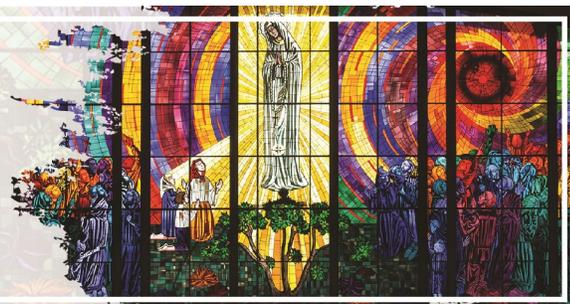


# OUR LADY OF FATIMA

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup> - The Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### MASS SCHEDULE

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

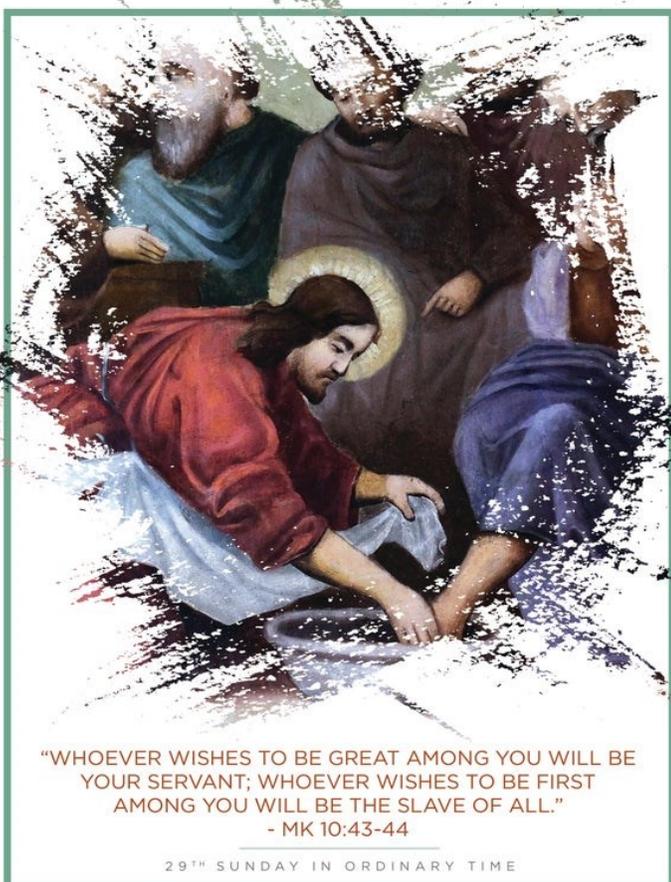
**Monday & Wednesday:** 6:15 a.m.  
**Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:** 5:30 pm; **Saturday:** 8 am  
**First Saturday:** 8 am followed by recitation of the Rosary

**Fatima Votive Mass:** 13<sup>th</sup> 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 and conversion of hearts.*

### CONTACT US - 2319 JOHNSTON ST.

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 Parochial Vicar ..... Rev. Randall Moreau  
 Deacons..... Timothy Maragos & Randy Hyde  
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"WHOEVER WISHES TO BE GREAT AMONG YOU WILL BE YOUR SERVANT; WHOEVER WISHES TO BE FIRST AMONG YOU WILL BE THE SLAVE OF ALL."  
 - MK 10:43-44

29<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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### The Sacrament of Penance

Saturday  
 3:00 to 3:55 p.m.;  
 Sunday  
 30 minutes prior to Mass;

First Saturday  
 7:30 to 7:55 a.m.

Monday & Wednesday  
 5:45 to 6:10 a.m.  
 Tuesday, Thursday & Friday  
 4:30 to 5:25 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 Parish Administrator, 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 La Salette, Reconciler of Sinners

## VII. Initial Responses of the Church in France \*



On July 22, 1847, Bishop Philibert de Bruillard of the Diocese of Grenoble appointed two priests from the faculty of the major seminary there to study the alleged Apparition. The Bishop received their report in the autumn and thereafter established a commission of sixteen priests for further deliberations. The commission, which the Bishop chaired, met in November and December of 1847. Mélanie and Maximin were interviewed. At the conclusion of the consultations and discussions, twelve priests endorsed the Apparition, three stated that more proof was needed, and one rejected it. The Bishop himself was convinced that the Blessed Mother had indeed appeared to the two children.

However, the Cardinal Archbishop of Lyon, Louis Jacques Maurice de Bonald, was distrustful of the whole matter. He wrote to Bishop de Bruillard to deter him from issuing a ruling that would give the Church's approval. The Cardinal's intervention proved decisive and Bishop de Bruillard suspended judgment until a later time. Yet, in October 1849, the Bishop proceeded to purchase the site of the Apparition.

Many pilgrims traveling to and from La Salette passed through the town of Ars, where Father Jean-Marie Vianney (the Curé d'Ars and future canonized saint) was stationed with his associate Father Antoine Raymond. Father Vianney came to hear about the Apparition and believed in it. Although he prudently awaited the Church's endorsement, he nevertheless recommended that people make pilgrimages there. Father Raymond, on the other hand, was not inclined to believe that Mary had appeared to the two children.

It seems that Maximin wanted to speak with the Curé d'Ars about a possible vocation to the priesthood. Chaperones took Maximin and his sister Angélique to Ars where they arrived on the evening of Tuesday, September 24, 1850. There was some misunderstanding when Father Raymond and Maximin spoke, leading to the priest's belief that Maximin had denied that there was an apparition in La Salette. Maximin met the next day with Father Vianney. With respect to the priestly vocation, the Curé d'Ars referred Maximin to the Diocese of Grenoble. Conversing with Maximin about the Apparition apparently caused the Curé to have some doubts, which persisted even after Bishop de Bruillard had given his approval a year later. Father Vianney wrote to Bishop de Bruillard in December 1850 to say that if La Salette was the work of God, then man could not destroy it. About a year before he died, Vianney resumed his full belief in Our Lady of La Salette. \*\*

In the autumn of 1850, Mélanie and Maximin left the boarding school in their hometown of Corps. Maximin entered the seminary on October 23, 1850 to study for the priesthood. Mélanie went to Corenc where she entered the Sisters of Providence as a postulant on October 10, 1850. A year later, on October 9, 1851, Mélanie entered the novitiate and took the name Sister Mary of the Cross. She used this religious name regularly, often appending to it "Victim of Jesus, née Mélanie Calvert, Shepherdess of La Salette."

### *Next Week: Pope Pius IX and the Secrets of La Salette*

\* Material in this article is taken from Michel Corteville and René Laurentin, *Découverte du secret de La Salette* (Paris: Librairie Arthème Fayard, 2002) and from Michel Corteville, *La "Grande Nouvelle" des Bergers de La Salette, Tome I. L'apparition et ses secrets, deuxième édition abrégée* (Bonchamp-lès-Laval, France: Pierre Téqui, éditeur, 2008). Also, Fr. Jean Jaouen, M.S., *A Grace Called La Salette: A Story for the World, Second English Edition*, Fr. Normand Theroux, M.S., trans. (Hartford, CT: Missionaries of La Salette Corporation, 2019), pp. 52-55.

\*\* Abbé François Trochu, *The Curé d'Ars: St. Jean-Marie-Marie Vianney* (Rockford, IL: Tan Books and Publishers, Inc., 1977), pp. 404-414.



**16 Sat. 4:00 p.m. Anticipated:** † Ison & Eva Fontenot, † Gerald & Alberta Gossen, † Edwina Smith Hernandez, † Amanda Claire Judice, Lynn Kallam Ditch, James Judice, † Mr. & Mrs. Stephen R. Moore, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Frederick J. Forstall, Avis Moore Rupert, Ryan Robert Guilbeau, † The Nugier Family, † Flossie Purpera, † Rosamaria Reyes-Silva, † Derald & Lillian Manuel & The Huval Family, † Gloria Brevell, † Verna Lagneaux Judice, † James A. Leger, † Charles Blanchard, † Dr. David Fisher, † Paul Terry Bertrand, † Peter Tu Pham; **Living:** Special Intention, Marguerite Montagnet, John & Della Picard, Diane Triche, Elizabeth Pham, Jax Marceaux; **Living & Deceased Members of:** The Bouvier & Boudreaux Families, The Ison & Eva Fontenot Families, The Lebodier Lavergne Family, Michael & Fred Landry & Family, The Caillouet, Henry, Randazzo, Costanza, & Campos Families, The Judice, Kallam, Langlinais, & Hamilton Families

**17 Sun. 9:00 a.m.:** Fatima Parishioners / Pro-Populo

**11:00 a.m.:** † Ison & Eva Fontenot, † Faye Marie Gesser, † Anna Maria, † Evangeline Grace Breaux, † Col. Thomas N. & Lena B. Ritchie, † Employees, † Nancy Guidry Quebedeaux, † Delois Landry Gest, † Joyce Dupuis, † Ivy & Verna Judice, † Addie Bouillion Melancon, † Tra Harris; **Living:** Maria Rieu Tran, Larry Dinh, Jax Marceaux; **Living & Deceased Members of:** The Butcher & Smith Families, The Ison & Eva Fontenot Families

**5:00 p.m.:** † Elroy Perrien

**18 Mon. 6:15 a.m.:** † Mr. & Mrs. Ison Fontenot

**19 Tue. 5:30 p.m.:** † Ison & Eva Fontenot

**20 Wed. 6:15 a.m.:** **Living:** Msgr. Rodolfo Mendoza

**21 Thu. 5:30 p.m.:** **Living & Deceased Members of:** The Ison & Eva Fontenot Families

**22 Fri. 5:30 p.m.:** † Parrish Ladd Cline

**23 Sat. 8:00 a.m.:** † Ison & Eva Fontenot

**4:00 p.m. Anticipated:** † Faye Marie Gesser, † Gerald & Alberta Gossen, † Edwina Smith Hernandez, † Amanda Claire Judice, Lynn Kallam Ditch, James Judice, † Mr. & Mrs. Stephen R. Moore, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Frederick J. Forstall, Avis Moore Rupert, Ryan Robert Guilbeau, † The Nugier Family, † Flossie Purpera, † Rosamaria Reyes-Silva, † Derald & Lillian Manuel & The Huval Family, † Gloria Brevell, † James A. Leger, † Mrs. Verna Judice, † Charles Blanchard, † Paul Terry Bertrand **Living:** Suzanne Sparks, Special Intention, Marguerite Montagnet, Ngoc Nguyen, Nhu Dinh, Jax Marceaux; **Living & Deceased Members of:** The Catholic Daughters of America, The Ison & Eva Fontenot Families, Michael & Fred Landry & Family, The Quebedeau Family, The Caillouet, Henry, Randazzo, Costanza, & Campos Families, The Judice, Kallam, Langlinais, & Hamilton Families

**24 Sun. 9:00 a.m.:** † Ison & Eva Fontenot

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

**5:00 p.m.:** † Col. Thomas N. & Lena B. Ritchie, † Employees, † Elden Butcher, † Delois Landry Gest, † Joyce Dupuis, † Verna Lagneaux Judice, † Addie Bouillion Melancon, † Tra Harris; **Living:** Alicia Kreamer, Ricky Dinh, Mary Dinh; **Living & Deceased Members of:** The Ison & Eva Fontenot Families



In today's Gospel Jesus teaches his disciples that whoever wishes to be great among them must be a servant, just as he came to be a servant.

Good stewards know that their "greatness" is found in God, and is affirmed by a serving heart, a Spirit-filled life, a humble walk and a commitment to acting in ways that glorify God. The "greatness" we feel about ourselves is rooted in a proper view of God in our lives and a proper view of our place in creation. It is from here that we derive our sense of identity and our belief that human life is particularly valuable. Not to be a servant of the Gospel and others would be poor stewardship. In what ways do we serve the Gospel in our daily lives?

*Weekend of October 9/10*

*Weekly Offertory Budget.....\$15,384.62*

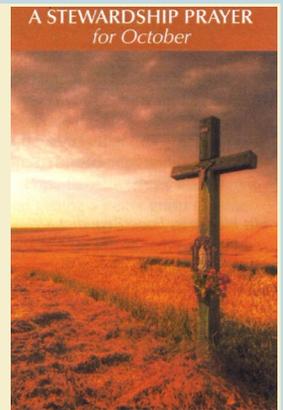
*Total Offertory Received.....\$17,238.14*

*Weekly Budget (+ Over, - Under).....+\$1,853.52*

*Total Mercy Works.....\$83.00*

*Building & Maintenance.....\$1,746.00*

My Lord Jesus,  
As the rains hide the stars,  
as the autumn mist  
hides the hills,  
as the clouds veil  
the blue of the skies,  
so the dark happenings  
of the world  
hide the shining  
of your face from me.



Yet, if I may hold your hand  
in the darkness,  
it is enough, since I know that,  
as the steward of your grace,  
though I may stumble on this  
journey of mine,  
you will not let me fall.

AMEN.



A long standing tradition at Fatima School is the BIG Warriors vs. Tigers football game. It's a fun rivalry that now brings in hundreds of Warrior fans! Students, parents, alumni and grandparents gather at the STM stadium, starting with a spirited tailgating party hosted by the OLF Alumni Association. All are welcome to come and cheer on the Blue and Gold! Go Warriors!

October 18-20	No Bus days
October 19	OLF/CCS Football game
October 20	House Meeting and Wheel Spin
October 21	Parent-Teacher Conference Day
October 22	Fall Break

**Our Lady of Fatima School will have applications available ONLINE ONLY for NEW student admission for grades PK3-8<sup>th</sup> for school year 2022-2023 beginning Monday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Please visit [www.fatimawarrior.com](http://www.fatimawarrior.com) under the Admissions tab as soon as possible for details. For more information, please contact Charlotte Huvall, Director of Admissions, at 337-235-2464 or [admissions@olf.org](mailto:admissions@olf.org). Our Lady of Fatima School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, national origin, or disability (if with reasonable accommodations the individual can meet our program goals), in its educational programs, activities, or employment policies.**

## Exposition 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. The following days & hours are in need of additional adorers:

**Monday at 10 a.m. & 3 p.m.,  
Tuesday at 11 a.m., 12 Noon, 2 p.m. & 3 p.m.  
Wednesday at 2 p.m., Thursday at 2 a.m. and  
urgent need for 3 p.m. on Thursday**

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

**Many thanks to those who spend time in prayer with the Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament.**

# Organ Recital

Dr. Jacob Benda will give an organ recital next Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. He will be playing works by Johann Sebastian Bach, David Cheryen, Francis Poulenc, Charles Marie Widor and Maurice Dufuflé.



Acclaimed for his virtuosity and imaginative programming, Jacob has been featured as a solo recitalist and lecturer at universities, festivals and cathedrals throughout the United States including Yale University, University of Arizona, University of North Texas, Wesleyan University in Middletown, CT, the East Texas Pipe Organ Festival, the 2014 American Guild of Organists Convention, the opening performance for the Los Angeles Chapter of the American Guild of Organists 2019-20 season, Christ Church Cathedral in New Orleans, LA, St. Andrew's Cathedral in Jackson, MS, Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis, MN, Plymouth Congregational Church in Seattle, WA, and others.



**Mark your calendars now and plan to be with us for this musical event.**

## REVERENCE IN CHURCH

Our God is an awesome God. Full of power, love and mercy. In His great love for us He chooses to dwell with us day and night in the Tabernacles of our churches. Is that not truly a miraculous thing, that is worthy of our awe, of our thanksgiving and our praise and most certainly, our reverence in His majestic presence? Reverence in our actions and reverence in our manner of dress.



# Quotes from the message of His Holiness Pope Francis for World Mission Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

## WE CANNOT KEEP THE LORD TO OURSELVES

Once we experience the power of God's love, and recognize His fatherly presence in our personal and community life, we cannot help but proclaim and share what we have seen and heard... "Go therefore to the highways and byways, and invite everyone you find" (Mt 22:9). No one is excluded, no one need feel distant or removed from this compassionate love.... As Christians, we cannot keep the Lord to ourselves; the

Church's evangelizing mission finds outward fulfillment in the transformation of our world and in the care of creation.... The theme of this year's World Mission (Sun)day—"We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20), is a summons to each of us to "own" and to bring to others what we bear in our hearts.



## THE EXPERIENCE OF THE APOSTLES

The first Christians began the life of faith amid hostility and hardship...those experiences impelled them to turn problems, conflicts and difficulties into opportunities for mission... Nothing and no one was to be excluded from the message of liberation. Like the Apostles and the first Christians, we too can say with complete conviction: "We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20). Everything we have received from the Lord is meant to be put to good use and freely shared with others....The first Christians, far from yielding to the temptation to become an elite group, were inspired by the Lord and His offer of new life to go out among the nations and to bear witness to what they had seen and heard: the good news that the Kingdom of God is at hand....

## THE PANDEMIC NECESSITATES MISSION OF COMPASSION

The pandemic has brought to the fore and amplified the pain, the solitude, the poverty, and the injustices experienced by so many people. In these days of pandemic....there is urgent need for the mission of compassion, which can make that necessary (social) distancing an opportunity for encounter, care and promotion. "What we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20), the mercy we have experienced, can thus become a point of reference and a source of credibility enabling us to recover a shared passion for building "a community of belonging and solidarity worthy of our time, our energy and our resources" (Fratelli Tutti, 36).

## AN INVITATION TO EACH OF US

On World Mission (Sun)day, which we celebrate on the penultimate Sunday of October, we recall with gratitude all those men and women who by their testimony of life help us to renew our baptismal commitment to be generous and joyful apostles of the Gospel. Let us remember especially all those who resolutely set out, leaving home and family behind, to bring the Gospel to all those places and people athirst for its saving message. To be on mission is to be willing to think as Christ does, to believe with Him that those around us are also my brothers and sisters. May His compassionate love touch our hearts and make us all true missionary disciples.

# Please Join Us!

*In praying for an end to abortion  
and all pro-death activities in our  
nation and in our world.*



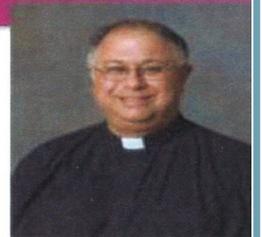
## South Deanery “March for Life” Mass Tuesday, January 25, 2022 St. Peter Catholic Church New Iberia, LA

- 5:00 p.m..... *Gather at Grotto for Pro-Life Walk*
- 5:20 p.m..... *Divine Mercy Chaplet*
- 5:30 p.m..... *Rosary*
- 6:00 p.m..... *Pro-Life Mass*

*For more information call the office of St. Peter's at  
369-3816 or John Manes at 247-0290*



**Celebrant:**  
**Rev. Keith Landry**  
St. Peter Catholic Church, New Iberia, LA



### Catholic Daughters of the Americas®

The annual CDA (Catholic Daughters of America) Sweet Sale will take place during the fall Knights of Columbus Council 3470 barbeque on Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the KC Hall at the end of Rena Drive. A selection of cookies, cakes, cupcakes, brownies, fudge, peanut brittle, and sweet loaves will be available. Purchase a dessert as you drive through to pick up your barbeque dinners.

Court 1613 of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas is committed to prayer and service. Every day members pray the rosary for the parishioners of Our Lady of Fatima Church, our community and the world. Charitable outreach includes acts of kindness for parishioners and service to nursing homes, St. Joseph's Diner, Faith House and Women's Shelter and Msgr. Sigur Center for Men, among others. We thank you in advance for supporting the Catholic Daughters.

# The Saints - Our Extended Family in Heaven



**MONDAY, OCTOBER 18 - *Saint Luke the Evangelist*:** Born to pagan Greek parents, and possibly a slave. One of the earliest converts to Christianity. Physician, studying in Antioch and Tarsus. Probably travelled as a ship's doctor; many charitable societies of physicians are named for him. Legend has that he was also a painter who may have done portraits of Jesus and Mary, but none have ever been correctly or definitively attributed to him; this story, and the inspiration his Gospel has always given artists, led to his patronage of them. He met Saint Paul the Apostle at Troas, and evangelized Greece and Rome with him, being there for the shipwreck and other perils of the voyage to Rome, and stayed in Rome for Paul's two years in prison. Wrote the *Gospel According to Luke*, much of which was based on the teachings and writings of Paul, interviews with early Christians, and his own experiences. Wrote a history of the early Church in the *Acts of the Apostles*.

**Born:** at Antioch: **Died:** c.74 in Greece: **Canonized:** Pre-Congregation



**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19—*Saint Paul of the Cross*:** The son of Luca Daniel and Anna Maria Daneo; he was the second of sixteen children born to the couple, ten of whom died in infancy. Paolo was baptized at the age of 3 days, and was raised in a pious family; his father, a merchant, was known for his deep faith, and a brother and close uncle were both priests. Paolo was known as a pious child who attended daily Mass, but he wasn't confirmed until he was 25 years old, a common practice of the time. In 1701 the family moved from Ovada to Castellazo Bormida, and Paolo received his early education at a boy's school run by a priest in Cremolino, Italy. In 1713 he had what became known as a "conversion" experience, which convinced Paolo that he was called to religious life. He declined an arranged marriage, and when he received an inheritance from a rich uncle, a priest, he kept only the man's breviary and refused the wealth.

In 1715 he volunteered for the military service in the crusade against the Turks, but his call to religious life led him to return home in 1716. In 1720 he received a series of visions that confirmed his call, including one where he saw himself in what would become the habit of the Passionists. With his bishop's support, he went on a 40 day retreat and wrote the rule of a potential community, which he called The Poor of Jesus. His brother, Giovanni-Battista, became the second member of the community, and the two moved to Rome, Italy to help found a hospital and seek other members to help them care for the patients and staff.

While there, the Daneo brothers studied theology, and on June 7, 1727 were ordained to the priesthood by Pope Benedict XIII in Saint Peter's Basilica. The brothers became travelling preachers leading parish missions around Italy. Father Paul was a preacher of such power that hardened soldiers and bandits were seen to weep at his words. He was known as a great spiritual teacher; over 2,000 of his letters survive, most devoted to spiritual direction.

Due to the ascetic lifestyle of a Passionist, the group attracted few members to begin with, but they were a dedicated lot, spending at least three hours in prayer each day. They established their first Retreat, as Passionist monasteries are known, in 1737 on Monte Argentario on the west coast of Italy. Pope Benedict XIV approved the Passionist Rule on May 15, 1741; Pope Clement XIV approved the congregation in 1769. Father Paul reluctantly served as the congregation's first superior-general, and by the time of his death there were 12 Retreats and 180 members. The Passionist fathers, brothers and sisters continue their good work around the world today.

**Born:** January 3, 1694 at Ovada, Piedmont (northern Italy) as *Paolo Francesco Danei*

**Died:** October 18, 1775 at Rome, Italy of natural causes; **Canonized:** June 29, 1867 by Blessed Pope Pius IX



**Knights of  
Columbus®**

**The Fatima / St. Mary  
Knights of Columbus BBQ  
is coming up soon!**

Please mark your calendar and plan to have a great BBQ dinner on Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. The Knights will be cooking delicious pork steaks again this year. These steaks are cooked on-site on the pits at the KC Hall on Rena Drive. They are first marinated in an amazing mix for 48 hours prior to cooking. Then they are cooked on traditional BBQ pits using charcoal. After cooking, they are kept warm until they are plated for you. These pork steaks have a truly great flavor you cannot duplicate at home! The dinners also include rice dressing cooked jambalaya-style in three big jambalaya pots. And we cook tons of flavorful green beans seasoned with Savoie's Hot Sausage and lots of onion and garlic. Then we top it off with a fresh roll. Plan on sharing these great BBQ dinners with your family and friends that day.

Please be generous and help us serve others in our community. Encourage your friends and neighbors to purchase dinners, or buy some for them, too!

**The Knights will be selling dinner tickets after each mass on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> and October 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.**

Dinner tickets are \$10 each. Books of 10 are \$100. Please plan to purchase your tickets either weekend. Dinner pickup will be on Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 to 1:30 at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Rena Drive.

**Fatima Fall Festival:** Holding with our traditions of Brotherhood, Unity and Charity, the Knights were very active this past weekend. On Saturday, we were happy to assist with the Fatima Fall Festival by cooking over 400 hamburgers and chicken burgers on our BBQ trailer. Our members worked with the parents of Fatima helping to feed the many hungry festival goers.

**St. Mary Family Fun Fest:** On Sunday, we again served the community by volunteering at the St. Mary Family Fun Fest. We assisted by helping with a number of the attractions and with the food preparation and delivery. Both events brought our Knights together as we helped our sponsor parishes. It was great to see so many people enjoying the beautiful weather and events.

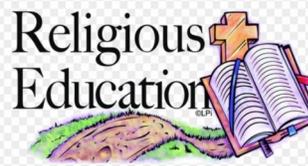
**Thinking of Joining the Knights?** The KC BBQ is a great opportunity to meet the people behind the Knights of Columbus. Stop by and introduce yourself. Also, you may contact Conrad Chapman at 257-0590, or stop by the KC Hall on meeting night. Fatima's Knights meet at 6:30 p.m. the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month at our KC Hall at 515 Rena Drive.

Knights recognize that our mission, and our faith in God, compels us to action. Please join us in this endeavor.

**Host your Christmas Party at the KC Hall:** For information on reserving the Knights of Columbus Hall for your Christmas party, Birthday party, Graduation party, BBQ, or other special event, please contact Dione Pastor at 257-3135. The hall has a full kitchen and is an inexpensive venue for special family gatherings.

## The Church on *Confession*

Taken from Our Sunday Visitor's  
Encyclopedia of Catholic Doctrine



Together with his sins, three acts of the penitent make up the matter of the sacrament of Penance. These are contrition, confession, and satisfaction. "Confession to a priest is an essential part of the sacrament of Penance" (CCC 1456).

Fundamentally, confession is verbal self-accusation to another individual. Within the context of the sacrament of Penance, it involves acknowledging one's sins to a priest. As an ordained minister of the Church, the priest acts in the Person of Christ. He is thus bound under the gravest seal not to disclose or make any use of anything he has heard with regard to the penitents' lives. "This secret, which admits of no exceptions, is called the 'sacramental seal,' because what the penitent has made known to the priest remains 'sealed' by the sacrament" (CCC 1467).

Contrary to media portrayals, a priest does not frustrate the justice system in not revealing the identity of a criminal. For the knowledge a priest may acquire in this context is not intended to help the criminal justice system but rather to reconcile a sinner with God. While he may counsel the person to come forward and admit his crime, the priest's primary concern is the restoration of the right relationship between the sinner and God: He brings the mercy of God to the sinner and the repentant sinner home to God.

Two questions must be addressed: What is to be confessed? And how often one should avail oneself of the sacrament, bearing in mind that canon law states the *obligation* to confess serious sins at least once a year (Canon 989)?

**What Is Confessed**—Both mortal and venial sins should be confessed. "All mortal sins of which penitents after a diligent self-examination are conscious must be recounted by them in confession . . .' [Council of Trent (1551); DS 1680 (ND 1626)]" (CCC 1456). The deliberate omission of any mortal sin results in the commission of another mortal sin, sacrilege. Furthermore, if one receives Holy Communion knowingly in the state of mortal sin he commits a sacrilege (cf. CCC 1457).

*(To be continued in next week's bulletin)*

## A Weekend of Discovery, a Lifetime of Love.

Married couples, do you want to turn your good marriage into a GREAT marriage? Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend for married Christian couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. Attend a Marriage Encounter weekend and learn the tools needed to keep your marriage strong. Some Weekends at this time are Virtual, but some are in-person with social distancing between the attending couples and the team leaders of the Weekend. In-person Weekends are held at a retreat center, or a church facility.

The emphasis of Worldwide Marriage Encounter is on communication between husband and wife, who spend a weekend together away from the distractions and the tensions of everyday life, to concentrate on each other. It's not a retreat, nor a marriage clinic, nor group sensitivity. It's a unique approach aimed at revitalizing Christian Marriage.

This is a time for you and your spouse to be alone together. To rediscover each other and together focus on your relationship for an entire weekend. Every marriage deserves that kind of attention! The mission of Worldwide Marriage Encounter is to proclaim the value of Marriage and Holy Orders in the Church and in the world.

WWME is faithful to Roman Catholic Church's teaching that marriage is a covenant that exists between one man and one woman. Any reference to marriage or couple made by WWME is in this context.



## 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.

## Prayer Calendar for Priests

Monday, October 18  
**Rev. James Bam Nguyen**  
Tuesday, October 19  
**Rev. Leo Nicoll, SJ**  
Wednesday, October 20  
**Rev. A. Gayle Nunez**  
Thursday, October 21  
**Rev. Godwin Nzeh, CMF**  
Friday, October 22  
**Rev. Anselm Oforodum**

Saturday, October 23  
**Rev. Paul Onuegbu**  
Sunday, October 24  
**Rev. Paul Oredipe**

## Come, Lord Jesus

**Mondays 6:30pm (WOMEN)**  
DD McElligott, 319.8866

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

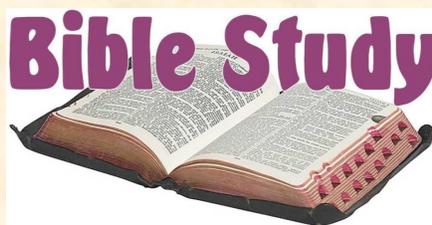
**Thursdays 6:00 am (MEN) - Joe**  
Wolf, 349.2645  
**6:00 am (MEN) - Deacon Tim Maragos, 298.5516**

**Fridays 1:00 pm - 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



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. 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.

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

# PARISH ORGANIZATIONS AND INFORMATION

Parish Organizations  
may schedule meetings  
by contacting  
**Stephanie Supple at  
the Parish Office**  
([administrator@fatimalafayette.org](mailto:administrator@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**  
1st Thursday, 7 pm

**Sts. Joachim & Anne  
Society**  
2nd Tuesday - Rosary/Social

**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**

## 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

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.

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ARE EITHER MEETING  
IN PERSON, VIA ZOOM,  
OR A COMBINATION  
OF BOTH.  
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