

God remains where love remains. When a believer realizes without doubt that God is love, it is a powerful moment. Being able to place our resurrection trust in this fundamental truth allows us to experience God's presence in all of our experiences: the good and the bad, positive and negative, life enriching and destructive events we encounter. It is no wonder that St. Paul so accurately tells us that it is love that endures all things and lasts. How can God not endure or ever fade away? Because he is God, Jesus also guarded and protected his disciples as the endearing shepherd who always had their best interest at heart.

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# **WEEKLY PRAYER**

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 16, 2021**

**SUN 5/16** Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or

Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2,

11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 |n 4:11-16/|n 17:11b-19

MON **5/17** Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33

**TUE 5/18** Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/|n 17:1-11a

WED **5/19** Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/

In 17:11b-19

**THR 5/20** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26

FRI 5/21 Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19

**SAT 5/22** *Morning*: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [7b]/|n 21:20-25

**SUN 5/23** *Vigil*: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps

104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 *Extended Vigil*: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 52, 53, 55, 56 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf.

30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

*Day:* Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

#### **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 16, 2021**

**Sunday:** The Ascension of the Lord; 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter;

World Communications Day

**Tuesday:** St. John I, Pope and Martyr **Thursday:** St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

**Friday:** St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

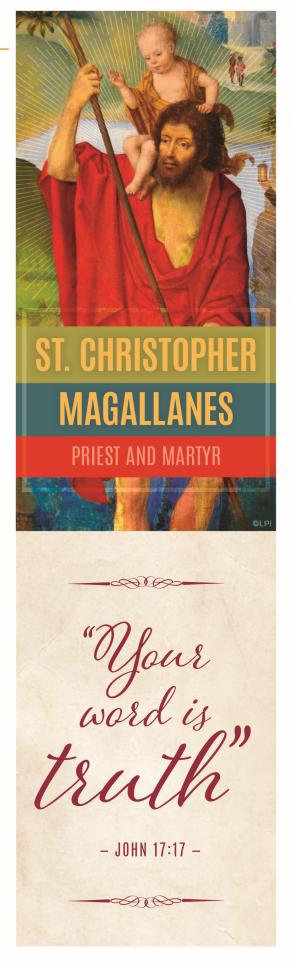
**Saturday:** St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

**Next Sunday:** Pentecost Sunday

#### LIVE THE LITURGY

#### Inspiration for the week

When Jesus was physically with his disciples, he guarded and protected them. One of his greatest desires was that they share his joy completely. God's love is the source of all things and their sustenance. As we conduct the normal routines of our lives it is easy to get caught up in the immediacies of this world and lose focus. We become very self and worldly dependent, forgetting that God wishes to guard and protect us. The joy the resurrected Christ can offer cannot be found in this world. It takes a bit of faith to realize that God's will is a constant in our lives and that God desires only the sustenance and goodness of both our bodies and our souls. We need to trust in God's constant and rejuvenating love. This radical resurrection trust allows us to experience the joy of God's presence in all of the good and the bad, positive and negative, life building and life destructive events that we encounter. God remains where love remains.



# SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

### **Weekday Masses**

Monday - Friday 8 a.m. | Convent Chapel

## **Sunday Masses**

Saturday (Vigil) 4:00 p.m. Sunday (Gospel Mass) 10:00 a.m. Livestreaming available on our website, Facebook and YouTube

Baptisms: 4th Sunday of the month except during Lenten Season

Weddings: Contact the rectory six months prior to desired wedding date

Confessions: One-half hour before Sunday Mass



"Somebody prayed for me, had me on their mind..."

### Saturday, May 15, 2021

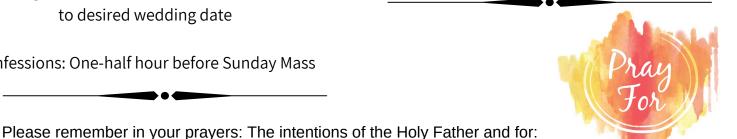
For: The People of the Parish

In Memory of: Harlean Banks, Elodie Gabriel, Darrell Gabriel and

Bruce Gabriel

#### Sunday, May 16, 2021

In Memory of: Harlean Banks, Virginia Johnson, Joyce Anthony In Thanksgiving to St. Katharine Drexel



Our Parish Family Sick and Shut In: Patricia Adam, Leonard Anderson, Evangeline Thompson Antoine, Marie Alexander, Diane Austin, Nathaniel Banks, Nancy Barabino, Hazel Barnes, Barbara Blanchard, Lorraine Burke, Barbara Butler, Virginia Butler, Herman Cade, Augustine Cain, Jessie Caston, Sr., Jessie Caston, III, Joyce Coleman, Lamar Davis, Souleymane Diop, Elaine Ewell, Leo Francisco, Cameron Fritz, Beverly R. Gilmore, Gilda Griffin, Wanda Haydel, Tammi Lynn Howard, Olga Jackson, Hubert Jarrow, Jr., Ruth Jerome, Anna Jones, Evelyn Johnson, Fern Kern, Ruth Kennedy, Shanna Lucien, Felicia Meyers, Arizona Moore, Germaine Nash, Thomas Phillips, Audrey Pierce, Janice Picou, Bernice Pinkney, Albert Poree, Gertrude Powell, Mildred V. Prudeaux, Joyce Randolph, Nakeisha Rhea, Scott Rivera, Kim Roby, Matilda Romero, Janice Sawyer, Lula Mae Schexnayder, Carrie M. Shedd, Scott Schryver, Jane Silva, Angela Simon, Enjoli Sims, Kaila Sims, Kira Sims, Geraldine Small, Alma M. Smith, Bill Starr, Marquerite Stepter, Glenda Stewart, Annie Stoot, Eugene Stoot, Diane Sims Tillman, George Tillman, Mildred Tillman, Perry Tillman, III, Sherman Todd, Betty Williams, Jace Williams, Nedra Wicker and Mandi Young

## **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

What specifically can I do this week to give myself to someone else?

**Prayer Line** 508.924.5792

**Noon Prayer** 

Monday, Wednesday, Friday **Bible Study** 

Thursdays | 6:00 p.m.

Rosary

First Monday of Month | 6:00 p.m.

- **GRADUATES**: Graduates are asked to send a picture to bssjaparish@gmail.com and include the graduate's name, school and accomplishment. Pictures will be posted to social media. Please submit by June 4th.
- ALTAR SOCIETY: The Altar Society would like to thank everyone who supported their fundraising project, the personal Sunday Missalettes. After expenses, their true profit was \$750, which will be used in support of their church and parish mission.
- ACACIA TREE: Memorialize your deceased loved one with a plaque on the Acacia Tree. The cost is \$50. Plaques are limited to 3 lines of 21 characters each. See an usher for application and submit both payment and application by dropping your donation into the collection basket, online or mailing to the Rectory.
- MASS RE-OBLIGATION: The obligation to attend Mass will be reinstated on Corpus Christi Sunday, June 6th. Our Parish will continue to observe the mandates of the City of New Orleans with regards to masks and social distancing. Please make every effort to return to the edifice for worship.

## **PARISH SUPPORT**

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