



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

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

RECEPTIONIST/BOOKKEEPER/CEMETERIAN

Mrs. Gail Borel — gail.borel@stjosephparishonline.org

RECORDS CLERK/PLANT MANAGER

Gladys Lascigne

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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MUSIC MINISTRY

Mrs. Janice Carboni (4:00 p.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

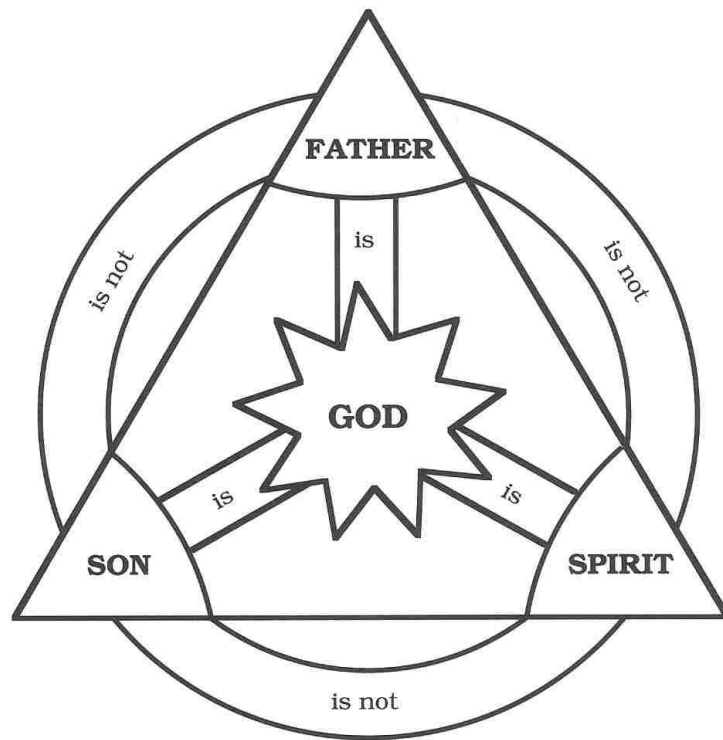
Couples must contact the pastor at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact the parish office to schedule a pastoral visit.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Contact the parish office.



God our Father, who by sending into the world the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification made known to the human race your wondrous mystery, grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith, we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty.

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, Maxine Latiolais, Dawn Derouen, Deacon Chris Doumit, Matil LaSalle Romero, Falyon 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, Jason Walker.

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.

June 9, 2019

Regular Sunday Offering Envelopes (64%)	\$ 3,856.00
Regular Sunday Offering Loose (36%)	\$ 2,149.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 9,136.00
Regular Collection Total	\$ 6,005.00
Difference	-\$ 3,131.00
Completion Loan Balance	\$ 97,698.25
Completion Collection	\$ 166.00
Insurance Balance 2018-2019	\$ 28,076.70
Insurance Collection	\$ 85.00

119 of 1314 families used collection envelopes (9% participation).
185 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:

Alton Louviere, James Dugas Sr.

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:

Louis and Becky Hebert

The Weekly Statue is in the home of:

Preston and Sandra Boudreaux

Saint Joseph Altar Candles are burning for:

Ronald Broussard, Louis and Mae Mae Shelton Joseph and Ella Mae Desormeaux Freyou Poirrier Family, Chad Romero, Deyna Champagne Thanksgiving to Saint Anthony

Mass Intentions — 6/15-6/21

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Stjo — Chad Romero, Calvin Berard, Wilfred Hulin, Ken Segura, Irving Judice, Myrtle Mestayer, Collins Louviere, Kerney Louviere and Will Roberts, Walter and Doris M. Judice, Cobey Braquet, Lester Delaune, Paul Johnson, Robert D. Johnson, Octave "Tot" Judice, Darrell Judice, Fanges Bonin, Louis J. "Negot" and Lita N. Judice and parents, Francis and Lorena Dupoy, Patrick Lasseigne, Sam and Glo Delcambre and Family, Aimee Peltier, Billie and Armanca Barrilleaux, Aymar "Poon" and Beulah Dugas, Ide Dugas Family, Alexis Laviolette Family, Wayne LeBlanc, Lily Mae and Alvin LeBlanc, Otto Sr. and Laurence Girouard, Terradot Family, Theresa Girouard Allen, 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 Armanca Barrilleaux, Will and Lily Roberts, Collins and Doris Louviere, Earl Mestayer, Kay Dooley and William and Dolores Dooley, Ossie Romero, Sue Crochet.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Granger, Dr. Raymond Schneider, Elaine Schneider, Skip Schneider, Lolly Harbin, Breaux and Delcambre Families, Lenwood Delcambre, Roy Freyou Family and Frank Fruge Family, Emus Borel, Tony and Rita Chataignier, Sue Crochet.

10:30 a.m. Stjo — Eric Champagne, Jesse Foreman, Dorse P. Foreman, Danny Foreman, Lloyd Menard, Leroy J. Bonin, Anatole Bonin Jr., Edwin Thibodeaux, Judice and Viator Families, Phillip and Neil Hebert, Earl O. Savoy, Perry J. Burke, Lionel Duplechain, Sr. and Lionel Duplechain, Jr., Alton Louviere, James Dugas Sr., Ury Louviere, Clevens Belaie Family, Lee L. Dugas Family, Dennis Crochet Family, Shelton Joseph and Ella Mae Desormeaux Freyou, John Michael Steiner, Eunice Oubre, Poirier Family, Courville Family, Louviere Family, Bonin Family, Badeaux Family, DeRouen Family, 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 — Myrtle Mestayer, Shelton Joseph and Ella Mae Desormeaux Freyou, Dot and R.D. Verret, Barry and Chester Boudreaux, Alan Olivier, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Sue Crochet.

Wednesday 6:45 a.m. OLV — Clark Provost, 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 Mestayer, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Sue Crochet.

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

Sunday 7:00 a.m. Stjo — Terrel Dressel, Maude Granger and John Prados, Louis, Mae Mae and Ronald Broussard, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Broussard, Lora Bloom, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Boudreaux, Noelle Seneca, Clark, Mary Ann and David Provost, Maurice Provost and Warren Solar, Kernis Peltier, Edgar Peltier, Stanley Crochet, S. J. "Bute" Granger and 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,

Patriotic Rosary

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Patriotic Rosary this Thursday evening, June 20, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at Saint Joseph Church.



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.

June 15	Rev. Mark Derise/Riley Maturin Dcn. Michael Yenik/Sr. Ann Louise Arno, MSC
June 16	Rev. Msgr. Keith DeRouen/Stephen Melancon Dcn. Thomas Adams/Sr. Mary Kay Kinberger, MSC
June 17	Rev. Ferdinand S. Derrera, SJ/Chad Peltier Dcn. Kenneth Arnaud/Sr. Cynthia Knowles, MSC
June 18	Rev. Kenneth Domingue/Connor Poirrier Dcn. Arthur Bakeler/Sr. Mary Savita, MC
June 19	Rev. Zachary Dominguez, LC/Seth Ransonet Dcn. Scotty Baudoin/Sr. Mary Vianette, MC
June 20	Rev. Dustin Dought/Michael Vidrine Dcn. Glen Bertrand/Sr. Mary Romero, MC
June 21	Rev. Gregory Todd Downs/Nicholas Ware Dcn. Jose Blanco/Sr. Mary Denise, MC

MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

Date and Time	Readers	Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
June 22 4:00 p.m.	Roberta Degeyter	Linda Dore Earl Price	Kristyn Dorsey Nicholas Gondron Mia Hebert
June 23 7:00 a.m.	Kim Landry	Lynn Delcambre Isela Kerne	Kylie Kay Mestayer
10:30 a.m.	Emily Bonin Fran Dugas	Joel Dugas Shane Walet	Evan Walet Ethan Walet

Painting with a Prayer hosted by Rev. Bill Melancon

Friday, June 21 from 6:00-9:00 pm at Saint Theresa Hall. No art experience necessary. It is not about the painting. It is about the prayer. Cost is \$30 to cover supplies. To reserve your spot call the Parish Office at 229-4254.



Vacation Bible School is scheduled for the week of June 24 - 28, 2019, from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. We register students at 8:30 a.m. Our theme this year is *Shipwrecked-Rescued by Jesus*. There is no charge to attend, but we do welcome donations to defray the cost of crafts, snacks, and other materials. We welcome any

students ages three years through fifth grade. All students in sixth through eleventh grade are invited to come as helpers. Only parents who have gone through Safe Environment training with the Diocese of Lafayette can be accepted as helpers. Hope to see you there! Any questions, please call the Parish Office at 229-4254.

Religion Class Registration

Registrations for our 2019-2020 religion year are now underway for Kindergarten, First Grade, Confirmation, and any *NEW* students to the program. If your child was not baptized here, you *MUST* provide the child's Baptism certificate when registering. All registrations will be closed on July 18, 2019 so textbooks and classroom accommodations can be made. Please call the parish office at 229-4254 with any questions. We are looking forward to assisting you in your child's Christian formation.



LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA

JUNE 21-23, 2019

WOMEN OF GRACE® RETREAT

**Embracing The Holy Duet:
Mary and the Holy Spirit**

Preceded by a Benedicta Leadership Enrichment Seminar
Young Women of Grace Retreat on Saturday, June 22



Join Johnnette Benkovic Williams and women from around the country for a weekend of formation, fellowship and fun at our Women of Grace Retreat this summer. Discover God's Plan for you as we explore our theme, *Embracing the Holy Duet: Mary and the Holy Spirit* in Lafayette, from June 21-23, 2019 with Johnnette, Kathleen Beckman, Fr. Chris Decker, Jack Williams and Thomask K. Sullivan. The main event is preceded by the Benedicta Leadership Enrichment Seminar entitled, *Women: God's Special Weapon Against Evil* led by Kathleen Beckman and also includes a special Young Women of Grace One Day Retreat called *Get Spirit Savvy!!* for girls age 12 and older. Join us for this amazing weekend!

REGISTER NOW at events.womenofgrace.com

or call 800-558-5452.



Stained Glass Window Memorials

The Parish Pastoral Council has noticed that two of our stained glass windows in church have not been donated. So we take this opportunity to make available a donation and naming opportunity with these two windows. If you are interested, or if our records are in error, please call the Parish Office at 229-4254 so that we can make the appropriate corrections.

**MAN-TO-MAN
MEN'S CONFERENCE**

Saturday, August 10, 2019
7th Biennial Conference
Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church
Lafayette, LA
8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
(Doors open at 7 a.m.)
\$35 per person
(includes jambalaya lunch)
Men 18 years and older

Keynote Speaker:
Father Donald Calloway

Special Guest Speakers:
Bishop Douglas Deshotel
Fr. Jim Brady
Jason Angelette

Master of Ceremonies
Fr. Bryce Sibley

For more information and to register, visit www.m2m2019.com

BE COURAGEOUS, BE CATHOLIC
 "We need to be courageous if we are to be faithful to the Gospel." - Pope Francis
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Father's Day Flower Memorials

Ossie Romero, Jr., For those who have no one to pray for them, Keith Borne, Alvin "Tony" Broussard, Jr., Harrison Poirrier, Richard Broussard, Louis Broussard, Ronald Broussard, Edwin Gary, Sonny Reynaud, All holy souls in Purgatory, Rogers Courville, Homer Rochon, Hosie Thigpen, James Pratt, Eddie Pierre, Junius Hebert, Walter C. Judice, Kerney Louviere, Berle Pullin, Roland Judice, John Michael Steiner, Laurent Braquet, Sylvest Thibodeaux, Marvis P. Barras, Melicour R. Dore, Phil Dore, Dr. Harold Heitkamp, Merlin Walet, Butsy Walet, Clarence Champagne, Landry and Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Loto Louviere Sr., Louis P. Judice, Earl Zimmer Sr., Floyd McIntyre Sr., Prioux and Trahan Family, Clark

Provost, Warren Solar, Maurice Provost, Freddie Suire, Harold Mouton, Louis Breaux, Whitney Viator, Bruce Temple, Jimmie Voorhies, Oscar Courville, Ernest Bonin, Numa Porier, Duc Bonin, William Dooley, Charles Dooley, Leonard Hebert Sr., Sidney Lassalle Sr., Hubert Richard, James "Boo" Richard, Eddie Edler, T.J. Eldridge, Bill Elliott Sr, Eric Champagne, Jessie Foreman, Dorse P. Foreman, Danny Foreman, Lloyd Menard, Antoine Judice, Jean Laviolette, Johnny Albert Sr., Robin Bonin, Newton Melancon, Avie Poirrier Sr., Herman Walet, Been Judice, Howard Walet, Pliny Walet, Keith Eldridge, Harold Sandoz, Charles Sandoz, Wayne "Butch" Judice, Perry M. Judice, Louis Crochet, Clenie Segura, Ken Segura,

Maximum Badeaux, Joe Poirrier, Clemire DeRouen, Faye and Alvin Tauzin, Jimmy Eldridge Family, Clarence Champagne Jr., Kapkeo "Kappy" Khiemdaranh, Cobey Braquet, Nicholas LeBlanc Jr. family, Nicholas LeBlanc Sr. Family, Levie, Gladys and Dickie Ronsonet, Loto Louviere Jr., Ury Louviere, Shelton Joseph and Ella Mae Desormeaux Freyou, Antoine Judice, Charles Judice, Henry Braquet, David Johnson, George, Robbie, Tony and Steve Dugas, Robert Vaughn, Chad Romero, Calvin Berard, Wilfred Hulin, Pliny, Howard, Merlin, Herman, Pliny II, Herrle Spies, Dr. Howard Heitkamp, Merlin Jr., Alton Gondron, Clark Provost, Troy LeBlanc, Sam Delcambre, Edmond Broussard.



MASS FOR PROTECTION AND SAFETY FROM HURRICANES & DAMAGING STORMS

WEDNESDAY, 10 JULY 2019

5:30 PM

St. Peter Roman Catholic Church

108 E. St. Peter Street

New Iberia, Louisiana

Celebrant: The Very Reverend William C. Blanda, V.F.



IBERIA SWAMP BAND & IBERIA COMMUNITY BAND

A NIGHT OF FELLOWSHIP & FUN

DINNER, MUSIC, DOOR PRIZES

FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR JERRY AND MARIAN FRUGE'

All proceeds will go directly to The Fruge's to assist with medical expenses.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2019 | 5 PM TO 9 PM
ST. JOSEPH CHURCH HALL, 117 SOUTH MAIN ST.,
LOREAUVILLE, LA

THIS IS AN ALCOHOL FREE EVENT. ICE CHESTS ARE NOT ALLOWED.

The Church Is Not An NGO

by Brad Miner

An Italian priest visits our parish a few times a year to say Sunday Mass. He's remarkable: tall, ascetic, and very serious. When he elevates the host and then the chalice, they stay elevated longer than in the hands of any priest I've ever seen – almost to the point of seeming theatrical. But it's not. He is simply reverent. He's also a fine and courageous homilist, which is to say he's one of the only priests I've ever heard condemn abortion from the pulpit, and one of the few who takes the time to discuss what the Church actually teaches about moral and spiritual matters.

He recently spoke about holiness. I've heard other priests speak about that too, but never so starkly against the trend to present faith in the context of public policy: migration, pollution, poverty. I'm sure he's committed to an orthodox understanding of social justice, but, again, his homily was against an emphasis on social and economic issues that ignores Christ's call to holiness.

What struck me most was his insistence that, when the call to holiness is replaced by a call for social and economic justice, the Church risks presenting itself as a non-governmental organization (NGO), at which point it makes sense that folks stop coming to Mass.

When what seems to define a “good Christian” is volunteering and check-writing, when the assertion that “I'm religious in my own way” seems plausible, why wouldn't I sleep in on Sunday morning? Especially true, I suspect, for those who neither volunteer time nor contribute money.

I was reminded again of the way H. Richard Niebuhr (of the Evangelical Synod of North America, d. 1962) described liberal Christianity: “A God without wrath brought men without sin into a Kingdom without judgment through the ministrations of a Christ without a Cross.”

And the crazy thing is, liberals not only empty the churches with their politicized rhetoric, they actually believe it's the only way to bring people back. So, the more people leave, the more vigorously liberals double down on the message that's driving them away.

Of course, one understands the allure of the social message, which is an extension of our Lord's teaching on discipleship in Matthew 25:

“I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.” Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, “Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? And when did we see You a stranger and welcome You, or naked and clothe You? And when did we see You sick or in prison and visit You?” And the King will answer them, “Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brothers, you did it to me.”

To some, that's ironclad proof of the liberal assertion that contemporary social action trumps traditional dogma. Who can stand against science and politics, which now offer objective solutions unavailable to preachers in First Century Palestine? Charity is best managed by governments and their NGO partners, and best administered in the spirit of the separation of Church and State. Let the smart people, the experts, take care of the poor.

Well, they've been working on that with energy in the United States since at least the 1930s. Correlation is not necessarily

causation, but we ought at least to consider caution about any further expansion of social-welfare policies and ecclesiastical innovation, since their rise seems to track with the persistence of poverty and the decline of religious orthodoxy.

And there's no use anymore in saying the problem is more Protestant than Catholic. It's true, as James Simpson writes in **Permanent Revolution: The Reformation and the Illiberal Roots of Liberalism** that “Sixteenth-century Protestantism ushered in a culture of permanent revolution, ceaselessly repudiating its own prior forms. Its rejection of tradition was divisive, violent, and unsustainable,” but many Catholics throughout the West have pretty much embraced the same point of view – essentially the Marxist thesis-antithesis-synthesis; or in its cheerier version: “Day by day in every way I'm getting better and better.” That was the formulation of French psychologist Émile Coué.

As Mr. Simpson puts it, every day and in so many ways, liberalism has “repeatedly and compulsively repudiated its own prior forms.” It can't help itself; it can't stop itself.

Of course, when Marxists, neo or otherwise, attempt to feed, clothe, and care for the poor, they mostly end up killing them by the millions: a brutal, un-Christian solution happening again in Venezuela – as ever, in the name of the poor.

As our Italian priest made clear, when you take out awe and reverence and the quest for holiness and Heaven, focusing instead on ostensibly Utopian solutions to problems in the here and now, “religious” people become merely opiated – engaged in debates about public policy: immigration, prison reform, Medicare and Social Security, the “environment” – the whole range of issues that attract or repel voters and define the political process.

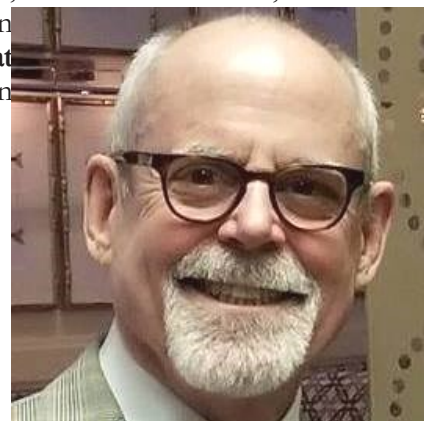
We once visited a pre-school in Manhattan when our older son was four – taking him, in other words, for an *interview*. The new head of school said: “I can't wait to begin experimenting on these kids!” That reminded me of Newman's famous line from his

Apologia:

My battle was with liberalism; by liberalism I mean the anti-dogmatic principle and its developments. This was the first point on which I was certain. Here I make a remark: persistence in a given belief is no sufficient test of its truth; but departure from it is at least a slur upon the man who has felt so certain about it.

A slur on the man and his Faith.

Brad Miner is senior editor of *The Catholic Thing*, senior fellow of the Faith & Reason Institute, and Board Secretary of Aid to the Church In Need USA. He is a former Literary Editor of *National Review*. His most recent book, **Sons of St. Patrick**, written with George J. Marlin, is now on sale. His **The Complete Gentleman** is available on audio.





The Diocese of Lafayette has partnered with Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio, to give everyone in the diocese access to workshops that can help in their religious formation. Although some of the workshops are geared towards teachers, many simply give information on topics that many of us want to know more about (i.e. the Eucharist, Mary, New Testament, Old Testament).

All you have to do is go to

www.franciscanathome.com/diolaf

to begin to create your account. The Office of Catechetics has a short three minute video on their webpage that will direct you on how to create an account. Our parish has already been placed in the system, so all you have to do is create your personal account. This is a wonderful opportunity to grow in understanding of our faith.

Questions seeking answers ...

How, in the midst of a busy, distracted, and ever secularizing culture, can the Church raise up a new generation of catechetical leaders? How, as dioceses restructure, parishes merge, and budgets shrink, can we provide Catholic priests, deacons, catechists, and parents with the tools they need to form the souls in their care? How can we engage, inspire, and excite those entrusted with the great task of catechesis, bringing them into more intimate communion with Jesus Christ and empowering them to do the same for others?

Today, these are the questions with which every Catholic diocese must wrestle. They go right to the heart of the

catechetical challenges the Church faces, not simply in our diocesan offices and parishes, but also in our institutions, our schools, and, most urgently, in our homes. The Franciscan University Institute of Catechetics stands ready to help, offering unlimited access to our faithful, flexible, and affordable online catechist formation tools.

Officially launched in 2016, the Franciscan University Catechetical Institute seeks to serve Christ and His Church by forming those Catholics entrusted with the formation of others. Through conferences, online courses, personal support, and new catechetical resources, we make the riches of the Catholic faith more available and accessible. To this end, our expert faculty and experienced lay mentors work in offering individualized formation tools designed to meet a variety of catechetical needs.

The cornerstone of the Institute's work is our online library of video-based catechetical workshops. Designed to complement and supplement diocesan formation and continuing education programs already in place, the Catechetical Institute's online programming makes the best of Franciscan University available to dioceses everywhere.

It also accomplishes this by offering a broad range of workshops, making use of experts in fields outside of catechetics and theology: counseling, education, life sciences, communication, and more. And it accomplishes this by offering a degree of formation that goes deep, exploring topics you won't find in other online formation programs, including basic evangelization skills, mentoring,

spiritual guidance, team building, and many others.

In the emerging field of online formation, Franciscan University's Catechetical Institute stands apart. Rooted in Sacred Scripture, loyal to the Magisterium, and guided by the Church's most foundational documents on catechesis and evangelization, the Catechetical Institute's work reflects Franciscan University's charism of dynamic orthodoxy. This means we are both ever faithful to the Church's wisdom and ever open to the movements of the Holy Spirit. Likewise, following the instructions laid out in documents such as *Catechesi Tradendae*, *Christifidelis Laici*, and the **General Directory for Catechesis**, we are committed to following the catechetical example set for us by God Himself in salvation history. This divine pedagogy first prioritizes the spiritual formation of the human person, encouraging growth in Christian maturity through liturgy, prayer, and lectio divina. It then seeks to support other dimensions of formation: human, doctrinal, liturgical, social, pedagogical, and professional.

Our world-class faculty of catechists and theologians have taught, presented, and worked in universities, schools, and parishes around the world. Our faculty are practitioners, as well as academics, who bring decades of experience in youth ministry, religious education, faith formation, and higher education to the classroom. That experience shows

in the design of the Catechetical Institute's online workshops, which balance theory and praxis, while also accommodating a wide variety of learners.

Within each track are dozens of one-hour workshops divided into "core" areas and "electives." Our large and growing library of workshops touch upon almost every aspect of catechesis, ranging from catechetical theory and Christology, to public speaking, evangelization, and vocational discernment. Each of these workshops has been professionally filmed with a live audience. Art, innovative media, music, and other creative elements have also been incorporated, recognizing both the importance of catechizing the whole person and beauty's enduring witness to truth. Likewise, all source material is provided in a user-friendly manner, designed for those not used to online learning platforms, while each one-hour workshop is broken up into 10-15 minute segments for ease of viewing.

Finally, the Catechetical Institute at Franciscan University desires to serve the Church. We work to form all those charged with forming others in the faith.

*Forming those
who form
others.*





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