

# Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

**Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup> - The 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS:**  
Saturday Anticipated—4 pm (*organ and cantor*);  
Sunday—9 am (*choir*);  
11 am (*organ and cantor*);  
5 pm (*organ and cantor*)  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday—6:15 am;  
Tuesday and Thursday—5:30 pm

**FIRST SATURDAY:** 8 am followed by  
Recitation of the Rosary

**FATIMA VOTIVE MASS**  
**13th of the Month, May—October**  
5 pm Rosary followed by 5:30 pm Mass  
(with the Fatima Farewell Procession)

**MONTHLY PEACE MASS:** This votive Mass heeds Our Lady's call, in her recent apparitions, to pray for world peace and conversion of hearts.

It is prayed on the First Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm. The recitation of the Rosary and an Act of Consecration precedes the Mass at 5:00 pm.

**ROSARY FOR PRIESTS:** The recitation of the Rosary is prayed each Thursday in Church at 8:10 a.m.

## THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays—3 pm to 3:45 pm prior to the Vigil Mass; Weekdays—15 minutes before the am Masses; minutes before the pm Masses

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament is celebrated on the third Sunday of each month, following the 11:00 am Mass. Please contact the parish office before the baby is born for required classes. Sponsors are to be confirmed and practicing Catholics who attend Sunday Mass.

## THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Due to a new "couple mentoring" marriage preparation program, arrangements are to be made with the Church office, if at all possible, at least **ONE YEAR** in advance. To avoid schedule conflicts, all wedding dates held at Our Lady of Fatima must be confirmed with the Parish Administrator, who should be the first contact of the couple. Please visit our Parish Website to review wedding and music guidelines, and details of paperwork and preparation requirements.

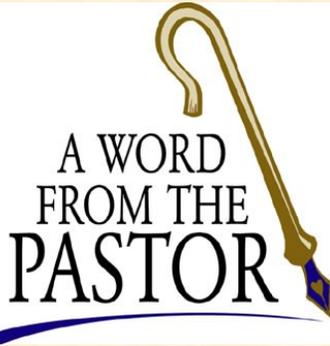
**2319 Johnston Street, Lafayette, LA 70503—Established 1949**

**Rev. Msgr. Jefferson DeBlanc, Pastor; Rev. Fr. Nathan Comeaux, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Timothy Maragos & Deacon Ed Boustany**

**Administrator:** Stephanie Supple; **Receptionist:** D D McElligott; **Bookkeeper:** Annie Governale;  
**Director of Music, Organist, Choir Director; Bulletin Editor:** Keith D'Anna

**Parish Office:** (337) 232-8945; **Parish Fax:** (337) 232-0323; **School Office:** (337) 235-2464  
**Church Website:** [www.fatimalafayette.org](http://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**



My dear parishioners,

As I was meditating on last Sunday's readings, the passage from Deuteronomy caught my attention. Moses told the Israelites that God's Word is "not too mysterious and remote for you. It is not up in the sky, that you should say, 'Who will go up in the sky to get it for us and tell us of it, that we may carry it out.'"

The word "sky" brought me an affectionate memory from my boyhood in Saint Martinville. Dad would take my siblings and me outside after dusk at various times of the year and show us the bright and awesome nighttime sky. He identified for us planets, stars, constellations, and the Milky Way. Dad gave me an appreciation of the wonders of the solar system and the universe, God's creation. There is something else that will appear one day in the sky, but I'll tell you about that in a moment.

Moses said that God's Word is not on an extraterrestrial world. It's not buried on the Moon or on the planet Mars or on a roving asteroid, waiting for astronauts to dig it up and bring it back to Earth. God's Word is "something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out."

How can that Word be already in our mouths and hearts? What does it mean to carry it out? Jesus is the Word of God. He is literally in our mouths when we receive Him in Holy Communion. The Lord feeds us with His Body and Blood to strengthen us on the "wondrous journey" to Heaven.

This Sunday's three readings tell us what it means to carry out God's Word. In the first reading, Abraham and Sarah conversed with the Lord and fed Him. In the gospel, Jesus visited the home of Martha and Mary. Mary sat "beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak," while her sister was burdened with serving. To listen and to serve. Mary and Martha. Abraham and Sarah.

We too are called to hold fast to God's Word through prayer, service, and the Cross. Saint Paul wrote that God "chose to make known [to us] the riches of the glory of this mystery ...; it is Christ in you, the hope for glory. It is he whom we proclaim." To proclaim Christ Jesus is to proclaim the mystery of the Cross. Saint Paul rejoiced that he could fill up through suffering "what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his body, which is the church ...." Holy Communion gives us Divine energy to embrace the Cross and grow to perfection in love. The Cross, the sign of the Son of Man, will appear in the sky on the Last Day when Jesus will return to gather us, body and soul, to Himself.

<sup>1</sup> Deuteronomy 30:11-12

<sup>2</sup> Deuteronomy 30:14

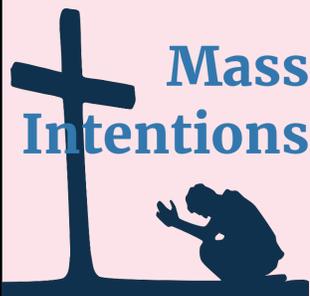
<sup>3</sup> Genesis 18:1-10

<sup>4</sup> Luke 10:40

<sup>5</sup> Colossians 1:27-28

<sup>6</sup> Colossians 1:24

<sup>7</sup> Matthew 24:30



**20 Sat. 4:00 p.m. Anticipated:**

James Judice, Eva Fontenot, Souls in Purgatory, Edwina Smith Hernandez, Nathan, Loretta, & Robert Schiller, Gerald & Alberta Gossen, Joseph Charles & Lucy Lipari Russo, Randon Costello, Charles Connolly, Willie & Eunice Boudreaux, Charles

Blanchard Rosamaria Reyes-Silva; **Living & Deceased Members of:** Michael & Fred Landry & Family, The Ison & Eva Fontenot Families, The Bouvier & Boudreaux Families

**21 Sun. 9:00 a.m.: Living:** Eddie Stelly & Family

**11:00 a.m.:** The Nugier Family, Amanda Claire Judice, Lynn Kallam Ditch, Eva Fontenot, Margaret Olsen Zepernick, Dr. Richard Zepernick, Jared "Sanders" Cocke, Jr., Joe Charles & Lucy Lipari Russo, Faye Marie Gesser, Griffin LeBlanc, Velma Guidry Degatur, David Trahan, Mrs. Anna Landry; **Living & Deceased Members of:** The Kallam, Langlinais, Judice, & Hamilton Families, The Ison & Eva Fontenot Families, The Prejean, Fleming, Martin, Leger, & Cary Families, The Thomas Guidry, Jr. Family & The Edney Guidry Family

**5:00 p.m.:** Fatima Parishioners / Pro-Populo

**22 Mon. 6:15 a.m.:** Melvin R. Boesch

**23 Tues. 5:30 p.m.:** The Ison & Eva Fontenot Family

**24 Wed. 6:15 a.m.:** Christopher Cascone

**25 Thur. 5:30 p.m.:** Eva Fontenot

**26 Fri. 6:15 a.m.:** Lewis G. Gray

**27 Sat. 4:00 p.m. Anticipated:** James Judice, Amanda Claire Judice, Lynn Kallam Ditch, Eva Fontenot, Edwina Smith Hernandez, Sostenes Ruiz, Jr., Faye Marie Gesser, Nathan, Loretta, & Robert Schiller, Gerald & Alberta Gossen, Lucy Russo, Randon Costello, Charles Connolly, Peggy Doucet, Rosamaria Reyes-Silva, Charles Blanchard, David Trahan, Denise Concienne; **Living & Deceased Members of:** Michael & Fred Landry & Family, The Kallam, Langlinais, Judice, & Hamilton Families, The Ison & Eva Fontenot Families

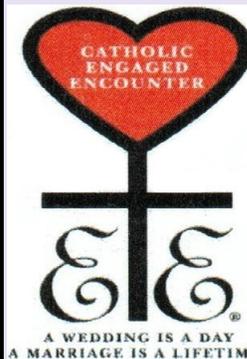
**28 Sun. 9:00 a.m.:** Fatima Parishioners / Pro-Populo

**11:00 a.m.:** Timothy Costello

**5:00 p.m.:** Joseph Charles & Lucy Lipari Russo, Mr. Frem Boustany, Sr., The Nugier Family, Eva Fontenot, Col. Thomas N. & Lena B. Ritchie; **Living & Deceased Members of:** The Ison & Eva Fontenot Families, The Prejean, Fleming, Martin, Leger, & Cary Families; **Living:** Mallory Graves

## Office of Marriage & Family Life

### ENGAGED ENCOUNTER



Spend a weekend away from the cares and distractions of everyday living. Attend a **Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend**. The weekend is open to any engaged couple wanting to prepare for a deeper more meaningful life together in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church according to its Church law. The next upcoming weekend will take place **August 2<sup>nd</sup> through August 4<sup>th</sup>**. For cost of the weekend, other dates, and to learn more, visit the website at [www.ceelafayette.org](http://www.ceelafayette.org) or contact **Paul & Carolyn Trahan** at 337.254.8947 or 337.898.9257, or [cee.trahan@gmail.com](mailto:cee.trahan@gmail.com).

### NFP WORKSHOP

Natural Family Planning (NFP) and its relationship to St. John Paul the Great's Theology of the Body/Theology of the Family will be the theme of the workshop presented by Fr. Blake Dubroc. Join us as we end NFP awareness week on Saturday, July 27, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon at Immaculata Center, 1408 Carmel Drive, Lafayette. Fr. Dubroc will help participants receive a better understanding of the theology behind NFP; the teachings of the church, and an explanation of the different natural family planning methods. After the presentation, you will have a better understanding on "What is NFP?" as well as how to promote NFP within your parish. The morning is open to all individuals / couples that are interested in becoming an instructor for NFP, DRE in the parish, marriage prep coordinator, Religious Curriculum Administrators, mentor couples, etc. The morning is free however we ask that you register through the following link: <https://www.diolaf.org/theology-of-the-body-for-nfp> or email Kelley Chapman at [kchapman@diolaf.org](mailto:kchapman@diolaf.org), as space is limited.

### SIDE ALTAR FLOWERS

#### *Marian Altar*

In Honor of Pearlle LeBlanc

#### *St. Joseph Altar*

In Memory of Michael Anthony D'Anna

# Fatima Mercy Works

## School & Classroom Supply Drive

Fatima Mercy Works is hosting a supply drive to support the students and teachers of Holy Family Catholic School. The school comprises of Pre-K thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade with 16 classrooms and 265 students.

To ensure a variety of supplies, families are asked to purchase some of the items next to the letter of their last name.

**A, B, C, D, E, F** - See Thru and/or Mesh Book sack, 24 count crayons, color pencils, multi-colored card stock, colored file folders, Lysol spray cans, band-aids, antibacterial liquid hand soap.

**G, H, I, J, K, L** - Wide rule 3 & 5 subject notebooks, wide rule composition notebooks, binder tab dividers with pockets, clear plastic sheet protectors, pocket folders with prongs, glue sticks, scotch tape, paper towels.

**M, N, O, P, Q, R** - Earbuds, #2 pencils, pencil cap erasers, large rubber bands, manila folders, Lysol wipes, disposable gloves, air freshener, facial tissue.

**S, T, U, V, W, XYZ** - Ticonderoga Beginner pencils, construction paper, Crayola markers, ink pens, dry erase markers, index cards, staples, pastel colored paper, mouse pads.

For those of you interested in doing a little more, here's a wish list of items some of the teachers are in need of:

**Teacher's chair (2), dry erase board (2), Single serve coffee maker, Small file cabinet, Gym equipment (balls, jump ropes, hula hoops, etc.), storage bins, US Flag, AA batteries, tape dispenser, electric pencil sharpener (2), Ear or forehead thermometer, 3 hole punch.** Please call Mona at 232-8945 to discuss these items.

Supplies can be delivered to the parish office or inside the church in front of St. Joseph's Altar. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. David Stevens at 972-896-4583 or [dr.david.stevens@gmail.com](mailto:dr.david.stevens@gmail.com).

**We are accepting supplies starting Monday, July 1st through Wednesday, July 31st.**

## Catholic Charities of Acadiana



Did you experience damage following the tornadoes and flooding in Acadiana?

Catholic Charities of Acadiana wants to help.

CCA is currently working to identify those who were affected by the recent storms in order to provide rebuilding assistance. Please call CCA at 337.235.4972 to report your damage and to find out how we can help you.



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

### Bingo Tickets on Sale Next Weekend

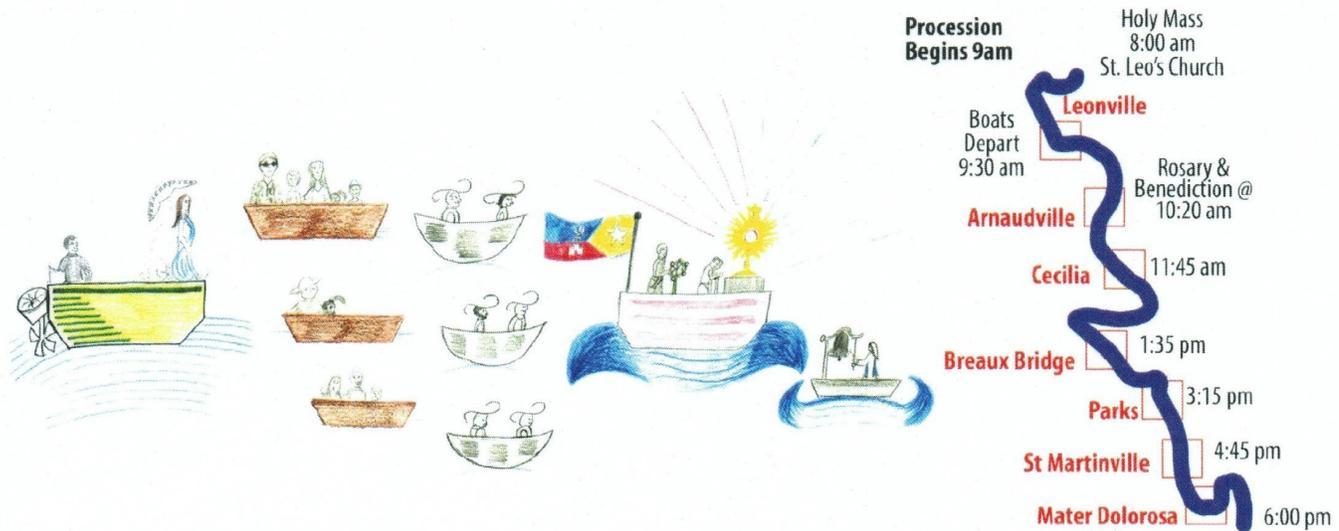
Our Fatima / St. Mary Knights of Columbus Council will be sponsoring their annual Bingo philanthropic event this Tuesday, July 23 at the K.C. Hall at the end of Rena Drive. Games start at 6:30 p.m. Come help us support the **Desormeaux Foundation** and **Second Harvest Food Bank** through this event. Tickets are \$20 and include 1 Bingo card to play all 10 Bingo games. Additional cards, refreshments and 50/50 raffle chances will be available for purchase at the Bingo. Donations will also be accepted in lieu of ticket purchase.

**The Desormeaux Foundation** is the leading Catholic Pro-Life organization in our Diocese, providing free ultra sound exams, counseling, and even room and board for at-risk expectant Moms who are considering abortions. **Second Harvest Food Bank** was founded by Archbishop Hannon in New Orleans in 1982 and expanded to Acadiana in 2004. Today the organization provides the equivalent of more than 32 million meals to 210,000 people a year.

Please support the K.C. Bingo again this year and make a difference for unborn babies and hungry families in Acadiana.

# Eucharistic Procession

## ALONG BAYOU TECHE



# Thursday, August 15th

## Feast of the Assumption

### In Honor of the 254<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Arrival of the Catholic Faith to Acadiana and the 202<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of St. Martinville

- ◆ Begins with French Mass by Bishop John Douglas Deshotel, D.D., Bishop of Lafayette, at St. Leo's in Leonville at 8:00 a.m.
- ◆ Procession to Landing 9:00 a.m., Boat Procession departs at 9:30 a.m.
- ◆ Stops at Each Church on the Bayou: Arnaudville, Cecilia, Breaux Bridge, Parks for Rosary and Benediction
- ◆ End up in the evening at Evangeline Oak in St. Martinville
- ◆ Disembark and Process into Notre Dame for Benediction
- ◆ Process to St. Martin de Tours for Benediction
- ◆ Process down Main St. to Our Lady of Sorrows Chapel for Vespers and Benediction
- ◆ Confessions will be available at all stops along the Teche

**Come and Celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Acadiana Style!** Fête-Dieu de Teche, Eucharistic Boat Procession down the Bayou Teche, will take place on the Feast of the Assumption, Thursday, August 15. All are invited to a Mass in French at 8 a.m. at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in Leonville to begin the day. His Excellency J. Douglas Deshotel, D.D., bishop of the Diocese of Lafayette will preside at an 8 a.m. French Mass and give the homily. At the end of Mass there will be a procession from Church with the Blessed Sacrament and a statue of Mary down to the nearby boat landing. At 9:30 a.m. boats will embark in procession down the Teche toward St. Martinville, retracing the voyage of the early Acadians. The boat procession will stop at churches in the towns along the Teche for Rosary and Benediction (arriving at Arnaudville behind St. Francis Regis at 10:20 a.m.; arriving behind St. Joseph Church in Cecilia at 11:45 a.m.; arriving at the Pavilion behind St. Bernard Church in Breaux Bridge at 1:35 p.m.; arriving at the park behind St. Joseph Church in Parks at 3:15 p.m.; and arriving at Old Market Street in St. Martinville at about 4:45 p.m.). Upon arriving in St. Martinville, a foot procession will commence to Notre Dame de Perpetual Secours, then to St. Martin de Tours, and finally down main street to Mater Dolorosa Chapel for Solemn Vespers and Benediction at 5:30 p.m. Confessions will be heard in mobile units at each of the stops along the way. Schedule your vacation day now and register your boat! For more information or to register a boat visit our website at [www.fetedieuduteche.org](http://www.fetedieuduteche.org), visit us on Fete-Dieu du Teche Facebook, send us an email at [fetedieuduteche@gmail.com](mailto:fetedieuduteche@gmail.com), or call 337.394.6550.

**Saints—Our Extended Family in Heaven**  
Celebrating the Saints of the Week. Read more at [CatholicSaints.info](http://CatholicSaints.info)!

**Monday, July 22**  
**St. Mary Magdalen**



We have very little solid information about Saint Mary, and both scholars and traditions differ on the interpretation of what we do know.

She was a friend and follower of Jesus. Filled with sorrow over her sin, she anointed Christ, washed his feet with her hair. He exorcised seven demons from her. She was visited by the Risen Christ.

There are also arguments about her life after the Crucifixion.

- ◆ The Greek Church maintains that she retired to Ephesus with the Blessed Virgin Mary and lived there the rest of her life.
- ◆ A French tradition says that Mary, Lazarus, and some companions came to Marseilles, France, evangelized and converted the whole Provence region, and then retired to live 30 years as a penitent hermitess at La Sainte-Baume.

Oh, some things we *do* know for certain—Mary *wasn't* Jesus' wife or mistress, she *wasn't* the mother of His child, she *didn't* found a royal dynasty or separate branch of Christianity, etc., etc.

**Died:** *The Greek Church says she died in Ephesus of natural causes*  
**Canonized:** *Pre-Congregation*

**Tuesday, July 23**  
**Saint Bridget of Sweden**



Daughter of Birger Persson, the governor and provincial judge of Uppland, and of Ingeborg Bengtsdotter. Her father was one of the greatest landowners in the country, her mother was known widely for her piety, and the family were descendants of the Swedish royal house. Related to Saint Ingrid of Sweden.

Bridget began receiving visions, most of the Crucifixion, at age seven. Her mother died c.1315 when the girl was about twelve years old, and she was raised and educated by an equally pious aunt. In 1316, at age thirteen, Bridget wed prince Ulfo of Nercia in an arranged marriage. She was the mother of eight, including Saint Catherine of Sweden; some of the other children ignored the Church.

Friend and counselor to many priests and theologians of her day. Chief lady-in-waiting to Queen Blanche of Namur in 1335, from which position she counseled and guided the Queen and King Magnus II. After Ulfo's death in 1344 following a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela, Spain she pursued a religious life, for which she was harassed by others at the court. She eventually renounced her title of princess. Franciscan tertiary. Cistercian. Mystic, visionary, and mystical writer. She recorded the revelations given her in her visions, and these became hugely popular in the Middle Ages.

Founded the *Order of the Most Holy Savior (Bridgettines)* at Vadstena, Sweden in 1346. It received confirmation by Pope Blessed Urban V in 1370, and survives today, though few houses remain. Pilgrim to Rome, to assorted

Italian holy sites, and to the Holy Lands. Chastened and counseled kings and Popes Clement VI, Gregory XI, and Urban VI, urging each to return to Rome from Avignon. Encouraged all who would listen to meditate on the Passion, and of Jesus Crucified.

**Born:** *1302 or 1303 at Finsta Castle, Uppsala, Sweden*  
**Died:** *July 23, 1373 at Rome, Italy of natural causes*  
**Canonized:** *October 7, 1391 by Pope Boniface IX*

**Thursday, July 25**  
**St. Christopher**

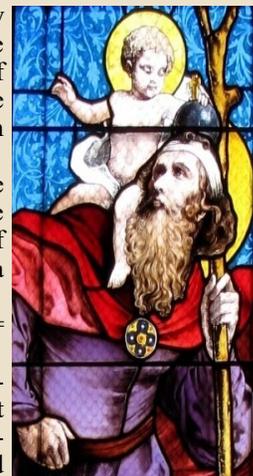
Third century martyr in the persecutions of Decius. Little else is known for sure.

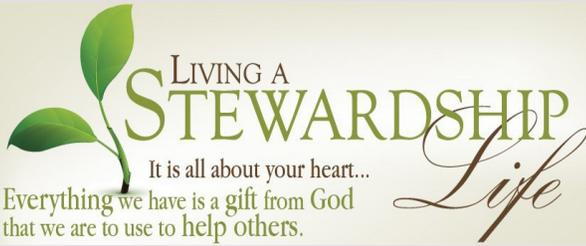
His fame derives from the pious legend of him being a "Christ-bearer" (= Christopher).

He was a powerfully built man who wandered the world in search of novelty and adventure. He came upon a hermit who lived beside a dangerous stream and served others by guiding them to safe places to cross. He gave Offero instruction in the truth of God. Offero took the hermit's place, but instead of guiding travelers, he carried them safely across the stream.

One day he carried a small child across the stream; the child's weight nearly crushed him. When they arrived on the other side, the child revealed himself as Christ, and he was so heavy because he bore the weight of the world on himself. He then baptized Offero with water from the stream. Christopher's service at the stream led to his patronage of things related to travel and travelers, people who carry things, etc. One of the *Fourteen Holy Helpers*.

**Born:** *at Canaan as Offero*  
**Died:** *martyred c.251*

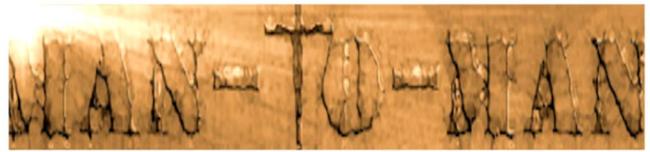




Today's readings speak of hospitality. Abraham, who cheerfully did for his guests all that desert hospitality required, was rewarded with his heart's desire—a son. Martha also busied herself with all the details of hospitality, but grudgingly and with complaint. Am I a cheerful or a grudging giver?

**The Weekend of July 14<sup>th</sup>**

Envelopes / Cash .....	\$7,330.00
Online Giving .....	\$5,477.00
<b>Total Offertory.....</b>	<b>\$12,807.00</b>
Envelopes / Cash .....	\$558.00
Online Giving .....	\$120.00
<b>Total Mercy Works: .....</b>	<b>\$678.00</b>
 <b>Total Catholic Communications .....</b>	 <b>\$1,110.00</b>



On Saturday, August 10, 2019, the Man-to-Man Catholic Men's Conference will be held at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Lafayette, LA. Our day will begin with an Invocation by Bishop Douglas Deshotel and will include guest speakers Jason Angelette and Fr. James Brady. Our Keynote Speaker will be Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC. Fr. Brice Sibley will serve as our master of ceremonies. A jambalaya lunch will be included. Visit [www.m2m2019.com](http://www.m2m2019.com) to register and to learn more about this biennial event. 800 men attended the last conference. You won't want to miss this one!

**PRAYER CALENDAR FOR PRIESTS**



- Monday, July 22  
**Rev. Jude Halphen**
- Tuesday, July 23  
**Rev. Brian Harrington**
- Wednesday, July 24  
**Rev. Msgr. Russell Harrington**
- Thursday, July 25  
**Rev. David Hebert**
- Friday, July 2  
**Rev. Matthew Hebert**
- Saturday, July 27  
**Rev. T. J. Hebert**
- Sunday, July 28  
**Rev. Gregory Heslip, LC**

FORMED RECOMMENDATIONS

FEATURED IN JULY THE MASS

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**FORMED.org**

*Our Lady of Fatima provides an in-house study program. Learn the Truths of the Catholic Faith, presented in a beautiful and creative way, by visiting the website.*

Click on Register, enter parish access code (7f573e) enter your email and create a password—(needed for login).

**PROGRAM LINE-UP**

**FRIDAY, JULY 26<sup>TH</sup>:**  
**Saints Joachim and Anne**

**Study:** Beloved: Living Marriage  
**Listen:** How to Apply our Faith to Our Families  
**Read:** How to Raise Good Catholic Children

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



*Solemn Exposition of  
the Blessed Sacrament*

**Monday and Wednesday,**  
following the 6:15 am Mass to 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!)  
**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 Deacon Ed Boustany at the Parish Office.

**6th through 8th grade YOUTH FORMATION**  
*(Contact Stephanie Supple for more information)*

**Young Women of Grace**—Monthly after school program  
For 6th grade girls October through May

**Young Warriors**—a 6th grade outreach for young men

**BLESSING OF CHILD IN THE WOMB**

Follows the Sunday 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses  
on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 in conjunction with marital prep. FMI, Contact the Parish Office.

**RECLAIM Sexual Health Catholic Recovery Program**  
www.reclaimsexualhealth.com (online help 24/7)

**Porn Addiction Support Group for Men:** Weekly meetings are held for one hour and fifteen minutes. Strict confidentiality is observed. A confidentiality statement is signed by each prospective member of the group. Call and leave a confidential message at 337.944.9860 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 or sexual addiction of a loved one. Must sign confidentiality statement. Call 337.404.6113.

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

**Post Abortion Trauma:** Call Project Rachel (337) 561-5607.

# A CELEBRATION OF 70 YEARS - MONTH BY MONTH

**It was on Easter Sunday in 1949 (the date was April 17<sup>th</sup>) that  
Our Lady of Fatima Parish was established.**

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

**September 13<sup>th</sup>** (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 5<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup>:** Perpetual Rosary from 8 a.m. First Saturday Mass through Sunday 5 p.m. Mass

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

**October 13<sup>th</sup>** (Sunday): Celebration of 11 a.m. Mass with Bishop Deshotel; Parish/School family picnic follows on Church grounds

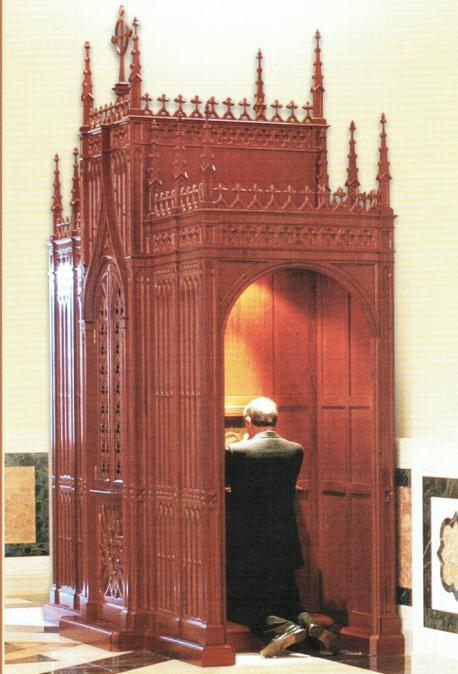
**October 17<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup>:** CAST Fall Retreat for Men in Grand Isle

**ANNIVERSARY DATE - November 16<sup>th</sup>** (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 21<sup>st</sup>** (Thursday): Anniversary of the Dedication of Our Lady of Fatima Church (November 21, 1958); 5 p.m. Rosary, 5:30 p.m. Mass

**December 10<sup>th</sup>** (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.)

# How Do I Go to Confession?



**WHY GO TO CONFESSION:** Jesus entered this world for our salvation and to forgive sins. As lovingly told in the story of the Prodigal Son, Jesus calls all of us to repent of sin and to be reconciled with God and neighbor. The Sacrament of Confession gives us the grace to grow in holiness and to strengthen our will to do what is right. The Church welcomes and encourages you to experience the joy and peace of heart which comes when you accept God's invitation to reconcile.

**There are four necessary steps to confession:**

- ◆ A Careful Examination of Conscience
- ◆ Contrition or Repentance
- ◆ Confession
- ◆ Satisfaction

**EXAMINE YOUR CONSCIENCE:** After praying for God's help, begin now to examine your conscience. As you begin, note mentally any sins that you remember. As you remember them, recall also the number of times you committed each mortal sin. For example: "once;" "twice a week;" "once a month;" etc.

If you have difficulty remembering, try to examine yourself against the Ten Commandments, the Precepts of the Church, and the Seven Capital Sins. The reason why some sins are called "capital" is because they lead to other sins and/or vices.

**CONTRITION OR REPENTANCE PRAYER BEFORE CONFESSION:**

O most merciful God! I implore your forgiveness. I sincerely desire to leave all my evil ways and to confess my sins with all sincerity to you and to your priest. I am a sinner, have mercy on me, O Lord. Give me a lively faith and a firm hope in the Passion of my Redeemer. Give me, for your mercy's sake, a sorrow for having offended so good a God. Mary, my mother, refuge of sinners, pray for me that I may make a good confession. Amen.

**HOW TO GO TO CONFESSION:** **1.** You always have the option to go to confession anonymously, that is, behind a screen or face to face, if you so desire. **2.** After the priest greets you in the name of Christ, make the Sign of the Cross. He may choose to recite a reading from Scripture, after which you say: "Bless me Father for I have sinned. It has been (state how long) since my last confession. These are my sins." **3.** Tell your sins simply and honestly to the priest. You might even want to discuss the circumstances and the root causes of your sins and ask the priest for advice or direction. **4.** Listen to the advice the priest gives you and accept the penance from him. Then make an Act of Contrition for your sins.

**AN ACT OF CONTRITION:** *Oh my God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In His name, my God, have mercy. Amen.*

**5.** The priest will then say the words of absolution and concludes with: "The Lord has freed you from your sins. Go in peace." And you respond by saying: "Thanks be to God." **6.** Spend some time with Our Lord thanking and praising Him for the gift of His mercy.

**SATISFACTION:** Satisfaction is "the carrying out of certain acts of penance which the confessor imposes upon the penitent to repair the damage caused by sin." Though one may receive Holy Communion before completing the penance given in Confession, a good practice is to perform the penance immediately or as soon as possible before forgetting it.

## PRAYER FOR HURRICANE SEASON

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to you, O Loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.



Congratulations to Brenden Daigle for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Brenden is an active member of Fatima's Troop 446 and is also an altar server for the church. He will be attending St. Thomas More Catholic High School in the fall.