



## Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass — 4:00 p.m.

Sunday — 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. [Temporary]

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

Wednesday — 6:45 a.m. at Saint Joseph

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. and one-half hour before all weekday Masses, or by appointment during office hours.

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday — 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

If possible please conduct parish business by phone or email.

### RECEPTIONIST/BOOKKEEPER/CEMETERIAN

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### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Adoration Chapel is closed until further notice. The Main Church is open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday for your convenience.

### FUNERALS

A Funeral Service in church without Mass will be celebrated along with a graveside service at the cemetery.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism will be celebrated with godparents and immediate family only. Those with compromised immune systems should not attend. Families may opt to delay the baptism until the whole family can gather in celebration. In the case of an emergency Baptism is always permissible.

### SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Weddings are to be celebrated according to the Rite for celebrating marriage outside of Mass with immediate family only. Engaged couples may wish to consider rescheduling their weddings, if possible.

### SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

“Anointing of the Sick will remain available as needed by the faithful.”



O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption.

### *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.



Lisa Adcock, Kendall Romero, 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 Poirrier, 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, Falyn Sonnier, Rickey Sonnier, Caline Provost, Patricia Freyou, Lecia Broussard, Jason Walker, Michael Theriot, Roshondra Nora, Noah Abraham, Jimmy LeBlanc, Chad Borel, Sophie Bonin, Ashley Hebert, Stephen Dugas, Bonnie Hebert, Jon-Luke Lancon, Jade Delcambre, Doris Prados, Gail Louviere, Pat Villermin., Ira Bourque, Hailey Thomassee, Lon Prioux.

*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.*

## Instructions with Regard to Mass Attendance

Based on the Governor's instructions, Bishop Deshotel is allowing 50% occupancy at all Masses. We will continue to follow the temporary Sunday Mass schedule until further notice. This schedule is still subject to change with regard to civil authorities. The temporary Sunday Mass schedule is as follows:

Saturday - 4:00 p.m. — Last names beginning with A - G only

Sunday - 8:00 a.m. — Last names beginning with H - N only

Sunday - 10:00 a.m. — Last names beginning with O - Z only

*Division by last name is due to state Fire Marshall regulations which impose a 50% occupancy limit for our buildings.*

**If you are unable to attend the suggested Mass above please go to Mass when you can.**

*Thank you for helping with this.*

All Sunday Masses will be livestreamed on YouTube at:  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCB5E10COR9\\_I0tQhZ7MtrQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCB5E10COR9_I0tQhZ7MtrQ)

The Ushers will continue to seat everyone according to the instructions that we have been given by the bishop. Entrance into the church is by the front center doors only. Please cooperate with the Ushers as only the pews marked with blue tape will be used. Phase II Reopening requires a limit of 50% occupancy of our buildings. Please help us in this endeavor.

At the end of Mass everyone may exit in an orderly manner using all doors to prevent crowding.

Persons who are ill (fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills, loss of taste/smell etc.) as well as those with preexisting conditions should not attend Mass. Also, persons over 65 years old are at a higher risk of experiencing worse symptoms than others if they contract the coronavirus virus and should consider not attending Mass.

All Catholics in the Diocese of Lafayette remain dispensed from their obligation from attending Sunday Masses. At this time we encourage everyone in reasonably good health to begin returning to Church and at least fulfill your spiritual duty on any weekday. Sit toward the front of church in a pew marked with blue tape.

State regulations require that persons in public gatherings are required to wear masks or face coverings. Please bring your own pocket/purse supply of hand sanitizer.

The Priest and deacon will function as Eucharistic Ministers until further notice. They will also fulfill the other ministries as well.

For the distribution of Holy Communion, the priest and deacon will go out to the people. **Please do not leave your pew.**

As governmental guidelines change these guidelines will be changed.

### The Weekday Mass schedule has changed. Please make note:

Monday and Friday - 6:45 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory

Wednesday - 6:45 a.m. at Saint Joseph

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

Weekday Livestream Mass on YouTube - 10:00 a.m.

**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 14	Rev. John Payne, SJ Dcn. Robert Klingman/Sr. Alberta Billeaud, OCD
June 15	Rev. René Pellessier Dcn. Denis LaCroix/Sr. Aimee Bodin, OCD
June 16	Rev. Stephen Pellessier Dcn. Dennis Landry/Sr. Jacinta Cormier, OCD
June 17	Rev. Donald Pelous Dcn. Barry LeBlanc/Sr. Mariette David, OCD
June 18	Rev. Neil Pettit Dcn. Josh LeBlanc/Sr. Teresa Benedicta Folmer, OCD
June 19	Rev. Daniel Picard Dcn. Eugene LeBoeuf/Sr. Elizabeth Heredia, OCD
June 20	Rev. Benjamin Pitre Dcn. Tim Ledet/Sr. Marie Camille Hoang, OCD

## Mass Intentions — 6/13-6/19

**Saturday 4:00 p.m.** — Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Protection from and end to Corona Virus, 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, Chad Romero, Deyna Champagne, Audrey Crochet, Jordan Prince and Special Intention, 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 Barnilleaux, 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., Mike Judice, Ken Segura, Francis and Lorena Dupoy and Patrick Lasseigne, Katie Boutte, Matil Romero, Justin Lile, Walter and Doris M. Judice, Gloria and Sam Delcambre and Family, Justin Boudreaux, Elton Bourque Family, Philip Hebert Family, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.

**Sunday 8:00 a.m.** — John Michael Steiner, Jay Gonsoulin Family, Paul Sonnier Family and Clyde Warfel Family, 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, Protection from and end to Corona Virus, Maude Granger and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ransonet, 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 Voorhies, Oris Cormier, Katie Boutte, Catherine Defelice and Tracey Defelice Guilbeau, Virginia Landry, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.

**10:00 a.m.** — Alvin and Faye Tauzin, Edmonia Tauzin, Marcel and Nadage Broussard, Jimmy Eldridge, Elaine

Plessala and Eldridge Family, Cheryl Segura, Pliny Walet Family, Agnes Breaux, Louis and Elbay Judice, Boots Thomas, Joe Boudreaux and Justin Boudreaux, Katie Boutte, Sandra Angelle and Glenn Angelle, Percy Granger, Shelton Joseph and Ella Mae Desormeaux Freyou, Mike Judice, Lazaire Dugas, Jerry Lasseigne, 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, Protection from and end to Corona Virus, 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** — Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Protection from and end to Corona Virus, Mike Judice, Mrs. Naomi H. Bennett, Mrs. Clara Jacquet, Mr. Edward Jacquet (10yr. Anniversary Mass), Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet, Mr. Edward Jacquet (D) (10yr. Anniversary—June 16th), Mrs. Clara Jacquet (D), Mrs. Naomi H. Bennett (D).

**Wednesday 6:45 a.m. StJo** — Andrew "Toupee" Bonin, Mike Judice, John Michael Steiner, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Protection from and end to Corona Virus, 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** — Allen Borres, Mike Judice, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Protection from and end to Corona Virus, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.

**Friday 6:45 a.m. OLV** — Mike Judice, Jaci Suarez and family, Benjamin Decuir Family, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Judice and Walet Families, Protection from and end to Corona Virus, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.

**The Goal: Union in Christ's Body and Blood**  
by Rev. Charles Fox

*O sacred Banquet, wherein Christ is received, the memory of His passion is recalled, the soul is filled with grace, and there is given to us a pledge of future glory.*

Saint Thomas Aquinas  
*O Sacrum Communionem* (Hymn for Corpus Christi)

Salvation History — the unfolding story of Christ's Life, Death, and Resurrection and its meaning for our lives — involves a past, present, and a future. In his hymn for the great feast of Corpus Christi, *O Sacrum Communionem* ("O Sacred Banquet"), Saint Thomas Aquinas precisely identifies three crucial moments of Salvation History that are all woven into the mystery of the Holy Eucharist:

- at a particular moment in the *past*, Jesus Christ suffered and died for our salvation;
- *today*, that supernova of grace becomes present to us once again on the altar of sacrifice, and we are able to receive His Body and Blood;
- and in a *future* is promised, one we begin to taste now as we celebrate the Eucharist, but which will be definitively fulfilled in Heaven.

The world today has lost its sense of meaning. People often lack any deep sense of purpose or direction. Their goals are too often reduced to seeking pleasure, rest, or distraction. And when those goals prove unsatisfying, they give up altogether on the goodness of life.

In the Holy Eucharist, we find the exact antidote to this cancer of the human spirit. The truth that the all-holy Son of God chooses to become present among us, chooses to nourish us, to share His life and strength with us, chooses to remain with us so that we can worship Him and grow in friendship with Him, infuses our lives with an immeasurably rich meaning. We find this meaning in the story of our salvation, made present in the Holy Eucharist. The saving death of the Son of God, the graces the risen Son gives to us today, and the promise that we will live with Him, and with the Father and the Holy Spirit, forever, charges every moment of our lives with drama and importance.

Pope Benedict XVI, in a 2007 document on the Eucharist, *Sacramentum Caritatis* ("The Sacrament of Charity"), uses an apt expression: "the Eucharistic Form of the Christian life." We have in this single phrase an encapsulation of the immeasurably great and rich reality into which we are immersed when we encounter Christ in the Eucharist, and into which we invite others as we evangelize.

The Christian life is Eucharistic in many senses ... My focus here is on the Eucharist as the "summit" to which we aspire, to which the pilgrimage of our entire earthly lives is directed.

Our focus on the Eucharist as the summit of our lives will

**The Sanctuary Lamp is burning for:**

For the Community

**The Vocation Chalice is in Church**

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

**Flowers on the Altar in memory of**

Deceased Members of the Community

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

Members of the Community

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

Members of the Community

**Saint Joseph Altar Candles are burning for**

Delcambre and Breaux Families

Chad Romero and Deyna Champagne

Charles and Jackie Poirier Family

Landry and Champagne Families

Ancestors and Descendants

and Souls in Purgatory

Pope, Priest, Religious,

Protection from and end to Corona Virus

Peace in the World, Peace in Families

Steven and Donna Berard Family Special Intention

For our President to succeed

in bringing this country back to God

take shape as an exploration of four themes: union with Christ and each other in Him, the Eucharist as the Sacrament of Peace, the Eucharist and the Universal Call to Holiness, and the Eucharist as a foretaste and promise of Heaven. We will see that these themes are closely interrelated ...

**Union with Christ and His Church**

One of the names we use for the Eucharist is Holy Communion, and the root meaning of the word "communion" is deep, binding union. The word "religion" has a similar meaning. At the essence of the Church's life is our union with Jesus Christ. We are His Body; He is our head. We are that closely bound to each other.

If you ask the question, "What's going on, spiritually," when we celebrate the Mass and receive Holy Communion, the best answer to that question is that we are being drawn into closer union with Christ and each other. And to be drawn into union with Christ means we also become more united with the Father and the Holy Spirit. This reflection puts us in touch with two passages from the Last Supper in John's Gospel:

- **The Vine and the Branches** (John 15:1-8) — In this passage, Jesus clearly teaches that union with Him brings life, while separation from Him brings death;
- **Christ's invitation to the household of His Father** (John 14:2-3, "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places ...") — The image of a household evokes intimacy and shared life, so to be invited into the Father's household promises that we will share in the very life of the Holy Trinity.

The very elements of bread and wine signify the union the Sacrament of the Eucharist effects, as Saint Paul reminds us. He writes in I Corinthians 10:17, "Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf." The same is true of the wine consecrated into the Blood of Christ. Many grapes are crushed so that they might become one drink. In this way, the appearances of the Eucharist remind us of the spiritual reality at work in the Sacrament. God is truly the best of authors and artists, and He knows well how to communicate His life and truth to us.

**The Sacrament of Peace**

At the Last Supper, Jesus told His apostles, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you" (John 14:27). But what does Christ mean by "peace" ...

Peace is not about merely leaving other people alone. The Eucharist brings true peace because it strengthens our peace with God, within ourselves, and with others. Three "fruits" of Holy Communion, according to the **Catechism** (¶¶ 1393-1395), are that the Sacrament separates us from sin, wipes away our venial (less serious) sins, and preserves us from future mortal (gravely serious) sins. To sin is to commit an act of spiritual violence against God, ourselves, and other people. Sin is an act of war. Insofar as the Eucharist acts against sin, it brings us the peace of Jesus Christ. The Eucharist was perhaps first called a sacrament of peace by Saint Ignatius of Antioch near the turn of the second century, and it remains so for us today.

**The Eucharist and the Universal Call to Holiness**

One of the clarion calls of the Second Vatican Council was the "Universal Call to Holiness," the truth that all people are called to become holy, and not only those with vocations to the priesthood or consecrated life.

The call to holiness is rooted in the Sacrament of Baptism, but finds its culmination in the Holy Eucharist. The Eucharist, being the "Sacrament of Sacraments," completes Christian initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion) and is the greatest source of sanctifying (holiness-effecting) power Christ has given us.

"Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect," Jesus says in His Sermon On the Mount (Matthew 5:48). To be like the Father is to love, because "God is love" (I John 4:8). Saint Thomas Aquinas teaches the perfection to which Christ calls us is especially perfection in charity, or Christian love. He further writes that the freedom from sin effected by the Eucharist is the surest path to sharing in God's love. The Eucharist prepares our hearts to love, and because it is filled with the self-sacrificing love of Jesus Christ, it in turn fills our hearts with His divine love.

Pope Benedict XVI, in *Sacramentum Caritatis*, draws a

connection between the Eucharist and martyrdom, the act by which a Christian shares most completely in the self-sacrificing love of Jesus Christ, which He described for us when He said, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13). The Eucharist is the food of martyrs, which strengthens us by the power of Christ's Death and Resurrection to love as He has loved us. Whether or not we are called to die for our faith in Christ, the Sacrament strengthens us to remain faithful and give witness to Him no matter what the cost. Martyrdom is not the only path to holiness, by any means, but to be ready for martyrdom is to be ready for whatever is the path to holiness down which God calls us.

**The Eucharist as the Bread of Heaven**

"Our citizenship is in Heaven," Saint Paul tells us in Philippians 3:20. A simple way of expressing the salvation Christ has won for us is to say that the Son of God has come to earth that He might bring us to Heaven.

The great Christian apologist C.S. Lewis once wrote that for many of us, the way we live our lives today, the joys of Heaven would prove to be an acquired taste. In the Holy Eucharist, we acquire the taste for Heaven's goodness. We become more spiritual, more godly, more loving and virtuous. We learn to set aside not only what is sinful, but also that which is merely earthly. We learn to prioritize God and His Kingdom.

The Eucharist empowers our conversion, which we can think of as a turning away from the world toward God and the life of Heaven. The Eucharist, as an experience of Heaven on earth, allows the Christian to appropriate more deeply the divine life God offers him. Monsignor Ronald Knox once preached in a sermon on the Holy Eucharist, "We must be weaned away from earth first; and the means by which he does that is holy communion. That is the medicine which enables the enfeebled soul to look steadily at the divine light, to breathe deeply of the unfamiliar air."

In His Bread of Life Discourse, Jesus speaks of the "Bread of Heaven" that He will give so that His disciples might go enjoy divine life (John 6:32-33, 51):

*Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the Bread from Heaven; My Father gives you the true Bread from Heaven. For the Bread of God is that which comes down from Heaven and gives Life to the world ... I am the living Bread that came down from Heaven; whoever eats this Bread will live forever; and the Bread that I will give is My Flesh for the Life of the world.*

In the same discourse, Jesus teaches that to refuse the Bread of Life is to refuse the Life the Eucharist gives. Hell is a real threat for those who knowingly choose to live outside of communion in Christ's Body and Blood. But for those who believe, who live faithful lives as followers of Christ and members of His Church, and who participate in the Sacrifice and the Sacrament of the Eucharist, eternal life is their inheritance.

The "Eucharistic form of Life," then, is a Life oriented to Heaven, a Life of perfection in the Divine Love of the Father, a Life lived in imitation of the Lord Jesus, a Life entirely animated by the Holy Spirit. The Eucharist fills our lives with meaning, and both empowers and accompanies us until the our lives reach their fulfillment, when we complete our pilgrimage and ascend to the Summit of union with God and Eternal Life in Him.

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**United Against the *Invisible Enemy*  
of All Humanity’  
by Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò**

*This open letter was written by Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò to President Donald J. Trump in response to the Covid-19 pandemic and anti-police riots in the United States.*

June 7, 2020  
Holy Trinity Sunday

Mr. President,

In recent months we have been witnessing the formation of two opposing sides that I would call *Biblical*: the children of light and the children of darkness. The children of light constitute the most conspicuous part of humanity, while the children of darkness represent an absolute minority. And yet the former are the object of a sort of discrimination which places them in a situation of moral inferiority with respect to their adversaries, who often hold strategic positions in government, in politics, in the economy and in the media. In an apparently inexplicable way, the good are held hostage by the wicked and by those who help them either out of self-interest or fearfulness.

These two sides, which have a *Biblical* nature, follow the clear separation between the offspring of the Woman and the offspring of the Serpent. On the one hand there are those who, although they have a thousand defects and weaknesses, are motivated by the desire to do good, to be honest, to raise a family, to engage in work, to give prosperity to their homeland, to help the needy, and, in obedience to the Law of God, to merit the Kingdom of Heaven. On the other hand, there are those who serve themselves, who do not hold any moral principles, who want to demolish the family and the nation, exploit workers to make themselves unduly wealthy, foment internal divisions and wars, and accumulate power and money: for them the fallacious illusion of temporal well-being will one day — if they do not repent — yield to the terrible fate that awaits them, far from God, in eternal damnation.

In society, Mr. President, these two opposing realities co-exist as eternal enemies, just as God and Satan are eternal enemies. And it appears that the children of darkness — whom we may easily identify with the *deep state* which you wisely oppose and which is fiercely waging war against you in these days — have decided to show their cards, so to speak, by now revealing their plans. They seem to be so certain of already having everything under control that they have laid aside that circumspection that until now had at least partially concealed their true intentions. The investigations already under way will reveal the true responsibility of those who managed the Covid emergency not only in the area of health care but also in politics, the economy, and the media. We will probably find that in this colossal operation of social engineering there are people who have decided the fate of humanity,

arrogating to themselves the right to act against the will of citizens and their representatives in the governments of nations.

We will also discover that the riots in these days were provoked by those who, seeing that the virus is inevitably fading and that the social alarm of the pandemic is waning, necessarily have had to provoke civil disturbances, because they would be followed by repression which, although legitimate, could be condemned as an unjustified aggression against the population. The same thing is also happening in Europe, in perfect synchrony. It is quite clear that the use of street protests is instrumental to the purposes of those who would like to see someone elected in the upcoming presidential elections who embodies the goals of the *deep state* and who expresses those goals faithfully and with conviction. It will not be surprising if, in a few months, we learn once again that hidden behind these acts of vandalism and violence there are those who hope to profit from the dissolution of the social order so as to build a world without freedom: *Solve et Coagula* (separate and join together), as the Masonic adage teaches.

Although it may seem disconcerting, the opposing alignments I have described are also found in religious circles. There are faithful Shepherds who care for the flock of Christ, but there are also mercenary infidels who seek to scatter the flock and hand the sheep over to be devoured by ravenous wolves. It is not surprising that these mercenaries are allies of the children of darkness and hate the children of light: just as there is a *deep state*, there is also a *deep church* that betrays its duties and forswears its proper commitments before God. Thus the *Invisible Enemy*, whom good rulers fight against in public affairs, is also fought against by good shepherds in the ecclesiastical sphere. It is a spiritual battle, which I spoke about in my recent *Appeal* which was published on May 8.

For the first time, the United States has in you a President who courageously defends the right to life, who is not ashamed to denounce the persecution of Christians throughout the world, who speaks of Jesus Christ and the right of citizens to freedom of worship. Your participation in the *March for Life*, and more recently your proclamation of the month of April as *National Child Abuse Prevention Month*, are actions that confirm which side you wish to fight on. And I dare to believe that both of us are on the same side in this battle, albeit with different weapons.

For this reason, I believe that the attack to which you were subjected after your visit to the National Shrine of Saint John Paul II is part of the orchestrated media *narrative* which seeks not to fight racism and bring social order, but to aggravate dispositions; not to bring justice, but to legitimize violence and crime; not to serve the truth, but to favor one political faction. And it is disconcerting that there are Bishops — such as those whom I recently denounced — who, by their words, prove that they are aligned on the opposing side. They are subservient to the *deep*

*state*, to globalism, to aligned thought, to the New World Order which they invoke ever more frequently in the name of a *universal brotherhood* which has nothing Christian about it, but which evokes the Masonic ideals of those who want to dominate the world by driving God out of the courts, out of schools, out of families, and perhaps even out of churches.

The American people are mature and have now understood how much the mainstream media does not want to spread the Truth but seeks to silence and distort it, spreading the lie that is useful for the purposes of their masters. However, it is important that the good — who are the majority — wake up from their sluggishness and do not accept being deceived by a minority of dishonest people with unavowable purposes. It is necessary that the good, the children of light, come together and make their voices heard. What more effective way is there to do this, Mr. President, than by prayer, asking the Lord to protect you, the United States, and all of humanity from this enormous attack of the Enemy? Before the power of prayer, the deceptions of the children of darkness will collapse, their plots will be revealed, their betrayal will be shown, their frightening power will end in nothing, brought to light and exposed for what it is: an infernal deception.

Mr. President, my prayer is constantly turned to the beloved American nation, where I had the privilege and honor of being sent by Pope Benedict XVI as Apostolic Nuncio. In this dramatic and decisive hour for all of humanity, I am praying for you and also for all those who are at your side in the government of the United States. I trust that the American people are united with me and you in prayer to Almighty God.

United against the *Invisible Enemy* of all humanity, I bless you and the First Lady, the beloved American nation, and all men and women of good will.

✠ Carlo Maria Viganò  
Titular Archbishop of Ulpiana  
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