

# *Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church*

Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> - The Second Sunday of Lent



## **St. Joseph Altar Festivities**

Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>

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

### **Our Lenten Devotion**

Make a daily sacrifice,  
accompanied by the prayer Our Lady taught the children during the July 13<sup>th</sup> apparition:

*“O Jesus, this is for love of Thee, for conversion of sinners,  
and in reparation for offenses committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.”*

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

James Judice, Eva Fontenot, Edwina Smith Hernandez, Faye Marie Gesser, Lucy Russo, Carol Keenze, Nathan, Loretta, & Robert Schiller, Charles Blanchard, Gerald & Alberta Gossen, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen R. Moore, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Frederick J. Forstall, Avis Moore Rupert, Ryan Robert Guilbeau; **Living & Deceased Members of:** Michael & Fred Landry & Family, The Ison & Eva Fontenot Families, The Bouvier & Boudreaux Families; **Living:** Chris Townsdin



**17 Sun. 9:00 a.m.:** The Nugier Family, Amanda Claire Judice, Lynn Kallam Ditch, Eva Fontenot, Gladys Bourque Judice, Edward & Gertrude Gros, Billie A. Ruskoski, Joe Charles & Lucy Lipari Russo, Dorothy Touns, Lewis G. Gray, Frank Connolly, Marie Garrett, Garrett O'Connor; **Living & Deceased Members of:** The Kallam, Langlinais, Judice, & Hamilton Families, The Ison & Eva Fontenot Families, The Prejean, Fleming, Martin, Leger, & Cary Families, The Spaetgens & Hoffpauir Families, J.A. Kerne & Family, The Townsdin Families; **Living:** Betty Westbrook, Mercedes Estanislao Aranas

**11:00 a.m.:** John Michael Chachere, Sr.

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

**18 Mon. 6:15 a.m.:** The Ison & Eva Fontenot Families

**19 Tues. 8:30 a.m.:** Joseph C. Russo Jr., Lucy Lipari Russo,

Joseph C. Russo Sr. & Margaret, Frank A. Russo, Jake F. & Lydia Lipari  
**NO 5:30 P.M. MASS**

**20 Wed. 6:15 a.m.:** Ryan Robert Guilbeau

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

**22 Fri. 5:30 p.m.:** *Stations of the Cross / Mass*  
Lucy Lipari Russo  
**Note: No 6:15 a.m. Mass**

**23 Sat. 4:00 p.m. Anticipated:** James Judice, Eva Fontenot, Edwina Smith Hernandez, Lucy Lipari Russo, Nathan, Loretta, & Robert Schiller, Elton Beaulieu, Jr., Gerald & Alberta Gossen, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen R. Moore, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Frederick J. Forstall, Avis Moore Rupert, Ryan Robert Guilbeau, Dale Cleveland, David Gordon Chance, Lucille Langlinais, Charles Blanchard, Herbert M. Guillory, Jr.; **Living & Deceased Members of:** Michael & Fred Landry & Family, The Ison & Eva Fontenot Families, The Catholic Daughters; **Living:** Kim Hidalgo, Chris Townsdin

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

**11:00 a.m.:** Col. Thomas N. & Lena B. Ritchie, The Nugier Family, Amanda Claire Judice, Lynn Kallam Ditch, Eva Fontenot, Margaret Olsen Zepernick, Dr. Richard Zepernick, Mr. & Mrs. Arista Champagne, Jared "Sanders" Cocke, Jr., Joe Charles & Lucy Lipari Russo, Faye Marie Gesser, Griffin LeBlanc, Velma Guidry Degatur; **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, The Townsdin Families

**5:00 p.m.:** **Living:**

Mercedes Estanislao Aranas

## SAFE HAVEN SUNDAY

From the Pastor

Our Safe Haven Sunday, a national outreach of the Church addressing the wide spread use of pornography, was a huge success. Many comments came my way; people shocked by the alarming statistics. Though Safe Haven Sunday is over for this year, it doesn't mean our efforts to make our homes safe havens is over. Stay informed at [www.diolaf.org](http://www.diolaf.org), and learn more about how to protect and guide your family and friends.

I am also making available books on this topic for purchase at the Parish Office. I would never offer anything to you without first reading the books myself...and they are excellent. Take advantage of this opportunity.

- ◆ *Every Parent's Battle* — \$15
- ◆ *Delivered (True stories of men and women who turned from porn to purity)* — \$10
- ◆ *Beyond the birds and the bees, Raising sexually whole and holy kids* — \$15

## THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT

**MASS SCHEDULE:** *There will be no Friday 6:15 a.m. Mass during Lent. The Masses on the Fridays of Lent will immediately follow the 5:30 p.m. WAY OF THE CROSS. All other Mass times remain the same.*

**SOUP AND SILENCE** (served by CAST MEN) following the 5:30 p.m. Way of the Cross / Mass (around 6:15 p.m.). The remaining dates are the Fridays of: March 22, 29, April 5, 12.

**LENTEN COME, LORD JESUS ADDED BIBLE STUDY GROUPS:** In addition to the regularly scheduled group times (listed in the bulletin each week), session times are being added just for the six weeks of Lent: Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m. til 2:30 p.m. in Knight Hall; Thursdays FOR MEN ONLY, 6 a.m. til 7 a.m. in Knight Hall; and Tuesdays, 6 p.m. til 7 p.m. in Knight Hall. Feel free to contact DD McElligott (319.8866) or Jill Jordan (501.1147) if you have questions.

**FRIDAY FASTING WITH THE PASTOR:** 6 a.m. til 6 p.m. Bread and Water Fast, concluding with "Soup and Silence" for the sanctification of the Priesthood and in reparation for the clergy scandal.

## STEWARDSHIP

Weekend of March 3<sup>rd</sup>

Envelopes / Cash .....	\$10,006.00
Online Giving .....	\$6,227.00
<b>Total Offertory .....</b>	<b>\$16,233.00</b>
Envelopes / Cash .....	\$105.00
Online Giving .....	\$650.00
<b>Total Mercy Works.....</b>	<b>\$755.00</b>
Envelopes / Cash .....	\$1,346.00
Online Giving .....	\$260.00
<b>Total 2<sup>nd</sup> Coll.—Fatima Promise .....</b>	<b>\$1,606.00</b>

Weekend of March 10<sup>th</sup>

Envelopes / Cash .....	\$14,892.00
Online Giving .....	\$4,601.00
<b>Total Offertory .....</b>	<b>\$19,493.00</b>
Envelopes / Cash .....	\$570.00
Online Giving .....	\$125.00
<b>Total Mercy Works.....</b>	<b>\$695.00</b>

## LENTEN REGULATIONS

**A. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence.** This means that we do not eat meat and we have only one full meal. Concerning the Good Friday fast, the Second Vatican Council teaches: “*Let the Easter fast be kept sacred. Let it be celebrated everywhere possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection may be attained with an uplifted and clear mind.*” (Note: the underlined answers the frequent question, “When does the Lenten fast end?”)

**B. The Fridays of the year outside of Lent remain days of penance,** but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self denial or personal penance. This may be physical mortification, temperance, acts of religion, charity, or Christian witness.

The determination of these days of obligatory penance should not be understood as limiting the occasions for Christian penance. The tradition of vigils, periods of special need, supplication, and above all, the season of Lent as a whole should be maintained and respected.

**The obligation to abstain from meat binds Catholics 14 years of age and older. The obligation to fast, limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals in the course of the day, binds Catholics from the ages of 18 to 59. Those who are younger or older may freely embrace these disciplines; however, Lenten regulation should never endanger one’s health.**

### MEATLESS FRIDAYS

The Catholic faithful is obliged to abstain from meat during the Fridays of Lent. Recall that, before the Second Vatican Council, EVERY Friday was to be a meatless Friday, under pain of mortal sin. Now, the Church teaches that meat cannot be eaten on the Fridays of Lent, and that if one chooses to eat meat on the Fridays outside of Lent, then some other form of penance must be substituted. So, in point of fact, the law has not really changed. But, suppose it had? And it could.

It is crucial to understand why the Church has a particular law. What is she trying to accomplish by mandating or forbidding a specific activity? In the case of meatless Fridays, the Church was underscoring the need for Christians to do penance for their sins, making explicit Our Lord’s statement that when the Bridegroom would be taken away, the disciples would fast (Mt 9:15). Therefore, the Church law simply put some flesh on a divine precept to live lives of repentance (of which there are many examples throughout the Gospels).

If someone consciously and willfully disobeyed this norm, that person was putting himself above the Church and the will of Christ. The matter, then, was not that the person ate a hot dog instead of a tuna sandwich; rather, it was that the person felt comfortable in declaring his/her independence from the Church in her role as Mother and Teacher of the faithful, the role accorded to her by the Lord Himself, “He who hears you, hears me.” “Faithful in small matters, faithful in greater affairs.” “Whatsoever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven.” Thus, eating meat on Fridays was not really such a petty concern to begin with.

Finally, what about those people before Vatican II who disobeyed the meatless Friday law last week, died, and presumably went to hell for the offense when the law was about to change the following week? It’s always easy to poke fun at situations like this by coming up with seemingly silly scenarios, but let’s analyze it a bit. Consider this: If there is a traffic light on the corner of Main and Tenth Streets, and I get a summons for it, would my guilt be mitigated in the eyes of the judge simply because the following week the traffic light was removed? Of course not. I broke the law when it was a law, well aware of the consequences of such action. Doesn’t the analogy fit with Church law as well?

One other reminder: IF our Lenten meatless Fridays are substituted with elaborate seafood dishes, we’re really missing the point. The Fridays of Lent, in particular, are meant to be days of penance and sacrifice. Don’t make a mockery of the Church’s law which rightly beckons us to live the Gospel call to do penance for our sins.



With regard to the obligatory days listed above, there is **frequent questions about the degree of seriousness of the matter.** The teaching of Pope Paul VI may be simply paraphrased: The **obligation** to observe, as a whole or substantially, the penitential days specified by the Church is also **serious.** No one should be scrupulous in this regard. People should seek to do more rather than less; fast and abstinence on the days prescribed, and works of religion and charity on the Fridays outside Lent, should be considered a minimal response to the Lord’s call to penance and conversion of life.

### MINISTER’S SCHEDULE

#### Weekend of March 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

##### Saturday, March 23, 2019 - 4:00 p.m. Anticipated Mass

*Altar Servers:* Grayson Keenan, Molly Clark  
*Eucharistic Ministers:* Lynn LeBlanc, Adele Connolly, Bridget Alfonso  
*Lector:* Andree’ LeBlanc

##### Sunday, March 24, 2019 - 9:00 a.m. Mass

*Altar Servers:* Michael Arceneaux, Adam Crouch, Zachary Hill, Ally Hill  
*Deacon:* Deacon Ed Boustany  
*Eucharistic Ministers:* Sandra Moore, Steve Moore, Stephanie Arceneaux, Kathy Purpera  
*Lector:* Ken Miller

##### Sunday, March 24, 2019 - 11:00 a.m. Mass

*Altar Servers:* Stephen LaRochele, Ellerie Hooper, Jimmie Cox  
*Deacon:* Deacon Tim Maragos  
*Eucharistic Ministers:* Richard Brauns, Bill Doucet, Mike Hunter, Todd Metrejean, Blue Rolfes  
*Lector:* Blue Rolfes

##### Sunday, March 24, 2019 - 5:00 p.m. Mass

*Altar Servers:* Colin Romero, Rowan Cline, Victoria Couvillion  
*Eucharistic Ministers:* Ted Guidry, Norma Guidry, Tammy Allain  
*Lector:* Greg Broussard

**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.

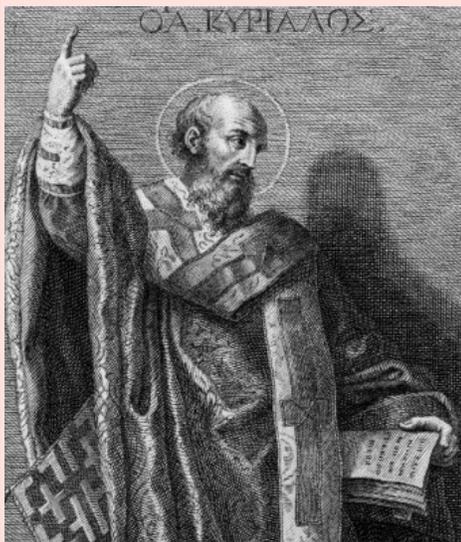
**Healing Hearts:** Weekly meetings for women whose relationships have been affected by porn or sexual addiction of a loved one. Must sign confidentiality statement. Call 337.404.6113.

**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.

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

**Monday, March 18**  
 Saint Cyril of Jerusalem



Raised a Christian in Jerusalem. Well educated, especially in religion. Priest, ordained by Saint Maximus. A great teacher of catechumens, Cyril's instructions are still source documents for the Church's early teachings. Bishop of Jerusalem in 348. Exiled three times by the Arians, usually on some trumped up charge like selling church furniture, but actually on theological grounds. Attended the *Council of Seleucia* in 359. Attended the *Council of Constantinople* in 381. Greek Father of the Church. Doctor of the Church.

*Born: 315*  
*Died: 386 of natural causes*  
*Canonized: Pre-Congregation*

**Tuesday, March 19**  
 Saint Joseph

Descendant of the house of David. Layman. Builder by trade; traditionally a carpenter, but may have been a stone worker. Earthly spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Foster and adoptive father of Jesus Christ. Visionary who was visited by angels. Noted for

his willingness to immediately get up and do what God told him to do.



*Died: 1<sup>st</sup> century, prior to the Passion, of natural causes*

**Wednesday, March 21**  
 Blessed Ambrose Sansedoni of Siena



The son of a book illuminator, he was born so badly deformed that his mother gave him off to the care of a nurse. The nurse claimed that the only time the child was

peaceful was in the local Dominican church, especially when near the altar of relics. Legend says that one day in church, the nurse covered the baby's face with a scarf; an unknown pilgrim told her, "Do not cover that child's face. He will one day be the glory of this city." A few days later the

child suddenly stretched out his twisted limbs, pronounced the name "Jesus", and all deformity left him.

A pious child, getting up during the nights to pray and meditate. At age two he was given the choice of two of his father's books—and chose the one about saints. From age seven he daily recited the *Little Office of the Blessed Virgin*. He was always charitable, and even when young he worked with the poor, the abandoned, and the sick.

When he announced he wanted to join the preaching friars, his parents and friends tried to talk him out of it. But Ambrose had heard the call, and he joined the Dominicans in Siena, Italy in 1237 on his 17<sup>th</sup> birthday.

He studied in Paris, France, and Cologne, Germany with Saint Thomas Aquinas and Pope Blessed Innocent V under Saint Albert the Great. Taught in Cologne. Ambrose wanted to write, but seeing the greatness of Saint Thomas, decided he could not match it, and devoted himself to preaching.

Worked on diplomatic missions for popes and secular rulers. Evangelized in Germany, France, and Italy; his preaching helped lead Blessed Franco of Siena to the solitary life. Mystic with a deep contemplative prayer life. He received ecstasies and visions, was known to levitate when preaching, and was seen circled in a mystic light in which flew bright birds.

*Born: April 16, 1220 at Siena, Italy*  
*Died: March 20, 1287 at Siena, Italy of natural causes*  
*Beatified: October 8, 1622 by Pope Gregory XV (cultus confirmed)*

# A CELEBRATION OF 70 YEARS - MONTH BY MONTH

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

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

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

**May 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>** (Saturday/Sunday): Parishioner Religious Art Exhibit in Knight Hall

**May 13<sup>th</sup>** (Monday): 5 p.m. Rosary followed by 5:30 p.m. Mass; showing of Fatima Film follows Mass. (No 6:15 a.m. Mass on this day.)

**May 16<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup>**: CAST Spring Retreat for Men in Grand Isle

**May 25<sup>th</sup> through June 5<sup>th</sup>**: Parish Pilgrimage to Rome/Fatima with extension to London

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

(Date in 1929 of the Last Vision of Fatima with the apparition of the Holy Trinity to Sr. Lucia in Tuy, Spain)

**June 16<sup>th</sup>** (Sunday): First Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving, Rev. Fr. Salinger Istre, 11 a.m.; reception follows in Knight Hall

**June 20<sup>th</sup> through 23<sup>rd</sup>**: Women of Grace National Meeting, Johnette Benkovic Williams

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

**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.)

***Our Lenten Focus:***  
**Praying and Fasting in reparation for the clergy scandal and  
reflecting upon the Church's response**

**This Friday, join Fr. Russo in a bread and water fast (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.)**  
**Note: *No Soup & Silence this week only due to St. Joseph Altar preparation.***

**Article III** - Cardinals and clergy who participated in the Vatican's sex abuse summit expressed conflicting views on the use of the term "zero tolerance" Friday, with some claiming that "zero tolerance" is an American concept with a legalistic focus.

Cardinal Sean O'Malley of Boston, one of the pope's primary advisors on sexual abuse, said he knows that "there is a lot of resistance to using the terminology" of zero-tolerance at the summit because some believe it sounds "secular." But, the cardinal insisted that the principle was "clearly articulated" by Pope St. John Paul II.

"There is no place in ministry for someone who harms a child and that has to be a line in the sand. That is something that is so important for all of us," O'Malley said at a Vatican press conference held on February 22.

Father Federico Lombardi, acting moderator at the Vatican sex abuse summit, told the press he does not use the term "zero tolerance" when he writes about the protection of minors because its definition is limited compared to what Vatican meeting has set out to accomplish.

"Zero tolerance" ...clearly refers to a very limited aspect of the problem we are confronting because the entire dimension of the pastoral care for victims, accompaniment, the selection of members of the clergy, prevention in parishes and in our activities, the definition of zero tolerance does not cover these aspects. It refers to one way of punitive action against criminals," Lombardi said.

"This is a very important fundamental part, but it is one part of the entire area of the protection of minors, which I think is much broader than 'zero tolerance,'" he continued.

Archbishop Charles Scicluna of Malta supported the notion of "zero tolerance," saying "that we cannot allow anyone in ministry" who might harm the young, but stated that "the prudential approach is not primarily a criminal approach—I'm not going to remove someone from ministry to punish them, but to protect the flock."

Scicluna added that "those who don't like the notion of 'zero tolerance' ...don't know what this means."

"This is a principle already stated very clearly by John Paul II on April 23, 2002 and this is what is to fuel every decision from the prudential and pastoral standpoint. It has a fundamental principle if the person is removed to spend a life of prayer and repentance," he said.

O'Malley explained that in the United States' Dallas Charter for the Protection of Minors "the commitment was no one could continue in ministry after having harmed a child," and that he would "advocate for that everywhere."

Others focused on "zero tolerance" as "an American and

Canadian" concept. Lombardi said at the press conference, "As Cardinal O'Malley says, to the Americans, the Canadians, it means something very specific. Anybody who has committed a serious offence cannot remain in ministry. I agree, but when I talk about protection of minors, I am talking about a lot of other things as well."

In response to a question about the difficulty of cultural diversity in the meeting of the world's bishops, Cupich added that "this is what synodality is about—it is walking together with each other, but also maybe learning from their experience and their own culture that there are some things that we could improve on given the richness of their own culture."

The second day of the Vatican abuse summit focused on the theme of "accountability," which included discussion of "zero tolerance."

Sex abuse victims on the sidelines of the Vatican summit have been calling for "zero tolerance" for sex abuse for both abusers and bishops who cover-up abuse. Some survivors' organizations, such as Ending Clergy Abuse, specified that for them "zero tolerance" meant "laicization" for such bishops and abuser priests.

O'Malley explained that within current U.S. protocols, the specific promise of "zero tolerance" is that abuser priests will be removed from ministry in all cases.

"The conclusion wasn't automatically that they would be laicized...and that if they were elderly or sickly that they would have prayer or penance. And some religious communities thought it was better to maintain that person within the community to be able to monitor them for the safety of children," O'Malley said.

Scicluna also expressed a desire to someday release statistics from the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith on clerical abuse, and said that he had already spoken with Cardinal Luis Ladaria about the matter.

O'Malley clarified that the 21 reflection points given out to bishops on the first day of the summit were a compilation of points submitted by the bishops. "It wasn't coming from Pope Francis himself.

On day two of the summit, Pope Francis circulated the United Nations' document on the rights of a child among the presidents of bishops conferences gathered for the meeting.

Cardinal O'Malley said "there is a moral obligation to share this information with the civil authorities for the safety of children. I think that the terrible crisis that we have experienced in the USA is precisely because for so long these crimes were not being reported so reporting to me is a big part of the way forward and for the protection of children."

## Why are Mary, the Holy Spirit and You Critical for Our Time?

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### WOMEN OF GRACE® RETREATS

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## Embracing The Holy Duet: Mary and the Holy Spirit

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**Young Women of Grace Retreat Day**  
**Girls 6<sup>th</sup>—8<sup>th</sup> grade ages.**  
**June 22, 2019**

Led by Young Women of Grace Development Team

The Young Women of Grace Retreat inspires girls ages 13 and older to understand what it means to be a daughter of God and to discern their purpose and mission in the world. This is accomplished through a fun, interactive, hands-on learning environment and inspired Catholic speakers. Girls will leave the retreat ignited by the Holy Spirit and ready to "step out into the deep" wherever God calls them to follow.

It is recommended, but not required, that the girls have completed the "Young Women of Grace: Embrace Your Femininity" study program. All speakers are safe-environment certified.

## The 2019 Easter Triduum Schedule

The Adoration Chapel will close at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> and will reopen on Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9 a.m.

**HOLY THURSDAY, April 18<sup>th</sup>:** Mass of the Lord's Supper will take place at 6:30 p.m. followed by Adoration in Church at the Altar of Reposition until 10 p.m. Please prayerfully consider keeping Vigil with the Eucharistic Lord.



**GOOD FRIDAY, April 19<sup>th</sup>:** Way of the Cross will take place at 9 a.m. The Nine Day Divine Mercy Novena begins at 3 p.m. followed by the Commemoration of the Passion and Death of the Lord.

**HOLY SATURDAY VIGIL, April 20<sup>th</sup>:** The Vigil Mass will begin at 8 p.m. (time designated by the Bishop). Blessing of Fire and Easter Water, Reception into the Church (Baptism, Confirmation and Communion) of the RCIA Candidates.



Holy Saturday

**EASTER SUNDAY, April 21<sup>st</sup>:** Masses will be celebrated at 9 and 11 a.m. There will be no 5 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday. (Blessing of Children's Easter Baskets)

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, April 28<sup>th</sup>:** Masses will be celebrated at 9 and 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. There will be no 5 p.m. Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday. (Holy Hour and Confessions will begin at 2 p.m.)

## EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

Donations towards the Easter Flowers in memory of loved ones or for a special intention can now be made at the Parish Office during regular business hours or you may use the mailed envelope marked for this purpose.

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### PROGRAM LINEUP:

*Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>:* **Study:** Symbolon: Living the Faith, Session 5: Matrimony and Holy Orders;

**Study:** YDisciple: Important Message for Dads; **Watch:** Joseph of Nazareth; **Listen:** St. Joseph: Patron of the Universal Church;

**Listen:** Pure Fatherhood; **Read:** The School of Nazareth: A Spiritual Journey with St. Joseph; **Read:** The Father of the Family;

**Read:** Be a Man!

**MAKING THE EASTER DUTY: Baptized Catholics are obliged by Church Law to confess serious sins at least once a year in preparation to receive Holy Communion during the Easter Season**

**PREPARE .... REFLECT.... BE THOROUGH without being scrupulous**

*Place a check by those that apply and bring into the confessional to help you.  
Review the Biblical Examination for further assistance – framed on the wall just outside of the confessional and/or listed on the handout located in the nearby slot.*

**Sunday Mass attendance:** Missing Sunday Mass or Holy Days of Obligation \_\_\_\_\_

Causing my children to miss Mass \_\_\_\_\_ Easily distracted at Mass because I do not prepare for it, arriving late or at the last minute \_\_\_\_\_ Just going through the motions and not paying attention to the words/prayers of Mass \_\_\_\_\_ Daily prayers are just the bare minimal \_\_\_\_\_ Failing to pray with my children/my spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Not defending my Faith when it is attacked by others \_\_\_\_\_

**My relationships:** Criticizing others harshly without knowing the full story \_\_\_\_\_ Not a listener/always argumentative \_\_\_\_\_ Jealous of others \_\_\_\_\_ A fun maker \_\_\_\_\_ Bad temper \_\_\_\_\_ Failure to respect and care for aging parents \_\_\_\_\_

**Sins of the tongue:** Lying (Dishonesty) \_\_\_\_\_ Profanity (curse words) \_\_\_\_\_ Gossip \_\_\_\_\_

**In relation to my responsibilities:** Cheating \_\_\_\_\_ Not using time at work productively \_\_\_\_\_ Stealing \_\_\_\_\_ Laziness \_\_\_\_\_ Failure to lead my family \_\_\_\_\_ Harsh in my correcting \_\_\_\_\_ Failure to keep the family home neat and tidy \_\_\_\_\_ Careless and impatient driving \_\_\_\_\_

**An impure heart:** Improper use of internet (impure images) \_\_\_\_\_ Sending impure texts \_\_\_\_\_ Dirty jokes and conversation \_\_\_\_\_ Impure television/movies/ reading material \_\_\_\_\_ Impure sins alone \_\_\_\_\_ or with someone else \_\_\_\_\_ (Must confess number of times) Contraception \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHERS:** Fake/phony attitude \_\_\_\_\_ Selfish motives \_\_\_\_\_ Pride (self absorbed) \_\_\_\_\_ Greed (food or drink, drunkenness) \_\_\_\_\_ Anger \_\_\_\_\_ Vanity (worried about how I look) \_\_\_\_\_ Drugs \_\_\_\_\_ Materialistic (always wanting things/never satisfied/too attached) \_\_\_\_\_ Arrogance (I know better) \_\_\_\_\_ Failure to be a tither or a giver of first fruits (giving just my leftovers) \_\_\_\_\_ Failure to be attentive to the poor (What have I done for them in the past month?) / "Whatever you do to the least, you do to ME." \_\_\_\_\_

**How do I examine my conscience well?**

One does so by asking for God's help and prayerfully examining one's actions in the light of Christ's teaching and example. Some review their behavior by the Ten Commandments, others by Christ's command to love God and love others, others by their correspondence to the beatitudes, others by comparing their behavior to the most important Christian virtues, and others by the seven "capital" sins (pride, envy, anger, sloth, greed, lust and gluttony). It is not enough merely to focus on how one has broken God's "rules," but rather how one has damaged his/her relationship with God and others and hurt himself/herself interiorly. It is also important to examine for sins of omission.

**SCHOOL IS IN! - UPCOMING EVENTS**

- March 18—8<sup>th</sup> graders serve at St. Joseph's Diner
- March 19—Feast of St. Joseph Mass and Celebration
- March 20—Report Card Day
- March 21—BAWL meeting
- March 21—Advisory Council Meeting
- March 22—Book Fair Preview Day



Fatima School in the last few years hosts a Book Fair in the library. This year, the theme is "Scholastic DINO-MITE Book Fair: Stomp, Chomp, and Read!" Super-size fun awaits when our school community is turned into reading raptors, bookceratops, and readasaurus rex bookivores and ready to unleash their inner dino! It will run through March 29.

## SIGN UP FOR THE BLUE ARMY

Dear Queen and Mother, who promised at Fatima to convert Russia and bring peace to all mankind, in reparation for my sins and the sins of the whole world, I solemnly promise to Your Immaculate Heart:

- ◆ To offer up everyday the sacrifices demanded by my daily duty.
- ◆ To pray at least five decades of the Rosary daily while meditating on the Mysteries.
- ◆ To wear the Scapular of Mount Carmel as profession of this promise and as an act of consecration to you.
- ◆ To accomplish the devotion of the Five First Saturdays of the month, including the fifteen-minute meditation on the mysteries of the Rosary.
- ◆ I will renew this promise often, especially in moments of temptation



**Note:** This pledge is not a vow and does not bind under sin. Nevertheless it is a promise - your word to your Heavenly Mother.

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- ◆ Your name is sent to Fatima and deposited at the site of the apparition.
- ◆ You share in the prayers of millions of members.
- ◆ You become a spiritual child of Saint Pio.
- ◆ You participate in the New Evangelization taught by Pope Saint John Paul II.

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#### Internet

- ◆ Go to [www.bluearmy.com](http://www.bluearmy.com)
- ◆ Left Click on the Apostolate Tab (top left)
- ◆ Click on "Join the Apostolate".

#### By Mail

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