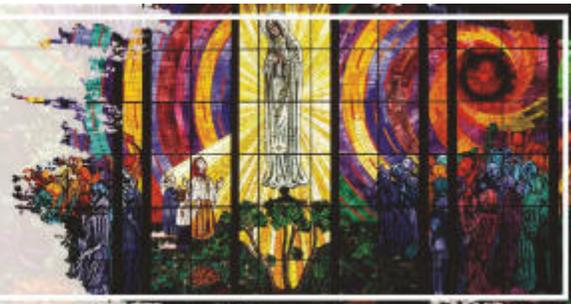


# OUR LADY OF FATIMA

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



### SUNDAY, MAY 2<sup>ND</sup> - THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### MASS SCHEDULE

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

**Sunday** - 9:00 a.m. (organ, cantor & choir September - April);

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.

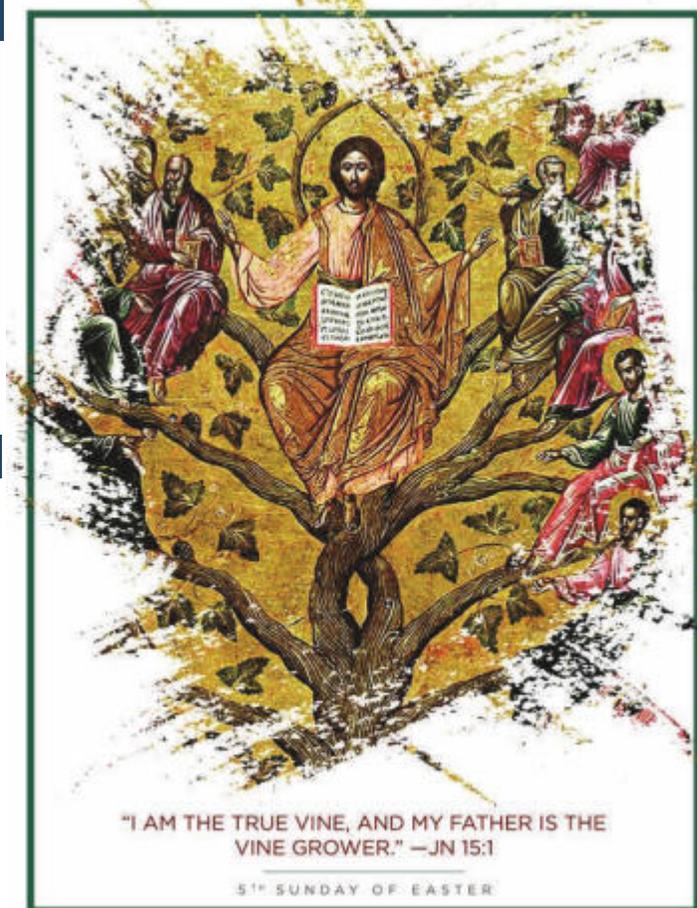
**Monthly Peace Mass:** First Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

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

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#### 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.

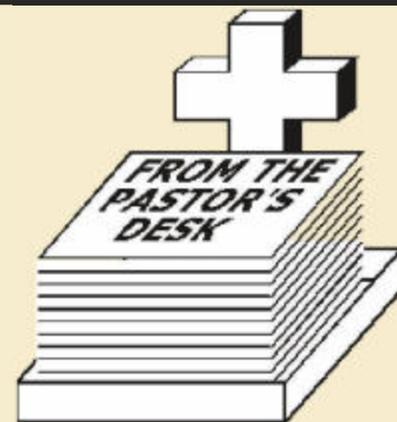
Sponsors are to be confirmed and practicing Catholics who attend Sunday Mass.

#### THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements are to be made with the Church office, if at all possible, at least ONE YEAR in advance. To avoid scheduling conflicts, all wedding dates must be confirmed with the Parish Administrator, who should be the first point of contact for the couple. Please visit our Parish Website to review guidelines, and details of paperwork and preparation requirements.

# THE APPARITIONS IN LOURDES

## PART TWO: FEBRUARY 25 THROUGH MARCH 4, 1858



On **Thursday, February 25**, the Lady asked Bernadette to drink from a spring and to eat herbs growing out of the ground. Bernadette started to go to the nearby river to drink there, but the Lady indicated a trickle of water in the grotto. Bernadette dug into the ground four times before she was able to drink. Witnesses saw her eating the herbs and noticed the mud on her face after she drank from the newly dug spring. Later that day, people came to the grotto and dug until the water coming out of the ground was no longer muddy, but clear. Isn't that a good description of what the conversion of sinners means, muddy water becoming clear and clean? \* People began to take some of that spring water. Since that time, there have been many cures and favors.

On **Friday, February 26**, there was no apparition. On **Saturday, February 27**, Aquerò appeared, while Bernadette prayed and continued the penitential practices of kissing the ground. There was an increasing number of people who came to Massabielle. Bernadette continued her prayers and penance during the apparitions on **Sunday, February 28** and **Monday, March 1**.

On **March 1**, there occurred the first of seven cures that were to be recognized by the local bishop as the work of God. A woman named Catherine Latapie, nine months pregnant, took her two youngest children with her and traveled about four miles to the grotto. Two fingers on Catherine's right hand were paralyzed from a previous accident. Catherine actually saw the Virgin Mary standing in the niche of the grotto. Catherine joyfully placed her hand into the water of the spring and immediately her hand was healed. While saying a prayer of thanksgiving, Catherine began to experience labor pains. She prayed to the Blessed Mother, asking her assistance in returning to her home. After entering her house, she went into labor and gave birth to a boy, whom she named Jean-Baptiste and who would later be ordained a priest.

On **Tuesday, March 2**, Aquerò told Bernadette to speak to the local priests and tell them that she, Aquerò, wanted people to come in procession to the grotto and that a chapel should be constructed there. The priests told Bernadette that the Lady must first give her name. Although the priests were not inclined to believe in the apparitions, they did witness among the faithful spiritual fruits that were apparently a direct result of what was happening at Massabielle.

After the appearance on the next day, **Wednesday, March 3**, Bernadette reported to the priests that the Lady had not given her name, but that she "still wants the chapel." \*\* One of the priests remembered the miraculous roses of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico. The priest decided to up the ante. He told Bernadette, "Well, then, if she wants the chapel, let her tell you her name and cause the rosebush in the grotto to flower. Then we will have a chapel built, and it will ... be ...nice and big." \*\*\*

On **Thursday, March 4**, the last of the fifteen days, Bernadette went to morning Mass at 6:30. Then she went to the grotto where she saw the Lady. Prayer and conversation with Aquerò lasted forty-five minutes. Over eight thousand people were present. Afterwards, Bernadette told the priest, "I asked for her name ... She smiled. I asked her to make the rosebush flower, and she kept smiling. But she still wants the chapel." † So ended the fifteen-day period of apparitions. Aquerò had not yet given her name!

### *Next Week: Aquerò Reveals Herself*

\* René Laurentin, *Bernadette of Lourdes: A Life Based on Authenticated Documents*, John Drury, trans. (Minneapolis: Winston Press, 1979), p. 55. I have drawn heavily from Father Laurentin's book as I wrote this bulletin article.

\*\* *Bernadette of Lourdes*, p. 65.

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† *Bernadette of Lourdes*, p. 69.

# Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**1 Sat. 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, † John & Mark LeDoux & Elmore Montz; **Living:** The Phu Nguyen Family, The John Ban Family, Konner Melancon, Sue Rodriguez, Toan Dinh, Ooti Billeaud; **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

**2:00 p.m.:** Poor Souls in Purgatory

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

**3 Mon. 6:15 a.m.:** † Eva Fontenot

**4 Tue. 5:30 p.m.:** **Living & Deceased Members of the** Butcher & Smith Families

**5 Wed. 5:30 p.m.:** **Living & Deceased Members of the** Ison & Eva Fontenot Families

**6 Thu. 5:30 p.m.:** † Julien Marius Stokes

**7 Fri. 5:30 p.m.:** † Dr. Frem F. Boustany, Jr.

**8 Sat. 8:00 a.m.:** † Eva Fontenot

**4:00 p.m. Anticipated:** † Ernest Bouvier, Jr., † Elden Butcher, † Vivian Boudreaux, † Mary Catherine Bouvier, † Ashley Cormier, † Faye Marie Gesser, † Gerald & Alberta Gossen, † Edwina Smith Hernandez, † Amanda Claire, Lynn Kallam, James Judice, † Anna Maria, † Marie Louise Galatas, † Ida Cornibe, † Lola Cornibe, † Mr. & Mrs. Stephen R. Moore, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Frederick J. Forstall, Avis Moore Rupert, Ryan Robert Guilbeau, † Lillian Manuel, † Douglas Mistich, † John Paul Martin, † The Nugier Family, † Rosamaria Reyes-Silva, † Brian & Linda Snavelly, † Gloria Brevell, † Leroy & Doris Lavergne, † Lebodier & Onezima Lavergne, † Lee Cormier, † John & Mark LeDoux & Elmore Montz, † Charles Blanchard, † Leonard Theriot; **Living:** Sue Rodriguez, Josephine Dinh, Elizabeth Pham; **Living & Deceased Members of:** The Angelle Family, The Ison & Eva Fontenot Families, The Lebodier Lavergne Family, Michael & Fred Landry & Family, The Caillouet, Henry, Randazzo, Costanza, & Campos Families

**9 Sun 9:00 a.m.:** Fatima Parishioners / Pro-Populo

**11:00 a.m.:** † Janice Governale

**5:00 p.m.:** † Timothy Michael Conley, † Jay & Irene Dugas, † Eva Fontenot, † Peggy Perret, † Peter Tu Pham, † Mary Ann Richard, † Gladys Judice, † Genevieve Perrien, † Edith Farrell, † Parrish Ladd Cline; **Living:** Anna Champagne, Mary Rieu Tran; **Living & Deceased Members of:** The Ison & Eva Fontenot Families



**Thanks for Your Support!**

In today's Gospel reading on "the vine and the branches," Jesus offers a quintessential stewardship statement: "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." The theme of this reading

is "fruitfulness." We hear the expression "bear fruit" five times. And "bearing fruit" is not something that the branches can do by themselves. They are extensions of the vine, Jesus, and are pruned by the gardener, God the Father, who wants them to be fruitful and to be drawn into the unity of the Father and Son. Good stewards recognize that God's love, presence, gardening and pruning are gifts. Do our lives reflect a capacity to be fruitful? Do we believe that by hearing the Word of the Lord and responding, we not only produce "good fruit," but abide in the very life of God?

## Weekend of April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>

<i>Weekly Offertory Budget</i> .....	<i>\$15,384.62</i>
<i>Total Offertory Received</i> .....	<i>\$10,070.79</i>
<i>Weekly Budget +Over, -Under</i> .....	<i>-\$5,313.83</i>
<i>Total Mercy Works</i> .....	<i>\$738.00</i>
<i>Catholic Home Missions</i> .....	<i>\$725.00</i>

## A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER FOR MAY

Come Holy Spirit!  
Open our eyes and ears to your ongoing presence within us and among us.

Give us the wisdom and compassion to be good stewards of each other as we work together to promote reconciliation, peace and the building of a better world.

Break through the many barriers that divide nations and peoples.

Give us strength to transcend our differences. And help us recognize the meaning of Pentecost so that we can more prayerfully and joyfully prepare the world for that day when the Father returns his son, Christ Jesus, in glory.

Amen.



## WHY PRAY THE ROSARY - CONCLUSION

Fifth, *even if I'm not able to give the rosary my full attention, it's still worth praying.* I might not always be able to completely unplug mentally from the concerns of the day. I might be exhausted, too tired to pray well. I might be distracted and unable to reach the heights of contemplation. But still, the words themselves are biblical and holy. Offering God a decade or two in the midst of my daily life gives him something beautiful, even if I give it without my full, relaxed, undivided attention. I'm giving God some space in my day and filling it with words of praise for him.

### GOING DEEPER

But the rosary can take us deeper - a lot deeper. When we pray the rosary in its ideal setting, doing a whole set of mysteries, the prayer can slow us down, calm our hearts, and enable us to rest in God's presence. It draws out the deepest desires in our souls, desires for God and God alone.

The rhythm of the repetitious prayers can have a profound spiritual effect. In this, it is much like the traditional "Jesus Prayer" many early Christians recited: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner." They would slowly repeat these words over and over again throughout the day, such that the rhythm of this prayer was linked to the rhythm of their breathing. As John Paul II explained, this loving repetition "embodies the desire for Christ to become the breath, soul and all of one's life" (*RVM*, 27). In the same way, the repeated prayers in the rosary help us get more in touch with the deepest desires in our souls for God.

We as human persons are made with infinite desires that only God can fulfill. But because we're fallen, we tend to live at the level of our superficial desires - desires for comfort, fun, fame, wealth, pleasure, success. These desires are not bad, but the rosary helps us be more aware of the soul's deepest desires, which are for God. As St. Catherine of Siena taught, the greatest gift we can give to God in prayer is not the finite work of saying the words but our "infinitely desirous love" for God that is expressed in those words and that is being drawn out of our souls in prayer.

How might this happen in the rosary? When we pray the rosary, we can focus on the name of Jesus at the center of every Hail Mary. We can simply speak Jesus's name with fervent, heartfelt love. We can gather all our desires into that one word, his beautiful, holy name. And with each Hail Mary, we can call out to him, like a lover speaking to the beloved. "Blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus...Jesus...Jesus."

*Edward Sri*



## 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 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*

## OUR LADY OF THE OAKS YOUNG ADULT RETREAT



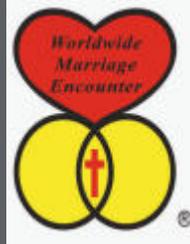
Young Adult Retreat (Ages 18-30)  
Young Men, Young Women, Young Couples  
Directed by: Fr. Joe Laramie, S.J.  
July 9-11, 2021 - Friday dinner to Sunday lunch  
Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House, Grand Coteau, LA  
**Deposit:** \$25.00; **Total Cost:** \$200 (includes deposit)  
**Registration:** (337) 662-5410 x 200 or visit our website:  
[ourladyoftheoaks.com](http://ourladyoftheoaks.com)

Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House was built by the Diocese of Lafayette, Louisiana, in 1938 and was donated to the Society of Jesus. The Jesuits have administered and cared for the house since that time. For over 70 years now, this oasis of prayer has been helping to form the spirituality of people in all walks of life — from our area and beyond. We believe that Our Lady of the Oaks Jesuit Retreat House is a jewel in the crown of Grand Coteau, Louisiana. This village is home for the Jesuit order (Society of Jesus) in Louisiana and is also the place where dedicated Sacred Heart Sisters have educated young women for many years. Grand Coteau is not only beautiful, it is holy ground.

When the retreat house was dedicated, in October of 1938, Lafayette's bishop expressed the hope that, "the laity will make the retreat house a beehive of spiritual activity." This hope is continuously being realized as so many find their way to peace and renewal at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House.

"I place much of my hope for the future in Worldwide Marriage Encounter."

*Pope John Paul II*



The Easter Season, the season of new life, 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.

*For more information and other Weekend dates go to [www.wwme.org](http://www.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. WWME 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.

What better prayer is there than 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](http://www.bluearmy.com); Left Click on the Apostolate Tab (top left); Click on "Join the Apostolate".

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## THE SAINTS - OUR EXTENDED FAMILY IN HEAVEN

MONDAY, MAY 3  
*Saint James the Lesser*

Cousin of Jesus. Brother of Saint Jude Thaddeus. Raised in a Jewish home of the time with all the training in Scripture and Law that was part of that life. Convert. One of the Twelve Apostles. One of the first to have visions of the risen Christ. First Bishop of Jerusalem. Met with Saint Paul the Apostle to work out Paul's plans for evangelization. Supported the position that Gentile converts did not have to obey all Jewish religious law, though he continued to observe it himself as part of his heritage. May have been a vegetarian. A just and apostolic man known for his prayer life and devotion to the poor. Martyr.

Having been beaten to death, a club almost immediately became his symbol. This led to his patronage of fullers and pharmacists, both of whom use clubs in their professions. He is reported to have spent so much time in prayer that his knees thickened, and looked like a camel's. Soon after the Crucifixion, James said he would fast until Christ returned; the resurrected Jesus appeared to him, and fixed a meal for James Himself.

**Died:** c.62 at Jerusalem by being thrown from a pinnacle of the Temple, then stoned and beaten with clubs, including fuller's mallets, while praying for his attackers.

**Canonized:** Pre-Congregation

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5  
*Saint Angelus of Jerusalem*



Angelus' parents were 12<sup>th</sup> century Jewish converts. At age 18, Angelus and his twin brother joined a group of hermits who formed the first Carmelite house. He was sent to evangelize in Sicily, met with great success in converting some Sicilian Jews, and great hatred from others, especially around Pa-



lermo and Leocata. Murdered by thugs in the employ of Count Berengarius, a man whose incestuous relationship Angelus had denounced.

**Born:** 1145 at Jerusalem

**Died:** stabbed to death in 1220 at Licata, Sicily, Italy

FRIDAY, MAY 7  
*Saint Rose Venerini*



Daughter of Godfrey Venerini, physician in Viterbo, Italy. Following the death of her fiancé, she entered a convent; following the death of her father, she returned home to care for her mother.

She invited neighborhood women to pray the rosary in her home, and formed a sort of sodality. As these friends had little religious education, she began to teach them. Jesuit Father Ignatius Martinelli, her spiritual director, convinced her that she was called to be a teacher instead of a contemplative nun.

With two friends, Rose opened a free pre-school for girls in 1685, which was well received. In 1692, Cardinal Barbarigo asked her to oversee training of teachers and the administration of schools in his diocese of Montefiascone, Italy. She organized schools in many parts of Italy, including Rome, and by the time of her death there were 40 schools under her direction. Friend and co-worker with Saint Lucia Filippini.

Rose often met opposition, some fierce, and some actually violent - her teachers were shot at with bows, and their houses burned. She was never deterred, teaching, and finding people who were willing to face the danger in order to do good. The sodality, or group of women she had invited to prayer, were ultimately given the rank of a religious congregation. Today, the so-called *Venerini Sisters* work with Italian immigrants in the United States and elsewhere.

**Born:** February 9, 1656 at Viterbo, Italy

**Died:** May 7, 1728 at Rome, Italy of natural causes

**Canonized:** October 15, 2006 by Pope Benedict XVI

## VOCATIONS PRAYER CROSS MISSION

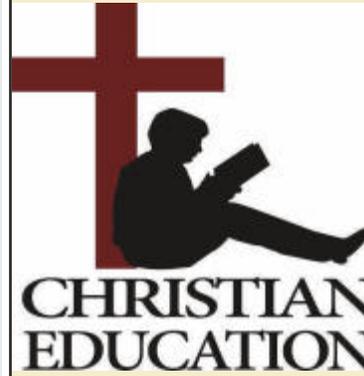
The Lord commanded us to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, "Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers for the harvest." (Mt. 9:38)



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 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

*Taken from the "Encyclopedia of Catholic Doctrine"*



Pope Pius IX on December 8, 1854, solemnly defined as a dogma of Catholic faith Mary's Immaculate Conception in the womb of her own mother, St. Ann. The precise words of the definition found in the apostolic constitution *Ineffabilis Deus* are these: "We declare, pronounce and define that the doctrine which holds that the most

Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by almighty God in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin, is a doctrine revealed by God and therefore to be believed firmly and constantly by all the faithful" (Denzinger-Schönmetzer, 2803).

A number of important revealed truths are taught in this definition. One that the subject of Mary's preservation from original sin is the person of the Blessed Virgin, that is, her body and soul substantially united, and not her soul alone. This took place at the very beginning of her human conception, the initial instant of her existence as a human person or an embodied soul within her mother's womb.

Another revealed truth is that she is the only *human person* (her Son is a Divine Person) to have been conceived immaculately in the entire course of salvation history. Third, Mary is truly redeemed by her Son by a unique kind of redemption, usually called "preservative," whereby she was kept free from all sin, both original and actual, or personal. Finally, as a consequence, although a daughter of Adam - that is, a member of our fallen human race - she was in no way contaminated by any effect of Adam's sin.

The main reason for Mary's unique privilege of the Immaculate Conception given in Pius IX's apostolic constitution is that she was predestined by the Divine Persons of the Trinity to be the Theotokos (God-Bearer), or Mother of the Word (second Person) incarnate, that is, made flesh. Out of reverence for his infinite holiness, it was most fitting that he became hypostatically (personally) united with a human nature in the womb of a woman who was never infected by even the slightest sin: neither original sin (which would have made her a part of the human race's corporate alienation from God) nor personal, or actual, sin, even though venial (which would have impeded her love of God and neighbor).

*To be continued in future  
Parish Family Bulletins*

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He turns pain into strength and hope.  
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DIOCESE to 41444.

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

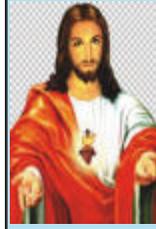
## SCHOOL NEWS

May 3-7	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 3-5	Cognia Review Team
May 4	Alumni Council Meeting
May 4	Randy Gohn presentation 6-8 grade
May 4	Randy Gohn presentation at 5:45 for parents
May 5	PreK3 Cookies with Mom
May 6	Foundation Annual Meeting
May 7	School Mass



Happy Teacher Appreciation Week! Fatima School is blessed with the best teachers, faculty, administration, and staff! Our Blessed Mother watches over us always!

## 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, May 3

**Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel**

Tuesday, May 4

**Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell**

Wednesday, May 5

**Very Rev. Chester Arceneaux, VF**

Thursday, May 6

**Rev. Michael Arnaud**

Friday, May 7

**Rev. Emmanuel Awe, SSJ**

Saturday, May 8

**Rev. Matthew Barzare**

Sunday, May 9

**Rev. Herbert Bennerfield**

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.

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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**

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**

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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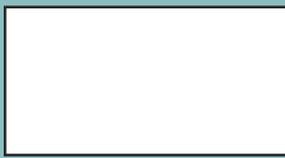
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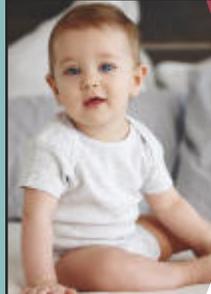
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