

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE



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

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

First Friday
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:00 pm
 followed by Mass at 5:30 pm

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

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

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

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2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." - Lk 9:34-35

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

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.

Lust and Its Remedies*

Saint Thomas Aquinas wrote that venereal acts are good

“when they are performed in due manner and order, in keeping with the end of human procreation.”** Marriage is *ordered to the good of spouses and to the procreation and education of children.*

Lust is “disordered desire for or inordinate enjoyment of sexual pleasure.” Lust makes love of God secondary and thrives in anonymity, yet the Lord is all-seeing.

The man who dishonors his marriage bed says to himself ‘Who can see me? Darkness surrounds me, walls hide me, no one sees me. Who can stop me from sinning?’ He is not mindful of the Most High, fearing only human eyes. He does not realize that the eyes of the Lord, ten thousand times brighter than the sun, observe every step taken and peer into hidden corners. [Sirach 23:18-20.]

The Daughters of Lust are **darkness of mind, thoughtlessness, inconstancy, rashness, self-love, hatred of God, love of this world, and abhorrence or despair of a future world.** *Darkness of mind* prompts people to approve strange practices previously considered shameful. Saint Paul unmistakably describes the results of suppressing the truth about sexuality. (*Romans 1:18-32.*) Lust makes people *thoughtlessly* deny the consequences of sinful and unreasonable use of sexual faculties, including how they treat other people. In addition, behaviors “become increasingly *rash* and only the pleasures of this world are sought. Finally, one comes to treat God and the Church as an enemy for daring to suggest that illicit sexual union is sinful.”

Be careful of what you are reading and watching, what you invite into yourself. Ben Sira writes that “*Burning passion is like a blazing fire.*” (*Sirach 23:16.*) Grave sins against chastity flow from the vice of lust: *adultery, fornication, masturbation, pornography, prostitution, rape, and homosexual acts.* Even more serious are *sins against the physical and moral integrity of minors.***

Other grave sins against chastity include those that separate the *unitive* (mutual self-giving of the spouses) and *procreative* (openness to the transmission of life) meaning of the conjugal act. Immoral means of *birth control* are *direct sterilization, contraception, artificial insemination, and artificial fertilization.* Grave offenses against the dignity of marriage are *adultery, divorce, polygamy, incest, free unions (cohabitation, concubinage), and sexual acts before or outside of marriage.*

God created human beings, male and female, equal in dignity. He called them to “a vocation of love and of communion. Everyone should accept his or her identity as male or female, recognizing its importance for the whole of the person, its specificity and complementarity.”† Pope Francis cautioned against the *ideology of gender*: “Let us

not fall into the sin of trying to replace the Creator. Creation is prior to us and must be received as a gift, ... respecting it as it was created.”††

These are the medicinal virtues for lust, the key ones being temperance, continence, and chastity.

- **Temperance** “moderates the attraction of [sensual] pleasures, assures the mastery of the will over instincts and provides balance in the use of created goods.”
- **Continence** is self-restraint, especially in the sexual realm.
- **Chastity** is “a moral virtue, a gift of God, a grace, and a fruit of the Holy Spirit.”‡ It is *an apprenticeship in self-mastery*, and the right regulation and integration of our sexual faculties according to our state of life (married or single.) Virginity or consecrated celibacy enables people “to give themselves to God alone with an undivided heart in a remarkable manner.”
- The virtue of **justice** (holiness in action) directs us to respect the marriage bed. “*Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled.*” (*Hebrews 13:4.*)
- **Piety (reverence for God and family)** moves a person to keep the sexual bond safe and strengthen the family.
- **Shamefacedness** is “fear of baseness and disgrace.”‡‡ Pope Francis said that Peter felt **shame** after denying Christ three times, but shame led to his repentance and forgiveness.
- **Sobriety** is emotional, mental, and spiritual balance in all things.
- **Modesty** refers to decency and not being flirtatious in dress, speaking, and behavior. Modesty looks to the dignity of people and stays away from what fosters morbid curiosity.
- We exercise **self-control** when we restrain and direct our actions, emotions, and desires effectively and in a good way. “*Do not let your passions be your guide, but keep your desires in check.*” (*Sirach 18:30.*)
- Through **respect and reverence for God and neighbor**, we show honor and esteem for them.

Next Week: Gluttony and Its Remedies

*Unless otherwise indicated, quotes in this article are from Monsignor Pope's handout. Scripture quotes, unless otherwise indicated, are from the *New American Bible—Revised Edition* (NABRE). **St. Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologica*, Volume Four, II^a II^{ae}, QQ 149-189 & IIIa QQ. 1-73, Fathers of the English Dominican Province, trans. (Notre Dame, IN: Christian Classics, 1981), Q. 153, A. 2.

****Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church* (Washington, D.C.: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2006), § 488. (See also §§ 487 through 502)

†*Compendium*, § 487. ††Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia: On Love in the Family*, Apostolic Exhortation (Huntington, IN: Our Sunday Visitor, 2016), § 56. ‡*Compendium*, § 488.

‡‡*Summa*, Volume Three, II^a II^{ae} QQ. 1-148, op. cit., Q 144, A. 1.



15 Sat. 4:00 p.m.: † Vivian Boudreaux, † Ashley Cormier, † The Nugier Family, † Percy Boudreaux, † Amanda Claire Judice, Lynn Kallam Ditch, James Judice, Randy Judice and Ellen Goodyear, † J. Sherman Fontenot, † Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Shores, † Rosemarie Reyes Silva, † Toan Dinh, Mary Pham, Huynh Pham, Josephine Dinh, Elizabeth Pham, Larry Dinh, Ngoc Nguyen, Theresa Dinh, Ricky, Dominico, Paz, Mary Dinh, Davis Lambert, Gwen Lambert, Joseph Dinh, Anthony Duc Pham, Souls in Purgatory; **Living:** Phil Nayer, Linda Moore and Family; **Living & Deceased Members of:** The Judice, Kallam, Langlinais and Hamilton Families

16 Sun. 9:00 a.m.: † Joseph A. Randazzo, Jr.
11:00 a.m.: † Lisa Melancon, † Michelle Young; **Living:** Clay Judice, Sr., Iris Langley, Virginia Theriot
5:00 p.m.: Fatima Parishioners / Pro-Populo

17 Mon. 6:15 a.m.: † Mark Gallagher
18 Tues. 5:30 p.m.: **Living:** The Gallagher Family
19 Wed. 6:15 a.m.: † Emma Waguespack
20 Thur. 5:30 p.m.: † Ryan Robert Guilbeau
21 Fri. 5:30 p.m.: † Charles W. Kallam, Jr.

22 Sat. 8:00 a.m.: **Living:** David and Ronda Savoy
4:00 p.m.: † Michael & Fred Landry & Family, † The Nugier Family, † Amanda Claire Judice, Lynn Kallam Ditch, James Judice, Randy Judice and Ellen Goodyear, , † Lisa Hebert, † Rosemarie Reyes Silva; **Living:** Linda Moore and Family, Troy and Chantel Theriot; **Living & Deceased Members of:** The Lebodier & Lavergne Families, The Judice, Kallam, Langlinais and Hamilton Families

23 Sun. 9:00 a.m.: † Henry Buchholz, † Joseph A Randazzo, Jr., † Holy Souls; **Living:** Clay Judice, Sr., Iris Langley, Jon Thibodeaux & Family
11:00 a.m.: **Living:** Edward & Angela Schoeffler
5:00 p.m. Fatima Parishioners / Pro-Populo

FUNDING OUR MINISTRIES

Fiscal Year 7/1/2024 thru 6/30/2025
Annual Budget \$900,000.00 (\$17,307.69/week)

If you would like to receive a contribution letter for tax purposes, please contact Annie Governale at 337-232-8945 or bookkeeper@fatimalafayette.org.

Weekend of March 1/2

Week	Weekly	Year-to-Date
Weekly Offering (Cash/Checks)	\$6,276.56	\$309,680.32
Electronic Offering	\$6,576.50	\$265,484.10
Total Offertory	\$12,853.06	\$575,164.42
Total Budget	\$17,307.69	\$605,769.11
Variance	(\$4,454.63)	(\$30,604.69)
Mercy Works	\$	
Building & Maintenance	\$1,232.00	

Weekend of March 8/9

Week	Weekly	Year-to-Date
Weekly Offering (Cash/Checks)	\$6,978.50	\$316,558.82
Electronic Offering	\$7,634.50	\$273,218.60
Total Offertory	\$14,613.00	\$589,777.42
Total Budget	\$17,307.69	\$623,076.80
Variance	(\$2,694.69)	(\$33,299.38)
Catholic Charities	\$2,522.00	
Black & Indian Missions	\$1,536.00	

Our Lady of Fatima Church, 2025 Lenten Fundraiser “Pillar of Hope” Campaign

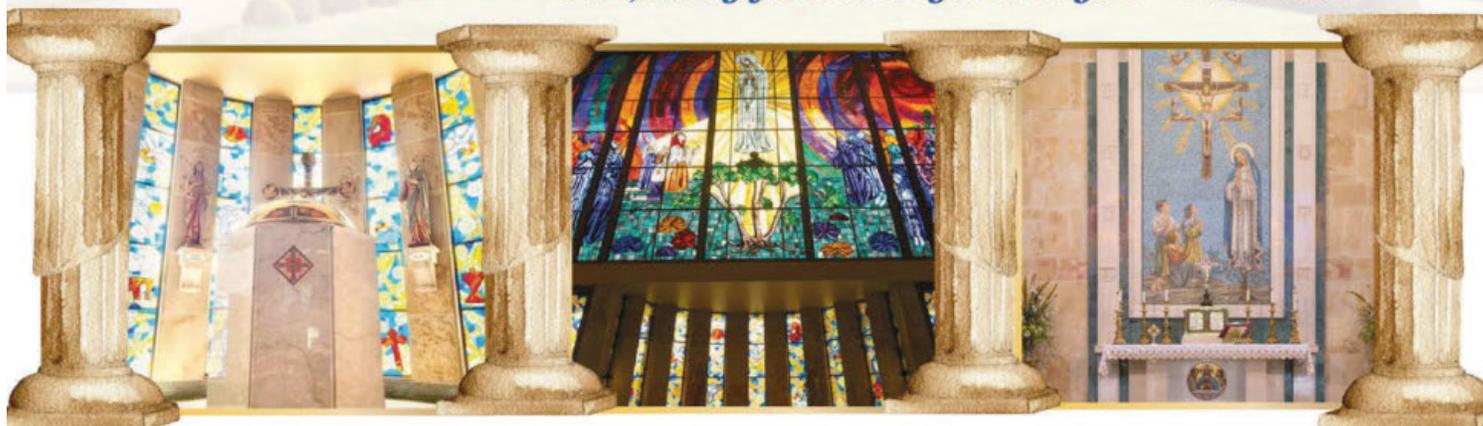
Our Lady of Fatima families are asked to contribute to save the sanctuary, nave, and Ecclesiastical artworks from the peril and immanency of water damage. This requires that as a family, we raise approximately 1.2 million dollars to replace the roof and seal the glorious stained-glass windows that surround our nave. Currently, the parish has raised \$80,000 through the prior “Raise the Roof” campaign.



Our Lady of Fatima Church tells the story of who we are, our celebrations and years of worship as a family, and the realization of our founding fathers and mothers’ implementation of a dream to build a beautiful and lasting home for worship.

The fundraiser begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Easter Sunday (urgency of the project requires we fundraise expeditiously). We ask that your Lenten almsgiving in 2025 will allow you to give generously to the “Pillar of Hope” Campaign. Contributions can be given either online, through a fundraiser envelope, or through the weekly collection by a check that is clearly marked to make your contribution to the “Pillar of Hope” Campaign.

“Give, and gifts will be given to you” ~Luke 6:38



“Rise Up and Be A Pillar of Hope” by sharing and giving to our Lenten fundraiser whereby together we protect our history, our family house of worship, OUR CHURCH.

We Need Your Help!



Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church
March Mercy Works' Project

Easter Basket Drive

"Margaret's Minnows Organization"

**Items collected will be distributed to:
Boys & Girls Club, CASA, Smile,
ARCH, and University Hospital**



Donation Period
March 1 - 30



Donation location
OLOF Church &
Parish Office



ITEMS NEEDED

- Plastic eggs & candy
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Individually wrapped snacks (crackers, cookies, protein bars)
- Small toys & stuffed animals to fit in an Easter basket



For More Information : Doris Tatford (337-280-4260) drt5boyz@cox.net



SILENT RETREAT

based on the Spiritual Exercises of
St. Ignatius of Loyola

Open to Men and Women

Date: April 10-13, 2025
Location: Grand Coteau Retreat Center
Retreat Directors: Legionaries of Christ priests



The Lafayette locality of Regnum Christi is pleased to offer a Spiritual Exercises silent retreat open to all. Men's and women's retreats will be separate.



BEGINNING THE STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

Teaching about Prayer, the Words of Jesus

"When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, who love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on street corners so that others may see them. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you. In praying, do not babble like the pagans, who think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them. Your Father knows what you need before you ask him." **(St. Matthew 6:5-8)**

The Lord's Prayer "This is how you are to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And do not subject us to the final test, but deliver us from the evil one." **(St. Matthew 6:9-13)**

Part One: Acknowledge Who God Is and What He Has Done.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

To Help Illustrate:

A family had a hobby of putting together jigsaw puzzles. The father regularly brought home puzzles of greater and greater difficulty. One night he presented his family with a puzzle of over one thousand pieces. Immediately they tackled it. After an hour, however, the family was frustrated. No matter how hard they tried, they couldn't get the puzzle started.

The father then discovered that he had accidentally switched the box top with the top from another puzzle. The picture they were looking at wasn't the puzzle they were working on.

At times, our frustration with what we perceive as unanswered prayer is merely our (perhaps unintentional) tendency to trade our wants for God's will. When we pray inviting God's will to be done, we rest in the knowledge that the Lord will always do what is best for his children.

Les Christie

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS



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Knights of Columbus Scholarships

Applications for Knights of Columbus scholarships awarded for the upcoming academic year are available March 5th through April 15th, 2025. To apply, visit KofC.org.

The Knights of Columbus has been helping young people obtain this freedom since our founding. During the past year, the Supreme Council provided over \$1.5 million in scholarships to students attending colleges, universities, and seminaries. Learn more about what is offered and how to apply at KofC.org.

SEMINARIAN

Each year, the Knights of Columbus offers Scholarships to seminarians studying at major seminaries. Applicants will attain the appropriate ecclesiastical approval, will have been accepted at a major seminary, and will be studying for an (arch)diocese or religious institute in the United States or Canada.

U.S. UNDERGRADUATES

An eligible candidate for these scholarships is a K of C member in good standing, a child of the member, or of a deceased member who was in good standing. Scholarship candidates should be entering the freshman year in an approved Catholic college in the United States and its territories as a fulltime student in a bachelor's degree program.

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

A select number of undergraduate scholarships are available for students planning to attend the Catholic University of America. There are also fellowships available to CUA graduate students. Please contact Catholic University of America for Undergraduate and Graduate applications.

BISHOP GRECO

Bishop Charles P. Greco Graduate Fellowships assist U.S. students pursuing a master's degree designed for teachers of people with intellectual disabilities. Applicants must be a member in good standing or his wife or child attending a Catholic college/university. This also applies to the widows and children of deceased members who were in good standing.

MATTHEWS AND SWIFT

The Francis P. Matthews and John E. Swift Educational Trust Scholarships are available to children of members in good standing who were killed or are permanently disabled, by hostile action, while serving in the armed forces in a combat zone identified as eligible by the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors. As well as the children of fulltime firefighters and law enforcement officers, who while in the lawful performance of their duties, died as a result of criminal violence directed at them. In either event, applications must be filed within two years of the date of death or disability.

Join the Knights of Fatima

Fatima Knights of Columbus meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. the 2nd Monday of every month at the KC Hall at 111 Goodnight Dr. For more information about our council, contact Steve Moore at 337-962-6111.

For information on renting the KC Hall for you special event, please contact Dionne Pastor at 257-3135.



SCHOOL CALENDAR

March 10-21.....	Mardi Gras Bead Drive
March 16.....	Diocesan Recognition Ceremony
March 17.....	St. Patrick's Day
March 17.....	Parents' Club Open Meeting
March 18.....	Junior High Rosary at 7:30 a.m.
March 18.....	House Meeting Penance Service
March 18.....	Faculty Meeting
March 19.....	Warrior Wednesday
March 19.....	Donuts with Dads - K
March 19.....	Faculty and Staff Luncheon
March 19.....	Cane's Spirit Night
March 20.....	Spring Pep Rally
March 21.....	Tennis Mixer
March 21.....	World Down's Syndrome Day
March 21.....	School Mass
March 22.....	Fun Run

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.



In the Home of Andrew Mims

FATIMA GALA



PRAYER CALENDAR FOR PRIESTS

Monday, March 17
Very Rev. Chester Arceneaux, VF
 Tuesday, March 18
Rev. Michael Arnaud
 Wednesday, March 19
Rev. Singarayar Arockiam
 Thursday, March 20
Rev. Justin Arockiasamy, SVD
 Friday, March 21
Rev. Matthew Barzare
 Saturday, March 22
Rev. Reed Michael Bellingham
 Sunday, March 23
Rev. Herbert Bennerfield

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Weekly Committed Adoration Opportunities

Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Tuesday - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday - 6 to 8 p.m.

24 Hour Adoration

We have a keypad near the Chapel door, so parishioners may Adore Our Lord any time of the day or night outside of office hours. The Blessed Sacrament is not exposed in keeping with the Code of Canon Law. Come by our office to sign up and get the instructions and codes to enter Knight Hall and Chapel.

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 1st weekend of the month. All expectant mothers and their families are encouraged to take advantage of this most special blessing.



First Friday Adoration

Church: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 5:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Chapel: Adoration from 6:00 p.m. until Saturday morning at 7:30 a.m.

First Saturday Adoration

Church: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. followed by Holy Mass at 8 a.m.

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

David Anthony, Billy Bernard, Deborah Poirot Chiasson, Flora Katharine Hudson, Lynn Inzerella, Ted Langlinais, Rene Rhodes, Bud & Caroline Richardson, Theresa Touchet

SANCTUARY LAMP MEMORIALS

Church:

Monsignor's Chapel: 01/25/2025 - 04/08/25
In Honor of Charlene Lange
 Adoration Chapel:

For the next few months, we will be quoting a document titled “*Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship*”, promulgated by the USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) on November 14, 2007.

V. THE MUSICAL STRUCTURE OF CATHOLIC WORSHIP -*The Communion Rite* (continued)

There are several options for the Communion song or chant,¹⁵⁹ including the proper antiphon from the *Graduale Romanum*, a seasonal antiphon from the *Graduale Simplex*,¹⁶⁰ an antiphon and psalm from a collection approved for liturgical use, or another appropriate liturgical song.¹⁶¹

In selecting a Communion song suitable for the Eucharistic banquet in which God’s blessings are bestowed so abundantly, one should look for texts that have themes of joy, wonder, unity, gratitude, and praise. Following ancient Roman liturgical tradition, the Communion song might reflect themes of the Gospel reading of the day. It is also appropriate to select a Communion processional song that reflects the liturgical action, i.e., eating and drinking the Body and Blood of Christ.

As a processional piece, the Communion chant or song presents particular challenges. The faithful are encouraged to grasp ever more deeply the essentially communitarian nature of the Communion procession. In order to foster participation of the faithful with “unity of voices,” it is recommended that psalms sung in the responsorial style, or songs with easily memorized refrains, be used. The refrains will generally need to be limited in number and repeated often, especially at the outset, so that they become familiar to the faithful.

When the Communion procession is lengthy, more than one piece of music might be desirable. In this case, there may be a combination of pieces for congregation and pieces for choir alone. Choirs with the requisite ability may sing the proper Communion chant from the *Graduale Romanum*, either in Gregorian chant or in a polyphonic setting, or other suitable choral pieces. Instrument music may also be used to foster a spirit of unity and joy. If there is a hymn or song after Communion, the Communion music should be ended “in a timely manner.”¹⁶² A period of silent reflection for the entire congregation after the reception of Communion is also appropriate.

During the various seasons of the year, the psalm or song during Communion should be chosen with the spirit of that season in mind. On most Sundays and other days, it would be appropriate to sing one of the psalms that have long been associated with participation in the Eucharistic banquet, such as Psalms 23, 34, and 147. There is also a substantial repertory of liturgical songs that give expression to the joy and wonder of sharing in the Lord’s Supper.

Care should be taken to ensure that the musicians (singers and instrumentalists), too, “can receive Communion with ease.”¹⁶³ Since the Communion song begins while the priest is receiving the Sacrament, the singers and other musicians may receive Communion at or near the end of the procession.

Song After Communion

“When the distribution of Communion is finished, as circumstances suggest, the priest and faithful spend some time praying privately. If desired, a psalm or other canticle of praise or a hymn may also be sung by the entire congregation.”¹⁶⁴ The song after Communion should focus the assembly on the mystery of the Holy Communion in which it participates, and it should never draw undue attention to the choir or other musicians. The congregation may stand for the song after Communion if the nature of the music seems to call for it.

The priest may sing the Prayer after Communion, or even just the concluding formula. At the conclusion of the prayer, the entire assembly sings the Amen as a sign of assent.

The Concluding Rites

Especially on Sundays and other solemn occasions, the blessing may be sung by the priest with the assembly singing the Amen, and the dismissal may be sung by the deacon or priest with the assembly singing *Thanks be to God*.

Although it is not necessary to sing a recessional hymn,¹⁶⁵ when it is a custom, all may join in a hymn or song after the dismissal. When a closing song is used, the procession of ministers should be arranged in such a way that it finishes during the final stanza. At times, e.g., if there has been a song after Communion, it may be appropriate to choose an option other than congregational song for the recessional. Other options include a choral or instrumental piece or, particularly during Lent, silence. **(to be continued next week)**

¹⁵⁹ “In the diocese of the United States of America there are four options for the Communion chant (song): (1) the antiphon from the Roman Missal or the Psalm from the *Roman Gradual*, as set to music there or in another musical setting; (2) the seasonal antiphon and Psalm of the *Simple Gradual*; (3) a song from another collection of psalms and antiphons, approved by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops or the diocesan Bishop, including psalms arranged in responsorial or metrical forms; (4) a suitable liturgical song chosen in accordance with no. 86. This is sung either by the choir alone or by the choir or cantor with the people” (GIRM, no. 87); ¹⁶⁰ Antiphons from the *Graduale Romanum* or *Graduale Simplex* might be sung in Latin or vernacular; ¹⁶¹ See GIRM, no. 87; ¹⁶² GIRM, no. 86; ¹⁶³ GIRM, no. 86; ¹⁶⁴ GIRM, no. 88; ¹⁶⁵ GIRM, no. 90.

PARISH MINISTRIES, ORGANIZATIONS, BIBLE STUDY & RETREATS

Visit our website, www.fatimalafayette.org to **sign up online** to join a Fatima ministry. Contact the Ministry Coordinator directly with questions and to sign up. Contact information is provided below.

FAMILIES



OUTREACH

Mercy Works - Fatima Mercy Works seeks to bring this love to those in need in our community. To join, please contact Deacon Tim : 337-232-8945 X121 or email at deacon@fatimalafayette.org

Coffee & Donuts - Families volunteer to set up/host coffee & donuts 4 times a year after the Sunday 9 am Mass.

*Coffee & Donuts is not held during the seasons of Advent and Lent.

To sign up, please call D.D. McElligott at the Parish Office: 337-232-8945



PRAYER

Vocation Prayer Cross - Your family will have the privilege to set up the cross in your home and pray together for our priests, and pray for an increase to vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

To sign up, please contact Chris Pontiff: 337-280-5813 or email at jcppi@aol.com



OUR PARISH

Fatima Family Altar Association - Come together to decorate our church for the Easter & Christmas seasons, organize, serve, and volunteer at parish events.

To join, please email Alyssa Salazar: youth-family@fatimalafayette.org



FORMATION

Youth and Family Religious Formation - We are diligently working on establishing programs and events for our youth and families.

To receive regular updates on our youth and family programs and events, please email Alyssa Salazar: youth-family@fatimalafayette.org

WOMEN



OUTREACH

Mercy Meal Teams - Meets the needs of our parishioner families in a time of need or crisis due to illness, death, etc. Each week one meal will be provided by a team member.

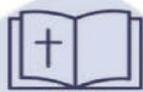
To join, please call D.D. McElligott at the Parish Office: 337-232-8945

St. Gemma Food Bank - As a volunteer for this ministry you will be emailed/called on occasion to provide a bag of grocery items for our homeless and poor who come into our office.

To join, please call Renella Livers at the parish office: 337-232-8945

Youth Programs Adult Volunteer Adult Volunteer - Our youth need to see strong Catholic women who desire to help them on their faith journey. Whether you are a young adult, single, married, or a grandparent, your presence is vital!

To join, please email Alyssa Salazar: youth-family@fatimalafayette.org



BIBLE STUDIES

Come Lord Jesus - Inspires and assists Catholics to live out the Gospel message to the fullest. The program is based on the three year cycle of Sunday readings.

To join the 5:30 pm, Monday group please call D.D. McElligott: 337-319-8866

To join the 1:30 pm, Tuesday group please call Jennifer Connolly: 337-288-4346

To join the 6:30 pm, Tuesday group please email Stef Buchholz: Stef.Buchholz1@gmail.com

To join the 8:30 am, Saturday group please call Anne Pesacreta: 337-739-5903

Fatima's Sisters in Christ - All women are invited to take a break from their busy schedules to enjoy fellowship and pray with scripture. Gatherings are led by members of Fatima Women's ACTS.

Meetings are held on the first Thursdays of every month beginning with 5:30pm Daily Mass and then in Knight Hall from 6-7pm.

For more information, please contact Louise Derise: 337-519-9185



FORMATION

Mary's Mothers - Brings together mothers who are raising school aged children to deepen their faith and grow in their relationship with Jesus.

To join, please email Stacy Ghanami: olfarmymothers@gmail.com

Women of Fatima Formation Studies - During the liturgical seasons of Advent and Lent the parish offers eight week long women's formation studies that differ from year to year.

For more information, please email Alyssa Salazar: youth-family@fatimalafayette.org

ACTS Retreats- Stay up to date on when the next ACTS retreat will be held!

For more information, please email Deacon Tim: deacon@fatimalafayette.org



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Youth Programs Adult Volunteer - Our youth need to see strong Catholic men who desire to help them on their faith journey. Whether you are a young adult, single, married, or a grandparent, your presence is vital!
To join, please email Alyssa Salazar: youth-family@fatimalafayette.org



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To join the 6:00 am, Thursday group please call Joe Wolf: 337-349-2645



Fatima Firm Foundation Fellowship & Prayer Group - All the men in our parish are invited to have their morning coffee while engaging in prayer, praise, and learning about their faith. ALL are welcome! Meetings are every Friday morning at 7:30 am in Knight Hall.
To join, please contact Chris Pontiff: 337-280-5813 or email at jcppi@aol.com



Iron Sharpens Iron - Brings together fathers of school aged children to grow and deepen their faith.
To join, please email Andrew Mims: andrewbmims@gmail.com

Warriors for Christ - forms and strengthens men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity. Meetings are every other month at 6:30pm in Knight Hall.
To join, please email Deacon Tim: deacon@fatimalafayette.org

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Knights of Columbus - Knights are Catholic men, 18 years of age and older, who are committed to making their community a better place, while supporting their Church.
For more information, please call Steve Moore: 337-962-6111

PARISHIONERS



Volunteer for Youth and Family Gatherings and Events - We are always looking for volunteers to help at our youth and family events!
To receive regular updates on volunteer opportunities please email Alyssa Salazar: youth-family@fatimalafayette.org



St. Raphael Prayer Ministry - Parishioners offer prayers for special intentions and needs of fellow Fatima parishioners.
To join, please call D.D. McElligott at the Parish Office: 337-232-8945

Sts. Joachim and Anne Society - A prayer service for the conversion of loved ones and the various needs of family life. A modest breakfast follows in Knight Hall.
Meetings are every month, on the Second Tuesday of the month in the Church at 9am to pray the rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.
For more information, please contact Renella Livers at the parish office: 337-232-8945



Spiritual Direction - The purpose of Spiritual Direction is to grow in holiness and strengthen one's relationship with God. Our priests and deacon each offer spiritual direction for our parishioners.
To schedule an appointment with one of our priests or deacon please contact Renella Livers at the parish office: 337-232-8945



Legion of Mary - A lay apostolic association of Catholic men and women who, with the sanction of the Church and under the powerful leadership of Mary Immaculate, Mediatrix of All Graces, serve the Church and their neighbor.
Meetings are on Fridays at 1:15 pm in the Knight Hall Conference Room.
To join, please call or text Hugh Prats: 337-442-4121



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Come and spend time with our Lord in our Eucharistic Chapel of the Little Shepherds located in Knight Hall. Sign-up for either weekly or monthly Adoration!
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