

Reflection of today Gospel

John 15:1-8



First Reading Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31
Responsorial Psalm Psalm 22:26-27,28,30,31-32
Second Reading 1 John 3:18-24

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is part of Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper. Recall that John tells the story of Jesus' Last Supper differently from the other Evangelists. In John's Gospel, the Last Supper begins with Jesus washing his disciples' feet. Jesus then provides them with a series of instructions. We call this section the Last Supper discourse or Jesus' farewell discourse. In these chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples about the importance of following his example of love and service, about the gift they will receive when Jesus sends them the Holy Spirit, and about their relationship with Jesus and with the world. The Last Supper discourse concludes with Jesus' prayer for his disciples.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel.

In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began.

Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name.

We observe many people who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbor. Christians and non-Christians feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, and give alms to the poor. These actions become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in his name.

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Mass Intentions for the Week

***"I'm going to prepare a place for you"
"For this momentary afflictions is causing an eternal weight of glory"***

Sunday, April 28, 2024,

All members of Center of Jesus The Lord
Father Lance Campo (Birthday Blessing)
Anna Dinett (Loving Memory)
Joshua Maidenbaum (Healing)

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Joshua Maidenbaum (Healing)
Lugene Coulon (Thanksgiving)

Sanctuary Candle End to Abortion

To schedule Mass Intentions or Sanctuary Candle
Memorials call the Center 529-1636

Pray to end all wars and persecutions of Christians...end to abortions...end to euthanasia...

Next Weeks Reading

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 98:1,2-3,3-4

Second Reading 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel Reading John 15:9-17

POPE FRANCIS' APRIL PRAYER INTENTION

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

MAGNIFICAT MARRERO/WESTBANK CHAPTER,
breakfast, May 25, 9 a.m.-noon, Four Columns, 3711 Westbank Expy., Harvey. Featured speaker, Marianite Sister Suellen Tennyson. Tickets, Westbank Religious Supply or (504) 319-6788. Cost is \$20.

PRIEST ORDINATION

On Saturday, June 1, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Louis Cathedral, Archbishop Aymond will ordain Deacons Austin Barr, Jorge Gomez, and Cuong Tran to the presbyterate for the Archdiocese of New Orleans. You are cordially invited to attend the ceremony. Priests and deacons are asked to bring their alb; vestments will be provided.

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage is scheduled to make its way through the Archdiocese of New Orleans
Friday, June 7 through Sunday, June 9, 2024.

The National Eucharistic Revival will culminate with two major national events: Four cross-country Eucharistic Pilgrimages from the North, South, East, and West and converging at the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis to be held July 17-21 of this year. 2 young men, 4 young women, 2 seminarians, and a Priest and a Brother from the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal will be making the entire Southern "Juan Diego" pilgrimage from Brownsville, TX to Indianapolis, IN. The Archdiocese of New Orleans will welcome the pilgrims June 7-9, 2024 with two public celebrations:

On Friday June 7th beginning at 6:30 p.m., Archbishop Aymond will lead a public Eucharistic Procession from the steps of Notre Dame Seminary and proceeding to St. Rita's Church on Lowerline Street. The procession will be followed by a time of Eucharistic Adoration with music provided by the Vigil Project and a reflection by one of the perpetual pilgrims.

Archbishop Aymond will offer the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 9th at St. Louis Cathedral followed by a Eucharistic Procession around Jackson Square. All are invited.

Center of Jesus Upcoming Events

Saturday, May 4

Mass and Eucharistic Adoration

Followed by Healing Prayer

10am-12pm

Sunday, May 19

Pentecost

Featuring liturgical dancers

Sunday, May 12

Mother's Day

Friday, June 7

National Eucharistic Procession

6:30pm Procession at Notre Dame Seminary to St. Rita, Adoration afterwards

Sunday, June 2

Corpus Christi

Sunday, June 16

I would like to share the good news with the community of Center of Jesus the Lord (my spiritual family)...Despite many odds, I have been accepted as a **Seminarian for the Diocese of New Orleans. Praise GOD!** I would like to thank first and foremost...our **Lord Jesus Christ** who has called me from darkness to his wonderful light. I would like to thank you Father Long and Father Samson whom he used to call me to the priesthood. Never-ending thanks to **Father Lance**. A seed whom was rejected by others, he took the seed, and watered it. Under the guidance of Father Lance, the seed grew and began to blossom. A seed who once was sown on thorns has been replanted in rich soil. It is amazing what the power of God can do. Never doubt GOD! Despite wandering in the desert and wilderness for so many years, the Lord never gave up on me, he continues to love me and protect me through my sinfulness and wantonness. Through his Grace (I will never forsake you or abandon you!), I was once lost and now found. The lost sheep and prodigal son has returned to the Father. And never ending thanks to the community of **Center of Jesus the Lord**. Each and every member has/have been a positive influence in my life. The Center took me in and treated me not as a member but as family. Without the Father Lance and the Center it would have not been possible! I will be forever grateful and the Center will forever be in my heart and prayers. Thank you! I love you all!

Brother in Christ...Timothy Ngo

Diocese Announcements:

BENEFIT PLANNING FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

The Archdiocesan Commission for People with Disabilities is hosting a workshop on enrolling and protecting financial benefits for people with disabilities. The workshop will provide information by Carole Cuckell Neff on legal planning for adults and children with special needs. The workshop will be held at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Metairie on Saturday, May 4, 2024 from 8:30-11:30

Widowed? Separated? Divorced? Listen. Accompany. Heal. One weekend ... All the difference. Join us for the Beginning Experience of New Orleans Weekend Retreat May 17-19, 2024 at the Cenacle on the Lake Retreat Center located at 5500 St. Mary Street, Metairie, LA. For more information including registration and fees, contact Registrar, Liz Reis at (504) 858-1813 or email lzbthreis@yahoo.com.

2024 HOLY SPIRIT NOVENA AND REVIVAL St. John of the Cross Catholic Church in Lacombe will once again host the Holy Spirit Novena beginning Friday, May 10, 2024 and concluding Saturday, May 18, the Eve of Pentecost. Each night will feature a different celebrant for Mass as well as musical artists of varying styles.

The Office of Marriage and Family Life is pleased to announce the annual Archdiocese of New Orleans Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held on Sunday, June 23, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Philip Neri Church, Metairie.

WILLWOODS MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT:

MAY 18TH - 19TH OR MAY 25TH - 26TH Then join us on either one of our upcoming Married Couples Retreats at the beautiful St Joseph Abbey Retreat Center in Covington, La. For more information or to register go to FaithandMarriage.org.

CHRIST IN THE CITY

TUESDAY MAY 7TH, Notre Dame Seminary | 2901 S. Carrollton Ave., New Orleans. Christ in the City, the monthly evening of Eucharistic Adoration for young adults in their late teens, 20s, and 30s, sponsored by the CYO/Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office of the Archdiocese of New Orleans, will take place at Notre Dame Seminary on Tuesday May 7th. Adoration begins at 7 PM with a holy hour of praise & worship music and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**PRAY THE ROSARY
OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL ROSARY GROUP
EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6:00 PM IN THE CHURCH**



*"There are no strangers here,
only friends we have not
yet MET"*



*Pray the Chaplet of
Divine Mercy with us
Sunday 9:45am*

The Unity Prayer

MY ADORABLE JESUS,
MAY OUR FEET JOURNEY TOGETHER.
MAY OUR HANDS GATHER IN UNITY.
MAY OUR HEARTS BEAT IN UNISON.
MAY OUR SOULS BE IN HARMONY.
MAY OUR THOUGHTS BE AS ONE.
MAY OUR EARS LISTEN TO
THE SILENCE TOGETHER.
MAY OUR GLANCES
PROFOUNDLY
PENETRATE EACH OTHER.
MAY OUR LIPS PRAY TOGETHER TO
GAIN MERCY FROM THE ETERNAL FATHER.
AMEN

Center of Jesus the Lord at Our Lady of Good Counsel



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MISSION STATEMENT

Center of Jesus the Lord at Our Lady of Good Counsel is a joy filled, loving Charismatic Catholic Community where all are WELCOME! We are active in service to others, living the GOOD NEWS of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

THE CENTER'S WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY Praise and Worship: 10:00 AM; Eucharistic Celebration 10:15 AM;

Healing Prayer after Mass; Fellowship follows in dining hall

TUESDAY Praise and Worship 10:30 AM; Eucharistic Celebration 11:00 AM;

following Mass all are welcomed to join in lunch and fellowship (1307 Louisiana Avenue)

MONTHLY SATURDAY Eucharistic Adoration 10am with Healing Prayer at 11AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation before Sunday & Tuesday masses or call Center to schedule an appointment with Father Lance Campo or Father Anthony Inam