last weekend. We send congratulations to him and his family.

PLEASE PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS FROM ANY LIONS MEMBER



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE IS NOW BURNING IN MEMORY OF ERNEST & JOSEPHINE LAPEZE

Organizations

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Thanks to Harold & Beverly Babin for chairing the committee during the month of May. Chairing for June will be Joel & Janice Hebert (802-3863). Please call them with any concerns.

MINISTRY APPRECIATION DINNER

Saturday, June 24th—Activity Center
Immediately following 4:30 pm Mass
Volunteers in all ministries are invited. Call the Parish Office (749-2189) to RSVP
Hope to see you there!

ALTAR SOCIETY

Thanks to Wendy Daniel and her group for cleaning the church during the month of May. Cleaning will be done by Opie Vidrine (749-4403) and her group during the month of June. Please give her a call to offer your help.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sunday, June 4

Monthly Communion Service will be held for KC Members & their families at 7:30 am Mass.

Coffee & Donuts will be served after 7:30 am Mass.

Readings for the Week of May 28, 2017

Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-9/
Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
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: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3,
4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11/
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, 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, 27-30/Rom 8:22-27/
Jn 7:37-39
Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/
Dn 3:52-56 or Ps 19:8-11/Ez 37:1-
Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-9/Jl 3:1-5/
Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30/
Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34/
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

May 21, 2017

REGULAR:

207 Identified- - - - - \$9,000.83

Loose Collection- - - - - 642.00

TOTAL- - - - - \$9,642.83

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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2016-2017

Donna Badon
John Begue
Maria Bertrand
Jamie Bourg, Secretary
Chris Buckle, Chairman
Deacon Sammy Collura
Stacy Gauthreaux
Jules Lefeaux
Mark Loreno
Fr. Matt Lorrain
Jason Murphey
Andrea Smicker
Toni Tolar, Vice-Chairman
John Windham



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

"And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." What consoling words Jesus had for his disciples, even as he was about to bring an end to his earthly ministry. He had spent some time with them after his resurrection, but now his mission was complete and he was about to return to be with his Father in heaven. Undoubtedly this must have been a difficult moment for the disciples. But as if to reassure them, Jesus gives this remarkable promise: that he will ALWAYS be with them, even when he is no longer physically present. We know, of course, that the presence he is referring to comes through the gift of the Holy Spirit. And what is most wonderful about this promise is that it also applies to us!

Jesus is with US always. His presence dwells in our hearts through the sacrament of baptism in which we receive the real, indwelling gift of the Holy Spirit in our hearts. We are not alone! The sometimes difficult journey of Christian life is not one we need to navigate solo. Christ himself ascended into heaven so that he could make himself present in a more universal and timeless way through his Spirit to all people who call upon him. Thus we rejoice on this feast of the Ascension. It's not so much about Jesus leaving. Rather, it's about him continuing his mission in a new way, a way that includes us very directly.

So let us remember that Jesus is present with us, even when we cannot see him next to us or hear his voice loud and clear. Let us call upon his Holy Spirit when we need guidance, comfort, or direction. And today, let us give thanks to God the Father for sending his Son to save us and for giving us his Spirit to accompany us on our own journey of life.