

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

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

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

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

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



1st Sunday

OF LENT

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. - Lk 4:1-2a

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

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

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

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

Chapter IX: Pride and Its Remedies*

Saint Thomas Aquinas says that pride may be understood in two ways. There is a “*good and an evil pride; or a sinful pride which God resists, and a pride that denotes the glory which He bestows.*” It may also be replied that pride there signifies abundance of those things in which men take pride.”**

Sinful pride is the “tendency of esteeming oneself more than is proper and at the same time denigrating the goodness of others. Pride also stirs us to reject the lawful authority of others, including God, over us and to refuse appropriate submission. The proud man is under pressure since he seeks to live the lie that he is more than he really is.” A proud person has a *lust for power* and can become *drunk with power*.

Pride is rampant in us and because of our dullness of mind, we are frequently not even aware of its presence. Saint Gregory identified four species of pride: (1) believing that my gifts and talents come from me; (2) God gives me gifts and talents, but I deserve them; (3) asserting that I have an excellence that in reality I do not possess; and (4) despising others and their gifts and believing that I alone possess what I have and no one else.

“**The Daughters of Pride** are not delineated in the tradition. This is because pride is such a general vice that it is not merely the source of other sins, it is *in* them.” Some theologians do not include pride among the seven capital sins, but say that pride is the mother or beginning of all sins. Others distinguish the general vice of pride and the special vice of pride known as vanity or **vainglory** that they include among the capital sins. What fuels pride is my perception of how others see me. What feeds vainglory is what I think about myself. Yet in many ways pride and vainglory are interchangeable terms. Curiosity about others is also a form of pride.

Here are the medicines that treat pride and vainglory.

The chief medicine for pride is **humility**, the virtue by which I recognize the truth about myself and see myself as God sees me. Humility helps me to take an honest look at myself and change what needs to be changed.

- ◇ “*The beginning of pride is stubbornness in withdrawing the heart from one’s Maker. ... God plucks up the roots of the proud, and plants the lowly in their place.*” (Sirach 10: 12 & 15.)

- ◇ “*He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts, ... and exalted the lowly.*” (The Virgin Mary’s Magnificat; Luke 1:51-52 [RSV—CE translation]).
- ◇ “*Learn from me for I am meek and humble of heart.*” (Matthew 11:29.)

- **Gratitude** is acknowledgment of the countless gifts of God. Remember that prideful ingratitude sparked the Devil’s revolt against God.
- **Filial fear** is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit that enables us to reverence God.
- **Almsgiving** can be material or spiritual.
 - ◇ The *seven corporal works of mercy* are (1) feeding the hungry, (2) giving drink to the thirsty, (3) clothing the naked, (4) sheltering the homeless, (5) visiting the sick, (6) visiting the imprisoned, and (7) burying the dead.
 - ◇ The *seven spiritual works of mercy* are (1) counseling the doubtful, (2) instructing the ignorant, (3) admonishing sinners, (4) comforting the afflicted, (5) forgiving offenses, (6) bearing wrongs patiently, and (7) praying for the living and the dead.
- **Docility** flows from the gift of counsel and helps us to be willing to learn from others and to be receptive to the teachings of Christ and His Church.
- **Respect** directs us to recognize the value of the human person created in God’s image and likeness and redeemed by the Blood of Christ.
- **Faith** is a supernatural virtue that is the free gift of God and enables us to adhere and entrust ourselves to God and to give assent to the truths that the Lord has revealed.
- **Temperance** “moderates the attraction of pleasures ... and provides balance in the use of material goods.”†
- **Modesty** looks to the dignity of persons and “avoids those things which foster morbid curiosity.”††

Next Week: Lust and Its Remedies

*Unless otherwise indicated, quotes in this article are from Monsignor Pope’s handout. Scripture quotes, unless otherwise indicated, are from the *New American Bible—Revised Edition* (NABRE). ** Saint Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologica*, Volume Four, [a] QQ 149-189; IIIa QQ. 1-73, Fathers of the English Dominican Province, trans. (Notre Dame, IN: Christian Classics, 1981), Q. 162, Reply Obj. 2. † *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church* (Washington, D.C.: United States Catholic Conference, 2006), § 383. †† *Compendium*, § 530.



8 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, † 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, Linda Moore and Family; **Living & Deceased Members of:** The Judice, Kallam, Langlinais and Hamilton Families, The Bouvier & Boudreaux 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., The Gallagher Family; **Living & Deceased Members of:** J. A. Kerne & Family

11:00 a.m.: † Albert Champagne
5:00 p.m.: Fatima Parishioners / Pro-Populo

10 Mon. 6:15 a.m.: † Ruth Landry
11 Tues. 5:30 p.m.: † Melvin R. Boesch
12 Wed. 6:15 a.m.: † Mary Catherine and Ernest Bouvier
13 Thur. 5:30 p.m.: † Beatrice Boustany
14 Fri. 5:30 p.m.: † Ryan and Lauren LeBlanc

15 Sat. 8:00 a.m.: † Poor Souls in Purgatory
4:00 p.m.: † Vivian Boudreaux, † Ashley Cormier, † The Nugier Family, † Percy Boudreaux, † Amanda Claire Judice, Lynn Kallam Ditch, James Judice, Randy Judice and Ellen Goodyear, † J. Sherman Fontenot, † Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Shores, † Rosemarie Reyes Silva, † Toan Dinh, Mary Pham, Huynh Pham, Josephine Dinh, Elizabeth Pham, Larry Dinh, Ngoc Nguyen, Theresa Dinh, Ricky, Dominico, Paz, Mary Dinh, Davis Lambert, Gwren Lambert, Joseph Dinh, Anthony Duc Pham, Souls in Purgatory; **Living:** Phil Nayer, Linda Moore and Family; **Living and Deceased Members of:** The Judice, Kallam, Langlinais and Hamilton Families

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

FUNDING OUR MINISTRIES



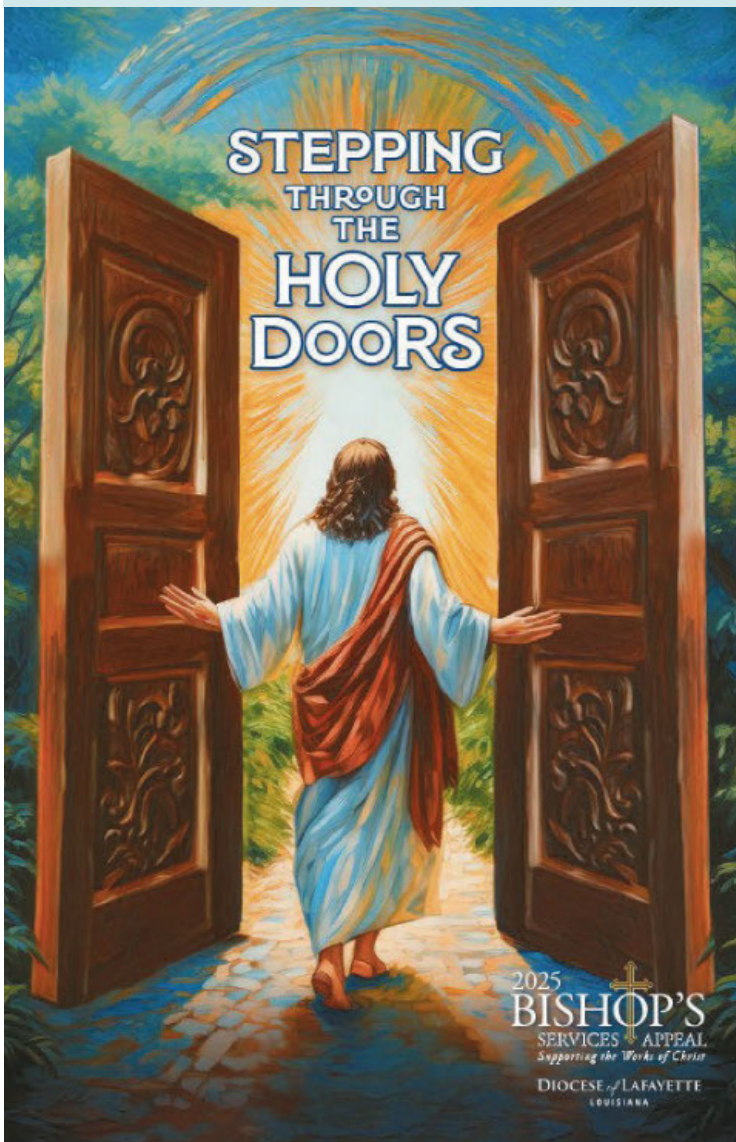
The second reading from Saint Paul to the Romans is a favorite of those involved in the ministry of evangelization. There are no “secret” disciples of the Lord. Those who exercise good stewardship of their faith realize that publicly identifying themselves as followers of Christ has a cleansing effect on their lives. Openly confessing Christ makes them more conscious of how they live their daily lives. Are we content to privatize our faith or are we good stewards of a faith that we share, make public, and regularly identify as a life in Christ?

Fiscal Year 7/1/2024 thru 6/30/2025
Annual Budget \$900,000.00 (\$17,307.69/week)
Weekend of March 1/2 - Figures not available at printing!

Week	Weekly	Year-to-Date
Weekly Offering (Cash/Checks)	\$	\$
Electronic Offering	\$	\$
Total Offertory	\$	\$
Total Budget	\$17,307.69	\$605,769.15
Variance	(\$)	(\$)
Mercy Works	\$	

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



Next weekend, 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.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

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?")



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 obligation to fast, limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals in the course of the day, binds Catholics from the age of 18 to 59. No solid foods should be taken between meals but liquids are permitted. Those who are younger or older may freely embrace these disciplines; however, Lenten regulations should not ever endanger one's health.

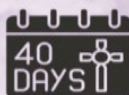
Stations of the Cross will be prayed following the 5:30 p.m. Mass on the Fridays of Lent.

Adorers Needed!

New time slots available during Lent!



Join us Fridays during Lent for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament starting March 7th through April 11th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m!



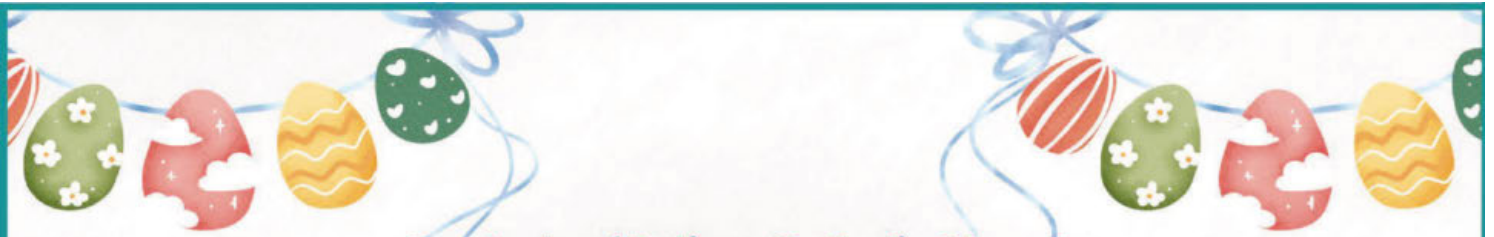
Fridays are always penitential days in the Catholic Church, but especially during the Lenten season. Lent is the perfect time to honor and love Jesus in the Eucharist. Join us every Friday this Lent! Please sign up for an hour!

~Msgr. Deblanc & Fr. Barzare

SIGN UP † SIGN UP † SIGN UP † SIGN UP † SIGN UP

Scan to sign up for an hour!





Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church
March Mercy Works' Project

Easter Basket Drive

"Margaret's Minnows Organization"

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



Donation Period
March 1 - 30



Donation location
OLOF Church &
Parish Office

ITEMS NEEDED

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



For More Information : Doris Tatford (337-280-4260)

drt5boyz@cox.net

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS



Lent, the McGivney Way

The Knight's principles help us to better understand and practice prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Blessed Michael McGivney can give us a helping hand in our Lenten self-denial and spiritual growth. The help he offers is embedded in the very principles of charity, unity and fraternity upon which he built the Knights of Columbus.

If we are to open our hearts to the crucified Shepherd who loves us like no other, our hearts must be aflame with charity. The Church's tradition identifies almsgiving as a most beneficial Lenten practice. It is easy to see an equivalence between charity and almsgiving, which is more than providing financial help to the needy. Almsgiving refers to all forms of charitable outreach to those who are in need — precisely the outreach the Knights engage in. Whether it is supporting the Desormeaux Foundation, providing hurricane relief, or simply helping at St. Joseph's Diner or Food Net Food Bank — all these are ways of putting the needs of others ahead of our own. Through charity, we become more like Christ, who gave himself up for us and for our salvation.

Unity is crucial for the health of the Church. Only when we are united can we fulfill our mission to empower fellow Catholics to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work and in their community. Living your faith is like a team sport; you can do it best together. Unity depends not merely on good will, but rather on our oneness with God, which is attained through a habit of daily prayer. For us all, it is a time to unite in living our faith.

A final word focused on the principle of fraternity: As Knights, we value the brotherhood and solidarity that we and our families share. Nevertheless, often we need to make room in our hearts for someone with whom we disagree. In a word, we need to "fast" from that which undermines our fraternity. During Lent, denying ourselves food and drink can also help us to make more room in our hearts for one another, for those in need, and ultimately for the Savior.

Lent the McGivney way boils down to this: Charity corresponds to almsgiving; unity to prayer; fraternity to fasting. Guided by the principles that Blessed Michael McGivney left us, may we experience our best Lent ever.

Thinking of Joining the Knights?

Fatima Knights meet the 2nd Monday of every month. Call Steve Moore at 337-962-6111 to learn more.

For information on renting the KC Hall for your special event, please contact Dionne Pastor at 337-257-3135.



SCHOOL CALENDAR

- March 10-21..... Mardi Gras Bead Drive
- March 11..... Junior High Rosary at 7:30 a.m.
- March 11..... Penance Service
- March 11..... Books and Barks
- March 11..... Faculty Lenten Talk
- March 12 Warrior Wednesday
- March 12 Dial 4 Testing
- March 13 AR Point Incentive Day
- March 14..... Way of the Cross - PreK4-8
- March 14..... 3rd Grade Retreat

VOCATION CROSS

Please prayerfully consider signing up to take home our Parish Vocations Prayer Cross for one week throughout the year. Your family will have the privilege that week to take the cross and set it up in your home, pray together for our priests, and pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Call the office during regular business hours at 337-232-8945. We will publish the names of those families, who take the Vocation Cross for one week, in the Parish Family Bulletin.



In the Home of Andrew Mims

FATIMA GALA



PRAYER CALENDAR FOR PRIESTS

Monday, March 10
Rev. Francis Kwasi Agbley
 Tuesday, March 11
Rev. George Bede Ajaruchi, SSJ
 Wednesday, March 12
Rev. Alexander Albert
 Thursday, March 13
Rev. Thainese Alphonse
 Friday, March 14
Rev. Anthony Anala, SVD
 Saturday, March 15
Rev. Rick Andrus, SVD
 Sunday, March 16
Rev. Henry Paul Antony, HGN

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Weekly Committed Adoration Opportunities

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

24 Hour Adoration

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

SACRAMENTALS & SPECIAL BLESSINGS

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

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

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



First Friday Adoration

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

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

First Saturday Adoration

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

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

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

SANCTUARY LAMP MEMORIALS

Church:

Monsignor's Chapel:

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 Preparation of the Gifts: Offertory Procession - *The Eucharistic Prayer* (continued)

The people take part in the Eucharistic Prayer by listening attentively to the words sung or spoken by the priest and joining their hearts and minds to the actions of the prayer. Their voices should be joined together in the acclamations of the Eucharistic Prayer, including the *Sanctus*, the great cosmic acclamation of praise; the Memorial Acclamation, by which the faithful participate in keeping the memory of Christ’s Paschal Mystery; and the Amen that follows the concluding doxology, by which they give assent to the entire prayer. These acclamations should be sung, especially on Sundays and solemnities.¹⁵¹

Because the Eucharistic Prayer is the central action of the entire celebration, priests should, if possible, sing at least those parts for which musical notation is provided in the *Roman Missal*, at least on Sundays and on more solemn occasions. These parts include the opening dialogue and the Preface, the invitation to the Memorial Acclamation, and the concluding doxology. It is not permitted to recite the Eucharistic Prayer inaudibly while the *Sanctus* is sung.

It is likewise appropriate for priests to sing the entire Eucharistic Prayer, especially on solemn occasions. The chant setting provided in the *Roman Missal* or another composition approved by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops may be used. “While the Priest proclaims the Eucharistic Prayer ‘there should be no other prayers or singing, and the organ or other musical instruments should be silent,’ except for the people’s acclamations.”¹⁵²

“It is a praiseworthy practice for the parts that are to be said by all the concelebrants together and for which musical notation is provided in the Missal to be sung.”¹⁵³

The Communion Rite

The high point of the Communion Rite is the reception of Holy Communion. This is preceded by rites that prepare the faithful to receive the Lord’s Body and Blood as spiritual food.¹⁵⁴

The Lord’s Prayer and the Sign of Peace are followed by the Breaking of the Bread, “which gave the entire Eucharistic Action its name in apostolic times” and which “signifies that the many faithful are made one body (1 Cor 10:17) by receiving Communion from the one Bread of Life which is Christ, who died and rose for the salvation of the world.”¹⁵⁵ This Fraction Rite, accompanied by the *Agnus Dei* chant, is followed by the *Ecce Agnus Dei* and the reception of Holy Communion. The Communion Rite concludes with the Prayer after Communion.

The Lord’s Prayer

The rites of preparation for the reception of Holy Communion begin with the Lord’s Prayer. When the Lord’s Prayer is sung, the doxology should also be sung by all. If possible, the invitation and embolism should also be sung by the priest.

The Sign of Peace

The brief period of time needed for the exchange of the Sign of Peace must not be protracted by the singing of a song.

The Fraction Rite and the Agnus Dei

The supplicatory chant *Agnus Dei* accompanies the Fraction Rite. It is, “as a rule, sung by the choir or cantor with the congregation responding; or it is, at least, recited aloud. This invocation accompanies the fraction and, for this reason, may be repeated as many times as necessary until the rite has reached its conclusion, the last time ending with the words *dona nobis pacem* (grant us peace).”¹⁵⁶ When the *Agnus Dei* is sung repeatedly as a litany, Christological invocations with other texts may be used. In this case, the first and final invocations are always *Agnus Dei* (Lamb of God).

The Communion Chant or Song

“While the priest is receiving the Sacrament, the Communion chant [or song] is begun. Its purpose is to express the communicants’ union in spirit by means of the unity of their voices, to show joy of heart, and to highlight more clearly the ‘communitarian’ nature of the procession to receive Communion.”¹⁵⁷ The singing begins immediately and continues “for as long as the Sacrament is being administered to the faithful.”¹⁵⁸ The Communion chant or song may be sung by the people with choir or cantor, or by the choir alone. Because the Communion chant expresses the unity of those processing and receiving the Holy Sacrament, communal singing is commendable. The singing of the people should be preeminent.

(to be continued next week)

¹⁵¹ See GIRM, no. 40; ¹⁵² Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, *Redemptionis Sacramentum* (Instruction on the Eucharist), no. 53 (Washington, DC: USCCB, 2004); ¹⁵³ GIRM, no. 218; ¹⁵⁴ See GIRM, no. 80; ¹⁵⁵ GIRM, no. 83; ¹⁵⁶ GIRM, no. 83; ¹⁵⁷ GIRM, no. 86; ¹⁵⁸ GIRM, no. 86.

PARISH MINISTRIES, ORGANIZATIONS, BIBLE STUDY & RETREATS

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

FAMILIES



OUTREACH

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

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

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

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



PRAYER

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

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



OUR PARISH

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

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



FORMATION

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

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

WOMEN



OUTREACH

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

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

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

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

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

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



BIBLE STUDIES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



FORMATION

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

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

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

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

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

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



DIOCESAN ORGANIZATIONS

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

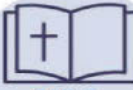
MEN



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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



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

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

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



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



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 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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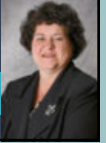
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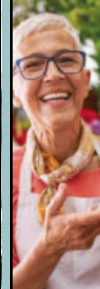
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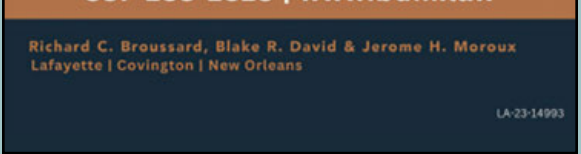
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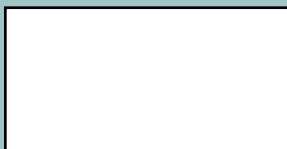
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