

# OUR LADY OF FATIMA

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



**SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 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**  
 13<sup>th</sup> of May, June, July, September, October  
 and August 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm (if not weekend)

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

### CONTACT US

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**Pastor**.....Rev. Msgr. Jefferson DeBlanc, Jr.  
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**Deacon**..... Stephen VanCleve  
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**School Website**.....www.fatimawarrior.com

### OFFICE HOURS:

**Monday thru Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

## 8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." - Lk 6:43, 45

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

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

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

## Chapter VIII: The Seven Capital or Deadly Sins

You may consult a doctor without knowing precisely what ails you. But you feel a lot better when you discover the name and the cure for the disease you have. Similarly, naming our demons is an essential part of healing and growth. As we have seen, the capital sins are deeper than actions. They are “attitudes, thoughts or drives. They run so deeply in our fallen nature that we are often unaware of their presence.”\* Beginning from something good, the seven sins are “disorientations” in our human nature and “the source or deeper roots of particular concrete sins.”\*\*

Jesus identified *love of God* and *love of one another as we love ourselves* as the two precepts that form the Great Commandment. Self-love is good, but the capital sins pursue self-love in an inordinate or disordered way. In the next few bulletin articles, we will examine each of the deadly sins and the remedies or medicines to treat them.

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For all that is in the world, **the lust of the flesh** and **the lust of the eyes** and the **pride of life**, is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world passes away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides for ever.” [1 *John* 2:16-17; RSV-CE.]

In the above quotation, *lust* is simply a synonym for *concupiscence*, which is our wounded human nature’s inclination to do evil or sin. (1) The *concupiscence or lust of the flesh* is **lust** and **gluttony**. (2) The *concupiscence or lust of the eyes* is **avarice** or greed. (3) *Pride of life* is twofold. Toward oneself, pride of life is **vainglory** and **acedia**. Toward others, pride of life is **envy** and **anger**.

Saint Thomas Aquinas wrote that the seven capital sins are *causes of sin*. The word *capital*, Aquinas points out, is from the Latin word *caput*, which means *head*. The head of an animal is the *director of the whole animal*. People who direct and govern other people are metaphorically called heads. A capital vice is the director and cause of other sins, as a leader directs an army.†

We naturally **desire what is good**. The good of human beings is threefold: *good of the soul*, *good of the body*, and the *preservation of the species*.

- With respect to the *good of the soul*, **pride** or **vainglory** (vanity) pushes people to inordinately esteem themselves, to look for honor and praise, and to refuse submission to others, including God.
- The *good of the body* (preserving our lives through the good of eating and drinking) is sought inordinately through **gluttony** (inordinate desire for food or drink).
- The *human species is preserved* by the good of sexual intercourse, which **lust** seeks in an impure way. Lust is also the willful entertainment of impure desire. (*Matthew* 5:28.)
- **Avarice** (*covetousness*) is the disordered pursuit of riches or external goods and the insatiable desire for more.

**Avoidance of good** manifests itself in *acedia* (sloth) and *envy* (including *envy* that erupts into *anger*).

- **Acedia** or **sloth** “is sadness about one’s spiritual good, on account of the attendant bodily labor;” in other words, spiritual laziness in the face of the effort required to attain holiness of life. This is really an aversion for the good things that God offers.
- **Envy** is “sadness about another’s good as being a hindrance to one’s own excellence.” There is a difference between *envy* and *jealousy*. *Jealousy* is the desire to possess another person’s good. *Envy* centers on something good about our neighbor, a talent or blessing which I want to diminish because I believe that it eclipses my excellence. This gives rise to **Schadenfreude** or happiness at the misfortune of others. This is *envy* properly speaking, without recrimination or vengeance.
- Sorrow about another person’s good *with recrimination* produces **anger**, which is irrational and unreasonable vengeance directed against the other person himself. Anger grows into hatred when it becomes inveterate and lasts a long time.††

### Next Week: *Pride and Its Remedies*

\* I have drawn from Monsignor Charles Pope’s handout entitled “An Overview of the Seven Cardinal Sins,” as well as from my notes during the retreat with supplementary materials from an earlier retreat in October 2023 given by Father Jude Israel, O.S.B., and other resources. \*\*Archbishop Alfred Hughes, *Spiritual Masters: Living and Praying in the Catholic Tradition* (San Francisco, CA: Ignatius Press, 2024), p. 47. †Saint Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologica*, Volume Two, I<sup>II</sup>æ, QQ 1-114, Fathers of the English Dominican Province, trans. (Notre Dame, IN: Christian Classics, 1981), Q. 84. Unless otherwise indicated, quotes for the balance of the article are from Q. 84. ††*Summa*, Volume Two, I<sup>II</sup>æ, Q. 46, *Reply Obj. 2*.



**1 Sat. 4:00 p.m.:** † Michael & Fred Landry & Family, † Mr. & Mrs. Stephen R Moore, Sr., Mr. & Mrs Frederick J Forstall, Avis Moore Rupert, Ryan Robert Guilbeau, † Dotsie Butcher, † The Nugier Family, † 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; **Living & Deceased Members of:** , The Judice, Kallam, Langlinais and Hamilton Families

**2 Sun. 9:00 a.m.:** † Henry Buchholz

**11:00 a.m.:** † Joseph A Randazzo, Jr., † Lisa Melancon, † Holy Souls, † Fr. Stefan Kielinski, SDB; **Living:** Dale & Melissa Hewitt, Clay Judice, Sr.

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

**3 Mon. 6:15 a.m.:** † Felix Lawrence and Marie Inzerella D'Anna

**4 Tues. 5:30 p.m.:** **NO MASS TODAY DUE TO MARDI GRAS**

**5 Wed. 6:15 a.m.:** † Francie Cooke D'Anna

**12:10 p.m.:** † Michael Anthony D'Anna

**5:30 p.m.:** † Rev. H. William Reed

**6 Thur. 5:30 p.m.:** † **Living & Deceased Members of:** The D'Anna, Inzerella, Cooke and Koppens Families

**7 Fri. 5:30 p.m.:** † Dr. Frem Boustany, Jr.

**8 Sat. 8:00 a.m.:** **Living:** Wesley and Lou Hebert

**4:00 p.m.:** † Michael & Fred Landry & Family, † Mr. & Mrs. Stephen R Moore, Sr., Mr. & Mrs Frederick J Forstall, Avis Moore Rupert, Ryan Robert Guilbeau, † The Nugier Family, † 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; **Living:** Mr. and Mrs. Shawn Lopez, Easton Becnel Family, Fr. Tom Montelaro; **Living & Deceased Members of:** The Bouvier & Boudreaux Families, The Judice, Kallam, Langlinais and Hamilton Families

**9 Sun. 9:00 a.m.:** † Manuel, Lormand & Huval Families, † Joseph A Randazzo, Jr., † Henry Buchholz, † Lisa Melancon, † Holy Souls; **Living:** Anna Champagne, Clay Judice, Sr.; **Living & Deceased Members of:** The J. A. Kerne Family

**11:00 a.m.:** † Albert Champagne

**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)**  
**Weekend of February 22/23**

Week	Weekly	Year-to-Date
Weekly Offering (Cash/Checks)	\$6,259.50	<b>\$303,403.76</b>
Electronic Offering	\$6,701.50	<b>\$258,907.60</b>
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$12,961.00</b>	<b>\$562,311.36</b>
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$17,307.69</b>	<b>\$588,461.46</b>
<b>Variance</b>	<b>(\$4,346.69)</b>	<b>(\$26,150.10)</b>
<b>Mercy Works</b>	\$	

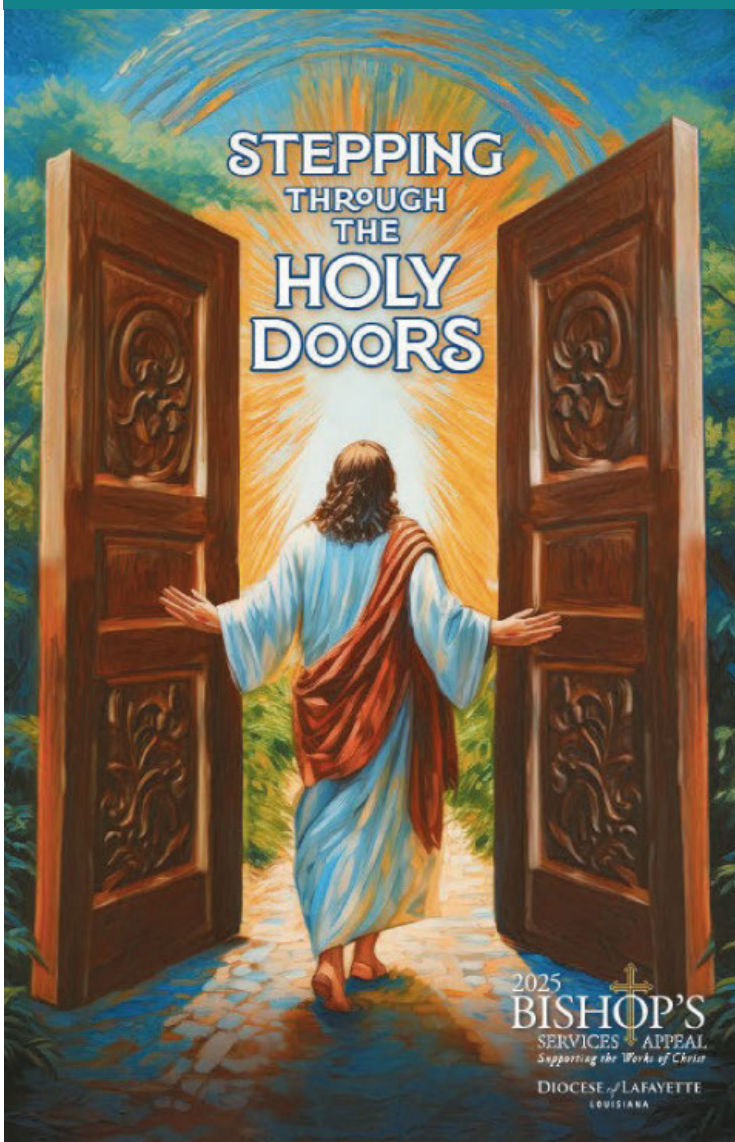
**If you would like to receive  
a contribution letter for  
tax purposes,**

**please contact  
Annie Governale**

**at 337-232-8945 or**

**bookkeeper@fatimalafayette.org.**

## BISHOP'S SERVICES APPEAL



On the weekend of March 15/16, the second collection will be dedicated to the Bishop's Services Appeal, embracing the theme "Stepping Through the Holy Doors." This invites us to reflect on the significance of mercy and the open doors of the Church which symbolize the welcoming embrace of God's love. Let us remember the call to open our hearts to those in need. Please donate in this Holy Year to fund the vital programs and services so many rely on in our Diocese. We express our sincere gratitude for your gifts that have already been sent.

## ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE



Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the 2025 Lenten Season. It is a day of fasting and abstinence for all Catholics between the ages of 14 and 59. The Schedule of Masses for

Ash Wednesday is as follows:

**6:15 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.**

**Ashes will be distributed and placed on the forehead at each Mass.**

OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH

# We are Hiring!

We are seeking a passionate and dedicated individual to serve as our **Director of Youth and Family Religious Formation**. This full-time position involves working with youth, families, and our parish and school communities to foster spiritual growth and formation.

Visit our website: [fatimalafayette.org](http://fatimalafayette.org) to review the job description. If you are interested please email your resume to: [youth-family@fatimalafayette.org](mailto:youth-family@fatimalafayette.org)

# COME, LORD JESUS!



**Come, Lord Jesus!**  
**Lenten Journey**  
**Prayer + Scripture**  
**+Eucharist +**  
**Christian Community**

Journey with us during this holy season of Lent as we study and meditate upon the Sunday Gospels leading to the glorious resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Meet weekly with family members, friends, fellow parishioners or join an on-line group for a deeper understanding of Jesus' life, death and the victory he claimed for each of us! Prepare for the Easter celebration with a spiritual journey that will renew your faith and transform your life!

Groups will meet each Monday during Lent, in Knight Hall at 6:30 pm. For further information, please contact Deacon Tim Maragos, at 337.232.8945. This program is for all adults, women and men.



## Sponsorship Opportunities

**\$8000** FATIMA JUBILEE DIAMOND LEVEL

*1 sponsor*  
 BAND/STAGE

**\$6000** FATIMA JUBILEE LEGACY LEVEL

*4 sponsors*  
 FOOD, BAR, PHOTO BOOTH, ADMISSION

**\$4000** FATIMA JUBILEE TRADITION LEVEL

*2 sponsors*

**\$2500** FATIMA JUBILEE HOPE LEVEL

*limited spots*

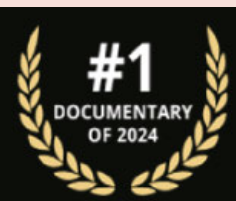
**\$1500** FATIMA JUBILEE BLUE & GOLD LEVEL

**\$500** FATIMA JUBILEE WARRIOR LEVEL

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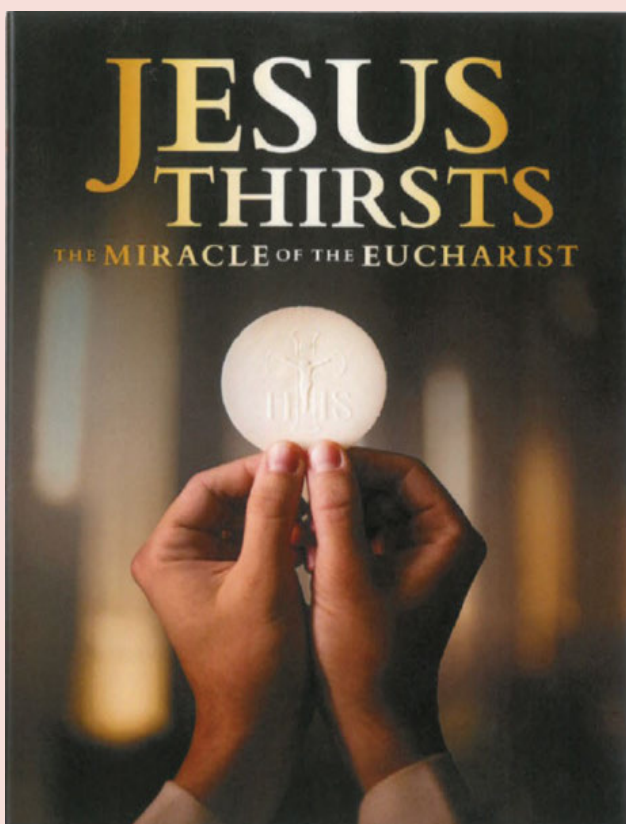
## MOVIE EVENT



"Life changing"

"A powerful documentary"

"An absolute must see!"



**Fatima Catholic Church - Knight Hall Theater**  
**Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm** - 1 Hour 55 Minutes  
**Mass follows at 4pm** - Catholic Daughters (337) 806-5556

## Join us in celebrating 75 Years of Our Lady of Fatima Church and School

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church and School is excited to invite you to our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala on Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Le Pavillion.

We humbly ask for your support through **sponsorship** of this momentous event. We are offering exclusive sponsorship packages with a range of benefits, including prominent recognition during the event, and your name will be proudly displayed as a key supporter of our parish's 75-year journey. Don't miss the chance to be part of something truly special.

We would be honored to have you stand with us as we celebrate the past, present, and future of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church and School.

To sponsor our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala, please use the QR above.

If you have any questions, please contact Christy Mims, Gala Sponsorship Chair, at christy.boustany@gmail.com or 337-344-3894.

Gala tickets will be available for purchase mid-March, as well as any additional tables.



## Charity at the Next Level

The first and most important principle of the Knights of Columbus is Charity.

I'm a really busy guy and I value my social life, but looking at the lives of any one of my Brother Knights who has a wife, children, and his career, made me realize that I can probably find a little time to give. I used to think I was too busy to be active in something like the Knights of Columbus, but when I reflected on what was really filling my time, I realized I could do better. Just a little bit of time goes a long way.

Once I began volunteering, the rewards were unbelievable. I almost feel guilty, because I think I get more out of volunteering than the people I am "helping". Of course, anyone can volunteer and they should, but as a Knight, my efforts are amplified through my council. As Knights at Fatima, we have taken on leadership roles in our parish, we have expanded the Come Lord Jesus group, we have served the church and the school with our cooking efforts, we have raised money for charities, we have brought Bingo and Easter egg hunts back to the parish, and the list goes on. Sure, I could do many of those things on my own, without being a Knight, but by joining the largest Catholic Fraternal Organization in the world, I unite my efforts to millions of other men and amplify my impact.

## A Community to Call My Own

My life has been truly enriched by joining the Knights of Columbus. As a Knight, I practice the Catholic principles I believe in by forming real-life relationships with my Brothers and serving my local community. I have found a community to call my own, and I hope that other young people can do the same! We can bring our skills, energy, and new ideas to the table to revitalize the organizations that have the power to do such good. Why reinvent the wheel? I found the resources to grow and work in my community have been readily available through my council.

**So be bold! Join one of your parish's organizations, maybe even the Knights of Columbus, and reinvigorate it with your fresh ideas, energy, and skills. Make a significant difference by uniting in service with others from your local community.**

## Council 3470 Meetings

Fatima Knights meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month at 6:30 pm at the KC Hall at 111 Goodnight Drive. Interested men can join our next meeting. For information, contact Grand Knight Steve Moore at 962-6111.

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



***Our Lady of Fatima School  
wishes everyone***

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***Safe and Happy  
Mardi Gras!***

## 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

## FOOTSTEPS SUPPORT MINISTRY

### Footsteps . . .

A support ministry for those who have a loved one with mental illness

2nd Saturday monthly, 10AM - 12Noon  
St. Piux X Catholic Church, Leonpacher Hall,  
Lafayette, LA 70508

*"I command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." (Jos 1:9)*

footsteps.lafayette@gmail.com 225-241-1821

## PRAYER CALENDAR FOR PRIESTS

Monday, March 3  
**Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell**  
Tuesday, March 4  
**Rev. Nicholas Ware**  
Wednesday, March 5  
**Rev. Joseph Kyle White**  
Thursday, March 6  
**Rev. Anthony J. Wieck, SJ**  
Friday, March 7  
**Rev. Ryszard Zawadski, SVD**  
Saturday, March 8  
**Rev. Travis Abadie**  
Sunday, March 9  
**Rev. Lawrence Abara**

## SACRAMENTALS & SPECIAL BLESSINGS

**Sacred Heart Enthronements:** Call the Parish Office to schedule your Sacred Heart Home Enthronement. Promoters go into the home to conduct the Enthronement, which follows a 9 day period of prayer by the family.

**Prayer for Cancer Patients:** A statue of St. Peregrine, patron of cancer patients, is made available to go into the homes of those diagnosed with cancer. This statue of St. Peregrine was acquired from a convent in the city of Lille, northern France. The statue was hand-painted by nuns in the mid 1900s. Call the parish office to get on the roster.

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

## PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

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

## 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.



### *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.

## SANCTUARY LAMP MEMORIALS

Church:

Monsignor's Chapel:

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 Liturgy of the Word - *The Gospel* (continued)

“Even if the Gospel itself is not sung, it is appropriate for the greeting *The Lord be with you*, and *A reading from the holy Gospel according to . . .*, and at the end *The Gospel of the Lord* to be sung, in order that the congregation may also sing its acclamations. This is a way both of bringing out the importance of the Gospel reading and of stirring up the faith of those who hear it.”<sup>139</sup>

#### **The Creed**

The Creed is said by the entire assembly. Because it is an expression of faith by “the whole gathered people,”<sup>140</sup> the participation of all present should be carefully safeguarded, whether it is said or sung.. “If it is sung, it is begun by the Priest or, if this is appropriate, by a cantor or by the choir. It is sung, however, either by all together or by the people alternating with the choir.”<sup>141</sup> The use of a congregational refrain may be helpful in this regard.

#### **The Prayer of the Faithful**

The Prayer of the Faithful consists of intercessions by which “the people respond in a certain way to the word of God which they have welcomed in faith and, exercising the office of their baptismal priesthood, offer prayers to God for the salvation of all.”<sup>142</sup> Because it has the structure of a litany, and provided that it can be understood when sung, it is appropriate to sing the Prayer of the Faithful, or just the invitation and response, or even the response only.

#### **The Preparation of the Gifts: Offertory Procession**

After the altar has been prepared, gifts of bread and wine are brought to the priest or deacon by members of the liturgical assembly. This procession is accompanied by an Offertory chant or song,<sup>144</sup> “which continues at least until the gifts have been placed on the altar.”<sup>145</sup> The norms on the manner of singing are the same as for the Entrance chant.

Even when there is no procession with the gifts, singing may still accompany the rites at the Offertory.<sup>146</sup> Instrumental music is also appropriate.

The priest then prays the Prayer over the Offerings. Even when the prayer is not sung, the conclusion to the prayer may be sung, along with the response by the people.

#### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Eucharistic Prayer is the center and summit of the entire celebration. Joining the people with himself, the priest prays the Eucharistic Prayer in the name of the entire assembly “to God the Father through Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit.”<sup>147</sup> Through the Eucharistic Prayer “the entire congregation of the faithful should join itself with Christ in confessing the great deeds of God and in the offering of sacrifice. The Eucharistic Prayer demands that all listen to it with reverence and in silence,”<sup>148</sup> giving voice to their interior participation by joining in the Eucharistic acclamations.

The Eucharistic Prayer is a single liturgical act, consisting of several parts: an introductory dialogue, the thanksgiving or preface, the *Sanctus*, the calling down of the Holy Spirit (*epiclesis*), the institution narrative, the Memorial Acclamation, the anamnesis, the intercessions, and the doxology with its Amen.

In order to make clear the ritual unity of the Eucharistic Prayer, it is recommended that there be a stylistic unity to the musical elements of the prayer, especially the *Sanctus*, the Memorial Acclamation, and the Great Amen. As much as possible, elements such as the preface dialogue and preface should be chanted at a pitch that best relates them to the key and modality of the other sung elements of the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Eucharistic Prayer begins with a dialogue between the priest and the people that expresses their communion with one another in offering the Eucharistic sacrifice. The faithful “give thanks to God and offer the spotless Victim not only through the hands of the Priest but also together with him”<sup>149</sup> Because the preface dialogue is among the most important dialogues of the Mass, it is very appropriate that it be sung, especially on Sundays and other solemn occasions.<sup>150</sup>

**(to be continued next week)**

<sup>139</sup> LFM, no. 17; <sup>140</sup> GIRM, no. 67; <sup>141</sup> GIRM, no. 68; <sup>142</sup> GIRM, no. 69. See LFM, nos. 31 and 53; <sup>143</sup> See GIRM, no. 72; <sup>144</sup> See GIRM, nos. 37b, 111; <sup>145</sup> GIRM, no. 74; <sup>146</sup> See GIRM, no. 74; <sup>147</sup> See GIRM, no. 78; <sup>148</sup> GIRM, no. 78; <sup>149</sup> GIRM, no. 95; <sup>150</sup> See GIRM, no. 40.



# PARISH MINISTRIES, ORGANIZATIONS, BIBLE STUDY & RETREATS

Visit our website, [www.fatimalafayette.org](http://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



**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](mailto: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



**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](mailto:jcppi@aol.com)



**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](mailto:youth-family@fatimalafayette.org)



**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](mailto:youth-family@fatimalafayette.org)

## WOMEN



**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](mailto:youth-family@fatimalafayette.org)



**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](mailto: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



**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:deacon@fatimalafayette.org)



### Catholic Daughters

The largest organization of Catholic women in the world. Members share faith, love of God and a distinctly feminine spirituality.

To join, please email Maria Kracher: [court1613regent@gmail.com](mailto:court1613regent@gmail.com)

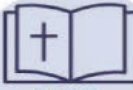
## MEN



OUTREACH

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BIBLE STUDIES

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



PRAYER

**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](mailto:jcppi@aol.com)



FORMATION

**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](mailto: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](mailto:deacon@fatimalafayette.org)

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DIOCESAN ORGANIZATIONS

**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



OUTREACH

**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](mailto:youth-family@fatimalafayette.org)



PRAYER

**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

**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



DIOCESAN ORGANIZATIONS

**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



WORSHIP

**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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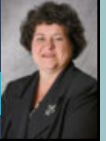
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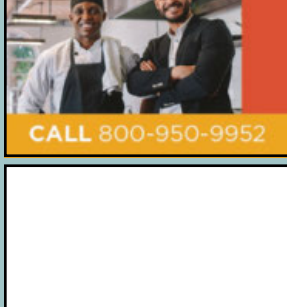
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