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Deacon Jerry Thomas

Deacon Dick Beaudry

Hispanic Ministry:

Fr. Rafael Martos

Mass Schedule

Vigil Mass (Saturday):

4:30 p.m. (English)

6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Sunday Masses: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,

and 4:30 p.m.

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Thursday: 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Rosary 25 minutes before each Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday thru Friday

After 8:00 Morning Mass to 4:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30-4:15 p.m.

First Friday: 7:30 a.m.

or Anytime by Appointment with Priest

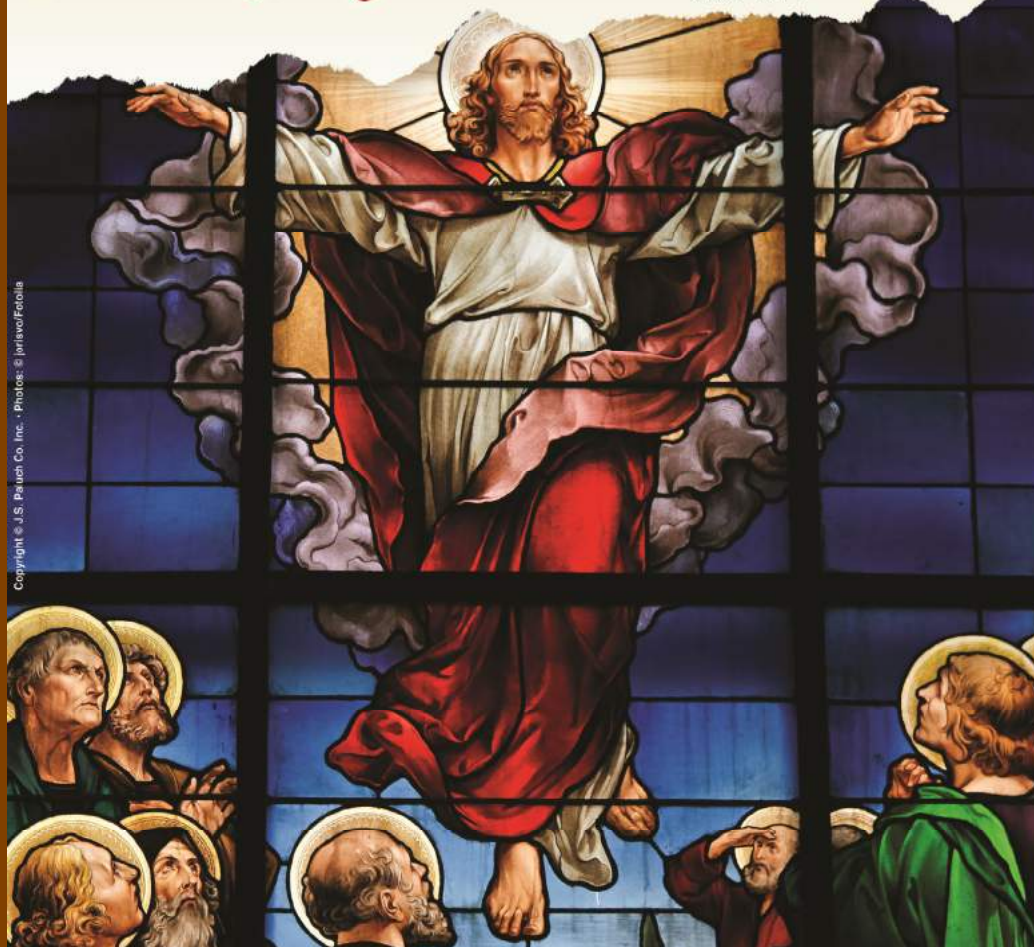
May 28
2017

ASCENSION OF THE

Lord

MEN OF GALILEE, WHY ARE YOU
STANDING THERE STARING AT THE SKY?
THIS JESUS WHO HAS BEEN
TAKEN UP FROM YOU INTO HEAVEN
WILL RETURN IN THE SAME WAY AS YOU
HAVE SEEN HIM GOING INTO HEAVEN.

Acts 1:11



Mass Intentions for the Week



- Saturday May 27**
4:30 p.m. †Rachel Hebert
by Bill Hebert
6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass
- Sunday May 28**
8:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
10:30 a.m. †Betty Muley
by Tim & Marilyn Pasden
4:30 p.m. Intention of Rachel Rimple
by Paulette
- Monday May 29**
Memorial Day
9:00 a.m. †Master Sergeant William Bishop, Jr.
by Carl Francis Kosierowski
- Tuesday May 30**
8:00 a.m. †Patricia Schlotfeldt
by Don & Mary Parker
- Wednesday May 31**
8:00 a.m. †Carl Schisler by Pauline Bull
- Thursday June 1**
8:00 a.m. †Betty Muley
by Don & Mary Parker
6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass
- Friday June 2**
8:00 a.m. Jenny McAnelly by Nonie Riley
- Saturday June 3**
4:30 p.m. †Erin McAneney
by Rick & Sue Berst
6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass
- Sunday June 4**
Pentecost Sunday
8:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi
10:30 a.m. For Favor Received
by Maria Acevedo
4:30 p.m. †Robert Bauer
by Theresa Bauer

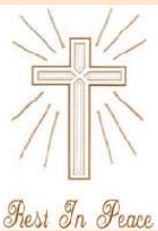
IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS, please pray for those who are ill, homebound, or confined to hospitals and nursing homes, especially for the following:

Anthony Augello, James Barry, Kathy Barry, Bill & Delores Bednarovsky, Rick Bishop, Carmela Blair, Richard & Marie Bowers, Dee Brown, Shannon Bufis, Maria Celani, Helen & Jack Clark, Carmen Connors, John Danet, Lisa DeJordy, Doug Dimick, Omar & Jane Elwer, Barbara Fellabick, Larry Fields, Robert Fisher, Jr., Paul Gabriel, Philip Gabriel, Rosemarie Gabriel, Kenny Gay, Scott Gill, Paul Guthrie, Charles Hall, Rachel Harlor, Carrie Carmody Haynes, Coleman & Marlene Hill, Patricia Koch, Mary Little, Aliceia Marrone, John & Charlotte McFaul, Agnes McGinn, Billie Morrow, Darryl Mummert, Robin Murphy, Ed & Gerry Murray, John Openlander, Helen O'Connor, Bonnie Ostrowski, Charles Paisley, Don Parker, Tim Pasden, Joseph Polak, Mary Elizabeth Polumbo, John Poulos, Luisa Puerto, Shirley Puerto, Theresa Redgrave, Catherine Schaefer, Bill Shumsky, Darrell Sitton, Catherine Mary Skidmore, Stanton Sullivan, Bernadette Suppa, Joseph Suppa Jr., Phyllis Suppa, Betty Valleri, Al Veinotte, Alice Veinotte, Dorian Vicario, John Vicario, Martin Vicario, Carol Wagner, Gabriel Wagner, George Wagner, Joan Wagner, Kurt Wicker, Mary Winiarski, the Homebound and their Caregivers and the repose of the souls of Alfred Graves, Melanie Langer Rodriguez and Mary Schembri.

LORD,
Look upon me with eyes of mercy, may Your healing hand rest upon me, may Your life-giving powers flow into every cell of my body and into the depths of my soul, cleansing, purifying, restoring me to wholeness and strength for service in Your Kingdom. Amen.

Please remember to pray for our troops, especially:

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| Daniel Hutton | Jesse Witt | Shai Ane Belinski |
| Aran Miller | Brittany L Jones Baker | Kevin Lime |
| Jarred Taracido | Adam Baker | Patrick Jonker |
| Joseph Michalek | Cameron Trinkle | Remy Herrero |
| Juan Cruz | Zachary Trinkle | Leobardo Martinez |
| Spencer Dewey | Brandon Trinkle | Alejandro Cuesta |
| Kris Urquhart | Dan Holder | Wesley Kosierowski |
| Stefan Tyska | Jesse Doyle | Christopher Jeffers |
| Mickey Reese | Kenneth Urquhart | Jared Michael Null |
| Christopher Heacox | Aaron C. Lint | Haley Elizabeth Null |
| Ryan Levy Cruz | Lawrence Morgan Null | Donovan O'Connor |
| Jeff Calvani | John Andrew Marple | Anna Jeffers |
| Ryan Hurley | James E. Desaulniers | Jaiden Andrus |
| J.P. Zotomayor | Brennan Tyska | Tony Cuesta |
| Helen Castillo | James Kropp | Michael Mulhern |
| Derrick M. Shea | Robin Brown | |
| Nathan Berry | Josh Silva | |
| Devon M. Callicoat | Charles Laing III | |
| Matt Daniels | Mario Perez | |
| Jack Vine | Joshua Eicholz | |



Eternal rest, grant unto them,
O Lord, and let perpetual
light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful
departed through the mercy
of God rest in peace. Amen.

Rest In Peace

Welcome to St. Francis of Assisi!

We extend a special welcome to all our visitors and new parishioners who have come to celebrate Mass with us today! If you are new to our community, please introduce yourself to our clergy. If you live in this area and attend regularly, we invite you to join our parish of St. Francis of Assisi. Registration is necessary for better care of souls, more effective administration of sick calls, and matters pertaining to baptism, education, marriage and burial.

Registration is very easy, and the green "Parish Registration" cards can be found in the pamphlet holder above the table in the lobby. After completing, please place in the Parish Drop Box, located in the door by the water fountain in the lobby.



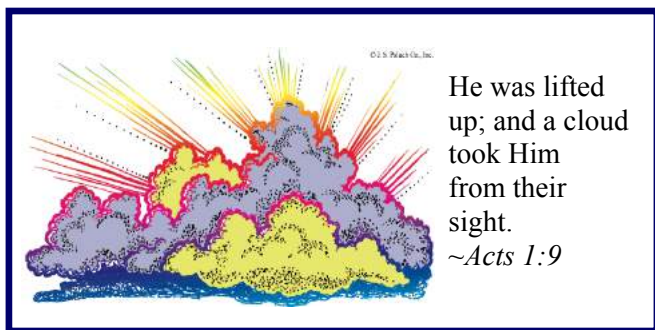
Today's Readings

First Reading—Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

Psalm—God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

Second Reading—May the Father of glory give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation (Ephesians 1:17-23).

Gospel—Jesus instructs the Eleven to baptize and teach people of all nations (Matthew 28:16-20).



Share the Hope

The readings for today's celebration of the Ascension of the Lord once again remind us that as Christians we are people of hope. In the second reading Saint Paul eloquently exhorts the Ephesians to enlighten their hearts so that they will know the hope and glory that come from being people who place their trust in the Lord Jesus. In the story of the Ascension, recounted in the first reading, the Lord Jesus assures the disciples that the Holy Spirit's power will come upon them. Finally, in the Gospel, the Lord lets the disciples know that their mission is to spread the hope of the gospel to all the nations. This wonderful feast keeps our eyes focused on the hope in which we were grounded on the day of our baptism.

Look, Up in the Sky!

Around holidays, people tend to look fondly back on past celebrations and romanticize old relationships. For some, remembering the past is the best part of their holiday. That is the image we get from the first reading as the apostles look up to heaven after the Ascension. They think it is Jesus' last Resurrection appearance and that they will never see Him again. Maybe they were still amazed at seeing Him ascend that way. Or maybe they were remembering all the things He said and did with them.

We too sometimes look at the great feasts of Christmas and Easter in that way. We may dwell on the beauty of the decorations, on the innocence of the baby Jesus, on the horror of His passion and death, or on the wonder of His resurrection. Then when the holy day is over, we go back to our normal routine. Perhaps we need an angel to chide us for "looking at the sky."

The angels were trying to tell the apostles two things. One was that Jesus would return as He left—in glory. This was not a time to say goodbye but a time of hope; the Lord who had changed their lives so radically would change the world next. While they certainly should remember Jesus and all He taught them, they should also expect to see Him again. Once they received the Holy Spirit, they would see how Jesus was present in the church, the mystical Body of Christ.

The second thing the angels were telling them was to begin following Jesus' command to spread the good news to all nations. They would soon realize that Jesus was alive in them, not just as a fond memory, but with the power of His Spirit. With this power they would do mighty deeds in Jesus' name and be His witnesses to the world.

Because of what the apostles accomplished, we are now Jesus' witnesses to the world. We celebrate His death and resurrection not as a fond memory, but to encourage each other to spread the Good News. We too have the hope of seeing Jesus come in glory, even as we see Him now with the eyes of faith.

~Tom Schmidt

Never Can Say Good-Bye

The disciples still thought this was just about their life and their world. They are reminded by Jesus that what they have lived through with Him, His life, death, and resurrection, is greater and more far-reaching than they can yet imagine. This is not just about the kingdom of Israel. This is about all nations. This is not just about witnessing in Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria. This work will take them to the ends of the earth. It is an enormous undertaking that we and the disciples have been given. It seemed impossible to the disciples then and it seems impossible to us now. But it is not. It is possible because we are not alone in this work. Jesus is with us not for a day or a week or even our lifetime. Jesus is with us always, until the end of the age.

Ministries Schedule — June 3 & 4

Saturday - 4:30 p.m. Mass

Rosary Leader: Dawn Silva

Altar Servers: Adult Volunteers

Lector: John Wilbur

E.M.H.C.: Angelo, J. & J.; Hall; Bristol; Subko; Lyons

Sunday - 8:30 a.m. Mass

Rosary Leader: Henri Plourde

Altar Servers: Adult Volunteers

Lector: Sam Puleo

E.M.H.C.: Leone; Plourde; Shoemaker; Bull; Mazur; Ganske

Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Mass

Rosary Leader: Marilyn Oliu

Altar Servers: Brown, G.; Brown, C.

Lector: Paul Nunes

E.M.H.C.: Carr; Mussenden; Zawlocki; Mabe; Klosterman; Erlendsson

Sunday - 4:30 p.m. Mass

Rosary Leader: Joan Miller

Altar Servers: Arevalo-Cortes, K.; Villagomez, O.

Lector: Grace Alfonso

E.M.H.C.: Hazzard; Whitehead; Byerley; Sweeney; Harper, B. & J.

Homebound E.M.H.C.

June 2: First Friday

Priests visit the homebound

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday - Friday..... 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Legion of Mary

Tuesdays after 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Novena to Our Lady, Queen of Peace

Tuesdays after 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday..... 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.

First Friday:..... 7:30 a.m.

or anytime by appointment with priest.

Anointing of the Sick

For all those threatened by serious illness: available anytime, but particularly during daily Mass.

Baptisms

After required instruction, contact parish office.

Marriage

Contact office at least six months before desired date and before setting date.

Business Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

This Week at St. Francis

May 28—June 3, 2017

Monday May 29	Parish Office Closed	
Tuesday May 30	Legion of Mary	8:30 a.m.
	Boy Scouts	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday May 31	Dinner for the Needy	4:30 p.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
	MDS	7:30 p.m.
Thursday June 1	Bible Study	8:30 a.m.
	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner	5:00 p.m.
	K.C. Council Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Saturday June 3	Hispanic Choir Practice	5:00 p.m.

Please Note...

There will be **no Eucharistic Adoration** and the **parish office will be closed** on **Monday, May 29th** in observance of Memorial Day. Eucharistic Adoration and the parish office will resume at the regular times on Tuesday, May 30th. Also, there will be **no Eucharistic Adoration** and the **parish office will be closed** on Monday, June 12th and Tuesday, June 13th.

Happily Married Couples



Ever wonder why the Church makes such a big deal about Marriage? Jesus performed His 1st miracle at the wedding at Cana, even though it wasn't His time. **Maybe the Church cares so much about marriage because Jesus does.**

Come find out more about God's plan for your Joy, Romance and Love in YOUR marriage. You'll be glad you did! The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend in this area is **July 7-9 at the Franciscan Center**. Space IS limited, so please apply early! For more information about taking a private time away, call 813-270-7832 or check out flwc-wwme.org.

Mary Help of Christians Summer Camp 2017

Mary Help of Christians Center is getting ready for our Summer Camp. **We are looking for counselors** that will help us run the camp. Our Summer camp is a 6 week day camp starting on June 12th and ending on July 21st. **Anyone over the age of 16** is encourage to apply to be a camp counselor at:



www.mhctampa.org/summer-camp-employment.

Being a counselor at Mary Help of Christians Summer Camp is a paid position. After the applicant has applied we will follow up with an in-person interview.

Baptism Class



The next scheduled baptism class for those parents wishing to have their children baptized here at St. Francis will be Monday evening, **June 1st at 7:30 p.m.** in the Conference Room. **Parents need to complete our series of three classes prior to having their child baptized.**

Diaper & Wipe Drive

The *Respect Life Committee of St. Francis* is holding a **Diaper & Wipe Drive** for the entire month of May. All sizes of diapers, especially sizes 3—6, and wipes are welcome! Please deposit your donations in the “Pack-n-Play”, located in the narthex. All donations benefit *LifeCare Network of Brandon*. Please help us Pamper(s) and Hug(gies) the babies! Thank you and God bless!



St. Francis Sweetheart Car & Craft Show

Any parishioner interested in serving on the *2018 St. Francis of Assisi Sweetheart Car & Craft Show Committee* is welcome to attend our initial meeting. We will meet in Room 3, the Legion of Mary Room, on Wednesday, June 14, 2017, at 7pm. Given that we will be meeting for the first time, please expect the meeting to last about 90 minutes. Thanks!!



The Rosary

Please join us in praying the Rosary to **END ABORTION** every First Friday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Jesus Protect and Save the Unborn

Am I a Registered Parishioner?

How do I know if I am a registered parishioner?

- 1) Have you completed a green “Parish Registration Card”, which is located in the pamphlet holder in the narthex?
- 1) Do you receive envelopes or mailings from St. Francis?

Why is it so important to be registered??

When you are a registered parishioner it will assist us when the time comes for sacramental preparation, such as **couples wishing to be married, parents wishing to have a child baptized, sponsor certificates for sacraments, and special permission letters for baptisms and marriages.** Also, regular use of envelopes, placed in offertory, even empty, lets us know you are attending Mass regularly, which is a necessity for the things listed above. Contribution statements for monetary donations can only be issued to those parishioners that use envelopes. [Please use your envelope — EMPTY or NOT — whenever you attend Mass.](#) Place them in the offertory collection so that your attendance may be recorded. **Did you know that only approximately 34% of registered parishioners use their envelopes each week?** Don't forget to use your envelope to make sure that you are counted!! Not sure if you are registered...please call the parish office.

Fr. Jim's Farewell

Please mark your calendars and join us **Sunday, June 11th, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass**, to wish Fr. Jim farewell as he prepares to return to St. Theresa in Springhill, along with Moses! A reception will follow the Mass. You are always welcome back Fr. Jim!!

St. Francis Chronicle



Blue Jay: Dear Francis, are we Catholics the only Christian religion that believes in Purgatory?

Francis: I believe so, yes, Bluey.

Blue Jay: But it's not mentioned anywhere in the Bible...

Francis: Nor are many other beliefs that we have, but we do have a long tradition in the Church about Purgatory, and some biblical texts that refer to a state of cleansing after death.

Blue Jay: I'd really love to hear them, dear saint.

Francis: Well, let's take the Old Testament book of Maccabees: “It's a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be released from their sins..” surely that's a reference to a state of temporary holding after death.

Blue Jay: Agreed, Francis, and the New Testament?

Francis: In St Peter's first letter, he tells us that after Jesus died “ He went to preach to the spirits in prison”, not in Heaven nor in Hell, but some state in between...

Blue Jay: So then, there must be some punishment due after death?

Francis: In Revelation 21 we read “ nothing unclean shall enter Heaven”, so that only those who have been cleansed of the effects of sin will immediately enter Heaven

Blue Jay: We're talking of the saints, dear Francis, people like yourself who have trusted in God's love for them, or perhaps people who have suffered so much during life as to be cleansed of all blemish?

Francis: Correct, my friend, as usual you have been a good student and if there is a Purgatory for birds I'm convinced you will not need it!

Parish Ministries

Altar Servers	
Judy Erendsson.....	244-2853
Church Musicians	
Ramon Martos.....	334-3454
Clothing Pantry	
Contact the Parish Office.....	681-9115
Eucharistic Adoration	
Susan Soleau.....	689-6914
Faith Formation	
Judy Erendsson.....	244-2853
Eucharistic Ministers	
Pam Caskey.....	651-1165
Helping Hands	
Dottie Mabe.....	681-2421
Hispanic Religious Education	
Sr. Evelia.....	305-9242
Hispanic Baptism Classes	
Maria Elena Parilla.....	657-0218
HomeBound/Nursing Home Visitation	
Janet Ganske.....	943-9928
Knights of Columbus	
Joe Halle.....	334-9526
Lectors	
Alice Murray.....	315-9613
Legion of Mary	
Sharon Belinski.....	951-0146
Respect Life	
Carl Francis Kosierowski.....	546-9440
Rosary Leader	
Dawn Silva.....	649-8957
RCIA	
Fr. Henry Konnoth Sebastian.....	681-9115
Sacristans	
Maria Ocampo.....	653-3011
Scouts	
Kathy & Ted Domey.....	685-8242
Tender Care/Food Pantry	
John Familetti.....	681-9115
Ushers	
Ron Mullen.....	661-5983
Women's Guild	
Sharon Belinski.....	951-0146
Youth Group	
Steve Jarosz.....	404-9658

Stewardship of Time & Talent Salute

In gratitude of God's gifts of time and talent to our parish, we wish to acknowledge and salute, *Kiernan Erendsson*, Altar Server...*Thank you, Kiernan!!*

Stewardship Reflection

"I am praying for them..." ~John 17:9

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Pray in good times and in bad. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation, not just the last resort. Pray for friends and family and for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you.

Stewardship of Sacrificial Giving

Sunday, May 14, 2017

Offertory Collection.....	\$9,365.04
Children's & Youth Collection.....	\$112.40
On Line Giving/Offertory.....	\$1,760.00
Total Offertory for this week.....	\$11,237.44
Total Offertory, week of 2016.....	\$10,959.50
Increase.....	\$277.94
Envelopes Issued/Used.....	648/225(34%)
<i>Total Building Fund this week.....</i>	<i>\$177.00</i>
Budgeted Expense This Month.....	\$55,000.00
Total Receipts Month to Date.....	\$21,479.20
Total APA This Week.....	\$250.00

~ Give Generously From Your Heart ~

MASS ATTENDANCE

4:30 p.m. 180	6:30 p.m. 357
8:30 a.m. 161	10:30 a.m. 251
4:30 p.m. 170	
Total Attendance: 1,119	

~ For the Week of May 14, 2017 ~

POOR BOX DONATIONS

\$230.39

DINNER MINISTRY BOX DONATIONS

\$159.27

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Memorial Day

They fell, but o'er their glorious grave
Floats free the banner of the cause they died to save.
~Francis Marion Crawford

WINNING OFFER ANNOUNCED FRIDAY, JUNE 2nd AT 5 P.M.

MAKE AN OFFER TO WIN A
\$975 Value

Week at the Beach

At an Ocean Front Condo on the Gulf of Mexico
on Treasure Island, Pinellas County,
Voyager Beach Club
(www.libertemanagement.com/vacation-rentals)

July 8th to 15th, 2017

One Bedroom with a Queen Size Bed and Sofa Bed (sleeps two)
Full Kitchen with Microwave
Swimming Pool and Free On-sight Parking
Completely Furnished—Just bring Food and Bathing Suits!

How do I make an Offer?

Fill out the Offer Form below and return to the Parish Office **no later than June 2, 2017 at 3 p.m.**
The highest Offer will be accepted. **The *Winning Offer* will be announced on June 2, 2017 at 5 p.m.**
Winner need not be present.

NO REASONABLE OFFER WILL BE REFUSED!!

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Name _____	Offer Amount _____		
Address _____			
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Phone # (H) _____	(C) _____	(W) _____	
Email _____			