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MASSES

Saturday Anticipated 4:00 PM
Sunday 7:30 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
11:15 a.m.
(Extraordinary Form) 5:00 PM
Monday - Friday 12:05 PM

NOVENA

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Before 12:05 Mass on Tuesday

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Friday 11:00 - Noon; Saturday 3:00 pm
30 minutes before all other Masses.
Or call office for appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

A Pre-Baptism class must be
attended before the celebration of
Baptism. These classes are held the
4th Tuesday of January, March,
May, July, September and
November. Arrangements for
celebration of Baptism may be made
by calling the parish office after

having attended the Baptism Class.

**SACRAMENT OF
MARRIAGE**

Arrangements should be made at
least six (6) months before the
wedding date by calling the parish
office. An appointment must be
made for a pre-marriage interview.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN
INITIATION OF ADULTS.**

An ongoing process of formation
and education is provided for

anyone who is interested in
inquiring into the Roman Catholic
faith. The RCIA process is
available throughout the year to
those who are seeking initiation
into the church as well as for those
non Catholics seeking more
information about the Roman
Catholic church. Information
concerning participation in the
RCIA process may be obtained
through the parish office.

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

From the Pastor

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Our Lady of Good Success

February 2nd, the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Presentation of Our Lord, is also the Feast of Our Lady of Good Success. Two years ago (January 23 - February 4, 2017), I had the privilege of going on a pilgrimage to Quito, Ecuador to pray before the miraculous statue of Our Lady of Good Success and learn about her amazing story and her messages for our times. I participated in the daily novena leading up to her feast day and joined thousands of pilgrims from all over the world in the Rosary at Dawn on February 2nd. It was truly a memorable experience.

This odd title of Our Lady, which remained in obscurity for over 400 years, is just now becoming known because of the significant prophecies for our times that Our Lady revealed to a 17th century nun in the course of several apparitions over a period of 40 years (1594-1634). These apparitions have been approved by the Church and Mother Mariana de Jesus Torres has been declared Venerable, the first step towards canonization. As proof of her sanctity, when her casket was opened in 1906, the body of Venerable Mariana was found to be incorrupt and exuded the fragrance of lilies.

Our Lady of Good Success' warnings and predictions offered a timeline of events that was quite specific, even mentioning the 20th century in particular, which indeed matches with our own experience. But before we go to her messages, let's learn about her story.

In 1577 five Conceptionist sisters traveled from Spain to Quito, Ecuador to start the first convent. Mariana de Jesús Torres, one of the young nuns, is said to have seen the Blessed Mother. On February 2, 1599, as Mariana was praying, the Blessed Mother appeared to her and commanded a statue to be made to her likeness.

"First so that men in the future might realize how powerful I am in placating Divine Justice and obtaining mercy and pardon for every sinner who comes to me with a contrite heart. For I am the Mother of Mercy and in me there is only goodness and love. When tribulations of spirit and sufferings of the body oppress them and they seem to be drowning in this bottomless sea let them gaze at my holy image and I will always be there ready to listen to their cries and soothe their pain. Tell them that they should always run to their Mother with confidence and love..."

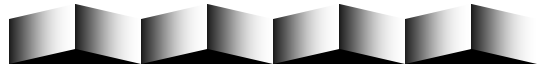


Taken aback by this request, Mother Mariana argued that it would be impossible to reproduce the majesty, beauty, size, and other characteristics of the Heavenly Lady in wood. In response, Our Lady ordered her to take off her cincture (a corded rope around the waist of her habit), and with

this to measure her height, a process in which she herself helped by holding one end of it. After this, the Heavenly Lady said, smiling, that she could see to the rest of it by herself.

Over the course of ten years Mother Mariana struggled with the issue of completing the statue. Many obstacles prevented its sculpting. One obstacle was a fear of idolatry on the part of the native people in Quito. Another was Mother Mariana's personal fear of not being believed and thus putting the convent in jeopardy. In the year 1610, she asked the permission of the Bishop to create the statue. The sculpting of the statue of Our Lady of Good Success was given to Francisco del Castillo. Castillo was chosen as he was a talented sculptor and a devotee of the Blessed Mother. It is said that St. Francis Assisi himself and the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael helped finish the statue. The miraculous statue of Our Lady of Good Success was blessed on February 2, 1611. On that day, she was placed above the seat of the Abbess chair at her own specific request as a sign to all that she was the one who governed and watched over the convent. Her official title being that of "Mary of the Good Success of the Purification" (Suceso in Spanish means "event" or "occurrence").

Next week, we will learn about Our Lady of Good Success' prophecies for our times.



"Domestic Church" Married Couples Retreat—Thursday, January 24th—Sunday, January 27th—Saint Charles Center. "Domestic Church" is an officially

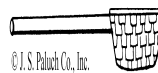
recognized lay movement that provides life-long formation for sacramentally married couples for the sake of achieving sanctity together, growing in mutual love and providing an environment where children can thrive and grow in union with Christ, so they may truly be called a Domestic Church!

For information and/or to register, please call Blaine or Denise Syninger at 337-764-1562 or call the offices of the Center at 337-855-1232 or visit www.domesticchurchfamilies.com

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SATURDAY, January 19...(4:00)-Gladys & Delma Devillier; Patricia Ann "Cookie" Fournerat; Joe Champeaux; Ceci O'Byrne (living); Joseph A. and Louise Bertrand and Gerald Simmons.

SUNDAY, January 20...(7:30)-"Pro Populo" (For the People) (9:30)-Mary Sue Thompson; Marianne Richard; Joseph and Anna Rita Scalisi; Dora Jean "Dori" Scalisi Rogers; Enos Miller Family; Mrs. Lindsay Bourgeois and Family; Lynn Hale (living); Leveque & Champeaux Families; Catherine Carr. (11:15)-Julie Moon. (5:00 PM Extraordinary Form)- Phyllis & Bob Navarro.

MONDAY, January 21... (12:05)—Fred Fluitt. (5:30, Extraordinary Form)—Claude & Marjorie Conner.

TUESDAY, January 22...(12:05)—Della Vick.

WEDNESDAY, January 23....(12:05)— Bevo Rome.

THURSDAY, January 24...(12:05)—Alma & John Brigance.

FRIDAY, January 25...(12:05)—Jimmy Touchet.

SATURDAY, January 26...(4:00)—Julie Moon; A.J. Cascio; Jim Hooper; Rita Stutes (living); Vida Trahan (living); Concetta Hidalgo Billedeaux.

SUNDAY, January 27...(7:30)—"Pro Populo" (For the People) (9:30)—Albert "Rabbit" Manual, Edna, Sidney and J.H. Broussard; Dr. John T. Foret; Harold Watkins; Lorraine Brockhaus Guidry; Rodney Dale Harst; Mrs. Mary Bushnell & Family; Marie Foret; Matthew Devendorf. (11:15)—Vivian Langley (5:00 P.M., Extraordinary Form)—Diane McMahon Dabria.



PLEASE NOTE...The Catholic Daughters January meeting will be held in the Deaf Center on Monday, January 21st, at 6:00 P.M. Catholic Daughters from the Cathedral and St. Margaret will be hosting a joint baby shower for women in need through New Life Counseling in February. We invite all parishioners to help us collect items needed, including girl bottle brushes, baby girl socks, baby nail clippers, baby shampoo, baby lotion, diaper cream, gender neutral receiving blankets, white burp cloths and baby girl bibs. Donations are appreciated. Please contact Regent, Amanda Martin at 337-274-6610.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

If you or someone you know has experienced the death of a loved one, you may want to consider participating in this five-week Bereavement Program. You do not have to be a Catholic, there is no time limit as to when the person(s) died and there is no cost...**all are welcome.**

When: Monday, January 21st-28th—February 4th-11th and 18th. **Where:** Sabbath House— 407 Second Street-Jennings. **Time:** 5:30 P.M. Contact Sister Jeannette if you have any questions **(337-304-6383).**





READINGS FOR THE WEEK
January 21-27, 2019

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
 Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c;
 Mk 2:23-28, *or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer*
 Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
 Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
 Friday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
 Saturday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 or Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:20-21
 Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Pray for Our Friends Who Are Ill



Rosa Adams; Sam Ange, Jr.; Owen Arceneau; Jenna, Aden, Grace, David Babcock; Gloria Bennett; Charles Benoit; June Benoit; Donald Blanchard; Chandra Broussard; Dean Broussard; Kylan Broussard; Stephen Broussard; Waldean Broussard; Jerry Cain; Emily Carleton; Cory Casaban; Teresa Chapoy; Denise Collette; Betty Daigle; Wade Davis; Sue Derouen; Claudia Dyle; Charles Elter; Dee Elter; Bill Ferguson; Lamont Francisco; Ty Griffen; Diane Hagerty; Michelle Hart; Stephanie Hinton; Brenda Hoback; Anne Hoyer; Bo Huddle; Jessica Hulin; Mary Jeffers; Gary Johnson; Darrel Jones; Hattie Kadlubar; Larry King; Caleb Koonce; Janet LaBiche; Cheryl Lecompte; Helen Lecompte; Sarah LeCompte; James Leger; Michael Lee; Della Lemaire; Marie Lupo; Melanie Lupo; Elizabeth Louviere; Demetrius Maddox; Jonette Adams Malone; Barbara McCombs; Betty Mueller; Kenneth Newman; Larry Parker; Sue Parker; Rory Partin; Ben Perry; Clifford Raleigh; William P. Richard; Mari Rieth; Marian Rome; Michael & Marie Scimemi; Cammie Shaddock; Jaxson Spikes; Chris Stemmann; Rob Stephens; Darrell Sullivan; Theresa Theriot; Warren Thomas; Betty Trahan; Charles Viccellio; Gay Young; Martha Young

If you would like to add or remove a name, please call the church office at 436-7251. Please let us know if a person has recovered or is deceased.

Court Our Lady of Fatima of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Saint Margaret Church, will host a **Gumbo Ya Ya Luncheon** as a court fundraiser. The event will be held on **Sunday, January 27th, after the 8:30 A.M. Mass until sold out.**

Dinners may be picked up under the breezeway on the west side of the Saint Margaret School cafeteria (drive-up service)

