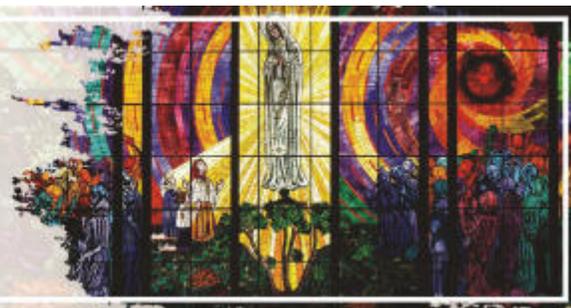
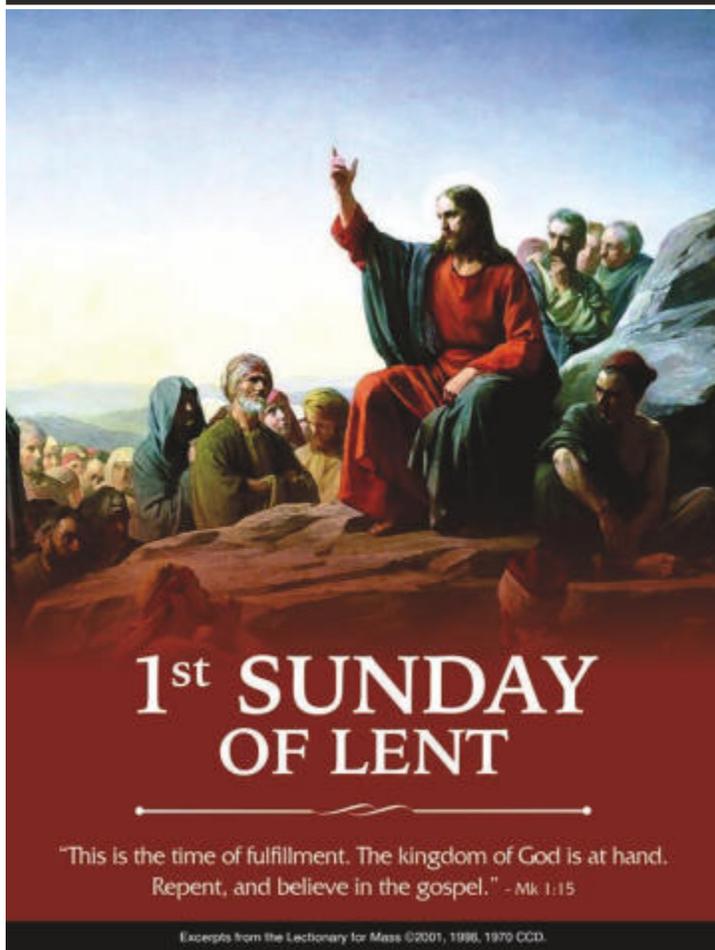


OUR LADY OF FATIMA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST - THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Anticipated 4 p.m. (organ & cantor) **Elderly Mass Sunday**—9:00 a.m. (organ, cantor & choir); 11:00 a.m. (organ & cantor); 5:00 p.m. (organ & cantor)
Monday - 6:15 a.m.; **Tuesday through Friday** - 5:30 p.m. with confession starting at 4:30 p.m.
Saturday - 8:00 a.m.

First Saturday: 8:00 a.m. followed by recitation of the Rosary

Fatima Votive Mass: 13th of the Month, May - October at 5:30 p.m.

Monthly Peace Mass: First Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. This Mass heeds Our Lady's call to pray for world peace and conversion of hearts.

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THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday

1 hour prior to the Vigil Mass;

Sunday

30 minutes prior to Mass;

Monday, Wednesday, Friday & First Saturday

30 minutes prior to Mass;

Tuesday & Thursday

1 hour prior to Mass

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament is celebrated

on the third Sunday of each month, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please contact the parish office before the baby is born for required classes. Sponsors are to be confirmed and practicing Catholics who attend Sunday Mass.

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Due to a new "couple mentoring" marriage preparation program, arrangements are to be made

with the Church office, if at all possible, at least **ONE YEAR** in advance. To avoid schedule conflicts, all wedding dates held at Our Lady of Fatima must be confirmed with the Parish Administrator, who should be the first contact of the couple. Please visit our Parish Website to review wedding and music guidelines, and details of paperwork and preparation requirements.

THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY - PART IV - THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES



1) **The Resurrection of Jesus.** On Easter Sunday, Jesus rose from the dead. The Lord's disciples touched Him, saw the wounds in His hands, feet, and side, and thereby verified that He was the same Jesus who suffered and died. "His Resurrection is the beginning of our resurrection: '*He who believes has eternal life (...) and I will raise him up on the last day.*'"* The women who went to the tomb to anoint the Lord's body early on the morning after the Sabbath were the first to announce the good news of His Resurrection. The Church has given the title "Apostle to the Apostles" to one of these women, Mary Magdalene.

2) **The Ascension of Jesus into Heaven.** The Lord spent forty days with His disciples after His Resurrection, during which He "lived and talked with them familiarly and told them about his approaching departure to Heaven."** To follow Christ to the place that He has prepared for us in Heaven, we must identify "our life with the life of Christ, where our trust is established and strengthened. Because we know that it is through

our union with Christ and His merits that we shall be saved; and that we become pleasing to the Father in the sense that replicating in us the feelings of His Son, Jesus Christ, so that the Father may see in us the face of His Word."*

- 3) **The Descent of the Holy Spirit.** During the Last Supper, Jesus repeatedly told His apostles about the coming of the Holy Spirit Who would lead them to the full truth. As He prepared to ascend into Heaven, Jesus charged His followers to go out and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19). The Holy Spirit, sent to the Church on Pentecost Sunday, strengthened the apostles in this mission.
- 4) **The Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven.** "Preserved from original sin from the very moment of her conception by a singular privilege of God, Mary was exempt also, by His grace, from the punishment which condemned the human race to the corruption of the grave..."* Mary is "the first fruit of the Redemption wrought by Christ."* Through the merits of her Son, Mary "was carried up to Heaven in body and soul, where She lives and reigns, in God, with her Son [Jesus, who is the Son] of the eternal Father. ... Jesus, true God and true man, is the source of life, by which we shall all be resurrected one day, because God created us for life, and He could not leave us in the shadow of death."*
- 5) **The Coronation of Our Lady in Heaven.** The Virgin Mary is Queen of Angels and Saints. "God is the one and only eternal king; the Son is made man and is born in order to allow humanity to have access once more to the eternal kingdom of God."* Because the Virgin Mary is the Mother of God and Spouse of the Holy Spirit, having conceived through the Spirit's intervention, Mary "is Queen by right, we might almost say. God could not fail to raise her to Heaven in body and soul, having crowned Her as Queen of the Angels and Saints."* Mary is the woman of the Book of Revelation: "A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars." (Revelation 12:1). "With the whole Church, we venerate and proclaim Her Queen of Heaven and earth! Every day, we salute Her and invoke Her as we sing these words: "*Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope, hail!*"*

Next Week: Back to the Beginning of Calls from the Message of Fatima

* Quote taken from the booklet *The Rosary with Sister Lúcia*, compiled by Carmel of Santa Teresa—Coimbra, James A. Colson, trans (Washington, NJ: World Apostolate of Fatima—USA, 2010).

** This quote is from chapter 37 of *Calls from the Message of Fatima*, Sister Lúcia of Jesus and of the Immaculate Heart, Sisters of Mosteiro de Santa Maria, trans. (Fatima, Portugal: Secretariado dos Pastorinhos, 2000), pp. 273-297



20 Sat. Anticipated: Elden Butcher, The Nugier Family, Edwina Smith Hernandez, Eva Fontenot, Ernest & Mary Catherine Bouvier, Gerald & Alberta Gossen, Amanda Claire Judice, Lynn Kallam Ditch, James Judice, Marie Elmiere Jouette, Curley Hanks, Faye Marie Gesser, Rosamaria Reyes-Silva, Dallas Fleming, Elroy Perrien; *Living & Deceased Members of:* Michael & Fred Landry & Family, The Ison & Eva Fontenot Families, The Quebedeau Family, The Angelle Family, The Lebodier Lavergne Family, The Judice, Kallam, Langlinais, & Hamilton Families, The Catholic Daughters of America; *Living:* Mr. Mrs. Ricky Sooter, Kobi Becker, Jerry Bouvier & Family, Monica Nguyen, Madison Nguyen, Francis Lam Nguyen, Danielle Guidry

21 Sun. 9:00 a.m.: Hailey Hicks Eva Fontenot, Rachel Stevens, Julien Marius Stokes, Ronald J. Patin, Dallas Fleming, Ella Mae Meaux; *Living & Deceased Members of:* Mr. & Mrs. P.A. Kerne, III & Family, The Caillouet, Henry, Randazzo, Costanza, & Campos Families; *Living:* The Nguyen Family, Michael Dinh, Sydney Nguyen, Monica Nguyen

11:00 a.m.: Fatima Parishioners / Pro-Populo
5:00 p.m.: Living & Deceased Members of the

Ison & Eva Fontenot Families

22 Mon. 6:15 a.m.: Eva Fontenot
23 Tue. 5:30 p.m.: Al Cox
24 Wed. 5:30 p.m.: Living & Deceased Members of the Ison & Eva Fontenot Families
25 Thu. 5:30 p.m.: Mandin Cornibe
26 Fri. 5:30 p.m.: Way of the Cross, followed by Mass: Connor Noah Foreman

27 Sat. 8:00 a.m.: *Living:* Ronnie Mahtook

4:00 p.m. Anticipated: Elden Butcher, The Nugier Family, Edwina Smith Hernandez, Eva Fontenot, Douglas Mistich, Ernest & Mary Catherine Bouvier, Mr. & Mrs. James E. Tabor, Gerald & Alberta Gossen, Amanda Claire Judice, Lynn Kallam Ditch, James Judice, Rosamaria Reyes-Silva, Dallas Fleming; *Living & Deceased Members of:* Michael & Fred Landry & Family, The Ison & Eva Fontenot Families, The Rader Family, The Caillouet, Henry, Randazzo, Costanza, & Campos Families, The Judice, Kallam, Langlinais, & Hamilton Families; *Living:* Mr. Mrs. Ricky Sooter, Jerry Bouvier & Family, Hoan Nguyen, Grace Dinh

28 Sun. 9:00 a.m.: Julien Marius Stokes
11:00 a.m.: Hailey Hicks, Mr. Frem Boustany, Sr., Eva Fontenot, Faye Marie Gesser; *Living & Deceased Members of:* The Ison & Eva Fontenot Families; *Living:* Den Bu, Toan Dinh, Mary Pham
5:00 p.m.: Fatima Parishioners / Pro-Populo



In today's Gospel, Jesus urges his listeners to do two things: to believe in the Good News and to repent. The steward is called to repent, to be humble enough to open their hearts so they may begin anew, to change existing attitudes and habits, and to act with faith in the Gospel. In this season of Lent, now is the time to ask ourselves whether or not we truly believe in the Gospel; and if we do, to what extent are we willing to change our prevailing habits and be more faithful to the Gospel?

Financial Information for the weekend of February 13th and 14th will be published, along with the weekend of February 20th and 21st, in the February 28th Parish Family Bulletin. We thank you for your prayerful and generous support of your parish.

A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER FOR FEBRUARY

We embark on our journey or renewal through difficult and uncertain times; times of division and strife, and for many suffering and discouragement.

But our journey is with your son, Jesus, who bore his cross and suffered in ways we cannot imagine.

We journey with Jesus toward the great paschal feast of Easter, where we have the grace to experience true the joy of Resurrection.

Teach us to be good stewards of your mercy and forgiveness, so that we may extend these gifts to others.

Give us the strength to bear witness to your son at all times, even during these times of stress and adversity.

And fill our hearts with love that we may be faithful to the Gospel Jesus proclaimed and ready to celebrate our unity with him and each other. AMEN.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE



Weekday Masses during Lent will be Monday at 6:15 a.m. and Tuesday through Friday at 5:30 p.m. *There will be no 6:15 a.m. Mass on Wednesday and Friday during the Season of Lent.* Confession will begin at 4:30 p.m. prior to the 5:30 p.m. Mass. Way of the Cross will take place on Fridays during Lent at 5:30 p.m. followed by Mass.

LENTEN REGULATIONS



A. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence. This means that we do not eat meat and we have only one full meal.

Concerning the Good Friday fast, the Second Vatican Council teaches: *"Let the Easter fast be kept sacred. Let it be celebrated everywhere possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection may be attained with an uplifted and clear mind."* (Note: the underlined answers the frequent question, "When does the Lenten fast end?")

B. The Fridays of the year outside of Lent remain days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self denial or personal penance. This may be physical mortification, temperance, acts of religion, charity, or Christian witness.

The obligation to abstain from meat binds Catholics 14 years of age and older. The obligation to fast, limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals in the course of the day, binds Catholics from the age of 18 to 59. Those who are younger or older may freely embrace these disciplines; however, Lenten regulations should never endanger one's health.

With regard to the obligatory days listed above, there is frequent questions about the degree of seriousness of the matter. The teaching of Pope Paul VI may be simply paraphrased: The obligation to observe, as a whole or substantially, the penitential days specified by the Church is also serious. No one should be scrupulous in this regard. People should seek to do more rather than less; fast and abstinence on the days prescribed, and works of religion and charity on the Fridays outside Lent, should be considered a minimal response to the Lord's call to penance and conversion of life.

SIGN UP FOR THE BLUE ARMY

During the Penitential Season of Lent, we are reminded of our three-fold responsibility of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. What better prayer is there then the Holy Rosary of our Heavenly Mother, Mary? Prayerfully consider joining the Blue Army.



Dear Queen and Mother, who promised at Fatima to convert Russia and bring peace to all mankind, in reparation for my sins and the sins of the whole world, I solemnly promise to Your Immaculate Heart:

- ◆ To offer up everyday the sacrifices demanded by my daily duty.
- ◆ To pray at least five decades of the Rosary daily while meditating on the Mysteries.
- ◆ To wear the Scapular of Mount Carmel as profession of this promise and as an act of consecration to you.
- ◆ To accomplish the devotion of the Five First Saturdays of the month, including the fifteen-minute meditation on the mysteries of the Rosary.
- ◆ I will renew this promise often, especially in moments of temptation.

Note: This pledge is not a vow and does not bind under sin. Nevertheless it is a promise - your word to your Heavenly Mother.

BENEFITS

- ◆ You know you are fulfilling Our Lady's conditions to obtain the conversion and the peace of Christ for the world.
- ◆ You obtain numerous indulgences through the Rosary and the Scapular.
- ◆ You become eligible for the spiritual graces of Our Lady of Mount Carmel - graces in this life, at the hour of death and after death.
- ◆ Your name is sent to Fatima and deposited at the site of the apparitions.
- ◆ You share in the prayers of millions of members.
- ◆ You become a spiritual child of Saint Pio.
- ◆ You participate in the New Evangelization taught by Pope Saint John Paul II.

The World Apostolate of Fatima (Blue Army) is made up of individual members that live around the world and follow the principles of the apostolate. Here's how to join:

INTERNET

- ◆ Go to www.bluearmy.com
- ◆ Left Click on the Apostolate Tab (top left)
- ◆ Click on "Join the Apostolate".

The World Apostolate of Fatima does not share member contact information outside of the Apostolate.

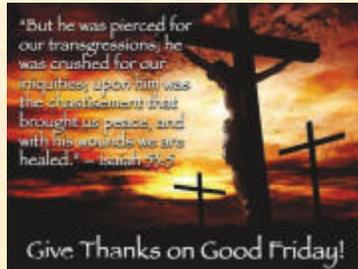
2021 Easter Triduum Schedule



HOLY THURSDAY, April 1st: Mass of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at 6:30 p.m. followed by Adoration in the Church at the Altar of Reposition (Marian side altar) until 10:00 p.m. Please prayerfully consider keeping

Vigil with the Eucharistic Lord to commemorate His agony in the Garden of Gethsemane.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 2nd: Stations of the Cross will take place at 9:00 a.m. The Nine Day Divine Mercy Novena begins at 2:30 p.m. followed by the Commemoration of the Passion and Death of the Lord at 3:00 p.m. Let us always remember the Lord's infinite love and ultimate sacrifice for humanity.



HOLY SATURDAY VIGIL, April 3rd: The Vigil Mass of Easter will begin at 8:00 p.m. with the Service of Light (time designated by the Bishop). Blessing of Fire and Easter Water, Reception into the Church (Baptism, Confirmation and

Communion) of the RCIA Candidates.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 4th: Masses will be celebrated at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

There will be no 5:00 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday

Blessing of Children's Easter Baskets will take place at the Masses of Easter Sunday.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, April 11th: Masses will be celebrated at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Details will follow in future bulletins.

There will be no 5:00 p.m. Mass On Divine Mercy Sunday (April 11th).

Holy Hour and Confessions will begin at 2:00 p.m.

MEATLESS FRIDAYS

The Catholic faithful is obliged to abstain from meat during the Fridays of Lent. Recall that, before the Second Vatican Council, EVERY Friday was to be a meatless Friday, under pain of mortal sin. Now, the Church teaches that meat cannot be eaten on the Fridays of Lent, and that if one chooses to eat meat on the Fridays outside of Lent, then some other form of penance must be substituted. So, in point of fact, the law has not really changed. But, suppose it had? And it could.

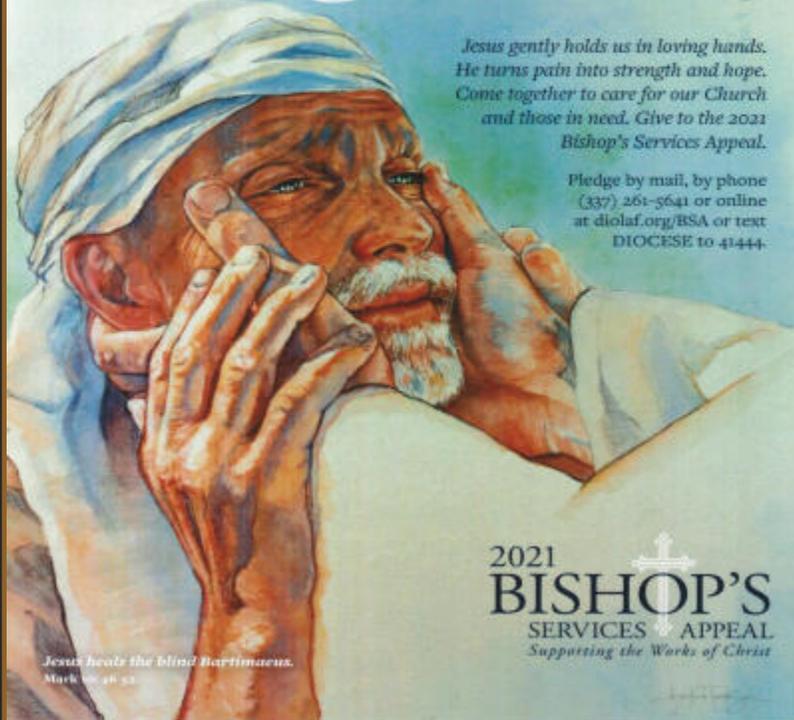
It is crucial to understand why the Church has a particular law. What is she trying to accomplish by mandating or forbidding a specific activity? In the case of meatless Fridays, the Church was underscoring the need for Christians to do penance for their sins, making explicit Our Lord's statement that when the Bridegroom would be taken away, the disciples would fast (Mt 9:15). Therefore, the Church law simply put some flesh on a divine precept to live lives of repentance (of which there are many examples throughout the Gospels).

If someone consciously and willfully disobeyed this norm, that person was putting himself above the Church and the will of Christ. The matter, then, was not that the person ate a hot dog instead of a tuna sandwich; rather, it was that the person felt comfortable in declaring his/her independence from the Church in her role as Mother and Teacher of the faithful, the role accorded to her by the Lord Himself, "He who hears you, hears me." "Faithful in small matters, faithful in greater affairs." "Whatsoever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven." Thus, eating meat on Fridays was not really such a petty concern to begin with.

Finally, what about those people before Vatican II who disobeyed the meatless Friday law last week, died, and presumably went to hell for the offense when the law was about to change the following week. It's always easy to poke fun at situations like this by coming up with seemingly silly scenarios, but let's analyze it a bit. Consider this: If there is a traffic light on the corner of Main and Tenth Streets, and I get a summons for it, would my guilt be mitigated in the eyes of the judge simply because the following week the traffic light was removed? Of course not. I broke the law when it was a law, well aware of the consequences of such action. Doesn't the analogy fit with Church law as well?

One other reminder: IF our Lenten meatless Fridays are substituted with elaborate seafood dishes, we're really missing the point. The Fridays of Lent, in particular, are meant to be days of penance and sacrifice. Don't make a mockery of the Church's law which rightly beckons us to live the Gospel call to do penance for our sins.

Bringing Hope & Healing



Jesus gently holds us in loving hands. He turns pain into strength and hope. Come together to care for our Church and those in need. Give to the 2021 Bishop's Services Appeal.

Pledge by mail, by phone (337) 261-5641 or online at diolaf.org/BSA or text DIOCESE to 41444.

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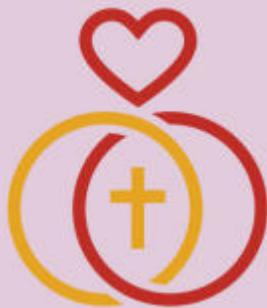
Jesus heals the blind Bartimaeus.
Mark 10: 46-52

BISHOP'S SERVICES APPEAL FOLLOW-UP WEEKEND

To be disciples of Jesus Christ and good stewards of the gifts we have been given, we acknowledge that by supporting the 2021 Bishop's Services Appeal we return to the Lord what has been received. It represents our response to God's unfailing love for each of us. We *Bring Hope and Healing* through service, discipleship, and good stewardship. Together we are called to carry the promise of Christ's mercy as ministers in His kingdom. Please prayerfully consider making a sacrificial gift or pledge to the Bishop's Services Appeal as part of your Lenten alms by completing one of the pledge cards or by texting DIOCESE to 41444.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

RESOLUTION #1: UNDERSTAND MY SPOUSE



Worldwide Marriage Encounter: "I place much of my hope for the future in Worldwide Marriage Encounter." *Pope Saint John Paul II*

A new year brings new opportunities for personal growth, but where to start? What about the most important relationship in your life? This year, make the resolution to enhance and enrich your marriage. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter virtual experience from the comfort of your home!

Nine in ten couples who attend a Marriage Encounter Weekend recognize a long-lasting positive effect on their lives. For more than 50 years, Worldwide Marriage Encounter has helped over 3.5 million couples in almost 100 countries unlock the power of their relationships with new ways to do the "I do." This marriage experience helps you listen, share, and connect more deeply. There's no group discussion. It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be. **Register at: www.wwmepilly.org OR for more info and other Weekend dates go to wwme.org.**

The mission of Worldwide Marriage Encounter is to proclaim the value of Marriage and Holy Orders in the Church and in the world.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is faithful to the Roman Catholic Church's teaching that marriage is a covenant that exists between one man and one woman. Any reference to marriage or couple made by WWME is in this context.

THE SAINTS - OUR EXTENDED FAMILY IN HEAVEN

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Blessed Emilie d'Oultremont
d'Hoogvorst



Born to the nobility, the daughter of Count d'Emile Oultremont de Wegimont a de Warfusee, a diplomat who represented King Leopold I to the Vatican. From childhood Emilie had a great devotion to the Eucharist and the Sacred Heart of Jesus; she later developed a great admiration of Saint Ignatius of Loyola. Married to Victor van der Linden, Baron d'Hooghvorst in 18367. Mother of two boys and two girls. She sought out Jesuits for spiritual guidance. Widowed in 1847. When her sons entered college in France, she decided to move, too.

On December 8, 1854, the

day the dogma of Mary's Immaculate Conception was proclaimed, Emilie experienced a profound spiritual experience and announced she was going into religious life. With a small group of young women, she founded the *Institutum a Maria Reparatrice (Sisters of Mary Reparatrix)* on May 1, 1857 in Strasbourg, France. On May 2, 1858 Emilie made her vows, taking the name *Mary of Jesus*. Soon after her daughters joined the *Sisters*, which caused even more turmoil in her family; few had supported her entering religious life, and many complained that the girls had followed only for her mother's sake.

In 1859 Mother Marie received a request for help from Jesuit missionaries in Madras, India. The *Sisters* expanded to India in 1860, England in 1862, Belgium in 1863, Mauritius in 1866, France, Italy, Ireland, Spain, and then Jerusalem in 1888. The mother house was relocated from Strasbourg to Rome, Italy.

Born: October 11, 1818 in Wegimont near Liege, Belgium
Died: February 22, 1878 at the home of her son Adrien in Florence, Italy of natural causes
Beatified: October 12, 1997 by Pope John Paul II

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25
Blessed Sebastian of Aparicio

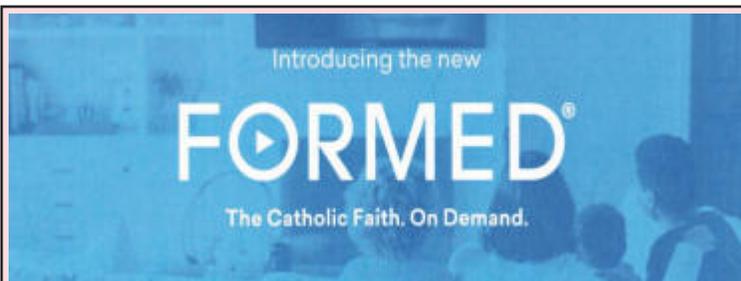
Born of Spanish peasants. Shepherd as a child, and a hired field hand as a young man, helping to support his family. Gentleman's valet at Salamanca. He travelled to Puebla, Mexico at age 31 where he built plows and wagons, and worked as a farm hand.



Spent 10 years building a 466 mile road from Mexico City to Zacatecas, and conducting the postal and delivery service along the route; the road is still in use today.

Sebastian eventually became very wealthy, but lived simply, and gave freely of his money to the poor. He was married twice, the first time at age 60, but he never consummated the marriages, and outlived both brides. He gave away his wealth and became a Franciscan at age 72, spending his remaining 25 years begging alms for his brother Franciscans. Witnesses attest to over 300 miracles he performed in life.

Born: January 20, 1502 in La Gudina, Orense, Spain
Died: February 25, 1600 of natural causes
Beatified: May 17, 1789 by Pope Pius VI



THIS WEEK ON FORMED

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22: Feast of the Chair of Peter

Study: Footprints of God: Apostolic Fathers

Study: Lectio: Peter

Study: Symbolon Knowing the Faith, Session 8: Why Do I Need the Church?

Watch: Pope Pius XII: Under the Roman Sky

Watch: Saint Peter

Watch: Keys of the Kingdom: Understanding the Papacy

Listen: Answering Common Objections: The Pope

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22: St. Margaret of Cortona

Audio: Saints for Sinners

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23: St. Peter Damian

Listen: Holiness is Always in Season

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23: St. Polycarp

Watch: Footprints of God: Apostolic Fathers: Handing on the Faith

Listen: Swimming Upstream

Listen: Lessons from the Early Church Fathers



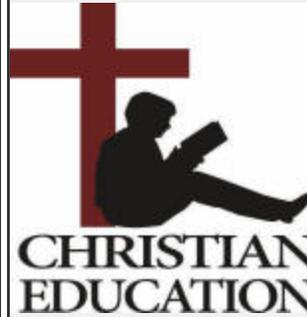
The Diocese of Lafayette Central Office is currently accepting applications for the position of **Senior Accounting Clerk**, Office of Parish & School Finance. For further details as well as in-

structions to apply, please visit our employment page at www.diolaf.org/employment.

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THE CHURCH ON APPARITIONS

Taken from the "Encyclopedia of Catholic Doctrine"



The words "apparition" and "vision" are sometimes used interchangeably, since they both designate the perception of a visible object. One can make a distinction, however, because apparition refers primarily to the object of one's perception, something that comes from outside the viewer; but vision refers primarily to the individual who perceives the apparition, the visionary. In either case the experience is classified in Christian spirituality as paranormal and extraordinary. Extraordinary phenomena such as apparitions and visions do not constitute an essential element of Christian holiness nor are they a proof of the holiness of the visionary. The reported apparition could just as readily be the result of hallucination or an unknown natural cause as the result of an authentically supernatural cause. And since it is not permissible simply to presume that a cause is supernatural, these cases require careful investigation and discernment.

There have always been reports of apparitions in the history of the Church, and the rapid and widespread news coverage in our day makes it appear that such cases are more numerous than ever before. But whether numerous or few in number, the Church has always been cautious in making a judgment concerning reported apparitions, and the investigation is usually a long, drawn-out process. For example, since 1830 the Church has approved seven apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary, all of which occurred in France. Numerous other reported apparitions, including ones in Lipa (Philippines), Akita (Japan - has been approved by the local ordinary [bishop]), Medjugorje, Rwanda, and Egypt, are still under investigation at this writing.

Types of Apparition - There are three types of authentic apparitions of supernatural origin: corporeal, imaginative, and intellectual. The corporeal type is of two kinds: (1) the physical body or a likeness thereof is actually present and is seen with the bodily eyes, in which case the apparition would be visible to all bystanders as well; (2) an image is impressed on the eyes of the visionary but no external form is present; only the visionary sees the apparition. However, the first kind of a corporeal apparition does not mean that Christ, the Blessed Virgin, or a saint is actually present; the presumption is that the apparition is formed by rays of light, a vapor, or by the power of an angel. *To be continued in next weekend's bulletin.*

A LENTEN DAY OF PRAYER FOR WOMEN



"FASTING, ALMSGIVING, PRAYER"

PRESENTED BY Fr. Lou McCabe, S.J.

WHERE: Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House
8:30 a.m.; concluding with Mass at 2:15 p.m.

WHEN: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 - COST: \$25.00

*Pre-registration is required - Limited capacity
Due to COVID-19 - Masks are required*

To register, visit our website at www.ourladyoftheoaks.com. For more information, call the office at 337-662-5410 ext. 200.

Sacred Heart Enthronements



Call the Parish Office to schedule your Sacred Heart Home Enthronement. Promoters go into the home to conduct the Enthronement, which follows a 9 day period of prayer by the family.

Prayer for Cancer Patients



A statue of St. Peregrine, patron of cancer patients, is made available to go into the homes of those diagnosed with cancer. This statue of St. Peregrine was acquired from a convent in the city of Lille, northern France. The statue was hand-painted by nuns in the mid 1900s. Call the parish office to get on the roster.

Prayer Calendar for Priests

Monday, February 22

Rev. Stephen Pellessier

Tuesday, February 23

Rev. Donald Pelous

Wednesday, February 24

Rev. Neil Pettit

Thursday, February 25

Rev. Daniel Picard

Friday, February 26

Rev. Ben Pitre

Saturday, February 27

Rev. Mikel Polson

Sunday, February 28

Rev. Herve Racivitch, SJ

FAST THIS LENT

Fast from hurting words..... and say kind words.

Fast from sadness.....and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger..... and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism..... and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries..... and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints..... and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures.....and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness..... and fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness..... and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges..... and be reconciled.

Fast from words.....and be silent so you can listen.



COME, LORD JESUS

Mondays 6:30pm (WOMEN) - DD McElligott, 319.8866

6:30pm (WOMEN) - Email: Stef.Buchholz1@gmail.com

Thursdays 6:00 am (MEN) - Joe Wolf, 349.2645

6:00 am (MEN) - Deacon Tim Maragos, 235.1521

Fridays 1:00 pm - Jennifer Connolly, 288.4386

Saturdays 8:00am - Anne Pesacreta, 739.5903

First Saturday - 9:00 a.m. after Mass & Rosary

Parish Representatives

Jill Jordan or DD McElligott - 337-319-8866

Send the names of those who have left the church to St. Monica Sodality, c/o St. John Cantins Parish, 825 N. Carpenter Street, Chicago, IL 60622-5499. The Sodality will include your loved ones in their prayers and sacrifices. When all other efforts fail, the only thing left to do is pray and sacrifice. Consider joining the St. Monica Sodality. Writing to the above address will give you information on how to do so and the requirements for membership.

The Blessing of the Unborn Child follows the Sunday 9 & 11:00 a.m. Masses the 1st weekend of the month.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS AND INFORMATION

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS ARE SUSPENDED OR MEETING VIRTUALLY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!

Women's Group "WOMEN OF GRACE"

(Contact Stephanie at the Parish Office for upcoming events!)

Mommy Meals

- Outreach to new moms

Mercy Meal Team

- Outreach to the sick

St. Gemma Food Bank

- Outreach to the needy

Mary's Mothers

Formation for mothers of school age children

Catholic Daughters

- 3rd Thursday, 6 pm

Knights of Columbus

- 1st Thursday, 7 pm

Sts. Joachim & Anne Society

- 2nd Tuesday - Rosary/Social

Fatima Mercy Works

- Monthly outreach to needy

Men's Group - CAST

CAST stands for Catholic, Apostolic, Sacramental, Theology, and is the focus of a Fall and Spring Fishing Retreat in Grand Isle. The CAST men then meet regularly on a monthly basis for fellowship and study. CAST Masses are every Monday morning at 6:15 a.m. and Tuesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. If interested in making the CAST retreat, contact the Parish Office.

6th through 8th grade YOUTH FORMATION

(Contact Stephanie Supple for more information)

Young Women of Grace and Young Warriors

THE CHURCH - SEXUALITY

Engaged Couples

Attend a **Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend**. The weekend is open to any engaged couple wanting to prepare for a deeper more meaningful life together. For more information contact Paul & Carolyn Trahan at 337.254.8947 or 337.898.9257 or cee.trahan@gmail.com.

Natural Family Planning

Natural Family Planning Courses are held in conjunction with marital prep. FMI, Contact the Parish Office.

Reclaim

Sexual Health Catholic Recovery Program: reclaimsexualhealth.com (online help 24/7)

Porn Addiction Support Group for Men:

Weekly meetings are held for one hour and fifteen minutes. Strict confidentiality is observed. A confidentiality statement is signed by each prospective member of the group. Call and leave a confidential message at 337.945.3995 for more information.

Healing Hearts

Weekly meetings for women whose lives have been affected by porn or sexual addiction of a loved one.

Must sign confidentiality statement.

Call 337.404.6113.

Unplanned Pregnancy

Call 1.800.256.7222 for free confidential counseling regarding keeping or placing your baby.

PRO-LIFE APOSTOLATE

Project Rachel

A post abortion healing and reconciliation program for those suffering the negative effects of an abortion experience. Individual sessions are offered where one can receive the healing grace of God through a 9-10 step healing program. Take the first step and call 337.261.5598.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

The next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for healing after abortion is scheduled for April 9-11, 2021. The retreat begins at 6:00 p.m. on Friday and concludes at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. For more information please call 337.261.5598.

Project Joseph (for men suffering after an abortion)

In honor of the year of St. Joseph, the Office of Pro-Life Apostolate has begun planning the Diocese of Lafayette's first Project Joseph Retreat exclusively for men. This ministry offers men the opportunity to heal after an abortion. Studies have shown that women are not the only ones who suffer from the detrimental effects of abortion. Men are deeply affected as well, although many remain in denial and want to bury the feelings. Some may have initially felt relief after their partner's abortion but now experience regret and remorse. If you or someone you know would like to attend a Project Joseph Retreat, please call 337.261.5598. We are happy to speak with you and prepare you for the first retreat which will be held June 12, 2021.

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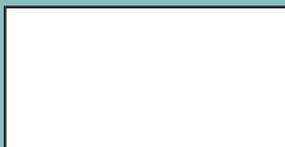
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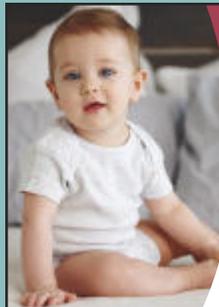
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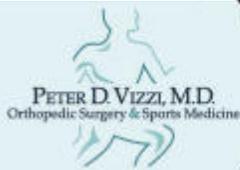


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