



“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. If we become too immersed in the world, we lose touch with these deeper realities. We can become so preoccupied with preserving what we have created or think that we need, forgetting that it is not building our city that really matters, but God’s. Jesus clearly did not belong to the world and, by virtue of his resurrection, he tries to get us to understand that we do not either. The truth brings us to other worldly, more divine places and takes our eyes off of the concerns that often captivate our fears and storm our senses. Life can easily erode our faith. Think of your life over the last couple of weeks. What challenged your faith and distracted your divine glance? Even being overly stimulated with technology and social media can erode our sense of confidence and cause us to forget who we really are. We need to distance ourselves from the world in order to experience the joy that Christ offers. The world will never like the word of God. It is too challenging and too perplexing. The world mistakenly believes that it can survive on its own. It is a mistaken judgment that may cost people a lot in the end. It is all so very simple: God remains when we love one another. If in all the business of our lives and all that each day brings, the good and the bad, we follow the call and path of love, we will walk with God. There is nothing to fear and anxiety finds no home.

**Readings for the Week of May 16<sup>th</sup> 2021**

Sunday: *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23  
 Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33  
 Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:11a  
 Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19  
 Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26  
 Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19  
 Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [7b]/Jn 21:20-25  
  
**Next Sunday:** *Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39*

**Mass Intentions**

**Sat. 5:00 p.m.:** Hilda Johnson, Alexson Mathieu, Audrey Mathieu, deceased members of the Mathieu & Mouton families, Christopher J Anderson, Wilbert & Thelma Jeanlouis, Harold Anderson Sr & Ethel Mae Decuir, Mazel Norbert, M/M Emelda & Cleveland Harris Sr, M/M Hazel & Arthur Roy Sr, Harrison Green, Clifton Daigre Jr, Antoine Cormier and Joyce Cormier. Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and donors and for the wellbeing and intentions of our church members.

**Sun. 8:00 a.m.:** M/M Escorn & Rita Chretien, Barbara Celestine and Lorena Celestine. Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and Donors and for the wellbeing and intentions of our church members.

**Sun. 10:00 a.m.:** Joseph Leo Sias III, Christopher Anderson and the deceased members of the Decuir & Anderson families, Lionel Ryes, M/M Curley & Mary Ann Flugence, deceased members of the Flugence & St. Julien families, Florina & John Landry, Zoeway & Ernest Green, Emma & Aristille Landry, M/M Emelda & Cleveland Harris Sr, M/M Hazel & Arthur Roy Sr, Harrison Green, Clifton Mouton, Robert Kirby and Villery Ball. Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and Donors and for the wellbeing and intentions of our church members.

**Prayers for the Sick:** Merciful Jesus, onto your Compassionate Heart we recommend Charles Lee, Gustavia Thibeaux, John Albert Ledet, Clyde Tauriac, Mark Tauriac, Shavawna Flugence, Mayola Williams, Lester Mouton, Louvenia L Gibson, Audrey Armelin, Rodney Dupuis, Bessie Johnson, Emery Joe, Sylvania Cormier and Leon Williams.

**Holy Baptism** Will be conducted on an as-needed basis. Contact the church office to arrange Baptismal class and scheduling.

**God’s Housekeepers:**

**St. Joseph:** Thanks to all of the ladies in **Group C** that cleaned the church on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The next group is **Group A:** Jennifer Harris, Marie Francis and Gaynell Kimble – May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021.

**St. Anthony – May, 2021: (Group B)** Theresa Cormier, Beverly Rixner and Laura Chretien

*Your hard work and time dedicated is appreciated!*



**PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION:**

**May 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
<b>SATURDAY</b> May 22, 2021 5:00pm	Linda Alfred	Michael Rabon		
<b>SUNDAY</b> May 23, 2021 8:00am	Errol Greig			
<b>SUNDAY</b> May 23, 2021 10:00am	Brenda Washington	Tryone Rogers		

**Please Note:** Lectors, Ushers, Altar Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion; by calling for a replacement when you are scheduled but cannot serve, you honor your commitment and help to ensure that there is no interruption for mass. Thanks!!

**PASTORS CORNER**

**Ascension of Our Lord -Mark 16:15-20**

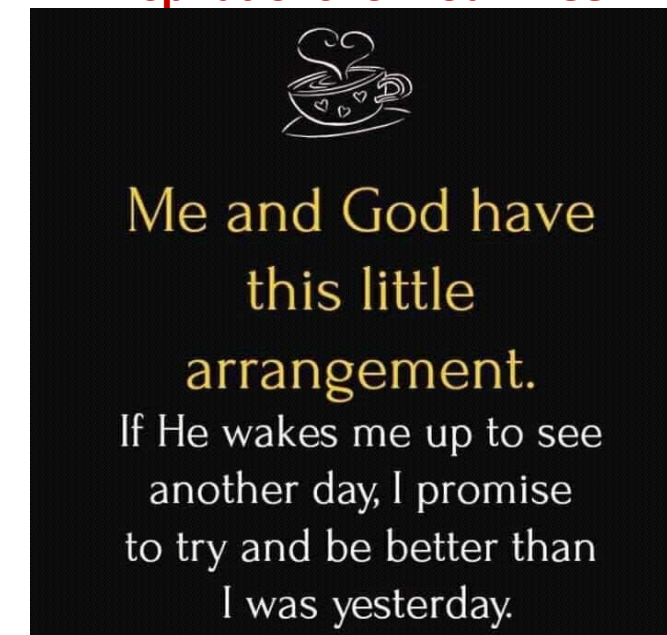
**Notes from your Pastor**  
 The celebration of the feast of the Ascension of our Lord reminds us of the “exaltation” of Jesus as he is raised up to share the glory of his Father. Before his departure he introduces his disciples to their mission. Jesus who confined himself to the people of Israel, now tells them to continue his work all over the world. They will be able to do what Jesus himself did not do namely to proclaim the word to all the nations. He told them that those who believe in him will also do the works that he has been doing. He promised them that greater works than these he will do for them because he was going to the Father. They now have the mission to preach the Gospel to the whole world. This mission involves the call to evangelize people to continue the healing work of Jesus, to preach the good news after being enriched by the power of the Holy Spirit. The reception of the Holy Spirit was very important because Jesus had been chosen and sent by the Father and the Son to sustain Christianity in a new era of sacred history the era of the Church and its mission. He tells them that the Christian community is never alone. They will have the Trinitarian presence of the Father the Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit. This presence will give new life to the Church. Hence the feast of Ascension reminds us that Jesus is present with us in the church. He is present in His apostolic Church in the Holy Eucharist, in the word of God and in the Christian community. As mysterious as it appears while He has ascended, our faith affirms to us that He is still here with us.

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The Web Site for St. Joseph/St. Anthony is: [stjostant.org](http://stjostant.org)

**Inspirations for Your Week**



**Our Giving**

**May 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**St. Joseph:** ( 101 Envelopes) **1,776.00**

**St. Anthony:** (42 Envelopes) **1,115.00**

**\$2,891.00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collections:**

**Building Maintenance Fund:** 40.00  
**Catholic Relief Services:** 7.00  
**Black & Indian Mission:** 5.00  
**Eastern European Church:** 5.00  
**Holy Land:** 10.00  
**TOTAL:** **\$2,958.00**

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**April Assessment Paid to Diocese: \$1,315.70**

*“No one shall appear before the Lord empty-handed, but each of you with as much as he can give, in proportion to the blessings which the Lord your God has bestowed upon you.”*