



## Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass — 4:00 p.m.

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

Thursday — 10:00 a.m. at Saint Catherine Apartments

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. 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

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### RECORDS CLERK/PLANT MANAGER

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### MUSIC MINISTRY

Mrs. Janice Carboni & Miss Amber DeMarco (Saturday — 4:00 p.m.)

Mr. Michael Arceneaux (Sunday — 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, we humbly implore Your majesty that, just as Your Only Begotten Son was presented on this day in the Temple in the substance of our flesh, so, by Your grace, we may be presented to You with minds made pure.

### *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, 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, Hayden Ransonet, Trevor Louviere, Vanessa Courville, Wayne Louviere, Austin Willett, Willey Poirier, Inez Barras, Helen

Bastian, Butch and Debbie White, Guy Thibodeaux, Lydia May, Louis "CoCo" Landry Jr, Jerry Fruge, Jimmy Clifton, Rowena Borel, Megan Scully, Maxine Latiolais, Dawn Derouen, Matil LasSalle Romero, FalyN Sonnier, Rickey Sonnier, Caline Provost, Katie Boutte, Patricia Freyou, Lecia Broussard, Jason Walker, Ronald Albert Sr., Michael Theriot, Roshondra Nora, Noah Abraham, Jimmy LeBlanc, Chad Borel, Sophie Bonin, Ashley Hebert, Stephen Dugas, Bonnie Hebert, Jon-Luke Lancon, Jade Delcambre, Misty Sonnier, Doris Prados, Gail Louviere.

*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.*

January 26, 2020

Regular Sunday Offering Envelopes (64%)	\$ 3,669.00
Regular Sunday Offering Loose (36%)	\$ 2,031.00
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	\$ 7,385.00
<b>Regular Collection Total</b>	\$ 5,700.00
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-\$1,685.00</b>
<b>Completion Loan Balance</b>	\$ 71,410.00
<b>Completion Collection</b>	\$ 95.00
<b>Insurance Balance 2019-2020</b>	\$ 25,223.00
<b>Insurance Collection</b>	\$ 339.00

123 of 1314 families used collection envelopes (9% participation).  
of 1314 families attended Mass this weekend (% 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 for**

Shelton Joseph and Ella Mae Desormeaux Freyou, 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

**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**

A Parishioner

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

A Parishioner

**Saint Joseph Altar Candles are burning for**

Pliny Walet Family and Agnes Breaux, Charles and Jackie Poirrier, Deyna Champagne  
Perry M. Judice, Wayne "Butch" Judice, USA Military, Chad Romero  
Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants  
and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious

**Flowers on the Altar are in loving memory of**

Judice and Walet Family

**MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK**

Date and Time	Readers	Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
February 8 4:00 p.m.	Jana Angelle	Brad Clifton Linda Dore	Jillian Angelle
February 9 7:00 a.m.	Loni Barras	Steve Barras Lottie Frioux	Brynn Blanchard Chaz Blanchard
10:30 a.m.	Monica Delahoussaye	Raymond Bergeron Claire Breaux	Avery Begnaud David Devillier

**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.

February 1	Pope Francis/Rev. Kevin Bordonel, Director of Seminarians Dcn. Ron Chauvin/Sr. Suzanne Lasseigne, RSCJ
February 2	Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI/ Rev. Patrick Broussard, Director of Vocations Dcn. Jerome Collins/Sr. Elizabeth Renard, RSCJ
February 3	Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel/ Seminary Faculty, Parents and Benefactors of Seminarians Dcn. Frank Cormier/Sr. Mary Ellen Theriot, SSND
February 4	Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell/Calvin LeMaire Dcn. James Cormier/Sr. Mildred Leonards, SSND
February 5	Rev. Nathan Comeaux/Seth Lemaire Dcn. Mike Crain/Sr. Joan Marie Alexander, SSF
February 6	Rev. Gregory Cormier/Joseph Marcantel Dcn. Harry Darce/Sr. Rachel Williams, SSF
February 7	Rev. Msgr. J. Douglas Courville, JCL/Riley Maturin Dcn. Kenneth David/Sr. Rita Darensbourg, SSF

**Mass Intentions — 2/1-2/7**

**Saturday 4:00 p.m. Stjo** — Ronald Albert Sr., Francine Ann Boring, Alton and Cecile Segura, Ken Segura, Calvin Berard and Lucille Berard Romero, Gloria and Sam Delcambre and Family, Bobby and Mark Braquet and Cathy Braquet Latiolais, Dorothy T. Latiolais and Kathy Latiolais Holtzclaw, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, 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, Clarence Champagne Family, Robert Prados Family and Breaux Family, Chad Romero, Deyna Champagne, Audrey Crochet, Jordan Prince and Special Intention, Joseph Dressel, 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, Clenie and Eve Segura and Billie, Sally Domingue, Cabrol and Domingue Family, Martha Escagne Rodriguez, Lloyd Broussard, Claude and Felicie Granger, Nancy Broussard, Clarence and Hilda Landry, Billie and Armance Barrilleaux, Kay Dooley and William and Dolores Dooley, Earl Mestayer, Kim Decuir, Chris and Annie Decuir Family, Benjamin Decuir Family, Ron and Jana Angelle Family, Michael Decuir Family, Ossie Romero, Jr., Alvaro Jimenez, Robert Lawrence, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.

**Sunday 7:00 a.m. Stjo** — John Michael Steiner, 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, Benny and Glo Granger, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Granger, Dr. Raymond Schneider, Elaine Schneider, Skip Schneider, Lolly Harbin, Breaux and Delcambre Families, Lenwood Delcambre, Emus Borel, Gwen Borel, Chataignier Family, Joe and Rita Habetz, Mary Kay Habetz, Tom Voothies, Oris Cormier, Mary Ann Provost, Tracey Defelice Guilbeaux, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Broussard, Lora Bloom, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Boudreaux, Noelle Seneca, Alvaro Jimenez, Robert Lawrence, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.

**10:30 a.m. Stjo** — Philip Jr. and Neil Hebert, Alvin and Faye Tauzin, Edmonia Tauzin, Marcel and Nadage Broussard, Jimmy Eldridge, Elaine Plessala and Eldridge Family, 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 Widley Louviere, Anita and Lennet Grivat, Sandra Angelle and Glenn Angelle, Percy Granger, Louis J. "Negro" and Lita N. Judice and parents, Theresa and Daniel Latiolais, Sr., Gus & Lydia Broggi, Beau Broussard, Tony Devillie, Mathilde Romero, Roy LaSalle, Gondran and Devillie Family, Ancestors and Descendants, Loto Louviere, Jr., Gam and Velma Gondron, Suzette Judice, Antoine and Marie Judice Family, Kelly Louviere, Clyde Dressel, Judy Dressel Judice, Mark Tauzin, Clayson and Lillian Dugas, Sylvia Thibodeaux, Mike and Nancy Broussard, Louto and Anite Gondron Family, Shelton Joseph and Ella Mae Desormeaux Freyou, Alvaro Jimenez, Robert Lawrence, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.

**Monday 6:45 a.m. OLV** — Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Alvaro Jimenez, Robert Lawrence, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.

**Tuesday 5:30 p.m. Stjo** — Sidwin Richard, Jewel Dupont and Family, Anna Mae Judice and Family, Vickie R. Dugas and Family, Steven and Donna Berard Family Special Intentions, Benjamin Decuir Family, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Alvaro Jimenez, Robert Lawrence, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.

**Wednesday 6:45 a.m. OLV** — Ron and Jana Angelle Family, Clark Provost, Andrew Bonin Family and Stanley Crochet Family, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Alvaro Jimenez, Robert Lawrence, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.

**Thursday 5:30 p.m. Stjo** — Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Alvaro Jimenez, Robert Lawrence, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.

**First Friday 6:45 a.m. OLV** — Lionel and L.J. Duplechain, Gam and Velma Gondron, Rhule, Mabel and Wayne Gondron, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Judice and Walet Families, Alvaro Jimenez, Robert Lawrence, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.



## First Friday Mass

Friday, February 7

6:45 a.m.

Our Lady of Victory Church



For Christians, a pilgrimage to the Holy Land is like going home. And just before Advent 2020 is the perfect time for a life-changing faith trip! Nazareth, Bethlehem, Cana, Mount Tabor, Jerusalem, the Dead Sea and much more. Don't just see it — experience it. Scriptures and the



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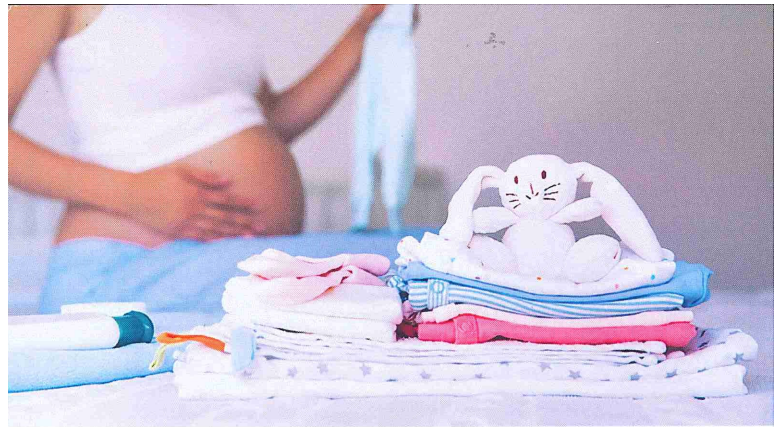
**Calling all Photographers  
[and wannabees]**

**Our Cemetery Office  
needs help to photograph  
all graves in our cemeteries**

**If you have some free time  
we would welcome  
your assistance**

### Holy Land Gifts - Olive Wood Carvings For Sale

Holy Land Gifts, represented by the Rashmawi family who are volunteer members from the Roman Catholic Church in Bethlehem, the Holy Land, will be visiting our parish on the weekend of February 15 and 16 offering their religious olive wood Gifts. They will speak to us about the dire Christian situation in the Holy Land, What used to be a strong and vibrant 92% of the population has dropped down below 1.5% in less than 50 years. There are several factors involved; the conflict, the occupation, rationed water and the big security wall barrier that is built between Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Traditionally, the Christian community relied on selling the Olive wood religious items to pilgrims as a main source of income, but with the unstable conditions and the lack of pilgrimages, sales have declined. Catholics of the Holy Land graciously ask for your support through prayers and the purchase of these special religious art pieces. The proceeds from the sales generated much needed employment opportunities and monetary funds for their Catholic community. Think of your family, friends and yourself, and be as generous as God is to you.



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at your church, organization or company

Visit [upcfriends.com](http://upcfriends.com)  
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search for "The Unexpected Pregnancy Center"

Visit [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)  
Choose to support The Mother Teresa Foundation  
0.05% of your Amazon purchases will go to UPC

## Acceptable Donated Items

NEW BABY PRODUCTS  
(diapers, wipes, bottles, pacifiers, bath products, etc.)  
GENTLY USED CLOTHES  
(Newborn - size 10 kids and women's maternity)  
GENTLY USED BABY ESSENTIALS  
(cribs, beds, high chairs, playpens, bouncy seats, swings, etc.)



## The Bullies and That Book by George Weigel

Immediately after news broke on January 12 that Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI and Cardinal Robert Sarah had written a book on the crisis of the priesthood in the 21st-century Church, online hysteria erupted — which rather underscored the prudence of a New Year’s resolution I had recommended to concerned Catholics in a January 1 column: “Resolve to limit your exposure to the Catholic blogosphere.”

The extraordinary venom spewed at the pope emeritus and the cardinal by more than a few commentators did not advance the Church’s discussion of the reform of the priesthood one jot or tittle. It actually retarded that urgent discussion, diverting attention from some urgent issues (including the deep roots of the abuse crisis and the meaning of clerical celibacy) by treating a serious book as if it were a partisan political tract.

Yet the cacophony over the Benedict/Sarah book, **From the Depths of Our Hearts**, did serve two useful purposes: It spoke volumes about the character of the venomous, and it clarified some of the dynamics roiling the Church as the pontificate of Pope Francis approaches its seventh anniversary on March 13.

The attack on Pope Emeritus Benedict was exceptionally nasty — and deeply ill-informed. One prominent partisan of the current pontificate opined that Benedict is “conscious barely half an hour at a time”; another wizard from the left-field bleachers had it that Benedict was “incapacitated.” Neither man has the faintest idea of what he’s talking about. I spent a full 45 minutes with Pope Emeritus Benedict this past

October 19, discussing a broad range of issues. He was quite frail physically, but in the early evening of what I assume had been a normal day, he was completely lucid, quite well-informed, eager for new information, full of good humor, and able to recall themes and personalities from conversations we had had decades earlier. The pope emeritus seemed clear as a bell, intellectually, at age 92; can the same be said for those who, relying on “reports,” dismiss him as a senile old man, out of touch with events and perhaps even reality?

The attack on Cardinal Sarah was equally vicious and just as ill-informed. I have had the honor of knowing the Guinean cardinal for several years and, like anyone who has spent significant time with him, I have found him a man of profound holiness: a truly converted disciple of Jesus Christ whose ministry flows from his radical fidelity to the Lord. Despite the caricatures perpetrated by those who evidently fear his present and future influence in the Church, Cardinal Sarah has also struck me as a man of Christian joy, still amazed at the grace of God that has been at work in his life, and therefore able to laugh (in that robust way that only Africans can) at the human foibles of the moment. Cardinal Sarah was not laughing, however, at the claim that he had lied about the origin and nature of **From the Depths of Our Hearts** — and his righteous, if controlled, anger confirmed what those who actually know him understand: This is an honest man.

These calumnies against Benedict and Sarah were amplified by another absurd charge: that by discharging their minds and consciences on what is necessary for an authentic reform of the priesthood, the pope emeritus and the cardinal were somehow

interfering with Pope Francis’s “discernment” after the Amazonian synod of this past October. So it has now come down (and I do mean down) to this: The partisans of openness and dialogue are now telling two of Catholicism’s most distinguished sons that their views are unwelcome; that the theological and pastoral defense of clerical celibacy is an act of disloyalty to Pope Francis; and that they should just shut up.

These are not the tactics of advocates convinced that they have won the substantive argument and are likely to continue winning. These are the tactics of those who, fearful that time is running out, imagine that their only recourse is to resort to bullying.

There is nothing of churchmanship in this, nor is there anything of Christian charity. The reform of the priesthood is essential for the evangelizing Mission of the Church. Those who dismissed a serious proposal for such reform, in large part by vilifying its authors, branded themselves as less interested in reforming the priesthood of the New Covenant than in ecclesiastical power games.

*George Weigel is Distinguished Senior Fellow of Washington, D.C.’s Ethics and Public Policy Center, where he holds the William E. Simon Chair in Catholic Studies.*



## What Priestly Celibacy Means by Fr. Gerald E. Murray

The publication of **From the Depths of Our Hearts – Priesthood, Celibacy and the Crisis of the Catholic Church** written by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI and Robert Cardinal Sarah, caused great unease among promoters of the ordination of married men to the priesthood in the Amazon region (and, surprise, everywhere else). Now that the controversy over the joint authorship has receded, it's worth looking at what the two distinguished churchmen actually said on the subject.

Because they present an eloquent defense of the fundamental evangelical and pastoral value of priestly celibacy. Their essays remind us that the celibate priesthood in the Latin Church is not a merely contingent choice made in a less enlightened period, nor a convenient managerial strategy for avoiding inheritance disputes and reducing clergy costs.

Celibacy is a radical call to those who would represent Christ to His people *in persona Christi capitis*, in the person of Christ the head of His Mystical Body, to embrace wholly Christ's entire way of life. To discard this requirement would be to deprive God's people of shepherds after the Heart of Christ, the Chief Shepherd, Who laid down His life for His sheep not simply at the Crucifixion but at every moment. Celibate priests bring Christ to the world in a way that powerfully proclaims that He is worth the total gift of one's life.

When I read an advance English translation of the book, I was deeply moved, especially by Cardinal Sarah's reflections on his own pastoral experiences.

Sarah writes, citing Pope Benedict XVI's address to the clergy of the Diocese of Bolzano-Bressanone: "How could a Christian community understand the priest if it is not obvious that he is 'removed from the common sphere' and 'delivered to God'? How could Christians understand that the priest gives himself to them if he is not entirely given over to the Father?"

He continues: "In early 1976, when I was a young priest, I traveled to certain remote villages in Guinea. Some of them had not had a visit from a priest for almost

ten years, because the European missionaries had been expelled in 1967 by Sékou Touré ... I will never be able to forget their unimaginable joy when I celebrated Mass, which they had not experienced for such a long time. Allow me to state forcefully and with certainty: I think that if they had ordained married men in each village, they would have extinguished the Eucharistic hunger of the faithful. They would have cut the people off from that joy of receiving another Christ in the priest. For, *with the instinct of faith, poor people know that a priest who has renounced marriage gives them the gift of his spousal love.*" (Emphasis added)

As a celibate priest, Sarah knew the Lord's gift of peace given to those who have left behind the blessing of wife and family, to follow Him: "How many times, while walking for long hours between the villages, with a briefcase-altar on my head, under the blazing sun, I myself experienced the joy of self-giving for the Church-Bride ... How I would love it if all my confreres could someday experience the welcome of a priest in an African village that recognizes Christ the Bridegroom in him: what an explosion of joy!"

Sarah continues:

*The ordination of married men would deprive the young churches that are being evangelized of this experience of the presence and of the visit of Christ, delivered and given in the person of the celibate priest ... A plan that would consist of depriving communities and priests of this joy is not a work of mercy. As a son of Africa, I cannot in conscience support the idea that people who are being evangelized should be deprived of this encounter with a priesthood that is fully lived out. The peoples of Amazonia have the right to a full experience of Christ the Bridegroom. We cannot offer them 'second-class' priests. On the contrary, the younger a Church is, the more She needs an encounter with the radical character of the Gospel.*

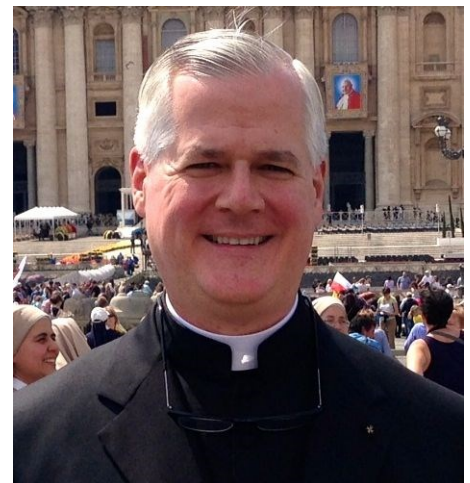
Perhaps the most patently objectionable reason given at the Synod on the Amazon for doing away with the requirement of priestly celibacy is that the people of the Amazon do not understand celibacy. Sarah is at his best when addressing this patronizing judgment: "Through the

instinct of faith, the faithful of all cultures unfailingly recognize Christ offered for all in the celibate priest. Consequently, I would like to express my deep indignation when I hear it said that the ordination of married men is a necessity since the peoples of Amazonia do not understand celibacy or that this reality will always be foreign to their culture. I see in this sort of argument a contemptuous, neocolonialist and infantilizing mentality that shocks me. All the peoples of the world are capable of understanding the Eucharistic logic of priestly celibacy ... Is it reasonable to think that God's grace would be inaccessible to the peoples of Amazonia and that God would deprive them of the grace of priestly celibacy that the Church has guarded for centuries as a precious jewel? There is no culture that God's grace cannot reach and transform. When God enters into a culture, He does not leave it intact. He destabilizes and purifies it. He transforms and divinizes it."

Sarah then zeroes in on what is going on in these discussions: **"Some Western missionaries no longer understand the profound meaning of celibacy and project their doubts onto the Amazonian peoples."** (Emphasis added) I would add that it is not just missionaries who fall into this way of thinking.

The rejection of the celibate priesthood by influential churchmen is a sign of the erosion of the supernatural sense in our times. The reaffirmation of the value of celibacy by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI and Cardinal Sarah is a providential gift to the Church.

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





**February 1**  
1897 Claude Gonsoulin  
1902 Anastasia Guidry  
1927 Marie Breaux  
1930 Irma Molbert  
1938 Emile Gregoire  
1938 Celina Verret  
1940 Roy Simon  
1959 Rev. Victore Faure  
2013 Herbert Robin  
2019 Robert Braquet

**February 2**  
1892 Leilia Mitchel  
1902 Augustine Blanchard  
1903 Armand Breaux  
1911 Rosa Alexandre  
1919 Noelie Broussard  
1921 Mary Louis  
1926 Andre Braquet  
1953 Harry Jewel  
1982 Raymond Schneider  
2005 Elmo Ransonet  
2018 Mary Ann Provost

**February 3**  
1881 Mathilde Ransonet  
1895 Alexandre Vital  
1910 Lillian Breaux  
1919 Infant Gonsoulin  
1933 Helene Suard  
1971 Davis Broussard  
1980 Elizabeth Prados  
1999 Camille Weber  
2001 Mae Ransonet  
2014 Murphy Landry

**February 4**  
1901 Ms. Joseph Verret  
1924 Ms. Euzelieu Landry  
1933 Maxille Lewis  
1938 Infant Guillotte  
1938 Edwin Judice  
1939 Willie Rias  
1948 Antoine Escagne  
1984 Edwin Burke  
1987 Lilly Gonsoulin  
1989 Anna Mae Vaughn  
1994 Albert Broussard  
2005 James Richard St.  
2009 Melba Dugas

**February 5**  
1876 Emilie LaBouve  
1885 Alexandre Chouveau  
1906 Ardes Bpmom  
1911 St. Cyr Dugas  
1916 Mme. Broussard  
1916 Joseph Prince  
1919 E. Lee  
1921 Constance Judice  
1949 Ulger Archange  
1985 Lavonne LaSalle  
2006 Shelton LeCamus  
2009 Yolande LeBlanc

**February 6**  
1893 Louis LeCamus  
1904 Anne Gonsoulin

1905 Helaire Escoubas  
1918 Ms. Celestine Landry  
1925 Martha Warrick  
1934 Anne Girouard  
1935 Jeanette Estillette  
1936 Euseide Albert  
1942 Albert Olivier  
1963 Eloi Hebert  
1965 Louise Borel  
1976 George Andrus  
1978 Clyde Dressel  
1980 Baby Mestayer

**February 7**  
1911 Julmas Duperier  
1928 Anna Belle DeMaye  
1946 Edgar Broussard  
1949 John Bonin  
1966 Anthony Lamperez  
2014 Jacque Braquet  
2017 Russell Ruiz, Jr.

**February 8**  
1900 Ms. Octave LeBlanc  
1953 Adonis Gonsoulin  
1955 James Persilver  
1978 Aline Bonin  
1983 Lona Broussard  
1984 Henrietta Broussard  
2001 Michael Lawson Jr.  
2005 Lennet Grivat Sr.  
2010 Barry Eldridge

**February 9**  
1894 Infant Provost  
1906 Infant Gondran  
1908 Helene Bastien  
1923 Ms. Ben Lissard  
1929 Winston Lewis  
1937 Paul Dressel  
1942 Euphraise Broussard  
1960 Philomene Decuir  
1963 Irma Bonin  
1966 Gilman Dupre  
1973 Milton McDuff  
1989 Anthony Berard  
1990 Eliza Patin  
1997 Bertha Braquet  
2013 Bentley Smith  
2019 Maurice Provost

**February 10**  
1901 Infant Dugas  
1916 Estella Antoine  
1918 Infant Gonsoulin  
1918 Louis Arnaud  
1936 Robert Dauterive  
1958 Euphemon Bonin  
1961 Lydia Walet  
1963 Dale Vaughn  
1967 Antonia Gouter  
1993 Clifford Broussard  
2008 Eula Judice  
2014 Jennifer Bienvenue  
2017 Loren Pierre

**February 11**  
1877 Constance Berard  
1895 Amalie Broussard

1922 Josephine Jones  
1935 Price Oubre  
1948 Felicie Dugas  
1965 Dorestan Price  
1969 Elizabeth Gonsoulin  
1972 Andrew Bonin Sr.  
1975 Elizabeth Breaux  
1976 Annette Judice  
1979 Junius Frioux  
1990 Juliette Melancon

**February 12**  
1880 Dozite Breaux  
1884 Anna Ste.Cyr  
1889 Anatole Broussard  
1893 Lucien Crone  
1910 Effece Decuir  
1922 Ms. Henri Braquet  
1925 Feresia Price  
1927 Florida Vital  
1936 Adele Broussard  
1940 Edmee Dugas  
1944 Joseph Segura  
1945 Lillian Bohue  
1953 Clementine Riley  
1963 Martin Amy  
1963 Julia LaBouve  
1974 Percy VanBrocklin  
1993 Rita Walet  
2011 Patrice Hebert

**February 13**  
1884 Rosette ?  
1900 Infant Broussard  
1903 Syles John  
1918 Euphemie Decuir  
1923 Ms. Simon Eldridge  
1925 Oride Gondron  
1935 Elaina Frederick  
1935 Mathilde Girouard  
1939 Rosa Johnson  
1940 Alice Sieber  
1971 Annette Verret  
1975 Verne Pixley  
1986 Calvin Braquet  
2002 Gertrude Vaughn  
2015 Cheryl Segura  
2015 Ervin Knatt

**February 14**  
1883 Marie Stewart  
1894 Casimere Johnny  
1918 Emile Broussard  
1921 Constance Judice  
1926 Edgar Oubre  
1933 Doris Latiolais  
1933 Joseph Dorey  
1953 Steven Domingue  
1956 Thomas Gonsoulin  
1993 Robert Doerle  
2002 Edmonia Tauzin  
2003 Sheryl Pelous

**February 15**  
1896 Infant Johnson  
1900 Ms. Joseph Blanchard  
1903 Ladger Crossing  
1929 Infant Judice  
1942 Aurelia Dugas

1953 Bertha Arnaud  
1968 Sidney Prince  
1995 Lezin Rodriguez  
1998 Rose Bourque  
2007 Connor Sons  
2013 Suzette Judice  
2013 Jules Vital  
2015 Delinda Anthony

**February 16**  
1900 Infant Provost  
1905 Veolor Prince  
1905 Emile Borest  
1914 Infant Ste. Marie  
1916 Infant Boudreaux  
1924 Zeolide Darby  
1934 Marseana Decuir  
1936 Laurence Didier  
1945 Henry Broussard  
1955 Adelia Bonin  
1960 Douva Barrilleaux  
1992 Wayne Gondron  
2013 Kelly Louviere  
2014 Louis Broussard

**February 17**  
1909 Collin Proutt  
1953 Mary Mestayer  
1960 Bettina Suire  
1966 Edalie Moulondon  
1966 Onesia LeCamus  
1972 Emerite Gondron  
1978 Claire Eldridge  
1981 Desire Lissard  
1986 Louise Crochet

**February 18**  
1901 Ms. Aurilieu Breaux  
1902 Alzina Simon  
1903 Jeanne Simon  
1916 Anna Lockwood  
1917 Ms. Oscar Louviere  
1930 Maudry Doucette  
1933 Adonis Broussard  
1942 Eudolie Dugas  
1949 Adolphe Olivier  
1981 Gerdie Judice  
1990 Elise Vincent  
2005 Clifford Gonsoulin  
2015 Brandy Vital  
2018 Charles Buras, Sr.

**February 19**  
1901 Adolphe Gonsoulin  
1907 Joacin Antoine  
1935 Mary Porter  
1943 Lue Landry  
1958 Louis Bonin  
1979 Grace Breaux  
1984 Ms. Felix Breaux  
1990 Louto Boutte  
1993 Walter Granger Jr.  
2001 Harvey Latiolais  
2010 Joyce Albert  
2011 Lloyd Tripeaux

**February 20**  
1876 Albert LeBlanc  
1905 Willey Gardner

1905 Joseph Blanchard  
1909 Alice LeCamus  
1924 Camille Lewis  
1926 Adeline Dugas  
1946 Emerite Molbert  
1979 Anthony Chataignier  
1982 Euphemon Vincent  
1985 Etienne Romero  
1985 Clarence Tauzin  
1997 Agnes Bellot  
1998 William Audibert  
1999 Mae Crochet  
2005 Earl Boutte  
2008 Kevin Mayea  
2012 Sidney Horton Jr.  
2014 Deloris Rochon

**February 21**  
1889 Loreau Auzer  
1892 Charlotte Hamilton  
1906 Elise Dugas  
1908 Gustave Warrick  
1912 Elda Crochet  
1914 Marie Dugas  
1918 Carmelite Louviere  
1922 Eva Dugas  
1926 Constance Gondron  
1936 Lydia Faucheaux  
1938 Lucile Ransonet  
1942 Louis Grand  
1945 Eddie Terradot  
1957 Joseph Broussard  
1985 Edwin Gonsoulin  
2011 Rita Viator

**February 22**  
1885 Marguerite Louviere  
1892 Moyer Provost  
1892 Carmelite LeBlanc  
1917 Eusebe Provost  
1923 Ms. Sidney Prince  
1931 Julia Fallis  
1933 Gustave Bonin  
1936 Irene Fontenette  
1941 Anthony Walet  
1960 Louise Braquet  
1961 Gustave Berard  
1966 Carrie Gonsoulin  
1969 Ms. Lee Dugas  
1970 Tony Broussard  
1989 Antoine Braquet  
2002 Lillian Erikson

**February 23**  
1900 Ms. Vincent  
1917 Victorine Geoffroy  
1928 Ms. Charles Blanchard  
1936 Ethel Faucheaux  
1943 Sully Dugas  
1958 Antonin Brquet  
1972 Shane Broussard  
1978 Ernestine Broussard  
1979 Otto Bonin  
1993 Emile Dressel Jr.  
2017 Emus Borel

**February 24**  
1901 M. Marcelite  
1911 Laurence Norbert

1923 Ms Laurent Barilleaux  
1931 Leo Jones  
1934 Alfred Bonin  
1959 Lena Boutte  
2011 Wilfred Lancon  
2018 Steven Boudreaux

**February 25**  
1908 Infant Blanchard  
1915 Abel Decuir  
1939 Letitia Broussard  
1968 Joseph Landry  
2002 Clalia Crochet  
2019 Anna Mae Gachassin

**February 26**  
1898 Charles Fontenot  
1956 Norbert Provost  
1963 Helene Grivat  
1969 Laurent Bayard  
1978 Rose Plessela  
1992 Oscar Courville  
2001 Raymond Borel

**February 27**  
1873 ? Julien  
1904 Leon John  
1913 Annette Gardner  
1919 Celestine Simon  
1932 Elizabeth Dugas  
1933 Edeole Broussard  
1941 Louisiane Clovis  
1958 Samuel Frioux  
1961 Willie Judice  
1972 Marcelite Broussard  
1976 Elisie Vaughn  
1996 Mae Derouen  
1999 James Jenkins  
2011 Elgin Romero  
2019 Mercedes Louviere

**February 28**  
1893 Infant Dugas  
1897 Camile Hebert  
1929 Felius Gatch  
1930 Emma Dugas  
1934 Elina Dugas  
1939 Edmond Dugas  
1958 Alice Braquet  
1960 Beverly Chataignier  
1976 Olympe Blanchard  
1986 Lamar Nassans  
1996 Christopher Caillouet  
2006 Lorphus Cabrol

**February 29**  
1912 Ernest Antoine  
1916 Bertrand Brquet  
1980 Marie Bonin  
1988 Rivers Provost  
2012 Clayton Dugas

# Necrology

# February Birthdays

Happy Birthday!  
May God richly bless you on your special day.  
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## February 1

Angel Bonin  
Dustin Charpentier  
Kaidey Duplechain  
Helen Toffier  
Hannah Zimmerman

## February 2

Josie Stiles  
Chase Clifton  
Gabrielle Lopez  
Blaise Romero  
Stevie Williams  
Gage Bourque

## February 3

Chad Baudry  
Mindy Belaire  
Blake Douet  
Kyle East  
Stan Judice  
Tyler Mitchell  
Peyton Ledford  
Landon Courville  
Esme Badeaux

## February 4

Pamela Romero  
Beth Huval  
Braedon Berard  
Derick Huval  
Erin Worsham  
Analise Romero  
Avery Begnaud  
Stacie Bourque  
Barbara Boutte  
John Delcambre  
Kelton Musumeche  
Cathy Veazy

## February 5

Adam Crochet  
Dawn Boudreaux  
Spencer Gondron  
Linda Escagne  
Jana Angelle  
Kennedy Williams  
Caitlin Migues  
Cole Delahoussaye  
Andrew Champagne  
Emmaline Theriot

## February 6

Brody Champagne  
Bryan Stephens

## February 7

Dianne LeBlanc  
April Blanchard  
Isabella Viator  
Ella Robin

## February 8

Gaelyn Lopez  
Sandy Sonnier  
Ashley Courville  
Dylan Laviolette  
Lucas Landry  
Benny Mestayer  
Colton Ransonet  
Courtney Dugas

## February 9

Janet Thibodeaux  
Brody Charpentier  
Beau Blanchard  
Russell Erikson  
Scott Guidry  
Joshua Matt

## February 10

Brittaney Glynn  
Joshua Girouard  
Brittany Hebert  
Damien Breaux  
Marie Allard  
Landon Guillot  
Cody Fauchaux

## February 11

Carol Gondron  
Scarlett Segura  
Shaunna Latiolais  
Shelby McIntyre  
Tara Segura

## February 12

Sherry Lopez  
Mary Louviere  
Macie Buteaux  
Broc Romero  
Lauren Louviere  
Ava Claudet  
Remi Courville

## February 13

Gary Boudreaux, Jr.  
Gail Hebert  
Ed Pommier

## February 14

Alyson Bourque  
Alec Richard  
Brantley Schaubert  
Kelsey Gondron

## February 15

Jacob Mestayer  
Kandis Guillot  
Ramsey Hulin  
Alex Tucker  
Carson Scott  
Mylee LeBlanc

Jordan Rebert  
Alayna Theriot  
Fisher Hotard

## February 16

Tammy Breaux  
Hayden Landry  
Blayze Landry  
Audrey Barrientez  
Anjelle Graves

## February 17

Bailey Alebert  
Buddy Chastant  
Brooke Garrett  
Catherine Jumonville  
Noah Barthelemy

## February 18

Basil Borel  
Jonathan Norris  
Hunter Prados

## February 19

Maxine Latiolais  
Brandi Angelle  
Devon Dressel  
Dylan Blanchard  
Ava Mayer  
Whitney Boudreaux  
Brad Judice  
Alison Saunier

**February 20**  
Michael Thibodeaux  
Allison Broussard  
Kelly Dugas  
Jonathan Boudreaux  
Kelsi Romero  
Mackenzie Frederick  
Olive Borel  
Jenna Latiolais  
Greyson Steiner

## February 21

Cassie Landry  
Gabrielle Daniels  
Jennifer Broussard

## February 22

Jory Neuville  
Marcus Broussard  
Scott Angelle  
Ashley Comb  
Emma Stoute  
Roy Breaux, Jr.  
Emma-Claire Latiolais

## February 23

Seth Bienvenu  
Finn Marcantel  
Emma Waguespack  
René LeBlanc  
Dale Theriot  
Cole Romero  
Nanci Pellerin  
Ruby Borel  
Jami Moore  
Bevyn Landry  
David Berard  
Kyzin Broussard

## February 24

Eric Suire  
James Glynn, Jr.  
Collin Lee  
Jagger Lancon  
Isabella Menard

## February 25

Jason Badeaux  
Casey Comeaux  
Randolph Galentine  
Mary Hymel  
Maddie Richard  
Robin Bergeron

## February 26

Sister Tracy Dugas  
Jamie Vaughn  
Kevin Courville  
Mia Hebert  
Whiney Boudreaux  
Seth Landry

## February 27

Cindy Guidry  
Kelbie Badeaux  
Luke Provost

## February 28

Michael Thibeaux  
Duane Boutte  
Jason Badeaux  
Ross Girouard  
Corey Derouen  
Aaron Stanfield  
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Gloria Romero  
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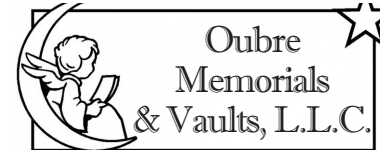
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