



## Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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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

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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.



Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honor of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do.

### *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 19, 2019**

<b>Regular Sunday Offering Envelopes (59%)</b>	\$ 3,279.00
<b>Regular Sunday Offering Loose (41%)</b>	\$ 2,275.00
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	\$ 9,136.00
<b>Regular Collection Total</b>	\$ 5,554.00
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-\$ 3,582.00</b>
<b>Completion Loan Balance</b>	\$ 98,356.25
<b>Completion Collection</b>	\$ 918.00
<b>Insurance Balance 2018-2019</b>	\$ 28,605.70
<b>Insurance Collection</b>	\$ 182.00

107 of 1314 families used collection envelopes (8% participation).  
181 of 1314 families attended Mass this weekend (14% 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  
Louto and Anite Gondron Family

**The Vocation Chalice is in the 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:**

Carolyn Roseberry

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

Felix and Bethany Duplechain

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

Poirrier Family, Sidney Breaux, Margaret Breaux, Jordan Prince and Audrey Crochet, Deyna Champagne and Chad Romero.

**Flowers are in memory of:**

Loto Louviere, Jr.  
Levie, Gladys and Dickie Ronsonet  
Jordan Prince and Audrey Crochet.

**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 25</b>	Rev. Corey Campeaux/John Dugas Dcn. Cliff Tanner/Sr. Mary Elizabeth Demeo, MSC
<b>May 26</b>	Rev. Michael Champagne, CJC, STD/Tré Fontenot Dcn. Coby Thomas/Sr. Stephania D'Souza, MSC
<b>May 27</b>	Rev. Gregory Chauvin/Andrew Furka Dcn. Joseph Thomas/Sr. Barbara Dupuis, MSC
<b>May 28</b>	Rev. Durel Blaine Clement/David Furka Dcn. Joe Trahan/Sr. Elizabeth Marie Gremillion, MSC
<b>May 29</b>	Rev. Ugochukwu Cletus, SSJ/Jace Gyles Dcn. Tam Tran/Sr. Kathleen Farrell, MSC
<b>May 30</b>	Rev. Nathan Comeaux/Jonathan Harris Dcn. Jeff Trumps/Sr. Verda Frederick, MSC
<b>May 31</b>	Rev. Gregory Cormier/Evan Hebert Dcn. Stephen VanCleve/Sr. Mary Murray, MSC

**Mass Intentions — 5/24-6/1**

**Saturday 4:00 p.m. Stjo** — Ossie Romero, Ken Segura, Walter and Doris M. Judice, Ken Segura, Sam and Glo Delcambre and Family, Aymar "Poon" and Beulah Dugas, Ide Dugas Family, Alexis Laviolette Family, Wayne LeBlanc, Lily Mae and Alvin LeBlanc, 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 Armanee Barrilleaux, Will and Lily Roberts, Collins and Doris Louviere, Earl Mestayer, Kay Dooley and William and Dolores Dooley, Sue Crochet.

**Sunday 7:00 a.m. Stjo** — Terrel Dressel, Maude Granger and Warren, Suzette Judice, Mark Tauzin, Sis and Maurice Provost, Noelle and Warren Solar, S. J. "Bute: Granger & Junius and Mary Hebert, Jay Gonsoulin Family, Paul Sonnier Family and Clyde Warfel Family, Sandra P. Horton, Loto and Leah Louviere, Antoine "Boy" LeBlanc Family, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Albert Sr., Champagne and Landry Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Maude Granger and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Granger, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Granger, Maurice and Mary Ann Provost, David Provost, Dr. Raymond Schneider, Elaine Schneider, Skip Schneider, Lolly Harbin, Breaux and Delcambre Families, Lenwood Delcambre, Roy Freyrou Family and Frank Fruge Family, Emus Borel, Tony and Rita Chataignier, Sue Crochet.

**10:30 a.m. Stjo** — Ury Louviere, Shelton Joseph and Ella Mae Desormeaux Freyrou, Eunice Oubre, Alvin and Faye Tauzin, Edmonia Tauzin, Marcel and Nadage Broussard, Jimmy Eldridge, Elaine Plessala and Eldridge Family, Sylvia Thibodeaux, Cheryl Segura, Jeanette "Jan" Crochet, Pliny Walet Family, Agnes Breaux, Angus and Florence "Flo" Mestayer, Louis and Elbay Judice, Boots Thomas, Joe Boudreaux and Justin Boudreaux, L.J. and Anita Grivat and Parents, Louis Landry, Una and Otto Landry, Widley Louviere, Anita and Lennet Grivat, Sylvia Thibodeaux, Antoine Judice Families, Suzette B. Judice, Kelly Louviere, Butsy Walet, Sandra Angelle, Glenn Angelle, Percy Granger, Sue Crochet.

**Monday 6:45 a.m. OLV** — Beulah and A.J. "Poon" Dugas, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Sue Crochet.

**Tuesday 5:30 p.m. Stjo** — Donald St. Germain and Family Living and Deceased, 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, Walet and Judice Family, Sue Crochet.

**First Friday 6:45 a.m. OLV** — Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Walet and Judice Family, Sue Crochet.

**First Saturday 8:00 a.m. OLV** — Special Intention, Steve and Donna Berard Family, Ancestors and Descendants, Special Intentions, Alton and Gail Segura, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Sue Crochet.

**MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK**

Date and Time	Readers	Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
<b>June 1 4:00 p.m.</b>	Earl Price	Roberta Deygyter Brad Clifton	Kristyn Dorsey Nicholas Gondron Mia Hebert
<b>June 2 7:00 a.m.</b>	Lori Barras	Carolyn Roseberry Steve Barras	Kylie Kay Mestayer
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	Claire Breaux Mike Ackal	Cheryl Koch Debbie Oubre Raymond Bergeron	Emma Ackal Madelyn Ackal



## The New Pro-Life Moment

by Robert Royal

Something out of the ordinary happened this past week. On Saturday, over 10,000 people walked the streets of Rome in defense of children in the womb. Italian lay people have organized a march for nine years now, and it grows – despite no support from the Italian bishops – including the pope.

On Friday, Francis did encourage members of the Catholic Medical Association to “defend life,” though so vaguely that you couldn’t tell whether he was talking about abortion, euthanasia, immigration, climate, poverty – or all of them (more of this below).

But as usual no Italian bishops participated in the *Marcia per la Vita* – they’ve been saying that they don’t want it to be seen as only “Catholic,” though why is not clear. And that they prefer to work through elected officials rather than public protest (though they seem to support other public demonstrations, e.g., on immigration and poverty, and don’t have any natural partners in government now that the Christian Democrats have splintered). Italian television, accordingly, didn’t even mention the march occurred.

The lone Italian prelate in the past, Archbishop Viganò, was missing, for good reasons.

None of this was out of the ordinary. And neither, basically, were the large pro-life marches in London last week and Ottawa. There are marches in many other countries in Europe and Latin America as well, though we rarely hear about them outside of the Catholic press, and not very much even there.

No, the real novelty is that Alabama essentially banned abortion last week with a bill that was passed by the legislature and signed into law by governor Kay Ivey who, like large numbers of women, believes abortion is the taking of innocent human life.

Numerous states have now passed law restricting abortion, so we’re about to see a titanic battle in the Supreme Court – and American society.

Pro-abortion commentators are worrying about a reversal of *Roe v. Wade*, though the swift discrediting of the Center for Medical Progress’s videos showing Planned Parenthood selling fetal body parts suggests that it’s still easy to gaslight the public about such matters. (Remember when Groucho Marx’s line – “Who you gonna believe, me or your own lying eyes?” – was a joke?)

But pro-lifers too are nervous, several wondering whether such “extreme” legislation makes it easier for courts to strike down such measures.

In any case, we’ll shortly know whether our legal system is entirely captive to anti-scientific ideology or still capable of rational moral debate. The Supremes may only send questions on abortion back to the states, where – as Justice Antonin Scalia often argued – it belongs, since the Federal government has no constitutional jurisdiction over such matters. The fundamental right to life will probably be addressed, if ever, further down the line.

But there’s reason for hope here.

Abortion supporters are beginning to deploy arguments that may delay but will not dispel the main question. Some states, for example, have tried to draw a line at the point where the fetus has a detectable heartbeat or some other biological marker.

A writer in the *Washington Post* this weekend elaborated on a new formula now appearing everywhere from Hollywood to Manhattan; “Lest I be chastened for daring to humanize an embryo, let me state for the record that the correct term for ‘heartbeat’ is ‘fetal pole cardiac activity,’ because at six weeks, said embryo doesn’t have a cardiovascular system and, therefore, no fully formed beating heart.”

Valiant effort, but if people – and the courts – start to pay attention to such details, we will inevitably have to decide, “So when do we have enough ‘fetal pole’ motion and vascular system to call what’s going on simply a heartbeat?” It’s not long after.

Similarly, as even outlets like *The New York Times* have been conceding for more than a decade, there is rudimentary brainwave activity detectable about as early as “fetal pole” motion – not a developed brain of course, but by ten weeks an articulated brain is forming.

These defenses of early abortion will look increasingly weak as people (and courts) look more carefully. Is there anyone who thinks that as science advances we will discover less rather than more complexity and activity in the early embryo? I’d be nervous, too, about the science if I supported abortion.

The Church – and especially the Vatican – should get squarely behind this burgeoning pro-life pushback. Commentators recognize that the radicalism of new abortion laws in New York, Virginia, and Canada have provoked the current reaction.

And anyway, protecting human life in the womb has been and remains the central

human-rights question of our time.

Respect for human life is never merely a numbers game. But we need to find ways to take proper measure of the horror. For instance, authorities estimate 2241 people died crossing the Mediterranean illegally from Africa to Europe in 2018. In an average year, on the U.S. border, there are usually 200-400 such deaths.

So some simple math: 2241+400 (to take the high estimate) = 2641. Abortions in America are at a low point, “only” 652,639 in 2015 (though this is clearly an undercount since California and other states don’t report abortions to the Centers for Disease Control).

That’s 1788 per day. So every two days, the abortion body count exceeds the migrant deaths for a whole year. Planned Parenthood alone does almost 1000 abortions per day.

No one really knows global numbers, but a good estimate is 16 million abortions a year, roughly 44,000 per day. If that many innocents were dying while migrating or in a repressive regime or owing to racism or some climate shift or even in a war zone, the world would be – rightly – in an uproar.

Yet very few people, even those who say they believe abortion wrong – even high Church officials – seem much moved. If you are truly convinced that abortion is the destruction of innocent human life, there’s no excuse for passivity in the presence of such massive, casual, brutal carnage.

We’re all going to need to learn to debunk terms like “fetal pole cardiac activity” and whatever other rationalizations will be coming now. But this is a new and special moment when some real change seems possible. And we – Church leaders, laity, all people of good will – have to seize it, if we don’t want history to say that we did nothing while millions of innocents were being slaughtered.

Dr. Robert Royal is editor-in-chief of *The Catholic Thing*, and president of the Faith & Reason Institute in Washington, D.C.



## Reflections on the New Sex-Abuse Norms by Fr. Gerald E. Murray

Last week, Pope Francis issued new canonical norms to deal with the plague of the sexual abuse of minors and adults by clerics and religious. His *motu proprio* “You are the light of the World” establishes new provisions to deal with the questions of how crimes against the Sixth Commandment are to be reported to Church authorities, and what is to be done when the person accused is a bishop.

These norms were issued without prior publicity and would have benefitted from a wider consultation during the drafting stage. Canonist Edward Peters identifies problems with the document, beginning with the fact that it is not published in Latin, but only in Italian and in translations based on the Italian. This creates serious problems of interpretation. When there is no Latin text, the terminology cannot be readily compared and harmonized with the **Code of Canon Law** and other canonical texts in Latin. Standard legal usage is vital for the consistent application of the law. That is missing here.

Also missing is any mention of the penalties that would be incurred by anyone found guilty of violating these new norms. The procedures outlined in articles 12-19 for investigating reports of episcopal crimes make no reference to canons 1717ff that regulate how penal processes are to be initiated and carried out. That is a serious deficiency.

The most noteworthy provision concerns the newly specified episcopal canonical offense “consisting of actions or omissions intended to interfere with or avoid civil investigations or canonical investigations, whether administrative or penal, against a cleric or a religious” accused of the following canonical crimes: “forcing someone, by violence or threat or through abuse of authority, to perform or submit to sexual acts; performing sexual acts with a minor or a vulnerable person; the production, exhibition, possession or distribution, including by electronic means, of child pornography, as well as by the recruitment of or inducement of a minor or a vulnerable person to participate in pornographic exhibitions.” (Article 1)

What is most significant is the phrase “actions or omissions.” Bishops are now

subject to canonical discipline if they either take steps to interfere with or avoid civil or canonical investigations, or simply omit initiating a canonical investigation when they have received a report of a crime of sexual abuse by a cleric or religious.

This provision can be seen as a specification of the existing canonical duties of bishops as set forth, for example, in canons 384 (“he is to ensure that they [priests] fulfill the obligations proper to their state”) and 392 (“he is bound to foster the discipline which is common to the whole Church, and so press for the observance of all ecclesiastical laws.”)

A question arises though about the application of the new norms to past crimes. Canon 9 states “Laws concern matters of the future, not those of the past, unless provision is made in them for the latter by name.” No such provision for past crimes is clearly stated in the norms. A problem could thus arise if someone accuses a bishop of thwarting the investigation of accusations of sexual abuse before these norms came into effect.

The Holy See should clarify whether past incidents of inaction to investigate or of actual cover-ups of sexual abuse by clerics and religious will be subject to these new norms. The likely response is that these norms only clarify what was already present in canon law and in the practice of the Holy See, and thus does not constitute new law.

The McCarrick case, of course, comes immediately to mind. He was found guilty by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith of “sins against the Sixth Commandment with minors and with adults, with the aggravating factor of the abuse of power.” His victims included seminarians studying to become priests of his diocese. His abuse of authority was an implied threat: submit or risk being expelled from the seminary.

A bishop’s failure to investigate clerics [bishops, priests, and deacons] and religious accused of “forcing someone, by violence or threat or through abuse of authority, to perform or submit to sexual acts” or of “performing sexual acts with a minor or a vulnerable person” now results in him being liable to canonical investigation and eventual punishment by the Holy See.

It is also significant that episcopal malfeasance can now be reported by “any person,” not only the aggrieved party, to

the Holy See directly, to the Papal Representative [Nuncio] or to the diocesan reporting system mandated by this document. (Article 3)

This provision has the potential to bring bishops to account for cover-ups in a way not possible so far. Consider for instance Edward Pentin’s story in the *National Catholic Register* concerning accusations of rampant homosexuality at the major seminary in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, under Cardinal Oscar Maradiaga. Anyone can now present an accusation of malfeasance to Holy See directly or to the Nuncio in Honduras, citing as evidence published reports and testimonies. He can also inform the public that he has made this report. The norms state: “An obligation to keep silent may not be imposed on any person with regard to the contents of his or her report.”

Pentin’s report includes this testimony: “Homosexuality in the seminary is a problem which has proliferated in the past few years,” said the seminarian who spoke with the Register under condition of anonymity. ‘Another big problem is that when someone speaks differently than what the bishops or cardinal are saying, they are censured and expelled,’ he added.”

Did Cardinal Maradiaga cover-up for homosexual activity by priests or deacons at his seminary involving any seminarians, who could be considered to be vulnerable adults? Did he expel seminarians who spoke out about this problem? Did he cover-up sexual misconduct with seminarians by his former auxiliary bishop, Juan Pineda?

The new norms provide hope that answers to these questions may be forthcoming.

The Rev. Gerald E. Murray, J.C.D. is a canon lawyer and the pastor of Holy Family Church in New York City.



## Purgatory by David Carlin

A few years ago, I suggested that there is a strong resemblance between the Catholic idea of Purgatory and the Hindu idea of Reincarnation-plus-Karma. In a way, they are two varieties of the same basic idea: that the journey from this life to union with the divine is a long one, for almost all of us, even after death.

In reply to my suggestion, a learned Dominican argued that I was quite mistaken; that there is little or no similarity between the Catholic idea and the Hindu idea. In deference to my theological betters (I have considered Dominicans to be my theological betters ever since I was educated by them at Providence College ages ago), I dropped the comparison, and thought about it no further.

Apparently, however, I have been thinking about it, at least in the subconscious regions of my mind; for it recently popped up again, and seemed to me a thought worth pursuing since many people in the West are willing to entertain ideas from the East, while almost automatically dismissing the teachings of their own religious traditions. How many of our contemporaries, even Catholics, think about Purgatory these days?

The most obvious difference between the two ideas is that Hindus believe we are living our next life right here on the planet Earth, whereas Catholics believe our next life will be led elsewhere – though it is not at all clear where this “elsewhere” is. Purgatory is neither this present world or the fullness and transcendence of Heaven. What and where it is – assuming such categories apply to such an intermediate realm – is debated, and probably always will be, among quite respectable theologians.

Hindus believe further that the individual soul has pre-existed this current life, i.e., we lived in another body before our current body. And we lived in yet another body before that one. And so on and so on. Catholics don't believe in pre-existence. We believe that our soul was individually and miraculously created by God at the moment that our body began as the result of natural reproduction. (“Clever” Catholics – more clever than I am – have been known to make a case that our

current life is part of Purgatory.)

The obvious objection to the notion that we have lived before this lifetime is that we have no memories of a previous life. But believers in reincarnation reply that while we probably have no conscious memories of a previous life, we may have unconscious memories that help shape our current attitudes. Further, isn't it possible that certain inborn skills – the kind of skills that are most obvious in geniuses like Shakespeare, Newton, and Mozart – may have been acquired in a previous lifetime?

Refuting that view is beyond the scope of the present column, but the thing that Hindus and Catholics agree on – something often overlooked in discussions of different religions – is that, although there may be a small number of exceptions, the ordinary human is not ready, is not worthy, at the moment of death to pass immediately to a state of ultimate beatitude, a state of union with the Godhead. A long state of purification will be needed before that will have been achieved.

Catholics have often in the past thought of Purgatory as a place of mere punishment, a place where we suffer for the sins we have committed. But the **Catechism of the Catholic Church** speaks of it, not as a place of mere punishment, but as a place of purification. (CCC, 1030-32)

Pain and suffering may indeed be an essential element of purification, but so is growth – growth in goodness, growth in holiness. We should think then of Purgatory as a place of improvement, a place of spiritual growth. When, after a hundred years or a thousand years or a million years, we have become sufficiently good and holy, we may then, but not before then, proceed to the Beatific Vision.

Protestants have usually had two objections to the Catholic idea of Purgatory. First, they say it's non-Scriptural. Though it appears to be clearly implied in II Maccabees 12:46, where prayers for the dead are commended “that they may be loosed from sins.” Protestants generally regard the Maccabbee books as apocryphal, not Biblical. But if we count those two books as Biblical, which the Catholic Church does, then Purgatory has a solid Scriptural basis.

Second, Protestants see no need for us

to make post-mortem atonement for our sins since Jesus made full atonement by His Suffering and Death. There is no need for prayers for the dead, since at the moment of death we go immediately either to Heaven, where we have no need of prayers, or to Hell, where they will do us no good.

Hence a phenomenon that seems odd to Catholics: when death takes place, the good Protestant prays, not for the person who died, but for his friends and family, living persons who suffer from this death.

If we see Purgatory not as a place of mere punishment (a penitentiary), but as a place of spiritual growth (a reformatory), this Protestant objection is met. But the question of the soul's readiness for entry into Heaven remains.

There are profound differences, of course, between Hindu and Catholic ideas, and not only about the afterlife. But I think karma and Purgatory are related concepts from ancient spiritual traditions that shed some light on one another. I particularly think that Catholics at this moment in our history can gain a better understanding of Purgatory by contemplating that, as in other traditions, it offers a much richer view of our spiritual lives, even after death, than the superficial assumptions we find in our post-modern world.

The achievement of godlike goodness and holiness – which may well be the whole point of the universe (it may be that “one far-off divine event, to which the whole creation moves”) – requires that we travel a long and arduous road. No Protestant shortcuts.

David Carlin is a professor of sociology and philosophy at the Community College of Rhode Island, and the author of **The Decline and Fall of the Catholic Church in America**.





# Necrology

## June 1

1873 Angele Amy  
1890 Célestina Molbert  
1900 Infant Anthony  
1909 Joseph Gonsoulin  
1937 Rita Crochet  
1955 Sidney Horton  
1964 Joseph Braquer  
1967 Carlos Broussard  
1969 Dennis Laviolette  
1987 Glena Mestayer  
1988 Joseph Boutte  
1991 Corinne Breaux  
1997 Jean Batist Chastant  
1999 Paul Ste. Marie

## June 2

1889 Joseph Abraham  
1898 Uli Magloire  
1899 Mrs. Raoul Ami  
1900 Régina Dominique  
1905 Deloney Louvière  
1906 Véronique Breaux  
1915 Thérèse Frick  
1916 Alexandre Guidry  
1924 Alcée Green  
1959 Odille Wälet  
1965 Annette LeBlanc  
1967 Mrs. Octave Trahan  
1968 Mrs. Noel  
1986 Zulma "Mim" Breaux  
1987 Chastee Seneca

## June 3

1886 Corine Broussard  
1906 Edward Broussard  
1908 Paul Blanchard  
1916 Infant Molbert  
1925 Liliane Provost  
1934 Anna May Courville  
1953 Hilrous Dominique  
1969 Rose Magee  
1979 Lucie Bonin  
1993 Sheila Morace  
2008 Joyce Dauterive

## June 4

1890 Aurelieu Julien  
1900 Infant Broussard  
1908 Rose Norman  
1917 Infant Magloire  
1918 Carton Simon  
1918 Elizabeth Barras  
1939 Marie Bastien  
1947 Charles Gonsoulin  
1956 Amélie Broussard  
1958 Frank Prioux  
2011 Gertrude Crochet  
2012 Andrew Camacho

## June 5

1893 Amélie Bonin  
1918 Euphème Girouard  
1937 Rose Mitchell  
1939 Clara Dugas  
1950 Daniel Landry  
1956 Alvin Darby  
1958 Suzette Broussard  
1966 Albert Judice  
1985 Kennard Judice  
1998 Clement Lanclous  
2011 Ethel Mestayer

## June 6

1885 Norbert Duggin  
1897 Ms. Leonard Crochet  
1904 Mrs. V. Broussard  
1905 Mrs. Paul Dressel  
1942 Irène Crochet  
1946 Thomas Gonsoulin  
1949 Joseph Molbert  
1963 Janet Broussard  
1973 Marie Steckler  
1974 Aspasia Broussard  
1987 Dianne Lee  
1995 Mable Gaubert  
1999 Concetta Hebert  
2017 Rose Jacob  
2018 Kenneth Segura

## June 7

1905 Alcée Boutté  
1915 David Breaux  
1939 Ademar Breaux  
1952 Paul Prados  
1960 Paul Broussard  
1980 Raymond Chastant  
2000 Edna Prosper

## June 8

1885 Aurelien Julien  
1892 Louis Simon  
1896 Marie Dauterive  
1904 Pierre Broussard  
1908 Laura Oubre  
1914 Jeanne Braquet  
1915 Francis Bonin  
1931 Henry Lee Dugas  
1953 Cynthia Jones  
1954 Sidney Eldridge  
1984 Frederick Oubre  
1985 Lorena Crochet  
1988 Lota Oubre  
1991 Emile Crochet  
1994 Elmo Mestayer

## June 9

1901 Léon Castillo  
1907 Gracie DeCuir  
1909 Irma Broussard  
1957 Jules LeBlanc  
1957 Desirée LeBlanc  
1963 Felicia Hebert

## June 10

1901 Louis Mitchell  
1902 Mrs. A. Broussard  
1906 Alice Dugas  
1921 Amelia Broussard  
1925 Jean Marine Bastian  
1927 Benoit Bastien  
1940 Infant Doucette  
1943 Audressey Richard  
1943 Louis Castillo  
1984 Madelle Braquet  
2014 Juliette Lee  
2016 Deyna Champagne

## June 11

1904 Louis Eldridge  
1906 Estella Vital  
1907 Infant Breaux  
1935 Joseph Jean-Louis  
1949 Charles Berard  
1963 Lucille Broussard  
1987 George Broussard  
2018 Barbara Broussard

## June 12

1901 Infant Antoine  
1915 Norma Jackson  
1919 Gilbert Broussard  
1921 Joyce Dupuy  
1923 Mrs. Aurelieu Breaux  
1934 Felicia Suard  
1939 Marguerite Antoine  
1947 Ms. Walter Broussard  
2009 Irene Broussard  
2011 William Dooley

## June 13

1891 Laurent Broussard  
1896 Azar Vaughn  
1897 Mrs. Joseph Landry  
1907 Emerite Breaux  
1911 Isarile Bourda  
1926 Gilbert Vital  
1936 Achille Boutté  
1949 Constance Broussard  
1959 Ulysse Landry  
1995 Agnes Huval  
2009 Eve Segura  
2014 William Elliotte, Sr.

## June 14

1886 H. Bertin Dugas  
1901 Cézane LeBlanc  
1919 Infant Dupuy  
1948 Euclide Dugas  
1960 Ted Neuville  
1964 Lene Broussard  
2000 Russell Domingue

## June 15

1877 Marie Hebert  
1892 Narcisse Alexandre  
1902 John Simon  
1917 Murphy Broussard  
1934 Aladin Gautreause  
1942 Félicie Chalambert  
1953 Antoine Gonsoulin  
1976 Hilda Dugas  
1991 Rachel Vaughn  
1997 Celina Latiolais  
2006 Lester Decuir

## June 16

1875 Amélie Broussard  
1896 Constant Aucoin  
1898 Infant Dauterive  
1904 Joseph Tups  
1949 Gilbert Toffier  
1957 Edmonia Louviere  
1983 Antoine Dugas Sr.  
1987 John Braquet  
1999 Ruth Horton  
2001 Cora Gondron

## June 17

1873 Lucie Louvière  
1873 Jules Odui  
1884 Joseph Verret  
1900 Infant DeBlanc  
1906 Onile John  
1938 Alzea Bonin  
1946 Fernand Mestayer  
1983 Gustave Judice  
1993 Joseph Latiolais  
1997 Eric Braquet

## June 18

1884 Charles Fouquet  
1886 Alcide Blanchard  
1894 Sully Berard  
1900 Infant Wallet  
1911 Mrs. Placide Grand  
1918 Simon Oubre  
1934 Charles Prince  
1939 Joseph Handy  
1942 Infant Polite  
1957 Lucien LeBlanc  
1957 Euzebe Girouard  
1968 Edward Mestayer  
1972 Beauregard Judice III  
1992 Emmas Dugas  
1997 Robert Dauterive  
2012 Mary Jean Vital

## June 19

1901 L. Broussard  
1904 Athanase Johnson  
1911 Infant Antoine  
1933 Fouten Gonsoulin  
1935 Orelia Dressel  
1935 Clara Brown  
1941 Henry Shelby  
1956 Joseph Bozon  
1992 Ulysses Persilver

## June 20

1898 Emilien Fauchaux  
1905 Marie Dressel  
1906 Infant Gonsoulin  
1912 Ermelus Oubre  
1913 Ethel Dugas  
1918 Albert (unknown)  
1932 Joseph Archangel  
1936 Josephine DeMahy  
1937 Joseph Dauterive  
1940 Aristide Granger  
1948 Wilfred Crochet  
1956 Alfred Broussard  
1957 Alcide Granger  
1958 Paul Dupoy  
1967 Alex Seneca  
1972 Lelia Bonin  
1974 Mrs. George Germany  
1981 Cynthia Grow  
1986 Elda Braquet  
1992 Catherine Champeaux  
1994 Leonie Dugas  
2009 Viola Toutcheque

## June 21

1897 Infant Peridion  
1906 Luc Albert  
1908 Charles Joseph  
1917 Infant Broussard  
1936 Anthony Braquet  
1977 Lena Trahan  
1999 Anne Hebert  
2002 Lorena Angelle

## June 22

1896 Infant Broussard  
1908 Fernand Louis  
1908 Célestine Simon  
1924 Edouard Boutté  
1931 Edna Broussard  
1936 Henri Gondron  
1943 Gloria Louvière  
1945 Ardonis Broussard  
1959 Raoul Mestayer  
1966 Ophelia Bonin  
1977 Bessie Broussard  
1987 Lily Patin  
1995 Irene Decuir  
1995 Richard Eldridge  
2002 Mabel Delcambre  
2016 Nicholas Bienvenu

## June 23

1875 Evellina Broussard  
1889 Eugene Perelliot  
1909 Adeline Broussard  
1912 Albert Boutté  
1915 Caésar Bonin  
1926 Alcée LeCamus  
1928 Louis Jean Louis  
1939 Wilbert Williams  
1961 Armand Molbert  
2007 David Provost

## June 24

1931 Clifton Ryes  
1933 Grear Louvière  
1933 Armanda Dugas  
1965 Jimmie Borel  
1989 Beverly Broussard  
1992 Audressie Domingue  
1996 Amelia Neuville  
1998 Patsy Viator  
2012 Florence Seneca  
2016 Mary Ann Louviere

## June 25

1918 Robert Lissard  
1937 Virginia Joseph  
1959 Armand Dugas  
1961 Deirdre Babin  
1988 Irene Gonsoulin  
2015 Marietta Prince  
2017 Alvin Broussard

## June 26

1889 Felician Wary  
1895 Infant Vincent  
1897 Infant Daigle  
1900 Mrs. Célestine Simon  
1930 Rebecca Sanders  
1958 Mark Gaguard  
2013 Vernice Louviere  
2016 Linda Prince

## June 27

1873 Julien Ambroise  
1878 Louis Blanchard  
1895 Infant Matle  
1895 Idéa Vincent  
1901 Nicholas Bonin  
1915 Jean Prados  
1919 Infant Fauchaux  
1921 Ms. Eusébe Gonsoulin  
1926 Wilfred Courville  
1935 Letitia Gonsoulin  
1949 Clelie Berard  
1967 Robin Bonin  
1968 M. Frioux

## June 28

1894 Gilbert Johnson  
1902 Mrs. Uchère Verret  
1905 Rose Gonsoulin  
1913 Alexandre Dupuy  
1918 O'Neil Eldridge  
1923 J. B. Barilleaux  
1929 Sylvestre Mires  
1946 Mary Antoine  
1973 Mazy Prince  
1982 Elise Boudreaux  
1992 Lila Landry  
2011 Garland Babin  
2015 Wendy Hebert  
2017 Genevieve Crochet

## June 29

1893 Louis Bourques  
1904 Euline Broussard  
1906 Amélie Warrick  
1909 Joseph Louis  
2017 Eunice Berard  
1923 Anita Broussard  
1927 Ulger Dominique  
1950 Lucy Borres  
1951 Lillian Louis  
1951 Amos Mitchell  
1954 Eustaze Oubre  
1969 Alven Tuten  
1996 Moise Escagne  
2001 Karen Scroggs  
2004 Lily Cuttrera  
2015 Melissa Viator  
2018 Lucy Bayard

## June 30

1875 Ovignac Breaux  
1907 Joseph Mestayer  
1915 Mildred Broussard  
1934 Adam Laseigne  
1937 Celia Landry  
1954 Sidney Ransonet  
1999 Pearly Broussard  
2002 Philip Hebert Jr.  
2009 Kathleen Holtzclaw

# June Birthdays

Happy Birthday!

May God richly bless you on your special day.

It will be my privilege to remember you at the altar during the celebration of Holy Mass as I offer the victim.

*Father Crochet*

## June 1

Mark Broussard

## June 2

Mia Jolivette  
Michael Landry  
Wayne Lasseigne  
Michelle Steiner  
Karsyn Stevens  
Gavin Viator

## June 3

Gwynnivere Bonin  
Megan Louviere  
Beau Mallet  
Chris Ransonet  
Kelly Ransonet  
Carter Viator

## June 4

Crysley Breaux  
Gerald Dugas  
Charlie Guilbeau  
Matt Indest

## June 5

Thomas Lemaire  
Stephen Lokitz

## June 6

Brandi Brown  
Andrea Hebert  
Anna Laird  
Jacob Prince

## June 7

Mickey Champagne  
Linda Clifton  
Shellie Comb  
Michelle LeJeune  
Robert Judice, Sr.

## June 8

Joey Armentor  
Lance Broussard  
Noah Suire  
Kale Viator

## June 9

Stephanie Finley  
Oswald Hebert  
Lonnie Huval  
Tripp Huval  
Lily Munnerlyn  
Jessica Trahan

## June 10

Michele Burke  
Kenzie Derouen  
Ty LeBlanc

## June 11

Kyron Boudreaux  
Lauren Boudreaux  
Charley Evans  
Travis Evans  
Collin Guillot  
Jordy Provost  
Regan Theriot  
Trace Waguespack

## June 12

Flynn Badeaux  
Ory Begnaud  
Nicholas Belaire  
Jordis Breaux  
Troy Breaux  
Tonya Crochet  
Zachary Gaudet  
Erica Provost  
Kevin Provost  
Jacob Ransonet

## June 13

Sydney Floris

## June 14

Paula Bertrand  
Whitney Cox  
Veronica Guillotte  
Landon LaGrange  
Madison Thomas

## June 15

Michelle Ansley  
June Granger  
Adaline Mire  
Oscar Theriot

## June 16

Cheyene Bodner  
Cason Bourque  
Roberta Degeyter  
Kaitlyn Jolet  
Collin Verret

## June 17

Robert Burke, III  
Jade Delcambre  
Madeline Girouard  
Mikayla Kidder  
Cody Labit  
Misty Melancon  
William Migues

## June 18

Blake Delcambre Sr.  
Avery DeRouen  
Lauren Hebert  
Lindsey Hebert  
Shane Judice  
Ellie Kate Laviolette  
Lucky McCraw  
Kennedi Patout  
Brice Romero  
Bevon Senette  
Jaelyn Thibodeaux

## June 19

Rylee Babineaux  
Jeffrey Broussard  
Shane Crochet  
Alexis Defelice  
Russel Dugas  
Allyson Provost  
Jean-Paul Stiles

## June 20

Bexley Badeaux  
Alyssa Durke  
Claire Escagne  
Bruno Habetz  
Cory Segura

## June 21

Liam Arceneaux  
Brienne Claudet  
Chad Darcey  
Christopher Darcey  
Frank Greaux  
Bailey LeBlanc  
Dylan Louviere  
Clint Terry

## June 22

Chloe Baudry  
Max Baudry  
Hutton Daniels  
Adyson Kilgore  
Brent Latiolais  
Cody Mestayer  
Hannah Romero

## June 23

Garrett Broussard  
Aimye Dugas  
Ben Galatas  
Kathy Hebert  
Justin Lancon  
Kevin Verret

## June 24

Cayden Albert  
Connor Angelle  
Tasha Bonin  
Willie Chatagnier  
Keisha Dautreuil  
Madison Dugas  
Basin Louviere  
Ava Robin

## June 25

Ryan Buteaux  
Jake Delcambre  
Clint Hebert  
Brady Judice  
Hayden Prioux  
Gregory Walet

## June 26

Alison Boatright  
Ames Dupuis, Jr.  
Trini Foti  
Lane Guidry  
Cooper Munnerlyn

## June 27

Breigh Begnaud  
Jason Chastant  
Aaron Gerace  
Rusty Judice

## June 28

Emily Begnaud  
Briley Breaux  
Danielle Charpntier  
Jacob Munnerlyn  
Malia Schexnayder  
Breigh Viator

## June 29

Eli Angelle  
Rhett Clement  
Elijah Segura  
Addison Theriot

## June 30

Raynell Aucoin  
Skylar Burke  
Kelly Criner  
Patricia Guillot  
Kate Landry  
Sadie Rauschenbach  
Sadie Jo Sarkies

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