

Our Lady of Fatima Roman Catholic Church

Sunday, September 15th - The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS:

Saturday Anticipated 4 pm (*organ & cantor*);
Sunday—9 am (*choir*)
11 am (*organ & cantor*)
5 pm (*organ & cantor*)
Monday, Wednesday, Friday—6:15 am;
Tuesday and Thursday—5:30 pm

FIRST SATURDAY:

8 am followed by Recitation of the Rosary and showing of Fatima Film

FATIMA VOTIVE MASS

13th of the Month, May—October
5 pm Rosary followed by 5:30 pm Mass
(with the *Fatima Farewell Procession*)

MONTHLY PEACE MASS:

This votive Mass heeds Our Lady's call, in her recent apparitions, to pray for world peace and conversion of hearts. It is prayed on the First Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm. The recitation of the Rosary and an Act of Consecration precedes the Mass at 5:00 pm.

ROSARY FOR PRIESTS: The recitation of the Rosary is prayed each Thursday in Church at 8:10 a.m.

THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturdays—1 hour prior to the Vigil Mass; **Sunday**—30 minutes prior to the 9 a.m., 11 a.m. & 5 p.m. Masses
Monday, Wednesday, & Friday & 1st Sat.—30 minutes prior to Mass; **Tuesday & Thursday**—1 hour prior to Mass

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament is celebrated on the third Sunday of each month, following the 11:00 am Mass. 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

Due to a new "couple mentoring" marriage preparation program, arrangements are to be made with the Church office, if at all possible, at least **ONE YEAR** in advance. To avoid schedule conflicts, all wedding dates held at Our Lady of Fatima must be confirmed with the Parish Administrator, who should be the first contact of the couple. Please visit our Parish Website to review wedding and music guidelines, and details of paperwork and preparation requirements.



2319 Johnston Street, Lafayette, LA 70503—Established 1949

Rev. Msgr. Jefferson DeBlanc, Pastor; Rev. Fr. Nathan Comeaux, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Timothy Maragos, Deacon Randy Hyde, Deacon Ed Boustany

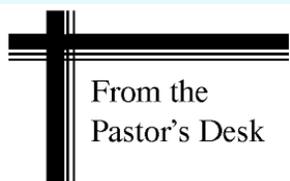
PARISH STAFF

Administrator: Stephanie Supple; **Parish Secretary:** Mona Bouillion; **Receptionist:** D D McElligott;
Bookkeeper: Annie Governale; **Director of Music, Organist, Choir Director & Bulletin Editor:** Keith D'Anna

Parish Office: (337) 232-8945; **Parish Fax:** (337) 232-0323; **School Office:** (337) 235-2464
Church Website: www.fatimalafayette.org

Office Hours: Monday—Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.;
Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

My dear parishioners,



The **Call to Forgiveness** is the fifth appeal of the Message of Fatima. This call, coming immediately after the Call to Charity, “urges us to ask God’s pardon for our brothers and sisters and also for ourselves; for those who do not believe and for those who do; for those who do not adore and for those who bow down in worship before God; for those who do not hope and for those who have every confidence; for those who do not love and for those who practice charity.” * So often we ourselves are among those who do not believe, adore, hope, and love! Lúcia points out that our faith can frequently be lacking or fragile, our hope weak, our charity cold and insensitive, and our adoration languid. We all need God’s pardon.

Lúcia emphasizes that God is ready to forgive us when He sees in us repentance and a desire to change and amend our lives, “turning away from the path of sin to embark on the path of grace.” Such repentance is seen in Saint Mary Magdalen, who bathed the Lord’s feet with her tears and who showed contempt for worldly vanities by drying His feet with her hair and anointing them with ointment (Lk 7:36-50). Jesus also saw in the heart of the woman caught in adultery her sorrow and desire to amend her way of life. “Go, [and] from now on do not sin any more.” (Jn 8:1-11). We should never be content with seeming to be good in the eyes of others without being good in the eyes of God. Jesus tells us challengingly that “prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you.” (Mt 21:31).

In the Old Testament, the Israelites offered external sacrifices for their sins. Lúcia writes that the Lord desires “the interior sacrifice of forgiveness granted to others.” (cf. Hos 6:4-6 and Mt 9:13). God wants us to pardon one another generously, sincerely (from the heart), completely, in ways that are clearly manifested, in a self-sacrificing manner (overcoming ourselves), and always (Mt 18:21-22). This means that we should keep a lid on resentments, ill-will, dislikes, excited nerves, hot tempers, wounded self-love that rightly or wrongly feels bruised and irritated, and the desire to avenge any offense, be it great or small, that someone has committed against us. “Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift.” (Mt 5:23-25). Jesus tells us very clearly (Mt 6:12 & Mt 6:14-15) that forgiveness of our neighbor is indispensable if we desire pardon from God. Hence, “the Message instructs us to ask God’s pardon for our brothers and sisters and ourselves.”

The first five calls (faith, adoration, hope, charity, and forgiveness) are associated with the words of the Angel of Peace in the first apparition during the spring of 1916. The second apparition, that of the Angel of Portugal in the summer of 1916, inspired the sixth (prayer) and the seventh (sacrifice) appeals.

Next Week: The Call to Prayer, Part I.

- ◆ Quotes of Sister Lúcia may be found in chapter 7 of *Calls From the Message of Fatima*, Sister Lúcia of Jesus and of the Immaculate Heart, Sisters of Mosteiro de Santa Maria, trans. (Fatima, Portugal: Secretariado dos Pastorinhos, 2000).



Bishop Deshotel has appointed **Deacon Randy E. Hyde** to Our Lady of Fatima. Deacon Randy worked in the oilfields for 32 years. He entered the Catholic Church in 1993 at Holy Cross, Lafayette. After theological studies, he was ordained deacon on 10 September 2006 in St. Mary Magdalen Church, Abbeville. He served 3 years at St. Edmond’s in Lafayette and 7 years at St. Mary Magdalen where he directed the Christian Service Center. Four years ago, he became a chaplain at Lafayette General Medical Center and continues his ministry there while joining our parish. Father Jerome Frey and Father Michael Champagne greatly assisted Deacon Randy in his spiritual and pastoral formation. He married Cathy Roberts Hyde in 1977. His beloved wife is now in the peace of the Lord. He has two lovely daughters and four grandchildren. The grandchildren, Deacon Randy said, “own him.” :) Welcome to Fatima, Deacon Randy Hyde!

Mass Intentions

14 Sat. 8:00 a.m.: Poor Souls in Purgatory
4:00 p.m. Anticipated: Mrs. Beatrice Boustany, James Judice, Eva Fontenot, Vivian Boudreaux, Mary Catherine Bouvier, Edwina Smith Hernandez, Faye Marie Gesser, Nathan, Loretta, & Robert Schiller, Gerald & Alberta Gossen, Randon Costello, Charles Connolly, Amanda Claire Judice, Lynn Kallam Ditch, Rosamaria Reyes-Silva, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen R. Moore, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Frederick J. Forstall, Avis Moore Rupert, Ryan Robert Guilbeau, Charles Blanchard, Lorena Guillory, Fred Stafford; **Living & Deceased Members of:** Michael & Fred Landry & Family, The Ison & Eva Fontenot Families, The Kallam, Langlinais, Judice, & Hamilton Families; **Living:** Imelda & Douglas Touchet, Lil Desormeaux

15 Sun. 9:00 a.m. The Nugier Family, Eva Fontenot, Gladys Bourque Judice, Souls in Purgatory, Edward & Gertrude Gros, Joe Charles & Lucy Lipari Russo, Anna Landry, Eric Todd Hebert, Gracie Brasseaux, Castle Meyers; **Living & Deceased Members of:** The Ison & Eva Fontenot Families, The Prejean, Fleming, Martin, Leger, & Cary Families, The Spaetgens & Hoffpaur Families, L.C. Fontenot & Family, S.C. Kerne & Family, Lena D. David & Family; **Living:** Lil Desormeaux

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

5:00 p.m.: Rosamaria Reyes-Silva

16 Mon. 6:15 a.m.: The Ison & Eva Fontenot Families

17 Tue. 5:30 p.m.: John Paul Martin

18 Wed. 6:15 a.m.: Eva Fontenot

19 Thu. 5:30 p.m.: Living & Deceased Members of the Butcher & Smith Families

20 Fri. 6:15 a.m.: Eric Todd Hebert

21 Sat. 8:00 a.m.: Poor Souls in Purgatory

4:00 p.m. Anticipated: James Judice, Eva Fontenot, Edwina Smith Hernandez, Nathan, Loretta, & Robert Schiller, Gerald & Alberta Gossen, Dale Cleveland, Lucy Russo, Randon Costello, Charles Connolly, Mrs. Anna Landry, Amanda Claire Judice, Lynn Kallam Ditch, Rosamaria Reyes-Silva, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen R. Moore, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Frederick J. Forstall, Avis Moore Rupert, Ryan Robert Guilbeau, Charles Blanchard, Lorena Guillory, Fred Stafford; **Living & Deceased Members of:** Michael & Fred Landry & Family, The Ison & Eva Fontenot Families, The Bouvier & Boudreaux Families, The Catholic Daughters, The Kallam, Langlinais, Judice, & Hamilton Families; **Living:** Imelda & Douglas Touchet, Beverly Daspit

22 Sun. 9:00 a.m.: **Living:** Leola Perrien

11:00 a.m.: Joseph Charles & Lucy Lipari Russo, The Nugier Family, Eva Fontenot, Margaret Olsen Zepernick, Dr. Richard Zepernick, Jared "Sanders" Cocke, Jr., Faye Marie Gesser, Griffin LeBlanc, Velma Guidry Degatur, Emily Allen, David Trahan, Col. Thomas N. & Lena B. Ritchie, Olga Hebert, Eric Todd Hebert, Pam Rodrigue; **Living & Deceased Members of:** The Ison & Eva Fontenot Families, The Prejean, Fleming, Martin, Leger, & Cary Families, The Thomas Guidry, Jr. Family & The Edney Guidry Family

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

Celebration of Hope and Thanksgiving

A Mass of Celebration of Hope and Thanksgiving will be celebrated on Tuesday, October 1st at 6:00 p.m. at



Holy Cross Catholic Church, located at 415 Robley Drive in Lafayette. The Celebrant will be Fr. Mario Romero. The Mass will be offered for all individuals and loved ones who have been affected by any type of Cancer. Light refreshments will be served after the Mass in Faith Hall.



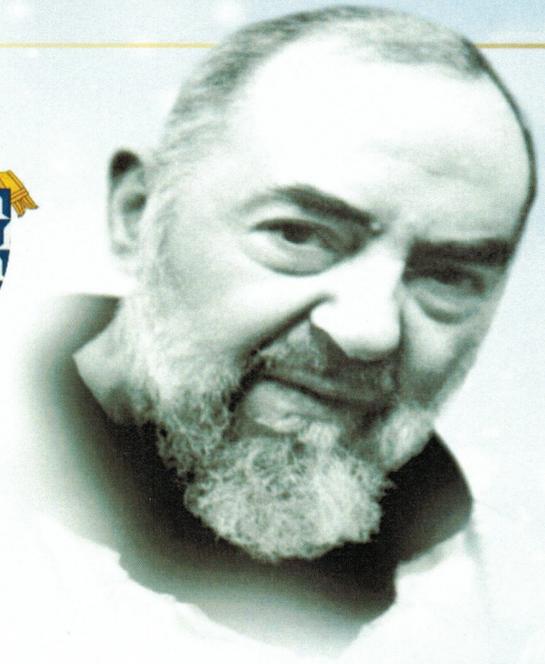
It Is Well Community is a ministry for women of faith who are experiencing infertility in all its forms.

A Day of Reflection and Prayer for women experiencing infertility will be held **Saturday, October 5, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at St. Thomas More High School, located at 450 E. Farrel Road in Lafayette.** Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Donations are welcome.

Registration: itiswellcommunity.com
Information: itiswellcommunity@gmail.com

Come spend the day listening to speakers, sharing with others, and praying as a community. Together we will seek and embrace the peace that only Christ can give.

**SAINT PIO
COMES TO THE
DIOCESE OF
LAFAYETTE**



**SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 6, 2019
FROM 10 A.M. TO 6:30 P.M.**

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH
(KNIGHT HALL)
2319 JOHNSTON ST., LAFAYETTE, LA 70503**

For information about the public veneration, please call (337) 232-8945, or send an email to secretary@fatimalafayette.org

A mass in honor of Saint Pio will be celebrated at 9 A.M. by **The Most Reverend J. Douglas Deshotel, Bishop of LaFayette**

SPONSORED BY THE **SAINT**  **PIO**
FOUNDATION

Saint Pio Comes to America—The 2019 relics of Saint Pio on Tour in the United States
The relics of Saint Pio available for public veneration are the following:

- ◆ Saint Pio's glove
- ◆ Saint Pio's crusts of the wounds
- ◆ Cotton-gauze with Saint Pio's blood stains
- ◆ A lock of Saint Pio's hair
- ◆ Saint Pio's mantle
- ◆ Saint Pio's handkerchief soaked with his sweat hours before he died

From the Parochial Vicar

Beginning this month, Msgr. DeBlanc and I have decided to begin a trial run of offering Mass on Saturday mornings when a feast or solemnity occurs on that day. This Saturday, September 14th, we celebrated the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. Next Saturday, September 21st we will celebrate the Feast of St. Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist. **On those days we will offer mass at 8:00 a.m. with confessions beginning at 7:30 a.m.**

I believe that I should explain both the difference between a Saturday mass and a Sunday Vigil Mass on Saturday and the levels of solemnity. A congregation from the Vatican called *The Sacred Congregation for the Sacraments and Divine Worship* have set the norms for the rules and rituals of liturgy for the Catholic Church. They have listed these norms in their work, *General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar*, which can be found on the Vatican website.

Every day a mass is celebrated, as the Church prays, “Give us this day our daily bread.” Sunday, or the Lord’s Day, is the first day of the weekly celebration since it is the day of the Lord’s resurrection. It takes precedence over all other celebrations with a few exceptions. The days following Sunday are referred to, liturgically, as weekdays.

Masses on Saturday (other than the Anticipated Mass of the Sunday feast) count for the weekday of Saturday. Since Sunday is a Holy Solemnity, its celebration begins on the Evening of the preceding day. The Bishop of each Diocese sets the beginning time for their diocese. In the Diocese of Lafayette, the beginning time is 4 p.m. A Solemnity supersedes a weekday mass. This is both why after 4 p.m. a Saturday weekday mass cannot be celebrated and why before 4 p.m. a Sunday Vigil mass cannot be celebrated. However, the rules are set by the Diocesan Bishop and he can make exceptions.

Everyday is a reason to celebrate what the Lord does for us. There are different levels of celebration in accord with how important that aspect of our faith is within the saving work of Christ. Solemnity is the highest level with the following in descending order: Feast, Memorial, Optional Memorial and Weekday. For example, a cause for greater celebration is St. Matthew’s service and position as an apostle and the Gospel he wrote. We celebrate it at the level of a Feast. An even greater cause for celebration are the missions of Saints Peter and Paul. We celebrate it at the level of a Solemnity.

Some Solemnities are so great that the Church has called for an obligatory celebration. Every Sunday is an obligatory celebration. The other days are complicated to explain because every regional conference of Bishops can suppress a holy day of obligation or transfer it to a Sunday. We make announcements at the Sunday Mass when those other obligatory celebrations will occur. Come join us on these Feast days of celebration. They are not obligatory celebrations but a cause that Msgr. and I would like to share with you.

Next Saturday, September 21st—The Feast of St. Matthew the Apostle & Evangelist

Saint Matthew, the first-century tax collector turned apostle who chronicled the life and ministry of Christ in his Gospel, will be celebrated by the Church on his feast day—Saturday, September 21st. Although relatively little is known about the life of St. Matthew, the account he wrote of Christ’s ministry—traditionally considered to be the first of the four Gospels—is of inestimable value to the Church, particularly in its verification of Jesus as the Messiah.

Eastern Catholics and the Orthodox churches celebrate St. Matthew on November 16, along with St. Fulvianus, a prince who is recorded in some traditions as converting from paganism after Matthew’s martyrdom.

The Gospel accounts of Mark and Luke, like Matthew’s own, describe the encounter between Jesus and Matthew under the surprising circumstances of Matthew’s tax-collecting duties. Jewish publicans, who collected taxes on behalf of the Roman rulers of first-century Judea, were objects of scorn and even hatred among their own communities, since they worked on behalf of the occupying power and often earned their living by collecting more than the state’s due.

Jesus most likely first encountered Matthew near the house of Peter, in Capernaum near the Sea of Galilee. The meeting of the two was dramatic, as Matthew’s third-person account in his Gospel captured: “As Jesus passed on,” the ninth chapter recounts, “he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the customs post. He said to him, ‘Follow me’. And he got up and followed him.”

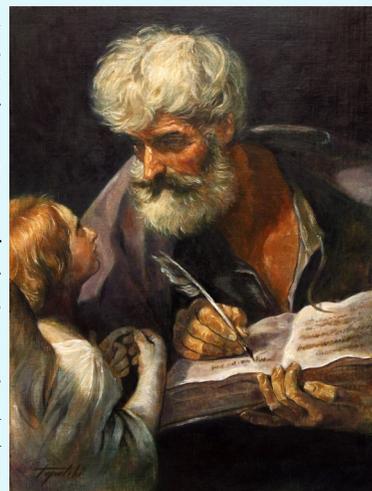
Matthew’s calling into Jesus’ inner circle was a dramatic gesture of the Messiah’s universal message and mission, causing some religious authorities of the Jewish community to wonder: “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” Jesus’ significant response indicated a central purpose of his ministry: “I did not come to call the righteous but sinners.”

A witness to Christ’s resurrection after death, as well as his ascension into Heaven and the events of Pentecost, Matthew also recorded Jesus’ instruction for the apostles to “go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”

Like 11 of the 12 apostles, St. Matthew is traditionally thought to have died as a martyr while preaching the Gospel. The Roman Martyrology describes his death as occurring in a territory near present-day Egypt.

Both the saint himself, and his Gospel narrative, have inspired important works of religious art, ranging from the ornate illuminated pages of the Book of Kells in the ninth century, to the Saint Matthew Passion of J.S. Bach. Three famous paintings of Caravaggio, depicting St. Matthew’s calling, inspiration and martyrdom, hang within the Contarelli Chapel in Rome’s Church of St. Louis of the French.

Reflecting on St. Matthew’s calling, from the pursuit of dishonest financial gain to the heights of holiness and divine inspiration, Pope Benedict said in 2006 that “in the figure of Matthew, the Gospels present to us a true and proper paradox: those who seem to be the farthest from holiness can even become a model of the acceptance of God’s mercy and offer a glimpse of its marvelous effects in their own lives.



Monday, September 16
Pope Saint Cornelius



Bishop. Reluctant 21st pope, elected after a year-and-a-half period during which the persecutions were so bad that papal ascension was a quick death sentence.

Worked to maintain unity in a time of schism and apostasy. Fought Novatianism and called a synod of bishops to confirm him as rightful pontiff, as opposed to the anti-pope Novatian. Had the support of Saint Cypriann of Carthage and Saint Dionysius. He welcomed back those who had apostacized during the persecutions of Decius; the documents that settled this matter prove the final authority of the Pope. Exiled to Centumcellae in 252 by Roman authorities to punish Christians in general, who were said to have provoked the gods to send plague against Rome. Martyr.

A document from Cornelius shows the size of the Church in Rome in his papacy: 46 priests, 7 deacons, 7 subdeacons, approximately 50,000 Christians.

Died: martyred in 253

Tuesday, September 17
Saint Robert Bellarmine

Third of ten children of Vincenzo Bellarmine and Cinzia Cervini, a family of

impoverished nobles. His mother, a niece of Pope Marcellus II, was dedicated to almsgiving, prayer, meditation, fasting, and mortification. Robert suffered assorted health problems all his life. Educated by Jesuits as a boy. Joined the Jesuits on September 20, 1560 over the opposition of his father who wanted Robert to enter politics. Studied at the *Collegio Romano* from 1560 to 1563, Jesuit centers in Florence, Italy in 1563, then in Mondovi, Piedmont, the University of Padua in 1567 and 1568, and the University of Louvain, Flanders in 1569. Ordained on Palm Sunday, 1570 in Ghent, Belgium.

Professor of theology at the University of Louvain from 1570 to 1576. At the request of Pope Gregory XIII, he taught polemical theology at the *Collegio Romano* from 1576 to 1587. While there he wrote *Disputationes de Controversiis Christianae Fidei adversus hujus temporis hereticos*, the most complete work of the day to defend Catholicism against Protestant attack. Spiritual director of the Roman College from 1588. Taught Jesuit students and other children; wrote a children's catechism, *Dottrina Cristiana breve*. Wrote a catechism for teachers, *Dichiarazione piu copiosa della dottrina Cristiana*. Confessor of Saint Aloysius Gonzaga until his death, and then worked for the boy's canonization. In 1590 he worked in France to defend the interests of the Church during a period of turmoil and conflict. Member of the commission for the 1592 revision of the Vulgate Bible. Rector of the *Collegio Romano* from 1592 to 1594. Jesuit provincial in Naples, Italy from 1594 to 1597. Theologian to Pope Clement VIII from 1597 to 1599. Examiner of bishops and counselor of the *Supreme Sacred Congregation of the Roman and Universal Inquisition* in 1597; strongly concerned with discipline among the bishops. Created Cardinal-priest on March 3, 1598 by Pope Clement VIII; he lived an austere life in Rome, giving most of his money to the poor. At one point he used the tapestries in his living quarters to clothe the poor, saying that "the walls won't catch cold."

Defended the Apostolic See against anti-clericals in Venice, Italy, and the political tenets of King James I of England. Wrote exhaustive works against heresies of the day. Took a fundamentally democratic position—authority originates with God, is vested in the people, who entrust it to fit rulers, a concept which brought him trouble



with the kings of both England and France. Spiritual father of Saint Aloysius Gonzaga. Helped Saint Francis de Sales obtain formal approval of the *Visitation Order*. Noted preacher. Archbishop of Capua, Italy on March 18, 1602. Part of the two conclaves of 1605. Involved in disputes between the Republic of Venice and the Vatican in 1606 and 1607 concerning clerical discipline and Vatican authority. Involved in the controversy between King James I and the Vatican in 1607 and 1609 concerning control of the Church in England. Wrote *Tractatus de potestate Summi Pontificis in rebus temporalibus adversus Gulielmum Barclaeum* in opposition to Gallicanism. Opposed action against Galileo Galilei in 1615, and established a friendly correspondence with him, but was forced to deliver the order for the scientist to submit to the Church. Part of the conclave of 1621, and was considered for Pope. Theological advisor to Pope Paul V. Head of the Vatican library. Prefect of the *Sacred Congregation of the Rites*. Prefect of the *Sacred Congregation of the Index*. Proclaimed a Doctor of the Church on September 17, 1931.

Born: October 4, 1542 at Montepulciano, Tuscany, Italy as *Roberto Francesco Romolo*

Died: in the morning of September 17, 1621 at Rome, Italy of natural causes
Canonized: June 29, 1930 by Pope Pius XI

A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER
for September

Lord Jesus Christ,

As we begin to shift from summer schedules to autumn demands, teach us to recognize you, and help us follow you amidst our busy life.

Open the Scriptures to us that we may know you, see you, hear you – in the voices of friends and family, in the ministries of our parish, in the proclamation of the Word, and in the Breaking of the Bread.

Teach us to be good stewards, that we may use your gifts wisely and care for all those you place in our path.

Encourage us, when we are overwhelmed. Strengthen us, when we are frightened. Challenge our complacency.

Help us make this new season a time of spiritual renewal, hope, and action to proclaim the Gospel in our words and in our deeds.

For the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.



Among the primary themes in today's Gospel when we hear Jesus' well-known parable of the Prodigal Son is forgiveness and the need to repent. But from a stewardship point of view what is also interesting is one of the secondary themes: the failure to use responsibly the gifts that have been so generously bestowed. The youngest son who demanded his inheritance and left home broke no laws or religious commandments. His wrongdoing was that he wasted his inherited wealth, the abundant gifts given to him. His sin was in his extravagant living; squandering his gifts in pursuit of selfish pleasures. Good stewards acknowledge that everything they have comes from God, and they are required to cultivate these gifts responsibly. What are our God-given gifts? Do we use them responsibly? Do we exercise good stewardship over them?

The Weekend of September 1st

Envelopes / Cash.....	\$8,281.00
Online Giving.....	\$11,511.00
Total Offertory	\$19,792.00
Envelopes / Cash.....	\$212.00
Online Giving.....	\$470.00
Total Mercy Works:	\$682.00

The Weekend of September 8th

Envelopes / Cash.....	\$10,472.00
Online Giving.....	\$5,446.00
Total Offertory	\$15,918.00
Envelopes / Cash.....	\$255.00
Online Giving.....	\$195.00
Total Mercy Works:	\$450.00
Envelopes / Cash.....	\$1,405.00
Online Giving.....	\$160.00
Total 2nd Coll.—Fatima Promise.....	\$1,565.00

FLOWERS ON THE SIDE ALTARS



Marian Altar: In Memory of Vivian Boudreaux

St. Joseph Altar: In Memory of Anthony, Joseph, Sonny & Johnny Inzerella

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Strengthening marriage and family life



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Bring Back RIC (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 Tabernacle 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.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Chapel of the Little Shepherds (Knight Hall)**



*Solemn Exposition of
the Blessed Sacrament*



Monday and Wednesday,
following the 6:15 am Mass to 5pm;
Tuesday and Thursday,
9am to 5pm;
Friday,
following the 6:15am Mass to 12 Noon;
First Friday/First Saturday All Night Vigil,
(Friday 6pm until the 8am First Saturday Mass)

ADORATION COORDINATORS (Call to Commit)

If interested on Monday, call Elaine Martin, 234-6752
If interested on Tuesday, call Mona Buillion, 232.8945
If interested on Wednesday, call Dotsie Butcher, 234-6678
If interested on Thursday, call Mona Buillion, 232-8945
If interested on Friday, call Bubbles Stelly, 233-8660
If interested on **First Friday/First Saturday Night Vigil**
-call Mona Buillion, 232-8945

Weekly Rosary Group: Each Tuesday in Church, 9:15 to 11:00 a.m. (except on the second Tuesday of the month) to pray the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries for priests, world peace and individual intentions. FMI call Dotsie Butcher (234.6678) or Claire Randazzo (984.4415).

LOVED ONES WHO LEAVE THE CHURCH

Send their names 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.

PRAYER FOR CANCER PATIENTS: A statue of St. Peregrine, patron of cancer patients, along with his precious relic, is made available to go into the homes of those diagnosed with cancer. Call the parish office to get on the roster.

“COME, LORD JESUS!” BIBLE STUDY

Mondays 1:00pm (WOMEN): Susan Foret, 316.4932
Email: ssforet@usa.net
6:30pm (WOMEN): DD McElligott, 319.8866

Tuesdays 5:30pm (MEN): Art Mixon; contact by email only
Email: amixon@petroquest.com
6:30pm (WOMEN): Email: Stef.Buchholz1@gmail.com

Wednesdays 10am: Warren Stelly, 989.1611

Thursdays 6:00 am (MEN): Joe Wolf, 349.2645
6:00 am (MEN): Deacon Tim Maragos, 235.1521

Fridays 1:00 pm: Adele Connolly, 278.0531

Saturdays 8:00am: Anne Pesacreta, 739.5903
First Saturday: 9:00 a.m. after Mass & Rosary

Parish Representatives

Jill Jordan: 337-501-1147
DD McElligott: 337-319--8866

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Women’s Group “WOMEN OF GRACE”

(Contact Stephanie at the Parish Office for upcoming events!)

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

Men’s Group - CAST

CAST stands for Catholic, Apostolic, Sacramental, Theology, and is the focus of a Fall and Spring Fishing Retreat in Grand Isle. The CAST men then meet regularly on a monthly basis for fellowship and study. CAST Masses are every Monday morning at 6:15 a.m. and Tuesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. If interested in making the CAST retreat, contact Deacon Ed Boustany at the Parish Office.

6th through 8th grade YOUTH FORMATION
(Contact Stephanie Supple for more information)

Young Women of Grace—Monthly after school program
For 6th grade girls October through May

Young Warriors—a 6th grade outreach for young men

BLESSING OF CHILD IN THE WOMB

Follows the Sunday 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses
on the 1st weekend of the month.

SACRED HEART HOME ENTHRONEMENTS

Call the Parish Office to schedule. Promoters go into the home to conduct the Enthronement, which follows a nine day period of prayer by the family.

The Church’s teaching on human sexuality

Natural Family Planning Courses are held in conjunction with marital prep. FMI, Contact the Parish Office.

RECLAIM Sexual Health Catholic Recovery Program
www.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 337.944.9860 and the group facilitator will return your call and give you more information.

Healing Hearts: Weekly meetings for women whose relationships 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.

Post Abortion Trauma: Call Project Rachel (337) 261-5607.



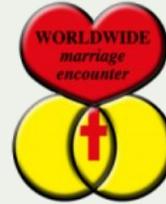
Back to School

Upcoming Events

- Sept. 16: Parents' Club Meeting
- Sept. 17: Safe Environment Initial Training at 6 p.m.
- Sept. 18: Spirit Day
- Sept. 19: Advisory Council Meeting - 12:00
- Sept. 19-21: 8th grade Warrior Volleyball Invitational
- Sept. 20: School Mass

FUN FACT

SALUTE TO 70 YEARS - When the doors opened in 1950, students were taught by four sisters of the Most Holy Sacrament and two lay teachers. Sister Sacred Ott, M.H.S., served as principal of Fatima School for many years. Almost 70 years later, the school now employs 87 teachers and assistants, 3 administrators, 4 directors, 7 staff members and 4 custodians. All working as a team to grow in faith and academics.



MARRIED COUPLES:

“Loved the wedding, invite me to the marriage”, love God. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you do just that! 44 hours away to spend

alone time from jobs, kids, chores, and distractions to focus on each other in a setting that allows a couple to share with each other privately. Take this message as a sign and decide to experience a WWME Weekend where you will talk and listen to that special person who loves you and experience greater depth, growth and enrichment in your relationship. Enrich your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

**Weekend dates: Oct. 18-20, 2019;
Feb. 14-16, 2020; July 17-19, 2020 and
Oct. 16-18, 2020.**

All weekends are at the Bishop Tracy Center in Baton Rouge, Register at: wwme.org OR LAMS-wwme.org OR call: 800.586.5469. Questions: 337.781.5541. WWME is faithful to the 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.

A CELEBRATION OF 70 YEARS - MONTH BY MONTH

It was on Easter Sunday in 1949 (the date was April 17th) that Our Lady of Fatima Parish was established.

October 5th through 6th: Perpetual Rosary from 8 a.m. First Saturday Mass through Sunday 5 p.m. Mass

ANNIVERSARY DATE - October 7th (Monday): Anniversary of the Groundbreaking of Fatima School which occurred in October of 1949; on October 7th, 1951, the School was dedicated. School Children will pray Rosary in front lawn of Church at top of hour throughout the day.

October 13th (Sunday): Celebration of 11 a.m. Mass with Bishop Deshotel; Parish/School family picnic follows on Church grounds

October 17th through 20th: CAST Fall Retreat for Men in Grand Isle.

ANNIVERSARY DATE - November 16th (Saturday): Anniversary of the First time Mass was offered in Our Lady of Fatima Church (November 16, 1958); 3:30 p.m. Rosary, 4 p.m. Mass.

ANNIVERSARY DATE - November 21st (Thursday): Anniversary of the Dedication of Our Lady of Fatima Church (November 21, 1958); 5 p.m. Rosary, 5:30 p.m. Mass.

December 10th (Tuesday): 5 p.m. Rosary followed by 5:30 p.m. Mass; showing of Fatima Film follows Mass. (Date of the apparition of Our Lady and the Child Jesus to Sr. Lucia at Pontevedra, Spain in 1925 - the call to make the Five First Saturdays.)

PRAYER CALENDAR FOR PRIESTS



Monday, September 16-Rev. Glenn Meaux, SOLT
Tuesday, September 17-Rev. Aaron Melancon
Wednesday, September 18-Rev. Bill John Melancon
Thursday, September 19-Rev. Andre Metrejean
Friday, September 20-Rev. Msgr. Paul Metrejean
Saturday, September 21-Rev. Mark Miley
Sunday, September 22-Rev. Thomas Montelaro



“Are you a person who,
or do you know someone
who...”

- ◆ **Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?**
- ◆ **Is an adult Catholic who has not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation or Eucharist?**
- ◆ **Just has questions about the Catholic Faith?**

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is an opportunity for a small group to learn about the faith. The classes last until Easter, when those who desire to become Catholic enter the Church.

The current session has begun, but there is still time to join our RCIA program.

The Classes are from 6 to 8 p.m. on Sunday night in the Conference Room of Knight Hall.

**This weekend, the Church celebrates Catechetical Sunday.
The 2019 theme is *Stay with Us*.**

Each of us plays a role, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. We especially give thanks to those who serve as catechists in our faith formation programs and those who teach the Catholic faith in our Catholic schools. We pray that our parish family will always be blessed with those who have responded to the call to share in Christ’s prophetic mission as catechists. May we all be open to the universal call to service that Christ addresses to all of his disciples, contributing our gifts to the communion of faith, the Church.



FORMED RECOMMENDATIONS



FORMED.org

Our Lady of Fatima provides an in-house study program.

Learn the Truths of the Catholic Faith, presented in a beautiful and creative way, by visiting the website.

- ◆ **Click on Register**
- ◆ **Enter Parish Access Code (7f573e)**
- ◆ **Enter your email address**
- ◆ **Create a password**
- ◆ **(Password needed for login)**

PROGRAM LINE-UP

Tuesday, September 17th: SAINT HILDEGARD OF BINGEN
Watch: Hildegard’s Gift

Wednesday, September 18th: SAINT JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO
Watch: The Reluctant Saint

Thursday, September 19th: BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN
Watch: Lead Kindly Light; Watch: One Step Is Enough

Saturday, September 21st: SAINT MATTHEW
Listen: The Gospel of Matthew