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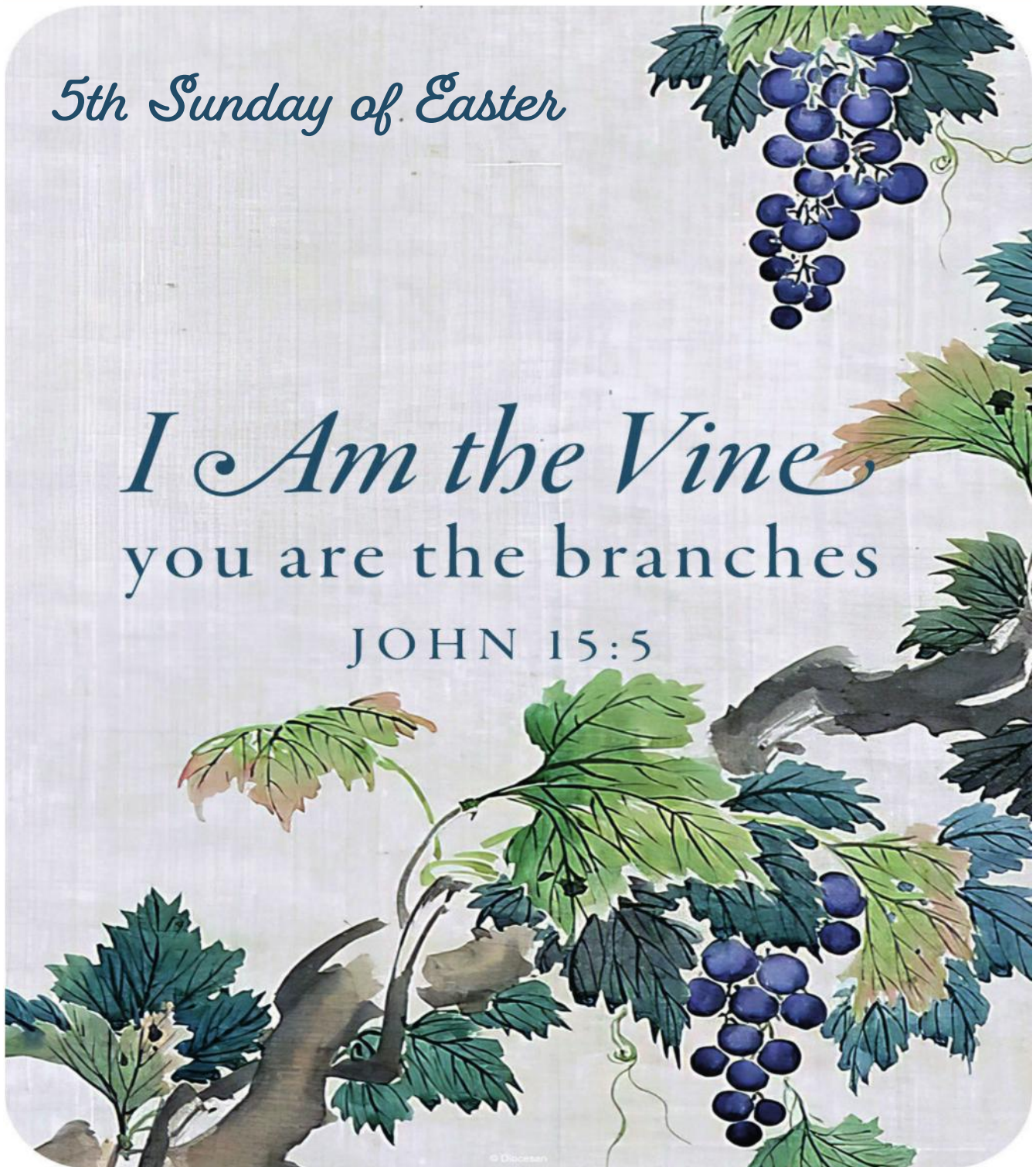
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5th Sunday of Easter

I Am the Vine
you are the branches

JOHN 15:5



FAITH-FILLED COMMUNITY OF MERCY, BLESSINGS, & SERVICE

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 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: One hour before Weekday Masses and Saturdays at 3:00 p.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 & Tuesday 8:45 a.m., Wednesday 6:00 p.m.,
Thursday & Friday 8:45 a.m. except during school year when Thursday Mass is at 8:15 a.m.

MBS School

MBS School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national origin.

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 Ministry News . . .

We invite everyone to our monthly meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Mark Room, finishing in time for our monthly Parish Adoration at 7:00 p.m.

Our weekly rosary for respect life issues is every Monday after the 8:45 a.m. Mass in the church. Please join us when you can.

2nd Annual 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 on a table in the Narthex in back of the church every weekend in May and in the parish office on week days.

Items most needed include:

- Socks
- Burp cloths
- Drying bath towels
- Lotion
- Diaper cream
- Alcohol pads
- Thermometers
- Thin receiving blankets
- Diapers size 4,5,6

5th Sunday of Easter - Living In Shame?

In the reading from St. John's first letter, he talks about our hearts condemning us. (1 John 3:20) When he says God is greater than our hearts he means that even when we know we have sinned, God is still a forgiving God, who doesn't wait for us to be "worthy." So when we confess our sins, we need not doubt that we are forgiven.

But sometimes we feel shame when we have done nothing wrong, such as when you accidentally hurt someone. That is when it is good to remember that God knows what happened and still loves us. The best way to remember this is by living as God commands, by loving God and our neighbor. If you believe in Jesus, we know that God forgives us even before we ask him to. If you love your neighbor, then you reach out to the person you hurt, instead of hiding in shame, and try to help them.

When we stop living in shame and start living in love, we can ask for whatever we need and receive it. For when God lives in us and we live in him, we won't ask for anything trivial or selfish. His Spirit teaches us how to pray with confidence and faith. Our love and trust in God will help us to accept whatever God sends our way.

-Tom Schmidt

*With Deepest
Sympathy*

Please pray for the soul of:

Armand Demers, Jr.

Let us also remember his family and loved ones in our prayers.



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We invite all women, especially high-school aged young ladies and their mothers, to join us for a free presentation that will focus on women's health and fertility. This will answer your questions about cycle health and the effects of birth control on adolescent young women.

MAY
THURSDAY 9 6:30-8:00 PM
2024

Most Blessed Sacrament Church
Our Lady of the Eucharist Room
15615 JEFFERSON HWY
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70817

Refreshments will be provided!



Sarah Jane Schmidt
FEMM instructor

Stephen Ministry

*Bear one another's burdens,
and so you will fulfill the law
of Christ.*

-Galatians 6:2



Who are Stephen Ministers?

A group of trained lay ministers who provide personal, individual emotional support and Christian companionship.

Stephen Ministry can provide care in a variety of crises or life challenges such as:

- •• Divorce/Separation
- •• Loss of a loved one
- •• Job Loss/Retirement
- •• Flood
- •• Pregnancy or Miscarriage
- •• Chronic illness/caregiver for a loved one with a chronic illness

All contacts and conversations are confidential. To learn more or request a Stephen Minister, please contact Deacon Mark Berard at mark.berard@yahoo.com or (225) 421-4484.



This year, the National Day of Prayer celebrates 73 years of prayer for America! This observance acknowledges the blessings of living in a country where, by law, every year on the first Thursday of May, the President proclaims a day of prayer for the nation.

The National Day of Prayer observance was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of Congress and signed into law by President Harry Truman. Each year since then the president has called upon the citizens of the nation to pray, and in 1988 President Ronald Reagan established this day of prayer to be the First Thursday of May. The significance is that it enables everyone nationwide to recall and to teach the way in which the founders sought the wisdom of God when faced with critical challenges and decisions. It stands as a call for everyone to humbly come before God, seeking His guidance for the nation's leaders and His grace upon us as a people.

**“Beginning Experience”
A Weekend of Healing for Separated
& Divorced**

Beginning Experience is a weekend program designed to help those struggling with the trauma of separation and divorce. It can help participants deal with the natural pain and loss that follows such a life-changing event. It can also create an opportunity, with God’s help, to turn the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. The next *Beginning Experience* is scheduled for the weekend of May 17-19, 2024 at the Cenacle Retreat Center in Metairie. For more information or to register, please contact Liz Reis at (504) 858-1813 or by email at: lzbthreis@yahoo.com.



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Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer Opportunities are listed below for anyone who would like to take part in the State Summer Special Olympic Games taking place at Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond on May 17th - 19th. Choose your area of interest, scan the QR code above, or click links to sign up below:

State Summer Games Events:

- Awards – <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/SOLStateAwards>
- Bocce – <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/SOLStateBocce>
- Equipment Support Team – <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/SOLStateEquipment>
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- Victory Dance – <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/SOLAVictoryDance>
- Volleyball – <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/SOLStateVolleyball>






YOUTH News

5/3 MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY NIGHT
6:00-8:00 IN ST. URSULA HALL

5/5 ABIDE HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT
6:00-8:00 IN OUR LADY OF THE EUCHARIST ROOM

5/19 ABIDE EXAM WEEK STUDY CAFE
3:00-6:00 IN OUR LADY OF THE EUCHARIST ROOM

6/28-6/30 ABIDE HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT
ROSARYVILLE RETREAT CENTER IN PONCHATOLA

 [instagram.com/mbsyouth](https://www.instagram.com/mbsyouth)


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April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Watch for These Warning Signs of Abuse in Minors

No longer wants to see a **particular person** they had been close to

Declining **academic** performance

Tries to hide use of **technology**

No longer interested in **activities** they used to enjoy

Changes in **personality**

Demonstrates **aggressive behavior** or constantly angry

Tries to get minors **alone**



Commits physical and emotional **boundary violations**

Withdraws from family or friends

Keeps **secrets** with minors

Gives lavish **gifts** to minors

Allows or encourages minors to **break laws** or rules

Has **inappropriate** or suggestive conversations with minors

Is overly interested in **spending time** with minors

Does not believe the **rules** apply to them (or, does not follow rules or protocols)

Takes **photos** without approval, or asks minors to send them photos

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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. Apr. 27	8:00 am	Margaret Berard	
	4:30 pm	For The People	
Sun. Apr. 28	8:00 am	Joyce Dietrick Chris & Dan Warren R.L. Durdin Margaret Berard	
		9:45 am	Peter & Verdie Couvillion Cleve & Audrey Banquer Louis Brupbacher Angie Wall
		11:30 am	The Arthur Aucoin Family Matthew Browning
Mon.. Apr. 29	8:45 am	All Souls	
Tues. Apr. 30	8:45 am	Edmonia Bernard Giambrone Family Mr & Mrs Craig Swilley & fmyl.	
Wed. May 1	6:00 pm	All Souls	
Thurs. May 2	8:15 am	Joe Goodson John (The Baptist) Joseph & Anna Peter	
Fri. May 3	8:45 am	Maxine & Camille Brun James Zeringue Shirley Zeringue Mr & Mrs Philip Waguespack Mr & Mrs Furcee Zeringue Joyce Stoner Kasey Kidder	

Scripture Readings

For the Week of April 28, 2024

Sunday Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

Monday Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

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

Thursday Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

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

Friday Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles

1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14

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

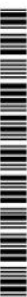


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Unidentified Contributors	\$ 2,172.00
Total	\$20,944.00
Fwd. In Faith Campaign	\$ 9,374.00

April 27-28, 2024 - 5th Sunday of Easter

	Servers	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers
4:30 pm	R Hollis	L Tabary, T Hollis	(Host) R Rinaudo, L Sulik, E Yurik (Cup)
8:00 am	D Brandenburg, A Norris	A Crain, T Schexnayder	(Host) E Barber, L Bayhi, B Braud (Cup)
9:45 am	L Madaffari, M Davis	J Cormier, L Evans	(Host) L Evans, B Berthelot, D Brown (Cup)
11:30 am	L Rico, E Laudun	T Littlefield, A Fields	(Host) K Browning, D Gremillion, C Garbutt (Cup)



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