

SAINT JOHN BERCHMANS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Monday through Thursday: 8:00am—2:00pm

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Harry Bernard—Cemetery Maintenance

Terry Mouton—Maintenance

Maria Winn—Receptionist/Secretary

St. John Berchmans Choir, Charlotte Jagneau, Phyllis Simar, Kristi Anderson, Nick & Kristen Latiolais—Music Ministers

MASS SCHEDULES

Weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00pm

Sunday Masses: 8:00am & 10:00am

Weekdays:

Tuesday—Friday at 12:15pm

Communion Service on Mondays at 12:15pm

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the Church Office to schedule Baptism.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday: 3:00pm—3:30pm or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please make arrangements with the Pastor at least six months before the anticipated date of Marriage.

FUNERALS

Please contact the funeral directors and they will contact the Church.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK AND ELDERLY

Please contact the Pastor before going into the hospital for a planned surgery.

COME, LORD JESUS!

Meets every Tuesday at 4:30pm and

Thursday at 10:00am in the

Church Hall.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 27-28, 2024

Are you ready for a trim? In today's Gospel, we hear the familiar teaching of the vine and the branches. Jesus reminds us that if we remain close to him—living in humility, following God's law, loving our neighbor—we will notice a positive change in our life and the lives of those around us. *"Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit."* The Holy Spirit is life-giving. He is fruitful. The Spirit of God won't refuse grace to a heart that is open.

As we progress through life, learning how to live and love, we grow. Our personalities flower. We discover what it is to be a blessing to others. We also experience lack, loss, and the results of our failures. We know what it is like to *"wither"* at times, particularly the times when we willingly separate ourselves from Jesus. *"Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me."* For most of us, this experience of being disconnected and off track generates a desire to return to what is right and good, to return to the vine.

But this Gospel is more than "Are you in or are you out?" Even when we remain in God, when we follow Jesus, we are not exempt from the challenge, the pruning. *"Everyone that [bears fruit] he prunes."* A prudent trim is necessary in the natural world of trees and vines. Dead wood, broken shoots, and diseased branches need to be cut back in order for the plant to bear fruit. Jesus wants us to be healthy! He says as much himself: *"By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."* Take a look at your life today. Where are you bearing fruit? Where do you need to be pruned?

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THIS WEEK'S MASSES:

Saturday, April 27, @ 4:00pm: Charles Frederick, Liv./Dec. of Nero & Roger Family; Nicholas Venable, M/M Clarence Venable, Roy Venable.

Sunday, April 28, @ 8:00am: Sabel Marie Denais, Raymond Troy Freeman, Paul Henry.

Sunday, April 28,, @ 10:00am: PARISHIONERS.

Monday, April 29, @ 12:15pm: COMMUNION SERVICE.

Tuesday, April 30, @ 12:15pm: Lorena "Ti-Moon" Guillot, Alcide Guillot, Anna Guillot; Carl Veillon, Liv./Dec. of Dianna Royer Veillon.

Wednesday, May 1, @ 12:15pm: Earlin & Hermina Gautreaux; Francis Henry, Myrtle Henry, Paul Henry.

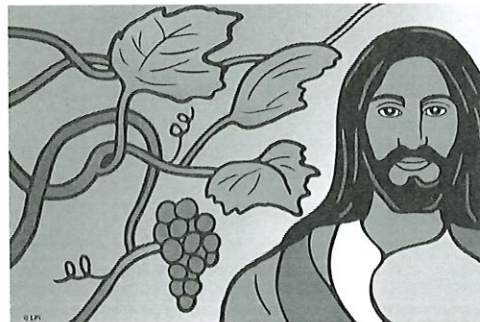
Thursday, May 2, @ 12:15pm: COMMUNION SERVICE.

Friday, May 3, @ 12:15pm: Joseph Lee Baudoin, Angela Marie B. Boutin, Liv./Dec. of Baudoin & Guilbeau Family; Lorena "Ti-Moon" Guillot, Jules Winn, Austin Guidry; Gerald Credeur, James Menard, Howard Credeur, Jr.

COLLECTIONS:

Offerings: -----\$4,795.00
Confirmation Mass: -----655.00
Funds for the Poor: -----21.00

Thank you for your generosity!



"I am the vine, you are the branches."

St. Gertrude Special Rosary

Herbert Prudhomme
Norma Prudhomme
Dennis Prudhomme
Herbie Vidrine
Larry Babineaux

Bishop's Services Appeal (BSA) Payment Methods:

Check Payable to BSA. Mail in envelope provided.
Credit/Debit Card Payments: Visit diolaf.org/BSA or text DIOCESE to 50155.
Questions? Call (337) 261-5641



ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 27-28, 2024

“In Memory of Deceased Loved Ones”—We currently have spaces on the back of the bulletin available to parishioners who would like to have their deceased loved ones remembered. These spaces will be filled on a week to week basis, for a donation of **\$10.00 per week**. To view a sample, please see the back of this weekend’s bulletin. For more information, call (337/668-4413) or come by the Church Office during regular office hours.

Just Men Day Retreat for Separated, Divorced, and Remarried Men will be held on **Saturday, May 4th**, from 9:00am to 5:00pm, at **St. Pius X Catholic Church, 600 East Kaliste Saloom Road, Lafayette**. Light breakfast, lunch, coffee, and water will be provided. For more information or to register, visit www.womenatthewelloflove.org.



ENGAGED COUPLES! Spend a weekend away from the cares and distractions of everyday living. Attend a **Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend**. The weekend is open to any engaged couple wanting to prepare for a deeper more meaningful life together in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church according to its Church law. **Upcoming weekend: September 13-15, 2024**. For cost of weekend and to learn more, visit our website at www.ceelafayette.org or call **Tom & Geraldine Rizzuto** at 337/984-7954.

Annual Mother’s Day of Reflection will be held on **Wednesday, May 8th**, at **Immaculata Center, 1408 Carmel Drive, Lafayette**. The day will begin at 9:00am and end at 2:00pm. Cost for the day is **\$25.00**, which includes lunch and materials. Visit www.diolaf.org/marriage to register. **Pre-register by May 3rd**. For more information, please call the Office of Marriage and Family Life at 337/261-5653.

Bulletin Ad Space is available. If interested, or for more information, please contact the Church Office at 337/668-4413.

Please Patronize our Sponsors!

All Night Prayer Vigil for: “Reparation for Sins of the Clergy, Healing for Victims, and for Sanctification of Priests” is held on the **1st Thursday** of every month, at **Our Lady of Sorrows Chapel, 103 Railroad Avenue, St. Martinville**, from 8:00pm-6:30am. For more information, call 337/394-6550 or email cjccontact86@gmail.com.

Hunter Education Classes will be held on **Friday, May 24th**, from 8:00am-5:00pm and **Saturday, May 25th**, from 8:00am-3:00pm, in the **Church Hall**. Please contact **Carrol Marks** at 337/945-7377, for more information.

A St. Gertrude Special Intention is to aid our deceased souls in Purgatory. Through prayers and rosaries in honor of our deceased loved ones, we hope to receive indulgences applicable to the souls in Purgatory, thus reducing their time in Purgatory and hastening their entrance into Heaven. St. Gertrude Special Intention requests are being accepted at the Church Office for a donation of **\$5.00**. Your loved one’s name will be listed in the bulletin and displayed in the candle room in the Church. Deceased loved ones will also be remembered during every Monday rosary with a special intention to St. Gertrude, which releases souls in Purgatory.

Survivors of Violence Mass will be held on **Saturday, May 25th**, at 10:00am, at **Immaculata Center Chapel, 1408 Carmen Drive, Lafayette**. Celebrant will be **Bishop Douglas Deshotel**. Please call 337/261-5545 or 337/261-5653 or visit <https://diolaf.org/survivorsofviolencemass> to register the name of your loved one that died by violence to be printed in the Mass program and bring a small framed picture of your loved one to display at the Mass. Sponsored by Diocese of Lafayette, Ofcs. of Justice and Peace and Marriage and Family Life.

During the month of May, we will honor Mary by praying the rosary on weekdays in our Church, beginning **Monday, May 1st** to **Friday, May 31st**, at 11:30am. Everyone is invited to attend!



APRIL RELIGION CLASSES

Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9—11:00—1:00pm—April 28th

St. John Berchmans Church would like to thank **Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel**, **Rev. Michael Richard**, **Connie Roy**, **Susan Fontenot**, **Danny Martin**, **Barbara Richard**, **Teacher Helpers**, **Tara Sibille** and **STJB Choir Members**, **Ushers**, **KC members**, **Altar Servers**, **Eucharistic Ministers**, **Parents and Sponsors**, who took part in the Confirmation Mass. Thank you!



St. John Berchmans Pastoral Advisory Meeting will be held this **Tuesday, April 30th**, at 6:00pm in the **Church Office (Classroom)**.

Our sanctuary lamps burn this week in memory of:

Norma Richard
Emery Leger

Please pray for the sick:

1. David Domingue, Sherry Marie Dugas, Melinda R. Broussard, Velma Richard, Iva Clavelle, Elmo & Aline Begnaud
2. Gladys Woods, Blaine Miller, Mary Ann Hall
3. Norward Richard, Linda Courvelle, Rella Constantine

Lay Ministers Schedule - May 4-5:

Saturday @ 4:00pm Mass
Glenn Menard, Barbara Richard

Lector: Barbara Richard

Sunday @ 8:00am Mass
Winfred Sonnier, Patsy Sonnier

Lector: Camille Boudreaux

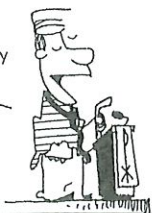
Sunday @ 10:00am Mass
Tina Guilbeau, Sherry Lasley

Lector: Sherry Lasley

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

TO OUR FIRST TIME VISITORS, YOU'LL FIND WE ARE A WELCOMING, FRIENDLY PARISH COMMUNITY.

*Signe Leger
CMA LPI*



AND TO OUR PARISHIONERS: PLEASE REMEMBER THAT, IF YOU SHOULD FIND AN UNFAMILIAR CAR IN YOUR FAVORITE PARKING PLACE.

