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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.”



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.



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.

We were trying hard not to turn anyone away from Mass.

Thank you for helping with this.

All Sunday Masses will be livestreamed on YouTube at:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCB5E10COR9_I1otQhZ7MtRQ

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.

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, Clenic 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 Armanca Barilleaux, 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, Katie Boutte, Matil Romero, Justin Lile, Darrell Judice, Robert D. Johnson, Edelia Johnson, Alton and Cecile Segura, Ken Segura, Suzette Judice, Antoine and Marie Judice Family, Butsy Walet, Jan and Ken Berard 51st Marriage Anniversary, Gloria and Sam Delcambre and 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, 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 Voothies, Oris Cormier, Audrey Crochet and Jordan Prince, Mike Judice, Suzette Judice, Antoine and Marie Judice Family, Catherine Defelice and Tracey Defelice Guilbeau, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Broussard, Lora Bloom, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Boudreaux, Noelle Seneca, Suzette Judice, 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, Alvaro Jimenez, Robert Lawrence, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Katie Boutte, Louto and Anite Gondron Family, Philip, Jr. and Neil Hebert, Louis J. "Negot" and Lita N. Judice and parents, Mark Tauzin, Clayton and Lillian Dugas, Mike and Nancey Broussard, Shelton Joseph and Ella Mae Desormeaux Freyou, 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 — 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.

Wednesday 6:45 a.m. StJo — Andrew "Toupee" Bonin, Mike Judice, Kim Hernandez, Harold Freyou, John Michael Stiner, 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 — 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 — 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 Vatican's Choice:
Jimmy Lai or Xi Jinping?**
by George Weigel

In mid-May, Chinese leader Xi Jinping unveiled a plan to bypass Hong Kong's legislature and impose draconian new "national security" laws on the former British colony. Putatively intended to defend Hong Kong from "secessionists," "terrorists," and "foreign influence," these new measures are in fact designed to curb the brave men and women of Hong Kong's vibrant pro-democracy movement, who have been aggravating the Beijing totalitarians for a long time. With the world distracted by the Wuhan virus (which the Chinese government's clumsiness and prevarication did much to globalize), the ever-more-brutal Xi Jinping regime evidently thinks that this is the moment to crack down even harder on those in Hong Kong who cherish freedom and try to defend it.

This latest display of Beijing's intent to enforce communist power in Hong Kong coincides with the most recent persecution of my friend, Jimmy Lai.

Jimmy and I have only met once. But I have long felt a kinship with this fellow Catholic, a convert who first put his considerable wealth to work in support of important Catholic activities and who is now risking all in support of the pro-democracy movement in Hong Kong. Arrested in February, and then again in April, Jimmy Lai has been charged with helping organize and lead "unauthorized protests." That he was in the front ranks of pro-democracy demonstrations is true. The question is, why do the Chinese communists regard peaceful protest in support of freedoms Beijing solemnly

promised to protect as treasonous?

In late May, the thugs in Beijing tightened the ratchet of repression another notch: Jimmy Lai's case was transferred to a court that could give the 72-year-old a five-year sentence, or even consecutive sentences. But what else could be expected from a regime that was already trying to bankrupt Lai's pro-democracy newspaper, *Apple Daily*, by pressuring both Chinese and international firms to stop buying advertising space there? Shamefully, far too many have kowtowed to those pressures, and a recent *Wall Street Journal* op-ed article reported that *Apple Daily* is now cut off from 65 percent of the Hong Kong advertising market. Meanwhile, Beijing, while trying to reassure the business community that everything will be just fine, warns business leaders (as well as diplomats and journalists) not to "join the anti-China forces in stigmatizing or demonizing" the new national security laws.

The Xi Jinping regime may be less stable than it wants the world to think it is. Secure regimes do not increase repression, as Beijing has done for several years now. Moreover, labeling all criticism of the Xi Jinping government as "anti-China" is not the play a regime confident about its legitimacy and stability would make. Such tactics seem clumsy; they bespeak sweaty nervousness, not calm self-assurance.

The attempt to break the Hong Kong democracy movement is one facet of a broader campaign of repression that has not spared Chinese religious communities on the mainland. One million Muslim Uyghurs remain penned in Xinjiang concentration camps, where they are being "educated." Protestant house churches are under constant threat. And repressive measures continue to be taken against Catholics and their churches, despite the almost two-year-old (and still secret) agreement between the Holy See and Beijing. That agreement, which gave

the Chinese communist party a lead role in the nomination of bishops, looks ever more like one in which the Vatican gave away a great deal in return for hollow promises; Chinese Catholics who do not toe the party line as the Chinese communist party defines that line are still persecuted. The effects of this sorry affair on the Church's evangelical mission in the China of the future — hopefully, a post-communist China — will not be positive.

Around the world, voices have been raised in support of Hong Kong's brave pro-democracy demonstrators. Has the Holy See's voice been heard? If so, I missed it and so did many others. Are strong representations in favor of religious freedom and other basic human rights being made by Vatican officials behind the scenes in Beijing and Rome? One might hope so. But if the Holy See's current China policy is in fact a reprise of its failed *Ospolitik* in central and eastern Europe during the 1970s, those representations are more likely tepid and wholly ineffectual.

With one of its most courageous Catholic sons now in the dock and facing what could be life-threatening imprisonment, the Vatican now faces a defining choice: Jimmy Lai or Xi Jinping?

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The Sanctuary Lamp is burning for:

Shelton Joseph and Ella Mae Desormeaux Freyou
Audrey Crochet and Jordan Prince

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

Audrey Crochet and Jordan Prince

The Bi-Monthly Statue is in the home of

Parishioners

The Weekly Statue is in the home of

Parishioners

Saint Joseph Altar Candles are burning for

Delcambre and Breaux Families, Chad Romero and Deyna Champagne
Charles and Jackie Poirrier Family

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Charles and Jackie Poirrier Family

Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants
and Souls in Purgatory

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Special Intentions

Audrey Crochet and Jordan Prince

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 7	Rev. Anselm Ofodum Dcn. Randy Hyde/Sr. Hilda Mallet, MHS
June 8	Rev. Norman O'Neal SJ Dcn. Roland Jeanlouis/Sr. Ira Lea Meyers, MHS
June 9	Rev. Paul Onuegbe Dcn. Dwayne Joubert/Sr. Margaret Ohlenforst, MHS
June 10	Rev. Anthony Ostini, SJ Dcn. Ulysee Joubert/Emily Byers
June 11	Rev. Jose Padinjarepedika, CMI Dcn. George Jourdan/Alicia Pousson
June 12	Rev. Arockia Doss Palthasar, HGN Dcn. Jim Kincel/Sr. Catherine Arceneaux, OCD
June 13	Rev. John Paul, SJ Dcn. Brian Kirk/Sr. Mary John Billeaud, OCD

All Conflict, All the Time by Francis X. Maier

About 60 percent of Americans believe in the existence of Hell. For those who don't, a pretty good working replica has been on display in our streets since the May 25 police killing of George Floyd. Or if Hell is too strong an image, think Weimar Republic. But Hell is closer to the truth.

People tend to imagine Hell as a lake of fire, thanks to Scripture, or nine descending circles of torment, thanks to Dante. But I suspect the real Hell is both more prosaic and more terrifying. It's something akin to the answer Faustus got when he asked the devil Mephistopheles how, since he'd been damned, he could manage to leave Hell: "Why, this *is* hell," said the demon, "nor am I out of it."

Just as love is the furnace powering heaven, rage — with all of its subcurrents of confusion, despair, frustration, and conflict — irradiates hell. The damned cannot escape it because they cannot escape themselves. Hell is the shape they have made for themselves.

But what's that got to do with the last few ugly days (and nights) in America?

Henri de Lubac once noted that, in the modern era, hatred for religious heretics had declined. But not, he said, because we have grown more charitable hearts. Instead, we simply transferred our interests and our hatreds to politics. Our real passion today is power and eliminating anything that stands in our way of getting it and exercising it.

Anger in America over the George Floyd killing has deep and legitimate roots. Racism is one of our nation's primal sins. Its residue continues to poison our public life. Much of the rioting over the past week has been an explosion of fury at yet another dose of that poison. The pent up frustrations of a COVID-19 quarantine, health fears, and disruptions in employment have helped to fuel the chaos in the streets. But the rioting has also unleashed systematic violence and political hatred not seen in decades.

Within the lifespan of the boomer generation, there was a time when most Americans believed they had a stake in

ownership of the nation. Most knew the basic ideas of the Founding. Most had a shared sense of national history. It's true that American politics has always had an ugly side, and anyone who lived through the bitter turmoil of the 1960s knows that national unity was an illusion.

Yet despite their differences, most Americans even then felt that they shared and had some say in the course of the country. Many still believe that. As the years go by, though, their act of faith seems to have less and less grounding in fact. We *were* a republic. We're *now*, at least in substance, an empire.

Economic and demographic changes, judicial rulings, and foreign wars over the past half-century have transformed the American reality. Our public institutions and structures of law give the appearance of enduring. But they are not immortal. To survive they need to be fed by popular confidence, a spirit of compromise, and a shared sense of national purpose that goes beyond "what's in it for me."

A consumer culture — which is what we are — excels at addressing personal appetites. It fails at promoting and sustaining anything beyond the self. That congenital weakness first drains the life out of a politics of solidarity and then replaces it with tribalism and a Hobbesian war of all against all. And *all conflict, all the time*, is a decent facsimile of Hell.

It would be simple to blame the current coarseness of our politics on [the President]. Many are eager to do exactly that ... But he's a symptom, not the cause.

[Certainly left-wing political] leaders ... have been more than generous in stoking the extremist, toxic tone of our political environment. Without a mutually shared sense of obligation to God or higher power that will hold us accountable for our actions — something now reduced to lip service in our public life — politics is simply about power and the war to get it.

And as the intensity of D.C.'s spirit of conflict permeates downward, it triggers those countless front yard "Hate Has No Home Here" signs, most of which are genuine and sincere; and others that mask their own seeds of bitterness with virtue signaling.

It's easy to feel dwarfed by the scope of

the problems we face. The point is, *what do we do?* I can offer only two thoughts.

The first is, again, from De Lubac. He once wrote that "I do not have to win the world, even for Christ: I have to save my soul. That is what I must always remember, against the temptation of success in the apostolate. And so I will guard myself against impure means. It is not our mission to make truth triumph, but to testify for it."

The second is from the First Letter of Peter: "So put away all malice, and all guile and insincerity and envy and all slander ... Live as free men, yet without using your freedom as a pretext for evil; but live as servants of God. Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God." And yes, even "Honor the emperor," no matter who he or she is. (1 Peter 2:1-18)

It's not a very satisfying message. We want so hungrily to vindicate the good and punish evildoers in whatever shape they take. But we do that, ironically, by the shape we make and take for ourselves. Nations change when we change. And the latter is the much harder task.

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