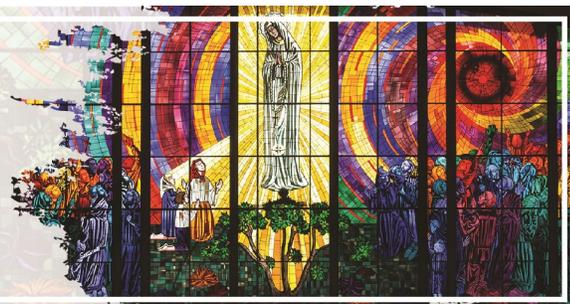


OUR LADY OF FATIMA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday, May 22nd - Sixth Sunday of Easter



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: Anticipated Mass at 4 pm
(Organ & Cantor)
Sunday: 9 am (Organ, Cantor & Choir
September - May)
11 am (Organ & Cantor);
5 pm (Organ & Cantor)

Monday & Wednesday: 6:15 a.m.
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 5:30 pm;
Saturday: 8 am
First Saturday: 8 am followed by
recitation of the Rosary

Fatima Votive Mass: 13th of the month,
May-October - 5:30 pm

Monthly Peace Mass
First Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.
*This Mass heeds Our Lady's call to
pray for world peace & conversion of hearts.*

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6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus said to his disciples:] "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." - Jn 14:26-27a

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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 4:30 to 4:50; First 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 the Stephanie Supple, 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.

An Amazing Woman by Nick Hebert



God began the beautiful institution of family with man and woman, Adam & Eve. His perfect plan was to join the two in a holy union like no other that would build his church for years to come. When it comes to family I think about the Holy Family and the beautiful example they are for us. God's Only Begotten Son was given to us through a family. Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of His Ever-Virgin Mother Mary. We see the importance of God's design to put a man (husband) and a woman (wife) together through a beautiful sacramental marriage. Through this union, a powerful loving family is created.

As we all know, married life and family comes with both joys and sorrows. And so, these sorrows began with Adam and Eve and their original sin which brought sin and unfortunately sickness and death into this world. Thankfully, God always has a plan to correct our human nature since he is our true Father! He offers us true salvation through the sacraments. All we must do is ask and we will receive. We must always go to Him for help.

The Holy Family was no stranger to the joys and sorrows that we all experience in our own lives, so we follow their example. Growing up in a simple, loving family I experienced the joy of watching my father work very hard to support our family when things weren't so easy for him, as my mother battled the heavy cross of mental illness. The strength of faith he portrayed to all of us during those difficult times is what helped to mold me into the father I am today.

After many years of flight school and a career as a commercial pilot in general aviation, God truly blessed me with a beautiful family. I met an amazing woman, Mary Puyau, in the prime of my life. We courted and discerned God's will for many years as we looked forward to growing old together. Although we married later in life, good things come to those who wait! Throughout our years of discernment, He was grooming us for something so special, a family I could've never dreamed of.

Mary lived in New Orleans with her large, beautiful family of educators. Both her parents and each of their 7 children, including Mary, were educators. She attended college at the University of Southwestern Louisiana (today ULL). While she was teaching 4th grade at St. Genevieve Catholic School, we met through our involvement in the Cursillo Movement. She later taught at John Paul the Great Academy for 2 years, where she had the joy of teaching our oldest son.

We were married during the year of the great Jubilee 2000 by our longtime friend, Father Michael Russo. We made a commitment to pray the rosary daily as a family, which led to our strong devotion to our Blessed Mother. During our courtship we both had the honor of seeing Pope John Paul II twice, once during the World Youth Day event in Manila, Philippines in 1995 and again years later in 1998 in Rome. Pope John Paul II became such an inspirational guide for our faith as a couple, especially during our married years. We loved and respected him so much that we even named our youngest son after him.

During our short 16-year chapter together, we had the joy of bringing 3 children into God's church. Unfortunately, in 2012 we experienced my greatest fear as she developed breast cancer. As Saint Teresa of Calcutta once said, "You will never truly realize God is all you need until He becomes all you have." And so we turned even deeper into our faith. She fought a courageous five-year battle with heroic virtue, all the while being open to God's will that she had the opportunity to suffer for the salvation of others. This diagnosis and the suffering that accompanied it was for her, like a kiss from Jesus. Her "yes" to this great suffering, was much like the "yes" that our Mother Mary gave to bringing our Lord into this world. She courageously welcomed her suffering for the sake of others. It's easy to love God when things are going well, yet it's an entirely different thing when nothing makes sense. When watching my sweet wife suffer with this horrible disease, I placed myself in Our Lady's shoes at the cross! She trusted God at a time when nothing made sense! As much as we love our children and spouses, we cannot be attached to them. They belong to God, so we must trust and release them to his will. When she passed, she was reunited with her true spouse, Christ, whom she loves so dearly. She left the legacy of her selfless example to us, which her brother (Mo Puyau) captured

perfectly in his book about her beautiful life, *In Mary's Eyes*. *

As I look back at iconic people in my life, there are a few who endured many heavy crosses that I now know God strategically placed to be role models of strength and faith for me. The first is my grandmother, Hilda Zaunbrecher Hebert, who was a part of the greatest generation and was widowed at a young age. She was left to raise all 7 of her children alone, while also sacrificing to put them through Catholic education. She was the epitome of strong faith through the trials of her life. As a child, I would often ponder about how incredibly hard it must have been for her to carry on alone. I didn't know then that the sorrow of losing my spouse would also visit me. The second influential person in my life who also had a beautiful large family and unfortunately experienced the loss of her spouse was Mrs. Margaret Zaunbrecher. I grew up working on the rice farm of my cousin, Glen Zaunbrecher. Their family, who is one of the largest rice farmers in south Louisiana, lost the leader of their family, Mr. Glen, at the young age of 55. I witnessed his wife, Mrs. Margaret, pick up and move forward with her faith! And finally, God blessed me with a supportive coworker, Keith D'Anna, who also tragically lost his wife. He and I share a bond through the loss of our wives that grows daily as we are able to share and support each other through our struggles.

And so, I've learned that when we allow God to hold the pen, He will inevitably become the most perfect author of our beautiful story. Although our story may include unbearable sorrows and suffering, as Venerable Servant of God Fulton J. Sheen said, "Unless there is a Good Friday in your life, there can be no Easter Sunday. Much like the 3 trees in *The Tale of Three Trees* who were at first unaware that they would have honor of carrying our Lord in one way or another, I too have been blessed with the great privilege of being in the presence of our Lord each and every day as the caretaker of His beautiful house, Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church. This vocation has allowed me to be available to my children and completely present during my wife's untimely suffering and death. Being able to comfort and support her during her last days, hours, and minutes on this earth was the most humbling experience of my life thus far.

The excruciating pain of learning to live through the loss of my dear wife, learning to live without her, has taught me firsthand that with the cross comes the splinters. Although we desire to take up our cross and follow him, we must also accept the splinters, the sorrows that come along with it. None of us are exempt from the cross. During the bonds of Holy Matrimony, the two become one flesh, so when her coffin was closed part of me went with her. After the death of a spouse everything changes, but family must go on. The dynamics of friendships completely change when the other half of you is no longer there. What took Mary and I 16 years to build together, is now my responsibility to continue because my family must learn how to exist without her. Suffering gives birth to love. I am very proud of the great resilience I have witnessed in my children as I have watched them mature and depend on God much sooner than most children need to. While being a family through brokenness is something that some of us must endure, my kids need a strong father. With the help of our Eternal Father and Mary doing her part from Heaven, I am proud to be able to finish what she and I began together. My life is not my own. So, through the graces of the sacraments, I find the strength to continue moving forward, walking by faith and not by sight, embracing the cross.

Viva Christo Rey!

* Mo Puyay, *In Mary's Eyes* (Create Space Publishing, 2020). The book is available on amazon.com.

Next Week: Love in Marriage

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The Adoration Chapel of the Little Shepherds in Knight Hall is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Friday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (excluding First Friday which takes place beginning at 6:00 p.m. on First Friday until 8:00 a.m. on First Saturday). The following days & hours are in need of additional adorers:



Monday at 3:00 p.m.; Tuesday at 10 a.m.; Thursday at 9:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m.

Please consider committing to an hour listed above. Call the parish office during regular business hours at 337-232-8945 or email DD at office@fatimalafayette.org.

Eucharistic Adoration

Things to Do During Eucharistic Adoration



Fr. Benedict Groeschel points out in *In the Presence of our Lord: The History, Theology, and Psychology of Eucharistic Devotion* that there are “four kinds of prayer most appropriate in the presence of the Eucharist, namely adoration and praise, thanksgiving, repentance, and trusting intercession.” Here are suggestions for what to do during private Eucharistic adoration.

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Ask for forgiveness and intercede for others: Think of those who have hurt you and request a special blessing for them. Ask God to forgive you for all the times you have neglected or hurt someone else. Bring before the Blessed Sacrament all those who have asked you to pray for them. Ask the Lord to address their concerns.

Pray the Rosary: Pope John Paul II reminds us, “...is not the enraptured gaze of Mary as she contemplated the face of the newborn Christ and cradles him in her arms that unparalleled model of love which should inspire us every time we receive Eucharistic communion?” (*The Church and The Eucharist*, 55) Ask Mary to join you as you gaze on Christ in the Eucharist and as you pray the Rosary.

Sit quietly and just “be” in the presence of God: Think of a visit to the Blessed Sacrament as coming to see your best friend. Sit quietly and enjoy being in each other’s company. Instead of talking to the Lord, try listening to what He wants to tell you.

“In our self-centered culture and classic American emphasis on work, we often feel we have to accomplish something during our times of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. We rate our experience by how ‘good’ our prayer was, how heartfelt our devotion was, or how focused we could remain. Yet prayer and contemplation are fundamentally God’s work, in which we are invited to participate. We need only to give Him the opening, and He will do the rest. By coming to adoration, we are handing Him the keys to our hearts, allowing the rays of His love and grace to bathe our souls in the light of His Presence, as the rays of the sun bathe our bodies in light. If we can take the time to pull away from the busyness and distractions of life and just sit at His feet, He will lead us.”

Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration, p. 33

MASS INTENTIONS

21 Sat. 4:00 p.m. Vigil: † The Nugier Family, † Amanda Claire Judice, Lynn Kallam Ditch, James Judice, Randy Judice, † Gervis F. LeBlanc, † Faye Marie Gesser, † Edwina Smith Hernandez, † Mr. & Mrs. Stephen R. Moore, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Frederick J. Forstall, Avis Moore Rupert, Ryan Robert Guilbeau, † Sadie Jean Martin Shores, † Derald & Lillian Manuel & The Huval & Lormand Family, † Mark & John LeDoux, † Peter Tu Pham, † Rosamaria Reyes-Silva, † Charles Blanchard, † Jose Gallegos, † Elsie & Cleopha Mouille; **Living:** Lil Desormeaux, Percy Boudreaux, Dr. Francis & Connie Boustany, Larry & Beverly Broussard, Anthony & Cynthia Benfatti, Wesley Hebert; **Living & Deceased Members of:** The Bouvier & Boudreaux Families, Michael & Fred Landry & Family, The Judice, Kallam, Langlinais, & Hamilton Families, The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, The Comeaux & Connolly Family

22 Sun. 9:00 a.m.: † Debbie B. Landry

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

5:00 p.m.: † Saleh Canavati, † Sue Rodriguez, † Col. Thomas N. & Lena B. Ritchie, † Luke Conner; **Living:** Mary Rieu Tran

23 Mon. 6:15 a.m.: **Living:** Kent & Charlotte Huval

24 Tues. 5:30 p.m.: **Living:** Gerald Fontenot

25 Wed. 6:15 a.m.: **Living:** Troy & Chantell Theriot

26 Thur. 5:30 p.m.: **Living:** Gabby Scarcella

27 Fri. 5:30 p.m.: † Charles Blanchard

28 Sat. 8:00 a.m.: **Living:** Kakie Cook

4:00 p.m. Vigil: † The Nugier Family, † Mr. Frem Boustany, Sr., † Amanda Claire Judice, Lynn Kallam Ditch, James Judice, Randy Judice, † Gervis F. LeBlanc, † Faye Marie Gesser, † Andre S. DuBois, Jr., † Edwina Smith Hernandez, † Mr. & Mrs. Stephen R. Moore, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Frederick J. Forstall, Avis Moore Rupert, Ryan Robert Guilbeau, † Sadie Jean Martin Shores, † Derald & Lillian Manuel & The Huval & Lormand Family, † Mark & John LeDoux, † Rosamaria Reyes-Silva, † Charles Blanchard, † Jose Gallegos; **Living:** Msgr. Jefferson DeBlanc, Hoan Nguyen, Percy Boudreaux; **Living & Deceased Members of:** Michael & Fred Landry & Family, The Judice, Kallam, Langlinais, & Hamilton Families, The Butcher, Smith, & Broussard Families

29 Sun. 9:00 a.m.: † Debbie B. Landry, † Sue Rodriguez, † Col. Thomas N. & Lena B. Ritchie, † Ellen Beach Ruiz, Mary Guillot, Jenny O'Rourke; **Living:** Molly Butcher, Grace Dinh

11:00 a.m.: † Randy James Judice

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



Our Parochial Vicar, Fr. Randy Moreau will celebrate his 35th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood this Monday, May 23rd. May our Lord continue to bless him abundantly.

First Friday & First Saturday Devotions

Beginning in the month of June, we will institute First Friday Devotions to the Sacred Heart and First Saturday Devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary within the context of Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, prior to Mass as requested by Bishop Deshotel.

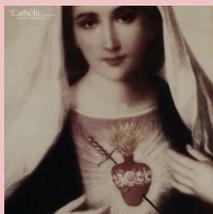
FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS TO THE SACRED HEART



1. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the First Friday 5:30 p.m. Mass
2. Incense and the hymn "O Salutaris"
3. Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
4. Prayer of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
5. Incense and the hymn "Tantum Ergo"
6. "You have given them Bread from Heaven"
7. Prayer of St. Thomas
8. Blessing with the Monstrance
9. The Divine Praises and Reposition
10. Hymn "Holy God We Praise Thy Name"

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

1. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the First Friday 5:30 p.m. Mass
2. Incense and the hymn "O Salutaris"
3. Recitation of the Rosary
4. Litany of Loreto
5. Incense and the hymn "Tantum Ergo"
6. "You have given them Bread from Heaven"
7. Prayer of St. Thomas
8. Blessing with the Monstrance
9. The Divine Praises and Reposition
10. Hymn "Immaculate Mary"



Fatima Mercy Works

"Do SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL for God" ~MOTHER TERESA

St. Gemma Ministry FOOD BANK

In order to continue to meet requests from those in need of food each month, we're asking donors to help with specific items we are running low on. Please consider donating multiples of one or more of the items listed below.

Please NO glass jars or oversized cans!
Items in glass jars cannot be put in food bags.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cans of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spam (12oz) • Large cans of chicken (10-12 oz) • Large cans of tuna (10-12 oz) • Vienna sausage (4.6oz) • Spaghetti sauce (24oz) • Ravioli (15oz) • Chili (15oz) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cornbread Mix • Instant Mashed potatoes • Rice A Roni Dinner • Macaroni and Cheese • Hamburger Helper • Jambalaya Dinner Mix • Pasta Sides • 1 lb. Spaghetti noodles • Muffin Mix • Pringles |
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SUPPORT A WORTHY CAUSE

LET'S HELP FEED THE HUNGRY

Items can be dropped off at the Parish office:
Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tithes and OFFERING

Worship the Lord in giving

In today's Gospel we witness the last evening Jesus spends with his disciples before his death. He has already made it clear that his followers will show their love for him by serving others. To live that kind of love, they will need the active presence of God in their midst. Jesus tells his disciples that he and his Father will come and make their home with them. He also tells them that the Holy Spirit will be among them to teach them and remind them of all that Jesus had taught. Good stewards recognize that God is in their midst and that the Holy Spirit is guiding them. How often do we acknowledge God's presence in our lives? How often do we allow the Holy Spirit to guide us?

Financial Information for the weekend of May 14/15 was not available at the time of printing. Stewardship for May 14/15 and May 21/22 will be published in next Sunday's Parish Family Bulletin.

PAVE THE WAY

Our Lady of Fatima's new parking lot and Portico
CHURCH GOAL:\$500,000.00
TOTAL RAISED:.....\$40,274.00

NEW PARISHIONERS



Ms. Adell Tierney & Family
Ms. Emily Schmidt

PRAY FOR OUR SICK



Billy Bernard, Ted Langlinais
Joseph Randazzo
Douglas Touchet

THE 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 to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Call the office during regular business hours (337.232.8945).



Knights of Columbus, Council 3470 - NEWS

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, several children, and his career, made me realize that I can probably find a little time to give. 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 and through my council's collaboration with Supreme. 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.

As Knights, we have taken active roles in the parish's Come Lord Jesus program, we have worked to assist Fatima School in their Fall Festival, and we provide a low cost hall for many of the parish to celebrate graduations, First Communions, and weddings with their families and friends. And we have provided financial assistance to many of the needy of Lafayette and South Louisiana.

Our lives have been truly enriched by joining the Knights of Columbus. As Knights, we practice the Catholic principles we believe in by forming real-life relationships with our Brothers and serving our local community. We have found a community to call our own, and hope that other men can do the same!

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 church community.

For more information on becoming a Knight of Columbus at Our Lady of Fatima, contact Conrad Chapman at 257-0590 or stop by the KC Hall on meeting night. Fatima's Knights meet at 6:30 p.m. the 2nd Monday of every month at our KC Hall at 111 Goodnight Drive (at the end of Rena Drive).



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

In 1882, Father Michael J. McGivney gathered a small group of parishioners in St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut. His purpose was to establish a group of men, united in their faith, and to provide for Catholic families in times of need. This was the beginning of the Knights of Columbus.

Guided by the principles of charity, unity, and fraternity, members of the Knights of Columbus work to overcome the hardships that people face in their parishes and communities. We are a growing organization — nearly 2 million members — and for over 130 years, we have committed to overcome the challenges of the need for food, shelter, warm clothing and financial security, as well as provide aid for widows and orphans in our local communities.

Joining your local council of the Knights of Columbus can change your life. As a Knight, you have the opportunity to strengthen your parish, give back to your community, and grow in your faith. Councils conduct many programs that support your parish and community. But joining your local council does not mean that you need to sacrifice quality time with your family. In fact, volunteering an hour here or an hour there with your family can make an enormous impact in your life and in the lives of others.

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practical (that is, practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See. This means that an applicant or member accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church.

Saints in Heaven - Our Extended Family

MONDAY, MAY 23

Saint William of Rochester

William led a wild and misspent youth, but as an adult he had a complete conversion, devoting himself to God, caring especially for poor and neglected children. He worked as a baker, and gave every tenth loaf to the poor. He attended Mass daily, and one morning on his way to church he found an infant abandoned on the threshold. He named the baby *David*, and adopted him, and taught him his trade.



Years later he and David set out on a pilgrimage to the Holy Lands. During a stop-over in Rochester, England the boy David turned on William, clubbed him, cut his throat, robbed the body, and fled. Because he was on a holy journey, and because of the miraculous cures later reported at his tomb, he is considered a martyr.

A local insane woman found William's body, and plaited a garland of honeysuckle flowers for it; she placed the garland on William, and then on herself whereupon her madness was cured. Local monks, seeing this as a sign from God, interred William in the local cathedral and began work on his shrine. His tomb and a chapel at his murder scene, called Palmersdene, soon became sites of pilgrimage and donation, even by the crown. Remains of the chapel can be seen near the present Saint William's Hospital.

Born: 12th century at Perth, Scotland; **Died:** throat cut in 1201 at Rochester, England; **Canonized:** 1256 by Pope Innocent IV

TUESDAY, MAY 24

Saint Simeon Stylites the Younger

Son of Saint Marthe. Simeon's father died when the boy was five years old,

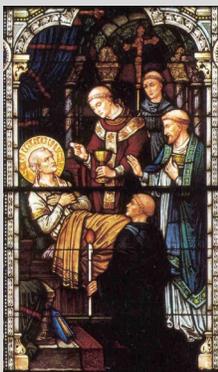


and he became the ward of a monk named John who lived nearby. When Simeon was seven, the two moved onto platforms at the top of pillars in order to ensure their solitude. Word spread about the sanctity and wisdom of the pair; they attracted so many pilgrims and would-be disciples that at age 20, Simeon came down from his pillar to hide in the mountains. Ten years later there were more would-be students, and this time Simeon decided to help them; he built a monastery for them, and in it placed a pillar for himself. Ordained at age 35; the bishop climbed onto the platform to impose his hands. Simeon celebrated Mass on his platform, and the monks climbed a ladder to receive Communion. Healer and Miracle worker, he spent 69 of his 76 years living off the ground.

Born: 521 at Antioch; **Died:** 597 of natural causes; **Canonized:** Pre-Congregation

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

Pope Saint Gregory VII



Educated in Rome, Italy. Benedictine monk. Chaplain to Pope Gregory VI. In charge of the *Patriarchy of Saint Peter*. Reformer and excellent administrator. Chosen the 152nd pope, but he declined the crown. Chief counselor to Pope Victor II, Pope Stephen IX, Pope Benedict X, and Pope Nicholas II. 157th pope.

Born: 1335 in Pistoia, Italy; **Died:** May 26, 1401 in Pistoia, Italy of natural causes; **Beatified:** November 21, 1921 by Pope Benedict XV (cultus confirmation)

At the time of his ascension, simony and a corrupt clergy threatened to destroy faith in the Church. Gregory took the throne as a reformer, and Emperor Henry IV promised to support him. Gregory suspended all clerics who had purchased their position, and ordered the return of all purchased church property. The corrupt clergy rebelled; Henry IV broke his promise, and promoted the rebels. Gregory responded by excommunicating anyone involved in lay investiture. He summoned Henry to Rome, but the emperor's supporters drove Gregory into exile. Henry installed the anti-pope Guibert of Ravenna, who was driven from Rome by Normans who supported Gregory; the Normans were, themselves, so out of control that the people of Rome drove them out and Gregory. The Pope then retreated to Salerno, Italy where he spent the remainder of his papacy.

Born: c.1020 in Soana (modern Sovana), Italy as *Hildebrand of Soana*; **Died:** May 25, 1085 at Salerno, Italy of natural causes; **Canonized:** 1728 by Pope Benedict XIII (equipollent canonization)

THURSDAY, MAY 26

Blessed Andrea Franchi

Studied at the Dominican convent of Santa Maria Novella in Pistoia, Italy as a boy, and joined the Dominicans there at age 14. Great preacher and evangelist. Prior of the Dominican houses in Pistoia, Lucca, and Orvieto in Italy. Bishop of Pistoia, Italy in 1382; his ministry to the poor and sick led to his title of *Father of the Poor*. Miracle worker, including ending an epidemic of the Black Death. After 18 years of service, ill health forced him to retire from his see and return to life as a prayerful monk at the monastery in Pistoia.

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SANCTUARY LAMP MEMORIALS—SYMBOL OF CHRIST’S PRESENCE

Msgr. DeBlanc has requested that we begin the tradition of having the Sanctuary Lamp burn in memorial of a loved one, in honor of a family member, or for a special intention. There are three places that contain sanctuary lamps at Our Lady of Fatima Parish: the Church (\$5—1 candle), Chapel of the Good Shepherds (\$20—4 candles), and the Pastor’s chapel in the Rectory (\$5—1 candle). All candles burn for two weeks. Please call Mona at the parish office during regular business hours to purchase your sanctuary lamp memorials. Dates are available on a first come, first served basis. All memorials, honorees or special intentions will be placed in the Parish Family Bulletin.



**Sanctuary Lamp in Church will burn from Sunday, May 22—Saturday, June 5
For a Special Intention of Percy Boudreaux**
**Sanctuary Lamp in Monsignor’s Chapel will burn from Sunday, May 22—Saturday, June 5
For the Special Intentions of the Boudreaux Family**

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Jesus tells his disciples, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you.” The peace that Jesus gives is far different than the kind that comes from the absence of war, conflict, or affliction. The peace that God offers is found alongside suffering and hardship, not necessarily in their absence. St. Teresa of Avila offers us a bit of wisdom regarding peace: “May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content knowing you are a child of God. Let this presence settle into your bones and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise, and love. It is there for each and every one of us.”

In order for us to experience the divine peace that Jesus offers, we have to allow God’s presence to settle into our bones! It is only when this happens that we can be truly taught by the Holy Spirit to discern the true path to peace and find ourselves with untroubled hearts. The world and our lives are so unpredictable and changeable. If we look for a source of lasting and real peace only there, our search will never be satisfied. Something will always unsettle and disturb us. The Jewish disciples could really relate to what Jesus was saying about peace (shalom). They already knew that it was more a matter of achieving wholeness and wellbeing than anything else.

Wholeness and wellbeing are precisely what is uncovered when we begin to really see and know the height, depth, and breadth of God’s presence and promise. The elegance of God’s Divine life flows through our blood and the marrow in our bones. It is that close and deep. As we breathe in and exhale God’s life, peace becomes what we know within and what is exhaled out. This remains in the midst of intense conflict, persecution, suffering, rejection, and even death.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE OLF 8TH GRADERS!

May our Blessed Mother watch over you
begin your new journey to high school.

ONCE A WARRIOR, ALWAYS A WARRIOR!



May 23-25..... Final Exams
 May 23-25.....Kindergarten Talent Show
 May 23.....Parish Vitality Meeting
 May 25.....8th Grade Practice at 8:00 a.m.
 May 25.....8th Grade Ceremony at 6:30 p.m.
 May 27 Rosary and Awards
 May 27 Noon dismissal and last day of school

PARISH VITALITY



The Parish Vitality Steering Committee will meet this Monday, May 23rd at 6:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Fatima School followed by the subcommittee meetings (*minus the Facilities subcommittee*) at 6:30 p.m. If you are a member of these committees, please make every effort to attend. Your input is critical for the success of this endeavor.

GROWING IN *Charity & Love*

The humble servanthood and gentle touch of Jesus ministers to our every need and worry. We follow his example when we serve one another in lowliness of heart and mind, seeking to build one another up in charity and love. Join the 2022 Bishop's Services Appeal and share the blessings of a servant's heart.

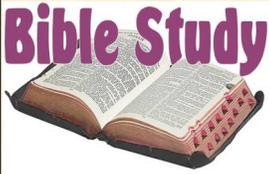
Pledge by mail, by phone (337-261-5641), online at diolaf.org/bsa, or by texting DIOCESE to 50155.

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DIOCESE of LAFAYETTE
LOUISIANA

Come, Lord Jesus Bible Study



Mondays 5:30pm (WOMEN)

DD McElligott, 319.8866

Tuesdays 6:30pm (WOMEN)

Email: Stef.Buchholz1@gmail.com

Thursdays 6:00 am (MEN)

Joe Wolf, 349.2645

6:00 am (MEN) - Deacon Tim Maragos, 298.5516

10:00 am (WOMEN) - Jennifer Connolly, 288.4386

Saturdays 8:00am - Anne Pesacreta, 739.5903

First Saturday - 9:00 a.m. after Mass & Rosary

Parish Representatives: Jill Jordan or DD McElligott - 337-319-8866

Prayer Calendar for Priests

Monday, May 23

Rev. Korey LaVergne

Tuesday, May 24

Rev. Bernard Lebiez, OSB

Wednesday, May 25

Rev. Clyde LeBlanc, SJ

Thursday, May 26

Rev. Steven LeBlanc

Friday, May 27

Rev. Chaplain Col. Louis LeDoux

Saturday, May 28

Rev. Mark Ledoux

Sunday, May 29

Rev. Lambertus Lein, SVD

The Blessing of the Unborn Child follows the Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Masses the 1st weekend of the month.



Send the names of those who have left the church to St. Monica Sodality, c/o St. John Cantins Parish, 825 N. Carpenter Street, Chicago, IL 60622-5499.

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.

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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 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.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS AND INFORMATION

Parish Organizations
may schedule
meetings
by contacting
Stephanie Supple at
the Parish Office
ssupple@fatimalafayette.org

“Women of Grace”
Women’s Group

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
2nd Monday, 6:30 pm

**Sts. Joachim & Anne
Society**
2nd Tuesday, 9 am

Fatima Mercy Works
Monthly outreach to needy

Youth Formation
6th through 8th grade
**Young Women of Grace and
Young Warriors**

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Engaged Couples

Attend a **Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend**. The weekend is open to any engaged couple wanting to prepare for a deeper more meaningful life together. For more information contact Paul & Carolyn Trahan at 337.254.8947 or 337.898.9257 or cee.trahan@gmail.com.

Natural Family Planning

Natural Family Planning Courses are held in conjunction with marital prep. For more information, contact the Parish Office during regular business hours.

Reclaim

Sexual Health Catholic Recovery Program: 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 337.945.3995 for more information.

Healing Hearts

Weekly meetings for women whose lives 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.

PRO-LIFE APOSTOLATE

Project Rachel

A post abortion healing and reconciliation program for those suffering the negative effects of an abortion experience. Individual sessions are offered where one can receive the healing grace of God through a 9-10 step healing program. Take the first step and call 337.261.5598.

Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat

A Rachel’s Vineyard Weekend Retreat is an opportunity for any man, woman, couple, grandparent, sibling, or anyone who struggles with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion. Retreats begins at 6:00 p.m. on Friday and concludes at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. For more information please call 337.261.5598.

Project Joseph (for men suffering after abortion)

In honor of the year of St. Joseph, the Office of Pro-Life Apostolate has begun planning the Diocese of Lafayette’s first Project Joseph Retreat exclusively for men. This ministry offers men the opportunity to heal after an abortion. Studies have shown that women are not the only ones who suffer from the detrimental effects of abortion. Men are deeply affected as well, although many remain in denial and want to bury the feelings. Some may have initially felt relief after their partner’s abortion but now experience regret and remorse. If you or someone you know would like to attend a Project Joseph Retreat, please call 337.261.5598. We are happy to speak with you and prepare you for upcoming retreats.