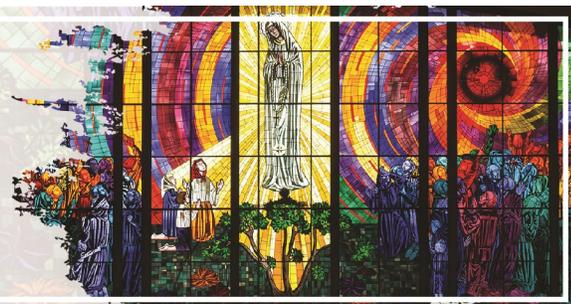


# OUR LADY OF FATIMA

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



### Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> - The First Sunday of Advent



### 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

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

#### Monthly Peace Mass

First Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm

**Monthly Holy Hour:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month  
6:00—7:00 pm in Church

### CONTACT US

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## 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." - Mt 24:44

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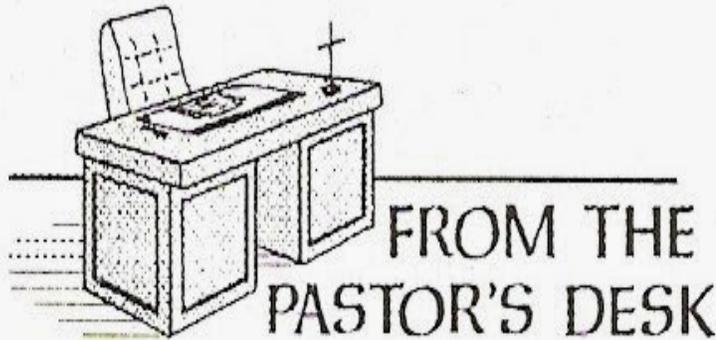
OFFICE HOURS—Monday thru Thursday  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**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 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.

## Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament *The Virgin Mary's Yes in Nazareth, at Cana, on Calvary, and at Pentecost*



After the death of Saint Joseph, the Virgin Mary would join her Divine Son from time to time during His public ministry. The inauguration of that ministry took place at the wedding of Cana (John 2:1-12). The miraculous transformation of 180 gallons of water into wine resulted from the direct intervention of Mary: "Do whatever he tells you." (John 2:5). What Jesus did at Cana of Galilee is to be seen in parallel with the multiplication of loaves in the sixth chapter of John and with what happened on Calvary in the nineteenth chapter of John. "Cana is the beginning of the signs, including the sign of bread, and represents the beginning of a new sacramental 'economy,' of which the center is the Eucharist." †

The Blessed Mother was present in Jerusalem during the Holy Week of her Son's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Was the Virgin Mary also at the Last Supper and, therefore, at the very first Mass celebrated? Some theologians believe that her presence there cannot be excluded. They point out that the mother's role in the Passover Supper is to light the lamps. It may well be that the Blessed Virgin did this during the Lord's last supper with His disciples. ††

Nailed to a cross, the dying Jesus entrusted the disciple John to the Virgin Mary and the Virgin Mary to John (John 19:25-27). Jesus addressed His mother as "Woman" as He did at Cana of Galilee. Mary is now the **Woman** or "'family founder' (that is, 'woman,' Gen. 2:23) of a new generation, that of the Church community, which is nourished by the Eucharistic blood and body of Christ." †††

Mary becomes the vessel of a mysterious motherhood. Here too she is called "woman." Once more in order to underscore the beginning in her of a new generation, that of the Church, which springs from the pierced side of Christ, from which flowed blood and water, symbol of the sacraments of the Church. □

In a wondrous way, "the Virgin ... receives a new birth from her crucified Son. Jesus no longer calls her 'mother,' but 'woman,' because she is taken from man (see Gen. 2:23)." □□ Mary personifies the "daughter of Sion" (Zephaniah 3:14 & Zechariah 9:9) and the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:2-3), within whose walls and under her spiritual motherhood, all the scattered children of God are reunited (John 11:51-52).

[The Blessed Mother had a decisive role] "in the Incarnation and in the sacramental economy of the Church. In both cases she has said her 'fiat,' in faith, in hope, in charity. In both, she is the founder of a new generation according to the will of God: in the first, the generation of the Son of God made flesh; in the second, the generation of the Church community that springs from the side of Christ, nourished by his body and blood. The Church, sacrament of salvation, besides being essentially Eucharistic, also has an existential Marian character. \*

The Mother of the Lord was at prayer with the disciples gathered in the Upper Room on Pentecost Sunday that witnessed the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church. There is no doubt that Mary was part of the life of the early Church, supporting the disciples with her presence, prayers, and love. The Blessed Mother received Holy Communion regularly at Masses celebrated by the apostles. \*\*

*Next Week:*

*Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament: The Virgin Mary's Yes Resounds through the Centuries*

† The Theological-Historical Commission for the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000, *The Eucharist, Gift of Divine Life*, Robert R. Barr, trans. (New York: The Crossroad Publishing Company, 1999), p. 127.

†† *The Eucharist, Gift of Divine Life*, pp. 126-127. ††† *The Eucharist*, p. 127. □ *The Eucharist*, p. 127. □□ *The Eucharist*, p. 128.

\* *The Eucharist*, p. 127. \*\* *The Eucharist*, p. 126.



# MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

**26 Sat. 4:00 p.m.:** † The Nugier Family, † Amanda Claire Judice, Lynn Kallam Ditch, James Judice, Randy Judice, † Gervis F. LeBlanc, † Faye Marie Gesser, † Andre S. DuBois, Jr., † Edwina Smith Hernandez, † Derald & Lillian Manuel & The Huval & Lormand Families, † Rosamaria Reyes-Silva; **Living:** Emily Hebert, Percy Boudreaux, Clinton Simmons, The Becnel Family; **Living & Deceased Members of:** The Bouvier & Boudreaux Families, Michael & Fred Landry & Family, The Judice, Kallam, Langlinais, & Hamilton Families, The Butcher, Smith, & Broussard Families

**27 Sun. 9:00 a.m.:** **Living:** Angela & Scott Isaacs  
**11:00 a.m.:** Fatima Parishioners / Pro-Populo

**5:00 p.m.:** † Col. Thomas N. & Lena B. Ritchie;  
**Living:** Jose & Nelson Villanueva

**28 Mon. 6:15 a.m.:** † Mr. Frem Boustany, Sr.

**29 Tues. 5:30 p.m.:** † Amanda Claire Judice

**30 Wed. 6:15 a.m.:** † Joseph Cannizzaro

**1 Thur. 5:30 p.m. Living:** The Becnel Family

**2 Fri. 5:30 p.m.:** Rev. H. William Reed

**3 Sat. 8:00 a.m.:** **Living:** Clinton Simmons

**4:00 p.m. Vigil:** † The Nugier Family, † Amanda Claire Judice, Lynn Kallam Ditch, James Judice, Randy Judice, † Gervis F. LeBlanc, † Edwina Smith Hernandez, † Mr. Mrs. Howard Shores, † Bob LeJeune; **Living:** Dotsie Butcher, Special Intention, Percy Boudreaux; **Living & Deceased Members of:** Michael & Fred Landry & Family, The Judice, Kallam, Langlinais, & Hamilton Families

**4 Sun. 9:00 a.m.:** † Debbie B. Landry, † Col. Thomas N. & Lena B. Ritchie, † Lissa Barrett, † Bob LeJeune, † Mikki Bordelon; **Living:** Jose & Nelson Villanueva; **Living & Deceased Members of:** P.A. Kerne, IV & Family

**11:00 a.m.:** † Faye Marie Gesser

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

## A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER FOR NOVEMBER

Thank you, Lord for all the beautiful and wonderful things we experience in our life; for the beauty of the earth and its amazing colors; for crisp autumn mornings and sparkling winter nights; for mountains and forests, rivers and seashores.

Thank you, Lord for all the beautiful and wonderful things we experience in our life; for the water that cleanses, the clothes that bring warmth, the food that nourishes and the home that gives comfort.

Thank you, Lord for all the beautiful and wonderful things we experience in our life; for those who love us and care for us; for those who value us for who we are; for those we call family, friends, neighbors.

Thank you, Lord for all the beautiful and wonderful things we experience in our life; for the gift of Christ, your son; for his life, his gospel, his cross, and his Church; for his Eucharistic meal and the promise to be with us always.

Thank you, Lord for all the beautiful and wonderful things we experience in our life; for the time you've allotted us, the life you've offered us, the opportunities you've afforded us, and the miracles you've worked for us.

Thank you, Lord for all the beautiful and wonderful things we experience in our life; and for your infinite love that meets our daily needs. May our love, too, be known for its abundance, its readiness to bless and heal, to offer peace and promote justice, and to serve in Jesus; name. AMEN.

On this first Sunday of Advent Jesus urges his disciples to stay awake and prepare themselves for the Lord's coming. Good stewards prepare themselves and await Christ's judgment in joyous expectation. This attitude requires genuine spiritual maturity, of course; the kind

that is cultivated by prayer, participation in the sacraments, loving attention to family and ones' communion of faith, and love for one's neighbor. Are we prepared for the Lord's second coming? Are we ready to receive Christ? Are we ready to look joyously for Christ's judgment?



### Weekend of November 13/14

|                                                   |                     |
|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Weekly Offertory Budget.....</b>               | <b>\$16,346.15</b>  |
| <b>Total Offertory Received.....</b>              | <b>\$17,287.02</b>  |
| <b>Weekly Budget (Over +, Under -).....</b>       | <b>+\$940.87</b>    |
| <b>Total Mercy Works.....</b>                     | <b>\$993.00</b>     |
| <b>Archdiocese for the Military Services.....</b> | <b>\$890.00</b>     |
| <b>OFFERTORY COLLECTED YTD.....</b>               | <b>\$336,238.94</b> |
| <b>PAVE THE WAY—</b>                              | <b>\$43,169.00</b>  |

# FATHER, I WONDER...

A new project from the Education and Faith Formation Committee

Have you ever wished you could get a few minutes aside with a priest to ask a question about the faith which has been simmering in the back of your mind for a while?

**Here's your chance!**

Plan to stay for this 30-minute informal gathering after the following **Children's Choir Mass: December 4 after 11:00am**

Simple snacks and drinks will be provided.

## FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION



Please join us this Friday, December 2 and every First Friday of the month for one hour in the Adoration Chapel as we adore Jesus through the Most Blessed Sacrament. Adoration begins at 6 p.m., after the 5:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and 5:30 p.m. First Friday Mass, and goes through the night until Saturday morning Mass at 8:00 a.m.

with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Church at 7:30 a.m. prior to Mass.

Some regular adoration participants commit to specific time slots every First Friday. These "Guardians of the Eucharist" ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never left alone. If you're looking to escape the distractions of daily life and spend some quiet time with the Lord, consider committing to one hour a month.

For information on how to access the chapel or to sign up for an hour, please call the church office at 337-232-8945. Adoration is open to all. Please maintain a disposition of silence and reverence in the chapel.

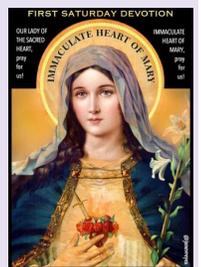
## FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

The practice of the First Saturday devotion was requested by Our Lady of Fatima, who appeared to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal, multiple times starting in 1917.

She said to Lucia, the oldest of the three children: "I shall come to ask . . . That on the First Saturday of every month, Communions of reparation be made in atonement for the sins of the world."

Years later she repeated her request to Sr. Lucia, the only one still living of the three young Fatima seers, while she was a postulant sister living in a convent in Spain:

"Look, my daughter, at my Heart, surrounded with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce me at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You at least try to console me, and say that I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the rosary, and keep me company for 15 minutes while meditating on the 15 mysteries of the rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me."



# FATIMA MERCY WORKS



DIOCESE OF LAFAYETTE OFFICE OF JUSTICE & PEACE

## Put a Smile on Those Who Need it Most

One mission of the Office of Justice and Peace is to be sensitive and generous to those in most need, especially during the holiday seasons.

Join us in bringing joy to those in need through the Annual Child Smile Project. Donate gifts to children whose parent or parents are incarcerated and to children who struggle with special circumstances.

### Donating to the Project has never been easier!

Visit: [www.diolaf.org/smile](http://www.diolaf.org/smile) to view our Wish-list and purchase a gift through Amazon



To Ensure Delivery  
Gifts Must be Donated by  
December 9th

or  
**Deliver to:**  
Diocese of Lafayette,  
Immaculata Center  
1408 Carmel Drive  
Lafayette, LA 70501

**Hours:**  
Monday through Thursday  
8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

**For More Information:**  
Stephanie Bernard  
(337) 261-5545  
E-Mail: [SBernard@diolaf.org](mailto:SBernard@diolaf.org)



#### SUGGESTIONS:

Gifts: dolls, trucks, cars, sporting goods, electronic games, jewelry, watches and board games. Please include batteries. Gift cards are appreciated by teenagers.

#### Please refrain from:

- Second hand items
- Toy guns/ weapons
- Clothes (We are not provided with children's clothes sizes)
- Candy or food
- Breakable items such as mirrors.
- Any item which could be a potential choking hazard for the recipient

*If you deliver your gift, please mark the correct age category on gift.*

| Infant   |             | Infant   |             |
|----------|-------------|----------|-------------|
| <b>B</b> | 1 - 2 years | <b>G</b> | 1 - 2 years |
| <b>O</b> | 3 - 5 Yrs.  | <b>I</b> | 3 - 5 Yrs.  |
| <b>Y</b> | 6 - 8 Yrs.  | <b>R</b> | 6 - 8 Yrs.  |
|          | 9 - 12 Yrs. | <b>L</b> | 9 - 12 Yrs. |
|          | Teenager    |          | Teenager    |





The OLF Foundation has been in existence for approximately 55 years. The Foundation's endowment fund is a self-sustaining source of funding where the capital is invested to produce income. The principal investment remains intact, in perpetuity and the income is granted annually to support

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School. The Foundation Board has members of the Blue and Gold Committee, whose goal is to raise funds for the endowment and other projects on campus. This year, the B&G campaign will also raise funds for the technology infrastructure upgrade. For more information contact the Advancement Office at school.

- November 28 - December 7 ..... Toys for Tots Drive
- November 28..... Parish Vitality Meeting
- November 29.....House Board Meeting
- November 30..... Author Visit PreK4-3<sup>rd</sup>
- December 1 ..... Books and Barks
- December 1 .....Foundation Board Meeting
- December 2 .....Benediction - 2-8 grade
- December 2 ..... Paraliturgy - PreK3-1<sup>st</sup> grade
- December 2 .....Jr. High St. Nicholas Dance
- December 4.....Children/Teen Christmas Social
- ..... Following the 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Masses
- December 4.....Children's Choir - 11:00 a.m. Mass
- December 4.....Father I wonder Series
- December 4.....Chorus Christmas Caroling



**Catholic Daughters of the Americas<sup>®</sup>**

The Catholic Daughters will be selling Advent Wreaths & Candles this weekend on the first Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2022 after all Masses. Advent wreaths represent eternity, the four candles represent hope, love, joy and peace. Consider celebrating the Holy Season of Advent with the blessing of a wreath.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
MARTYRS AND SAINTS OF THE CHURCH**

While Knights of Columbus are known for countless charitable activities in their parishes and communities, did you know that some members have made the ultimate sacrifice as martyrs for the faith? Still others have been officially recognized by the Catholic Church for their heroic virtue. In fact, some Knights' reputations for sanctity have been officially recognized by the Church and some are even recognized as saints. Here is a list of those Knights.

**CAUSE OPEN**

**Father Joseph Verbis Lafleur** - Served as a military chaplain in the Pacific Theatre during the Second World War. He continued his ministry to the other soldiers as a POW and inspired nearly 200 American soldiers to convert to Catholicism.

**Msgr. Bernard John Quinn** - Quinn fought against the rise of nativism and racism in the 1920s. He established the first parish for black Catholics in the Diocese of Brooklyn.  
**Irving Houle** - He is said to have received the stigmata — bodily wounds and pain corresponding to Christ's passion and crucifixion — on Good Friday 1993. He was told by Jesus and the Blessed Mother to begin a ministry to convert sinners.  
**Cardinal Terence Cooke** - During his tenures in New York, nine nursing homes were completed, and 60% of abandoned and neglected children in New York City found care.

**Father Edward Flanagan** - Founded Nebraska's Boys Town, a community for orphans and others in need, to "save boys from being the derelicts of tomorrow." He helped at least 10,000 boys, inspiring the creation of 80 other similar communities.

**VENERABLE**

**Father Patrick Peyton** - Known as the "Rosary Priest," he produced more than 800 radio shows and 83 TV specials. He ended every show with the motto he popularized: "The family that prays together, stays together."

**Archbishop Fulton Sheen** - One of the most influential Catholics of the 20th century, he hosted *The Catholic Hour* on NBC and the television shows *Life is Worth Living* and *The Fulton Sheen Program*. Pope Francis approved a miracle attributed to him, which involved the recovery of a newborn who showed no vital signs.

*To be continued in next week's bulletin!*

**Join the Knights**

For more information on becoming a Knight of Columbus at 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month at the KC Hall at 111 Goodnight Dr.

**KC Hall Rental**

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

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

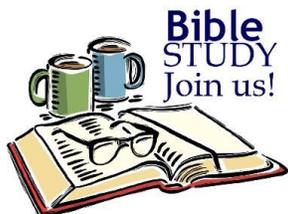
The Adoration Chapel of the Little Shepherds in Knight Hall is open Monday, Wednesday & Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Tuesday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Friday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (excluding First Friday which takes place beginning at 6:00 p.m. on First Friday until 8:00 a.m.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

**Monday at 10 a.m., 2 & 3 p.m.; Tuesday at 11 a.m., 1 & 2 p.m.;  
Wednesday at 9 a.m.; Thursday at 9:00 a.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*

## COME, LORD JESUS BIBLE STUDY



**Bible  
STUDY  
Join us!**

**Mondays 5:30 pm (WOMEN)**  
DD McElligott, Email: office@fatimalafayette.org

**Tuesdays 6:30 pm (WOMEN)**  
Email: Stef.Buchholz1@gmail.com

**Thursdays 6:00 am (MEN)** Joe Wolf, 337-349-2645  
6:00 am (MEN) Deacon Tim Maragos, 337-298-5516  
10:00 am (WOMEN) Jennifer Connolly, 337-288-4386

**Saturdays 8:00 am** Ann Pesacreta, 337-739-5903  
**First Saturday 9:00 am** after Mass & Film

### PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Jill Jordan or DD McElligott, office@fatimalafayette.org

## ST. GEMMA FOODBANK

### Items Needed:

*10 of one of the items below:*

*Macaroni and Cheese, Shampoo & Conditioner  
Bag of cookies, Jelly in plastic jar  
Spaghetti sauce in can, Spaghetti noodles  
1 lb. bag of rice  
Toilet Paper, Paper Towels  
Laundry Pods*

Donations can be left in the wooden box in front of the St. Joseph Altar or dropped at the Parish Office during regular business hours.

## MONTHLY EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION

Monthly Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament takes place the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month in Church from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. The sequence of events is as follows:

1. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
2. Hymn: O Salutaris, Hostia
3. Reading
4. Psalm Response (chanted)
5. Short Homily
6. 20 minutes of silent adoration
7. Recitation of the Rosary or the Divine Mercy Chaplet
8. Benediction
9. Hymn: Tantum Ergo
10. Blessing of people with Monstrance
11. Divine Praises
12. Reposition
13. Hymn: Holy God, We Praise Thy Name



## SANCTUARY LAMP

### Chapel of Little Shepherds:

November 26<sup>th</sup> - December 9<sup>th</sup>

In Honor of the *Lopez Family*

**Church:** November 19<sup>th</sup>—December 2<sup>nd</sup>

In Memory of *Rogue Hernandez*

**Msgr. DeBlanc's Chapel:** October 8<sup>th</sup>—December 31<sup>st</sup>

In Memory of *Ivy & Verna Judice*

## PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Billy Bernard, Percy Boudreaux,  
Ted Langlinais, Joseph Randazzo,

## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE



### Christmas Mass Schedule

#### CHRISTMAS EVE

Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>: Masses at 4 & 6 p.m.  
**NO MIDNIGHT MASS**

#### CHRISTMAS DAY

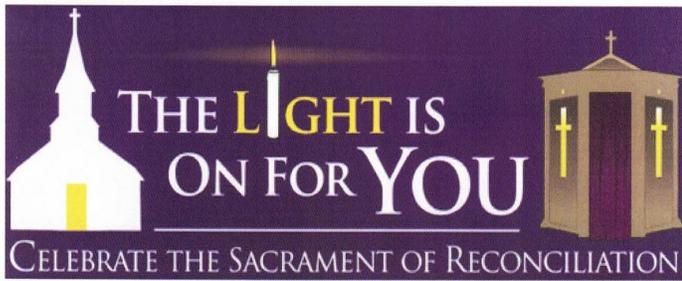
Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>: Masses at 9 & 11 a.m.  
**NO 5:00 P.M. MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY**

#### NEW YEAR'S EVE

Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>: Mass at 4 p.m.

#### NEW YEAR'S DAY

Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>: Masses at 9 & 11 a.m. & 5 p.m.



Every Parish of the  
Diocese of Lafayette

Wednesdays in Advent  
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

November 30, December 7 and December 14, 2022

## THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

**Wednesday Evening Confessions Across the Diocese this Advent** - On the first three Wednesdays of Advent [November 30<sup>th</sup>, December 7<sup>th</sup> and December 14<sup>th</sup>] from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. we will be offering confessions here at Our Lady of Fatima, together with all the Catholic parishes in the Diocese of Lafayette. This outreach is called "The Light Is On For You," and is an effort on the part of our Diocese to highlight the importance of the Sacrament of Confession in the life of Catholics and to make it as easy as possible for every Catholic to come or to return to this great source of God's mercy and healing love. You are welcome to come here or to go to any other Catholic parish in the Diocese. Please make plans to come yourself and please invite others to take advantage of this great opportunity to be reconciled and begin anew your journey in faith this Advent.

## THE VOCATION CROSS

The vocation cross is in the home of one of our Mary's Mothers families. 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 religious life. Call the office during regular business hours (337.232.8945).



## PRAYER CALENDAR FOR PRIESTS

Monday, November 28  
**Rev. Jacob Dumont, LC**  
Tuesday, November 29  
**Rev. Nicholas Dupre (On leave)**  
Wednesday, November 30  
**Rev. Gilbert Dutel**  
Thursday, December 1  
**Pope Francis**  
Friday, December 2  
**Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI**  
Saturday, December 3  
**Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel**  
Sunday, December 4  
**Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell**

## IRON SHARPENS IRON

There has been a ministry for Fatima school moms (Mary's Mothers) for the past few years and now it's time for the dads! We all have 168 hours each week that are mostly filled with work, kids activities, household responsibilities, and everything in between, but most guys neglect making time to spend with like hearted men to discuss the everyday struggles of life and grow their faith. Proverbs 27:17 reads, "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." Through weekly small group meetings, we will work together to "sharpen another" with the goal of deepening our relationships with Jesus and becoming better husbands, fathers and friends. To learn more and to sign-up, please contact Fatima dad Andrew Mims at 337-739-4551 or [andrewbmims@gmail.com](mailto:andrewbmims@gmail.com) for more information.

## 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.

## SAINTS IN HEAVEN—OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28**  
**Saint Catherine Labouré**



Ninth of eleven children born to a farm family, and from an early age Catherine felt a call to the religious life. Never learned to read or write. Forced to take over running the house at age eight after her mother died and her older sister joined the *Sisters of Charity*. Worked as a waitress in her uncle's café in

Paris, France. Upon entering a hospital run by the *Sisters of Charity* she received a vision in which Saint Vincent de Paul told her that God wanted her to work with the sick, and she later joined the Order, taking the name *Catherine*.

On July 18, 1830 she had a vision of Our Lady who described to her a medal which she wished struck. On one side it has the image of Our Lady, and the words, "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee"; on the other are the hearts of Jesus and Mary. Our Lady told Catherine that wearers of the medal would receive great graces, it has become known as the Miraculous Medal, and its wearing and devotion has spread worldwide. Miracles reported at her tomb.

**Born:** May 2, 1806 at Fain-les-Moûtiers, Côte d'Or, Burgundy, France as *Zoe Laboure*; **Died:** December 31, 1876 at Enghien-Reuilly, France; **Canonized:** July 27, 1947 by Pope Pius XII

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30**  
**Andrew the Apostle**

The first Apostle. Fisherman by trade. Brother of Simon Peter. Follower of John the Baptist. Andrew went through life leading people to Jesus,

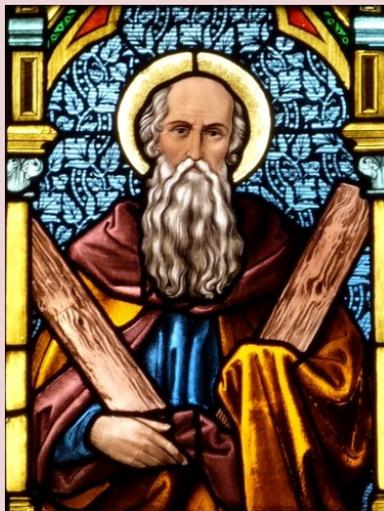
both before and after the Crucifixion. Missionary in Asia Minor and Greece, and possibly areas in modern Russia and Poland. Martyred on a saltire (x-shaped) cross, he is said to have preached for two days from it.

Some peculiar marriage-related superstitions have attached themselves to Saint Andrew's feast day.

- An old German tradition says that single women who wish to marry should ask for Saint Andrew's help on the eve of his feast, then they will see their husbands in their dreams as they sleep.
- Another says that young women should note the location of barking dogs on Saint Andrew's Eve: their future husbands will come from that direction.
- On the day after Andrew's feast, young people float cups in a tub; if a boy's and a girl's cup drift together and are intercepted by a cup inscribed "priest", it indicates marriage.

There are several explanations for why Andrew became the patron of Scotland.

- In 345, Emperor Constantine the Great decided to transport Andrew's bones from Patras, Greece to Constantinople. Saint Regulus of Scotland was instructed by an angel to take many of these relics to the far northwest. He was eventually told to stop on the Fife coast of Scotland, where he founded the settlement of Saint Andrew.



- In the 7<sup>th</sup> century, Saint Wilfried of York brought some of the saint's relics with him after a pilgrimage to Rome, Italy. The Scots king, Angus MacFergus, installed them at Saint Andrew's to enhance the prestige of the new diocese.
- When the Pictish King Angus faced a large invading army, he prayed for guidance. A white cloud in the form of a saltire cross floated across the blue sky above him. Angus won a decisive victory, and decreed that Andrew would be the patron saint of his country. Following Robert Bruce's victory at the *Battle of Bannockburn* in 1314, the *Declaration of Arbroath* officially named Saint Andrew the patron saint of Scotland. The Saltire became the national flag of Scotland in 1385.

**Born:** at Bethsaida, Galilee; **Died:** crucified on a saltire (x-shaped) cross in Patras, Greece

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2**  
**Saint Bibiana**



Her parents, Saint Flavian of Acquapendente and Dafrosa of Acquapendente, were martyred in the persecutions of Julian the Apostate, and Vivian and her sister Demeτρια were turned over to a woman named Rufina who tried to force them into prostitution. Upon her continued refusal to cooperate, Vivian was imprisoned in a mad house, then flogged to death.

A church was built over her grave, in the garden of which grew an herb that cured headache and epilepsy. This and her time spent with the mentally ill led to her areas of patronage.

**Born:** in 4<sup>th</sup> century in Rome, Italy; **Died:** scourged to death c.361

Parish Organizations may schedule meetings by contacting Stephanie Supple at the Parish Office [ssupple@fatimalafayette.org](mailto: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**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 6:30 pm

**Sts. Joachim & Anne Society**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 9 am

**Fatima Mercy Works**  
Monthly outreach to needy

**Youth Formation**  
6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade

**Young Women of Grace and Young Warriors**

**Legion of Mary**  
Weekly Meetings are held on Fridays at 1:00 p.m. in the Knight Hall Conference Room.

If you would like to join Mary’s Army and can’t attend the weekly meeting, you can still join the Legion! Please call or text Hugh Prats for information at 337-442-4121. Please review the website for more information. <https://www.legionofmary.ie/>.

## 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](mailto: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](http://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

A Catholic support group for WOMEN, whose relationships have been negatively impacted by pornography addiction or the sexual addiction of a spouse or loved one. Meetings are held weekly, from 12:00—1:30 p.m. or in the evenings by appointment. Strict confidentiality is observed by all members. Call 337-404-6113 for more information.

### 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.