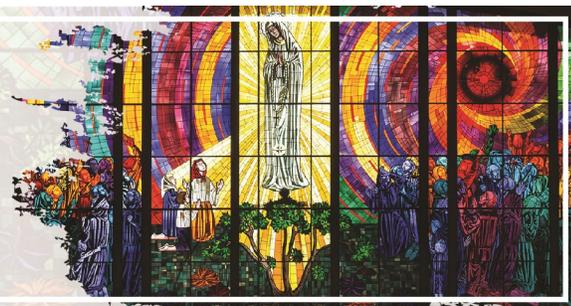


OUR LADY OF FATIMA

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday, September 25th - Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

13th of May, June, July, September, October
and August 19th at 5:30 pm

Monthly Peace Mass

First Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm

Monthly Holy Hour: 3rd Monday of the month
5:30—6:30 pm in Church

CONTACT US

2319 JOHNSTON ST., LAFAYETTE, LA 70503

Pastor..... Rev. Msgr. Jefferson DeBlanc, Jr.
Parochial Vicar..... Rev. Randall Moreau
Deacons..... Timothy Maragos & Randy Hyde
AdministratorStephanie Supple
Dir. of Communications / Marketing . DD McElligott
BookkeeperAnnie Governale
Dir. of Music/Organist/Choir Director... Keith D'Anna
Bulletin Editor Keith D'Anna
Church Office(337) 232-8945
Church Fax..... (337) 232-0323
Church Websitewww.fatimalafayette.org
Religious Education Coordinator Elaine Trahan

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

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.'" - Lk 16:25

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

©LPI

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.

Towards a Better Education of Children *



From the Pastor's Desk

Pope Francis uses the adverbs *consciously*, *enthusiastically*, *reasonably*, and *appropriately* to describe how parents should carry out their essential role in influencing the moral development of their children.

Where are our children? Parents should carefully weigh what their children are exposed to, who provides their entertainment, with whom they spend their free time, and who enters their rooms electronically. Parents should speak to their children about important things, shield them from harm, and find “healthy ways for them to spend their time.”

Time is greater than space. Parents should not be obsessed with *dominating space*, that is, controlling everything with respect to their children. Yes, parents should know where and with whom their children are in order to protect them. But they should also know where their children are *existentially* and enable them lovingly to mature in freedom, discipline, and authentic autonomy.

Maturity is not latent in our genetic code and cannot emerge solely with the passing of years. Prudence, good judgment, and common sense are dependent on “a whole series of things that come together deep within each person, or better, at the very core of our freedom.” Education imparts the responsible use of our freedom with good sense and intelligence. Education forms persons so that they understand what a profound gift freedom is and that their own lives and the lives of others are in their own hands.

“Parents rely on schools to ensure the basic instruction of their children, but can never completely delegate the moral formation of their children to others.” Parents teach their children how to love and respect others. They also shape the free will of their children by “fostering good habits and a natural inclination to goodness.” Part of growth involves cultivating certain ways of thinking and acting that are desirable and worthwhile. Fitting into society means possessing the habit of “foregoing an immediate pleasure for the sake of a better and more orderly life in common. ... A person may be sociable and open to others, but if over a long period of time he has not been trained by his elders to say ‘Please,’ ‘Thank you,’ and ‘Sorry,’ his good interior disposition will not easily come to the fore.”

The ***strengthening of the will and the repetition of specific actions are the building blocks of moral conduct***, without the conscious, free and valued repetition of certain patterns of good behavior, moral education does not take place. Mere desire, or an attraction to a certain value, is not enough to instill a virtue in the absence of those properly motivated acts.

Freedom and virtue go hand in hand. We need to “develop those stable interior principles that lead us spontaneously to do good.” Virtue strengthens and shapes our freedom, “lest we become slaves of dehumanizing and antisocial inclinations.” Human dignity moves us to act from “conscious and free choice, as moved and drawn in a personal way from within.”

Next Week: Towards a Better Education of Children (Continued)

* Unless otherwise indicated, quotes are from Pope Francis, *Amoris Laetitia: On Love in the Family*, Apostolic Exhortation (Huntington, IN: Our Sunday Visitor, 2016), Chapter Seven, sections 259 through 290. Words in **bold print** or in *italics* have been highlighted by me for emphasis.



24 Sat. 4:00 p.m. Vigil:
 † The Nugier Family, † Amanda Claire Judice, Lynn Kallam Ditch, James Judice, Randy Judice, † Gervis F. LeBlanc, † Dale Cleveland, † 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, † Rosamaria Reyes-Silva, † Josephine Dinh, † Kim-Anh Dinh, † Johnathan Nguyen, † Marie Nguyen, † Angel Nguyen, † Andrea Nguyen, † Anna Nguyen, † Cleve Martin, † Jerry Rosenbaum; **Living:** Msgr. Jefferson DeBlanc, Percy Boudreaux, Special Intention; **Living & Deceased Members of:** The Bouvier & Boudreaux Families, Michael & Fred Landry & Family, The Judice, Kallam, Langlinais, & Hamilton Families, Lebodier Lavergne Family

25 Sun. 9:00 a.m.: Living: Kent & Charlotte Huval
11:00 a.m.: Fatima Parishioners / Pro-Populo
5:00 p.m.: † Saleh Canavati, † Col. Thomas N. & Lena B. Ritchie, † Elroy Perrien; **Living:** Juana Plaisance

26 Mon. 6:15 a.m.: † Melvin R. Boesch

27 Tues. 5:30 p.m.: † Frances Cooke D'Anna

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

29 Thur. 5:30 p.m. † Gervis F. LeBlanc

30 Fri. 5:30 p.m.: † Felix L. & Marie I. D'Anna

1 Sat. 8:00 a.m.: † Michael Anthony D'Anna
4:00 p.m. Vigil: † The Nugier Family, † Vivian Boudreaux, † Ashely Cormier, † Ernest & Mary Catherine Bouvier, † 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, † Derald & Lillian Manuel & The Huval & Lormand Families, † Mary Pham, † Huynh Pham, † Peter Tu Pham, † Hien Dinh, † Sydney Nguyen, † Madison Nguyen, † Mr. Mrs. Howard Shores; **Living:** Dotsie Butcher, Percy Boudreaux; **Living & Deceased Members of:** Michael & Fred Landry & Family, The Judice, Kallam, Langlinais, & Hamilton Families, The Butcher, Smith, & Broussard Families

2 Sun. 9:00 a.m.: † Debbie B. Landry, † Col. Thomas N. & Lena B. Ritchie, † Douglas Touchet
11:00 a.m.: † Yvonne Bienvenu
5:00 p.m.: Fatima Parishioners / Pro-Populo



In today's Gospel Jesus offers a warning about living selfishly in his parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus. The Rich Man holds sumptuous feasts and dresses in fine clothes. But despite his affluence he does nothing to relieve the painful hunger and debilitating condition of his neighbor Lazarus. He neglects to love his neighbor as he loves himself and is sent to hell for his lifestyle and desire for self-gratification.

The Rich Man represents those who spend their money on their own personal pleasures with no regard for sharing their material possessions with the poor and needy in their own neighborhood. Good stewards realize the practical implications of not only loving God, but loving their neighbor as they would love themselves. Who are the less fortunate in our neighborhood? Do we share a portion of our own blessings with them?

Weekend of September 17/18

<i>Weekly Offertory Budget.....</i>	<i>\$16,346.15</i>
<i>Total Offertory Received.....</i>	<i>\$11,955.52</i>
<i>Weekly Budget (Over +, Under -).....</i>	<i>-\$4,390.63</i>
<i>Total Mercy Works.....</i>	<i>\$283.00</i>
<i>Bishop's Services Appeal.....</i>	<i>\$495.00</i>

PAVE THE WAY—\$43,169.00



Heavenly Father, September is a month that offers hope for things to come: our daily life has a new rhythm, there are new beginnings and new encounters, and a new energy is seen in the parish community.

In this month of accelerating activities, keep us mindful that we live for Christ and not for ourselves. Give us the strength and the wisdom to be "Doers" of Your Word, and not just listeners; to be good stewards of the Gospel each and every day.

In this month of transition help us find a deeper spiritual balance in our lives that takes time for you, listens to the promptings of your Spirit and give us hope that the body of Christ has well begun the transformation of a troubled world. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

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 these 30-minute informal gatherings after the following **Children's Choir Masses:**

October 2 after 11:00am

November 13 after 11:00am

December 4 after 11:00am

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! Three times this year, we will have a short gathering after Mass in Knight Hall for a Clergy Question and Answer session with drinks and snacks.

A children's Catholic film will be shown in the auditorium with popcorn and art activities will be available to occupy other children in the Great Hall while the adults dialogue with clergy. Children may also remain with parents if they prefer. Drinks, cookies, and crackers will help tide the kids over until the family meal.

When the 30-minute film is over and the gathering is concluded, a drop box at the door will be available to collect questions we didn't get to answer for next time. Plan to bring some with your curiosity to get to know your faith and fellow Fatima Catholics better in an informal setting!

BECOME A PARISHIONER

Attending Mass at Our Lady of Fatima but never registered as a parishioner? It's never been easier.



We are so glad that you chose to attend Mass at Our Lady of Fatima and hope you

continue to join us in the glorious celebration of the Mass.

If you've recently moved into Our Lady of Fatima church boundaries, or just looking for a new parish, we invite you to join our church family by registering. Please call the parish office during regular business hours (Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.) at 337-232-8945.

Fatima Family Altar Association



Our Lady of Fatima has recently launched a new parish organization—the Fatima Family Altar Association. Vitality members brought this suggestion to Msgr., and it has been developed and approved. The main goal is to have a volunteer organization for families, where mom, dad, and children serve together and separately.

The organization has volunteer opportunities to care for our Church, fundraising, annual gumbo fundraiser picnic volunteers, men and women to help decorate our church for events and holidays, and many MORE opportunities.

Sign up online through our webpage at www.fatimalafayette.org



In the month of September, our new students in 1-8th grade were treated to a fun treat and conversation. Our Milk and Cookie gathering, Popsicles on the Playground and Jr. High Snack Chat were a wonderful opportunity for the counseling department and administration to check in with our new students and answer questions. Another BIG welcome to all of our new students and families.

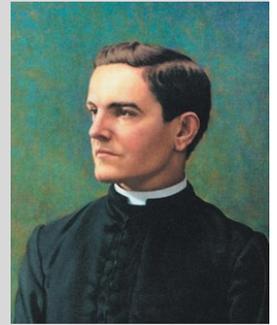
- September 19-30.....OLF Library 40 Book Dash Competition
- September 25.....8th grade chorus group sings
..... National Anthem at UL Soccer game
- September 26..... Parish Vitality Steering Committee and
..... Subcommittee Meeting
- September 26..... Grand Canyon—Informational Meeting
- September 27..... Washington DC—Informational Meeting
- September 28..... Safe Environment Initial Training
- September 28..... Paint the Town Red—Go UL!
- September 29..... Snack Chat for NEW Jr. High Students
- September 30..... School Mass
- October 2..... Children's Choir and Fall Sports Mass
- October 2..... Father I Wonder Project



St. Thomas More Catholic High School welcomes all 8th grade prospective students and parents to attend Open House on Thursday, October 13, with continuous tours from 4—7 p.m. For more information, contact Robyn Alfonso at 988-7779, ext. 187 or robyn.alfonso@stmcougars.net or visit stmcougars.net/admissions.

Knights and Sainthood

Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney
There are many Knights of Columbus who are either canonized or on the path to sainthood. This includes Knights of Columbus founder Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney who was beatified and officially declared Blessed on Oct. 31, 2020. But there are other, less know Knights on the path to sainthood as well.



Father Joseph Verbis Lafleur, a member of Council 2281 in Abbeville, La., had his cause for sainthood opened by the Diocese of Lafayette in early 2020. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops voted June 17, 2021 to advance the cause of canonization for First Lt. Father Joseph Verbis Lafleur, a World War II military chaplain, prisoner of war, and a Knight of Columbus whose courageous witness in the Pacific theater of the war brought many souls to Christ.



Father Lafleur became a prisoner of war following the Fall of Bataan, but continued his ministry to the other soldiers, even constructing a chapel out of bamboo that he named the Chapel of St. Peter in Chains. His work inspired nearly 200 American soldiers to convert to Catholicism.

After two years as a prisoner of war, Fr. Lafleur died in 1944 helping his fellow POWs evacuate a torpedoed Japanese prison boat. For his service throughout the war, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, the second-highest award in the military, and a Purple Heart and Bronze Star.

Please pray for the canonization of these two great men, and include them in your intercessions.

Council 3470 Meetings

Fatima Knights meet the 2nd Monday of every month at 6:30 pm at the KC Hall at the end of Rena Drive. Interested men can join our next meeting, October 10th. For information, contact Conrad Chapman at 257-0590.

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

Introducing the new

FORMED[®]

The Catholic Faith. On Demand.

Diving into the beauty of the Faith has never been easier:
at home, on the go, or from any internet connected device.

Discover thousands of books, audio talks, movies, documentaries, and studies...

There is something for every member of the family to help them grow closer to Christ and His Church.

ALREADY HAVE A FORMED ACCOUNT?

Visit FORMED.org, Click Sign In, Enter your email, Click the link in your email, You're in! No more passwords!

REGISTERING ON FORMED IS EASIER THAN EVER!

Go to FORMED.org/signup, Enter your parish zip code or name to select your parish, Enter your name & email

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 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, September 26

Rev. C. Paul Bergeron

Tuesday, September 27

Rev. Donald Bernard

Wednesday, September 28

Rev. Conley Bertrand

Thursday, September 29

Rev. Paul G. Bienvenu

Friday, September 30

Very Rev. William Blanda, VF

Saturday, September 1

Pope Francis

Sunday, September 2

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

OUR LADY OF FATIMA SACRAMENTALS AND SPECIAL BLESSINGS

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

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

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

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.

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 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.;
Friday at 6:00 & 7:00 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



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

LEGION OF MARY

**LEGION
OF
MARY**

Please join the Legion of Mary Prayer Meeting on Fridays at 1:00 p.m. in the Knight Hall Conference Room located behind the church. If you would like to join Mary's Army and can't attend the weekly meeting, you can still join

the Legion! There are two types of memberships. Active Members—meet weekly and assist with works of Mercy and the Parish. Auxiliary Members—Pray the Rosary along with the Legion of Mary Prayers daily from home. Please call or text Hugh Prats for information at 337-442-4121. Please review the website for more information. <https://www.legionofmary.ie/>.

MONTHLY EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION

Monthly Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in Church the 3rd Monday of the month from 5:30 to 6:30 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 the Little Shepherds
September 11th—October 16th
In Memory of *Douglas Touchet*



Church
September 24th—October 2nd In Memory of *Melvin Schwartz*

Msgr. DeBlanc's Chapel
September 24th—October 2nd In Memory of *Melvin Schwartz*

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Billy Bernard, Ted Langlinais, Dr. Lynn LeBlanc
Joseph Randazzo, Patty Williams

BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

Ellie Rose Maas
Daughter of Joseph & Mary Beth Foreman Maas

ST. GEMMA FOODBANK

Items Needed:

10 of one of the items below:

*Bag of cookies, Pringles
Laundry Pods
Macaroni and Cheese
Ramen noodles
Shampoo and Conditioner
Toothpaste*

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.

INTRODUCING OLF SCHOOL'S FATHERS MINISTRY—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 for more information.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION—SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1



Jesus and His Mother made a special request for the First Saturdays. The First Saturdays Devotion, also known as the "Five First Saturdays" is a special request by Our Lord and Our Lady to make reparation for all the sins against the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Our Lady promised personal salvation if we fulfill the five consecutive First Saturdays. However, we should continue to fulfill them every month to console the Hearts of Jesus and Mary and make reparation for the sins of others. The continued practice of the First Saturdays will help bring about a period of peace and the salvation of many souls as Our Lady promised (Fatima, July 13, 1917)

On December 10th, 1925, the Child Jesus and Mary came to Sister Lucia. The Child Jesus spoke first saying: *"Have compassion on the Heart of your Most Holy Mother covered with the thorns with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment, and there is no one to remove them with an act of reparation"*. What does the Child Jesus mean by "compassion"? Compassion is another word for "mercy". In fact, the practice of mercy begins with having mercy on the Sacred Heart of Jesus who beheld our every act during His Passion and is in need of being consoled too.

Then, Our Lady said: *"My daughter, look at My Heart surrounded with the thorns with which ungrateful men pierce it 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 all the graces necessary for salvation all those who on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, go to Confession and receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for a quarter of an hour while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me"*.

ALTAR SERVERS WANTED!

Our Lady of Fatima is looking for more young Catholics (5th grade and up) who are committed to serving God liturgically through the Mass. If you are interested in deepening your love for Christ and the Mass along with furthering your involvement in the liturgical celebration of Christ's love for us and His Church, please contact the parish office during regular business hours to learn how you can become an Altar Server.

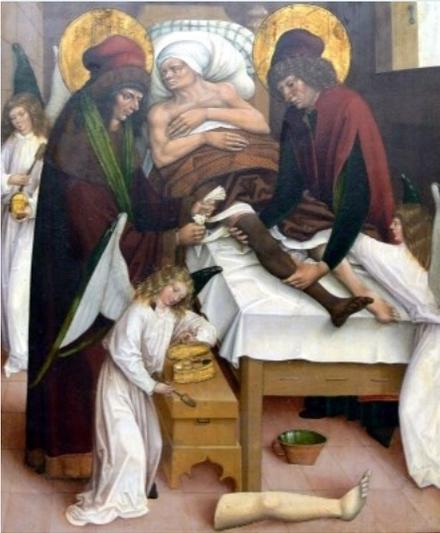


VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT ST. JOSEPH DINER AND FOOD BANK

Volunteers are needed at St. Joseph Diner and FoodNet Food Bank! Week-day and Weekend shifts. Individuals and Groups. Family-Friendly. Visit catholiccharitiesacadiana.org to sign up. Contact Community Engagement Coordinator, Sarah Baquet, to inquire at 337-235-4972, ext. 1222 or email Sarah at sarahb@catholiccharitiesacadiana.org.

SAINTS IN HEAVEN—OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
Saints Cosmas and Damian



Twin brothers. Physicians, trained in Syria; the brothers accepted no payment for their services, and their charity brought many to Christ. Reported to have miraculously replaced the ulcerated leg of a man named Justinian with one from a recently deceased man. Arrested during the persecutions of Diocletian, he was tortured, but suffered no injury. Martyr. Many fables grew up about the brothers, connected in part with the ability of their relics to heal.

Born: 3rd century, of Arabic descent; **Died:** tortured and beheaded c.303 in Aegea, Cilicia (modern Ayas, Turkey); **Canonized:** Pre-Congregation

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
Saint Vincent de Paul

Born to a peasant family. A highly intelligent youth, Vincent spent four years with the Franciscan friars at Acq, France getting an education. Tutor to children of a gentleman in Acq. He began divinity studies in 1596 at the University of Toulouse. Ordained at age 20.

Taken captive by Turkish pirates to Tunis, and sold into slavery. Freed in 1607 when he convert-



ed one of his owners to Christianity. Returning to France, he served as parish priest near Paris where he started organizations to help the poor, nursed the sick, found jobs for the unemployed, etc. Chaplain at the court of Henry IV of France. With Louise de Marillac, founded the *Congregation of the Daughters of Charity*. Instituted the *Congregation of Priests of the Mission (Lazarists)*. Worked always for the poor, the enslaved, the abandoned, the ignored, the pariahs.

Born: April 24, 1681 near Ranquine, Gascony near Dax, southwest France; **Died:** September 27, 1660 at Paris, France of natural causes; **Canonized:** June 16, 1737 by Pope Clement XII

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
St. Jerome

Born to a rich pagan family, Jerome led a wild and misspent youth. Studied in Rome, Italy, and became a lawyer. He converted and joined the Church in theory, and was baptized in 365, but it was only when he began his study of theology that he had a true conversion and the faith became integral to his life.

He became a monk, then, needing isolation for his study of Scripture, he lived for years as a hermit in the Syrian deserts. There



he is reported to have drawn a thorn from a lion's paw; the animal stayed loyally at his side for years.

Priest. Student of Saint Gregory of Nazianzen. Secretary to Pope Damasus I who commissioned Jerome to revise the Latin text of the Bible. The result was 30 years of work which we know as the *Vulgate* translation, the standard Latin version for over a millenia, and which is still in use today.

Friend and teacher of Saint Paula, Saint Marcella, and Saint Eustochium, an association that led to so much gossip that Jerome left Rome to return to desert solitude. He lived his last 34 years in the Holy Land as a semi-recluse, writing and translating works of history, biography, the writings of Origen, and much more. Doctor of the Church and Father of the Church. Since his own time, he has been associated in the popular mind with scrolls, writing, cataloging, translating, which led to those who work in such fields taking him as their patron—a man who knew their lives and problems.

Born: 347 at Strido, Dalmatia; **Died:** 419 of natural causes; **Canonized:** Pre-Congregation

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**

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

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

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.