

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 5

8:30AM Mass
9:30AM HRCS Adoration
5:30-6:45PM CCD K-5th
7-8:15PM CCD 5th -10th
7PM Prayer Mtg. / KC Home

Tuesday, May 6

8:30AM Novena / Mass

Wednesday, May 7

8:30AM Mass
10AM St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. / Saltillo Room
5:30PM-6PM K-5th grade CCD Parent Mtg. Church
6PM-6:30PM 6th - 11th CCD Parent Mtg. Church

Thursday, May 8

8:30AM Mass

Friday, May 9

8:45AM HRCS / Mass

Saturday, May 10

8:30AM Mass
4PM Mass

Sunday, May 11 / The Ascension of the Lord

7AM Mass
10AM Mass
11:30AM Baptism
5:30PM Mass

Go and make disciples of all nations



UNDERSTANDING THE LITURGY

Mary at Mass

Devotion to Mary remains a hallmark of the Catholic faith. Some people unfamiliar with our religion assume that prayer to Mary forms the backbone of the Mass. Wrong! Prayer to Mary is certainly the backbone of the rosary, but there isn't a single prayer addressed to Mary in the entire Mass, front to back, on any day of the liturgical year.

When it comes to prayer, we acknowledge Hebrews 7:25, which says Christ lives for ever to make intercession for us. So we direct our prayers to God through Christ.

However, because of Mary's central role in salvation history, she makes several appearances in the Mass texts every Mass, every day of the liturgical year.

Most important, Mary's name is pronounced right in the heart of Mass in the eucharistic prayer. She is called by two titles made mystic by their juxtaposition: virgin and mother. In the second eucharistic prayer for children, she is also called "Mother of God and our mother."

Mary also appears in the Creed, as the virgin who gave birth to the Word made flesh.

At times we celebrate a Mass in her honor, under a title like Mary, Mother of the Church, or to commemorate an event in her life, like the Visitation. A preface often prayed on these days echoes her song of praise, the Magnificat. But most frequently she is remembered as the Virgin Mother.

By connecting these two titles of Mary, the church invites us to reflect on her son. Mary's special role as the Virgin Mother reminds us that the miraculous birth of Jesus introduced the world to an extraordinary child whose miracles would never cease.

At first, the title "Mother of God" sounds wrong. God is the uncreated creator of all. How could God have a mother? That puzzling question draws us into a deeper meditation on the identity of Jesus. Because Jesus is both fully God and fully human, Mary must be called Mother of God.

In the liturgy Mary's role always bows to her son. She gives birth to him not only in time but in the liturgy and in our hearts. During the month of May, many will address devotions to Mary, and rightly so. But she will direct them to Christ.

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SUNDAY REFLECTION

THE CALM BEFORE THE STORM

This seventh Sunday of Easter is somewhat like the proverbial "calm before the storm." The Lord Jesus has ascended into heaven and Pentecost has not yet occurred. Rather than immediately taking up Jesus' command to go out to all the nations, the disciples gather in the upper room "with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers" (Acts 1:14). There they all devote themselves to prayer. The Gospel recounts the great prayer for the disciples that Jesus offered to his Father in heaven. If the words of Jesus while he was on earth finally began to sink in for the disciples, then gathering to pray was certainly the right choice, for the second reading lets us all know that to follow Christ means to have a share in his sufferings.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Eleven and the women devoted themselves to prayer (Acts 1:12-14).

Psalm — I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — Glorify God if you suffer for the name of Christian (1 Peter 4:13-16).

Gospel — The Son will give eternal life to all those who are given to him by the Father (John 17:1-11a).

I am with you always



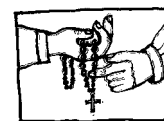
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PRAYER FOR PEACE

Lord Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace, grant us peace throughout the world, that all nations may work together and that there may be an end to war. I ask this, Lord in your name. Amen.



BAPTISM INFORMATION

Parents who are seeking Baptism for their children are asking that their child be initiated into the Catholic Community and the local Church community of Our Lady of the Rosary. The Church baptizes infants on the faith of the parents. The ideal is that parents have a deep faith, which they actively live out in the experience of the Catholic Church Community. We at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church want to do everything possible to help you plan and prepare for the baptism in the best way possible.



Preparation takes time. From conception to birth takes approximately nine months. Preparation for baptism should also begin ahead of time. The following steps should be followed.

1. Parents are registered members of Our Lady of the Rosary parish. If parents belong to another parish, they must provide a permission letter from their pastor.
2. Parents should call the parish office as early as 4 months prior to the expected birth of their child.
3. Attendance at a Baptism Seminar by both parents and godparents is required.

Requirements for Baptism Godparent:

1. Must be a Catholic who has been confirmed, and who leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken. Ideally, this means that a godparent not to be a public sinner, that he/she attends Mass regularly, be a person of prayer and not be in an invalid marriage.
2. There is a provision that a "baptized person who belongs to a non-Catholic Church Community may not be admitted except as a WITNESS to baptism and together with a qualified Catholic godparent. A Catholic cannot serve as a witness; only a non-Catholic qualifies as a witness.
3. Cannon Law also specifies that only one godparent is necessary, but if there are two godparents, one must be male and one female, and both must meet the criteria stated in #1 & 2.

For more thorough information, please call the parish office at (985) 693-3433.

BAPTISM SEMINAR : All expected parents and godparents must attend a Baptism Seminar three to four months prior to the expected birth of their child. You need to come to the Office and fill out the form. **We no longer take the information over the phone.** The next baptism seminar is set for Thursday, May 29 at 7PM in the Saltillo Room. Baptism will be celebrated on the Second Sunday of the Month after 10AM Mass (@ 11:30AM.)

ADORE

Join us for our last 2008 Spring Series "Inside Out" to be held on Wednesday, May 7 at 7PM at the Houma Municipal Auditorium. For more information call 985-876-4132 or visit the web at www.ADOREWORSHIP.COM or info@adoreworship.com
*ADORE ministries works in partnership with the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33
 Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a
 Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19
 Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26
 Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19
 Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; 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; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23



SANCTUARY DONATIONS

ALTAR BREAD: In memory of John & Evida Rodrigue by Melvin & Peggy Rodrigue.

ALTAR CANDLE: In memory of Wildred Robichaux (A) by T.J. Robichaux & Fly.

ALTAR WINE: In memory of Greg (B) & Roland LeBlanc & M/M Albert Curole by Family.

FLOWERS: In Memory of Wildred Robichaux (A) by Husband & Children (Blessed Sacrament Altar).

MARRIAGE BANNS

Mary Bollinger & Joshua Falgout (I)

DIED IN CHRIST

Keith LeBlanc, Drew Pellegrin & Adam LaCoste please keep them and their families in your prayers.

MARRIED COUPLES

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are coming home to Slidell in 2008! Make a New Year's resolution to make 2008 a great year for you, your relationship and your family! Contact Tom & Michelle @ 888-469-3735 or email registration@wwmenogl.com to sign up for weekends at the Holiday Inn, Slidell, LA on June 20th - 22nd and Dec. 5th - 7th.

PARISH SICK LIST

PLEASE PRAY FOR: All Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Parishioners at the South Lafourche Nursing Home and those that are Home bound; Jenakalyn Wunstell, Jerry Badeaux; Tammy Richard; Steve Matherne; Stella Latino. We will be printing a sick list weekly in the insert of the

bulletin. In the event that the sick person passes away, you are to call and inform us to remove the name from the list. There are forms in the back of church you can fill out and drop into the collection basket or bring to the parish office. The person that call's in must have permission from the sick person to put their name in the bulletin. The name will be printed for one month then removed. If the person is still in need of prayers their name needs to be turned in again.

He was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.

- Acts 1:9

