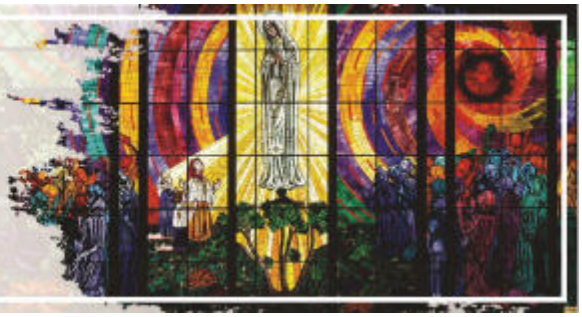
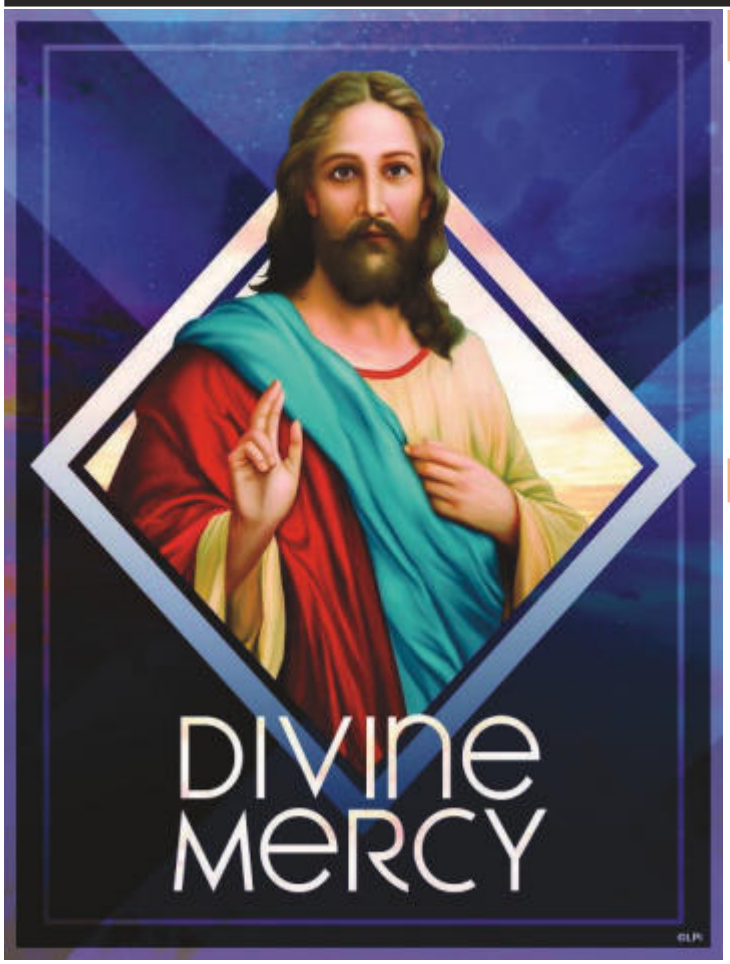
OUR LADY OF FATIMA
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



SUNDAY, APRIL 11TH - THE 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Anticipated 4 p.m. (organ & cantor)
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.

CONTACT US

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Parochial Vicar:	Rev. Korey R. LaVergne
Deacon	Timothy Maragos & Randy Hyde
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Parish Secretary:	Mona Bouillion
Receptionist:	D D McElligott
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Church Office:	(337) 232-8945
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School Office:	(337) 235-2464
Church Website:	www.fatimalafayette.org
Office Hours	**Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

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

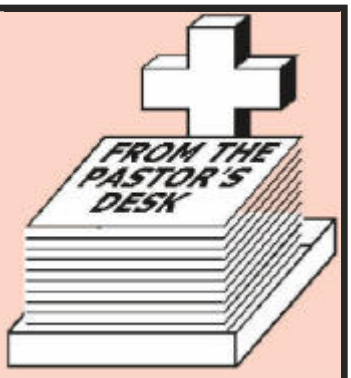
THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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 Guardian Angel



"Tell us, Sister, what exactly happened during the first apparitions about which little or nothing has been said?" * This is the question that Sister Lúcia answered in chapter two of *Calls* and forms the subject of today's column. It pertains to the apparition of an angel in 1914 or 1915.

> One day when we were on the slopes of the hill known as the *Cabeço*, we saw something like a white cloud in the shape of a human being, which had come down from the sky and was passing slowly in front of us, above the trees that stretched down to the valley at our feet, as if wishing to attract our attention and keep our eyes fixed on it.

What was it?

> My reply today is the same as it was then: *I do not know what it was nor what it meant.* But I was left with an interior conviction ... that it was the Guardian Angel. Perhaps in that form and without speaking, he wished to make his presence felt and so prepare souls for the accomplishment of God's designs.

Lúcia goes on to write about guardian angels, a truth of the Catholic faith. Each of us has an angel to walk with us through life, to help and to guard us. Several passages in the Holy Bible speak of this mystery.

1) Exodus 23:20-21—An angel accompanied the Israelites across the desert to the Promised Land.
2) Genesis 28:11-14—In a dream, Jacob saw a ladder from earth to heaven with angels ascending and descending on it.
3) Matthew 1:18-25—An angel appeared to Joseph to reveal that the Virgin Mary had conceived her child though the power of the Holy Spirit.
4) Matthew 2:1-23—An angel appeared in dreams to Joseph and to the Magi from the East to warn them about danger from King Herod.
5) Genesis 32:1-32—Angels guarded and blessed Jacob.
6) Matthew 18:10—Jesus spoke about angels who behold His heavenly Father's face.
7) Luke 1:8-13—The angel Gabriel appeared to Zechariah and promised that Elizabeth his wife would bear a son whose name would be John.
8) Luke 1:26-38—The angel Gabriel appeared to the Blessed Virgin Mary to ask her to become the Mother of the Lord.
9) Luke 2:8-20—Angels appeared to the shepherds of Bethlehem to announce the good news of the Birth of the Messiah and Lord.
10) Genesis 3:24—Angels of the Cherubim Order kept Adam and Eve from reentering Eden.
11)

God created angels and human beings to serve, praise, and love Him and to enjoy eternal happiness in Heaven.

> Bearing these truths in mind, it will not seem so strange to us that God should have once again chosen to make use of one of his Angels in order to address to us yet another call to obey his law and remember the end for which we were created.

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This is the final bulletin article in the series on *Calls from the Message of Fatima*. The cycle began on Sunday, August 4, 2019 (in those pre-pandemic times that seem so long ago) and stretched over a year and a half of weekly bulletins to April 11, 2021. We began with chapter three, which was about the first of the twenty calls or appeals of the Message. Only after reaching the end of the book (chapter 37) did we return to the first two chapters, which form an atrium or anteroom to *Calls*.

It has been a joy to wrestle with this most important work of Sister Lúcia dos Santos. I hope that you will be inspired to read her spiritually enriching book, which shows us that the Message of Fatima is all about our reaching Heaven successfully. Let's not forget to pray for her beatification and canonization, so that she may be honored at the altars along with her cousins Saints Jacinta and Francisco Marto.

Next Week: A New Series of Articles about Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Bernadette Soubirous.

* Unless otherwise indicated, quotes are those of Sister Lúcia in her book *Calls from the Message of Fatima* (Fatima, Portugal: Secretariado dos Pastorinhos, 2000), pp. 52-56.

10 Sat. 4:00 p.m. Anticipated: Elden Butcher, The Nugier Family, Edwina Smith Hernandez, Eva Fontenot, Dale Cleveland, John Paul Martin, Gerald & Alberta Gossen, Brian & Linda Snavely, Amanda Claire Judice, Lynn Kallam Ditch, James Judice, Dallas Fleming, Rosamaria Reyes-Silva, Ernest Bouvier, Jr., Douglas Mistich, Rita Duhon Dougherty, Edward Miller, IV, Jerry Harrell, Charles Blanchard, Lillian Manuel; **Living & Deceased Members of:** Michael & Fred Landry & Family, The Ison & Eva Fontenot Families, The Angelle Family, The Lebodier Lavergne Family, The Judice, Kallam, Langlinais, & Hamilton Families**; Living:** Ryan LeBlanc, Sue Rodriguez, Toan Dinh, Jennifer Connolly

11 Sun. 9:00 a.m.: Living & Deceased Members of the Caillouet, Henry, Randazzo, Costanza, & Campos Families

11:00 a.m.: Melvin R. Boesch, Eva Fontenot, Faye Marie Gesser, Milton Farrell, Jr., Willanna Curley James, Elroy Perrien, Charles Mouille, Kathleen Easley, Charles Corrigan, Henry Lott, Souls in Purgatory, Deceased Members of The Farrell Family, Pam B. Rodrigue & Elden Butcher, Peggy Perret; **Living & Deceased Members of:** The Ison & Eva Fontenot Families, The Butcher & Smith Families; **Living:** Dao Nguyen, Josephine Dinh

3:00 p.m.: Fatima Parishioners / Pro-Populo

12 Mon. 6:15 a.m.: Eva Fontenot
13 Tue. 5:30 p.m.: Allen Martinez
14 Wed. 5:30 p.m.: **Living:** Easton Becnel & Parents
15 Thu. 5:30 p.m.: Mrs. Beatrice Boustany
16 Fri. 5:30 p.m.: Living & Deceased Members of the Ison & Eva Fontenot Families
17 Sat. 8:00 a.m.: Eva Fontenot

4:00 p.m. Anticipated: Elden Butcher, The Nugier Family, Edwina Smith Hernandez, Gerald & Alberta Gossen, Amanda Claire Judice, Lynn Kallam Ditch, James Judice, Faye Marie Gesser, Dallas Fleming, Elroy Perrien, Rosamaria Reyes-Silva, Anna Maria, Douglas Mistich, Peter Tu Pham, Ernest Bouvier, Jr., Julien Marius Stokes, Rita Duhon Dougherty, Edward Miller, IV, Jerry Harrell, Peggy Perret, Charles Blanchard; **Living & Deceased Members of:** Michael & Fred Landry & Family, The Bouvier & Boudreaux Families,The Ison & Eva Fontenot Families, The Quebedeau Family, The Hebert Family, The Caillouet, Henry, Randazzo, Costanza, & Campos Families, The Judice, Kallam, Langlinais, & Hamilton Families, The Catholic Daughters of America; **Living:** Sofia & Benjamin Cruz, Elizabeth Pham, Sue Rodriguez

18 Sun 9:00 a.m.: Fatima Parishioners / Pro-Populo
11:00 a.m. Rachel Stevens

5:00 p.m.: Eva Fontenot, Anna Maria, Pam B. Rodrigue & Elden Butcher, Peggy Perret; **Living & Deceased Member of:** The Ison & Eva Fontenot Families; **Living:** Marie Rieu Tran, Blake Dinh

Remember the souls of our beloved deceased.
We loved them in life, let's not forget them in death.

Christian Stewardship
...LEADS A GIVER'S HEART TO JESUS

When the risen Christ encounters his disciples in the locked room he adds a new Beatitude to the ones we've heard proclaimed before: Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed. Stewards of the mysteries of God's love do not need proof of the risen Christ. They know it because their lives have been transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit who has breathed new life into them. As stewards of this great gift it is appropriate to reflect on how we in turn add new life into our parish communities.

Weekend of March 27th and 28th

Weekly Offertory Budget $15,384.62
Total Offertory Received $12,076.97
Weekly Budget +Over, -Under ..... -$3,307.65
Total Mercy Works $1,366.00

Weekend of April 3rd and 4th

Weekly Offertory Budget $15,384.62
Total Offertory Received - Easter $18,020.34
Total Offertory Received - Holy Thursday $8,010.00
Weekly Budget +Over, -Under ..... +$10,645.72
Total Mercy Works $348.00
Good Friday Holy Land Collection $1,595.00

A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we journey with you this Lenten season, in a time of stress and uncertainty, ever closer to Jerusalem, ever closer to your death on the cross.

We hear your Gospel mandate: "Deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me," but we are unsure of their meaning, or anxious about their true intent.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, give us the strength to deny the "self" that keeps us from being good stewards of your teachings, and of those who need our love and compassion.

Give us a deeper awareness of the cross in our own lives so that we may embrace it and join our sufferings with yours in a world in need of your redemption.

And give us the confidence to follow you no matter the cost; knowing that if we die with you, we will also live with you and eternally rejoice in your resurrection.

We humbly ask this of you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

IN MEMORY OF

Jefferson & Louise DeBlanc, Clyde & Evelyn Harrison,
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Sealy, Gloria B. Doll, Leo Wallace LaFargue
Mr. & Mrs. Houston Bouillion, Janice Mire Governale

IN HONOR OF

The Akroush Family, Wanda Hebert, James Stone, Jean Stone, Michael Tamino, Jr.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - CHAPEL OF THE LITTLE SHEPHERDS

The Adoration Chapel of the Little Shepherds in Knight Hall is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The following days and hours are those with only one adorer:

Monday at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday at 11:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon, 2:00 and 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday at 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Thursday at 11:00 a.m., 2:00 and 3:00 p.m.

Please consider committing to an hour listed above.

Contact the office during regular business hours at 232-8945 or email DD at office@fatimalafayette.org

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 2021

Next Sunday, April 11 - the Second Sunday of Easter - is Divine Mercy Sunday. As in past years, we will have a diocesan wide celebration beginning at 2:00 p.m. We heartily encourage your participation in this celebration of our Risen Lord's infinite mercy.

1:50 p.m. CHURCH DOORS OPEN

2:00 p.m.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Church

2:00 p.m.
Confessions will be available in Church, the Conference Room of Knight Hall and Knight Hall Auditorium
6 Priests will be available

2:30 p.m.
Chaplet of Divine Mercy in Church

2:50 p.m.
Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Church

3:00 p.m.
Holy Mass will be celebrated

Parking will be available at Blackham Coliseum along with a crossing guard for the event.

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.

Join Us

CLOSING MASS

and celebration!

SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2021

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH | MILTON, LA

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

JOIN US FOR MASS FOLLOWED BY A FAMILY-FRIENDLY PICNIC AS WE CELEBRATE THE CLOSE OF THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH IN THE DIOCESE OF LAFAYETTE.

10:00 AM

INDOOR MASS WITH BISHOP DESHOTEL

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

FOOD TRUCKS, MUSIC, & GAMES OUTSIDE

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

DIOCESE OF LAFAYETTE

ADORE. OBEY. SERVE.

THE SAINTS - OUR EXTENDED FAMILY IN HEAVEN

MONDAY, APRIL 12
Saint Alferius of La Cava

Member of the noble Pappacarbone family. Ambassador for Duke Gisulf of Salerno, Italy. When he fell seriously ill at the abbey of Chiusa, Italy, he made the common promise to God that if he lived, he would enter religious life. When he recovered, he became a monk at Cluny, France, training under Saint Odilo of Cluny. Duke Gisulf recalled him to Salerno to reform the monasteries in his region.

Alferius met with little success, and in 1011 he became a hermit on Mount Fenestra near Salerno. His reputation for holiness and wisdom spread, and he attracted students. He selected twelve, and founded the Benedictine abbey *Holy Trinity of La Cava* under the Cluniac rule. The abbey became the motherhouse for scores of others in the region; this network of houses became a powerful force for civilization and religion in Sicily and southern Italy, and twelve of the motherhouse abbots have been beatified to date. Alferius lived to be 120, governing the abbey till the day he died; on that day, he celebrated Mass, and washed the feet of his brothers, including the future Pope Blessed Victor III.

Born: 930 at Salerno, Italy
Died: Holy Thursday 1050
Beatified: 1893 by Pope Leo XIII (cultus confirmed)

TUESDAY, APRIL 13
Blessed Margaret of Castello

Born a blind, lame, deformed, hunchback midget. When she was six years old, her noble parents walled her up beside a chapel; she could not get out, but could attend Mass and receive the Sacraments. After 14 years of imprisonment, her parents took her to a shrine to pray for a cure. When none occurred, they abandoned her. She became a lay Dominican, and spent her life in prayer and charity. When she died, the townspeople thronged her funeral, and demanded she be buried in a tomb inside the church. The priest protested, but a crippled girl was miraculously cured at the funeral, and he consented.

Born: 1287 at Maercatello sul Metauro, Pesaro-Urbino, Italy
Died: April 13, 1320 in Citta di Castello, Perugia, Italy of natural causes
Beatified: October 19, 1609 by Pope Paul V (concession of indult for Mass and Office)

FRIDAY, APRIL 16
Saint Benedict Joseph Labre

Oldest of fifteen children in a prosperous middle class family. Educated by his uncle, a parish priest. Following his uncle's death, he tried to join the Trappists, Carthusians, and Cistercians, but was rejected by them all. He spent years wandering Europe, especially Rome, Italy, in complete poverty, spending his days in perpetual adoration in the cathedrals. Given to religious ecstacies when contemplating the crown of thorns; reputed to float, soar, and bilocate when in these swoons. He begged in the streets, and if he was given more than he needed for the day, he would give the remainder to some one he considered more in need than he was. Benedict healed some of his fellow homeless, and was reported to have multiplied bread for them. Noted counselor to people of all walks in Rome. He died in a hospice, exhausted from his life of austerity. His biography, written by his confessor Marconi, describes 136 miraculous cures attributed to him within three months of his death.

Born: March 25, 1748 at Amettes, Boulogne, France
Died: April 17, 1783 at Rome, Italy
Canonized: December 8, 1881 by Pope Leo XIII

VOCATIONS PRAYER CROSS MISSION

The Lord commanded us to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, "Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers for the harvest." (Mt. 9:38)

We are asking each family to call our office to sign-up to take the Vocations Prayer Cross home for ten days. The Prayer Cross is contained inside a case that you will pick up from our office. Your family will have the privilege during that time to set up the cross in your home, pray together for our priests, and pray for an increase to vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The case and cross will be properly disinfected between each families' use by the parish staff. You will be provided with your own personal copies of the Vocation's Prayer booklets that you may keep in order to continue praying for our priests and for vocations. The prayer booklet given to you with the kit is self-explanatory. It includes a family prayer, prayer for priests, Litany of the Saints and a prayer to Our Lady of Prompt Succor. *Please call the parish receptionist at 337-232-8945 to sign up TODAY!*

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

TUESDAY, APRIL 13: *St. Hermengild*
Book: Young People's Book of Saints

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14: *St. Ardalion*
Book: Audiobook: God is Love

FRIDAY, APRIL 16: *St. Bernadette*
Watch: CCC Bernadette: The Princess of Lourdes
Watch: The Passion of St. Bernadette
Watch: Lourdes: Story of Faith, Science, & Miracles
Watch: Bernadette
Read: Golden Legend of Young Saints
Book: Christmas with Bernadette
Listen: St. Bernadette of Lourdes

St. Benedict Joseph Labre
Read: The Young People's Book of Saints

THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

Taken from the "Encyclopedia of Catholic Doctrine"

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

That body possesses new properties, having become spiritual and glorified, and no longer subject to the limitations of material beings and of the human body. But it is authentic and real. In his material identity, there is proof of Christ's Resurrection. The meeting on the road to Emmaus shows in a particularly vivid way that conviction about the Resurrection matured in the minds of the disciples through contact with the risen Christ (cf. Lk 24:15-21). Sadness and disappointment give way to a total transformation. The certainty of the Resurrection made them, as it were, new men.

Historical Event Transcending History
At the dawn of the third day after Jesus' burial by Joseph of Arimathea, the tomb was found empty. The women who went to the tomb encountered an angel who said to them: "You seek Jesus who was crucified; he is not here. He has risen as he said" (Mt 28:5-6).

There are three reasons why this event transcends history. First, no one saw the Resurrection. Certainly Christ's body was no longer in the tomb. No one was an eyewitness of the event itself. No one could say how it had happened in its physical reality. Second, the senses could not perceive the interior essence of the passage to another life. It is this transhistorical feature of the Resurrection that must especially be considered if we are to understand to some extent the mystery of that historical, but also transhistorical, event. Third, Christ did not simply return to earthly life, like those whom he had raised from the dead during his public ministry: Lazarus, the daughter of Jairus, the son of the widow of Naim. In his risen body, Christ passed from death to another life beyond space and time. This risen body of Jesus was filled with the power of the Holy Spirit and shared in the divine life of glory. He is now the "heavenly man" (1 Cor 15:47). In this sense, Christ's Resurrection eludes the criteria of simple empirical observation. In his contacts with others after the Resurrection, this real dimension of his humanity conceals another life that is now his and that withdraws him from ordinary earthly life and plunges him into mystery.

The Resurrection takes place through the power of the Father, who had raised Christ his Son (Acts 2:32) and introduced his humanity - even his body - into the communion of the Trinity. St. Paul insists that this is a manifestation of the power of God through the work of the Spirit, who is raising Jesus placed him in the glorious sphere of Lord *(Kyrios)*, where he definitively merits the name Son of God that belonged to him from eternity.

To be continued in next weekend's bulletin.

SCHOOL NEWS

April 12	School resumes
April 12	16 Standardized Testing for grades 1-4
April 14	Spirit Shirt Day
April 15	Advisory Council Meeting
April 16	School Mass

SHOW YOUR SCHOOL PRIDE
ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14
FOR SPIRIT SHIRT DAY!

GO WARRIORS!

The Diocese of Lafayette Central Office is currently accepting applications for the positions of Executive Assistant, Office of the Vicar General, Administrative Assistant, Office of Stewardship & Development, and Assistant General Manager, Office of Facilities Management. For further details as well as instructions to apply, please visit our employment page at www.diolaf.org/employment.

COME, LORD JESUS

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

Tuesdays 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

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, April 12
Rev. Sai Tran, SVD
Tuesday, April 13
Rev. Eugene Tremie
Wednesday, April 14
Rev. Stephen Ugwu
Thursday, April 15
Rev. Gregory Usselman, LC
Friday, April 16
Rev. Jason Vidrine

Saturday, April 17
Rev. Richard Vidrine
Sunday, April 18
Very Rev. Thomas Voorhies, VF

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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