

Most Blessed Sacrament Parish News

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5th Sunday of Easter

FAITH-FILLED COMMUNITY OF MERCY, BLESSINGS, & SERVICE

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Pastor..... Fr. Todd Lloyd
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Child Protection Coordinator.....Roslyn Landry
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Parish Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
(Closed 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.)
Friday: 8:00 a.m. - Noon

•**BAPTISMS:** Please call the church office during pregnancy for information and to register for a Baptism seminar.

•**MARRIAGE:** Law of Diocese requires 6 month preparation period prior to wedding. Call church office for more information.

•**FUNERAL:** Please call the priest for prayer and before setting date/time.

•**RCIA:** If interested in becoming Catholic, call the church office.

Confession:

Confessions: Fridays 7:45 a.m., Saturdays 3:00 p.m.
and Mondays 7:45 a.m.

Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 9:45 a.m., & 11:30 a.m.
Monday - Friday: 8:45 a.m. except during
school year when Thursday Mass is at 8:15 a.m.

MBS School

8033 Baringer Road
Baton Rouge, LA 70817

Principal: Cheri Gioe
School Phone 751-0273 / Fax: 753-7259

Extended Care: Sheena Gauthier
751-0023

MBS Early Learning Center

7853 Broker Avenue
Baton Rouge, LA 70817

Director: Laurina Conger 752-8829

Respect Life News . . .

Pregnancy Crisis Help

If you or someone you know is experiencing a crisis pregnancy, STOP and call the parish office (225) 752-6230 to be put in touch with a member of the Respect Life Committee. We can provide love and compassion, support and multiple resources available to help you through this challenging time. You are not alone.

Respect Life Ministry

The Respect Life ministry meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Mark room.

Baby Shower Collection

Celebrate mothers in need all month long in May with a Baby Shower collection sponsored by the MBS Respect Life Ministry to donate to the Catholic Charities Pregnancy and Family Services Dept.

We will be collecting items in the Narthex in back of the church every weekend in May and in the parish office during the week.

Items most needed include:

diapers, esp sizes 4,5,& 6
wipes
formula
bottles
0-12 month clothes
car seats
pack n play
potty training toilets or seats

Thank you for your support!

In Christ,

In the last week of April 1965, St. Pope Paul VI released an encyclical letter to the Church simply titled *Mense Maio* – “The Month of May”. The short encyclical is about the devotion given to the Virgin Mary during this month. May is traditionally dedicated to Mary in the Church. He opens the letter by saying how his heart “rejoices at the thought of the moving tribute of faith and love which will soon be paid to the Queen of Heaven in every corner of the earth.” The pontiff says that during this month when so many offer acts of homage and veneration to Mary in their churches and homes, that “God’s merciful gifts come down to us from our Mother’s throne” in greater abundance. Indeed, to form a relationship with Mary is to also grow into deeper relationship with her Son. “For what other reason do we continually turn to Mary except to seek the Christ in her arms, to seek our Savior in her, through her, and with her?” In our anxieties and the perils of this world, it is in Jesus, the Son of Mary, that we find a “haven of salvation, a transcendent fountain of life.”



He goes on to explain that the purpose of the encyclical is to call on the faithful to invoke Mary in prayer for certain needs in the Church and world. The first specific area of needed prayer in the Church is for a successful conclusion and implementation of the Second Vatican Council, which was coming to a close that year.

The second call was to pray for peace in the world. At that time, 1965, the Cold War rhetoric and “proxy wars” between the western nations and the Soviet Union were increasing, and the Vietnam War was raging. After imploring leaders of the world to seek out peaceful resolutions to conflict and abstaining from abuses against human life, the Holy Father reminds us that real peace is not achieved through human endeavor, but by God’s providence. He wrote, “Peace comes from heaven. It will truly reign among men when we have finally proved ourselves worthy to receive this gift from Almighty God. Just as the happiness and destiny of nations are in His power, so also are the hearts of men.”

In keeping with the message of the letter, he reminds the Church to seek peace from heaven “by praying with constancy and watchfulness, as the Church has been wont to do from her very beginning; by praying, in particular, for the intercession and protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who is the Queen of peace.”

Pope Paul said that throughout the month of May the Church should “offer our pleas to the Mother of God with greater devotion and confidence, so that we may obtain her favor and her blessings.” Despite the fact that human sin causes great suffering, and provokes God’s justice, and deserves punishment, “we must not forget that he is ‘*the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort,*’ that He has appointed Mary most holy as the generous steward of His merciful gifts.”

In his conclusion the pope asked that all pastors make it a priority to stress to the faithful the need to turn to Mary in prayer during this month, and to especially pray for these critical intentions of the Church and world. As we again see war in the east and feel the unease of that war spreading, let us call on our Blessed Mother and ask her to give us peace in this month dedicated to her.

May she who experienced the cares and hardships of earthly life, the weariness of daily toil, the hardships and trials of poverty, and the sorrows of Calvary, come to aid the needs of the Church and the human race. May she graciously lend an ear to the devout pleas of those all over the world who beg her for peace. May she enlighten the minds of those who rule nations. And finally, may she prevail on God, who rules the winds and storms, to calm the tempests in men’s warring hearts and grant us peace in our day. – St. Pope Paul VI, Mense Maio

Totus Tuus,

Fr. Todd Lloyd



Parish Adoration Night
Tuesday, May 16th
M.B.S. Church 7:00 p.m.

Praise and Worship music will be provided by our MBS house band. Adoration will begin at 7:00 p.m. and end with Benediction (a blessing with the Blessed Sacrament). All ages are welcome and we invite families to come together for this wonderful hour of prayer.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 19 - 23
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Who: All MBS children entering Kindergarten through 5th Grade (2023-2024 School Year)

Registration: Online May 8 - 19 at www.mbsparish.org

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Adults Volunteers (18+):

- Call Judy Carr at 225-335-6563

High School Volunteers:

- Apply online May 8-19

\$40 REGISTRATION INCLUDES

- T-Shirt
- Snack
- Music CD per family

Registration Non-Refundable.
Limited to 100 participants



Follow for more information & to submit your application:



LAY APOSTLES OF THE RETURNING KING –

Our monthly prayer group will meet on Wednesday, May 10th at 6:30 pm in the St. Mark room. All are invited to join us for the rosary and a short reading with reflection.

Lay Apostles of the Returning King is an opportunity to deepen our relationship with Jesus and gain clarity on how to apply the gospel message to our lives. If you would like more information, call Claudia Cormier (225) 362-4508.



Suffering from a past abortion? Experiencing feelings of guilt, sadness, or regret?
You are not alone. There is hope.

Entering Canaan Post-Abortion Ministry

Men's Day of Prayer and Healing

May 13, 2023 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

*Location and inquiries are confidential due to the personal nature of
this experience.*

For more information and to register, call 225-773-7845 or
email EnteringCanaan@diobr.org



The Roman Catholic Diocese of
BATON ROUGE



Regina Caeli Academy: Touring Event: May 8th at 10:15am - www.rcahybrid.org

You are invited to learn more & visit live classes! Children are welcome & refreshments provided. Accepting Applications for Baton Rouge and surrounding areas for our Center located in Gonzales!

Regina Caeli is a private, independent, *University-Style Hybrid®* operating in the Catholic tradition. Preschool - 12th grade students attend classical academic and extracurricular classes two days a week, and homeschool the remaining days following the plans provided by RCA. To RSVP for this event, contact

wbrandenburg.btr@rcahybrid.org or call
225-257-9165.

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Most Blessed Sacrament Church Mission Statement

The mission of Most Blessed Sacrament Church is for members to witness the real presence of the Lord in word and sacrament, and that they may live out the message from the gospel and serve one another as followers of Jesus Christ.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sat. May 6	8:00 am	
	4:30 pm	M.J. LaBorde Bill Hebert The C.L. Eichelberger Family Mothers Andrew & Catherine Oliwa Peter Bondy Rachel Williams Mr & Mrs Andrew Bourgeois, Sr. Mr & Mrs Harry Simoneaux Andrew Bourgeois, III Synthia Brock Buddy & Mollie Lemoine Family Clarice Eichelberger Matt Birke
Sun. May 7	8:00 am	For The People
	9:45 am	Cody Holmes Mary & Thelma Pecoraro Rena & Jervis Daigle Ethel & Catherine Duffy The Tassin Family Ed & Rosemary Evans The Cantey Family Herman D. Strohm Tom Virnich Howard Papillion
	11:30 am	Suzette Gremillion Fontenot Irma Melancon The Arthur Aucoin Family Linda McAdams Beth Daigle Gaston Stephen Perkins Victor Zumo Remona Mumford
	8:45 am	Joseph Thuy Nguyen Maria Theresa Xuan Nguyen
Mon. May 8	8:45 am	
Tues. May 9	8:45 am	
Wed. May 10	8:45 am	Joseph & Maria Uong Tran
Thurs. May 11	8:15 am	Rosalene Sanzone
Fri. May 12	8:45 am	

Sunday Readings

(1st) Acts 6:1-7
(Psalm) 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
(2nd) 1 Pt 2:4-9
(Gosp.) Jn 14:1-12

Readings For The Week

Monday Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday Feast of Saint John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church, and St Damien of Molokai, Priest

Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday Acts 15:7-21; PS 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Friday Feast of Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs, and Saint Pancras, Martyr

Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 & 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday Feast of Our Lady of Fatima

Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING

April 22-23, 2023

Identified Contributors	\$17,713.00
Unidentified Contributors	\$ 2,323.00
Total	\$20,036.00

Capital Campaign	\$25,256.00
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May 6-7, 2023 5th Sunday of Easter

	Servers	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers
4:30 pm	B Fox, A Loya	C Bourgeois, M Gaudet	(Host) R Rinaudo, L Sulik, E Yurik (Cup) T Hollis, B Magill, E Lee
8:00 am	D McKay, A NOrris	L Hoffpauir, K Simon	(Host) C Rabalais, V Browning, S Vermaelen (Cup) K Hollier, L Bayhi, W Rabalais
9:45 am	C Webb, R Verinder	A Thibodeaux, S Menard	(Host) D Decell, K Decell, L Evans (Cup) M Messina, M Delafield, D Brown
11:30 am	S Millet, T Millet	B Ragusa, T Littlefield	(Host) C Edelen, J Johnson, C Garbutt (Cup) D Gremillion, K Browning, C LeBlanc