Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

Sunday, March 24th - The Third Sunday of Lent

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. All are invited to offer prayers for the priests of our Diocese.

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE
Saturdays—3 pm to 3:45 pm prior to the Vigil Mass
Weekdays—15 minutes before the am Masses
30 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 practicing Catholics who attend Sunday Mass every week. Sponsors are to be confirmed.

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. Fr. Michael J. Russo, Pastor
Deacon Timothy Maragos & Deacon Ed Boustany

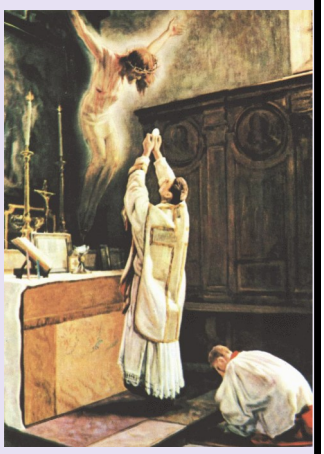
Parish Office: (337) 232-8945; **Parish Fax:** (337) 232-0323; **School Office:** (337) 235-2464
Church Website: www.fatimalafayette.org
Office Hours: Monday—Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.; Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

Our Lenten Devotion

Make a daily sacrifice,
accompanied by the prayer Our Lady taught the children during the July 13th 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



23 Sat. 4:00 p.m. Anticipated: James Judice, Eva Fontenot, Edwina Smith Hernandez, Lucy Lipari Russo, Nathan, Loretta, & Robert Schiller, Elton Beaullieu, 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., Marie Watson; **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

25 Mon. 6:15 a.m.: Living & Deceased Members of the Roy & Justine Elder Families

26 Tues. 5:30 p.m.: Eva Fontenot

27 Wed. 6:15 a.m.: Mr. Frem Boustany, Sr.

28 Thur. 5:30 p.m.: Joseph C. Russo, Jr.
Lucy Lipari Russo
Joseph C. Russo, Sr. & Margaret
Frank A. Russo
Jake F. & Lydia Lipari

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

30 Sat. 4:00 p.m. Anticipated: James Judice, Amanda Claire Judice, Lynn Kallam Ditch, Eva Fontenot, Edwina Smith Hernandez, Faye Marie Gesser, Lucy Russo, Nathan, Loretta, & Robert Schiller, Gerald & Alberta Gossen, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen R. Moore, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Frederick J. Forstall, Avis Moore Rupert, Ryan Robert Guilbeau, Herbert M. Guillory, Jr., Elroy Perrien, Marjorie Scaglione, Charles Blanchard, Marie Watson; **Living & Deceased Members of:** Michael & Fred Landry & Family, The Kallam, Langlinais, Judice, & Hamilton Families, The Ison & Eva Fontenot Families

31 Sun. 9:00 a.m.: John Paul Martin

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

5:00 p.m.: The Nugier Family, Eva Fontenot, Jared "Sanders" Cocke, Jr., Joe Charles & Lucy Lipari Russo, Frank Connolly; Living & Deceased Members of: The Ison & Eva Fontenot Families, The Prejean, Fleming, Martin, Leger, & Cary Families

From the Pastor

St. Joseph Altar "thank you": I am grateful to all who helped to make this year's Altar so beautiful. This year's commemoration was all the more emotional for me without Mom at my side. There were so many compliments from those who came from throughout the Diocese. Thanks, again, for making your pastor look good!

Books on the topic of the wide spread use of pornography remain available for purchase at the Parish Office. 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 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 7a.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 17th

Envelopes / Cash	*$11,488.00*
Online Giving	*$6,128.00*
Total Offertory	**$17,616.00**
Envelopes / Cash	*$66.00*
Online Giving	*$380.00*
Total Mercy Works	**$446.00**
Envelopes / Cash	*$2,583.00*
Online Giving	*$311.00*
Total 2nd Coll.: Bldg. & Maint.	**$2,894.00**

THE ANNUNCIATION

In the Orient, where the part which Mary took in the Redemption is celebrated by a special feast, December 26, the Annunciation is a feast of Christ; in the Latin Church, it is a feast of Mary. It probably originated shortly before or after the council of Ephesus (c.431). At the time of the Synod of Laodicea (372) it was no known; St. Proclus, Bishop of Constantinople (d.446), however, seems to mention it in one of his homilies. He says, that the feast of the coming of Our Lord and Savior, when He vested Himself with the nature of man *(quo hominum genus indutus)*, was celebrated during the entire fifth century. This homily, however, may not be genuine, or the words may be understood of the feast of Christmas.

In the Latin Church this feast is first mentioned in the Sacramentarium of Pope Gelasius (d.496), which we possess in a manuscript of the seventh century; it is also contained in the Sacramentarium of St. Gregory (d.604), one manuscript of which dates back to the eighth century. Since these sacramentaries contain additions posterior to the time of Gelasius and Gregory, Duchesne (Origines du culte chretien, 118, 261) ascribes the origin of this feast in Rome to the seventh century; Probst, however, (Sacramentairn, 264) thinks that it really belongs to the time of Pope Gelasius. The tenth Synod of Toledo (656), and Trullan Synod (692) speak of this feast as one universally celebrated in the Catholic Church.

All Christian antiquity (against all astronomical possibility) recognized the 25th of March as the actual day of Our Lord's death. The opinion that the Incarnation also took place on that date is found in the pseudo-Cyprianic work "De Pascha Computus", c.240. It argues that the coming of Our Lord and His death must have coincided with the creation and fall of Adam. And since the world was created in spring, the Savior was also conceived and died shortly after the equinox of spring. Similar fanciful calculations are found in the early and later Middle Ages, and to them, no doubt, the dates of the feast of the Annunciation and of Christmas owe their origin. Consequently the ancient martyrologies assign to the 25th of March the creation of Adam and the crucifixion of Our Lord; also, the fall of Lucifer, the passing of Israel through the Red Sea and the immolation of Isaac. (Thurston, *Christmas and the Christian Calendar*, Amer. Eccl. Rev., XIX, 568.) The original date of this feast was the 25th of March. Although in olden times most of the churches kept no feast in Lent, the Greek Church in the Trullan Synod (in 692; can. 52) made an exception in favor of the Annunciation. In Rome, it was always celebrated on the 25th of March. The Spanish Church transferred it to the 18th of December, and when some tried to introduce the Roman observance of it on the 25th of March, the 18th of December was officially confirmed in the whole Spanish Church by the tenth Synod of Toledo (656). This law was abolished when the Roman liturgy was accepted in Spain.

"UNPLANNED"

The prolife movie Unplanned, which is endorsed by Bishop Deshotel, comes out at the Grand 16 Theatre this Friday, March 29th. This is a movie about the life of Abby Johnson, former director of Planned Parenthood. Since the release of her biography almost 500 workers have left Planned Parenthood. The movie is only in select theatres and so a sellout on opening weekend guarantees that the movie will show in many more theatres throughout the country. Please help the cause of life by attending this movie with as many friends as possible on opening weekend.

LENTEN MISSION

A Lenten Mission will take place at St. Peter Church in New Iberia from Sunday, March 31st to Tuesday, April 2nd beginning each night at 7 p.m. The title of the Mission is: **On Prayer: Our Personal Conversation with God**. The presenter will be The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, D.D., Bishop of Lake Charles.

The Topic for March 31: **"What Really Matters"**
The Topic for April 1: **"Wonder and Awe"**
The Topic for April 2: **"Deliver Us from Evil"**

Holy Mass will not be offered with the Mission

St. Peter Roman Catholic Church
108 East St. Peter Street, New Iberia, Louisiana 70560

MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

Weekend of March 30th & 31st

Saturday, March 30, 2019 - 4:00 p.m. Anticipated Mass

Altar Servers:	Ethan Davidson, Hannah Thibodeaux
Eucharistic Ministers:	Gerald Bouvier, Elaine Trahan, Roy Walker
Lector:	Elaine Martin

Sunday, March 31, 2019 - 9:00 a.m. Mass

Altar Servers:	Madelyn Cramer, Grant Deshotels, Gabriel Willis, Jean-Paul Simon
Deacon:	Deacon Ed Boustany
Eucharistic Ministers:	Pauline Lalande, Stephanie Buchholz, Peter Russo, Lee Tatford
Lector:	Bubbles Stelly

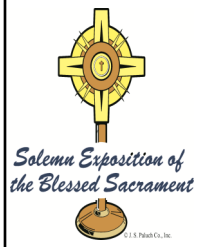
Sunday, March 31, 2019 - 11:00 a.m. Mass

Altar Servers:	William Gary, Elizabeth Gary, Sophie Alesi
Deacon:	NO DEACON
Eucharistic Ministers:	Shannon Daigle, Michelle LeBlanc, Wade Trahan, Richard Brauns Sacristan
Lector:	Kim Privat

Sunday, March 31, 2019 - 5:00 p.m. Mass

Altar Servers:	Jolie & Sophia Bosch, Hayes Hebert
Eucharistic Ministers:	Gary & Mary Porubsky, Angelle Dartez
Lector:	Gretchen Milligan

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



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 1st 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!

Monday, March 25
Saint Dismas

One of the thieves crucified with Jesus, the other being traditionally known as Gestas; Dismas is the Good Thief, the one who rebuked the other, and asked for Christ's blessing.

An old legend from an Arabic infancy gospel says that when the Holy Family were running to Egypt, they were set upon by a band of thieves, including Dismas and Gestas. One of the highwaymen realized there was something different, something special about them, and ordered his fellow bandits to leave them alone; this thief was the young Dismas

Died: crucified 2;30 at Jerusalem
Canonized: Pre-Congregation

Tuesday, March 26
Saint Ludger of Utrecht

Son of Thiadgrim and Liafburg, wealthy Frisian nobles. Brother of Saint Gerburgis and Saint Hildegrin. Saw Saint Boniface preach in 753, and was greatly moved. Studied at Utrecht, Netherlands under Saint Gregory of Utrecht. Studied three and a half years in England under Blessed Alcuin. Deacon.

Returned to the Netherlands in 773 as a missionary. Sent to Deventer in 775 to restore a chapel destroyed by pagan Saxons, and to recover the relics of Saint Lebwin, who had built the chapel. Taught school at Utrecht. Destroyed pagan idols and places of worship in the areas west of Lauwers Zee after they were Christianized. Ordained in 777 at Cologne, Germany. Missionary to Friesland, mainly around Ostergau and Dokkum, from 777 to 784, returning each fall to Utrecht to teach in the cathedral school. Left the area in 784 when pagan Saxons invaded and expelled all priests.

Pilgrim to Rome, Italy in 785. Met with Pope Adrian I, and the two exchanged counsel. Lived as a Benedictine monk at Monte Cassino, Italy from 785 to 787, but did not take vows. At the request of Charlemagne, he returned to Friesland as a missionary. It was a successful expedition, and he built a monastery in Werden, Germany to serve as a base. Repported to have cured the blindness of, and thus caused the conversion of the blind pagan bard Berulef.

Refused the Bishopric of Trier, Germany in 793. Missionary to the Saxons. Built a monastery at Mimigernaford as the center of this missionary work, and served as its abbot. The word monasterium led to the current name of the city that grew up around the house—Münster. Built several small chapels throughout the region. First bishop of Münster in 804, being ordained at Westphalia.

Ludger's health failed in later years, but he never reduced his work load. No matter how busy or dangerous his outside life, he never neglected his time of prayer and meditation, it being a source of the strength to do everything else. The man's life can be summed up in two facts: 1) he was reprimanded and denounced only once during his bishopric—for spending more on charity than on church decoration, 2) on the day of his death, he celebrated Mass—twice.

Born: c.743 at Zuilen, Friesland (modern Netherlands)
Died: in the evening of Passion Sunday, March 26, 809 of natural causes
Canonized: Pre-Congregation

Wednesday, March 27
Blessed Francesco Faà di Bruno

Youngest of twelve children born to Louis, Marquis of Bruno, and Carolina Milanesi, a family of wealthy nobles. Francesco studied mathematics, geography, surveying and cartography, served in the army of Savoy, and rose to officer status in the corps of engineers. Graduated from the Sorbonne with degrees in mathematics and astronomy in 1853. Worked at the French National Observatory in 1855. Professor of mathematics in Turin, Italy, and wrote on a number of math theories. Priest in the archdiocese of Turin. Founded the Society of Saint Zita, the Minim Sisters of Our Lady of Suffrage, a home for un-wed mothers, and a school that is now named for him.

Born: March 29, 1825 in Alessandria, Italy
Died: March 27, 1888 in Turin, Italy of natural causes
Beatified: September 1988 by Pope John Paul II

A CELEBRATION OF 70 YEARS - MONTH BY MONTH

April 4th (Thursday): 5 p.m. Rosary followed by 5:30 p.m. Mass; showing of Fatima Film follows Mass.
(Date in 1919 of the death of Francisco Marto, one of the shepherd children of Fatima)

ANNIVERSARY DATE - April 17th (Wednesday of Holy Week): Fatima Parish established in 1949 on Easter Sunday, April 17th, 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 21st.

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

May 11th/12th (Saturday/Sunday): Parishioner Religious Art Exhibit in Knight Hall
May 13th (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 16th through 19th: CAST Spring Retreat for Men in Grand Isle
May 25th through June 5th: Parish Pilgrimage to Rome/Fatima with extension to London

June 13th (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 16th (Sunday): First Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving, Rev. Fr. Salinger Istre, 11 a.m.; reception follows in Knight Hall
June 20th through 23rd: Women of Grace National Meeting, Johnette Benkovic Williams

July 12th through 14th: CAST Couples' Retreat (Abbeville Family Missions Retreat House)

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

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

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

October 13th (Sunday): Celebration of 11 a.m. Mass with Bishop Deshotel; Parish/School family picnic follows on Church grounds
October 17th through 20th: CAST Fall Retreat for Men in Grand Isle

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

December 10th (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:
<u>Praying</u> and <u>Fasting</u> 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.)
Soup & Silence follows this Friday's 5:30 p.m. Way of the Cross/Mass.

Article IV - Cardinal Reinhard Marx said that administration and transparency will be key to rebuilding the trustworthiness and credibility of the Church after its mishandling of past cases of clerical sexual abuse.

"A fully-functional Church administration is an important building block in the fight against abuse, and in dealing with abuse," Cardinal Marx of Munich and Freising said in his keynot address at the Vatican sex abuse summit held this past February 23.

Transparency with clearly-defined, public procedures is "a decisive factor in the trustworthiness and credibility of the Church. Let us take a courageous step in this direction," he said.

The German cardinal's speck praised administrative transparency for its ability to create order, uncover errors, and regulate infringements against the common interest and the "sinfulness of humanity," as well as provide evidence that can restore the reputation of a wrongly-accused person, who would otherwise be subjected to rumors.

Marx also pointed to the Church's past failures in transparency as an "abuse of power in the area of administration."

For example, he said, "Files that could have documented the terrible deeds and named those responsible were destroyed, or not even created. Instead of the perpetrators, the victims were regulated and silence imposed on them"

"The stipulated procedures and processes for the prosecution of offenses were deliberately no complied with, but instead cancelled or overridden," he continued, saying that these failures sharply contradicted what the Church should stand for.

He later clarified in a press conference that this comment specifically referred to what was discovered in the MHG study of past clerical sex abuse commissioned by the German Bishops' Conference. Marx proposed several concrete recommendations for improving transparency including the "public announcement of statistics on the number of cases, and

details thereof, as far as possible" to combat "institutional mistrust" that leads to "conspiracy theories."

He said that "establishing transparent procedural norms and rules for ecclesiastical processes is essential" because "the Church must not operate below the quality of standards of public administration of justice."

Marx also said that "traceability and transparency are also extremely important beyond the context of abuse, for example in the area of finances."

Marx provided the second keynote speech on the third and final day of discussions among the 190 bishops and other Catholic leaders at the Vatican sex abuse summit February 21-24.

The other two speakers on day three of the summit, a day dedicated to transparency, were both women. Nigerian Sister Veronica Openibo spoke about openness with the rest of the world, and veteran Vatican journalist Valentina Alazraki spoke about communication.

"Transparency does not mean the uncritical acceptance and undisciplined dissemination of abuse allegations. The goal is a transparent process, which clarifies and specifies the allegations, and follows generally accepted standards regarding when and how the public, the authorities and the Roman Curia should be informed," Cardinal Marx said.

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

Register through the WOG National Website

Join Johnnette Benkovic Williams and women from around the country for a weekend of formation, fellowship and fun at our Women of Grace Retreats this summer. Discover God's plan for you as we explore our theme, "Embracing the Holy Duet: Mary and the Holy Spirit."

Mass—Adoration—Dynamic & Inspiring Talks
Sisterhood—Healing Service—Confession

Speakers include: Johnnette Benkovic Williams, Father Christ Decker, Jack Williams, Thomas K. Sullivan and Kathleen Beckman

Also available: "Get Spirit Savvy!!"
Young Women of Grace Retreat Day
Girls 6th—8th 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 inspirit 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 17th and will reopen on Tuesday, April 23rd at 9 a.m.

HOLY THURSDAY, April 18th: 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 19th: 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 20th: 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.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 21st: 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 28th: 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—MONDAY, MARCH 25th

Study: The Bible and the Virgin Mary, Lesson 2: Handmaid of the Lord; **Study:** The Wild Goose, Segment 4: The Spirit and Our Lady; **Watch:** Mary of Nazareth; **Watch:** Is Bowing before a Mary Statue Idolatry?; **Listen:** Mary: Handmaid of the Lord; **Listen:** The Joyful Mysteries Narrated by Vin Scully; **Read:** Mary: God's Yes to Man; **Read:** Faith Basics: Understanding Catholic Teaching on the Blessed Virgin Mary

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?) / "Whatsoever you do to the least, you do to ME." _____

What are the consequences of mortal sin?

A mortal sin "results in the loss of charity and the privation of sanctifying grace, that is, of the state of grace. If it is not redeemed by repentance and God's forgiveness, it causes exclusion from Christ's kingdom and the eternal death of hell, for our freedom has the power to make choices forever, with no turning back" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1861). This is why it is so important for mortal sins to be confessed to a priest as soon as possible, and not to receive the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist when in such a state.

SCHOOL IS IN! - UPCOMING EVENTS

March 25-29—Book Fair
March 26—Penance Service
March 26—8th graders serve at St. Joseph's Diner
March 26—Beta Club Meeting
March 27—1st grade Retreat
March 29—Memorial Mass
March 30—Fatima Fun Run

Fatima School Foundation hosts a Memorial Mass in honor of those within the Fatima community who have passed away. Donations to the Memorial Endowment are a wonderful way to ensure that loved ones will leave their legacy behind.

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.

BENEFITS

- You know you are fulfilling Our Lady's conditions to obtain the conversion and the peace of Christ for the world.
- You obtain numerous indulgences through the Rosary and the Scapular.
- You become eligible for the spiritual graces of Our Lady of Mount Carmel - graces in this life, at the hour of death and after death.
- 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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