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Masses:

Saturday Vigil	4:00 pm
Sunday	7:30 am
	9:00 am
	11:00 am
Tuesday	6:00 pm
Wed., Thurs., Fri.	7:00 am

Baptism: Please contact the Parish Office.

Marriage: Please contact the pastor a minimum of six months before the wedding.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesday	5:30-5:45 pm
Saturday	3:00-3:30 pm

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023

In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. (John 14:2)

What's your dream home? Maybe it's a beachfront villa or a cabin on a picturesque mountainside. Maybe it's a castle high on a hill or a modern apartment in a bustling city. Each of us has a different picture of what is ideal.

When Jesus told his disciples that he was returning to the Father in today's Gospel, he said he was going to prepare a place for them. And just as it is with our dream homes, those heavenly abodes aren't one size fits all. In fact, there's one that is made just for you!

Does this mean each one of us gets our own personal "dream home" in heaven? Yes and no. Heaven isn't a resort filled with personalized vacation homes. But it is very real, and it's a place where each of us receives the deep rest and refreshment we need.

The Catechism tells us that heaven is "the ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness" (1024). That means that Jesus has each of us in mind as he prepares to bring us to our perfect dwelling place. He knows us through and through. He knows our deepest yearnings. He knows what makes for our ultimate happiness. And he is preparing a place suited just for us.

But that "place" is so much more than a dwelling. It's where we will find God himself, the One who quenches every thirst and satisfies every longing. Nothing that we currently experience could add to the happiness that we will know when we see the Lord, our God, face-to-face! We will be with him fully and without hindrance. Our eyes will be opened to the beauty and holiness and power of God, and that vision will take our breath away.

Jesus promised to take us to himself so that where he is, there we also may be (John 14:3). In his presence, everything is fulfilled. And that makes heaven infinitely better than a dream home!

"Lord, thank you for preparing a place for me!"

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5th Sunday of Easter



Adoration Chapel Adorers Dinner

The Adoration Chapel Dinner was a beautiful moment to gather with everyone who are so committed to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

As the Adorers came together Tuesday, April 25 for a wonderful meal, we prayerfully remembered the deceased committed adorers who died in the last year:

*Marion B. Clement
Douglas G. Durand
Laura L. Grass
Shirley D. Hebert
Gloria O. Landry
Cyril "Baby Jack" Laurent*

What a great way to serve our parish through the powerful witness of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and an opportunity to grow in your own personal prayer life.

A grateful acknowledgement is made to all adorers, substitute adorers and coordinator, Joann Daigle.

We gratefully acknowledge the Knights of Columbus for the use of the K. C. Hall and for serving at the Adoration Dinner. The delicious meal, prepared by Joel Ducote and crew, was enjoyed by all adorers. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for all they do for our Church and community.

The Adoration Chapel is open from 4am-10pm. To volunteer for a scheduled hour or as a substitute, contact JoAnn Daigle at 225.687.4621 or 225.776.4865.

In Loving Memory...

A grateful acknowledgement is made to the following persons who donated a memorial gift to St. John the Evangelist Church Building Fund in loving memory of:

Myrle Rivault Hebert Ostergren

Donated by:
**Jerry & Dorothy Blanchard
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Daily Scripture Readings — May 7-13, 2023

Sunday, May 7

Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

Monday, May 8

Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday, May 9

Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 10

Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday, May 11

Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Friday, May 12

Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday, May 13

Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

RITUALSONG

(Readings and Songs this Weekend)

Readings: Fifth Sunday of Easter #1174

Entrance: Christ is Made the Sure Foundation #852

Preparation: **Instrumental**

Communion: Eye Has Not Seen #819

Sending Forth: I Know That My Redeemer Lives! #611



St. John Baccalaureate Mass

We welcome St. John High School Class of 2023 to the 4pm Baccalaureate Mass Saturday, May 6 in their honor.

We pray for the graduates and their parents and congratulate them for a job well done.

2023 St. John High School Year-End Ceremonies



Sunday, May 7 ~ 5pm: Maypole

Carl F. Grant Civic Center

Tuesday, May 9 ~ 6:30pm: Honors Night

St. John Church

Wednesday, May 10 ~ 10am: Graduation Practice

St. John Church

Lunch in the Rectory

Thursday, May 11 ~ 7pm: Graduation

St. John Church

Saturday, May 13 ~ 4pm Mass: Ring Ceremony

St. John Church



Plaquemine Lions Club

**"World's Best" Spaghetti Dinner
Sunday, May 28**

The Lions Club will be selling spaghetti dinner tickets (\$10) Sunday, May 7, Saturday, May 20 and Sunday, May 21 outside the doors of the church before and after all Masses for the May 28 dinner.

You may pick up your dinner at the Lions Club drive through parking lot, 60255 Bayou Jacob Road on Sunday, May 28 from 10am-12:30pm.

Benefit: Vision Impaired and Handicapped Children

Blood Drive

St. John the Evangelist Church

Sunday, May 7th
8:00am to 1:00pm



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St. John Altar Society Appreciation Luncheon



The St. John Altar Society gathered in the parish hall for their annual potluck appreciation luncheon on April 26 to celebrate another good year of cleaning St. John Church, St. Clement Chapel and donating funds through candle sales. The altar society was able to pay for Communion wafers, helped in choir loft renovations, contributed \$7,500 for St. Clement, funded the Uniforms for Kids and donated to Angels for Angels.

Members attending the luncheon, seated, l to r, are Betty Aucoin, Vice President, Trish Ramirez, Treasurer, Beverly Fourroux, Corresponding Secretary, Donna Carville, President and Derryl Comeaux, Recording Secretary. Standing are Alice Mire, Joyce Daigle, Janet Bryant, Audrey Martinez, Carolyn Loubiere, Sandra Bizette, Betty Rockforte, Emily Brown, Kattie Nicolosi, Gail Gasquet, Rita Jean Mooney, Angela Frasca, Ann Joffrion, Joyce Quebedeaux, Diane Allen, Beverly Kolder and Pookie Laurent.



May Devotion

Each year in May, the Church encourages us to seek the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Our St. John community honors this by offering the opportunity to pray the Rosary outdoors at the homes of parishioners.

The Yard Rosary will be prayed at the homes of our parishioners at 7pm.

Monday, May 8: Marianne Freeman
23515 Church St.

Tuesday, May 9: Derryl Comeaux
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Wednesday, May 10: Stacy Decuir
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Thursday, May 11: Louis & Annette Zeringue
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Friday, May 12: Marion Badeaux
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Saturday, May 13: Nolan & Marla Bueche
59036 Postell Ave.

Sunday, May 14: Rose Marie Pizzoloto
57840 Laville St.

Bring your lawn chair and your friends.



A Vocation View

Jesus tells us not to be troubled. Therefore, pray that the Lord will show you the way in your life. Just ask Him. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call or email Rev. Joshua Johnson at 225.336.8778, jjohnson@diobr.org.

Sanctuary Candle — May 7, 2023

St. John the Evangelist
Vincent A. & Dr. Larry Ferachi

St. Clement of Rome
Brenda Comeaux



Coffee & Donuts — May 14, 2023

Guy & Sabrina Ruggiero (7:30am Mass)
Kevin & Kelly Gourgues (9am Mass)

Altar Society

Altar Society Team 2 will be cleaning the church Wednesday, May 10 at 8am. Volunteers are welcome.



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One Minute Meditations

Act in confidence

Jesus does not want us to be troubled by worldly concerns.

"My peace I give you" (John 14:27). When you feel

yourself starting to worry or stew about a difficult situation (or person), act out your belief that your prayer for resolution will be answered. Substitute positive, cheerful thoughts for negative ones. God is in control.

Your Lenten change

Lent is a time when we make changes that bring us closer to God. During Lent, many of us fast from our favorite food or drink, and approach Easter a little lighter in spirit and in body. Don't forget that a Lenten change can continue beyond Easter. Consider continuing your Lenten fast on Fridays throughout the year, or for a week each month, for example. Find ways to make your Lenten change permanent.

Rest and relax

God expects us to be sure to rest.

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).



Welcome all God's children

God loves each of us uniquely and fiercely no matter where we come from or how we look. Those of us who follow Him know that it's not just important to love each other. It's God's law.

Celebrate diversity. Invite foreigners or people who are different from you to your home or church. Jesus was once a foreigner in a strange land and was grateful for the hospitality He received. There is great diversity in the Communion of Saints.

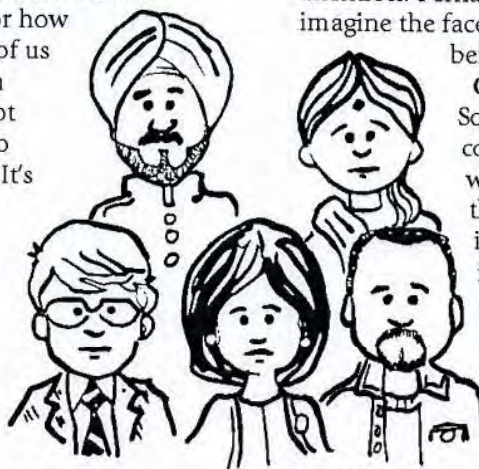
Practice patience. It can be tough to listen to someone with a speech impediment or a heavy accent. Imagine, though, how grateful that

person will be when you offer your attention. Perhaps it would help to imagine the face of Christ in the face before you.

Counsel the ignorant. Someone from another country, background, or with different abilities than yours might behave in what looks like an inconsiderate way out of ignorance or limitations. He might appreciate being informed.

Speak up. Don't stay quiet when you witness prejudice, and be positive about diversity if friends or relatives start criticizing others' faith, cultures or abilities.

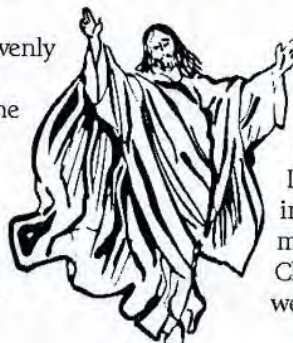
Act with love. The God of love gave of Himself so we could be reunited with Him. We share that love when we assume the best of others and look for the good in all God's children.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics celebrate the Ascension?

Jesus' Ascension into heavenly glory is good news. Sacred Scripture explains that in the Ascension, Jesus, the High Priest, entered the heavenly temple to pray for us with the Father (Hebrews 9:24). Secondly, from his throne in heaven,



Jesus sends us the Holy Spirit, who keeps us connected to Him, especially in the Eucharist. Lastly, since Christ entered into eternal glory, we as the members of His Body, the Church, may hope to follow if we remain faithful to Him.

Take good care of yourself. You belong to God.

Taking care of ourselves can become a low priority in the midst of other obligations. Yet caring for our bodies and minds is a duty we have to God. He needs us strong and healthy so we can help build up His kingdom.

Body: What you put into your body is even more important than what you put on it. Take steps to make your diet healthier and more nourishing. Avoid drugs or excessive alcohol. Doctors urge daily exercise and eight hours of sleep each night.



Mind: Become picky about what you feed your mind, too. What you watch, read, and listen to influences the way you look at the world. Evidence shows that it's hard to regularly watch violent shows or movies and still be a calm and happy person. Programs or movies that portray infidelity or promiscuity as acceptable behaviors eventually dull our sense of sin. Feed your mind positive, Gospel-centered images that will build you up and inspire you. Surround yourself with people who do the same.

from Scripture

John 20:19-23, "Receive the Holy Spirit"

This Gospel passage gives us a glimpse of how the apostles spent their first Easter Sunday – hiding in a locked room. They were terrified the Romans would find them and execute them. To their surprise and great relief, Jesus appeared to them in glory and spoke words of peace. He showed them His glorious wounds as "living proof" of His Resurrection.

Then Jesus gave them a mission: "*Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained*" establishing the Sacrament of Penance (John 20:23). He gave them the Holy Spirit, anticipating the feast of



Pentecost. Now, having authority to forgive sins, the apostles and their successors could continue

Jesus' work after He returned to heaven.

Jesus' appearance to His apostles reveals the fullness of God's mercy. He also sent the Holy Spirit to them. He descended powerfully on Pentecost, the birthday of the Church. That same

Spirit is gifted to us in Baptism and dwells in our souls. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal God's love to you and help you become more like Christ each day.

Q & A What is the meaning of the Miraculous Medal?

The Miraculous Medal, given to St. Catherine Labouré in 1830, was designed by the Blessed Mother to teach us three things:

Mary prays for us: The medal's front reads: *O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.* We don't

pray to her; she prays for us! Of course, we can go directly to Jesus anytime. In fact, Mary's role is to bring us to Jesus as swiftly and safely as possible.



Evil can be defeated: Mary is

shown crushing Satan's head, recalling the prophecy of his defeat (Genesis 3:15). Mary's humble "yes" to God paved the way for Christ's victory over death, sin, and evil. When we give God our "yes," then Christ's victory bears fruit in our lives.

Grace is always available: St. Catherine asked why only some of the gemstones in Mary's rings radiated light. Her answer? The dim gems symbolize "the graces for which souls forget to ask." God's grace is always available to us. All we have to do is ask.

Feasts & Celebrations

May 3 – Sts. Philip and James (1st Century). St. Philip was born in Bethsaida and followed John the Baptist before he followed Christ. After the Ascension, St. Philip preached in Asia Minor, where he was martyred. St. James, son of Alphaeus, was also one of the twelve Apostles.

May 10 – St. John of Ávila (1569). Born to wealthy, pious parents, St. John left a budding career as a lawyer to become a priest. At the request of his bishop, he worked and preached to renew the faith of Catholics in Andalusia.

May 18 – Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (1st Century). This solemnity marks the completion of Jesus' mission of salvation and His triumphant entry into heaven. *Note: In many dioceses, observance of Ascension has been moved to the following Sunday.*

May 25 – St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi (1607). Born to a distinguished Florentine family, Catherine de' Pazzi became a Carmelite nun. Upon making vows, she experienced ecstasies, and became a mystic and a healer.



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Mass Intentions — May 13-19, 2023

Saturday, May 13-4pm Mass

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Labouré, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Roland “Doug” Rivet, Hebert & Rivet Families; Trista Parro, Myrtle Lively, Sue Wakeling, “G. E.” Lively; John & Ann Ruiz, John & Therese Ruiz; Judge Edward & Lucille Engolio, Pauline E. deVerges, Ed Engolio, Jr.; Vincent A. & Dr. Larry Ferachi, Hebert & Ferachi Families; Yves & Vera Ramirez, Jane & Jerry, Kirsch Kember; Mrs. Elmiere Caffarel; Buté Richard; Ernest & Josephine Lapeze, Lapeze Family, Ragusa Family; Mayon, Callahan & Clement Families; Josephine Canova, Cutsey Blanchard, Mary Hatch; Joseph Graves, W. A. Graves Family; Michael Rarick, Thomas Morales Family; Catherine & Andrew Roucher, Ralph Sonnier; Jimmy, Sarah & Jackie Migliacio, P. W. Albert, Jr.; Brennan Eugene Bujol, Pim & Nu Nu Clebert, Louise & Edmund Bujol, Derley Barbier, Basilia Tella Cololi: Sidney “Benny”, Rose & Sid Quatrevingt, Gulotta Family; M/M Vincent M. Ferachi, Cadence & Cassidy Diamond, Stephanie Rivere, Tina Ferachi Loyacano, Ferachi & Marino Families; Angele Cavalier, Hazel LeBlanc, Nelia Simoneaux; Janice Brown; Faye & Paul Troxclair, Alton & Jenny Boudreaux; Josie & Tony Palermo, M/M Edmond Gomez & Family; Anthony F. Canella, Aaron & Delia LeRay, Nora Vitale; The Lazzaro Family, Kolby Lorio, “Butch” & Sadie Tullier; Hollye A. Comeaux, Rosina C. Achée, Daisy C. Miller, Sarah C. Clement, Ella D. Panepinto, Annette - Nehie Carring, Verina Brown Achée, Frances Dugas Durand; May Berta Olano, Robert C. Olano, Keith Edenfield, Paul Joffrion; J. A., Anthony & Frances Palermo, M/M Ernest Hernandez; Fr. John Fitzgerald; Anthony & Carmella Orcino, Caliste “Joe” & Gloria Landry, Kimberly & Josh Landry, M/M Eldon Flatau; Berthelot & Guillot Families; Gloria, Mark & Donald Cavalier; John “Shane” David Smith; Myrle Ostergren; Sadie & Tony Mancuso; Earlene LeBlanc

Sunday, May 14-7:30am Mass - St. John Parishioners

Sunday, May 14-9am Mass

Msgr. Leonard Robin, Msgr. George Barbier, Fr. Eugene Engels, Fr. Jerome Dugas, Sister Catherine Labouré, Sister Mary Rita McSorley, Sister Cecile Poitras; Tina Rinaudo; Jaynell Lopez, Evelyn LeMay, Leontine Lopez; Marie Ragusa LeBlanc, Terry Landry, Sr., Terry Landry, Jr., Kynlee Bueche; Frances Santangelo LeBlanc, Rita & Mike Santangelo, Anatole Santangelo; M/M Jules J. Noel, Jr.; Bobby Wilson; Tommy Griffon; Alcee & Pauline Becnel, Evans & Virgie Dugas; Frank, Josie, Anthony & Victor Canella; Douglas Bourgoyne, Artie Lyons, Lydia Mae Blanchard; Rosemary Cox; Anthony “Tonto” Pizzolato; Florence C. Pizzolato, Jean A. Pizzolato, Johnette H. Pizzolato, Alma Pizzolato, Roxanna F. Pizzolato, Shirley Pizzolato, Florence Pizzolato Forte, Josephine Pizzolato Robinson, Esther Pizzolato Schexnayder; J. R. Boudreaux, Virgie Junot, Jerry Orcino; Mary Ann Gregoire, Marie Martinez, Alma Gregoire; Barbara, Frances & Clelie Himel, Angelic Barbier; J. W. Bryant Family. Mrs. E. J. Clifton; Margie Vitale, Lillian Bouchereau, Hetta Hebert, Cleora Couvillion; Gladys “Butsy” Palermo, Peter A. Palermo, Patrick Burleigh, Douglas Brewer; Gary Ourso, Sr., Gary Ourso, Jr., Gerrit Ourso; Lawrence & Winnie Miller, Edward Miller, Paul & Myrtle Richard; E. J. Settoon; Mary Gullotto Brown, Rita Pinell Sharon, Ada Pinell Hebert; George “Brother” Michel, Alvin J. Daigle, Sr. Family, Alvin J “Peta” Daigle, Jr., Edith E. Guillot; Bill Touns, Jr.; Joshua “Josh” Landry, Harry & Vivian Banta, Caliste “Joe” & Gloria Landry; Alberta Buquoi, Mary Jo Primeaux; Rosa, Curtis, Brian & Denise Breaux; Denise Miranda; Flo, Allen & Paco Ourso; Benny & Annie Vaughn, Jessel & Eula Ourso; Virginia Clebert, Nilda Daigle; Doris Allen; Virginia Simon; Evelyn Varnell; Rita Marion Dugas, Bessie Brown, Burman & Vera Guidry, Clarence “Pete” & Mary Berthelot; Frank, Josie, Anthony & Victor Canella; Rose Marie LeBlanc, LeBlanc & Canella Families; Kevin Mellieon, Jean Powell, Mary Louella Senegal; Jack Laurent, Richard Ieyoub; Inez Denoux, Audrey Bickham, All the Souls in Purgatory; Douglas & Devin Durand; Anthony Cilano

Sunday, May 14-11am Mass

Cindy Dickerson; Dominic Engolio, Frances & Mike Savariste, Frank Savariste; Murray & Dixie Suffrin; Kathy Kocke, Oliver & Edward Kocke, Jr.; Dorothy, Norman, Jr. & Laura Lynn Grass; Joseph & Lillian Crescionne, Peter & Rosalie Crescionne, Dr. Joseph & Tina Alesi; Ronald, Brendon & Dudley Landry, Agnes & Sam Colletti & Family; Emma Grass, Ruth Ostergren; Roy A. Hebert, David G. Hebert; Brenda Fremin; Nita Comeaux Foster, Lloyd Comeaux, Jr., Firmin & Clouette Tullier; Sam “Buttie” & Lucille Leggio Distefano; Lolly Dugas, Betty Dugas; Ignace & Vivian Tullier; Amanda Himel, Enola Blanchard; William H. Middleton, Bill Middleton III, Clouatre & Middleton Families; Isaac Jr. & Brent Vaughn, Ezora & Sidney Hedges; James & Marie Miranda, Denise & Glenda Miranda; Ray, T. N. & Steve Patin; Colby Gomez, Pitre & Gomez Families; Glenda Fontenot, Ethel Jarreau; Sam A. Distefano, Sr.; Gloria Judice, Kay Brandau, Barbara Boughton

Tuesday, May 16-6pm Mass

Beverly & Fred Allain, Angela & J. E. Dupont

Wednesday, May 17-7am Mass

Mayon, Callahan & Clement Families

Thursday, May 18-7am Mass

Lorraine “Catty” Hebert, Mary Kay Marchand Hudson, Hebert & Clement Families

Friday, May 19-7am Mass

Bobby & Bootsie Dupont





**Public School and College
Baccalaureate Mass
Saturday, May 20 — 4pm**

On Saturday, May 20, 2023, we will celebrate a Baccalaureate Mass at the 4pm Vigil Mass for all those parishioners who are students of our local public schools and for parishioners who are students graduating from college. We would love for those who can attend to join us to lift you up in prayers of thanksgiving for all you have achieved.

The deadline for letting us know you will attend is Wednesday, May 17. Please call 225.687.2402 as we want to make sure to provide enough reserved pews.

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Monday, June 5, 2023
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**Baptisms — Following 4pm Mass
Saturday, May 20, 2023
Saturday, June 24, 2023
Saturday, July 22, 2023**

Dates are subject to change. Please call Lily at the church office (225.687.2402) during the early stages of pregnancy to confirm the dates of the seminar.

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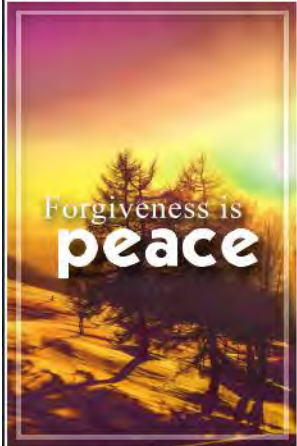


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