

Reflection of today Gospel
John 20:19-23



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

Background on the Gospel Reading

The season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is to we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an Advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

In the context of the feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit upon the apostles mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath." This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiveness of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

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Mass  for the
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 19, 2024,
All members of Center of Jesus The Lord
The Nguyen (Memory)
John Vignes (Loving Memory)
Donald Bourgeois (Loving Memory)
Thomas Pitre (Memory)
Ariel & Judah Maidenbaum (Loving Memory)
Alana Mendoza (Loving Memory)
Christian Bauer (Healing)
Joshua Maidenbaum (Healing)

Tuesday, May 21, 2024
Donald Bourgeois (Loving Memory)
Ariel & Judah Maidenbaum (Loving Memory)
Joshua Coulon (Healing)

Next Weeks Reading

Sunday, May 26, 2024
The Most Holy Trinity

First Reading Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40
Responsorial Psalm Psalm 33:4-5,6,9,18-19,20,22
Second Reading Romans 8:14-17
Gospel Reading Matthew 28:16-20

**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.

DANIEL FITZPATRICK ON "RESTORING THE LORD'S DAY." Join us for a night with local author Daniel Fitzpatrick as he shares a new perspective on the Sabbath from his new book "Restoring The Lord's Day" on Monday, June 10th at 7:00pm at Divine Mercy Parish with a Q&A to follow. This event is free to attend- books will be available for purchase. Find out more about this event, Author Daniel Fitzpatrick, and his books by visiting divinemercyparish.org/sabbath

Center of Jesus Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 19
Pentecost

Featuring music, praise & worship, and liturgical dancers

Saturday, June 1

Eucharistic Adoration and mass 10am-12pm

"Be in the presence of the Lord"

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
Father Lance's final mass at the Center



Baby Bottle Campaign May 18-19

Women's New Life Clinic has been providing free professional; medical and mental health services for women in need for 23 years. Women have come to get confirmation of their pregnancy and gestational age, encounter their child through ultrasound, and receive mental health support every step of the way. They have received free diapers, baby clothes, portable sleepers, and more. Since 2001, over 2773 lives have been saved from abortion. You can help women in unplanned pregnancies by providing free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, professional counseling, abortion pill reversal, and more. Please take a bottle and fill it up and return in 2 weeks. Thank you for your generosity.

Diocese Announcements:

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.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SEEKS SAINT JOHN PAUL II AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Catholic Community Foundation (CCF) is seeking nominations for the 27th annual Saint John Paul II Award. Names of nominees and related information must be submitted to CCF by Sunday, June 2, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. A nomination form can be completed or downloaded from the website at www.ccfnola.org.

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 19, 2024 Pentecost

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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