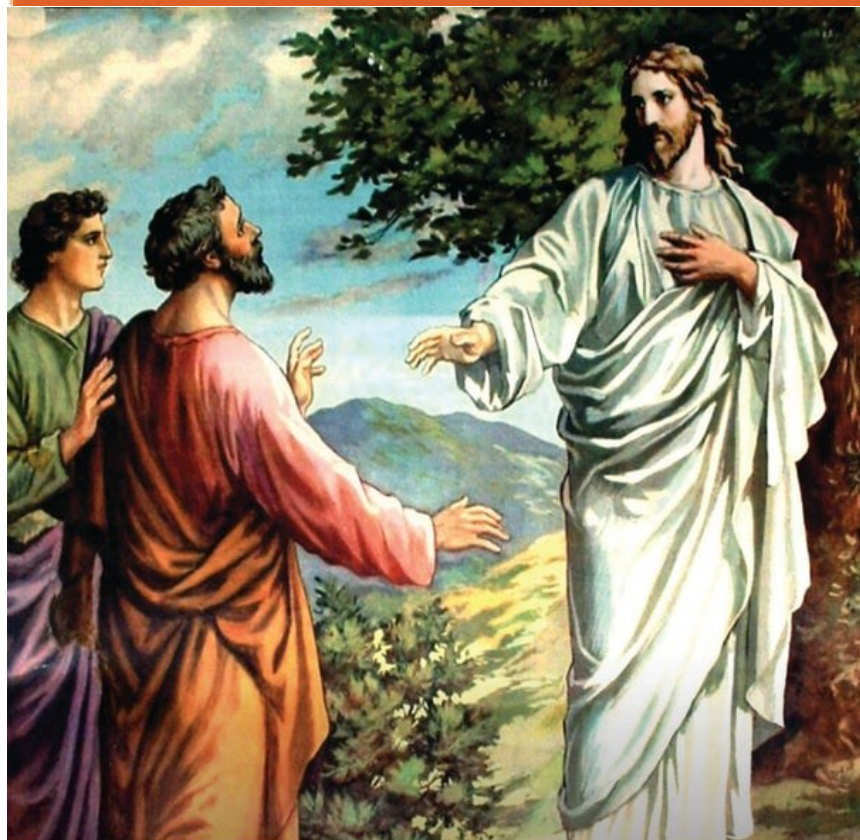


# OUR LADY OF FATIMA

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024**



### 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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**THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE:** Saturday 3:00 to 3:50 p.m.; Sunday 8:30 to 8:50, 10:30 to 10:50 and 4:00 to 4:50; Saturday 7:30 to 7:50 a.m.; Monday & Wednesday 5:45 to 6:05 a.m.; Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 4:30 to 5:20 p.m.

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** The Sacrament is celebrated on Saturday or Sunday per your request. Contact the parish office to schedule your child's Baptism. Please contact the parish office before the baby is born for required classes. Sponsors are to be confirmed and practicing Catholics who attend Sunday Mass.

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

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday:** Vigil at 4 pm (*Organ & Cantor*)  
**Sunday:** 9 am (*Organ, Cantor & Choir*)  
September - May  
11 am (*Organ & Cantor*), 5 pm (*Organ & Cantor*)

**Monday & Wednesday:** 6:15 am  
**Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:** 5:30 pm;  
**Saturday:** 8 am

**First Saturday**  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
at 7:30 am followed by Mass at 8 am

**Fatima Votive Mass**  
13<sup>th</sup> of May, June, July, September, October  
and August 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm (if not weekend)

**Monthly Peace Mass**  
First Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm

## CONTACT US

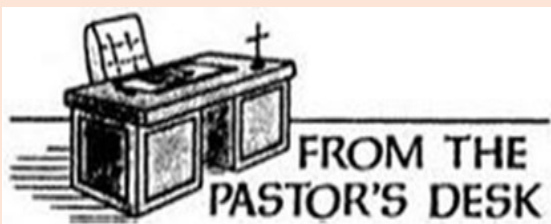
**2319 JOHNSTON ST., LAFAYETTE, LA 70503**

**Pastor**..... Rev. Msgr. Jefferson DeBlanc, Jr.  
**Parochial Vicar** ..... Rev. Randall Moreau  
**Deacon** ..... Timothy Maragos  
**Administrator** ..... Stephanie Supple  
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**Religious Education Coordinator** ..... Elaine Trahan

**Our Lady of Fatima School** ..... (337) 235-2464  
**School Website** ..... [www.fatimawarrior.com](http://www.fatimawarrior.com)

**OFFICE HOURS—Monday thru Thursday**  
**9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

## Chapter 1 - The Introductory Rites: Entrance Chant to the Greeting \*



In the Hebrew Bible, the word **Qahal** (translated “congregation” or “assembly”) refers to the people of Israel. The Greek and Latin translation of this Hebrew word is *Ecclesia* or Church, an assembled group of the faithful. The Descent of God the Holy Spirit on the apostles gathered in the Upper Room on Pentecost is a nodal point in the development of the Church and kicked off the definitive gathering or assembly of God’s people.

Our coming together at Holy Mass is a gathering of the Church. Ushers may welcome the congregants as they arrive. People seat themselves, some in their favorite pews. There should be a period of silence to allow people to prepare themselves for the celebration.

There is *proximate preparation* and *remote preparation* for Holy Mass. Remote preparation takes place during the week before Sunday Mass. Members of various groups, such as *Come, Lord Jesus!* and *ACTS*, read and discuss the coming Sunday’s readings. This can also be done within your homes in a family setting. Proximate preparation includes the observance of the Eucharistic fast from food and beverages (except for water and medicine) for at least one hour before receiving Our Lord in Holy Communion. You may choose to fast for longer periods. A person conscious of mortal sin should receive the Sacrament of Penance before receiving Holy Communion.

Mass begins with the Introductory Rites. *Merriam-Webster Dictionary* defines the word **rite** as a ceremony done according to prescribed words and actions. The Introductory Rites are those initial ceremonies comprised of the Entrance Chant, the Sign of the Cross and greeting, the Penitential Act, the Kyrie, the Gloria, and the Collect. These rites “have the character of a beginning, an introduction, and a preparation. Their purpose is to ensure that the faithful, who come together as one, establish communion and dispose themselves properly to listen to the Word of God and to celebrate the Eucharist worthily.” In some celebrations of Holy Mass, the Introductory Rites are modified “according to the norms of the liturgical books,” for instance in Masses of Christian Burial, Wedding Masses, the Palm Sunday Mass, and the Easter Vigil.

The Entrance Chant opens the celebration during the procession of the Priest, Deacon, and ministers. This chant fosters “the unity of those who have been gathered [and] introduce[s] their thoughts to the mystery of the liturgical time or festivity ....” Festivity denotes joy and gladness, rejoicing in the Lord our Savior and in one another. Singing is also a sign of our unity in faith and in love. The Church desires her people to sing during Divine worship.

Don’t be afraid to lift your voices in song. Sing at home those wonderful hymns that we all know, such as Christmas carols and hymns to the Blessed Mother. My mother used to sing and whistle religious tunes while at home going about her regular housework. That was always inspiring to me. See what you can do in your homes to promote singing with your family. In my Christmas homilies, I ask and challenge people to sing a Christmas carol of their own choosing before they sit down to eat their Christmas dinner. Sing at home regularly and you will be prepared to sing here in Church.

When the procession arrives in the sanctuary, the Priest and Deacon reverence the altar with a profound bow or, if the Blessed Sacrament is present, with a genuflection. As an expression of veneration, they kiss the altar. The Priest may also incense the cross and the altar. Incensation heightens the solemnity of the celebration, lifts our hearts in prayer, and elevates our souls to the Lord. † The altar is “the table of the Lord to which the People of God is convoked to participate in the Mass, and it is also the center of the thanksgiving that is accomplished through the Eucharist.”

At the conclusion of the Entrance Chant, the Priest and the congregation sign themselves with the Sign of the Cross. The Priest greets the people, thus signifying “the presence of the Lord to the assembled community.” The greeting of the priest and the response of the people manifest the mystery of the Church gathered as one. After the greeting, the Priest, the Deacon, or a lay minister may briefly introduce the congregation to the Mass of the day.

### **Next Week: Chapter 2: The Introductory Rites: The Penitential Act to the Collect**

\* Unless otherwise indicated, quotes in this chapter, other than Scriptural, are from “The General Instruction of the Roman Missal” found at the beginning of the *Roman Missal*.

† Joseph A. Jungmann, S.J., *The Mass of the Roman Rite: Its Origins and Development*, Volume I, Rev. Francis A. Brunner, C.S.S.R., trans. (Dublin, Ireland: Four Courts Press Ltd., 1951), pp. 317-318.



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**20 Sat. 4:00 p.m.:** † Edwina Smith Hernandez, † Lewis Rigaud, † Michael and Fred Landry & Family, † Mr. & Mrs. Stephen R Moore, Sr., Mr. & Mrs Frederick J Forstall, Avis Moore Rupert, Ryan Robert Guilbeau, † Amanda Claire Judice, Lynn Kallam Ditch, James Judice, Randy Judice and Ellen Goodyear, † In Memory of the Nugier Family, † Dale Cleveland, † Derald & Lillian Manuel and the Huval & Lormand Families; **Living:** Ronnie & Debbie Mahtook, Troy & Chantel Theriot, John Benfatti, Julia Richard; **Living & Deceased Members of:** The Kolwe, Faugot, Walker and Bouillion Families, The Bouvie and Boudreaux Families

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

**11:00 a.m.:** † Joseph A. Randazzo

**5:00 p.m.:** † Ted Guidry, † Gale Eden,  
‡ Marilyn Myers Shuff

**22 Mon. 6:15 a.m.:** † Living & Deceased Members of  
The D'Anna and Inzerella Families

**23 Tues. 5:30 p.m.:** † In Memory of the Nugier Family

**24 Wed. 6:15 a.m.:** † Albert Champagne

**25 Thur. 5:30 p.m.:** † Frances Cooke D'Anna

**26 Fri. 5:30 p.m.:** † Living & Deceased Members of  
The Cooke & Thomas Families

**27 Sat. 8:00 a.m.:** † Michael Anthony D'Anna

**4:00 p.m.:** † Edwina Smith Hernandez, † Michael and Fred Landry & Family, † Mr. & Mrs. Stephen R Moore, Sr., Mr. & Mrs Frederick J Forstall, Avis Moore Rupert, Ryan Robert Guilbeau, † Amanda Claire Judice, Lynn Kallam Ditch, James Judice, Randy Judice and Ellen Goodyear, † In Memory of the Nugier Family, † Rev. Gerard Dore, † Rev. Nicholas O'Ryan; **Living & Deceased Members of:** The Kolwe, Faugot, Walker and Bouillion Families, The Lebodier Lavergne Family

**28 Sun. 9:00 a.m.:** † Joseph A Randazzo, † Mr. Frem Boustany, Sr., † Marilyn Myers Shuff, † Derald & Lillian Manuel and the deceased members of the Huval & Lormand Families; **Living & Deceased Members of:** The F B Kerne Family, The Philip A. Kerne Family

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

**5:00 p.m.:** † Ted Guidry

## A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT



In today's letter from Saint Paul to the Corinthians, he calls upon people of faith to disengage from the world's way of living. He wants the community to step back and see how being entangled with the outside world can be a captivity preventing them from living authentic lives in Christ. Yet, to his way of thinking, disengagement is not an end in itself. Rather, being disengaged and set free, a person can engage the world from the perspective of being one who is "in Christ." Good stewards recognize that they live in a troubled world. Knowing the certainty, however, of God's ultimate kingdom beyond human history, how can we work as good stewards of our daily lives to align the present and the future with that kingdom?

**Weekend of January 13/14**

**Financial Information for the weekend of January 13/14 was not available at time of printing due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Stewardship figures for January 13/14 & 20/21 will be published in next weekends Parish Family Bulletin.**

**Fiscal Year Runs from July 1 to June 30**

**Annual Offertory Budget - \$900,000.00**

**Offertory Collected YTD - \$513,677.08**

**PARKING LOT—\$50,028.12**

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

ONLINE GIVING

Easy. Convenient. Safe.



Start regular online  
offering or set-up a  
one-time online donation



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## MINISTRY OF THE MONTH - CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

**COME JOIN US!! We Want YOU!!**

Do you desire to be part of an adventure in action with other Catholic women?? Then you will want to come join us for a risk-free TRIAL MEMBERSHIP with one of the oldest & largest women's groups in the world:

We are the **(!NEW!)** Catholic Daughters of the Americas, officially known locally as Our Lady of the Rosary, Louisiana Court #1613, Our Lady of Fatima, Diocese of Lafayette.

This invitation to JOIN US is no obligation, no pressure, & suited to YOUR FEELINGS & THOUGHTS about WHAT Catholic women CAN DO in our neighborhoods, cities, state, nation, & world. And whether you do or do not belong to any other religious group does not matter. **JOIN US** in serving our community.

**OUR MISSION:** We strive to provide all those good things women have SUCCEEDED IN SHARING with their own families for thousands of years:

Love, compassion, kindness, nourishing food, safe housing, seasonal clothing, educational opportunities, adequate health care, transportation, communications, & other basic needs that families everywhere strive to provide their members.

**PRAYER** is also a major component of what we do, while adhering to the Bible's 1 John 3:18, which encourages us to support our prayers with action:

"Our love must not be a thing of words and fine talk; it must be a thing of action & sincerity."

Contact us for more information, then try us out, and, if you enjoy being a part of our adventure, JOIN US!! We meet the third Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm in Knight Hall.

For more information, call Fatima Officers Sofiana (337.230.7249), Maria (337.501.1564) or Kathy (337.962.2221).





# BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

Pick up a baby bottle after  
all Masses the weekend of

February 3-4



A pro-life fundraising campaign  
will be held to benefit our local Pregnancy  
resource center, maternity home for homeless,  
pregnant women, and boutiques  
which provides necessary items for pregnant  
mothers and children needing assistance.

ALL OF THE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED FREE  
OF CHARGE to clients and residents by the  
DesOrmeaux Foundation's three ministries.

Fill your baby bottle with your donation  
and return to Church the weekend of  
February 10-11.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS TO THIS  
WORTHWHILE CAUSE.



SAVE THE DATE

## Meet & Greet

ALYSSA SALAZAR

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH & FAMILY  
RELIGIOUS FORMATION

MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US  
FOR MASS FOLLOWED  
BY REFRESHMENTS IN  
KNIGHT HALL THE  
WEEKEND OF  
JANUARY 20 & 21 TO  
WELCOME ALYSSA TO  
THE FATIMA FAMILY



Red Bird  
MINISTRIES

## LENTEN JOURNAL

I AM BELOVED NOT *BROKEN*

A STUDY FOR FAMILIES OF CHILD LOSS

Join us as we journey through  
brokenness to the place of  
belovedness, commemorating  
the 40 days Jesus spent praying  
and fasting in the desert.

### VIRTUAL SMALL GROUP

Small Group will meet via  
Zoom for 7 Sessions -  
Mondays from 1:30 pm to 2:45  
pm or 7:30 pm to 8:45 pm  
Beginning on Monday  
February 12, 2024

1. Purchase the Lenten Journal  
online at [WWW.REDBIRD.love](http://WWW.REDBIRD.love)  
or scan the QR code.

2. Register for our virtual  
small groups after  
purchase online or scan  
the QR code.



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CONTACT THE OFFICE  
+337 223 2013

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## ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

ASHES DISTRIBUTED  
DURING MASS

6:15AM, 12:10PM, & 5:30PM  
14 FEBRUARY 2024

OUR LADY OF FATIMA CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE PARISH OFFICE  
AND  
THE LITTLE SHEPHERDS ADORATION CHAPEL  
WILL BE CLOSED

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>

THERE WILL BE NO 5:30 PM MASS  
ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>  
DUE TO THE MARDI GRAS HOLIDAY



February  
27 & 28

Each night  
will begin with a  
Rosary at 6:10 pm.  
The Mission will  
start at 6:30 pm &  
end at 7:30 pm in  
Chance Hall

To register scan the  
qr code or call the  
Church Office at  
337-232-8945



# LENTEN MISSION

WITH DEACON  
CODY MILLER

The Four Last Things  
that the human soul  
experiences???

- Where will we spend eternity?
- Eternity is OUR choice
- Blessed experiences of the heavenly reality?

OUR LADY OF FATIMA CATHOLIC CHURCH



# Welcome New Fatima Families

Joey, Ashley, & Blakely Boudreaux  
Dillon, Hillary, John Luke, & Ben Bodden

Welcome Home,  
Welcome to  
Fatima!

## PRAYER CALENDAR FOR PRIESTS

Monday, January 22  
**Rev. John "Buddy" Breaux**  
Tuesday, January 23  
**Rev. Louis Allen Breaux**  
Wednesday, January 24  
**Rev. Joseph Brickner, LC**  
Thursday, January 25  
**Rev. Henry Broussard**  
Friday, January 26  
**Very Rev. Ken Broussard, JCL, JV**  
Saturday, January 27  
**Rev. Patrick Broussard**  
Sunday, January 28  
**Rev. Paul Broussard**

## SACRAMENTALS & SPECIAL BLESSINGS

**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.

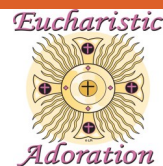
**The Blessing of the Unborn Child:** Follows the Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses on the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of the month. All expectant mothers and their families are encouraged to take advantage of this most special blessing.

## PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Billy Bernard, Percy Boudreaux, Deborah Poirot Chiasson,  
Flora Katharine Hudson, Ted Langlinais,  
Theresa Touchet, Christopher Wilson

## BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION

The Adoration Chapel of the Little Shepherds in Knight Hall is open Monday, Wednesday & Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Tuesday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Friday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (excluding First Friday which takes place beginning at 6:00 p.m. on First Friday until 8:00 a.m. on Saturday). The following days & hours are in need of additional adorers:



**Monday at 10 a.m.; Tuesday 2 & 3 p.m.  
Wednesday at 1 & 3 p.m.  
Thursday at 10 a.m., 1, 2 & 3 p.m.**

*Consider committing to an hour listed above.  
Call the parish office or  
email DD at [office@fatimalafayette.org](mailto:office@fatimalafayette.org)*

## SANCTUARY LAMP MEMORIALS

**Church: 01/15/2024 - 01/28/2024**

**Monsignor's Chapel: 01/15/2024 - 01/28/2024**

**Adoration Chapel: 01/15/2024 - 01/28/2024**

**The calendar for scheduling Sanctuary Lamp Memorials for living and deceased loved ones, family members, relatives and friends is now open. Please call or visit the parish office.**

## THE VOCATION CROSS

Please prayerfully consider signing up to take home our Parish Vocations Prayer Cross for one week throughout the year. Your family will have the privilege that week to take the cross and set it up in your home, pray together for our priests, and pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Call the office during regular business hours at 337-232-8945. We will publish the names of those families, who take the Vocation Cross for one week, in the Parish Family Bulletin.



**Week of 01/19/24 -**

## STS. ANNE & JOACHIM SOCIETY, PRAYER SERVICE & RECEPTION

Every month, on the Second Tuesday, Fatima parishioners meet in the Church at 9am to pray the rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet led by one of our Priests, Deacon, or parishioners. The service is not held during the season of Lent, the month of March. On occasion, due to other factors the event will take place on a different Tuesday of the month.

This is a once-a-month commitment to pray for the conversion of loved ones and the various needs of family life. Following the prayer service, those who attend, are invited to the Great Hall in Knight Hall for a modest breakfast, coffee, and juice to share in fellowship. Please join us!

### SAVE THE DATE

STS. ANNE & JOACHIM  
PRAYER SERVICE &  
RECEPTION  
2024



02/06/2024  
04/09/2024  
05/14/2024  
06/11/2024  
07/09/2024  
08/13/2024  
09/10/2024  
10/08/2024  
11/12/2024  
12/10/2024

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK SERVICE PROJECT



January 29 - February 2, 2024

*Benefitting Catholic Charities of Acadiana & FoodNet*

Our Lady of Fatima Parish is partnering with Our Lady of Fatima School and Olde Tyme Grocery to participate in the 1/1/1 Campaign during Catholic Schools Week.

Bring in any of the following and drop it off in the box in front of the St. Joseph altar in church or at the church office during business hours:

(Canned peas, green beans, corn, beans, fruit, tuna or chicken, pasta, rice or peanut butter)

*Thank you for your generosity!*



### SCHOOL CALENDAR

January 22-26 ..... Baby Product Drive  
January 22-24 ..... In-House Registration  
January 22 ..... First Grade Field Trip  
January 23 ..... 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School - Dress Up Day  
January 23 ..... Jr. High Rosary - before school  
January 23 ..... Kindergarten Field Trip  
January 25 ..... Sollevare House Day  
January 26 ..... Spelling Bee  
January 26 ..... School Mass and Virtue Awards



## PARISH MINISTRIES, ORGANIZATIONS, BIBLE STUDY & RETREATS

Visit our website, [www.fatimalafayette.org](http://www.fatimalafayette.org) to sign up online for Fatima ministry. In addition, you may email the Ministry Coordinator directly with questions and to sign up. Contact information is provided below for the coordinator of each ministry.

### FORMATION MINISTRY

**Iron Sharpens Iron:** Formation for fathers of school age children

[Andrew Mims \(andrewbmims@gmail.com\)](mailto:andrewbmims@gmail.com)

**Mary's Mothers:** Weekly & Monthly Formation studies for mothers of school age children

[Staci Ghanami \(olmarysmothers@gmail.com\)](mailto:olmarysmothers@gmail.com)

**"Women of Grace":** Women's Formation Group - Opportunities for religious formation, family volunteering, bible study.

[Stephanie Supple \(ssupple@fatimalafayette.org\)](mailto:ssupple@fatimalafayette.org)

**ACTS Retreats:** We have just concluded our first ACTS men's retreat, with 41 men finding new importance in their faith. Women's retreat scheduled for February 29, 2024.

[Deacon Tim Maragos - 337-232-8945 ext. 121 \(deacon@fatimalafayette.org\)](mailto:deacon@fatimalafayette.org)

**Fatima Firm Foundation Fellowship & Prayer Group for Men:** Every Friday morning at 7:00 a.m., all men in the parish are invited to a prayer group meeting in Knight Hall led by Fatima Men ACTS team. Have your morning coffee with the men of your parish while you engage in prayer, praise, and learning about your faith. Contact Chris Pontiff for more information: [jcpipi@aol.com](mailto:jcpipi@aol.com) or 337-280-5813

### OUTREACH MINISTRY

**St. Gemma Food Bank:** Food bank for the needy. Weekly Flocknote, webpage and/or bulletin information provided on the items needed for the Food Bank.

[Stephanie Supple \(ssupple@fatimalafayette.org\)](mailto:ssupple@fatimalafayette.org)

**Fatima Family Altar Association:** Volunteering as a Family - Families volunteer at the parish for the annual Parish fundraiser picnic, parish events, and seasonal projects.

[Stephanie Supple \(ssupple@fatimalafayette.org\)](mailto:ssupple@fatimalafayette.org); [Michael Fussell \(michaelfussell@ohllc.com\)](mailto:michaelfussell@ohllc.com)

**Fatima Mercy Works:** Fatima family monthly outreach projects to the needy in our Lafayette community

[Deacon Tim Maragos - 337-232-8945 ext. 121](mailto:deacon@fatimalafayette.org); [Joseph Kishbaugh \(jkishbaugh@gmail.com\)](mailto:jkishbaugh@gmail.com); [Lisa LaRochelle \(lisalarochelle@bellsouth.net\)](mailto:lisalarochelle@bellsouth.net)

**Mercy Meal Team:** Parishioners helping parishioners with meals, errands, and offering prayers for the sick in our parish. Contact the parish office if you are in need of Mercy Meal services at 337-232-8945.

[Stephanie Supple \(ssupple@fatimalafayette.org\)](mailto:ssupple@fatimalafayette.org)

**Coffee & Donuts:** Families volunteer to set up & host coffee and donuts four times a year after the 9 a.m. Mass on Sunday.

[\(office@fatimalafayette.org\)](mailto:office@fatimalafayette.org)

### PRAYER MINISTRY

**Sts. Joachim & Anne Society:** Prayer group that meets in church to pray for wayward loved ones. 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 9 am. Breakfast and fellowship follows in Knight Hall.

[Renella Livers \(rlivers@fatimalafayette.org\)](mailto:rlivers@fatimalafayette.org)

**St. Raphael Prayer Ministries:** Parishioners praying for fellow parishioners in need.

[Stephanie Supple \(ssupple@fatimalafayette.org\)](mailto:ssupple@fatimalafayette.org)

**Vocation Cross Ministry:** Family prayer for one week in your home for vocations. Contact Chris Pontiff for more information.

[Chris Pontiff: \(jcpipi@aol.com or 337-280-5813\)](mailto:jcpipi@aol.com)

## PARISH MINISTRIES, ORGANIZATIONS, BIBLE STUDY & RETREATS

### WORSHIP MINISTRY

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Weekly or monthly Adoration opportunities for the whole family to spend time with Our Lord.

([office@fatimalafayette.org](mailto:office@fatimalafayette.org))

**Liturgical Ministry:** Please visit our website ([www.fatimalafayette.org](http://www.fatimalafayette.org)) to sign up or contact the Parish Office to serve at Mass as a Lector, Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, Sacristan, Usher, or Altar Server (children 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and older)

([Stephanie Supple 337-232-8945 ext. 114](mailto:Stephanie_Supple@fatimalafayette.org))

### ORGANIZATIONS

**Catholic Daughters:** Meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. in Knight Hall.

[Fian Nooijen \(Fian.Nooijen1950@gmail.com\)](mailto:Fian.Nooijen@gmail.com)

**Knights of Columbus:** Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the KC Hall located at 111 Good-night Drive.

[Conrad Chapman \(337\) 257-0590](tel:337-257-0590)

**Legion of Mary:** Meetings are held on Fridays at 1:15 p.m. in the Knight Hall Conference Room.

[Hugh Prats \(337\) 442-4121](tel:337-442-4121)

### COME, LORD JESUS BIBLE STUDY

**For Men:** The weekly Come, Lord Jesus! meeting is a men only group that is currently studying and discussing the Sunday Gospel. The meeting is held every Thursday in Knight Hall from 6 to 7 a.m. For more information, please call [Joe Wolf \(337\) 349-2645](tel:337-349-2645) or [Deacon Tim Maragos \(337\) 298-5516](tel:337-298-5516)

**For Women:** Mondays at 5:30 p.m.

[D.D. McElligott, \(337\) 319-8866;](tel:337-319-8866)

Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.

[Jennifer Connolly \(337\) 288-4386](tel:337-288-4386)

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

([Stef.Buchholz1@gmail.com](mailto:Stef.Buchholz1@gmail.com))

Saturday at 8:00 a.m.

[Anne Pesacreata \(337\) 739-5903](tel:337-739-5903)

First Saturday after 8 a.m. Mass [Anne Pesacreata \(337\) 739-5903](tel:337-739-5903)

### ONE-MINUTE CATHOLIC APOLOGETIC

#### WOMEN'S ORDINATION

Why doesn't the Catholic Church ordain women as priests? The Church has always recognized and affirmed the dignity of women as spiritual leaders and teachers. In fact, the Church recognizes three women as Doctors of the Church: St. Teresa of Avila, St. Therese of Lisieux and St. Catherine of Siena. And who is more beloved by Christ and the Church than His mother? So why no women priests?

At the Last Supper, when Christ instituted the priesthood, he certainly could have had women there. But he only had the Twelve, men, to stand in

persona Christi and be "fathers" to the family of faith.

Pope John Paul II clarified the issue in his 1994 apostolic letter *Ordinatio Sacerdotalis* (On Ordination to the Priesthood). In the Catechism of the Catholic Church, number 1577, it says, "The Church recognizes herself to be bound by this choice made by the Lord himself. For this reason the ordination of women is not possible." The Catechism also says that no one has a right to receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders. But the magisterium has the duty to carry on the ministry of Christ in the manner that He appointed.