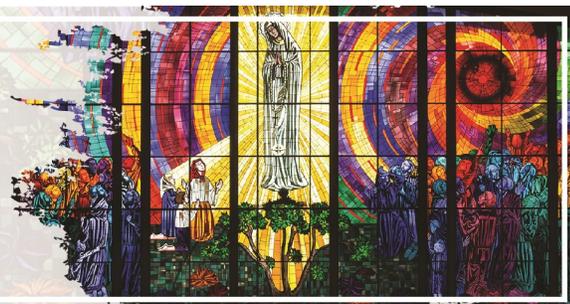


OUR LADY OF FATIMA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday, January 10th - The Baptism of the Lord



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." - Mk 1:7-8

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1992 CCD

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Anticipated 4 p.m. (organ & cantor) **Elderly Mass**
Sunday—9:00 a.m. (organ & cantor);
 11:00 a.m. (organ & cantor); 5:00 p.m. (organ & cantor)
Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 6:15 a.m.
Tuesday & Thursday - 5:30 p.m.; **Saturday** - 8:00 a.m.

First Saturday: 8:00 a.m. followed by recitation of the Rosary

Fatima Votive Mass: 13th of the Month, May - October | 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

1 hour prior to the Vigil Mass;

Sunday

30 minutes prior to Mass;

Monday, Wednesday, Friday & First 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.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - *Excerpted from the Congregation for the Clergy*



The mystery of Christ's baptism in the Jordan by St John, the Precursor, proposes the contemplation of an already adult Jesus. This mystery is infinitely linked to the Solemnities of the Lord's birth and the Epiphany that we have just celebrated, as in some ways it takes up and represents their significance to us.

At Christmas we have contemplated the human birth of the Word incarnate by the Virgin Mary. In the 4th century, the Fathers of the Church deepened the understanding of the faith with regard to the Christmas mystery in the light of Jesus' Humanity. They spoke of the Incarnation of the Word already working like the 'Christification' of that humanity that he had assumed from His mother. Or put in simpler terms: Jesus is the Christ from the first instant of conception in Mary's spotless womb because He Himself, with His Divine Power, consecrated, anointed and 'Christified' that human nature with which He became incarnate.

In the mystery of the Epiphany, we then meditated on Christ's manifestation to all nations that was represented by the Magi, the wise men from the East, who came to adore the Child.

Now, in the mystery of Christ's Baptism in the Jordan River, we again encounter and represent the truth of the Lord's incarnation and His manifestation as the Christ. Jesus' Baptism is in fact His definitive manifestation as the Messiah or Christ to Israel, and as the Son of the Father to the entire world. Here we find the dimension of the Epiphany which was His manifestation to all nations. The Father's voice from heaven shows that Jesus of Nazareth is the eternal Son and the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove shows the Trinitarian nature of the Christian God. The true and unique God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, shows Himself in Christ, through Him, with Him and in Him.

The Baptism in the Jordan returns to the great Christmas theme of 'Christification,' Jesus of Nazareth's spiritual anointing, His presentation as the Anointed One par excellence, the Messiah or the One sent by the Father for the salvation of mankind. The Spirit that descended on Jesus shows and seals in an incontrovertible way the 'Christification' of Jesus' humanity that the Word had already fulfilled from the first moment of His miraculous conception by Mary. Jesus, from the very beginning, was always the Lord's Christ, He was always God. Yet, His one, true humanity, that which is perfect in every way, as the Gospel records, constantly grew in natural and supernatural perfection. '*And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and with men*' (Lk2:52). In Israel at 30 years of age, one reached full maturity and therefore could become a master. Jesus came of age and the Spirit, descending and remaining on Him, definitively consecrated His whole being as the Christ.

The same Spirit, that descended on the water of the River Jordan wafted over the waters during the first creation (Gen 1:2). Therefore, the Baptism in the Jordan presents yet another truth: that Jesus has started a new creation. He is the second man (1 Cor 15:47) or the last Adam (1 Cor 15:45), that comes to repair the first Adam's guilt. He does this as the Lamb of God that takes away our sins. '*Looking at the events in light of the Cross and Resurrection, the Christian people realized what happened: Jesus loaded the burden of all mankind's guilt upon His shoulders; he bore it down into the depths of the Jordan. He inaugurated his public activity by stepping into the place of sinners*' (Joseph Ratzinger, *Jesus of Nazareth*, Bloomsbury 2007, p 18).

D MASS INTENTIONS

9 Sat. Anticipated: Elden Butcher, The Nugier Family, Edwina Smith Hernandez, Eva Fontenot, Ernest & Mary Catherine Bouvier, Mr. & Mrs. James E. Tabor, Gerald & Alberta Gossen, Brian & Linda Snavely, Donald Urquhart, Amanda Claire Judice, Lynn Kallam Ditch, James Judice, Mark LeDoux, Rosamaria Reyes-Silva, Faye Marie Gesser; **Living & Deceased Members of:** Michael & Fred Landry & Family, The Ison & Eva Fontenot Families, The Angelle Family, The Lebodier Lavergne Family, The Judice, Kallam, Langlinois, & Hamilton Families; **Living:** Angel Nguyen, Andrea Nguyen, Anna Nguyen, Jerry Bouvier, Ruby Dupre & Family, Steve Moore & Family, Lee Tatford & Family, Lynn LeBlanc & Family, Kent Huval & Family, Joe Hawkins & Family, Scott McElligott & Family, Keith Kishbaugh & Family, Todd Lambert & Family, Kelvin Mamou & Family, Troy Naquin & Family, Marty Cannon & Family, Kevin LeBlanc & Family

10 Sun. 9:00 a.m.: Hailey Hicks, Eva Fontenot, Elizabeth Pham, Rickie Frioux; **Living & Deceased Members of:** Mr. & Mrs. Louis David & Family, Mr. & Mrs. P.A. Kerne & Family, The Ison & Eva Fontenot Families, The Caillouet, Henry, Randazzo, Costanza, & Campos Families; **Living:**

Mary Pham, Hoan Nguyen, Josephine Dinh, Michael Dinh, Nguyen Family. Christi Miletello
11:00 a.m.: Fatima Parishioners / Pro-Populo
5:00 p.m.: Easton Becnel & Parents

11 Mon. 6:15 a.m.: Melvin R. Boesch
12 Tue. 5:30 p.m.: Eva Fontenot
13 Wed. 6:15 a.m.: Poor Souls in Purgatory
14 Thu. 5:30 p.m.: Mrs. Beatrice Boustany
15 Fri. 6:15 a.m.: Living & Deceased Members of The Ison & Eva Fontenot Families

16 Sat. 8:00 a.m.: Poor Souls in Purgatory
4:00 p.m. Anticipated: Elden Butcher, The Nugier Family, Edwina Smith Hernandez, Eva Fontenot, Dale Cleveland, Ernest & Mary Catherine Bouvier, Gerald & Alberta Gossen, Donald Urquhart, Amanda Claire Judice, Lynn Kallam Ditch, James Judice, Julien Marius Stokes & Marius Coppello, Mark LeDoux, Charles Blanchard, Rosamaria Reyes-Silva, Patricia Butcher; **Living & Deceased Members of:** Michael & Fred Landry & Family, The Ison & Eva Fontenot Families, The Quebedeau Family, The Caillouet, Henry, Randazzo, Costanza, & Campos Families, The Judice, Kallam, Langlinois, & Hamilton Families; **Living:** Sofia & Benjamin Cruz, Jerry Bouvier, Steve Moore & Family, Lee Tatford & Family, Lynn LeBlanc & Family, Kent Huval & Family, Joe Hawkins & Family, Scott McElligott & Family, Keith Kishbaugh & Family, Todd Lambert & Family, Kelvin Mamou & Family, Troy Naquin & Family, Marty Cannon & Family, Kevin LeBlanc & Family

17 Sun. 9:00 a.m.: **Living:** Ella Huval
11:00 a.m.: Hailey Hicks, Eva Fontenot, Connor Foreman, Francis Lam Nguyen, Rickie Frioux, Faye Marie Gesser; **Living & Deceased Members of:** The Ison & Eva Fontenot Families; **Living:** Toan Dinh, Mary Pham, John Huynh Pham, Misa Family
5:00 p.m.: Fatima Parishioners / Pro-Populo

On this first weekend after the Feast of the Epiphany, the Gospel reading reminds us of Jesus' baptism. It gives meaning to our own baptism into Christ Jesus. Jesus' baptism is a reminder that he is not only our Lord but also our brother. He was baptized, just as we are. He shares in our humanity. Good stewards recognize that their baptisms call them to conform their daily lives to Jesus' teachings, and to live their lives as Jesus did. Through their baptism, they have been given the necessary gifts to share with others the new creation that Christ brings. The stewardship question is whether we can recognize our own baptismal gifts, and like Jesus, use those gifts to bring the hope of Christ to the lives of others.



The Weekend of December 27th

Weekly Offertory Budget	\$15,384.62
Total Offertory Received.....	\$13,082.28
Christmas Offertory.....	\$7,482.71
Weekly Budget +Over, -Under.....	+\$5,180.37
Total Mercy Works	\$1,020.00

Christmas Charities.....	\$1,280.00
Building & Maintenance.....	\$850.00

The Weekend of January 3^d

Weekly Offertory Budget	\$15,384.62
Total Offertory Received.....	\$24,637.30
New Years Offertory Received.....	\$1,157.00
Weekly Budget +Over, -Under.....	+\$10,409.68
Total Mercy Works	\$2,293.00

Part Four of Calls from the Message of Fatima: The Most Holy Rosary

Through the request of our Blessed Mother at Fatima in 1917, the Lord Himself calls people to pray the Rosary daily. The Rosary is “a form of vocal prayer which, in general, suits all of us, for which we should have the highest regard, and which we should make the greatest effort never to abandon.” *

The Rosary has Biblical and liturgical dimensions. In some cultures, the Rosary begins with the dialogue, “O God, come to our assistance. O Lord, make haste to help us.” This is the same verse and response found in the Breviary or *Liturgy of the Hours*, the official prayer of the Church.

The principal prayers of the Rosary are the Apostles’ Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, the Hail Mary, the Glory Be, and the Fatima Decade Prayer. The Our Father, authored by Jesus, is always prayed during Holy Mass and during Lauds (Morning Prayer) and Vespers (Evening Prayer). The Glory Be regularly concludes the recitation of each psalm and canticle in the Breviary. The longer form of the *Glory Be* is the Gloria, sung first by the angels at Bethlehem and now recited or sung at Mass. The Apostles’ Creed, a summary of the faith from apostolic times, may be used at Mass on Sundays instead of the Nicene Creed.

The Hail Mary is a Biblical prayer taken from the salutation of the angel Gabriel and the words of Saint Elizabeth. God told Gabriel what words to use in addressing the Virgin Mary: “Hail [Mary], full of grace, the Lord is with you!” (Luke 1:28). The Holy Spirit praised the Virgin Mary by inspiring Saint Elizabeth to say, “Blessed are you

among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, [Jesus].” (Luke 1:42). Prompted by the same Holy Spirit, the Church rounded off the Biblical verses with the humble petition, “Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.”

The Virgin Mary is blessed in and by the fruit of her womb, Jesus. “All praise of Mary rises up to God.” Mary attributes to the Lord the veneration that she receives (Luke 1:46-55), like the Moon reflecting the light of the Sun. (The three Fatima children referred to the stars as Angels’ lamps, the Moon as Our Lady’s lamp, and the Sun as Our Lord’s lamp. **)

The Blessed Mother asked at Fatima in July 1917 that people conclude each decade of the Rosary with the well-known Fatima Decade Prayer. Sister Lúcia writes that “those most in need of God’s mercy” are people “in greatest danger of damnation.” With the Decade Prayer, we are asking “God to apply to us the fruit of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, that is, the salvation of souls, together with forgiveness of our sins.” Prayer for mercy is regularly a part of the Holy Mass and the Breviary.

Saint Paul wrote that “there is one God. There is also one mediator between God and the human race, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself as ransom for all.” (1 Timothy 2:5-6). Because Jesus has the Divine nature and our human nature, He is, therefore, the perfect Mediator. Jesus did not want to be the sole survivor of humanity, but “the firstborn of many brethren” (Romans 8:29), whom He made members of the Church, His Mystical Body, where-

in we share, “by grace and calling, the Savior’s threefold mission—that of prophet, priest and king.”

With our Divine Mediator, we have the saints and one another as suppliant intercessors. Since, as Saint Paul writes, we pray for one another (Ephesians 6:18-20), “we have much more reason to ask Mary to pray for us, because her prayer will be much more pleasing to the Lord in view of her dignity as Mother of God and her closer union with Christ, true God and true Man, by reason of her mission of co-Redemptrix with Christ as well as of her great sanctity.” The saints and angels are also our suppliant intercessors.

Because of its origin and the sublime nature of the prayers which compose it and also on account of the mysteries of our redemption which we recall and contemplate in each decade, [the Rosary] is the most pleasing prayer that we can offer to God, and the one most beneficial to our own souls. If this were not so, Our Lady would not have recommended it with such insistence.

Next Week: The Magisterium and the Rosary

* Quotes in this article, unless otherwise indicated, are those of Sister Lúcia and may be found in chapter 34 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. 263-272.

** *Fatima in Lucia’s Own Words: Sister Lucia’s Memoirs*, 11th edition, Fr. Louis Kondor, ed. (Still River, MA: The Raven-gate Press, 2000), p. 24.



BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Our Baby Bottle Campaign will look a little different this year. Due to the pandemic we will not be giving out baby bottles.

Please join us as we host the Baby Bottle Campaign on behalf of The DesOrmeaux Foundation using a second collection during Masses on Saturday, January 16th & Sunday, January 17th.

This annual fundraiser allows young women facing an unplanned pregnancy to receive counseling, pregnancy tests, exams, ultrasounds, adoption assistance and so much more.

You can be a part of helping to end abortion in your community, give hope to a woman facing an unexpected pregnancy, and give life to an unborn child.

You can save a LIFE today.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS



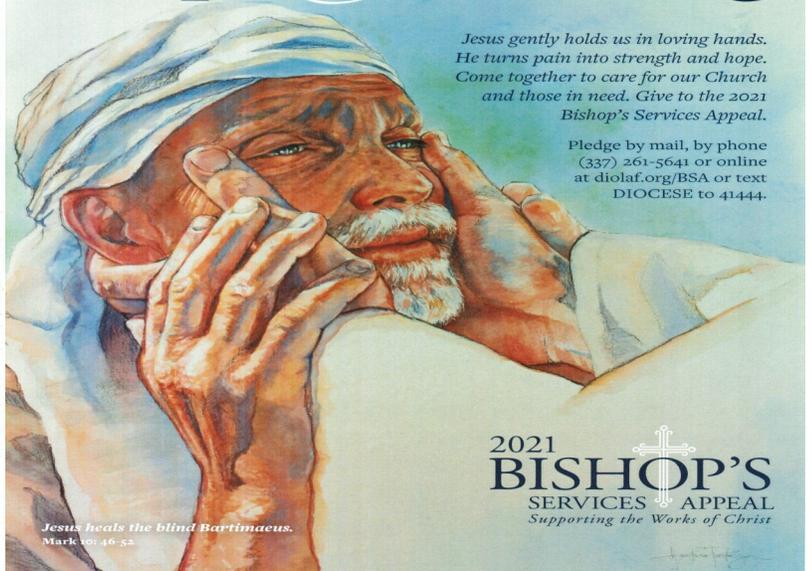
The Church will not be open for Prayer Time from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on this coming Wednesday, January 13th due to school events.

Please be aware that fake emails (and texts) are again being generated using the names of local clergy. These email addresses do not end in "diolaf.org" and instead utilize endings such as bellsouth.net or gmail.com. In some cases church names, addresses, and forms of address for clergy such as "Fr." are included giving these bogus emails the further appearance of being legitimate.

Often the request is to purchase gift cards and photograph the numbers on the back of the card. A local was recently scammed with an email using the pastor's name into an online purchase of hundreds of dollars in gift cards to (allegedly) care for the needy by sending photos of the gift cards to the email sender.

Please be aware that such emails and texts are scams and they should be reported to the office and/or the pastor so the member of the clergy who is being falsely portrayed can be informed.

Bringing Hope & Healing



Jesus gently holds us in loving hands. He turns pain into strength and hope. Come together to care for our Church and those in need. Give to the 2021 Bishop's Services Appeal.

Pledge by mail, by phone (337) 261-5641 or online at diolaf.org/BSA or text DIOCESE to 41444.

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

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THE HISTORY OF RELIC VENERATION

The veneration, or honoring, of sacred relics, is as old as the church itself. When St. John the Baptist was martyred, his remains were recovered by his followers and taken to be buried in a safe place where they could be honored. In the second century a bishop named Polycarp was burned at the stake for his religious views. His flock gathered his burned bones and placed them in a tomb where they gathered to celebrate Mass and the life of their martyred pastor. During the years of persecution church members buried the remains of the martyrs in the catacombs of ancient Rome and gathered there secretly to celebrate Mass on the tombs of the saints. From that practice grew the custom in the Catholic Church of placing a small relic in the altar of each church. Until recent years this was continued. Older churches still have an altar stone built into the altar in which relics have been embedded.



During the Middle Ages religious often traveled the countryside with relics of the saints and told stories about their heroic lives. Major relics were usually held in churches in larger cities throughout Europe and it was often difficult, or impossible, for the common man to travel and view these precious items. These traveling priests and monks brought the relics to the people.

THERE ARE THREE CLASSES OF RELICS

First Class Relics are instruments of Our Lord's Passion or body parts of those declared blessed or saints by the Church.

Second Class Relics are items used by the saint during life (or after death). Included would be articles of clothing, a book, a rosary or even a fragment of the saint's coffin.

Third Class Relics are items, usually pieces of cloth, that have been touched to a first or second class relic.

(Some add a fourth class of relics which are objects, usually cloths, that have been exposed in the shrine of a saint. An example would be a piece of cloth exposed in the Shrine of St. Michael the Archangel.)



To be recited on ordinary, blessed Rosary beads

Make the sign of the Cross and say the "Our Father."; On the first single bead say the "Hail Mary."

On the three beads say: "Jesus, Mary I Love You! Save Souls!"

On the last single bead say the "Glory be to the Father..."

First Decade: O Jesus, it is for love of Thee; for the conversion of sinners; **R:** And in reparation for sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary." (10X)

(For sacrifices and sufferings) **On each single decade bead:** "O Mary, Fountain of Grace, pray for us"

Second Decade: "O My Jesus, forgive us our sins; save us from the fires of hell; **R:** Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy." (10X)

Third Decade: "O Most Holy Trinity, I adore Thee. **R:** My God, My God, I love Thee in the Most Blessed Sacrament." (10X)

Fourth Decade: "My God I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love Thee. **R:** I ask pardon for all those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love Thee." (10X)

Fifth Decade: "Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore Thee profoundly and I offer Thee the Most Precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ present in all the Tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifferences by which He Himself is offended. **R:** And by the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart and through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of Thee the conversion of poor sinners." (10X)

"Sweet Heart of Mary, be my salvation." (3X) (Jacinta, Francisco & Lucia)

CHAPLET OF FATIMA decade prayers originate from the approved Marian-Angelic Apparitions at Fatima, Portugal in 1916-17

THE SAINTS - OUR EXTENDED FAMILY IN HEAVEN

MONDAY, JANUARY 11

Saint Theodosius the Cenobiarch



Born to a pious family, he began his studies at an early age, and became a lector while still a youth. The example of Abraham led him to leave home in order to

properly follow God. He met Saint Simeon Stylites in Antioch; Simeon recognized him as a holy man and leader, and invited Theodosius onto his pillar for prayer, blessing, and advice. Travelled to Jerusalem where legend says worked with Saint Longinus the Centurian, who would have been nearly 500 years old at the time. Head of a church near Bethlehem.

Hermit in the desert of Judah, living in a cave. Word of his holiness began to attract disciples, and Theodosius built a monastery at Cathismus to house them. There were so many there had to be a section for Greeks, for Armenians, for Persians, etc., but they all happily worked and prayed together. Next to the monastery he built a hospital for the sick, a hospice for the aged, and a mental hospital. Friend of and co-worker with Saint Sabbas. Appointed visitor to all cenobitical communities of Palestine the patriarch of Jerusalem.

Opposed heresies, including Eutychianism and Monophysitism. Emperor Anastatius, a supporter of Eutychianism, sent Theodosius a large bribe, hoping to sway the influential monk to his thinking; Theodosius distributed the money to the poor, and continued to preach against heresy. Because of his orthodox views, Anastatius removed him from his position in 513, but he soon resumed his duties under emperor Justinian. In poor health in his old age, he was stricken with a condition that made

his skin dry as stone. He continued to work until his health gave out, and then he spent his time praying for his community. He died at age 105.

Born: 423 at Garissus, Cappadocia (modern Turkey)

Died: 529 at Cathismus of natural causes

Canonized: Pre-Congregation

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

Saint Antony Mary Pucci

Second of seven children from a peasant family. His father was sacristan of the local church, but he opposed his son's interest in religious life. At age 18 Eustacchio joined the Servites, taking the religious name of *Antony Mary*. He studied the classics and theology. Ordained in 1843. Assigned at age 28 as parish priest in the seaside town of Viareggio, Italy where he spent the rest of his life, working 45 years in service to his flock. Called *il curation*, "the little parish priest" by his parishioners. Had special devotion to the sick, the aged, and the poor, serving with distinction during two epidemics in the town. Founded a seaside nursing home for children, and served as Servite provincial from 1883-1890.



Born: April 16, 1818 in Poggiolo di Vernio, Italy as *Eustacchio Pucci*

Died: January 12, 1892 at Biareggio, Italy

Canonized: December 9, 1962 by Pope John XXIII

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

Saint Felix of Nola

Elder son of Hermias, a Syrian soldier who had retired to Nola, Italy. After his

father's death, Felix sold off most of his property and possessions, gave the proceeds to the poor, and pursued a clerical vocation. Ordained by, and worked with Saint Maximus of Nola.



When Maximus fled to the mountains to escape the persecution of Decius, Felix was arrested and beaten for his faith instead. Legend says he was freed by an angel so he could help his sick bishop. Felix hid Maximus from soldiers in a vacant building. When the two were safely inside, a spider quickly spun a web over the door, fooling the imperial forces into thinking it was long abandoned, and they left without finding the Christians. The two managed to hide from authorities until the persecution ended with the death of Decius in 251.

After Maximus' death, Felix was chosen as bishop of Nola, but declined, favoring Quintus, a "senior" priest who had seven days more experience than Felix. He worked to farm his remaining land, and gave most of the proceeds to people even poorer than himself. Much of the little information we have about Felix came from the letters and poetry of Saint Paulinus of Nola, who served as a porter at the door of a church dedicated to Saint Felix, and who gathered information about him from churchmen and pilgrims.

Though Felix died of natural causes, he is normally listed as a martyr because of the torture, imprisonment, and privations he experienced in the persecutions.

Born: 3rd century at Nola, near Naples, Italy

Died: c.255 of natural causes

Canonized: Pre-Congregation

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS

The annual Diocesan Marriage Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, February 14, 2021 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rayne. The 2 p.m. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel. **Pre-registration by no later than January 31, 2021 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 2021.** **COVID RESTRICTIONS:** Couples celebrating will have reserved seating. Masks are highly recommended. Seating for those not celebrating are on a first come, first serve basis until max capacity is reached. The Mass will be



live streamed on our Diocese of Lafayette Facebook page and YouTube channel. Please go to the following link to register: <https://diolaf.org/marriage-anniversary-mass-information>.

THE CHURCH ON INFALLIBILITY (CONCLUSION)

*Taken from the "Encyclopedia of Catholic Doctrine"
Infallibility in Belief*

Infallibility in belief should be distinguished from infallibility in teaching. The latter pertains to the Magisterium alone, given the conditions previously indicated. Infallibility in belief pertains to the whole Church. "The whole body of the faithful . . . cannot err in matters of belief. This characteristic is shown in the supernatural appreciation of the faith (*sensus fidei*) of the whole people when, from the bishops to the last of the faithful, they manifest a universal consent in matters of faith and morals" (*Lumen Gentium*, 12).

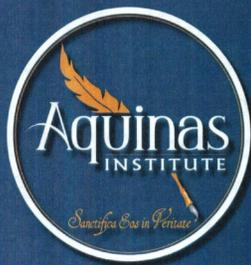
"By a 'supernatural sense of faith' the People of God, under the guidance of the Church's living Magisterium, 'unfailingly adheres to this faith' [*LG*12; cf. *DV*10]" (CCC 889). To understand properly how the whole People of God is infallible in its sense of the faith (*sensus fidei*, *sensus fidelium*), it must be borne in mind that the body of the faithful goes beyond limits both of place and, especially, of time. The People of God always includes those of past generations, as well as those of the present moment. The former are in fact the vast majority, and it is easier to ascertain what they believed. It is *that* belief that marks the *sensus fidelium* and points infallibly to the truth.

This should be kept in mind in evaluating sociological data about current opinion in the Church. The norm in the Church is always what God wants. It is the one faith professed by the People of God over the centuries that is infallible; and in that faith we are called to communion. The faith of our fathers is a sure reference point, linking us to the teaching of Jesus "that comes down to us from the Apostles," as Eucharistic Prayer I expresses it.

Some persons see pride at work in the Church's claim to infallibility. But the claim is not proud; it is an acknowledgment of the greatness of what God has done in and through her. Pride instead is a danger for someone who, wanting to follow Christ, nevertheless refuses to admit any infallible organ of teaching instituted by him.

Acceptance of the Church's infallibility is a key test of faith in God's providence - in this divine way of ensuring access to the message of salvation.

Suggested Readings: CCC 889-891, 2035. Vatican Council II, *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, Lumen Gentium*, 12, 22-25. C. Burke, *Authority and Freedom in the Church*, Chs. 14-16



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- **ECCLESIOLOGY: KNOW THE CHURCH**
Professor: FR. CLINTON SENSAT, S.T.L.

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SCHOOL NEWS

- Jan. 11-15 Campus Ministry Baby Products Drive
- Jan. 11 Parents' Club Meeting
- Jan. 12 STM visits with 8th graders
- Jan. 12 Faculty Meeting
- Jan. 13 Spirit Shirt Day
- Jan. 13 STM visits with OLF parents
- Jan. 13 4th grade retreat
- Jan. 15 School Mass
- Jan. 15 Report Card Day



**OUR LADY OF FATIMA SCHOOL CAMPUS MINISTRY
BABY PRODUCTS DRIVE - January 11-15, 2021**

To celebrate Pro-Life month, the following items are being collected at school during the week. Thank you in advance for your donations and support! Newborn & sizes 4 or 5 diapers, baby wipes, new infant & toddler socks, baby food, and baby products such as shampoo, wash, and lotion. All donations will benefit the Baby & Me Boutique (1335 Jefferson St., Lafayette, 70501), which is owned by the DesOrmeaux Foundation. Visit desormeauxfoundation.org for more information.



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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.

Prayer Calendar for Priests

Monday, January 11
Rev. Albert Louapre, SJ
 Tuesday, January 12
Rev. Michael Luxbacher, LC
 Wednesday, January 13
Rev. Thomas Madden, SJ
 Thursday, January 14
Rev. Msgr. Charles Mallet
 Friday, January 15
Very Rev. Msgr. W. Curtis Mallet, JCL, VG
 Saturday, January 16
Rev. Donald Martin, SJ
 Sunday, January 17
Rev. C. William Massie

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13: St. Hilary of Poitiers
Listen: Holiness is Always in Season

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15: St. Paul the Hermit
Read: The Book of Saints and Heroes

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17: St. Anthony of the Desert
Read: The Book of Saints and Heroes
Read: Holiness is Always in Season

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20: Sts. Fabian and Sebastian
Listen: Being All In
Listen: Stealing Home
Listen: Swimming Upstream
Listen: The Ultimate Goal



St. Thomas More Catholic High School 2021-2022 application is available online January 15-22 for priority status. Required documents are accepted January 19-22 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and January 20 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Robyn Alfonso at 988-7779 or

robyn.alfonso@stmcougars.net. For a viral tour of our campus, visit stmcougars.net/admissions.

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.

The Blessing of the Unborn Child follows the Sunday 9 & 11:00 a.m. Masses the 1st weekend of the month.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS AND INFORMATION

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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.

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 (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

The next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for healing after abortion is scheduled for April 9-11, 2021. The retreat 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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