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### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass — 4:00 p.m. [5:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Victory]

Sunday — 7:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

[9:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory]

Monday, Wednesday and Friday — 6:45 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory

Tuesday and Thursday — 5:30 p.m. at Saint Joseph

First Saturday — 8:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory

### SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Every Saturday from 3:00 p.m. to 3:40 p.m. [5:00 p.m. to 5:20 p.m. at Our Lady of Victory] and one-half hour before all weekday Masses, or by appointment during office hours.

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday — 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

### RECEPTIONIST/BOOKKEEPER/CEMETERIAN

Mrs. Gail Borel — [gail.borel@stjosephparishonline.org](mailto:gail.borel@stjosephparishonline.org)

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### MUSIC MINISTRY

Mrs. Janice Carboni (4:00 p.m.)

Mrs. Jeanne Stiles and Mr. Dro Gondron (10:30 a.m.)

### BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE

Mr. Ken Theriot and John Thomas Neuville

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The chapel is open every day from 6:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

### FUNERALS

Please contact the parish office prior to contacting the funeral home. Funerals are celebrated in the morning of Tuesdays through Saturdays no later than 11:00 a.m.

A Funeral Vigil is celebrated on the preceding evening at 6:00 p.m.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism classes are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:45 p.m. in the rectory. Baptism are held on the second and fourth Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Please contact the parish office for scheduling.

### SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples must contact the pastor at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date.

### SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact the parish office to schedule a pastoral visit.

### SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Contact the parish office.



Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those You were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under Your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal.

### *Please pray for our parish family members who are sick:*

We invite you to submit the names of people who are in need of our prayers.



Jess Koch, Lisa Adcock, Kendall Romero, Alicia Durand, Janice Stacy, Joseph Huval, Marie Lee Prioux, Troy Barras, Kelly Ransonet, Jessica Scott, Mary Smith, Brian Thibodeaux, Cora Laviolette, Jackie Savoy, Barry Thibodeaux, Doris "Boutte" Barras, Michele Dugas Burke, Paul Crochet, Craig Breaux, Helen Simon, Ross Rouly, Jamie Brady, Holly LeBlanc, Faye Gary, Tony Berard, Glenn Romero, Stuart Sandoz, Duffy Domingue, Eric Clements, David Louviere, Judy Judice, Hayden Ransonet, Trevor Louviere, Vanessa Courville, Wayne Louviere, Austin Willett,

Wiley Poirrier, Inez Barras, Dennis and Helen Bastian, Butch and Debbie White, Gwen Borel, Guy Thibodeaux, Lydia May, Louis "CoCo" Landry Jr., Jerry Fruge, Jimmy Clifton, Michelle Breaux, Rowena Borel, Megan Scully, Terrel Dressel, Maxine Latiolais, Dawn Derouen, Deacon Chris Doumit, Matil LasSalle Romero, Falyn Sonnier, Rickey Sonnier, Caline Provost, Katie Boutte, Patricia Freyou, Lecia Broussard, Jason Walker, Ronald Albert Sr., Gene Jefferies, Michael Theriot, Billy Pete., Roshondra Nora, Noah Abraham.

*Please note that our office will purge the names on our sick list every quarter. We ask anyone who lists someone's name to please call the parish office to add or remove a name.*

**Collection for May 12, 2019**

<b>Regular Sunday Offering Envelopes (63%)</b>	\$ 4,867.00
<b>Regular Sunday Offering Loose (37%)</b>	\$ 2,865.00
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	\$ 9,136.00
<b>Regular Collection Total</b>	\$ 7,732.00
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-\$ 1,404.00</b>
<b>Completion Loan Balance</b>	\$ 99,274.25
<b>Completion Collection</b>	\$ 195.00
<b>Insurance Balance 2018-2019</b>	\$ 28,787.70
<b>Insurance Collection</b>	\$ 13.00

149 of 1314 families used collection envelopes (11% participation).  
237 of 1314 families attended Mass this weekend (18% attendance).

*Thanks to those who practice Sacrificial Giving and give of their time, talent and treasure as an act of profound Christian stewardship.*

**The Sanctuary Lamp is burning in memory of:**

Morris and Emily Guinn, Philomene B. Broussard  
Simon, Amelie, Joan, Linda and Robert Guidry  
Herbert, Rena and Editha Robin  
Barbara M. Lancon, Dianne Gaye O'Brien  
Linda Desoto, Harrison and Nina Guillot, Eunice Oubre

**The Vocation Chalice is in**

Adoration Chapel

*Please pray for vocations. If you would like to have the vocation chalice in your home please call the rectory office at 229-4254.*

**The Bi-Monthly Statue is in the home of:**

Marcus and Sherry Hebert

**The Weekly Statue is in the home of:**

Tim and Donna Allen

**Saint Joseph Altar Candles are burning for:**

Shelton Joseph and Ella Mae Desormeaux Freyou, Poirrier Family  
Rita Lou Louviere , Chad Romero, Deyna Champagne

**Flowers are in memory of:**

Marie B. Judice, Elizabeth Henry  
Marie Landry, Alice Johnson

**Please pray for our priests, seminarians, deacons and religious**

Eternal Father, we lift up to You these special sons and daughters. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

<b>May 18</b>	Rev. Msgr. Ronald Broussard/Br. John Joseph Bourque, CJC Dcn. Nolton Senegal/Sr. Marlene Labbe, MSC
<b>May 19</b>	Rev. Theodore Broussard/Alex Cormier Dcn. Steve Simon/Sr. Jo Ann DeLoach, MSC
<b>May 20</b>	Rev. Keenan Brown/Rev. Mr. Randy Courville Dcn. Charles Smith/Sr. Charlotte LeBoeuf, MSC
<b>May 21</b>	Rev. Wilbur "Sonny" Brown/Myles Creek Dcn. Ben Soileau/Sr. Eileen Brosnahan, MSC
<b>May 22</b>	Rev. Floyd Calais/Tanner Darbonne Dcn. Kenneth Soignier/Sr. Lurlie Boudoin, MSC
<b>May 23</b>	Rev. John J. Callahan, SJ/Brent Didier Dcn. Byron Soley/Sr. Elvira Brown, MSC
<b>May 24</b>	Rev. Christopher Cambre/Casey Dugas Dcn. Tom Sommers/Sr. Jacklyn Bunch, MSC

**Mass Intentions — 5/18-5/24**

**Saturday 4:00 p.m. Stjo** — Emaline Family, Badeaux Family, DeRouen Family, Landry, Butsy Walet, Paul Johnson, Lester Delaune Family, Darrell Judice, Ken Segura, Francis and Lorena Dupoy, Theresa Lassaigne,, Aymar "Poon" and Beulah Dugas, Ide Dugas Family, Alexis Laviolette Family, Wayne LeBlanc, Lily Mae and Alvin LeBlanc, Sam and Glo Delcambre and Family, Tasey and Becky Eldridge, Clarence Champagne Family, Robert Prados Family and Breaux Family, Chad Romero, Deyna Champagne, Audrey Crochet, Jordan Prince and Special Intention, Joseph Dressel, Kimberly Decuir, Decuir and Dugas Family, J.O. Sr. and Marie Neuville and Ted Neuville Family, Barry Eldridge and Ned Broussard Families, Melvin Dugas, Roy Sr. and Gladys Berard, Forbus and Myrtle Mestayer Sr., Granger and Mestayer Family, Ronald, Sr. and Mildred Gonsoulin, Leed and Mabel Gondron, Fred Laviolette, Louis and Grace Moran, Virginia Frioux, Lennet and Marie Antoinette Crochet, Dorothy T. Latiolais and Kathy Latiolais Holtzclaw, Clenie and Eve Segura and Billie, Sally Domingue, Cabrol and Domingue Family, Lorraine Huval, Preston and Agnes Huval, Martha Escagne Rodriguez, Lloyd Broussard, Claude and Felicie Granger, Nancy Broussard, Clarence and Hilda Landry, Antoine Judice Families, Suzette B. Judice, Kelly Louviere, Sylvia Thibodeaux, Francis and Art Mazerole, Billie and Armance Barrilleaux, Will and Lily Roberts, Collins and Doris Louviere, Earl Mestayer, Kay Dooley and William and Dolores Dooley, Sue Crochet.

**Monday 6:45 a.m. OLV** — Beulah and A.J. "Poon" Dugas, Earnest and Rita Migues, Simon and Rose Migies, A dear friend who will have surgery next week, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Sue Crochet.

**Tuesday 5:30 p.m. Stjo** — Annie Lee L. Bourgeois and extended Family, Emily Cavelier, Pour Souls in Purgatory, Shannon Labiche, Priest of the Diocese, Adams Family, Hammon family, Nicholas Berwick, Cobey Braquet, Myrtle G. Mestayer, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Sue Crochet.

**Wednesday 6:45 a.m. OLV** — Nolan and Annette Dugas, Aymar and Beulah Dugas, David and Barbara Sorrel, John Michael Steiner, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Sue Crochet.

**Thursday 5:30 p.m. Stjo** — Myrtle G. Mestayer, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Sue Crochet.

**Friday 6:45 a.m. OLV** — Jordan Prince and Audrey Crochet, Jenny Myers, Verla Mar Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Levy Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hebert, Maria Phuoc-Tran, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Wale and Judice Family, Sue Crochet.

**10:30 a.m. Stjo** — Porrier Family, Courville Family, Louviere Family, Bonin

**MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK**

Date and Time	Readers	Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
<b>May 25 4:00 p.m.</b>	Victoria Landry Myrna Landry	Janet Thibodeaux Earl Price	Kristyn Dorsey Nicholas Gondron Mia Hebert
<b>May 26 7:00 a.m.</b>	Sandy Sonnier	Lynn Delcambre Lori Barras	Maggie Hymel
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	Mike Lawson Jean-Paul Stiles	Patti Gondron Sully Gondron Raymond Bergeron	William Stiles David Devillier Corgan Edler



## The Dubia Were Answered by Elizabeth A. Mitchell

Perhaps it was because Notre-Dame de Paris was burning. Perhaps it was because the best place to hide something from view is in plain sight. Or perhaps it was because we look for power in wind, earthquake, and fire, but miss the “still small voice” of God when He passes by. (I Kings 19:11-13)

Whatever the reason, the world watched, read, and missed the answers to the *dubia* proposed by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI in his April essay, “The Church and the Scandal of Sexual Abuse.”

In offering a three-part response to the crisis in the Church, he indirectly answers the five *dubia* that Cardinals Brandmüller, Caffarra, Meisner, and Burke presented years ago to Pope Francis. The pope emeritus fulfilled a duty that Pope Francis has not, namely, to maintain the bishops and all the faithful in the unity of the Church’s constant teaching on faith and morals.

What did the pope emeritus say? He gives the Church and the world an unequivocal No, Yes, Yes, Yes, and Yes. Five questions, five answers:

**Dubium One:** *It is asked whether, following the affirmations of “Amoris Laetitia” (nn. 300-305), it has now become possible to grant absolution in the Sacrament of Penance and thus to admit to Holy Communion a person who, while bound by a valid marital bond, lives together with a different person in a marital way without fulfilling the conditions provided for by “Familiaris Consortio” n. 84 and subsequently reaffirmed by “Reconciliatio et Paenitentia” n. 34 and “Sacramentum Caritatis” n. 29. Can the expression “in certain cases” found in note 351 (n. 305) of the exhortation “Amoris Laetitia” be applied to divorced persons who are in a new union and who continue to live in a marital way?*

Benedict’s response: *No.* “We run the risk of becoming masters of faith instead of being renewed and mastered by the Faith. Let us consider this with regard to a central issue, the celebration of Holy Eucharist. Our handling of the Eucharist can only arouse concern ... What predominates is not a new reverence for the presence of Christ’s Death and Resurrection, but a way of dealing with Him that destroys the greatness of the Mystery ... The Eucharist is devalued into a mere ceremonial gesture when it is taken for granted that courtesy requires Him to be offered at family celebrations or on occasions such as Weddings and Funerals to all those invited for family reasons ... It is rather obvious that we do not need another Church in our own design. Rather, what is required first and foremost is the renewal of the Faith in the Reality of Jesus Christ given to us in the Blessed Sacrament ... And we must do all we

can to protect the gift of the Holy Eucharist from abuse.”

**Dubium Two:** *After the publication of the Post-synodal Apostolic Exhortation “Amoris Laetitia” (cf. n. 304), does one still need to regard as valid the teaching of Pope St. John Paul II’s Encyclical “Veritatis Splendor” n. 79, based on Sacred Scripture and on the Tradition of the Church, on the existence of absolute moral norms that prohibit intrinsically evil acts and that are binding without exceptions?*

Benedict’s response: *Yes.* “Pope John Paul II, who knew very well the situation of moral theology and followed it closely, commissioned work on an encyclical that would set these things right again ... It was published under the title *Veritatis splendor* ... and did indeed include the determination that there were actions that can never become good ... He knew that he must leave no doubt about the fact that the moral calculus involved in balancing goods must respect a final limit.”

**Dubium Three:** *After “Amoris Laetitia” (n. 301) is it still possible to affirm that a person who habitually lives in contradiction to a commandment of God’s law, as for instance the one that prohibits adultery (cf. Matthew 19:3-9), finds him or herself in an objective situation of grave habitual sin (cf. Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts, Declaration, June 24, 2000)?*

Benedict’s response: *Yes.* “A society without God – a society that does not know Him and treats Him as non-existent – is a society that loses its measure ... Western society is a society in which God is absent in the public sphere and has nothing left to offer it. And that is why it is a society in which the measure of humanity is increasingly lost. At individual points it becomes suddenly apparent that what is evil and destroys man has become a matter of course.”

**Dubium Four:** *After the affirmations of “Amoris Laetitia” (n. 302) on “circumstances which mitigate moral responsibility,” does one still need to regard as valid the teaching of Pope St. John Paul II’s Encyclical “Veritatis Splendor” n. 81, based on Sacred Scripture and on the Tradition of the Church, according to which “circumstances or intentions can never transform an act intrinsically evil by virtue of its object into an act ‘subjectively’ good or defensible as a choice”?*

Benedict’s response: *Yes.* “There are goods that are never subject to trade-offs. There are values which must never be abandoned for a greater value and even surpass the preservation of physical life ... God is (about) more than mere physical survival. A life that would be bought by the denial of God, a life that is based on a final lie, is a non-life.”

**Dubium Five:** *After “Amoris Laetitia” (n. 303) does one still need to regard as valid the teaching of St. John Paul II’s encyclical “Veritatis Splendor” n. 56, based on Sacred Scripture and on the Tradition of the Church, that excludes a creative interpretation of*

*the role of conscience and that emphasizes that conscience can never be authorized to legitimate exceptions to absolute moral norms that prohibit intrinsically evil acts by virtue of their object?*

Benedict’s response: *Yes.* “The crisis of morality ... was chiefly the hypothesis that morality was to be exclusively determined by the purposes of human action that prevailed ... Consequently, there could no longer be anything that constituted an absolute good, any more than anything fundamentally evil; (there could be) only relative value judgements. There no longer was the (absolute good), but only the relatively better, contingent on the moment and on circumstances ... But there is a minimum set of morals which is indissolubly linked to the foundational principle of faith and which must be defended if faith is not to be reduced to a theory but rather to be recognized in its claim to concrete life. All this makes apparent just how fundamentally the authority of the Church in matters of morality is called into question. Those who deny the Church a final teaching competence in this area force Her to remain silent precisely where the boundary between truth and lies is at stake.”

Pope Emeritus Benedict’s response ends the deafening silence with regard to the fundamental questions of faith addressed by the *dubia*. He answers them, clearly and unequivocally. He knows the hour is late.

Benedict warns us that “the very faith of the Church” is being called into question. “It is very important to oppose the lies and half-truths of the Devil with the whole truth: Yes, there is sin in the Church and evil. But even today there is the Holy Church, which is indestructible ... Today God also has His witnesses (martyrs) in the world. We just have to be vigilant to see and hear them.”

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