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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER





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## **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday | 1:00pm-4:00pm Tues., Wed., Thurs. | 8:30am-Noon, 1:00pm-4:00pm *Closed Friday – Sunday* 

### MASS TIMES

Saturday Anticipated Mass | 4:00pm Sunday Mass | 8:00am, 10:00am, 5:00pm Weekday Masses | 12:05pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday First Saturday of the Month | 8:00am

## **CONFESSION TIMES**

Weekdays | 30 minutes before Mass Saturdays | 3:00pm-3:45pm Sundays | 4:15pm - 4:45pm

## CLERGY

Father Neil Pettit, Pastor Deacon Dwayne Joubert, Pastoral Associate Deacon Sammy Diesi

## PASTORAL STAFF

Dcn. Dwayne Joubert, Office Administrator Lois Joubert, Bookkeeper Sarah Meche, Receptionist / Secretary Abigail Caffery, Director of Sacred Music Charlie O'Chery, Director of Youth Ministry

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# MASS INTENTIONS

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 27

400pm J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Christopher McCoy; Kaylie McCoy; M/M Robert, & Albert Going, Elvin/Ena Ortego, & Paula O. Bienvenu; M/M Norris Leger, Toby & Winnie Lalonde & Family

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 28

&ooam Lane Andrew Joubert (BD); Mitchell Fontenot (BD); Bernel, Arthur & Eva Fontenot; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Moise & Martha Lagrange; Jackie Harbour & Family; Diane B. Fontenot (BD); Clarice D. Faul, LJ. Dossmann & Billie Dossmann; Keith & Yvonne Normand; Carol & Seola Pitre; Madelyn Artall (BD); Amanda Fournier; M/M John, John Jr., Jacob & Michael Fa-Kouri; Youle, Therese & John Ray Fontenot, & Martin J St. Amand

10:00am Fields & Voitier Families; Geraldine Vidrine; Chris Dunbar; Marie Louise Delahoussaye; Lee R. & Beverly Faul, & Mark Capone, Jr.

5:00 pm St. Landry Church Parishioners

#### MONDAY, APRIL 29

12:05pm J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

1205pm Amanda Fournier, J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon; Arthur & Eva (BD)Roy

#### THURSDAY, MAY 2

12:05pm Geraldine Vidrine; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon

#### FRIDAY, MAY 3

12:05pm Christopher McCoy; Jude Newton; Hunter Joseph Higdon; J.Y., Sr., Nita, Richard & Francis Bordelon





#### PRIESTS

- 05/05| Rev. Korey Lavergne
- 05/06| Rev. Steven Leblanc
- 05/07| Rev. Mark Patrick Ledoux
- 05/08| Rev. Seth Lemaire, JCL
- 05/09| Rev. Jaime Lorenzo, LC
- 05/10| Rev. Michael Luxbacher, LC
- 05/11 Rev. Msgr. Charles J. Mallet

#### DEACONS

- 05/05| Dcn. Kenneth David
- 05/06| Dcn. James Davis
- 05/07| Dcn. Alvin Dejean
- 05/08 Dcn. Raymond Derouen
- 05/09 Dcn. Daniel Didier
- 05/10 Dcn. Sammy Diesi
- 05/11 Dcn. Timothy Francis Donovan

This weekend Fr. Pettit, and a group of men from the parish are on the Reel Retreat. Please pray their time away is both spiritually fruitful & restorative.

## OCS CORNER

Thank you to all who volunteered to work at the Athletic BBQ & Bake Sale, donated baked goods, or purchased dinners! Your support of OC Athletics is appreciated! Thanks also to everyone who donated items to the school yard sale and shopped with us!

As the school year winds down, parents & students are reminded of the following upcoming ceremonies:

- the Junior Ring Ceremony is scheduled for 6 pm on Friday, May 10th at St. Landry Church,
- Athletic Awards will be in the OC Gym at 6 pm on Tuesday, May 14th,
- Senior Convocations will be on Wednesday, May 15th at 6 pm at Holy Ghost Church Hall.

Students, please show up to show off your accomplishments!







## **1** Gospel Reading Reflection

Today's Gospel follows immediately after the Gospel proclaimed last week, in which Jesus taught that he was the vine and that his disciples were the branches. In the example of the vine and the branches, we learned that our union with Jesus will lead to fruitful service. Today's reading extends this teaching to describe the kind of service that Christians are called upon to offer to others.

When John wrote this Gospel, his community was influenced by a set of religious beliefs called Gnosticism. It appears that one of John's intentions was to distinguish Christian belief from the beliefs held by the Gnostics. Evidence of this can be found in today's Gospel.

One of the tenets of Gnostic teaching was the importance of knowledge, or gnosis, as the determining aspect of faith. We read today's Gospel as a response to this teaching. In John's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm that he is known by the Father and that his disciples will know the Father by knowing Jesus. In this passage, however, Jesus reminds his disciples that this knowledge is to be expressed in love. Those who know Jesus well—and Jesus says that his disciples do know him—will love one another. Knowledge leads to love, which leads to action. John reminds his community that Jesus taught that love is the sign of a true disciple and, thus, a true Christian. Even more, a true disciple shows a particular kind of love, sacrificial love.

In the Greek, there are two words for love that are used in this passage. The first is agape. The second is philia. The first word is most often used to describe love for other persons and for God. It is understood as the highest and most perfect kind of love. The second word is used to describe the affection of friendship. In this context, John appears to use these words as synonyms. The root of the Greek word for friend comes from this second term for love, philia. By using this word, Jesus transforms the terms of his relationship with his disciples and redefines for them their relationship with God. In the Hebrew Scriptures, faith in God made one a servant of God.

Here Jesus teaches that his relationship to his disciples is based on friendship, not servitude.

Another aspect of Gnostic belief taught that a believer was an elect person, chosen and set apart from the world. John reminds his community that Jesus also taught that a disciple is one who had been chosen—one who had been chosen by Jesus. To be chosen by Jesus, however, is not to be set apart from the world. Instead, to be chosen by Jesus is to be sent to serve the world as he did. The disciples of Jesus were chosen and were sent into the world to bear fruit by serving others, by sacrificing for others, in love.

This reading, like last week's, is part of Jesus' Last Supper discourse. In the context of John's Gospel, these words are spoken before Jesus' Crucifixion. We read his instruction to the disciples in light of his death and Resurrection. We know that Jesus himself gives us the greatest example of the kind of love and service that he teaches to his disciples. He has, in fact, laid down his life for his friends, for his disciples, and for us. Through his death and Resurrection, we have received the grace to love others as Jesus has commanded.

### READINGS FOR FAITH SHARING

#### FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26,34-35,44-48 The gift of the Holy Spirit comes to Cornelius and his household, and they are baptized.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 98:1,2-3,3-4 A song of praise for God's salvation

> SECOND READING 1 John 4:7-10 God is love.

GOSPEL READING John 15:9-17 Jesus commands his disciples to love one another.

#### PRAYER INTENTIONS

Carol Sue Arnaud; Nela Badeaux; Mercedes Bihm; Beverly Borne; Fr. Alan Breaux; Hilda Brooks; Riley Brown; Leslie Buller; Dora Clay; Denise Cortez; Mary Deshotels Courville; Carl Crump; Glenda Darbonne; Leroy Darbonne; Denise Dejean; Deacon Sammy Diesi; James Dupre; Ruby Blanchard Dupre; Johnny Fontenot; Jude Foster; Howard Fournier; Patty Hackett; Mary Hargroder; Larry Harper; Brandon and Angie Hathon; Karen Lanclos Hessler; Brian Jackson; Edval Jannise, Jr., Betty Johnson; Larry Johnson; Elaine & Ronald Joubert; Mike & Linda Labbe; Ronnie Leger; Anna Maria Leleux; Taylor Marales; Shirley Marcus; Renee Martin; Kenneth Moreau; Mark Mouton; Craig Ortego; Shawn Perry; Ben Pitre; Amy Dupre Prestonback; Mavis Quebedeaux; Faron Racca; Richard Family; Matthew Gene Richard; Ronald & Elaine Richard; Joseph Donald Robin; Chris Soileau; Bubba Sonnier; Greg Tate; Linda Thatcher; Schleen Thibodeaux; Mary Faith Wyble Thomasee; Hien Tran; Allen Vidrine; Burnell Vidrine

#### SANCTUARY LAMP

CHURCH	Men on The Reel Retreat
CHAPEL	Men on The Reel Retreat

#### OFFERTORY

APRIL 28, 2024 Regular: \$6093.28| Goal: \$9000|

> Maint. & Repair \$42.00 OCS Foundation \$423.00



