



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.”



“Come to me,
all you who are
weary and burdened,
and I will give
you rest.”

Matthew 11:28 (NIV)

O God, Who in the abasement of Your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill Your faithful with holy joy, for on those You have rescued from slavery to sin You bestow eternal gladness.

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 Thomasee, Lon Prioux, Francis Crochet.

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

We continue with Phase II reopening until July 28. 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 Marshal 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_IToqZhZ7MfRQ

The Ushers will continue to seat everyone. 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 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 Sunday Mass. You are encouraged to attend Mass on a weekday.

All Catholics in the Diocese of Lafayette remain dispensed from their obligation from attending Sunday Masses. 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.

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.**

Weekday Mass Schedule:

- 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.

On days when it is not possible to celebrate this Mass on time it will be recorded earlier in the day for your convenience.

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.

July 5	Rev. Michael Russo/Pier Zeringue Dcn. Juan Pagan/Sr. Jaclyn Bunch, MSC
July 6	Rev. Francois Sainte-Marie, MIC/Dylan Allen Dcn. Scott Peyton/Sr. Margaret Rose Cano, MSC
July 7	Rev. Garrett Savoie/Reed Bellingham Dcn. Rickey Picard/Sr. Maria Luz Cervantes, MSC
July 8	Rev. William Schambough/Haden Coleman Dcn. Bill Pollingue/Sr. Consuelo Champagne, MSC
July 9	Rev. Gary Schexnayder/Myles Creek Dcn. Charles Richard/Sr. Brenda Comeaux, MSC
July 10	Rev. Paul Schott, SJ/Gabe Dowden Dcn. Steve Rogers/Sr. Jo Ann DeLoach, MSC
July 11	Rev. Andrew Schumacher/Rev. Mr. Casey Dugas Dcn. Sammy Russo/Sr. Mary Elizabeth Demco, MSC

Saturday 4:00 p.m. — Warren Dupoy, Sib and John Mullican, Dorothy T. Latiolais and Kathy Latiolais Holtzclaw, 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 Lavolette 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 Beard, Forbus and Myrtle Mestayer Sr., Granger and Mestayer Family, Ronald, Sr. and Mildred Gonsoulin, Leed and Mabel Gondron, Fred Lavolette, 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 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., Sue Crochet, Joe Justice Family, Andrew “Toupee” Bonin, Mike Justice, Ken Segura, Alton and Cecile Segura, Ken Segura, Merlin Walet, Mr. and Mrs. Collins Louviere and Kerney and Mr. and Mrs. Will Roberts, Gloria and Sam Delcambre and Family, Huey Broussard, Dewey Halphen, Dr. William Walsh, 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. Alfred 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 Voorhies, Oris Cormier, S.J. “Bute” Granger and Junius and Mary Hebert, Mike Justice, Suzette Justice, Antoine and Marie Justice Family, Virginia Landry, Catherine Defelice and Tracey Defelice Guilbeau, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Broussard, Lora Bloom, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Boudreaux, Noelle Seneca, Emily, Huey Broussard, Dewey Halphen, Dr. William Walsh, 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 Justice, Boots Thomas, Joe Boudreaux and Justin Boudreaux, Katie Boutte, Sandra Angelle and Glenn Angelle, Percy Granger, Louto and Anite Gondron Family, Philip, Jr. and Neil Hebert, Suzette Justice, Antoine and Marie Justice Family, Butsy Walet, Mark Tauzin, Clayson and Lillian Dugas, Mike and Nancy Broussard, Huey Broussard, Dewey Halphen, Dr. William Walsh, 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, Huey Broussard, Dewey Halphen, Dr. William Walsh, 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 Justice, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Justice and Walet Families, Protection from and end to Corona Virus, Huey Broussard, Dewey Halphen, Dr. William Walsh, 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 — John Michael Steiner, Andrew “Toupee” Bonin, Mike Justice, Mr. and Mrs. Collins Louviere and Kerney and Mr. and Mrs. Will Roberts, Chris and Annie Decuir Family, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Protection from and end to Corona Virus, Huey Broussard, Dewey Halphen, Dr. William Walsh, 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 Justice, John Michael Steiner, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Protection from and end to Corona Virus, Huey Broussard, Dewey Halphen, Dr. William Walsh, 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 Justice, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Justice and Walet Families, Protection from and end to Corona Virus, Huey Broussard, Dewey Halphen, Dr. William Walsh, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning for:

Louto and Anite Gondron Family

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

Andrew "Toupee" Bonin

The Bi-Monthly Statue is in the home of

Parishioner from Saint Joseph

The Weekly Statue is in the home of

Parishioner from Saint Joseph

Saint Joseph Altar Candles are burning for

Charles and Jackie Poirrier Family

Chad Romero and Deyna Champagne

Landry and Champagne Families

Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory

Pope, Priest, Religious, Protection from and end to Corona Virus
Charlene Stanley (Special Intention), Delcambre and Breaux Families

Jon-Luke Lancon, In Thanksgiving, Emily

June 28, 2020

Regular Sunday Offering Envelopes (50%)	\$ 2,634.00
Regular Sunday Offering Loose (50%)	\$ 2,649.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,385.00
Regular Collection Total	\$ 5,283.00
Difference	-\$ 2,102.00
Completion Loan Balance	R E T I R E D
Insurance Balance 2019-2020	\$ 21,941.00
Insurance Collection	\$ 194.00

~~of 1314 families used collection envelopes (% 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.

Congratulations to our Parish Family
for retiring the debt on the 2012 Church Restoration

Due to the ministrations of an anonymous donor
who asked for parishioners to match their donation
the debt on the 2012 Church Resoration was retired

Thanks to all who so generously contributed to this
worthwhile project over the last eight years

New Holy Water Fonts

In honor of the Year of Saint Joseph we have purchased Holy Water Fonts for all entrances of the church.

They are coming to us from a warehouse in Pennsylvania that purchases religious goods from churches that have been closed in the northeastern part of our country

At this time we are seeking memorial donations to help defray the cost of these fonts
A memorial plaque will be placed on each font stating the intention of your memorial donation

The suggested donation amount is \$825.00. This amount covers the cost of the font and shipping.

Please contact the parish office at 229-4254 if you are interested.
Thank you for your kind consideration in this matter.



One of these will be placed at each front door of the church.



One of these will be placed at each of the side doors near the Sanctuary.

A Woman's Case against Women-Priests by Constance T. Hull

In order for women to embrace our proper role in sanctifying the priesthood, we must be willing to abandon the adversarial position we often place ourselves in with men. Great damage has been done in the dynamic between men and women, thanks to radical forms of feminism that seek to pit men and women against one another in an endless power struggle. This has served to drive a wedge in all male-female relationships, including between priests and women.

The priesthood needs the influence of holy women, but this influence is not meant to be from a position of power, which so many want to grasp at in the call for women's ordination to the priesthood and permanent diaconate, as well as other lay leadership roles within the Church. (The latter is ironic, considering that women dominate most leadership positions within both parishes and dioceses.)

If a woman's primary objective is having a place of authority within the hierarchy when she argues for equality, then she is misunderstanding both the nature of the priesthood and her call to serve Christ as a woman in the Church. Any movement on the part of men or women in the Church that is predicated on power in relation to the priesthood becomes unmoored from the priesthood Christ instituted at the Last Supper.

When Our Lord instituted His priesthood, He did so by showing His apostles that to be one of His priests is to be a man of service and radical self-emptying. It is to abandon the desire for power, honor, and status in the world in order to take the lowest place on the Cross. They are not to lord over the world, or even the Church. Instead, they're to follow the path of the Suffering Servant Who pours Himself out in *kenotic* love to the Father for the salvation of the world. This means any argument for equality between the sexes that focuses on women's ordination and greater *power* for women within the Church is the antithesis of what and Whom the Priesthood represents.

The answer to how women specifically can help renew the Priesthood requires a movement away from the desire for control over men and a false, worldly "equality" to a supernatural worldview. Women are called by our unique feminine gifts to help in the sanctification of priests. It is a role that is essential, but that has been sorely lacking because of the constant power struggles that are on display even in the smallest of parishes.

The other critical divide between women of faith and their priests is the fact that all relationships in our culture have been reduced to sex. This means that the authentic, God-given complementarity of men and women has been lost. This complementarity does not only

apply to romantic love and marriage; it also includes friendships and familial bonds, both at the material and the spiritual level.

Yes, men and women must be more prudent in their relationships because of the natural pull towards one another. But this in no way means that men and women are incapable of authentic, holy charity. It simply means more effort is required, as well as constant vigilance. We can't forget that the evil one is always on the prowl. If there is a lack of spiritual maturity on either side, then this absolutely will not work and it could be a source of spiritual danger for both parties. This simply means a dedication to holiness and spiritual progress must supersede everything else — and that's good advice, even for a healthy culture. What we absolutely must *not* do is draw a rigid divide between men and women, precluding any friendship or cooperation, out of some misplaced and fearful puritanism.

The single greatest example to us of the role of women and the Priesthood comes from Our Heavenly Mother. She is the example *par excellence* for us. She is the Queen and Mother of all priests, and it's through Her example that women and priests can come to a clearer understanding of how women can help them grow in holiness, especially in a time of crisis.

This Marian dimension is best demonstrated through spiritual motherhood of priests. This role of course goes back to Our Blessed Mother who became the Mother of all priests when She was given Saint John by Her Son as He died on the cross. Throughout Church history, this is a mission that many women — both lay and religious — have been given by Christ through Our Lady.

In the last decade, there has been an even greater movement towards spiritual motherhood of priests in the Church. The Congregation for the Clergy published a document in 2007 on the necessity of spiritual maternity and Eucharistic Adoration for the sanctification of priests. It is a calling that primarily begins hidden, but that can change based on God's Will for each woman He chooses for this vocation.

Given the attacks on the Priesthood and the scandals at present, there is a growing need for priests to know these women are present in their midst fighting spiritually for them in prayer, offering sacrifices and reparations, as well as nudging them along as Our Heavenly Mother did at Cana in order to help them on the path to holiness.

Priests need to know there are women dedicated to helping them in their priestly ministry who are not seeking control or power over them. There are far too many priests who think they are on their own, which is why some spiritual mothers are being called by the Holy Spirit to make themselves known while others remain hidden. The Church Herself has said

that this is an essential calling, but one that is still greatly misunderstood.

No matter how this calling manifests in a woman's life, it is first and foremost a Marian call. It is to love priests with the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which means a selfless love that seeks their ultimate good, that is, their sanctification. To be a spiritual mother is to die to self, just like natural motherhood. A spiritual mother's entire mission is to work in the supernatural order for priests to become saints. This means that power struggles or disordered affections can have no place in this calling. We can't simply will another's good if we are enslaved by our own ego and desire for control, or if we fall into temptation.

True spiritual motherhood also complements spiritual fatherhood in that it helps to bring out both callings. Priests — like husbands and fathers — need women to grow in their spiritual fatherhood. This is why it is essential for priests to be Marian or they run the risk of falling into disordered bachelorhood or ending up detached from the needs of the women in their care. Authentic femininity that is grounded in holy charity and a Marian identity helps lead priests more deeply into the Sacred Heart of Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This is the path to greater sanctity.

Women may scoff at this role, but to do so is to take a worldly view. All spiritual power exerted by female saints down through the ages — including everyone's recent favorite in the scandals, Saint Catherine of Siena — came from their willingness to fight spiritual battles first. Saint Catherine was a woman of tremendous prayer, fasting, sacrifice, mortifications, and reparations. It is from this intimate life with God poured out in love that she was able to minister to priests, bishops, and popes. She wasn't interested in worldly power and honor. That is why God called her to such great missions. God doesn't call people who seek worldly power to positions of influence. We cannot serve two masters.

Constance T. Hull is a freelance writer and regular contributor at *Catholic Exchange*. She has also written for *Public Discourse* and *The Federalist*, and holds a Master's Degree in Theology.



“A Republic, If You Can Keep It”

by Randall Smith

Legend has it that a crowd had gathered outside Independence Hall in Philadelphia as the deliberations of the Constitutional Convention were concluding in 1787. As Benjamin Franklin exited the Hall, a woman called out, “Well, Doctor, what have we got, a republic or a monarchy?” To which Franklin replied: “A republic, if you can keep it.”

This story was told repeatedly by members of both parties during last year’s impeachment of President Trump. Obviously, telling the story didn’t resolve the issue one way or the other.

Who cares about the Constitution anymore? Many Americans still do. And all Americans should. Not the Constitution created out of various interpretations of the Bill of Rights, but the Constitution itself and the form of the Constitutional order it was written to create and protect.

Let there be no mistake: Greater respect for the Constitutional order and a willingness to sacrifice our “lives, fortunes, and sacred honor” in its preservation are the only things standing between us and tyranny. It might be the tyranny of chaos, the tyranny of a political party, or the tyranny of a political ideology, but tyranny is afoot in the land and tyranny there will be, unless we renew our dedication to the republican form of government bequeathed to us.

What I simply cannot understand is why every school, college, and university in the nation is not *requiring* courses on the Constitution and *The Federalist Papers*. How does anyone graduate from high school or college without having a required level of understanding of the text of the Constitution? I am not talking about some modern understanding of how the Bill of Rights should be applied — we can leave arguments about “incorporation” of rights through the Fourteenth Amendment and all discussions of the “penumbras” and “emanations” to a later date — but a solid, foundational course on the basic structure and form of the Constitution.

Could you build respect for Shakespeare without reading his texts? So too, who would be so foolish as to imagine that young Americans (and our guest students from other countries) could learn to love and appreciate the Constitution if they have little or no understanding of it?

Comedian Jay Leno used to do a comedy bit on “The Tonight Show” asking young adults questions about some basic facts of American history and government. How many branches of government? Who is the Secretary of State? How many Senators from each state? Everyone would laugh uproariously as person after person failed to answer even the simplest questions. This isn’t funny anymore. It’s tragic. And the tragedy is playing out across the nation every day.

So if a rich person or foundation wanted to “make a difference” (and they all *say* they do), might I suggest funding courses on the Constitution and the Founding documents in every high school, college, and university in the country.

Is anyone unclear on why we’re suffering so badly politically during the pandemic? We’ve trained a lot of specialized technicians who have little or no idea how to evaluate the evidence they get in their specialized discipline in light of information and evidence supplied by the other disciplines. And very few understand how these various bits of technocratic knowledge can be ordered so as to make prudent *political* judgments. Each discipline has its own area, its own specialized methodology, and increasingly, its own reigning ideology. What they lack is any sense of the common good.

Individually, Americans remain ingenious, creative, and generous, even heroic. And yet, our political establishment and government institutions are increasingly dysfunctional. Fewer and fewer people seem content to abide by the Constitutional restrictions on their governmental powers and activities. They cloak themselves in the Constitution, and then act according to their own whims and will-to-power, suffering under the presumption that if, with a little power and control, I can do *this* much good (or good “as my group sees it”), then how much *more* good would I be able to do if I had even *more* power and control over even *more* things?

Respect for the particular genius of a *republican* form of government organized according to the principle of the separation of powers and a system of checks-and-balances is giving way each year to rule by the mob (often mistaken for “democracy”), control by “expert” bureaucratic agencies, or government by judicial fiat rather than legislative compromise. We increasingly find ourselves subject to those we did *not* elect,

polls we did *not* participate in, and a social media no one respects except those who have successfully monetized or manipulated it.

Too often foundations support particular political *causes* rather than supporting the even greater need for a citizenry schooled in the Constitution. I could not get this appeal published in the usual venues for conservative political thought, so busy are they with back-logged articles on the most recent partisan dust-ups. An appeal for courses on the Constitution is dull stuff to them. Positions in political science departments are reserved for ideologues “of the right sort,” and those in “political science” see little or no benefit or prestige to be gained in supporting what they consider to be that “lesser step-child” over in “political theory.”

Would you donate for a STEM program [science, technology, engineering and mathematics] or a course on conservative economics, but not for a program in the U.S. Constitution? Why not? Do you think our biggest problems are that we don’t have enough qualified technicians or that we don’t have enough people who understand and respect our Constitutional form of government? Are you sending your son or daughter to a college or university without a requirement in the Constitution and Founding Documents? Why? Is more money more important than political freedom? Are better technical gadgets more important than “ordered liberty”?

You get what you pay for. And right now, people are paying large amounts for greater and more expansive forms of tyranny. Ours is a republic for now, but only if we can keep it.

*Randall B. Smith is a tenured Full Professor of Theology. His book **Reading the Sermons of Thomas Aquinas: A Guidebook for Beginners** is available from Emmaus Press. And his book **Aquinas, Bonaventure, and the Scholastic Culture at Paris: Preaching, Prologues, and Biblical Commentary** is due out from Cambridge University Press in the fall.*



July 1

1883 Eloi Broussard
1885 (unknown) Gaudet
1895 Mathilde Vincent
1915 Gertrude Broussard
1930 Adonis Broussard
1975 Harold Melancon
1981 Mable Boudreaux
1994 Burley Hebert
2007 Arsene Garbarino

July 2

1888 Lusignar Landry
1899 Mrs. D.Dauterive
1899 Mrs. Euphimen LeBlanc
1907 Ursille Vincent
1918 Thérèse Blanchard
1925 Asphasie Williams
1978 Joshua Gonsoulin
1990 Francis Crochet, Jr.
2001 Vernice Prados
2004 Richard Delaune Sr.
2011 Wayne Prince

July 3

1873 Amelia Joseph
1893 Josephine (unknown)
1899 Leufray Guidry
1902 Alfred Prioux
1903 Célina Lee
1919 Infant Broussard
1921 Irene Jones
1940 Alcée Bonin
1950 Loreta Horton
1952 Ronald Narcisse
1955 Antoine Blanchard
1963 Joseph Trahan
2016 Lee LeBlanc
2018 Mary Helen Julien

July 4

1889 Clémentine Hebert Diez
1889 Josephine John
1896 Infant Simon
1901 Destas Stiley
1904 Rev. Joesph Corntois
1908 Marcelline Oubre
1917 Austide Bern
1917 Mrs. M. O. Neuville
1927 Maudry Chevis
1933 Hélène Segura
1943 David Fontenette
1945 Maurice Provost
1961 Keith Crochet
1978 Delma Bozon
1995 George Louviere
1997 Tance Domingue
2006 Trey Judice
2012 Lilly Mae Richard

July 5

1895 Alexandre Ambroise
1899 Laurena Jones
1907 Philomene Norbert
1919 Infant Vital
1941 Augustine Antoine
1985 Harold Landry

July 6

1878 Odile Borel
1919 Junius Guilbeau
1927 Joseph Ramson
1934 Sidney Pierre
1936 John Williams
1938 Preston Alexander
1963 Sidney Plessala Sr.
2008 Lee Dee Goellner
2009 Clyde Newell
2015 Marie Neuville
2019 Lanielle Boudreaux

July 7

1873 Sylvanie (unknown)
1875 Félicie Dugas
1887 Gustave Broussard
1895 Anette Berard

1902 Hélène Broussard
1924 Henri Doucet
1932 Howard Gardner
1937 Infant Brown
1979 Carroll Cook
1981 Leslie Dressel
1997 Elder Meyers
2011 Murphy Romero
2013 JoAnn Breaux

July 8

1873 Marie (unknown)
1896 V. Chartegnier
1897 Ms. B. Bérard
1909 Mrs. Adalide
1912 Mrs. St Cyr Dugas
1920 Mrs. G. Crawson
1927 Wifred Jones
1941 Gustave Oubre
1959 Joy Mayon
1963 Stanley Ransonet
1977 Mrs. Louis Borel
1978 Mrs. Anatole Bonin
2002 Una Landry
2006 Lloyd Berard

July 9

1878 Odile Broussard
1890 Albert Broussard
1907 Mrs. L. Broussard
1924 Mrs. Oscar Bonin
1924 Wickliff Barras
1934 Marie Prados
1942 Alice Landry
1942 Infant Antoine
1962 Mrs. O. Courville
1971 Aurelion Berthelot
2005 Michael Viator

July 10

1884 Edmond Joseph
1897 Mrs. Aug Oubre
1899 Eve Jacob
1924 Amelie Julien
1927 Murrel Mestayer
1935 Marie Gonsoulin
1968 Mrs. A. Granger

July 11

1904 Louis Eldridge
1916 L. G. Broussard
1930 Octave Trahan
1936 Pierre Jean Louis
1958 Alfred Granger
1959 Joe Dugas
1961 Stanley Mestayer
1964 Bertin Mestayer
1974 Merlin Walet
2011 Gladys Berard
2016 Aimee Peltier

July 12

1899 Idéa Antoine
1899 Infant Charles
1918 Milda Broussard
1918 Mrs. Octave LeBlanc
1924 Euselien Barnilleaux
1927 Victor Hebert
1934 Laurent Pierre
1965 Arle Louviere
1966 Dumas Judice
1981 John Eldridge Jr.
1989 Antoine Vaughn
1991 Harry LeCamus

July 13

1886 Pierre Bernard
1889 Caroline William
1895 Charles Darby
1906 Silvio Bonin
1912 Félicie Laubert
1920 Emile Boutté
1922 Clarence Blanchard
1923 L. May Sanders
1927 Lucille Mestayer
1928 Carmelia Collins

1930 Henderson Simon
1934 Antoine Dugas
1936 Cecile Breaux
1937 John Leroy
1944 Robert Latiolais
1960 Horace Segura
1964 Albert Broussard
1968 C. Judice
1986 Louis Borel
1995 Joseph Moore
2002 Irene Singleton
2012 Jeanette Walet

July 14

1883 Marie Bonin
1893 (unknown) Antoine
1893 A. Guidry
1901 Marie Bonin
1905 Jules Castillo
1908 Jeanette Jean Pierre
1918 F. Dugas
1934 Edna Antoine
1936 Celina Louis
1942 Leo Decoux
1953 Félicie Vaughn
1954 Charles Berard
1962 Roy Carline
1998 Emerité Thibodeaux

July 15

1901 Antoine Judice
1908 Joseph Oubre
1926 Eva Tozain
1934 Rena Landry
1936 Murphy Anthony
1960 Harold Dugas
1976 Yola Eldridge

July 16

Amélie
1873 Julie (unknown)
18886 Constance Durand
1886 Caesar Borel
1889 Dominique Collet
1890 Charles Broussard
1919 Carnelia Vital
1939 Rita Vital
1943 Virgie Olivier
1951 Sully Oubre
2005 Rena Robin
2017 Ola Hebert
2019 Tracey Guilbeaux

July 17

1885 V. Bernard
1895 Elise Champeau
1901 Charles Dugas
1906 Norbert Junrie
1906 Leah Guillotte
1912 Cesaire Bonin
1929 Holland Granger
1936 Eusebe Verret
1947 Fernand Antoine
1956 Aristille Fauchaux
1971 Randy Mayon
1984 Louis Dugas
1990 George Gondron, Jr.

July 18

1891 Sylvie Louis
1895 Paul Choureau
1899 Charles William
1901 Whitney Dominic
1927 Piola Antoine
1948 Marie Dugas
1958 Amelia Jewell
1980 Whitney LeBlanc
2006 Lena Prince
2008 Homer Dugas

July 19

1883 Alvea Zepherin
1884 (unknown) Crochet
1901 Leonard Brarconnet
1924 Olive Julien
1924 Moreyrasse Dugas

1933 Léon Decuir
1959 Rev. Francis Gerboud
1972 Mrs. Laurent Braquet
1986 Louda Dressel
1996 Jody Laviolette
2001 George Stoltz
2004 Gus Broggi

July 20

1884 Norma Broussard
1885 Harrison Landry
1885 Sylvie Ste. Marie
1899 Lezin LeCamus
1899 Infant Dugas
1908 Daniel Simon
1911 Joseph Molbert
1916 Pierre Molbert
1955 Alexander Guidry
1957 Eusebe Breaux
1966 Clarence Decoulis
1969 Mrs. Otto Dressel
1992 Lewis Oubre
1993 Deneigh Cormier
2003 Melvin Dugas

July 21

1891 Handerson Duggin
1899 Infant Abraham
1899 Infant Braud
1903 Marie Provost
1907 A. Broussard
1931 Junius Courville
1937 Francis Eldridge
1938 George Bonin
1973 Marie Pollard
1983 Skerty LeCamus
1988 Lucy Molbert
2015 Leroy Prados

July 22

1896 Infant Broussard
1921 Elize Louis
1927 Leon Narcisse
1944 Octave Judice
1946 Perry Walet
1949 Ozinee Borel
1974 George Rebert
1993 Gerald Breaux
1995 Lucy Mestayer
2004 Clet Dugas, Jr.
2014 Yvonne Tauzin Judice

July 23

1891 Louis St. Martin
1909 Bellicide Pepper
1910 Stella Walet
1929 Constance LeCamus
1939 Marie Dupois
1953 Genevieve Dugas
1972 Louis Walet
1983 Scott Dautreuil
1989 Mrs. Abel Louviere
1996 Darrel Moulis
2011 Ronald Gonsoulin Sr.
2013 Martha Rodriguez
2013 Martha McDonald

July 24

1887 Honorine William
1887 Genevieve Tuwell
1902 Ella Gonsoulin
1912 Elie Dugas
1919 Rose Gonsoulin
1922 James Emile Verret
1950 Henry Borel
1969 Mrs. Lionel Dugas
1987 Junius Bonin
2005 Emma Judice
2010 June LeCamus
2013 Judy Gonsoulin
2015 Slade Louviere, Sr.
2015 Chad LeBlanc
2017 Dr. James Russell Romero

July 25

1885 Belizaire Bonin

1893 Alice Gregoire
1894 Eulabie Charles
1909 Beatrice Sias
1913 Jacques Broussard
1932 Infant John
1934 Cecilia Bienvenu
1946 Celina Crochet
1955 Delma Judice
1968 William "Beeps" Ryan
1997 Rita Chataignier
2006 Joseph Habetz
2016 Wanda Horton

July 26

1894 Henri Vaughn
1928 Cecile Simon
1932 Armand Broussard
1934 Joseph Olivier
1939 Bernice Joseph
1944 Clara Williams
1944 Marie Alexandre
1950 Arnold Broussard
1952 Weldon Williams
1993 May Barras
2017 Martha Louviere

July 27

1873 Julien Ambroise
1889 Harry Johnson
1914 Mrs. H. Chataignier
1923 Michael Dugas
1937 Virginia Polite
1966 Mildred Ransonet
1983 Clay Broussard
1997 Michael Cooper
2006 Irene LeBlanc
2016 Evelyn Granger
2019 Gertrude Oubre

July 28

1878 Mathilde Michel
1904 Infant Vaughn
1930 Ms. Altee Vincent
1960 Oscar Richard
1995 Doris Louviere
2005 Angelle Louviere
2010 Gladys Tauzin
2011 Elroy Decuir

July 29

1873 Ursin (unknown)
1940 Rosa Barras
1981 Walter Judice
1985 Earl Eldridge
2002 Rita Frioux
2015 Olympie Borel
2016 Mary "Shookie" Judice

July 30

1874 Louisa Jean Baptiste
1886 Henri Carline
1917 Pauline Guidry
1952 Robert Moulis
1964 Alphonse Barilleaux
1991 Antoine Landry
1997 James Lacouture

July 31

1882 Adonis Toquite
1883 Leon Jacques Bonin
1891 Eusèbe Tage
1891 Etienne Hamilton
1895 J. B. Blanchard
1910 Uffernon Broussard
1920 Marie Boutté
1934 Marie Vaughn
1936 Loretta Benoit
1938 Anatole Bonin
1939 Ada Decuir
1949 Ivy Oubre
1951 Barry Breaux
1968 Mrs. Fernand Breaux
1981 Brandy Broussard
2005 Theresa Girouard
2018 Jackie Courville

Necrology

July Birthdays

Happy Birthday!

May God richly bless you on your special day. It is our privilege to remember you at the altar during the celebration of Holy Mass as we offer the Victim.

Father Crochet and Father Godwin

July 1

Charles Babineaux
Egbert Bonin
Mark Broussard
Joseph Huval
Rory Patin
Mrs. Brandy Thomas

July 2

Theresa Amy
Elton Boutte
Aubrey Hebert
Myla Hebert
Elby Lancon, Jr.
Thomas Landry
Jonathan Mora
Celina Thibodeaux

July 3

Monique Broussard
Koi Dauphine
Danielle Landry
Logan Wooten

July 4

Mark Berard
Kamryn Bourque
Paul Cook
Alyx Frederick
Hallei Vaughn

July 5

Lori Barras
Paul Boggs
Lexi Crochet
Catrina Dworaczyk
John Lagan, Jr.
Austin LaGrange
Darlene Vaughn
Leonard Vaughn

July 6

Emily Boudreaux
Luke Devillier
Sloane Judice

July 7

Emily Broussard
Robert Burke, Sr.
Baylie DeRouen
Casey Grivat
Alexander Guidry
Sawyer Judice
Maureen Molbert
Scott Ransonet
Gabriel Trevizo
Karson Trevizo
Caitlyn Valadez

July 8

Brant Eldridge
Aubry Molbert
Heidi Viator

July 9

Alyssa Barras
Matthew Degeyter
Rylee Dionne
Joseph Lavigueur
Jerritt Louviere
Kaleb Neuville
Gary Prince
Harley Viator

July 10

Joey Begnaud
Beth Boudreaux
Jillian Boudreaux
Chet Martin

July 11

Patrick Bonin
Brittany Haycock
Michele Marks

July 12

Donald Albert
Kaleb Albert
Maci Bonin
Bernice Borel
Kai Bourque
Ryan Breaux
Evan Cavagnaro
Nikki Huval
Noah LaBiche
Laura Moonney
Roman Steiner

July 13

Christopher Bigler
Finley Cox
Walter Gondron
Colby Prados

July 14

Ryan "Boogie" Gondron
Ricky Judice

July 15

Charlie Berard
Lola Boudreaux
Harvey Braquet
Reece Hayes
Emily Hulin
Ralph Klyla
Gary Marks
Brad Poche, Jr.
Brailyn Richard

July 16

Irving Boudreaux
Trevor Chastant
Mary Lynne Dugas
Kameron LeBlanc
Benjamin Lopez
Easton Louviere
Brixon Romero
Abby Songne

July 17

Myla Bonin
Tori Bonin
Gage Broussard
James Clifton
Joel Dugas
Lance Dugas
Bailey Hebert
Matthew Hebert
Wilson LeBlanc
Peyten Louviere
Taylore Louviere
Jordan Melancon
Rheagan Randolph
Kevin Salsman

July 18

Devon Wingfield
Kyle Broussard
Margaret Coco
Aubree Judice
Cordell Ruiz
Evin Theriot
Seth Thibodeaux

July 19

Belinda Phillips
Coy Romero

July 20

Bronwyn Badeaux
Eloise Beyt
Amelie Clifton
Buddy Coco
Gabriel Horton
Todd Landry
Kayleigh Louviere
Nicholas Louviere
Steve Rebert, III
Landry Norris

July 21

Paige Boutte
James Fauchaux
Luke Owens
Ariel Steiner
Benjamin Waldmann
Evan Walet

July 22

Kirk Crochet
Jayden Kelone
Mason Richter
Ronald Thibodeaux

July 23

Anne Albert
Drake Bonin
Jonah Comacho
Payton Foti
Tristan Girouard
Briggs Hotard

July 24

Josh Derouen
Laya Fields
Elizabeth Foco

July 25

Chad Belaire, Jr.
Bailun Breaux
Cassidy Courville
Stacey Hebert
Ryken Hoffpauir
Mackie Landry
Hallie Mitchell
Jackie Poirrier
Celeste Seneca
Mrs Lindsey Stephens

July 26

Braxton Bergeron
Troy Blanchard
Kamille Boudreaux
Richard Delaune
Ross Domingue
Laik Louviere
Michael Norris
Freda Romero
Ava Theriot
Roy Thibodeaux

July 27

Basil Borel
Beau Borel
Addilyn Bouton
Mallori Bouton
Michael Clifton
Mae Dooley
Khloie Eldridge
Michael Frederick
Mr. Stephen LaBry
Crystal Melancon
Daphne Thibodeaux

July 28

Susan Clifton
Angela Crochet
Coy Duplantis
Lexi Munnerylyn
Tory Schaubert
Curtis Toffier

July 29

Blanc Berard
Emmeline Buteau
Ja'kyrii Butler
Jude Duplechain
Kylie Monteaux
Barry Thibodeaux

July 30

Dalie Berard
Cullen Broussard
Grant Champagne
Diane Gondron
Drake Huval
Benjamin Perez
Caroline Seneca
Russell Steiner
Brian Theriot

July 31

Allison Broussard
Christie Guillot
Kyla Hunter
Conor Ransonet
Erin Ransonet
Misty Sonnier

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**Bishop Barron's Pitiful (But Honest)
Response to a Church in Crisis**
by Auguste Meyrat

Across the developed world, ignorant mobs and anarchists are tearing down statues of saints, defacing church monuments, and setting the churches on fire. Not to mention that in the developing world many Christians continue to suffer martyrdom by the thousands at the hands of secular and religious extremists. This has caused many people to finally ask: what are the bishops doing?

The famed Bishop Robert Barron recently answered this question with another question: What are you laymen doing?

On June 24, Bishop Barron published an article on his *Word on Fire* blog tersely titled, "Why 'What Are the Bishops Doing About It?' Is the Wrong Question." According to His Excellency, many lay Catholics like to complain that their leadership does nothing about the problems happening in the world while doing little themselves. Although he grants that the bishops could do more (though not much more), he claims that these concerned Catholics "are putting way too much onus on the clergy and not nearly enough on themselves."

Rather, he argues that it is the laity, not the clergy, who must fight the legal and cultural battles in the public square. To support this claim, he cites the Vatican II document *Lumen Gentium*, which states that "the laity, by their very vocation, seek the Kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and by ordering them according to the Plan of God." In Bishop Barron's reading, this means that the bishops need to attend to Church matters more or less exclusively while laypeople live out their Catholicism in the secular world.

It is difficult to know what the bishop has in mind for how this looks. Do clergy busy themselves with discussing theology, attending synods, and filming award-winning documentaries about Catholicism while all laypeople proselytize at their jobs, guard church property in their free time, and debate enemies of the Church online or in person whenever possible? Perhaps. At the end of his essay, Bishop Barron offers the example of the Catholic Action movement, an initiative which, "sadly and surprisingly, fell into desuetude after Vatican II," where a member of the clergy would work with a group of laymen to study Scripture and consider ways to live out the gospel. So, there.

Overall, Bishop Barron's response is sadly, though unsurprisingly, inadequate. While he intends to channel President Kennedy in his call to service — ask not what your Church can do for you; ask what you can do for your Church — he fails to explain what laypeople

should actually do. The majority of Catholics, and people in general, aren't sure how much they should resist the current anti-Christian iconoclasm, or if they should even resist it at all. This is probably due to the fact that most Catholic clergymen have been notoriously mealy-mouthed in the pulpit, hardly going further than preaching platitudes and raising money ...

And this in turn stems from a lack of leadership from their bishops. Bishop Barron's description of what constitutes the responsibilities of a bishop is tellingly deficient: "We can indeed lobby politicians, encourage legislative changes, and call community leaders together." He doesn't mention that bishops also ordain priests, preach to their diocese, and lead programs in faith formation. No, for Bishop Barron and most of his colleagues, their title and duties are primarily political. They are public figures who happen to represent the Church, not the other way around.

As such, they would never dream of risking their good standing among society's elite by denouncing any popular movement — unless it's associated with President Trump, as Archbishop Wilton Gregory demonstrated a few weeks ago. This is why Bishop Barron completely ignores the question of whether destroying statues of Saint Junípero Serra is right or wrong. Instead, he references a weak statement on the issue, made by the Californian bishops, which tries to appease both sides, teach a little history, and ultimately settle nothing.

By sidestepping the issue and choosing to focus on what the laity should be doing, all the rest of Barron's essay is sheer deflection. He demonstrates perfectly how today's bishops have led the Church into decline: he takes no responsibility for problems, presents no solutions to those problems, and places the burden of leadership on others. It would be funny (one thinks of the bad bosses in *The Office* or the comic *Dilbert*) if it were not so depressingly true.

This situation has persisted for many decades now. What Bishop Barron and the framers of Vatican II intended as a greater role for laypeople has mostly resulted in a diminished role for clergy. No longer do they imitate the original Christian apostles from whom they spiritually descend; they prefer to imitate corporate managers and politicians who avoid controversy at every turn.

For their part, Catholic laypeople have sought spiritual and moral guidance elsewhere — in politics, entertainment, academia — and find little reason in upholding their obligations to the Church. In no small way has this affected Western culture at large, which continues to become more irrational, destructive, and divided.

So, where does that leave faithful lay Catholics who want to protect their heritage?

Although Bishop Barron and his fellow bishops are a large part of the problem, he is at least honest enough to tell his flock not to wait on their shepherds to act. Indeed, they really do need to take action and apply their faith in practical ways. This would mean speaking out against movements that threaten civilization instead of trying to make peace with them. It would also mean holding politicians — and, yes, bishops — accountable, and demanding that they uphold individual freedom while recovering law and order, and this would require them to become politically and culturally involved.

Some Catholics have already started this work even though they continually risk their reputation and livelihoods by doing so. Like all disciples who witness to the Faith, they know they will be tested and face some form of persecution. But, like Peter and the first disciples who saw so many others leave Jesus because of His "hard sayings," most Catholics and orthodox Christians know there is nowhere else to turn: "Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life."

It has become clear, especially in light of the passivity and complacency of Church leadership, that reforming the Church and Western culture will have to be a grassroots movement. Laypeople will need to have families, preserve tradition, form close communities committed to the Gospel, and, yes, show some courage against the thugs attacking their property and freedoms, as Mr. Mark Williams did last week in Saint Louis, Missouri.

There is no alternative.

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