

Our Lady of Fatima Roman Catholic Church

Sunday, January 12th - The Baptism of the Lord

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Anticipated 4 p.m. (*organ & cantor*);
Sunday—9 a.m. (*choir*); 11 a.m. (*organ & cantor*);
5 p.m. (*organ & cantor*)
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 6:15 a.m.
Tuesday & Thursday—5:30 p.m.

FIRST SATURDAY

8 a.m. followed by recitation of the Rosary

FATIMA VOTIVE MASS

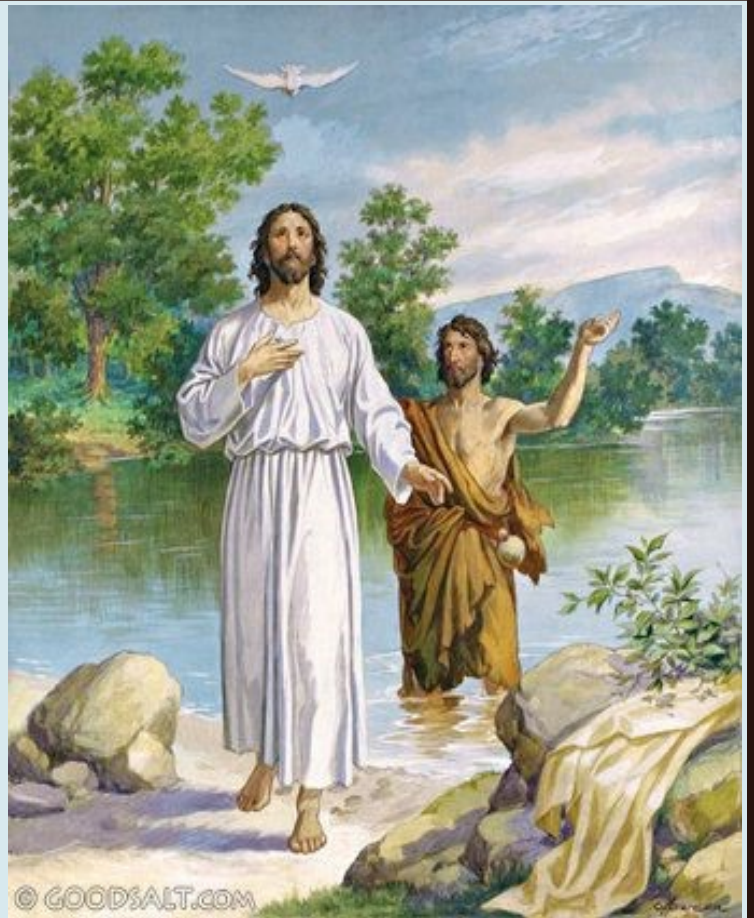
13th of the Month, May thru October
5 p.m. Rosary followed by Mass & Procession

MONTHLY PEACE MASS

This votive Mass heeds Our Lady's call to pray for world peace and conversion of hearts. It is prayed on the First Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. The recitation of the Rosary and an Act of Consecration precedes the Mass at 5:00 p.m.

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays—1 hour prior to the Vigil Mass;
Sunday—30 minutes prior to the 9 and 11 a.m.
& 5 p.m. Masses
Monday, Wednesday, Friday & 1st 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.

2319 Johnston Street, Lafayette, LA 70503—Established 1949

Rev. Msgr. Jefferson DeBlanc, Pastor; Rev. Fr. Nathan Comeaux, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Timothy Maragos, Deacon Randy Hyde

Administrator: Stephanie Supple; **Parish Secretary:** Mona Bouillion; **Receptionist:** D D McElligott;

Bookkeeper: Annie Governale; **Director of Music, Organist, Choir Director & Bulletin Editor:** Keith D'Anna

Parish Office: (337) 232-8945; **Parish Fax:** (337) 232-0323; **School Office:** (337) 235-2464

Church Website: www.fatimalafayette.org

Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.; Friday, 8:00 a.m. to Noon

The Call to the Daily Recitation of the Rosary, Part II



When the Blessed Virgin said that Francisco must pray many rosaries to get to heaven, Sister [Lúcia](#) remarked that those words are meant for us too. What is indispensable is that we must pray very much and the rosary is “the most accessible form of prayer.” * We acquire in prayer the graces we need to overcome temptation and to pick ourselves up again. Jesus said, “Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.” (Mk 14:38). He also taught us to pray: “Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.” (Mt 6:13). On the night before He died, the Lord prepared Himself through prayer for His sacrifice that would free us from our sins.

In the first apparition of 13 May 1917, Lúcia asked the Blessed Virgin about Amelia, a girl who had died. The Virgin Mary’s response confirmed that there is purgatory and that we must pray a lot. Lúcia quotes in extenso the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant (Mt 18:21-35). In the parable, the first servant asked his king to be patient with him so that he might have time to repay a large debt. A second servant owed a much smaller amount to the first servant and he likewise asked for patience and time to repay what he owed. Lúcia wrote that “in this possibility of being given more time in which to pay what is lacking, we can see an image of Purgatory: a time of waiting to purify ourselves from any minor faults that we have not confessed, and of making any reparation we still owe for our sins because while we were still living in this world, we had not done enough penance for them.”

The king forgave the first servant. But then this servant sinned again by refusing to forgive his fellow servant the much smaller debt. Lúcia said that in the Sacrament of Penance we obtain the forgiveness of our sins, but we must still make reparation for these forgiven sins “including always the obligation on us to be merciful to others, as the Lord has been merciful to us.” Jesus taught this when He gave us the Lord’s Prayer. “Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. . . . If you forgive others their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions. . . . The measure with which you measure will be measured out to you.” (cf. Mt 6:9-15; Mt 7:1-2 and Lk 6:37-38).

Making expiation after death for the sins we committed during our earthly life is also described in 2 Maccabees 12:36-46, a passage which Lúcia quoted in full in this chapter on the rosary. Judas, the commander, took up a collection that amounted to two thousand drachmas from his men. He sent the money to Jerusalem to provide an expiatory sacrifice in atonement for the sins of those men who had fallen in battle. This passage “helps us to understand better this truth of our faith concerning Purgatory as a place of expiation where the souls of those who die in grace are purified of all stain of sin before being admitted to eternal happiness with God.”

Hence, Our Lady’s reply to the question I asked her about that girl—Amelia—was as follows: “She will be in purgatory until the end of the world.” This may seem a lot to us, but the mercy of God is always great. By our sins we have gravely offended Him and have deserved Hell! In spite of this, He forgives us and grants us time to pay for them and, by means of reparation and purification, to be saved. Moreover, He accepts the prayers and sacrifices that others offer to Him for the benefit of those who are in this place of expiation.

Next Week: The Call to the Daily Recitation of the Rosary: Part III.

* Unless otherwise indicated in the text, all quotes are those of Lúcia and may be found in chapter 12 of *Calls from the Message of Fatima*, Sister Lúcia of Jesus and of the Immaculate Heart, Sisters of Mosteiro de Santa Maria, trans. (Fatima, Portugal: Secretariado dos Pastorinhos, 2000), pp. 126-129.

Mass Intentions for the Week

11 Sat. 4:00 p.m. Anticipated:

The Nugier Family, Michael W. McElderry, Sr., M.D., Edwina Smith Hernandez, Melvin R. Boesch, Vivian Boudreaux, Mary Catherine Bouvier, Ashley Cormier, Nathan, Loretta, & Robert Schiller, Gerald & Alberta Gossen, Eva Fontenot, Amanda Claire Judice, Lynn

Kallam Ditch, James Judice, Faye Marie Gesser, Rosamaria Reyes-Silva, Patti & Wesley Ardoin, Charles Blanchard, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen R. Moore, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Frederick J. Forstall, Avis Moore Rupert, Ryan Robert Guilbeau; **Living & Deceased Members of:** Michael & Fred Landry & Family, The Ison & Eva Fontenot Families, The Kallam, Langlinois, Judice, & Hamilton Families; **Living:** Clay Judice, Ricky & Lynn Sooter, Nelson & Jose Villanueva, Christopher Ardoin, Crystal, Dex & Thomas Bodden, Julie & Steve Bodden, Skyla & Matt Taylor, Falen Simon, Elnaz Ja, Debbie Duhon, Alexandra Mayeux, Kristen Dunbar

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

11:00 a.m.: Mark DesOrmeaux

5:00 p.m.: Col. Thomas N. & Lena B.

Ritchie, Diane Menard Gossen, Eva Fontenot, Dr. Hector Mario Ruiz; **Living & Deceased Members of:** The Ison & Eva Fontenot Families, The Butcher & Smith Families, The Marshall & Purpera Families, The Prejean, Fleming, Martin, Leger, & Cary Families; **Living:** Ella Huval

13 Mon. 6:15 a.m.: Eva Fontenot

14 Tue. 4:00 p.m.: Mrs. Beatrice Boustany

15 Wed. 9:00 a.m.: **Living:** Jay Luke, III

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

17 Fri. 6:15 a.m.: **Living:** Lauren Luke

18 Sat. 4:00 p.m. Anticipated: The Nugier Family, Gerald Meche, Michael W. McElderry, Sr., M.D., Edwina Smith Hernandez, Nathan, Loretta, & Robert Schiller, Gerald & Alberta Gossen, Edward Martinez, Eva Fontenot, James Judice, Dale Cleveland, Faye Marie Gesser, Rosamaria Reyes-Silva, Charles Blanchard, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen R. Moore, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Frederick J. Forstall, Avis Moore Rupert, Ryan Robert Guilbeau; **Living & Deceased Members of:** Michael & Fred Landry & Family, The Connolly & Comeaux Families, The Ison & Eva Fontenot Families; **Living:** Clay Judice, Ricky & Lynn Sooter, Nelson & Jose Villanueva, Mike & Darlene Hillman, Debbie Duhon, Kristen Dunbar, Barbara Lavergne

19 Sun. 9:00 a.m.: Patricia Thibodeaux, Diane Menard Gossen, Eva Fontenot, Amanda Claire Judice, Lynn Kallam Ditch, Dr. Hector Ruiz, Judson A. Voorhies; **Living & Deceased Members of:** The Ison & Eva Fontenot Families, The Kallam, Langlinois, Judice, & Hamilton Families, The Prejean, Fleming, Martin, Leger, & Cary Families

11:00 a.m.: Fatima Parishioners / Pro-Populo

5:00 p.m.: Dr. Hector Mario Ruiz

**Remember to pray for your relatives & friends!
We loved them in life, let us not forget them in death.**

Flowers on the Side Altars



Altar Flower Sign-up



We will once again open up dates for flowers "in memory of" or "in honor of" loved ones to be placed on the side Altars

of Mary and St. Joseph throughout the year. After all Masses this weekend (January 11th & 12th), please visit the table under the portico to remember and honor your loved ones. Two arrangements per altar (\$25 each).

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Managing God's Gifts To Us

Saint Matthew's story of the baptism of Jesus is an appropriate scripture reading to reflect on our own baptism. Jesus' baptism has been understood as a symbol of his death. Baptism is the sacrament by which we die to an old life of sin and enter a new life of grace. We "put on Christ." To be a good steward of one's baptism means to accept that one has new life in the risen Lord and is willing to be guided by the life of Jesus. As this year begins to unfold, reflect on the meaning of your own baptism, and how you might make an even deeper commitment to a new life in Christ Jesus?

The Weekend of December 29th

Envelopes / Cash.....	\$9,854.00
Online Giving.....	\$3,878.00
Total Offertory	\$13,732.00
Envelopes / Cash.....	\$1,157.00
Online Giving.....	\$405.00
Total Fatima Mercy Works.....	\$1,562.00
Christmas.....	\$10,678.00
Christmas Charities	\$2,104.00
New Years	\$2,745.00

The Weekend of January 5th

Envelopes / Cash.....	\$8,946.00
Online Giving.....	\$4,872.00
Total Offertory	\$13,818.00

2020 Fatima Mercy Works Calendar

<i>Feed the hungry</i>	<i>visit the imprisoned</i>	<i>Give drink to the thirsty</i>	<i>Give alms to the poor</i>
January Host a St. Gemma Ministry Annual Food Drive to jump start collecting food bags to help the needy throughout the year.	February Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church and School bake cookies for the Kairos Prison Ministry.	March Host a food drive as well as assemble food baskets for needy families for Easter dinner.	April Deliver food baskets to the Missionaries of Charity Sisters to be distributed to needy families for Easter dinner.
<i>visit the sick</i>	<i>Clothe the naked</i>	<i>Shelter the homeless</i>	<i>Feed the hungry</i>
May Bring love and joy, along with games and treats to the elderly residents at Lady of the Oaks Retirement Manor.	June Host a bowling field trip for the Missionaries of Charity Summer Camp for needy children in our parish.	July Collect school supplies for the Holy Family Catholic School.	August Serve lunch at St. Joseph Diner.
<i>visit the imprisoned</i>	<i>Give drink to the thirsty</i>	<i>Give alms to the poor</i>	<i>visit the sick</i>
September Host a coat drive at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church and School.	October Host a Mass, luncheon, and bingo for the homebound elderly.	November Provide dinner, conversation and a movie for the homeless veterans at the St. Michael Shelter for Veterans.	December 1. Collect and deliver Christmas gifts for the needy children and elderly in our community. 2. Help host the Diocese Christmas party for children.
<i>Clothe the naked</i>	<i>Shelter the homeless</i>	<i>Feed the hungry</i>	<i>visit the imprisoned</i>

Join Us!

For more information, please contact Mona Bouillion at 337-232-8945 or secretary@fatimalafayette.org.

*" You can do what I cannot do. I can do what you cannot do.
TOGETHER, we can do GREAT things."*

Mother Teresa of Calcutta



2020 EUCHARISTIC ADORATION WITH ST MARY MAGDALENE

January 15-17, 2020

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Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Lafayette Will Host the Relic of St Mary Magdalene on Wednesday, January 15th

LAFAYETTE—Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel and Bishop Dominique Rey of Fréjus-Toulon in France have agreed to allow the relic of St Mary Magdalene to come to several churches in the diocese of Lafayette for all to have the opportunity to participate in a prayer filled experience which will include veneration of the holy relic and *Eucharistic Adoration with St Mary Magdalene*.

St Mary Magdalene was the first *Adorer* of the same Lord who remains with us until the end of time in the Eucharistic mystery. We pray that by meditating on all she did for Jesus that our own hearts will become inflamed and transformed.



The hair of Saint Mary Magdalene is enclosed behind glass in a golden cross reliquary which resides in the Basilica of Saint Mary Magdalene in the town of *St Maximin-la-Sainte-Baume* in Provence.

Fr Florian Racine, MSE, rector of the basilica and moderator of the *Missionaries of the Most Holy Eucharist* will carry the reliquary from Provence to Lafayette and preach about the benefits of *Eucharistic Adoration with St Mary Magdalene* and what we can learn by her example.

Tradition is that Mary Magdalene and other followers of Jesus were cast out to sea on the shores of Palestine in a boat without sails or oars in 47AD. The boat came to shore on the coast of Gaul (France) in a town near *Marseille*. After preaching and converting all of Provence, Mary Magdalene retired to a mountain cave, *La Sainte-Baume*, where she spent the last thirty years of her life in prayer.

A letter of authenticity from Bishop Dominique Rey reports that the relics were hidden at the time of the Saracen invasions and rediscovered in 1279, and have been venerated without interruption ever since.

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Wednesday, January 15, 2020

9 - 10 am—Fatima School Celebration
(not open to public)
Opening procession with the relics,
Fr Florian Racine addresses students
about Saint Mary Magdalene and her
relics
Rosary - recited by school children
Closing hymn sung by school

10 am - 5 pm—*Veneration* of the relics
(open to the public)

3:00 pm—*Rosary*

3:30 pm—*Confessions*

4:00 pm—*Eucharistic Adoration with St Mary
Magdalene* led by Fr Florian Racine

5:30 pm—*Holy Mass*

For centuries the relics were missing—disappearing from about 710 A.D. when the Saracens pillaged the South of France and the Church hid sacred objects to safeguard them. Then in 1279, they were discovered by Charles II of Anjou, the Count of Provence. In a crypt of a chapel in the town of *St Maximin-la-Sainte-Baume* was found a sarcophagus. Upon opening, the air was filled with an aromatic fragrance. The sarcophagus contained a piece of old parchment wrapped in wax dated 710AD and a wooden tablet with the words, "*Here lies the body of Mary Magdalene.*"

Shortly after this discovery Pope Boniface VIII published the pontifical bull for the establishment of the Dominicans at *St Maximin* and *La Sainte-Baume*. The basilica and the Cave are 20 miles apart. Hundreds of thousands of pilgrims, including many kings, popes and saints, have journeyed to the basilica and the Cave to pray and give thanks for the intercession of St Mary Magdalene.

Monday, January 13 - *Saint Hilary of Poitiers*

Born to wealthy polytheistic, pagan nobility, Hilary's early life was uneventful as he married, had children (including Saint Abra), and studied on his own. Through his studies he came to believe in salvation through good works, then monotheism. As he studied the Bible for the first time, he literally read himself into the faith, and was converted by the end of the New Testament.

Hilary lived the faith so well he was made bishop of Poitiers, France from 353 to 368. Hilary opposed the emperor's attempt to run Church matters, and was exiled; he used the time to write works explaining the faith. His teaching and writings converted many, including Saint Florence of Poitiers, and in an attempt to reduce his notoriety he was returned to the small town of Poitiers where his enemies hoped he would fade into obscurity. His writings continued to convert pagans.

He introduced Eastern theology to the Western Church, fought Arianism with the help of Saint Viventius, and was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church in 1851.



Born: 315 at Poitiers, France; **Died:** 368 of natural causes; **Canonized:** Pre-Congregation

Tuesday, January 14 - *Blessed Alfonsa Clerici*

The eldest of ten children born to Angelo and Maria Romano Clerici; hers was a poor but pious family with two of her brothers becoming monks, one sister a *Sister of the Precious Blood*. Received a Master's degree from the College of the Sisters of the Precious Blood in Monza, Italy. Taught in Lainate, Italy from 1880 to 1883. During her time in college and her work as a teacher, Alfonsa had felt a call to religious life, but her work helped support her family, and she stayed with it. She finally answered the call, and on August 15, 1883 joined the *Sisters of the Most Precious Blood* in Monza. Teacher at the College in Monza. Director of the College on November 22, 1898.



Born: February 14, 1860 in Lainate, Milan, Italy;

Died: 1:30 p.m. on January 14, 1930 in Vercelli, Italy of a cerebral hemorrhage suffered on the night of January 13th.

Beatified: October 23, 2010 by Pope Benedict XVI

Friday, January 17 - *Saint Anthony the Abbot*

Following the death of his parents when he was about 20, Anthony insured that his sister completed her education, then he sold his house, furniture, and the land he owned, gave the proceeds to the poor, joined the anchorites who lived nearby, and moved into an empty sepulcher. At age 35 he moved to the desert to live alone; he lived 20 years in an abandoned fort.

Anthony barricaded the place for solitude, but admirers and would-be students broke in. He miraculously healed people, and agreed to be the spiritual counselor of others. His recommendation was to base life on the Gospel. Word spread, and so many disciples arrived that Anthony founded two monasteries on the Nile, one at Pispir, one at Arsinoe. Many of those who lived near him supported themselves by making baskets and brushes, and from that came his patronage of those trades.

Anthony briefly left his seclusion in 311, going to Alexandria, Egypt to fight Arianism, and to comfort the victims of the persecutions of Maximinus. At some point in his life, he met with his sister again. She, too, had withdrawn from the world, and directed a community of nuns. Anthony retired to the desert, living in a cave on Mount Colzim.

Descriptions paint him as uniformly modest and courteous. His example led many to take up the monastic life, and to follow his way. Late in life Anthony became a close friend of Saint Paul the Hermit, and he buried the aged anchorite, leading to his patronage of gravediggers. His biography was written by his friend Saint Athanasius of Alexandria.

His relationship with pigs and patronage of swineherds is a little complicated. Skin diseases were sometimes treated with applications of pork fat, which reduced inflammation and itching. As Anthony's intervention aided in the same conditions, he was shown in art accompanied by a pig. People who saw the art work, but did not have it explained, thought there was a direct connection between Anthony and pigs - and people who worked with swine took him as their patron.



Born: 251 at Heracleus, Egypt; **Died:** 356 at Mount Colzim of natural causes; **Canonized:** Pre-Congregation

St. Thomas More Application—2020-2021



St. Thomas More Catholic High School 2020-2021 application is available online January 17-24 for priority status. Required documents are accepted January 21-23, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and January 24 by appointment. For more information contact Robyn Alfonso at 988-7779 Ext. 187 or robyn.alfonso@stmcougars.net or visit stmcougars.net/admissions.

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Fatima provides an in-house study program.
Click on Register, enter parish access code (7f573e), enter your email & create a password—(needed for login).

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS



The annual Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, February 9, 2020 at St. Peter Catholic Church in Carencro. The 2 p.m. Mass will be celebrated by Monsignor W. Curtis Mallet. **Pre-registration by no later than January 31, 2020 is required** for all couples who wish to be honored as they celebrate **25, 40, 50, 60, or more years of married life during the year 2020.** Please click the following link to register: <https://diolaf.org/marriage-anniversary-mass-information>.

School Upcoming Events

- Jan. 13 Geaux Tigers Spirit Day
- Jan. 13 Parents' Club Meeting
- Jan. 15 OLF Spirit Day
- Jan. 15 Relics of Saint Mary Magdalene
- Jan. 15 Technology Meeting
- Jan. 15 Safe Environment Training
- Jan. 16 Advisory Council Meeting
- Jan. 16 8th Grade Parent Meeting with STM
- Jan. 17 School Mass
- Jan. 17 Spelling Bee

SALUTE TO 70 YEARS FUN FACT: In 1979, it was announced that a new Catholic high school was proposed for south Lafayette. At its completion, Cathedral-Carmel and Fatima High Schools would become elementary feeder schools and now offer education through eighth grade. This came to fruition when St. Thomas More Catholic School was dedicated in 1982.

Annual St. Gemma Food Drive

Each January our Mercy Works organization holds a parish-wide food bag drive to stock our pantry for those that come to us in search of something to eat. All Fatima families are invited to join us in feeding the poor and homeless in our community.

Food bags can be brought to the parish office or placed in front of the St. Joseph Altar at any Mass. God bless you for helping to feed our brothers and sisters in need.

Office hours are:
Monday - Thursday 8:00 - 12:00 and 1:00 - 5:00
Fridays 8:00 - 12:00

Food Bag Guidelines

Nothing perishable please!!

- 1 bottle of shampoo
- 1 stick of deodorant
- 2 bars of soap
- 1 tube of toothpaste
- a toothbrush

Laundry detergent (smaller bottles found on the Dollar aisle at Dollar General)

Fill the remainder of your bag with some of the following:

- Can of corned beef,
- Canned whole ham, 2 cans of tuna, 2 cans of chicken, 4 Vienna sausage,
- Can of corn and a can of green beans,
- 3 Boxes of macaroni and cheese,
- Can of spaghetti sauce and package of spaghetti noodles,
- Canned ravioli and a can of chili,
- Can of pringles chips

Dollar General is a great place to find the Suggested items at great prices.

We recommend you purchase the Dollar General reusable bags because of storage Constraints. Please make sure all items fit in the recommended bag.

Larger bags are too heavy to carry for some of our recipients.

Office of Pro-Life Apostolate

DIOCESAN PRO-LIFE RALLY AND MARCH: The 2020 Diocesan Pro-Life Rally will be held in downtown Lafayette at Parc International on January 18th. The rally will begin at 9 a.m. From there, starting at 10:45 a.m., we will march as a group through Lafayette to the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. Once there, we will have a prayer service inside the Cathedral including adoration and benediction. On our walk back we will stop to pray at the Federal Courthouse and then proceed back to Parc International. The Office of Pro-Life Apostolate is sponsoring the event.

2020 PRO-LIFE ORATORY CONTEST FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: The Diocesan Pro-Life Oratory Contest for **high school juniors and seniors** will be held February 12, 2020 at the Immaculata Center—1408 Carmel Dr., Lafayette, LA from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The topics include one of the following:

- The Tragedy of Abortion, or
- The Tragedy of Euthanasia, or
- The Tragedy of Infanticide, or
- The Tragedy of Embryonic Stem Cell Research

1st prize is \$250 and the opportunity to participate in the state Pro-Life Oratory Contest in May at the Knights of Columbus State Convention to be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Baton Rouge. This is a great opportunity for students to research important pro-life issues. Entry forms are to be submitted prior to the deadline of **February 5th, 2020**. For additional information, please contact Trista Littell at 337-261-5598.



*Respect Life
Mass*

*Celebrated by
Most Rev. Michael G. Duca*

**JANUARY 25, 2020 // 8:30 AM
ST. JOSEPH CATHEDRAL
401 MAIN STREET, BATON ROUGE**

Join us immediately following Mass,
as we walk to the State Capitol
for the beginning of
the Louisiana Life March at 10 am.



RESPECT LIFE MASS - Baton Rouge

Join us in thanking God for the gift of life and praying for its protection at all stages! Bishop Michael Duca will celebrate Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral in Baton Rouge, LA on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 8:30 a.m., prior to the Louisiana Life March. All are welcome! After Mass, all will walk to the State Capitol for the beginning of the March at 10:00 a.m. For more information, please contact Danielle VanHaute at (225) 242-0164 or email her at dvanhaute@diobr.org.

2020 Diocesan March for Life



Join us at Parc International on **Saturday, January 18**, as we celebrate the first annual Diocesan March for Life. The Emcee's, Fr. Andrew Schumacher and Krista Corbello, will begin our rally at 9:00 a.m. The rally will consist of music and motivational speakers. Once the speaker's conclude, we will begin the March from Parc International to Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist where a prayer service for life will be held from 11:30 to 12:30. We will gather on the streets after the prayer service to march to the federal courthouse where Rev. Patrick Broussard will lead us in prayer and then return to Parc International.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of the Little Shepherds (Knight Hall)



*Solemn Exposition of
the Blessed Sacrament*



Monday and Wednesday,
following the 6:15 am Mass
to 5 p.m.;

Tuesday and Thursday,
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.;

Friday,
following the 6:15 a.m. Mass
to 12 Noon;

First Friday/First Saturday All Night Vigil,
(Friday 6 p.m. until the 8 a.m. First Saturday Mass)

ADORATION COORDINATORS (Call to Commit)

If interested on Monday, call Elaine Martin, 234-6752
If interested on Tuesday, call D D McElligott, 232.8945
If interested on Wednesday, call Dotsie Butcher, 234-6678
If interested on Thursday, call D D McElligott, 232-8945
If interested on Friday, call Bubbles Stelly, 233-8660
If interested on **First Friday/First Saturday Night Vigil**
-call Mona Bouillion, 232-8945

WEEKLY ROSARY GROUP

Each Tuesday in Church, 9:15 to 11:00 a.m. (except on the second Tuesday of the month) to pray the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries for priests, world peace and individual intentions. FMI call Dotsie Butcher (234.6678) or Claire Randazzo (984.4415).



PRAYER CALENDAR FOR PRIESTS



Monday, January 13: **Rev. Louis Allen Breaux**
Tuesday, January 14: **Very Rev. A. Rex Broussard**
Wednesday, January 15: **Rev. Henry Broussard**
Thursday, January 16: **Rev. Ken Broussard, JCL**
Friday, January 17: **Rev. Patrick Broussard**
Saturday, January 18: **Rev. Paul Broussard**
Sunday, January 19: **Rev. Richard Broussard**

Loved Ones Who Leave the Church

Send their names 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.

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.



BLESSING OF CHILD IN THE WOMB



Follows the Sunday 9 & 11 a.m.
Masses on the 1st weekend of the month.

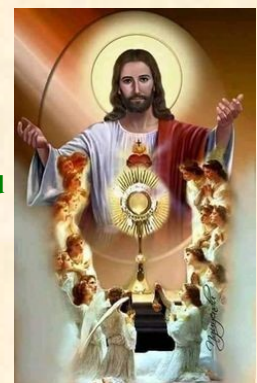
SACRED HEART HOME ENTHRONEMENTS

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.



Some thoughts on Reverence in Church

When you enter your church, picture in your mind a very large throne sitting upon the altar. God is sitting there in all His majestic glory with powerful, glorious angels by His side. He is sitting there waiting just for you. How would you act? What would you do? Would you saunter into church talking and joking? Would you ignore your God sitting there waiting for you? Would you wear shorts and a tank top or would you think He was worthy of more appropriate dress? Would you want to bow down to Him because He holds your heart in the palm of His hand?



Remember to reverence the awesome presence of our God and say to friends, "Let's talk outside."

The Church's teaching on human sexuality

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

RECLAIM Sexual Health Catholic Recovery Program
www.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 337.944.9860 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.

Post Abortion Trauma: Call Project Rachel (337) 261-5607.

"Come, Lord Jesus!" Bible Study

Mondays 1:00pm (WOMEN): Susan Foret, 316.4932
Email: ssforet@usa.net
6:30pm (WOMEN): DD McElligott, 319.8866

Tuesdays 5:30pm (MEN): Art Mixon; contact by email only
Email: amixon@petroquest.com
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: Adele Connolly, 278.0531

Saturdays 8:00am: Anne Pesacreta, 739.5903
First Saturday: 9:00 a.m. after Mass & Rosary

Parish Representatives

Jill Jordan: 337-501-1147
DD McElligott: 337-319--8866

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

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

Programs beginning January 2020

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