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Saint Mary of False River Catholic Church

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St. Francis Chapel

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The Ascension of the Lord

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Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 8 am - 4 pm

Closed for lunch from 12 to 1:00 pm

Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Tuesday through Friday: 12:00 Noon

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:00 a.m.

(St. Francis Chapel)

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God.

But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.
- Mk 16:19-20

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SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation:

Wednesday - 11:20 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.

Saturday - 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. or by appointment

Anointing of the Sick

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY and Communion for the Sick: CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Marriages:

Contact the Parish Office prior to making plans; at least 6 months preparation is necessary.

RCIA/Adult Confirmation

Please contact Gale Roy 225-718-1574 for inquiry about the process of full initiation into the Catholic Church.

Baptisms:

Please contact Parish Office prior to birth for details. A seminar for parents and godparents is required.

DEVOTIONS

Perpetual Help Novena

Wednesday following noon mass.

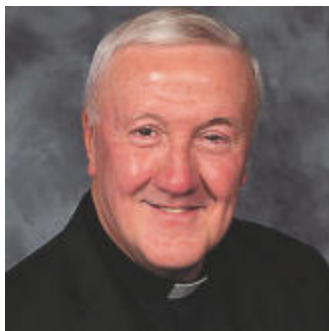
Adoration Chapel Hours:

Mondays and Wednesdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Fridays 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

OUR MISSION

As members of a devout Eucharistic Community established in 1728, we at St. Mary of False River and St. Francis Chapel, take as our mission the sharing of our gifts with one another. As followers of Jesus Christ, we strive to fulfill the needs of those within our Church Parish, but also those we are called to serve beyond. As faithful stewards of our many ministries, we will persist in our work to share our love for Christ with all people by demonstrating to our best ability, the warmth of a Christ-like love.

St. Mary Parish Office Mailing Address: 402 West Main Street, New Roads, LA 70760



A Letter From our Administrator

Dear Parishioners,

Our prayers for a new pastor for St. Mary of False River and St. Francis Chapel have been answered. I think that **Fr. Chris Decker** will be a wonderful shepherd to you. He has a shepherd's heart. His new assignment will take effect on July 1st. Fr. Decker is presently pastor of the tri-parishes of St. Frances in Livonia, Immaculate Heart of Mary in Maringouin and St. Joseph in Grosse Tete. Please keep Fr. Decker in your special prayers in this important transition for him and for all of you.

Also, **Deacon Danny Roussel** will be ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Michael Duca on Saturday, May 22nd at St. George Church. That same weekend, Father Danny will celebrate his First Mass of Thanksgiving in his home parish of Our Lady of Peace in Vacherie, La. Fr. Danny will return to New Roads to celebrate all of our Masses on Memorial Day weekend. A reception will be held for him in our parish hall that Saturday, May 29, following the Vigil Mass. Fr. Danny is assigned as the Parochial Vicar of St. Aloysius Church in Baton Rouge. Please keep Deacon/Father Danny in your prayers at this important and exciting time in his life.

Congratulations to our 41 graduates of Catholic High of Pointe Coupee. The Baccalaureate Mass was celebrated on Saturday, May 8 and **Bishop Michael Duca** was present to distribute the diplomas. **Dr. Melanie Palmisano**, Superintendent of Catholic Schools was also present for the ceremony. Please remember all students and teachers in your prayers as we approach the conclusion of a very challenging school year.

I hope that you have taken notice of our beautiful campus in recent weeks. Mrs. Sarita Bouanchaud and her faithful employees have been hard at work planting flowers, weeding, and just beautifying our grounds. Thank you Sarita! We are so grateful and very appreciative!

Our Easter Season concludes with the celebration of two great mysteries: the **Ascension of the Lord into heaven**, which we celebrate this weekend, and the solemn feast of **Pentecost** which we will celebrate next weekend. With today's solemn feast, we move into the last days of the Easter season, days of expectant preparation for the gift of the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel this weekend, Jesus prepares His disciples for His departure by promising the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Remember to pray for each other! Have a wonderful week!

Love,

Fr. Mike

“I have a great love for St. Joseph, because he is a man of silence and strength. On my table, I have an image of St. Joseph sleeping. Even when he is asleep, he is taking care of the Church! Yes! We know that he can do that. So when I have a problem, a difficulty, I write a little note and I put it underneath St. Joseph, so that he can dream about it! In other words, I tell him: “Pray for this problem!”

Pope Francis



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sun, May 16	The Ascension of the Lord 7:00 AM Mass - SF 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Mass - CH Catholic Communication - Special Collection
Mon, May 17	No Mass Adoration Chapel Open 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Tues, May 18	12:00 Noon Mass - CH Mother of Perpetual Help Novena
Wed, May 19	Reconciliation 11:20 AM - 11:50 AM - CH 12:00 Noon Mass - CH Adoration Chapel Open 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Thurs, May 20	12:00 Noon Mass - CH St. Joseph Novena
Fri, May 21	12:00 Noon Mass - CH Adoration Chapel Open 8:00 AM - 12:00 Noon
Sat, May 22	2:30 PM - 3:30 PM Reconciliation - CH 4:00 PM Mass - CH
Sun, May 23	Pentecost Sunday 7:00 AM Mass - SF 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Mass - CH

**CH - Church, PH-Parish Hall, PO - Parish Office,
SJC - St. Joseph Center, SF - St. Francis**

Bulletin Article Deadline

The Deadline for submitting bulletin articles is Friday before noon. **Articles can be faxed to 638-6346, or emailed to jdoucet@stmarysfr.org.**

Welcome New Parishioners!

We welcome new Parishioners. Parish registration forms are in the rear of church for your convenience and in the Parish Office. Please notify the Parish Office if your address or telephone number changes, or if you move out of the parish.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 16

James M. Bouanchaud, Kaleb Clark, M/M Leo L. Mix, Genevieve Jones, Angela & Floyd Chenevert, Charlotte Fabre, A.J. Bertrand, Ernest, Arabella, & Steven Langlois, Logan Hamilton, Myles Bueche & Grandparents, Gerard "Bug" Roy, Jr., Sally Saizan, M/M O.B. Laurent, Jr., Shane Brewer, George & Martha Thomas, Callie Cifreo Hardin, Mona Guidry, Pat Laurent, Blake Guidroz, Rita Major, Lynn J. Schexnayder, Gertrude Schexnayder, Craig Jewell, M/M Johnnie Major, Milton Bonaventure, Eugene Guidroz, Audrey Guidroz, Harris Ducote, Dr. Harry Kellerman, Marilyn Purpera Shiu, Viola Engemann

Tuesday, May 18

Megan Jarreau, Gerard "Bug" Roy, Jr.

Wednesday, May 19

Gerard "Bug" Roy, Jr., Charlotte Fabre, Raymond Schexnayder, Sr., Dr. Harry Kellerman, Numa Aucoin, Alex & Estelle Aucoin & Fly, Joseph & Inez Costello, Joseph Costello, Jr.

Thursday, May 20

Rita Major

Friday, May 21

Sally Saizan

Saturday, May 22

Andre & Veronica Fuselier, Bonnie Jewell, Meridith & Edward Lieux, Milton Bonaventure, Violet David, Dawson Pourciau, Rene' Breard Wright, All Souls in Purgatory, especially deceased members of FOSS, "Bug" Roy, Viola Engemann, Dr. Harry Kellerman, Eugene Orsak & Fly, Ada & Woodrow Langlois, Dr. Karl Pinter

Sunday, May 23

"Kootchie" Bouanchaud, Kaleb Clark, M/M Leo L. Mix, Genevieve Jones, Angela & Floyd Chenevert, Charlotte Fabre, A.J. Bertrand, Ernest, Arabella, & Steven Langlois, Logan Hamilton, Myles Bueche & Grandparents, Gerard "Bug" Roy, Jr., Sally Saizan, M/M O.B. Laurent, Paul S. Rockvoan, Paul W. Rockvoan, Shane Brewer, George & Martha Thomas, Callie Cifreo Hardin, Mona Guidry, Rita Major, Dr. Harry Kellerman, Viola Engemann, Betty LeJeune, Ovide LeJeune, Evelina LeJeune, Audley Smith, Jr., Robert & Bobbie LaCour, Dale Anthony Stanford, Shirley Vosburg, Quang Nguyen, Dr. Karl Pinter, Noelle J. St. Romain, Velita Kline, Huey Guerin, Sr.

GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS

For the Week of May 23 at St. Mary:

Blanche Jewell, Telly Cifreo, Betty Perrault, Kim Bonaventure, Heather Devillier, Jennifer Vosburg #3, Donna Jarreau

God's Housekeepers for May at St. Francis:

Brenda Debetaz, Gale Roy, Bettie Capps

Vocation View

After the Risen Lord ascended into heaven, his disciples continued his work on earth. Blest are the ones found working when he returns. If you feel a call to a Church vocation, **contact Father Josh Johnson at (225) 336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.**

Why Are We Looking at the Sky?

Men of Galilee — why are you looking at the sky? It seems like a pretty foolish question for the angels to be asking the disciples. Their best friend just flew away in a cloud. I think in that situation, my first reaction would probably be to stop and stare, too.

But let's not forget, the disciples had a lot of work to do. A world full of souls to evangelize. I've always been a little amused at the thought of the angels shooing them down from Mount Olivet. Get to work! The kingdom isn't going to build itself!

In our own faith lives, we often find ourselves looking at the sky, don't we? We're the faithful, after all. We have seen Christ. We have accepted him. We have given ourselves to him. What more do we need to do? Perhaps we excessively dwell on the past, or anxiously anticipate the future. Perhaps we can't move on from a mistake we have made, or we are shying away from a challenge in front of us. We all have our own cloud that has bewitched us.

But let's remember, our faith compels action. Once again, the kingdom isn't going to build itself.

Why are you looking at the sky? The work is here. The hour is at hand. A good steward is to be mindful of the gift of time. What's the mountain you need to climb down? What is the task God is handing you? For what purpose has God placed you here, at this very moment in history?

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

Collections: April 26, 2021 - May 2, 2021

Stewardship	8,503.00
Online Giving	3,830.88
	\$12,333.88

Building Fund	3,639.00
Online Giving	1,172.00
	\$4,811.00

May Special/2nd Collections

May 15-16 Catholic Communication -Special Collection

Catholic Communications - May 15-16 Special Collection

This weekend our special collection supports the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Diocese of Baton Rouge to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! **To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/ccc.**



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PRAYER LIST

If you wish to place a name on the prayer list or retain a name after the four week period, please call **JoNell Doucet at 638-9665**.

Please pray for all military persons and their families, and all those in need, especially, for the following people:



Mitch Aguillard
Cecil Armond
John Bayham
Lester Bergeron, III
Erin Bertinot
Charlene Bolton
Colbi Bonaventure
Melvin Boudreaux
Warren Braud
Dorothy Broussard
J.C. Bueche, III
Kynlee Bueche
Eddie Callegan
Meredith Campanella
Peggy Champagne
Sonya Chauvin
Katie Cilano
Peggy Cline
Bryant J. David
Jason David
Anna Davis
Buddy Doming
D. Paul Doucet

Marcus Doucet
Cheryl Dubea
Bobby Eastman
Robbie Ewing
Ray John Forest
Gabriel Gandy
Betty Gathier
Robert Geier, Jr.
Daniel Guerin
Mary B. Guidroz
Emma Guidry
Bo Guillot
Jack Kellerman
Jimmy Jarreau
Raymond Jarreau
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Faye Johnson
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Lambert,CSJ
Kevin Langlois
Antionette LeBlanc
Bonnie Sue LeBlanc
Ramie LeBlanc

Buddy Lee
Becky Maggio
Sonny Major
Olivia McAfee
Dr. Carl McLemore
Carol McWithey
Kevin McWithey
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Mark Melancon
Dolores Mix
Lessie Martinez
Fr. Thomas
Montelaro
Georgia Morel
Bryant Morrow
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Marty Navarre
H.J. Navarre
Ada Orsak
Mason Part
Cody Reed
Gloria Jean Robbins
Larry Roberts

Harold Robillard
Wendy Robinson
Jeanie Roy
Kearn Roy
Nadley Roy
Jackie Saizan
Hunter Schurba
Virginia Sinclair
Anna Grace Smith
Martha Stoute
Anna Lee Swindler
Susan Thomas
Dania Tolliver
Chad Vosburg
John Vosburg
Debbie Wall
Miranda Young



Saturday July 24 at St. Aloysius Church in Baton Rouge 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

The conference theme, "Called by Name," speaks to our Lord who has called each of us by name into a deep and intimate relationship with Him.

The conference, with emcee Staci Gulino, includes inspirational talks by Catholic author and WINE foundress, Kelly Wahlquist; Catholic scripture teacher, host of Bible Study Evangelista on Breadbox Media, Sonja Corbitt; internationally noted catechetical speaker, singer, composer, and storyteller, ValLimar Jansen, and Baton Rouge's own Erin Franco, Catholic speaker, podcast host, and radio personality.

The day begins with Mass celebrated by Bishop Duca at 8:00AM followed by praise & worship music; inspirational talks; motivational entertainment; opportunities for confession, adoration, shopping, and prayer teams; tons of laughter; a fabulous lunch; CHOCOLATE; door prizes and a fun raffle at the 3:00 PM conclusion!

Invite a friend or three and register today! Conference cost \$55 if you register by July 1! \$25 for religious sisters, consecrated, and students. **For more information and to register, visit WINEconference.org**

UPCOMING EVENTS & NEWS

Adoration Chapel Hours

The Chapel will be open from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Mondays and Wednesdays and 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon on Fridays.

Only four persons at a time will be allowed in the chapel to comply with Covid guidelines. For safety purposes, the access code for the chapel has been changed. If you have not received the new access code, you will need to register in the Parish Office.

Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the Altar this weekend, May 15th & 16th are in memory of Lois & Gilbert Baum.

Father Danny's Masses of Thanksgiving

Father Danny's Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Mary's will be **May 29th at 4:00 P.M** with a reception following in the Parish Hall. He will be preaching at all masses that weekend.

There will be baskets at all doors for cards/donations for him. Checks should be made payable to Danny Roussel; NOT St. Mary's. Monetary gifts are greatly appreciated as any other gifts may be duplicated.

Parishioners are welcome to drop off their donations at the Parish Office.

Condolences

We offer our prayers and sincere condolences to the family of Henry J. Navarre, Jr.. May they experience the peace of the Lord.

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