

Reflection of today Gospel
John 15:9-17



First Reading Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26,34-35,44-48
Responsorial Psalm Psalm 98:1,2-3,3-4
Second Reading 1 John 4:7-10

Background on the Gospel Reading

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.

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. 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.

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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 5, 2024,
All members of Center of Jesus The Lord
John Vigne (Loving Memory)
Anna Dinett (Loving Memory)
Joshua Maidenbaum (Healing)
Lugene Coulon (Thanksgiving)
Ariel Maidenbaum (Loving Memory)
Patrick Lamy (Healing)
Sierra & Lauren (Blessing)
Tuesday, May 7 2024
Lorraine Polito (Loving Memory)
Joshua Coulon (Healing)
Ariel & Judah Maidenbaum (Loving Memory)
Al Landy (Blessing)

Next Weeks Reading

Sunday, May 12, 2024
Ascension of the Lord
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 or Ephesians 4:1-13 (shorter form: Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13)
Gospel Reading Mark 16:15-20

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.

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.

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, May 12
Mother's Day
Friday, June 7
National Eucharistic Procession
6:30pm Procession at Notre Dame Seminary to St. Rita, Adoration afterwards
Sunday, June 2
Corpus Christi
Procession, Benediction, Fr. Lance Farewell Party
Sunday, June 16
Father's Day



Happy birthday Fr. Lance!

Diocese Announcements:

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.

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.

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.

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 **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:

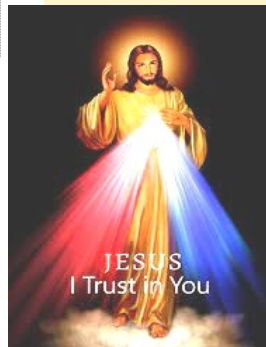
On Friday June 7th beginning at 6:30 p.m., Archbishop Aymond will lead a public Eucharistic Procession from the steps of Notre Dame Seminary and proceeding to St. Rita's Church on Lowerline Street. The procession will be followed by a time of Eucharistic Adoration with music provided by the Vigil Project 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 5, 2024 Sixth Sunday of Easter

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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