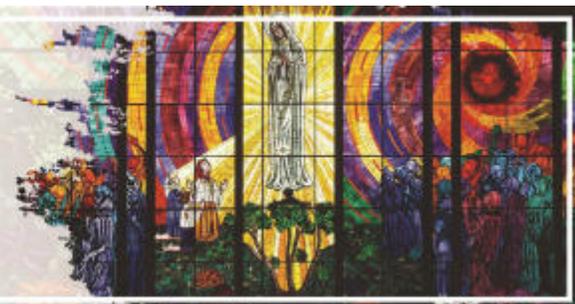


# OUR LADY OF FATIMA

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



### SUNDAY, APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup> - THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### 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:** 13<sup>th</sup> of the Month, May - October at 5:30 p.m.

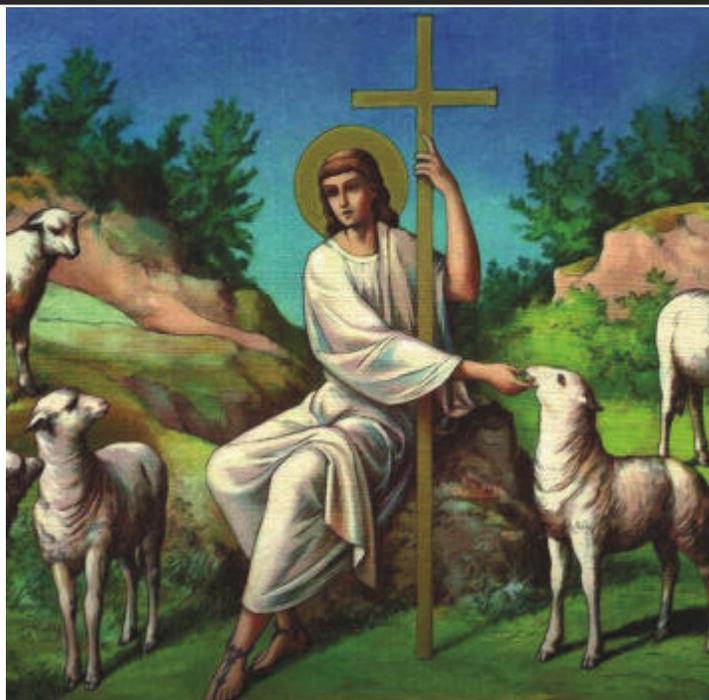
**Monthly Peace Mass:** First Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

This Mass heeds Our Lady's call to pray for world peace and conversion of hearts.

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#### 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." - Jn 10:14-15

Example from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1979 CCC

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#### THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

**Saturday**

3:00 to 3:55 p.m.;

**Sunday**

30 minutes prior to Mass;

**First Saturday**

7:30 to 7:55 a.m.

**Monday**

5:45 to 6:10 a.m.

**Tuesday through Thursday**

4:30 to 5:25 p.m.

#### 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.

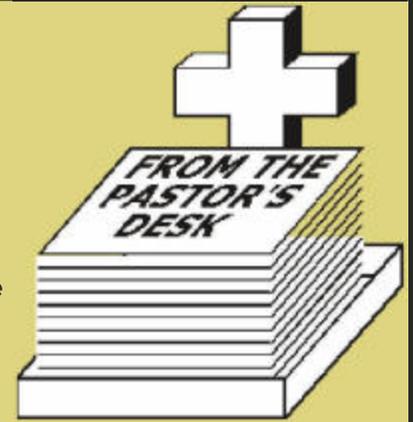
#### THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

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 APPARITIONS IN LOURDES

## PART ONE: FEBRUARY 11 THROUGH FEBRUARY 24, 1858



The first apparition was on Thursday, February 11, 1858. Bernadette, her sister Marie-Toinette, and a friend Jeanne Abadie were collecting firewood in the countryside near their homes. Even though she suffered from asthma, Bernadette went out in the cold and damp weather. When she neared the grotto of Massabielle on the Gave River, she heard a gust of wind. She looked around and wondered why the trees were not swaying. Then she gazed toward the grotto and saw the moving branches of a wild rosebush in a niche on the rocky cliff. Standing in the niche was “a Lady wearing a white dress with a blue sash. On each foot she had a yellow rose; her rosary was the same color.”\* The Lady smiled at Bernadette.

Bernadette took her own rosary and attempted to make the Sign of the Cross, but she was not able to do it. It was only after the young Lady crossed herself that Bernadette was able to do the same. Then Bernadette began to recite the rosary, while the Lady slipped the beads of her rosary through her fingers, without moving her lips. When Bernadette completed praying the rosary, the Lady vanished.

One of Bernadette’s companions noticed that she was praying and remarked teasingly that it was apparent that she did not want to gather wood. Bernadette asked the girls if they had seen anything. They had not. Bernadette told them that she had seen in a niche of the grotto a young lady dressed in white, but that she did not know who it was. Word quickly spread that Bernadette had seen the Blessed Mother, although she never said that the young Lady was the Virgin Mary. She simply referred to the apparition as *Aquerò* or “that thing,” a patois word that expresses something both unfamiliar and beautiful beyond human experience.

News of the apparition caused some commotion as might be expected. What in the world did Bernadette see? Was it an illusion? Was the apparition of heavenly origin or was it otherwise? Bernadette decided to make a test. During the second apparition on Sunday, February 14, Bernadette sprinkled holy water toward the Lady, “adjuring her ‘to stay if she comes from God, to go away if not.’” The Lady smiled. Bernadette said that “the more I sprinkled, the more she smiled; and I kept sprinkling until the bottle [of holy water] was empty.”\*\*

Who was that young woman? In the course of the third apparition on Thursday, February 18, Bernadette asked the Lady to write down her name on paper with a pen and inkwell provided to Bernadette by a companion. But the Lady did not sign her name, saying “It is not necessary.” Then she requested Bernadette, “Would you have the graciousness to come here for fifteen days?” Bernadette was amazed that the Lady addressed her so courteously and she promptly agreed.

Except for two days (Monday, February 22 and Friday, February 26), the Lady (*Aquerò*) appeared to Bernadette daily from Thursday, February 18 through Thursday, March 4. Bernadette came to the grotto on all fifteen days. On the thirteen days that *Aquerò* appeared, Bernadette’s face was transfigured in ecstatic light as she prayed and at times conversed with the Lady. On the two days that *Aquerò* did not come, Bernadette’s face was not so transfigured. In the apparitions on Friday, February 19, Saturday, February 20, and Sunday, February 21, Bernadette prayed the rosary in ecstasy. Word of the apparitions spread further, which caused an increasing number of people to accompany Bernadette to the grotto. Prayers and lighted candles abounded among the crowds.

On Monday, February 22, some three hundred people came to Massabielle to pray. *Aquerò* did not appear on that day. *Aquerò* did appear on the following day, Tuesday, February 23. On Wednesday, February 24, the Lady told Bernadette, “Penance. Pray to God for the conversion of sinners. Go kiss the ground as a penance for sinners.” She asked the Lady what “the conversion of sinners” meant, but the Lady simply smiled in response.\*\*\*

*Next Week: The Apparitions in Lourdes: Part Two—February 25 through March 4, 1858*

\* *The Divine Office: The Liturgy of the Hours According to the Roman Rite*, Volume I (London: Collins, 1974), p.151.

\*\* René Laurentin, *Bernadette of Lourdes: A Life Based on Authenticated Documents*, John Drury, trans. (Minneapolis: Winston Press, 1979), p. 34. I have drawn heavily from Father Laurentin’s book as I wrote this bulletin article.

\*\*\* *The Divine Office*, p. 152.



# Mass INTENTIONS

**24 Sat. 4:00 p.m. Anticipated:** † Ernest Bouvier, Jr., † Charles Blanchard, † Elden Butcher, † Rita Duhon Dougherty, † Eva Fontenot, † Chester Gosnell, † Faye Marie Gesser, † Gerald & Alberta Gossen, † Edwina Smith Hernandez, † Amanda Claire, Lynn Kallam, James Judice, † Mr. & Mrs. Stephen R. Moore, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Frederick J. Forstall, Avis Moore Rupert, Ryan Robert Guilbeau, † Lillian Manuel, † Douglas Mistich, † The Nugier Family, † Peggy Perret, † Rosamaria Reyes-Silva, † Mr. & Mrs. James E. Tabor; **Living:** Kobi Becker, Lan Tran, Ella Dinh, Anne Huynh, Maria Dao, Sue Rodriguez; **Living & Deceased Members of:** The Ison & Eva Fontenot Families, Michael & Fred Landry & Family, The Rader Family

**25 Sun. 9:00 a.m.:** † Donald Breaux, † Babette Bienvenu Dugas, † Karol Domingue Meynard, † Dallas Fleming, † Anna Maria, † Ella Mae Meaux, † Peggy Perret, † Julien Maruis Stokes, † Pam B. Rodrigue & Elden Butcher, † Mary Ann Richard; **Living:** V.V. Kerne & Family; **Living & Deceased Members of:** The Ison & Eva Fontenot Families, The Caillouet, Henry, Randazzo, Costanza, & Campos Families  
**11:00 a.m.:** Fatima Parishioners / Pro-Populo

**5:00 p.m.:** † Eva Fontenot

**26 Mon. 6:15 a.m.:** **Living:** Sue Rodriguez

**27 Tue. 5:30 p.m.:** **Living:** Allen Bergeron

**28 Wed. 5:30 p.m.:** † Mr. Frem Boustany, Sr.

**29 Thu. 5:30 p.m.:** † Eva Fontenot

**30 Fri. 5:30 p.m.:** **Living and Deceased Members of**  
The Ison & Eva Fontenot Families

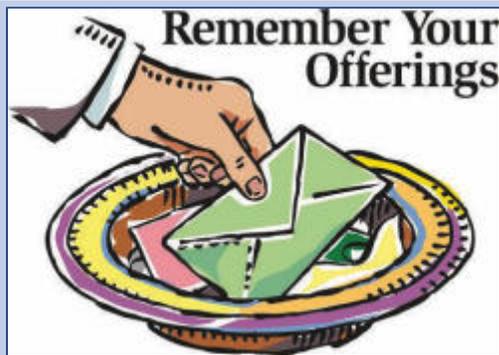
**1 Sat. 8:00 a.m.:** **Living:** Dotsie Butcher

**4:00 p.m. Anticipated:** † Ernest Bouvier, Jr., † Charles Blanchard, † Elden Butcher, † Paul Domingue, † Eva Fontenot, † Gerald & Alberta Gossen, † Edwina Smith Hernandez, † Amanda Claire, Lynn Kallam, James Judice, † Mr. & Mrs. Stephen R. Moore, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Frederick J. Forstall, Avis Moore Rupert, Ryan Robert Guilbeau, † Lillian Manuel, † Douglas Mistich, † The Nugier Family, † Rosamaria Reyes-Silva; **Living:** The Phu Nguyen Family, The John Ban Family, Konner Melancon, Sue Rodriguez, Toan Dinh; **Living & Deceased Members of:** The Ison & Eva Fontenot Families, Michael & Fred Landry & Family, The Menard Family, The Caillouet, Henry, Randazzo, Costanza, & Campos Families, The Thomasee Family

**2 Sun 9:00 a.m.:** † Albert Champagne

**11:00 a.m.** † Eva Fontenot, † Faye Marie Gesser, † Anna Maria, † Peggy Perret, † Mary Ann Richard; **Living:** Mary Pham, Huynh Pham; **Living & Deceased Members of:** The Ison & Eva Fontenot Families

**5:00 p.m.:** Fatima Parishioners / Pro-Populo



In today's Gospel reading we hear Jesus referring to himself as "the good shepherd." His sheep know him, trust him, listen to him and follow him;

having faith that no harm will come to them as long as they stay close to him. We reaffirmed our faith in Christ when we renewed our baptismal promises at Easter. As stewards of our relationship with Jesus Christ, are we, like the sheep, willing to listen to Jesus, follow him, trust him?

### Weekend of April 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>

**Weekly Offertory Budget..... \$15,384.62**

**Total Offertory Received..... \$14,134.19**

**Weekly Budget +Over, -Under..... -\$1,250.43**

**Total Mercy Works.....\$353.00**

**Bishops' Services Appeal .....\$491.00**

## A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER FOR APRIL

Oh Blessed Lord! Oh Risen Lord!

We look through the crosses we have carried this past year and give you thanks for the awe-inspiring hope that Easter brings.

We give you thanks for calling us your friends and allowing us to share in the sacrifice of your body and blood, which is poured out for many.

Oh merciful Lord, redeemer and teacher, by the power of the Holy Spirit give us the patience and insight to listen to you during this time of continued uncertainty.

Give us the wisdom to find creative ways to put the Eucharist into action; and give us the courage to bring your Easter message of hope to a world that desperately needs your love.

To you be glory and honor forever and ever.

Amen.

# WHY PRAY THE ROSARY? - PART 2

## *Getting Your Feet Wet*

If the rosary is not a part of your regular prayer life right now, it's easy to get your feet wet with this devotion. Here are five key things you need to know to get started.



First, *we don't have to pray the rosary all at once.* Sure, some people might sit down and quietly pray a whole rosary in one sitting. But we can also choose to divide it up, saying just a decade or two at a time at different points throughout the day: on the way to work, in between errands, in between meetings, while folding laundry or doing dishes. Many holy men and women and even popes have prayed the rosary this way and have found it manageable and fruitful for their busy lives.

Second, *we can pray it anywhere!* The rosary is like a portable chapel we can keep in our pocket and pull out anytime, anyplace. Whether we have a sudden, urgent situation to present to God in prayer or we just want to fill some of our day with thoughts of God, all we need to do is pull out our beads and turn to the Lord in this prayer. Indeed, the rosary is always accessible. We might pray it in a church, in our room, in our office. Or we might pray it in the car, on the exercise machine, in the grocery store line, or while cutting the grass or going for a walk. Bringing our hearts into the rhythm of the rosary is something we can do intermittently throughout the day.

Third, *we can pray the rosary in different ways,* customizing it to fit the needs of the moment. Sometimes we might focus on the words of the prayers, thinking, for example, of Gabriel's greeting to Our Lady as we slowly say with great devotion, "Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee." At other times, we might reflect on the mysteries of Christ's life, prayerfully contemplating scenes such as his birth in Bethlehem, his transfiguration, or his death on the cross, etching the Gospel on our hearts. At still other times, we might focus on the holy name of Jesus at the center of each Hail Mary, speaking his name tenderly with love as the pulse of our rosary.

Fourth, *it's easy to fit the rosary into your schedule.* Do you have two and a half minutes in your day that you can give to God? This is the beauty of the rosary.

If I need a quick pause in my busy life - just a two-and-a-half minute break - I can pull out my beads and pray a decade in order to regroup with the Lord and be nourished spiritually. That's all a decade takes: one Our Father, ten Hail Marys, and one Glory Be. I can do that easily, pausing for a moment in between emails, in the car, in my office, in between meetings, in between errands. I don't even have to stop some things I'm doing: I can pray a decade while cooking dinner, sweeping the floor, holding a baby, or walking to my next appointment.

If an urgent need comes up in the day - someone is in an accident, I'm about to begin a big project, my spouse is having a rough day, I have an important decision to make, I need to have a difficult conversation with someone, my child is taking an exam - I can say a quick decade right on the spot. In just two and a half minutes, I can offer a special gift to God - one decade of the rosary - for that particular intention.

*To be concluded in next weeks' bulletin*

## 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 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](mailto:DD@fatimalafayette.org)*

# APRIL IS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH



Blue ribbons, bows, and pinwheels are popping up all over the Diocese of Lafayette in observance of Child Abuse Prevention Month.

The Office of Safe Environment of the Diocese of Lafayette has many events planned throughout the month of April and all churches, schools, and diocesan entities are encouraged to participate.

You can show your support by donating items to The Emily House for women and children. The Emily House is an emergency shelter for homeless women and children in Lafayette operated by Catholic Charities of Acadiana and Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana. Every child deserves the chance to be raised in a healthy, safe, and nurturing environment.

The following is a list of needs for The Emily House.

|                      |                                   |                             |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Laundry powder       | Body wash in bottles              | Hand soap                   |
| Twin size blankets   | Bath towels                       | Latex gloves (med. & large) |
| Twin size sheet sets | Wash cloths                       | Small trash cans for rooms  |
| Pillows              | Diapers – all sizes               | Sanitary napkins & tampons  |
| Toilet paper         | Baby wipes                        | Kitchen towels              |
| Shampoo              | Shower curtains & rings           | Styrofoam bowls             |
| Conditioner          | Clorox wipes                      | Coffee                      |
| Razors               | Ziploc Bags (gallon & snack size) | Canned goods                |

All donated items must be dropped off at the Office of Safe Environment at the Diocese of Lafayette on Carmel Dr. in Lafayette.

CONTACT: Diana at 337-261-5526

For more information on Child Abuse Prevention please visit <https://diolaf.org/safe-environment>.

To report Child Abuse please call 1-855-4LA-KIDS (1-855-452-5437)

*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 26  
*Our Lady of Good Counsel*



Records dating from the reign of Paul II relate that the picture of Our Lady, at first called *La Madonna del Paradiso* and now better known as *Madonna del Buon Consiglio*, appeared at Genazzano, Italy, a town about twenty-five miles southeast of Rome, on April 25, 1467, in the old church of Santa Maria, which had been under the care of Augustinians since 1356.

The venerated icon itself, which is drawn on a thin scale of wall-plaster, a little thicker than a visiting-card, was observed to hang suspended in the air without support; early tradition says that one could pass a thread around the image without touching it. Devotion to Our Lady in Santa Maria sprang up at once. Pilgrims began to pour in, miracles began and continue at the shrine.

In July 1467, Pope Paul deputed two bishops to investigate the alleged wonder-working image; no copy of their report is known to have survived. Devotion to Our Lady increased. In 1630, Pope Urban VIII made a pilgrimage to Genazzano, as did Pope Blessed Pius IX in 1864. On November 17, 1682 Pope Blessed Innocent XI had the picture crowned with gold by the Vatican Basilica. In 1727 Pope Benedict XIII granted the clergy of Genazzano an Office and Mass of Our Lady for April 25, the anniversary of the apparition, elsewhere the feast being kept a day later so as not to conflict with that of Saint Mark the Evangelist. On July 2, 1753 Pope Benedict XIV approved the *Pious Union of Our Lady of Good Counsel* for the faithful at large, and himself enrolled therein as its pioneer member; Pope Pius IX and Pope Leo XIII were both later members. On December 18 1779, Pope Pius VI, while re-approving devotion to Our Lady, granted all Augustinians an Office with hymns, lessons, prayer and Mass proper of double-major rite; with a plenary indulgence also for the faithful, to which Pope Pius VIII added another for visitors to the shrine. On December 18, 1884, Pope Leo XIII approved of a new Office and Mass of second-class rite for all Augustinians, while on March 17, 1903, he elevated the church of Santa Maria - one of the four parish churches in tiny Genazzano - to the rank of minor basilica. On April 22, 1903 he authorized the insertion in the *Litany of Loreto* of the invocation *Mater Boni Consillii* to follow that of *Mater Admirabilis*. The same pontiff on December 21, 1893 had sanctioned the use of the *White Scapular of Our Lady of Good Counsel* for the faithful.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30  
*Saint Joseph Benedict Cottolengo*



Born to a middle class family. Studied at the seminary in Turin, Italy. Ordained in 1811. Parish priest in Bra and Corneliano d'Alba. Doctor of Divinity. Joined the *Order of the Corpus Christi* in Turin. Canon of the *Church of the Trinity* in Turin.

For several years, Joseph treated his priesthood more as a career than a vocation. Then one night he was called to the bed of a poor, sick woman in labor. The woman badly needed medical help, but had been turned away everywhere for lack of money.

Joseph stayed with her throughout the travail, and was there to hear her confession, give her absolution. Communion, and last rites. He baptized her newborn daughter, and then watched as both of them died in bed. The trauma of the evening changed his mind about his vocation.

In 1827 he opened a small shelter for the area sick and homeless, renting a room, filling it with beds, and seeking male and female volunteers. The place expanded, and he received help from the *Brothers of Saint Vincent* and the *Vincentian Sisters*. During a cholera outbreak in 1831, the local police closed the hospice, fearing it was a source of the illness.

In 1832, Giuseppe transferred his operation to the Valdocco area of Turin, Italy, and called the shelter the *Little House of Divine Providence (Piccola Casa)*. The *Casa* began receiving support, and grew, adding asylums, orphanages, hospitals, schools, workshops, chapels, alms-house, and programs to help the poor, sick, and needy of all types. This small village of the poor depended almost entirely on alms. Joseph kept no records, and turned down offers of state assistance; never once did they do without. Joseph directed the operation until a few days before his death, and the *Casa* continues today, serving 8,000 or more each day. He founded fourteen communities to serve the residents, including the *Daughters of Compassion*, *Daughters of the Good Shepherd*, *Hermits of the Holy Rosary*, and *Priests of the Holy Trinity*.

Born: May 3, 1786 at Bra, Cuneo, Piedmont region, Italy

Died: April 30, 1842 of typhus at Chieri, Turin, Italy

Canonized: March 19, 1934 by Pope Pius XI

## 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)

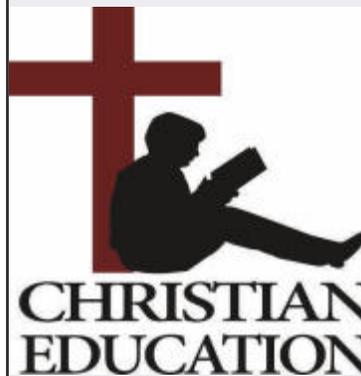
We are asking each family to call our office to sign-up to take the Vocations Prayer Cross home for ten days. The Prayer Cross is contained inside a case that you will pick up from our office. Your family will have the privilege during that time to set up the cross in your home, pray together for our 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!*



## THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

*Taken from the "Encyclopedia of Catholic Doctrine"*



*Saving Power of the Resurrection.* The saving power of the Gospel has two aspects: death for liberation from sin and resurrection to open the way to a new life. A variety of elements can be distinguished within the deep internal unity of these two aspects.

The risen Christ is the source of a new life for everyone. "Father, glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you since you have given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him" (Jn 17:1-2). Jesus embraces his disciples, to whom he had promised, "I live and you will live" (Jn 14:19) - share in my life, which will be revealed after the Resurrection. All must become one by sharing in God's glory in Christ. The new life consists in victory over the death caused by sin and a sharing in the divine life of grace (cf. Eph 2:4-5, 1 Pt 1:3).

This new life according to the Spirit manifest the adoption as sons (Gal 4:4-5). Divine adoption through the Holy Spirit makes man like the only begotten Son: "All who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God" (Rom 8:14; cf. Gal 4:6-7). This freedom from slavery is not a legal but a real gift of divine life.

John 6:54 and 6:61-62 make it clear that those who receive the Eucharist partake of the Body and Blood of the glorified Christ. St. Paul expresses this in the First Letter to the Corinthians 15:20-22 and 53-54.

The definitive victory over death won by Christ is shared by him with humanity to the extent it receives the fruits of redemption. Thanks to this process, down the centuries a new people of the redeemed, a new humanity, is formed, gathered in the Church, the true community of the Resurrection. This takes place in a sphere of indescribable spirituality, which transcends the power of human comprehension and operation. It is a mysterious process of spiritualization, which at the moment of our resurrection will affect also our bodies through the power of that same Holy Spirit who brought about Christ's Resurrection. In expectation of that final fulfillment, the risen Christ dwells in the hearts of his disciples as a source of sanctification in the Holy Spirit, of divine life and sonship, of future resurrection.

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### THIS WEEK ON FORMED

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28: *St. Gianna Molla***

**Read:** Married Saints and Blesseds

**Read:** Saint Gianna Molla:

Wife, Mother, Doctor by James Monti & Pietro Molla

***St. Louis Marie de Montfort***

**Study:** Divine Mercy Episode 9: Mary's Knight

**Study:** Consoling the Heart of Jesus

**Watch:** War of Vendee

**THURSDAY, APRIL 29: *St. Catherine of Siena***

**Read:** Young People's Book of Saints

**Read:** Deep Conversion Deep Prayer

**Listen:** Audiobook: Deep Conversion Deep Prayer

**Read:** Prayer for Beginners

**Listen:** Audiobook: Prayer for Beginners

**Listen:** Catherine of Siena

**Listen:** The 3 Stages of the Interior Life

## SCHOOL NEWS

|             |                               |
|-------------|-------------------------------|
| April 26-29 | ACRE Testing                  |
| April 28    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade retreat |
| April 28    | Snowball Party for seniors    |
| April 29    | Raffle Tickets Due            |
| April 29    | First Communion Practice      |
| April 30    | Professional Development Day  |
|             | No school for students        |
| April 30    | Tennis Mixer                  |
| April 30    | \$10,000 Raffle drawing       |



The OLF Alumni Association is very proud of the 2021 graduating seniors! These students left Fatima school in 2017 as 8<sup>th</sup> graders, and now will graduate from high school. Every year, the association hosts an annual gathering to celebrate these students. This year, seniors will gather for Old Tyme Snowballs on Rena Drive on Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

## 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.

## 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

## PRAYER CALENDAR FOR PRIESTS

Monday, April 26

**Rev. Ambrose Akalawu, CSSp**

Tuesday, April 27

**Rev. Alexander Albert**

Wednesday, April 28

**Rev. Thainese Alphonse**

Thursday, April 29

**Rev. Anthony Anala, SVD**

Friday, April 30

**Rev. Rick Andrus, SVD**

Saturday, May 1

**Pope Francis**

Sunday, May 2

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The Blessing of the Unborn Child follows the Sunday 9 & 11:00 a.m. Masses the 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://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

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Call 337.404.6113.

### Unplanned Pregnancy

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## 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

A Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat is an opportunity for any man, woman, couple, grandparent, sibling, or anyone who struggles with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion. Retreats 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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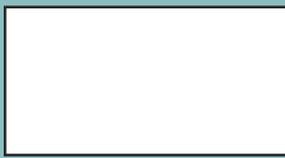
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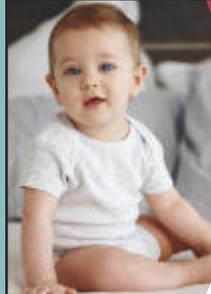


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