

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church

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Office Hours:

Mon.—Thurs.: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm

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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY: 9:00 am & 11:00 am

SATURDAY: 4:00 pm (Vigil)

WEEKDAYS: Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.: 8:00 am
Tues.: 6:00 pm

SACRAMENTS

CONFESSION:

1/2 hr. before each weekend mass &

1/2 hr. before Tuesday evening mass

BAPTISM: Please call the office to schedule a baptism.

MARRIAGE: Contact Fr. Bryan at least six months prior to the desired date.

Confirmation of the wedding date must be made by the priest officiating the ceremony.

FUNERAL: Please contact Fr. Bryan before going to the funeral home to make arrangements.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:

Available upon request.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK OR HOMEBOUND:

If you cannot attend mass and receive Communion, please contact the parish office.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS:

Immediately following 8:00 am daily mass.

PRAY THE ROSARY: First Tuesday of every month at 10:00 am.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: First Wednesday of each month from 8:30am to 7pm

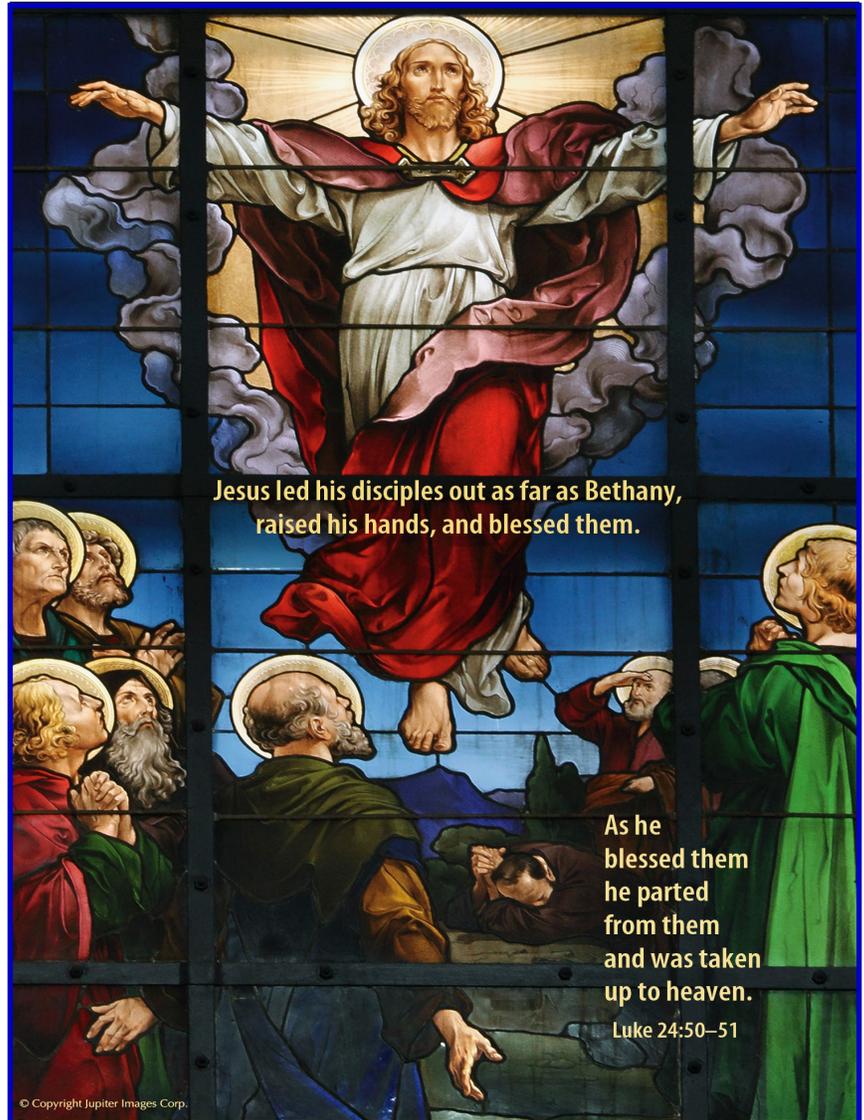
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion:

Thursday after 8:00 am mass

Parish Holy Hour With Exposition Of

The Blessed Sacrament:

Every Friday from 7:00am to 8:00 am



MISSION STATEMENT

We, members of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, are committed to establish a safe haven for believers in our community. Having Christ as the center of our worship and being impelled by his teachings:

- We continually grow in ministries that address the needs and concerns of our community.
- We strive to be a vibrant “Christ-Centered” spiritual family and experience His love and presence in the celebration of the Eucharist.

"God dwells in our midst, in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar."- *St. Maximilian Kolbe*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).
Psalm — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).
Second Reading — God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens (Ephesians 1:17-23) or *Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23*.
Gospel — As Jesus blessed his disciples he parted from them and was taken up to heaven (Luke 24:46-53).
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HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Saturday, June 1:

4:00 PM **Floyd Landry, Jr.; Floyd Landry, Sr.; Shirley Kearney; Lorraine Lafrance; Marie Louise Williams; Edward & Beluah Williams, Sr.; Edward & Lorraine Williams, Jr.; Clinton & Ernie Williams; Charles & Evie Dubret; Gustave "Johnny" Huff; Lloyd Cantrell, Jr.; Alfred Nunez; Deborah Ann Kahl; Norvan "Chuckie" Guerra; Special Intention; Arthur L. Lafrance, Sr. Anthony Mustacchia**

Sunday, June 2:

9:00 AM **Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church**
11:00 AM **Veronica Serigne; George "Ching" Lopez; Daniel & Elaine Molero; Carolyn LeBlanc; Louis Burns; Marilyn Galiwan; J. E. "Ted" Pourciau; Alfred Nunez Elton "Jock" LeBlanc; Deborah Kahl; Norvan "Chuckie" Guerra**

Monday, June 3: **Fr. Bryan's Intentions**
Tuesday, June 4: **Louis Burns**
Wednesday, June 5: **All Souls**
Thursday, June 6: **Floyd Landry, Sr.**
Friday, June 7: **J. E. "Ted" Pourciau**

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; World Communications Day
Monday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions
Wednesday: St. Boniface
Thursday: St. Norbert; Julian Calendar Ascension
Friday: First Friday

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
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: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
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
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

FEET ON THE GROUND

"Until next week, keep your feet on the ground and keep reaching for the stars!" Not today's scriptural wisdom, but legendary DJ Casey Kasem's sage advice, heard across America for generations, *American Top 40's* challenging sign-off. Though Casey wasn't quoting scripture, today's Acts of the Apostles offers similar advice. As Jesus ascended, disciples "were looking intently at the sky." Wouldn't we prefer a soul-relaxing gaze into peaceful blue skies to a heart-breaking focus on this blood-stained earth? But heavenly questioners asked Jesus' first disciples, "Why are you standing there looking at the sky?" Earth awaited their mission! While our hearts should "keep reaching for" heaven, we need to "keep our feet on the ground." Ascension's scriptures and the Jubilee of Mercy remind us: the Jesus we revere as "ascended into heaven" lives right here among us on earth, awaiting our recognition and loving service.

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MEMORIAL FLOWERS



THE BLESSED MOTHER:
CAROLYN LEBLANC

ST. JOSEPH

THE SANCTUARY LAMP BURNS THIS WEEK IN MEMORY OF:

DECEASED EDUCATORS

THE MARIAN CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK FOR:

ALL STUDENTS

THE ST. JOSEPH CANDLE BURNS THIS WEEK FOR:

ALL GRADUATES

"Our hearts were made for You, O Lord, and they are restless until they rest in You." *St. Augustine of Hippo*

PRAYER REQUEST

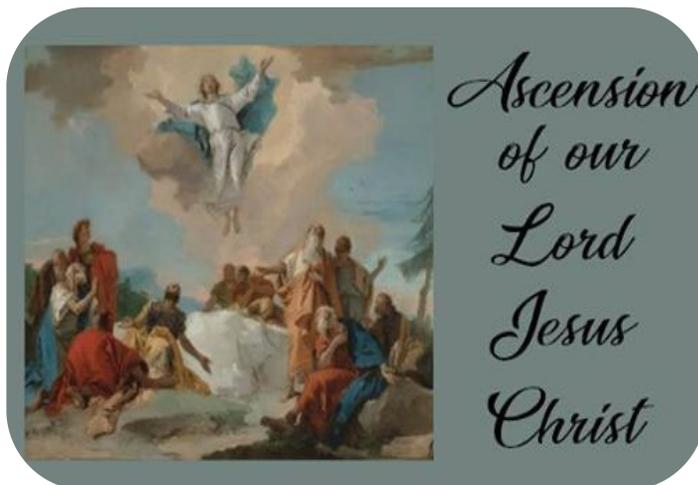
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Art Nelson, Jr.; Wilton Richard, Jr.; Donna B. Richard; Orilea Lear; Bernardine Reimonenq; Rosalyn Thomas; Cornelius Dennis, Jr.; Isabella Bazile; Rusty Hall; Allen Nunez; Fr. Stanley Klores; Gerald Stephany; Peggy Schifano; Traci Bouterie; Katie Caluda Santos; Janice Doran; Eileen Monson; Mary Jane Casey; Sandra Pelitier; Ferdinand Espadron; David Chimento

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN NEED

Joy Dennis; Faye Hammer; Bob Maloz; Josie Landry; The Landry Family; Catherine Landry; Elijah David Landry; Rende Family; Pat Hitchcock

The prayer list will run for two weeks only. If you would like to add your beloved to the list or keep them on past the two weeks, please call the office.



Prayer for the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Giver of Life,
help us to see your life
at work in our lives.
Keep us from clinging
to what is today,
that we might receive
the gifts of life
that await us tomorrow.
Amen.



Prayer for the Sick

O God, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick brothers and sisters. May all who suffer pain, illness or disease realize that they are chosen to be saints, and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

OUR FAMILY PRAYER



Loving & faithful God, through the years the people of our archdiocese have appreciated the prayers and love of Our Lady of Prompt Succor in times of war, disaster, epidemic and illness. We come to you, Father, with Mary our Mother, and ask you to help us in the battle of today against violence, murder, and racism.

We implore you to give us your wisdom that we may build a community founded on the values of Jesus, which gives respect to the life and dignity of all people.

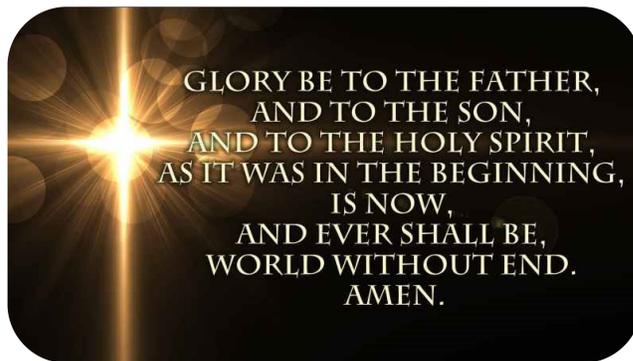
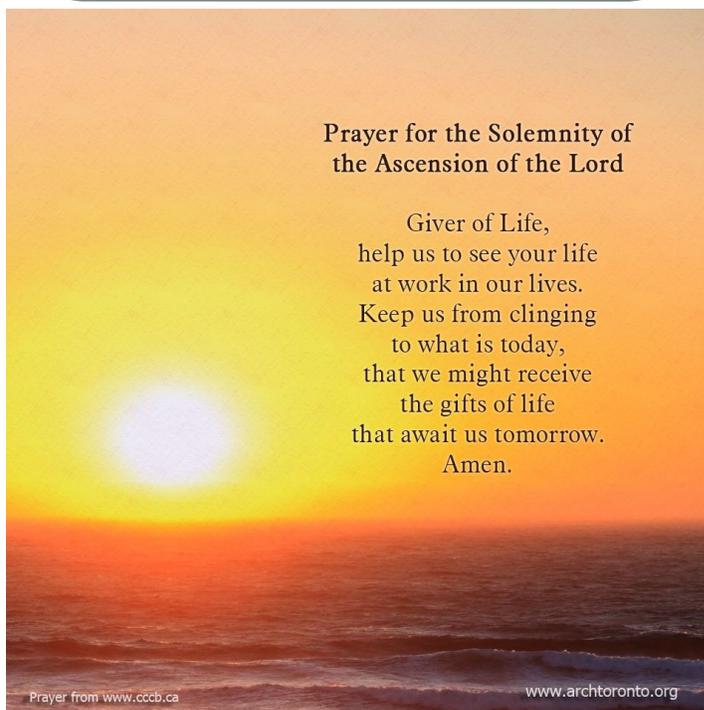
Bless parents that they may form their children in faith. Bless and protect our youth that they may be peacemakers of our time. Give consolation to those who have lost loved ones through violence.

Hear our prayer and give us the perseverance to be a voice for life and human dignity in our community.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us.

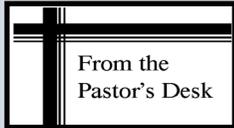
Mother Henriette Delille, pray for us that we may be a holy family. Amen.



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.

Bulletin Deadline: 3:00 pm, every Thursday (1 wk. Before scheduled bulletin date)



Fr. Bryan Howard

June 2, 2019



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The Feast of the Assumption was last Thursday, although we celebrate it on the Sunday in the US and many other places to make it easier for people to participate. On the Ascension, Jesus ascended to heaven in His body. Of course, as God, Jesus was never not in heaven, because God is everywhere. Jesus didn't stop being God when He became a man. When He was born of the Virgin Mary, was baptized in the Jordan River, suffered on the Cross, and descended to the realm of the dead, He was also everywhere else in the universe as the second person of the Trinity. God is not limited by anything, even by space and time. However, Jesus is also human, and so, in His humanity, He is limited by space and time, and it was in His humanity, His human body, that Jesus Christ ascended into heaven.

Think about the fact that Jesus, and Mary, His mother, are physically in heaven. When the saints die and go to heaven, they go to heaven spiritually, not in their bodies. We bury the body as a sign of faith that, where Jesus has gone before, the faithful will follow after. Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River and publicly proclaimed as the Son of God, so we are baptized and become children of God. Jesus died, and so we die. Jesus rose from the dead, and so we believe that we will rise from the dead at the end of time when Jesus comes again to judge the living and the dead and the world. Jesus ascended to heaven in His body, and so we believe that we will be brought into heaven in our bodies.

There are many people who, for one reason or another, can't be buried in Christian ground. That doesn't mean that they won't be resurrected in the body and raised to heaven; God will be able to find our bodies wherever they end up. However, burial in holy ground is a powerful symbol of trust in Jesus. When we bury someone, we are professing our faith that Jesus will raise them up again. The Church even asks us to bury the remains after a cremation, which is allowed as long as it's not done as a rejection of faith in the Resurrection; after all, we all end up as dust and ashes anyway. Still, Jesus Himself was buried, but He overcame the grave. May God give us a stronger faith in the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus, that we may be confident that He will overcome our graves, too.



The Ascension of the Lord

Alleluia

AROUND OUR PARISH




OLOL'S OYSTER FESTIVAL

OLOL'S OYSTER FESTIVAL COMMITTEE IS REQUESTING THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS IN June:

Whole & Sliced Pickles



OLOL ROSARY GROUP
The Rosary Group will meet
Tuesday, June 4th @ 10:00 am.



ADORATION
Wednesday June 5th
9:00 am - 7:00 pm
Please consider spending one hour with Christ.



BAPTIZED IN MAY
Tritt Michael Thurman
Leighann Marie Torres
Reid Joseph Martinez



**The Parish School of Religion
Vacation Bible School**

July 15th - 19th
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
The cost is \$35.00.

Registration forms are available in the office,
on the website, and the last page of the
bulletin.

If you have any questions, contact

May Crowning




WE RETURN TO GOD FROM WHAT HE HAS GIVEN US
We gratefully acknowledge all that God has given to us.
In gratitude, we have returned to Him:

May 18th & 19th
Attendance: 312
Offertory: \$3017.00
Online Giving: \$ 260.00
Budget: \$3500.00
\$ 2.23.00

May 25th & 26th

The collection totals were unavailable at time of print and will be published at a future date.

Poor Box: \$88.10

Thank you for your generosity and spirit of caring!

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AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

CONGRATULATIONS

Courtney Prattini

OLOL Knights of Columbus'
Catholic Youth Leadership Award Recipient



CONGRATULATIONS

OLOL'S 2019 RECIPIENT OF
THE ORDER OF ST. LOUIS MEDALLION,
NOLAN & IONA COUTURE



TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST RETREAT JUNE 22-24

Sponsored by the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is a three-day retreat weekend of prayer, reflections, discussions, and activities based on the Paschal Mystery. TEC is a special experience with topics and an approach designed for older adolescents and young adults who have completed their second semester of their sophomore year of High School. The next TEC Retreat, TEC #137, is June 22-24, 2019. New Orleans TEC weekends are held at the Rosaryville Spirit Life Center, and the cost is \$85. For more information or to apply to attend, please visit www.tecneworleans.com.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The mystery of the Ascension has to do with holding in tension a sense of God's nearness, along with the burden caused by apparent signs of absence. The risen Jesus says to Mary Magdalene, "Do not cling to me," perhaps pointing out to her that his physical presence to the disciples was time-bound and temporary. It was a gift for their transformation, and after forty days, he vanished from their sight and hearing, though never out of their consciousness.

They do not mourn at his going this time: there is no trace of the disciples who hid in fear at his crucifixion, no sense of the women who wept softly as they carried ointments to the tomb through the dewy morning light. Instead, the scriptural accounts show them full of joy, comforted by his promise to be with them forever, and open to the Spirit's power. They are joyful, energized, aware, and united with one another in love. They seem to grasp an awareness that if the mission to the whole world was a serious one, then the presence of the Risen Christ could not be pinned down to any one place or time, but had to be always and everywhere completely available. All peoples, all times, all cultures were opened to receive him in this moment of the Ascension. The energy of this feast is drawn not from absence, but renewed and deeper presence.

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Retreat Center

Upcoming Offerings

<p>May 31 – June 2 Finding God in the Now! Everyday Experience Rev. Jim Sichko</p> <p>June 7 - 9 Holiness Is Next Door Rev. Simeon Gallagher</p> <p>June 11 - Day of Prayer The Francis Impact: A Film of Remarkable Stories Rev. Doug Doussan and Matt Rousso</p>	<p>June 28 - 30 Holiness Is Next Door Rev. Simeon Gallagher</p> <p>July 12-14 Finding God in the NOW! Every Day Experience Rev. Jim Sichko</p> <p>July 18-24 Come to the Quiet Directed Retreat in Collaboration with the Archdiocesan Spirituality Center</p>
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Our Lady of Lourdes 2019 Vacation Bible School

July 15 – 19

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Student Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Grade in Fall _____ T-shirt Size _____

Address _____

Parent Name _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Parent Name _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Emergency Contact (other than parent) _____

Phone Number _____ Relationship _____

The following additional people may pick up my child:

Known Food Allergies _____

Special Needs/Restrictions on Activity: _____

My child has permission to be photographed for church bulletin, poster. etc. _____

****Note any days you can help at VBS (snacks, crafts) and write available times.**

Monday _____ Tuesday _____ Wednesday _____

Thursday _____ Friday _____

Cost: \$35 Paid _____ Check # _____