# Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

## Sunday, February 17th - The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## This Wednesday, February 20th is the Feast of the Little Shepherds

February 20th is the day Our Lady came to take Little Jacinta into Heaven. She died alone in a hospital in Lisbon, Portugal, as Our Lady said she would. Her day of death was designated as her Feast Day, along with her brother Francisco when they were both beatified by Pope John Paul II in the Jubilee Year 2000. They were canonized by Pope Francis in 2017.

To commemorate this special Feast Day, so intimately connected to our Church Parish, and as a way to mark this year's 70th anniversary, a special shrine will be replicated on our Church grounds. The shrine will depict the first marking (photo to right) of the spot where Our Lady appeared to the Shepherd Children in the immediate days following May 13, 1917. The shrine is an Eagle Scout Project of Brenden Daigle, a Fatima School student.

Two Masses will be held this Wednesday: an 8:15 a.m. School Mass; the blessing of the replica Shrine will follow this Mass. Additionally, there will be a Parish Mass at 5:30p.m., with the Holy Rosary preceding at 5p.m.

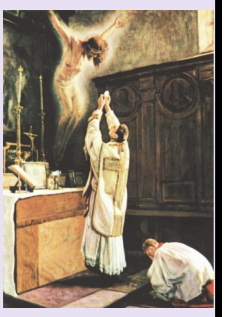
Plan to be part of this special day by attending Mass and invoking the intercession of these two special Saints.

**2319 Johnston Street, Lafayette, LA 70503—Established 1949**

**Rev. Fr. Michael J. Russo, Pastor**
**Deacon Timothy Maragos & Deacon Ed Boustany**

**Parish Office:** (337) 232-8945; **Parish Fax:** (337) 232-0323; **School Office:** (337) 235-2464
**Church Website:** www.fatimalafayette.org
**Office Hours:** Monday—Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.;
Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



***16 Sat. 4:00 p.m. Anticipated:*** James Judice, Amanda Claire Judice, Lynn Kallam Ditch, Eva Fontenot, John Michael Chachere, Sr., Edwina Smith Hernandez, John Santopadre, Patience Lafleur, Lucy Lipari Russo, Faye Marie Gesser, Nathan, Loretta, & Robert Schiller, Philomena Leonards Ohlenforst, Evelyn Nelson, Peggy Doucet, Gerald & Alberta Gossen; **Living & Deceased Members of:** Michael & Fred Landry & Family, The Kallam, Langlinais, Judice, & Hamilton Families, The Ison & Eva Fontenot Families, The Bouvier & Boudreaux Families; **Living:** Yves & Ainsley Balcer

***17 Sun. 9:00 a.m.:*** Elroy Perrien
***11:00 a.m.:*** Fatima Parishioners / Pro-Populo
***5:00 p.m.:*** The Nugier Family, Suffering Souls in Purgatory, Eva Fontenot, Mrs. Lucy Russo, Muriel M. Martin, Elroy F. Perrien, David Gordon Chance, Brian Ward Wampold; **Living & Deceased Members of:** The Ison & Eva Fontenot Families, The Prejean, Fleming, Martin, Leger, & Cary Families

***18 Mon. 6:15 a.m.:*** The Ison & Eva Fontenot Families
***19 Tues. 5:30 p.m.:*** Elton Beaullieu, Jr.
***20 Wed. 6:15 a.m.:*** **NO 6:15 A.M. MASS**
***5:30 p.m.:*** Eva Fontenot
***21 Thur. 5:30 p.m.:*** Living & Deceased Members of the Butcher & Smith Families
***22 Fri. 6:15 a.m.:*** Beth Beach

***23 Sat. 4:00 p.m. Anticipated:*** James Judice, Eva Fontenot, Edwina Smith Hernandez, Rose Koury, Faye Marie Gesser, Nathan, Loretta, & Robert Schiller, Lorraine Naimas, Elton Beaullieu, Jr., Peggy Doucet, Gerald & Alberta Gossen, Joseph Charles & Lucy Lipari Russo, 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 Catholic Daughters

***24 Sun. 9:00 a.m.:*** Col. Thomas N. & Lena B. Ritchie, The Nugier Family, Amanda Claire Judice, Lynn Kallam Ditch, Eva Fontenot, Gladys Bourque Judice, Mandin Cornibe, Lucy Lipari Russo, Elroy F. Perrien, Carl Thomas Richardson, Margaret Elizabeth Franck; Living & Deceased Members of: The Kallam, Langlinais, Judice, & Hamilton Families, The Ison & Eva Fontenot Families, The Prejean, Fleming, Martin, Leger, & Cary Families, Mr. & Mrs. Philip Kerne & Family; Living: Theresa L. Noel
***11:00 a.m.:*** David Gordon Chance
***5:00 p.m.:*** Fatima Parishioners / Pro-Populo

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

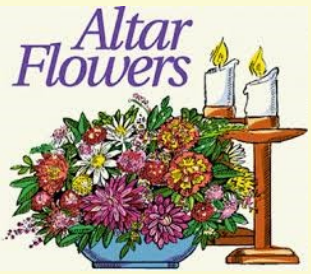
**St. Joseph Altar Candles:** If you would like to purchase a candle to burn on the St. Joseph's Altar in memory of a loved one or for a special intention, you may come by the parish office. The candles are $5 each and there is a limited supply. A detailed itinerary of St. Joseph festivities and ways in which you can assist will be provided in a later bulletin. We are in need of plenty of pecans and dried figs for the St. Joseph Altar. You can bring these by the parish office at your convenience during regular business hours. Please consider picking some up and helping us out.

**Lourdes Foundation Jeep Mazda Giveaway 2019:** Purchase your $50 ticket(s) online at www.LourdesFoundation.com for a chance to win a 2018 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited Sport or a 2018 Mazda Miata to be drawn on KATC-TV 3 News at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 to benefit those *most in need* in Acadiana. Proceeds from the raffle go to operations of the St. Bernadette Community Healthcare Clinic, Congregational Health Services, and Northside High Health Center - outreach programs of Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center funded by Lourdes Foundation.

## FLOWERS ON THE SIDE ALTARS

***Marian Altar -*** In Memory of
*Trenton Richard*

***St. Joseph Altar -*** In Memory of
*Elroy Perrien*




You may still purchase flowers for the Marian and St. Joseph Altars in Church in memory of a loved one or in honor of a living relative or family member. Visit the parish office during regular business hours.

## MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

**Marriage Anniversary Mass:** The annual Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, February 10, 2019 at Holy Cross Church in Lafayette. The 2:00 p.m. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel. **Pre-registration by no later than February 4, 2019** is required for all couples who wish to be honored as they celebrate **25, 40, 50, 60, or more years of married life during 2019.** Please click the following link to register: https://diolaf.org/marriage-anniversary-mass-registration.

## SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION!

**Fatima School Upcoming Events**

**Feb. 18 - Drop off items in morning car line for B&G Market**
**Feb. 19 - Free Dress - Tech Day - $5 donation**
**Feb. 19 - Teachers Luncheon**
**Feb. 20 - Feast of the Little Shepherds School Mass**
**Feb. 20 - Parents' Club Meeting**
**Feb. 21 - Advisory Council Meeting**
**Feb. 23 - B&G Market - A Spectacular Garage Sale**

**DID YOU KNOW?: That Fatima School has the best Parents' Club around? Once a month they treat the faculty and staff to lunch and dessert and the teachers and staff love it! Not only does the Parents' Club host the Fall Festival, Bingo, Field Day and Auction/Fundraiser; they help with Art Appreciation, Booster Club, Fatima Store, Be a Warrior Leader, and the Library just to name a few.**

## STEWARDSHIP BY THE BOOK

The words of the psalmist echo the theme of all of today's readings. "Blessed are they who hope in the Lord." As good stewards, firmly grounded in that hope, may we bear fruit in due season - assisting the poor, feeding the hungry, and consoling the sorrowful whenever we have the chance.

**The Weekend of February 10th**

*Envelopes / Cash*..... *$11,893.00*
*Online Giving*..... *$4,588.00*
**Total Offertory**..... **$16,481.00**

*Envelopes / Cash*..... *$235.00*
*Online Giving*..... *$175.00*
**Total Mercy Works**..... **$410.00**

## MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

**Weekend of February 16th & 17th**

**Saturday, February 16, 2019 - 4:00 p.m. Anticipated Mass**
***Altar Servers:*** Hannah Thibodeaux, Grayson Keenan
***Eucharistic Ministers:*** Jason Crochet, Bridget Alfonso, Roy Walker
***Lector:*** Elaine Martin

**Sunday, February 17, 2019 - 9:00 a.m. Mass**
***Altar Servers:*** Tanner Stelly, Christopher Benton, Anthony Benton, Alex Benton
***Deacon:*** Deacon Ed Boustany
***Eucharistic Ministers:*** Lee Tatford, Pauline Lalande, Chuck Bernard, Renee Bernard
***Lector:*** Ryan Claudet

**Sunday, February 17, 2019 - 11:00 a.m. Mass**
***Altar Servers:*** Jorden Daigle, Brenen Daigle Wade Cannon
***Deacon:*** Deacon Tim Maragos
***Eucharistic Ministers:*** Bill Doucet, Mike Hunter, Todd Metrejean, Shannon Daigle
***Lector:*** Kevin LeBlanc

**Sunday, February 17, 2019 - 5:00 p.m. Mass**
***Altar Servers:*** Rowan Cline, Colin Romero, Jake Alain
***Eucharistic Ministers:*** Michael Corry, Tammy Allain, Joe Hawkins
***Lector:*** Kelvin Mamou

**Weekend of February 23rd & 24th**

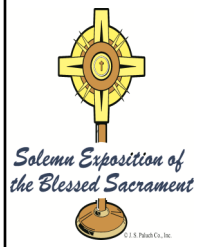
**Saturday, February 23, 2019 - 4:00 p.m. Anticipated Mass**
***Altar Servers:*** Ethan Davidson, Molly Clark
***Eucharistic Ministers:*** Lynn Leblanc, Elaine Trahan, Adele Connolly
***Lector:*** Andree' Leblanc

**Sunday, February 24, 2019 - 9:00 a.m. Mass**
***Altar Servers:*** Matthew Bailey, Ethan Bailey, Caroline Bailey, Gabriel Ayalloore
***Deacon:*** Deacon Ed Boustany
***Eucharistic Ministers:*** Kathy Purpera, Peter Russo, Mary Ellen Boasso, Herb Boasso
***Lector:*** Cathy Walz

**Sunday, February 24, 2019 - 11:00 a.m. Mass**
***Altar Servers:*** Ella Carriker, Leona Carriker
***Deacon:*** Deacon Tim Maragos
***Eucharistic Ministers:*** Michelle LeBlanc, Wade Trahan, Richard Brauns, Bill Doucet
***Lector:*** Gina Simoneaux

**Sunday, February 24, 2019 - 5:00 p.m. Mass**
***Altar Servers:*** Victoria Couvillion, Sophia Bosch, Jolie Bosch
***Eucharistic Ministers:*** Gary Porubsky, Mary Porubsky, Kim Leblanc
***Lector:*** Thomas K. Noell

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




***Monday and Wednesday,***
following the 6:15 am Mass to 5pm;
***Tuesday and Thursday,***
*9am to 5pm;*
***Friday,***
following the 6:15am Mass to 12 Noon;
***First Friday/First Saturday All Night Vigil,***
(Friday 6pm until the 8am First Saturday Mass)

**ADORATION COORDINATORS (Call to Commit)**
If interested on Monday, call Elaine Martin, 234-6752
If interested on Tuesday, call Lesha Theriot, 232.8945
If interested on Wednesday, call Dotsie Butcher, 234-6678
If interested on Thursday, call Lesha Theriot, 232-8945
If interested on Friday, call Bubbles Stelly, 233-8660
If interested on **First Friday/First Saturday Night Vigil**
-call Lesha Theriot, 578-1984

**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).

### 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, along with his precious relic, is made available to go into the homes of those diagnosed with cancer. Call the parish office to get on the roster.

### "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

**Wednesdays** 10am: Warren Stelly, 989.1611

**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!)

**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. The CAST men who have attended the retreat meet regularly on a monthly or bi-monthly basis for dinner and fellowship, study, and community prayer. The CAST Mass is every Monday morning at 6:15 a.m. If interested in making the CAST retreat, contact Deacon Ed Boustany at the Parish Office.

### BLESSING OF CHILD IN THE WOMB

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

### SACRED HEART HOME ENTHRONEMENTS

Call the Parish Office to schedule. Promoters go into the home to conduct the Enthronement, which follows a nine day period of prayer by the family.

### The Church's teaching on human sexuality

**Natural Family Planning Courses** are held at Fatima twice annually. The course is a once a month session for three consecutive months. The instructor is Dr. Kim Hardey, Ob-Gyn. For scheduling information, go to: ccli.org.

**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 after an initial meeting with the facilitator. Call and leave a confidential message at 337.944.9860 and the group facilitator will return your call and give you more information.

**Healing Hearts:** Weekly meetings for women whose relationships have been affected by porn use or sexual addiction of a loved one. Must sign confidentiality statement. Call 337.404.6113.

**Unplanned Pregnancy:** Call 1.800.256.7222 for free, professional, confidential counseling regarding keeping or placing your baby.

**Post Abortion Trauma:** Call Project Rachel (337) 561-5607 for help and healing.

**Saints—Our Extended Family in Heaven**
Celebrating the Saints of the Week. Read more at CatholicSaints.info!

**Monday, February 18**
Saint Angilbert of Centula

Raised at the court of Charlemagne, and became his friend and confidante. Studied under Alcuin. Nicknamed "Homer" because of his Latin poetry. Married to Charlemagne's daughter Bertha. With her permission he turned to religious life when prayers for a successful resistance to a Danish invasion were answered and a storm scattered the Danish fleet; Bertha became a nun. Benedictine monk. Court Chaplain, privy councilor, and diplomat. As a reward for his help in court, Charlemagne gave Angilbert the abbey of Saint Riquier in Centula where he served as abbot. He established a library at Centula, and introduced continuous chanting in the abbey using 300 monks and 100 boys in relays. Executor of the emperor's will.

*Born: c.740*
*Died: February 18, 814 of natural causes*
*Canonized: Pre-Congregation*

**Tuesday, February 19**
Blessed Alvarez of Cordova

Joined the Dominicans at Cordova, Spain in 1368. Renowned and well-traveled preacher, well known in Andalusia and Italy. Pilgrim to the Holy Lands. Preached Crusade. Personal confessor, spiritual guide and political advisor to Queen Catherine. In charge of the education of young King John II. Opposed the Avignon pope Peter de Luna. Reformed many of the practices common at court.

Founded *Escalaceli (Ladder of Heaven)*, a Dominican house of strict observance in the mountains around Cordova; it became a well known center of piety and learning. Alvarez spent his days there preaching, teaching, begging alms in the street, and spending his nights in prayer. In the gardens of the house he set up a series of oratories with images of the Holy Lands and Passion, similar to modern Stations of the Cross.

There are many wonderful stories attached to Alvarez, which include:

1) Angels are reported to have helped build Escalaceli, moving stone and wooden building materials to the site during the night, placing them where workmen could easily get them during the day.

2) Once when the entire food stocks for the house consisted of a single head of lettuce, he gathered all the brothers at table, gave thanks for the meal, and sent the porter to the door; the porter found a stranger leading a mule loaded with food. After unloading the mule, the stranger and the animal disappeared.

3) Alvarez once found a beggar dying alone in the street. He wrapped the poor man in his own cloak, and carried him back to Escalaceli. When he arrived at the house and unwrapped the cloak, instead of a man, he found a crucifix. It still hangs in Escalaceli.

*Born: Lisbon, Portugal or Cordova, Spain (sources vary)*
*Died: c.1430 at Escalaceli near Cordova, Spain of natural causes, and buried there*
*Beatified: September 22, 1741 by Pope Benedict XIV (cultus confirmed)*

**Friday, February 22**
Chair of Peter

Chair of St. Peter (Vatican Basilica)

The feast of the Chair of Saint Peter is about the formation of the Church when Christ said, "You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church." It has been celebrated at Rome, Italy from the early days of the Christian era on January 18, in commemoration of the day when Saint Peter held his first service in Rome. The feast of the Chair of Saint Peter at Antioch, commemorating his foundation of the See of Antioch, has also been long celebrated at Rome on February 22. At each place a chair (cathedra) was venerated which the Apostle had used while presiding at Mass. One of the chairs is referred to about 600 by an Abbot Johannes who had been commissioned by Pope Gregory the Great to collect oil from the lamps which burned at the graves of the Roman martyrs. One of these phials, preserved in the cathedral treasury of Monza, Italy, had a label reading, *"oleo de sede ubi prius sedit sanctus Petrus" (oils from the chair where Saint Peter first sat)*. The Mass for both feast days is the same.

# A CELEBRATION OF 70 YEARS - MONTH BY MONTH

**February 20th** (Wednesday), Feast of the Little Shepherds: 5 p.m. Rosary followed by 5:30 p.m. Mass; showing of Fatima Film follows Mass. (No Wednesday 6:15 a.m. Mass on this day.)

**BLESSING OF OUTDOOR SHRINE FOLLOWING 8:15 A.M. SCHOOL MASS:** A replica of the first shrine built over the holmoak tree in the days following the 1917 apparitions will be erected on Church grounds.

**March 19th** (Tuesday): Celebration of St. Joseph's Altar - 8:30 a.m. Mass, festivities follow (no 5:30 p.m. Mass on this day)

**ANNIVERSARY DATE - April 17th** (Wednesday of Holy Week): Fatima Parish established in 1949 on Easter Sunday, April 17th, with Masses held in the Teenage Ranch House, later moved to School Gym - DUE TO HOLY WEEK, A SPECIAL OBSERVANCE WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED ON EASTER SUNDAY, April 21st.

SCHOOL Way of the Cross, 8:15 a.m. - Special School Observance of anniversary date

**May 11th/12th** (Saturday/Sunday): Parishioner Religious Art Exhibit in Knight Hall
**May 13th** (Monday): 5 p.m. Rosary followed by 5:30 p.m. Mass; showing of Fatima Film follows Mass. (No 6:15 a.m. Mass on this day.)
**May 16th through 19th:** CAST Spring Retreat for Men in Grand Isle
**May 25th through June 5th:** Parish Pilgrimage to Rome/Fatima with extension to London

**June 13th** (Thursday): 5 p.m. Rosary followed by 5:30 p.m. Mass; showing of Fatima Film follows Mass.
(Date in 1929 of the Last Vision of Fatima with the apparition of the Holy Trinity to Sr. Lucia in Tuy, Spain)
**June 16th** (Sunday): First Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving, Rev. Fr. Salinger Istre, 11 a.m.; reception follows in Knight Hall
**June 20th through 23rd:** Women of Grace National Meeting, Johnette Benkovic Williams

**July 12th through 14th:** CAST Couples' Retreat (Abbeville Family Missions Retreat House)

**August 13th** (Tuesday): 5 p.m. Rosary followed by 5:30 p.m. Mass; showing of Fatima Film follows Mass

**September 13th** (Friday): 5 pm Rosary followed by 5:30 p.m. Mass; showing of Fatima Film follows Mass (No 6:15 a.m. Mass on this day.)

**October 5th through 6th:** Perpetual Rosary from 8 a.m. First Saturday Mass through Sunday 5 p.m. Mass

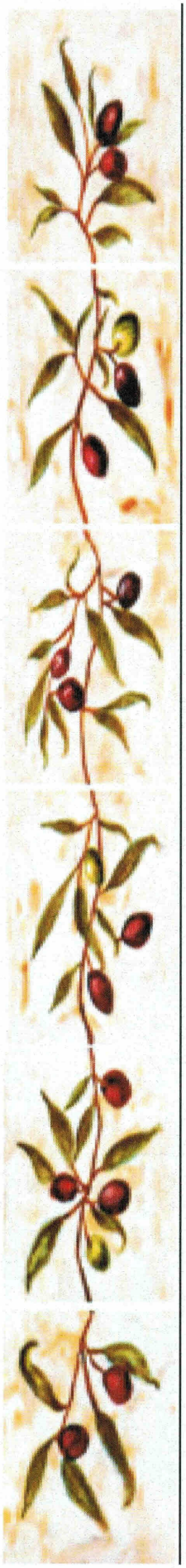
**ANNIVERSARY DATE - October 7th** (Monday): Anniversary of the Groundbreaking of Fatima School which occurred in October of 1949; on October 7th, 1951, the School was dedicated. School Children will pray Rosary in front lawn of Church at top of hour throughout the day.

**October 13th** (Sunday): Celebration of 11 a.m. Mass with Bishop Deshotel; Parish/School family picnic follows on Church grounds
**October 17th through 20th:** CAST Fall Retreat for Men in Grand Isle

**ANNIVERSARY DATE - November 16th** (Saturday): Anniversary of the First time Mass was offered in Our Lady of Fatima Church (November 16, 1958); 3:30 p.m. Rosary, 4 p.m. Mass.

**ANNIVERSARY DATE - November 21st** (Thursday): Anniversary of the Dedication of Our Lady of Fatima Church (November 21, 1958); 5 p.m. Rosary, 5:30 p.m. Mass

**December 10th** (Tuesday): 5 p.m. Rosary followed by 5:30 p.m. Mass; showing of Fatima Film follows Mass. (Date of the apparition of Our Lady and the Child Jesus to Sr. Lucia at Pontevedra, Spain in 1925 - the call to make the Five First Saturdays.)



# ST. JOSEPH ALTAR FESTIVITIES

**Tuesday, March 19th**

Mass at 8:30 a.m. followed by the tupa-tupa
(a reenactment of the journey to Bethlehem).
The traditional meatless spaghetti dinner, along with other treats,
will be served to the general public beginning at 10:30 a.m.;
the spaghetti dinner served until 2 p.m.
Italian treats and pastries will be served throughout the
remainder of the day, concluding at 3:30 p.m.

## Volunteer Schedule - 2019

***Due to 3 p.m. school bus departure park on **Oakview Blvd**.***
We'll be making Italian bread balls for the spaghetti dinner and baking a variety of cookies!

### BAKING

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| Thursday, March 7 | 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. | Cookies |
| Friday, March 8 | 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. | Cookies |
| Monday, March 11 | 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. | Bread Balls & Cookies |
| Tuesday, March 12 | 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. | Candy & Cookies |
| Wednesday, March 13 | 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. | Candy & Cookies |

### SET-UP, DECORATIONS, TAKE DOWN AND CLEAN UP!

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| Monday, March 18 | 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. | Receive All Foods, Cookies, Candies, Boiled & PEELED Eggs must be delivered during this time. |
| Wednesday, March 20 | 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. | Take Down & Clean Up! Lots of help will be needed. |

## WE NEED LOTS OF HELP!!

***Come when you can and bring a Friend!***

Help is needed serving at the WELCOME TABLE, BEVERAGE, DESSERT & SPAGHETTI TABLES and also BUSING THE TABLES on the day of the Altar, etc.

TO SIGN UP or GET MORE INFORMATION: Call Lesha at the church office @ 232-8945 Ext. 118 or 337-578-1984 (cell) or email: administrator@fatimalafayette.org.

We are in need of plenty of pecans and dry figs for the St. Joseph Altar. You can bring them by the parish office at your convenience during regular business hours. Please consider picking some up and helping us out.

## Feast of the Little Shepherds

This Wednesday, February 20th is the Feast of the Little Shepherds. ***There will be no 6:15 a.m. Mass on that day.*** The School Mass will take place at 8:15 a.m. The Holy Rosary will be prayed at 5:00 p.m. followed by a Parish wide Mass at 5:30 p.m.

## MARDI GRAS PARADES

There are 2 Saturdays on which a 6:30 p.m. parade is scheduled. February 23rd and March 2nd. The city has been notified that Our Lady of Fatima **WILL** have the regularly scheduled 4 p.m. Vigil Mass, and officers have been instructed not to prevent passage for anyone who wishes to attend the 4 p.m. Mass on these days. Signs will be posted regarding parking lot needs for our Mass Schedule, and there will be police presence on Fatima grounds.

**NO MASS ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS**
**Due to the Parade Schedule**

**Saturday, March 2nd - No 4 p.m. Mass**
**Tuesday, March 5th - No 5:30 p.m. Mass**

# LOOKING AHEAD

**Codependent Recovery Meetings:** A 12 step meeting for building healthy relationships. The remaining dates for this meeting are February 21, and 28 from 12 Noon to 1 p.m. All meetings are held at Immaculata Center - Katharine Drexel Meeting Room. For more information, please contact Trista Littell at 337.261.5607.

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## 12th Annual St. Joseph Altar
## Can you help?

**Tuesday, March 19th:** Mass at 8:30 a.m. **(No 5:30 p.m. Mass),** followed by the tupa-tupa ritual (a re-enactment of the journey to Bethlehem). The traditional meatless spaghetti dinner, along with other treats will be served beginning at 10:30 a.m. till 2 p.m. Italian treats and pastries will be served throughout the remainder of the day concluding at 3:30 p.m.

**Monetary Donations:** Make at the Parish Office or drop in the Offertory in a marked envelope. We encourage you to use the envelope designated for this purpose in the monthly mailing.

**Homemade Cookies and Candy:** Just bake your favorite recipes at home and place in air tight containers. Bring to Knight Hall on Monday, March 18th from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. ***Easy drop off. Volunteers waiting in front of Knight Hall to collect.)***

**Hard Boiled Eggs:** (**"peel"** and place in zip lock bags) and bring to Knight Hall on Monday, March 18th from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Need help serving spaghetti meal on St. Joseph's Day from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** (Particularly need some men to help lift and clean pots).

**Dismantling Altar:** Wednesday, March 20th at 9 a.m.

**Candles on the Altar invoking St. Joseph's powerful intercession** for special intention or in memory of loved ones, $5 each at Parish Office, limited supply.

# NATIONAL ROSARY CRUSADE

***If My people, who are called by My Name, humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.*** **2 Chronicles 7:14**

It is certain that America is at one of the most crucial moments of her history. At this time we would do well to keep in mind the power of the Rosary and the message of Fatima. The Rosary is not merely a devotion, it is a weapon. Never has this weapon been more needed than it is today.

The Rosary has proven itself as a weapon of protection. Some of the battles in which victory was attributed to the Rosary are: The battle of Lepanto in 1571, which the Church commemorates on October 7th as the Feast of the Holy Rosary; the battle of Vienna in 1683 and the battle of Belgrade in 1716. These battles were won against all odds by the power of the Rosary. In each instance Europe was saved from the forces of Mohammed.

In the 20th century we have witnessed many examples of Rosary victories. After WWII, the Allies partitioned Austria into four zones. The Russians were in control of the most important section; Moscow, interested in maintaining its control in Austria, garrisoned a very large number of troops there. It was then that a Franciscan priest, Fr. Petrus Pavlicek, began a Rosary Crusade to save Austria. The Communists tried many times to take complete control but were not successful. In the meantime Fr. Petrus continued recruiting more members for the crusade. By April 1955 the crusade had 500,000 members. The Chancellor of Austria was summoned to Moscow, and was received on May 13th. He wrote: Today, a day of Fatima, the Russians are still hardened. Pray to the Mother of God that she aid the Austrian people. It seemed all was lost, but it was at this moment that God intervened. In may 1955 there was a miracle. The Russians suddenly granted independence to Austria. During the thanksgiving ceremony in Vienna all of the speeches attributed the victory to the Virgin of the Rosary.

In 1964 Brazil came under Communist control and it was quite probable that all of South America would fall. Fr. Patrick Peyton had been organizing the Family Rosary Crusade in Brazil and during that time more than 5.5 million people attended. Once again the Rosary was victorious. The civil and military chiefs of the liberators were almost unanimous in attributing the victory to Our Lady of the Rosary. On April 25, 1975 the Communists came to power in Portugal. Four teachers launched a National Rosary Crusade and obtained pledges of a million Rosaries. In November of 1975, without bloodshed, the Communists relinquished their power. Those four teachers founded a new religious order known as Alianca de Santa Maria (the Alliance of Holy Mary), which continues to promote the Rosary in Portugal and abroad.

In 1952 Bishop Fulton J. Sheen wrote *"The World's First Love,"* a beautiful book about Our Lady. It includes a prophetic chapter titled *"Mary and the Muslims"*. Bishop Sheen makes it very clear that it is no mere accident that the Blessed Mother, in the 20th century, should have revealed herself in the little village of Fatima, so that to all future generations she would be known as Our Lady of Fatima. Fatima was the name of Mohammed's daughter. Bishop Sheen believed that Our Lady of Fatima would bring conversions to the Muslim world.

The culture of death has gained significant control in our political affairs in recent years. It is obvious that we cannot overcome this evil on our own. Politically speaking, we are in the minority. That should not discourage us because God always works with minorities. When victory comes, there will be no doubt that it is the result of the power of God, not the actions of men.

We are now engaged in a war against worldwide terrorism. Our culture has also surrendered so many of its core Christian values to the Culture of Death. For these reasons, we must take up our most powerful weapon: the Rosary. It has saved us in the past and it can save us now. We must ask Mary for the grace to convert our enemies and ourselves. Our prayers and the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary will help to establish the reign of Christ the King.

On November 9, 1976, Karol Cardinal Wojtyla (Pope John Paul II) said: *"We are now standing in the face of the greatest historical confrontation humanity has gone through. I do not think that wide circles of American society or wide circles of the Christian community realize this fully. We are now facing the final confrontation between the Church and the Anti-Church, of the Gospel versus the anti-Gospel".*

It is time to launch a National Rosary Crusade to save America and the world. If you are moved to pledge one Rosary a day, for the conversion of America and the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, please fill out the form below and mail it to us. That way we can keep track of the number of people making pledges. Visit the website at: www.nationalrosarycrusade.com. With our Lady's help we can bring about another great Rosary victory!

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## NATIONAL ROSARY CRUSADE PLEDGE

**On this day I pledge to join the National Rosary Crusade by praying five decades of the Rosary every day to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in reparation for my sins and the sins of America.**
**If you are already praying a rosary a day, just add the intentions of the National Rosary Crusade to that rosary.**

**Signature _____ Print Signature _____ Date _____**

**_____ Individual _____ Family: Number of Members _____**

**Mail to: National Rosary Crusade, 1370 Trancas St., Box 355, Napa, CA 94558-2912**

## SIGN UP FOR 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 apparition.
- 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.

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