

Reflection of today Gospel



First Reading Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11
Responsorial Psalm Psalm 47:2-3,6-7,8-9
Second Reading Ephesians 1:17-23

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today is our liturgical celebration of the Ascension of the Lord, when Jesus was taken to heaven on the fortieth day after Easter. In Cycle B, our Gospel is taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Mark. Scholars have long noted some irregularities about the ending of Mark's Gospel. There is a natural break in the story line at verse 8, when Mark's report of the discovery of the empty tomb comes to an abrupt conclusion. This verse reports that the women were so frightened by what they had seen at the tomb that they told no one. This may be the original ending of Mark's Gospel, but it is also possible that the more complete ending has been lost.

There are similarities in the reports of Jesus' Ascension found in the Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke. In each case, Jesus assigns his disciples the task of proclaiming the gospel message to the entire world. There are also notable distinctions. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, the disciples are sent by Jesus to baptize and to preach. In Luke's Gospel, however, the commission to baptize is absent. Instead, Jesus directs the disciples to return to Jerusalem to await the fulfillment of his promise to send them the Holy Spirit. Curiously, only the Gospels of Mark and Luke actually report Jesus' ascension into heaven. Matthew's Gospel concludes with Jesus' promise to remain with his disciples forever. Only the Gospel of Mark notes that Jesus ascended to sit at the right hand of God. In noting this, Mark teaches that Jesus' ascension affirms the glory Jesus received from God after his death and Resurrection.

Even if this ending to Mark's Gospel was written by someone other than the Evangelist, in the commission that Jesus gives to his disciples, there are elements that are quite typical of Mark's Gospel. The signs that will accompany belief in Jesus are as vivid as the action performed by Jesus during his ministry. Those who believe in Jesus will be empowered to do what Jesus himself has done. During his ministry, Jesus sent his disciples to preach, to heal, and to drive out unclean spirits. Now they are sent again to do these things and more. From his place with God in heaven, Jesus helped his disciples, and he continues to help us as we try to live as his followers.

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Mass Intentions for the Week

"I'm going to prepare a place for you"
"For this momentary afflictions is causing an eternal weight of glory"

Sunday, May 12, 2024,
All members of Center of Jesus The Lord
John Vignes (Loving Memory)
Donald Bourgeois (Loving Memory)
Sarah Wambsgans (Blessing)
Veronica Wambsgans (Loving Memory)
Jarrod Raines (Healing)
Dr. Jessica Bordes (Healing)
Joshua Maidenbaum (Healing)
Lugene Coulon (Thanksgiving)
Ariel & Judah Maidenbaum (Loving Memory)
Christian Bauer (Healing)

Tuesday, May 14, 2024
Donald Bourgeois (Loving Memory)
Joshua Coulon (Healing)
Ariel & Judah Maidenbaum (Loving Memory)

Next Weeks Reading

Sunday, May 19, 2024
Pentecost Sunday

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11
Responsorial Psalm Psalm 104:1,24,29-31,34
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13
Gospel Reading John 20:19-23

COLLECTION FOR THE SOLIDARITY FUND FOR THE CHURCH IN AFRICA, MAY 18-19

The Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa is an opportunity for you to support the faith of our African brothers and sisters. By participating in the collection for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, you show your dedication to the growing African Church and its commitment to being good stewards of resources, building trust, and delivering the Gospel to all.

MAGNIFICAT MARRERO/WESTBANK CHAPTER, breakfast, May 25, 9 a.m.-noon, Four Columns, 3711 Westbank Expy., Harvey. Featured speaker, Marianite Sister Suellen Tennyson. Tickets, Westbank Religious Supply or (504) 319-6788. Cost is \$20.

On May 25-26, please include in Mass this petition or something similar **for Memorial Day**: "For all those who have lost their lives in defending our country, that they may have eternal rest and for their families that they may know God's comfort. We pray to the Lord."

PRIEST ORDINATION

On Saturday, June 1, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Louis Cathedral, Archbishop Aymond will ordain Deacons Austin Barr, Jorge Gomez, and Cuong Tran to the presbyterate for the Archdiocese of New Orleans. You are cordially invited to attend the ceremony. Priests and deacons are asked to bring their alb; vestments will be provided.

Center of Jesus Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 19
Pentecost

Featuring music, praise & worship, and liturgical dancers

Sunday, June 2
Corpus Christi

Procession, Benediction, Fr. Lance Farewell Party

Friday, June 7

National Eucharistic Procession
6:30pm Procession at Notre Dame Seminary to St. Rita, Adoration afterwards

Sunday, June 16

Father's Day



For our mothers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them reverence and love, and others who show us a mother's love, we pray to the Lord. For adoptive mothers and for the women who wish to give birth but experience challenges, that they know your care, we pray to the Lord. For mothers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them, we pray to the Lord. For those who wish to serve as mothers, but are not able to do so, that they know your comfort, we pray to the Lord. For mothers who have died, that God may bring them into the joy of his kingdom, we pray to the Lord.

Help women in need through Woman's New Life Clinic's

**VIRTUAL BABY
BOTTLE CAMPAIGN**

May 18-19



Diocese Announcements:

2024 HOLY SPIRIT NOVENA AND REVIVAL St. John of the Cross Catholic Church in Lacombe will once again host the Holy Spirit Novena beginning **Friday, May 10, 2024** and concluding Saturday, May 18, the Eve of Pentecost. Each night will feature a different celebrant for Mass as well as musical artists of varying styles.

Widowed? Separated? Divorced? Listen. Accompany. Heal. One weekend ... All the difference. Join us for the Beginning Experience of New Orleans **Weekend Retreat May 17-19, 2024** at the Cenacle on the Lake Retreat Center located at 5500 St. Mary Street, Metairie, LA. For more information including registration and fees, contact Registrar, Liz Reis at (504) 858-1813 or email lzbthreis@yahoo.com.

WILLWOODS MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT:

MAY 18TH - 19TH OR MAY 25TH - 26TH Then join us on either one of our upcoming Married Couples Retreats at the beautiful St Joseph Abbey Retreat Center in Covington, La. For more information or to register go to FaithandMarriage.org.

The Office of Marriage and Family Life is pleased to announce the annual Archdiocese of New Orleans **Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration** will be held on **Sunday, June 23, 2024** at 3:00 p.m. at St. Philip Neri Church, Metairie.

The **National Eucharistic Pilgrimage** is scheduled to make its way through the Archdiocese of New Orleans **Friday, June 7 through Sunday, June 9, 2024.**

The National Eucharistic Revival will culminate with two major national events: Four cross-country Eucharistic Pilgrimages from the North, South, East, and West and converging at the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis to be held July 17-21 of this year. 2 young men, 4 young women, 2 seminarians, and a Priest and a Brother from the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal will be making the entire Southern "Juan Diego" pilgrimage from Brownsville, TX to Indianapolis, IN. The Archdiocese of New Orleans will welcome the pilgrims June 7-9, 2024 with two public celebrations:

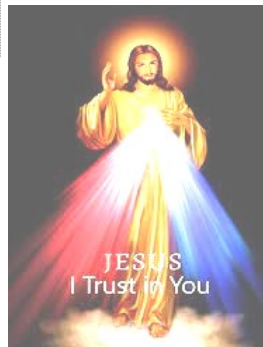
On Friday June 7th beginning at 6:30 p.m., Archbishop Aymond will lead a public Eucharistic Procession from the steps of Notre Dame Seminary and proceeding to St. Rita's Church on Lowerline Street. The procession will be followed by a time of Eucharistic Adoration with music provided by the Vigil Project and a reflection by one of the perpetual pilgrims.

Archbishop Aymond will offer the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 9th at St. Louis Cathedral followed by a Eucharistic Procession around Jackson Square. All are invited.

**PRAY THE ROSARY
OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL ROSARY GROUP
EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6:00 PM IN THE CHURCH**



*"There are no strangers here,
only friends we have not
yet MET"*



*Pray the Chaplet of
Divine Mercy with us
Sunday 9:45am
before Mass at 9:45
AM*



Medjugorje Message: April 25, 2024

Dear children! I am with you to tell you that I love you and to encourage you to prayer; because Satan is strong and every day his strength is stronger through those who have chosen death and hatred. You, little children, be prayer and my extended hands of love for all those who are in darkness and seek the light of our God. Thank you for having responded to my call. "

Center of Jesus the Lord at Our Lady of Good Counsel



May 12, 2024 Ascension of the Lord

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MISSION STATEMENT

Center of Jesus the Lord at Our Lady of Good Counsel is a joy filled, loving Charismatic Catholic Community where all are WELCOME! We are active in service to others, living the GOOD NEWS of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

THE CENTER'S WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY Praise and Worship: 10:00 AM; Eucharistic Celebration 10:15 AM;

Healing Prayer after Mass; Fellowship follows in dining hall

TUESDAY Praise and Worship 10:30 AM; Eucharistic Celebration 11:00 AM;

following Mass all are welcomed to join in lunch and fellowship (1307 Louisiana Avenue)

MONTHLY SATURDAY Eucharistic Adoration 10am with Healing Prayer at 11AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation before Sunday & Tuesday masses or call Center to schedule an appointment with Father Lance Campo or Father Anthony Inam