



# Blum Center Summer Camp

**June 25, 2017  
25th Sunday**

**Ascension of  
Our Lord  
+  
St. Francis of Assisi  
Catholic Churches**

**Office Hours (Ascension)**  
Mon-Thu 8a-12p and 1p-3:30p  
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**WEEKDAY MASSES**  
**Monday** - 12:00 noon Ascension  
**Tuesday - Friday, 7AM** St. Francis

**WEEKEND MASSES**  
**Saturday Reconciliation:** 3-3:40PM  
**Saturday Vigil:** 4:00 PM - Ascension  
**Sunday Masses:**  
8:00 AM - Ascension  
10:30 AM - St. Francis

**SACRAMENTS**  
**Baptism** - Call parish office  
**Marriage** - Call at least six (6)  
months in advance to schedule  
**Care of the Sick** - For emergencies  
please call 225-590-7930.  
**Funerals** - Call parish office.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**June 24, 2017 4:00 vigil mass AOL** Anabel torres, Maria Taeok Sun, Joseph Kim, Loretta Sotile, Marianne Webre, Emile Spano, Salvador & Annette Grisaffe, Eddie Esneault, Jr., Paul & Heloise Grisaffe, Amelica & Leah Gravois, Eddie & Lilly Esneault, Camille & Josphine Esneault, Terrance Aucoin, Sr., Alvin & BB Richard, Louis Preacher Schexnayder, Theophile & Anna Landry, George Arceneaux, Majorie Griffin, Lois deBessonnet, Roy Latino, Harry Millien, Mary Soroka, Marie Ninety Pizzolato, Janet Capone, Gloria Peltier, Gerald Alexander, Joyce & Joe Dinino, Roland & Laurence Schexnayder, Courtney Guidry, Cade Michael Brown, Dot & Hilliard Landry, Chris Matassa, Marion Roques, Loe Poirrier, Fr. Peter

**June 25, 2017 8:00 am AOL** Emile Spano, Nolan Guillot, Robert Schexnayder, Danny Barry, Bobby Miglicco, Roland Ourso, Norbert & Laura Schexnayder, Helen & Joseph Cavalier, Debbie Frey, Anna Mae Charlet

**10:30 am SFA** Amiee Ourso Webb, Dot & John Richard, Gwen Boudreaux, Cory Oubre, Sherry Ourso, Ronnie Morris, Rocky Morris, Myrtle Ourso, Raphael & Mary Juneau, Achille, Ella, Merlin & Henry Denoux, Irma Marino, Stella Levins, Kathleen Gomez Garrene, Hilda Landaiche, Mercedes Mistretta, M/M Lyn Simoneaux, Lynn Simoneaux, Stanley Simoneaux, Anthony Trepagnier, Ronald & Margaret Carbo, Charlie Doescher, Mr. Joseph Dien

**June 26, 2017 12:00 noon AOL** Emile Spano, Rev. Tan Nguyen

**June 27, 2017 7:00 am SFA** Emile Spano, Violet LeBlanc Marchand

**June 28, 2017 7:00 am SFA** Emile Spano, Don Vu & Kim Mai's Wedding Anniversary

**June 29, 2017 7:00 am SFA** Emile Spano

**June 30, 2017 7:00 am SFA** Emile Spano

**July 1, 2017 4:00 pm Vigil mass AOL** Anabel Tores, Maria Taeok Sun, Joseph Kim, Howard & Totee Denoux, James Schexnayder, Martha, Leo & Louis Poirrier, Concetta Dinino, Loretta Sotile, Marianne Webre, Emile Spano, Terrance Aucoin, Sr., Alvin & BB Richard, Louis Preacher Schexnayder, Robert Schexnayder, Roy Latino, Leroy, Lydia & Edward LeBlanc, Mercedes Mistretta, Chris Matassa, George Arceneaux, Marjorie Griffin, Lois deBessonnet, Harry Millien, Leo Poirrier, Janet Capone, Fr. Michael, Mary Soroka, Marion Roques, Loretta Pizzolato, M/M Frank Forte, Shane Pfister, David Speck Pfister, Vernon Speck Pfister, Cedric Usey,

**July 2, 2017 8:00 am AOL** Emile Spano, Danny Barry, Bobby Miglicco, Roland Ourso, Billy Dunn, Norbert & Laura Schexnayder, Joe & Helen Cavalier

**10:30 am SFA** Sherry L. Ourso, Ronnie Morris, Rocky Morris, Rocky Morris, Raphael & Mary Juneau, Myrtle Ourso, Francis & Clare Dubis, Cory Oubre, Stella Levins, Charlie Doescher, Ronald & Margaret Carbo, Aimee Ourso Webb, John & Dot Richard, Gwen Boudreaux, Raymond Decareaux, Fay Decareaux, Jerry Decareaux, Allen Decareaux, Gerald Alexander, Anthony Trepagnier

**July 4, 2017 7:00 am SFA** Emile Spano, Camilla, Anne, Nelson Morris, Bill Carr & fly, Mary Morris & fly., Edith & Charles Kern, Willy & Therese Hodge, Mathilda & Milton Boudreaux, Cyprien Kern, fly., Lenes Simoneaux & fly.

**July 5, 2017 7:00 am SFA** Emile Spano, Debbie Frey

**July 6, 2017 7:00 am SFA** Emile Spano, Stanley & Fred Dill, Marriet & Rudy Kolb

**July 7, 2017 7:00 am SFA** Emile Spano

## Liturgical Minister Schedule for June 25 - July 8, 2017

<b>June 24, 2017</b> <b>4:00 pm vigil mass</b>	M. Turner C B. LeBlanc L	E. Abdie B1 J. Abadie B2 J. Templet B3	G. Robert W J. Marchand W	A. Landry J. Landry
<b>June 25, 2017</b> <b>8:00 am AOL</b>	L. Boudreaux L B. Boudreaux C	B. Mistretta B1 T. Ewen B2 G. Landry B3	G. Landry W M. Thibodeaux W	T. Thibodeaux
<b>10:30 am SFA</b>	S. Theriot L B. Bonadona C	A. Chiquet W B. J. Maher W	S. Bourg B L. Pfister	T. Bourg
<b>July 1, 2017</b> <b>4:00 pm vigil mass</b>	L. Eure C L. Carter L	P. Carter B1 L. Rome B2 S. Bessonnet B3	D. Weil W G. Mistretta W	Eure
<b>July 2, 2017</b> <b>8:00 am AOL</b>	M. Gros L R. Capello C	J. Hidalgo B1 M. Lemann B2 D. Sagona B3	H. Michel W H. Poirier W	A. Charlet
<b>10:30 am SFA</b>	J. Maher L J. Theriot C	K. LeBlanc B M. Maher B	L. Templet W C. LeBlanc W	L. Thibodeaux S. Pfister
<b>July 8, 2017</b> <b>4:00 pm vigil mass</b>	F. Aucoin L D. Lemann C	T. LeBlanc B1 L. Shaheen B2 J. Burns B3	E. Burns W J. Templet W	A. Turner K. Mistretta
<b>July 9, 2017</b> <b>8:00 am AOL</b>	K. Brown L D. LeBlanc C	T. Brown B1 M. Bergeron B2 R. LeBlanc B3	H. Rodrigue W B. Mistretta W	Eure
<b>10:30 am SFA</b>	K. Acosta C E. Abadie L	H. Jumonville B S. Jumonville B	J. Abadie W D. Safford W	Schexnayder



Ever since I graduated from high school, I had developed an allergy (I know that many of you have this allergy also) - packing and moving. While in the seminary, I packed and moved to a new parish every summer for eight years. As human beings, we all like stability and comfort; we don't like change. You know, when the appointments were made, I took consolation in the fact that I was going to be close by just right down the bayou. One parishioner even said, "The bishop didn't move you away far enough." The analogy is similar to that of Baton Rouge flood last August. Whether you have 1 foot of water in your house or 6 feet of water, the entire house has to be gutted and all of your furniture has to be discarded. Whether it's 25 minutes or an hour away, the truth is I am moving.

There was something that I learned from the events last year with the flood and the whole shooting thing - that people have the ability to receive and give of themselves. Spending many afternoons at Lamar Dixon, I witnessed people from all over the surrounding areas coming together to work with each other despite differences in background, religion, social status, etc. It's like if you took a trip to London, and you are on the train from one city to another; in the background, you hear a voice with an American accent. You squeeze your way through the crowd, and you introduce yourself. Most likely, the other person that you are talking to would be saying, "Oh wow, you're an American!" In that moment, you're like best friends. But here in the States, you would be total strangers to one another.

That's how communities are built - people taking small steps of trust. It's like a dance, "Did I make the right move?" "Did I accidentally step on that person's toe?" "Did he/she lead me in the right direction?" "Did I say something that hurt that person?" These questions are constant regardless the size of the community. And there is something beautiful about our community: the fact that everyone knows everyone else, and everyone knows what and when everyone else is doing on any given day. Who needs a news reporter when we have the people of D'ville? I spoke with a seminarian from Covington a few months ago.

I asked him, "How close is your family's involvement with the parish?"

"We recently changed to a different parish last year so I am not sure."

"Oh really, why's that?" I asked him.

"Because my dad felt that everyone in our community was too "dramatic" (*i.e.*, they knew everything that went on with everyone else)."

"Hmmm.., so yall pulled all the kids out of the school there and moved to a different place. So how many families do yall connect with now?"

"Just one."

"One?! Your family must like it quiet."

What I was really thinking was "Oh my, that's not just quiet. That sounds really lonely and isolating. At least to me it sounds lonely and isolating" In any parish/community, tension will naturally occur. But those conflicts can be a gift, because that's the only way for relationships to grow.

To be perfectly honest, when the bishop appointed me to Ascension and St Francis. I was embarrassed about coming to D'ville, because everyone knew that I had taken some time away from the priesthood. But I did exactly what I described above, I took little steps of giving and taking. And my last year at the parish has been just absolutely terrific! As a side note, if my memory serves me correctly, it was Fr David Allen who sat in the personnel board meeting and made the recommendation to the board and to the bishop that I would be sent here if Fr Paul agreed to it. I am sure happy that he came up with that idea.

Anyways, back to giving and receiving in a relationship. So last week when I was moving into St Anne's and St Philomena's office, we also sat down for a staff meeting. During the meeting, the ladies were so accommodating. They kept telling me, "Oh Father, we are here to make your life easier. Whatever you need just ask ... We don't want to stress you out." And I was thinking to myself, "Well, I was trying to do the same - to make yall's life easier and not to stress yall out." But again, it's a two way street. You all have heard of stories from other parishioners that a priest can drive his staff and his parishioners crazy. There's no such thing of people giving and giving without any boundaries. The same is true with every priest. Priests need his people, and his people will in turn give him support.

Which leads me to the last point, our relationship with God will take a similar path as with others. There will be moments that we will mess up, and that's what confession is for. Confession is by nature embarrassing and shameful. But also by its very nature, confession is also very freeing and liberating. Along with confession is the attendance of Holy Mass. Mass is what builds the bonds between you and God and between you and the others. Making Mass a priority will bring you peace and prosperity - "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

Please pray for me as I will for you. May the blessings of almighty God come down upon you and your family.



Anyone who signed up to work Vacation Bible school, please come to the St. Francis parish hall on Monday, July 17th at 9:00 am for a short orientation. Bible school begins at 9:30 am.



The Church office will be closed Monday, July 3rd and Tuesday, July 4th, (Independence Day)

### Why Are We Changing The Pews?

The last few weeks, we have been receiving questions and comments about removing our existing pews and replacing with new ones. Several of the comments were in the range of, "Why are we getting new pews?" "There is nothing wrong with the ones we currently have." "All they need is a little cleaning and care".

**As the old saying goes— Looks can be deceiving!** We have been repairing our existing pews in earnest since 2012. Literally dozens of pews have been repaired and the repairs are not holding. The Maintenance Committee along with professional carpenters have tried types of patches, screws, brackets and various types of glue.



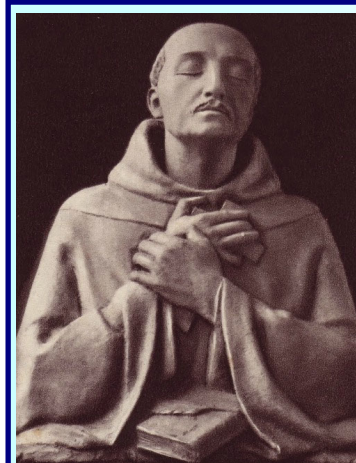
When the Church was being painted in 2012 and 2013, several pews had to be removed temporarily for the Hydraulic lifts to operate elevating the painters to the top portions of the Church for cleaning and painting. Literally every single pew that was moved cracked open (approximately 15 to 18 pews). It appears the seams in between the boards have dried out over the years, causing cracking. The seams are actually coming open and the pew becomes weaker and weaker. These cracks began getting more prominent in 2013 and the cracked seams were actually "pinching" people. At that time the restoration of existing pews or buying new pews was not in the budget, and we did not want to go into debt and borrow the money. During this time period, we contacted a Professional Pew Restoration Company located in Lafayette. The company does this type of work on pews throughout the United States and Canada. They advised the only permanent fix would be to completely take apart the existing pews, sand, clean and re-glue

all the seams, and because there are so many seams, the cost for restoring and repairing the existing pews was \$45,000.00 more than the cost of the new solid oak pews ( like the one displayed in the rear of Church). After extensive discussion, it was determined that ordering the seat cushions would provide continued service of the existing pews and perhaps extend the life of the existing pews a few more years until new pews could be purchased. This "corrective action" served well as a temporary solution until present day. So with all those factors and cost estimates, we are now in a position to purchase the new "solid oak" pews.

Please be assured that the Finance and Maintenance Committees are frugal and thrifty and before any decision is reached to authorize upgrades, repairs or improvement projects, there is always a healthy discussion and prayerful thought. In the end, whatever is in the best interest of the Church parish is always at the forefront and is the deciding factor, in any decision.

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**St. John of the Cross and Mother Mercy: Gentle Guide in the Dark Night**  
**A Talk by Fr. Paul Yi**  
**Sunday, July 16, 2017 6PM**  
**Ascension Activity Center**

Come learn about how your trials and difficulties in life have a meaning, that it is precisely during those experiences you encounter God and outpouring of His love. St. John of the Cross will help us

point out the signs of God's presence even in our most dark times of our lives.

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1. Click the link to either Online Giving for Ascension Church or Online Giving for St. Francis Church
2. Sign up for a New Account
3. Set up My Payment Method
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**Will you spend an hour with Jesus?**

Please contact Brenda Richard if you are interested in spending an hour at the Adoration Chapel. Brenda @ 717-0466.



**ASCENSION OF OUR LORD/ ST FRANCIS**

*Prayer Line*

Please pray for the sick of our parish: *Carey Andermann, Will Ray Berot, Allen Bellina, Cynthia Blanchard, Maryella Bradford, the family of Cade Michael Brown, Russell Bujol, Brent Burgess, Yvonne Caballero, Martin Cancienne, Janet Capone, John Capone, Margaret Carbo, Calvin & Frankie Casteigne, Joseph Cavalier, Meggie Clifton, Alton Daigle, Beth Daigle, Penny Dearman, Lois De Bessonnet, Betty Defiore, Andy Diez, Chasely Diez, Bobby Esneault, Barbara Ghiradi, Roberta Giroir, Debbie Gomez, the fly of Courtney Guidry, Landry Guillot, Tommy Guillot, Carol Hernandez, Heath Hernandez, Natalie Hill, Tommy Hood, Jr., Brenda Landry, Diana Landry, Kathleen Landry, Amelia Lanoix, Brooks Ory LeBlanc, Jessica Madere, Chris Martinez, Jennifer Martinez, Joe Matassa, Kayla McLaughlin, Tripp Miglicco, Rosalie Mistretta, Bishop Robert Muench, Natalie, Aline Doll Oswald, Mabel Ourso, Nicole Owers, Betty & Nolan Poirrier, Frances Poirrier, Hazel Poirier, Edie Rodrigue, Lorraine & Phillip Rodrigue, Dennis Rome, Phil Rome, Ronnie Rome, Jr., Eula Ruggero, Annie LeBlanc Russo, Maria Russo, Brandy & Brenda Sanchez, Jackie Schexnayder, George Shaheen, Cliff Sherman, Earline Simoneau, Sue Solar, Lucy Belle Sotile, Bonnie Temple, Brandt Theriot, Allie Zeringue*

If you have family or friends who need prayer, please call Sandra Mistretta at 473-4341 or Becky Bellina at 473-6654 or 717-1734. Please also call when you would like their name taken off of the prayer line.



**Ascension of Our Lord**

June 10-11, 2017  
Church Support \$ 4,329.00  
Maintenance \$ 1,584.00

June 17-18, 2017  
Church Support \$3,951.00  
Maintenance \$1,326.00

**St. Francis of Assisi**

June 11 2017  
Church Support \$ 1,887.00  
Maintenance \$ 710.00

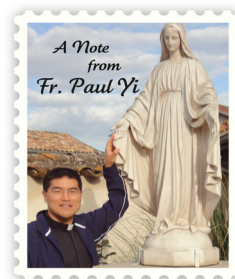
June 18, 2017  
Church Support \$1337.00  
Maintenance \$80.00



**Flowers**

Thorton Ambrose, Howard Coriell, Joe Cavalier, Alan & George Gregoire, Morgan Joffrion, Norbert Schexnayder,

**Farewell to Fr. Joe Vu**



It is with great sadness that we bid Fr. Joe farewell from our parish, although he is not going too far from us. He is gifted with many talents—music, creativity, intellect, gentleness, energy, and humor. On several occasions, Fr. Joe invited me to dress

up for the primary school carpool line, and I must admit, I didn't have the courage like Fr. Joe did to get in a Tyrannosaurus Rex suit!

He has done so much for our parish during this past year as our associate pastor. He touched many people with his memorable and powerful homilies. He helped design our new parish website and app. His attentiveness to grieving families during their time of their loss, and his enthusiasm with our students in Ascension Catholic School will be missed. We will pray for you, Fr. Joe! Come back and visit us!



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