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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.

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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.”



Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise.



YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

DIOCESE OF LAFAYETTE

ADORE.

OBEY.

SERVE.

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.

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, Gail Louviere., Pat Villermin., Ira Bourque, Hailey Thomasee, Lon Prioux, Francis Crochet, Brennan Wingfield, Danny Latiolais, Lawrence Albert, Lloyd Dugas. Betty Suire, Joe Judice.



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.

October 18, 2020

Regular Sunday Offering Envelopes	\$ 3,787.00
Regular Sunday Offering Loose	\$ 3,742.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,385.00
Regular Collection Total	\$ 7,529.00
Difference	+ \$ 144.00
Present Loan Balance	\$ 299,172.58
Donation Against Loan Balance	\$ 523.00
Insurance Balance 2020-2021	\$ 32,296.98
Insurance Collection	\$ 152.00
of 1314 families used collection envelopes (% participation). of 1314 families attended Mass this weekend (% attendance). <i>Thanks to those who practice Sacrificial Giving and give of their time, talent and treasure as an act of profound Christian stewardship.</i>	

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

For the 2020 Senior Class

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, Jon-Luke Lancon

Deyna Champagne and Chad Romero

Landry and Champagne Families

Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory

Pope, Priests, Religious

Protection from and end to Corona Virus

Charles and Jackie Poirrier Family

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.

October 25	Rev. Msgr. Keith DeRouen/James Hamilton Dcn. Gary Gaudin/Sr. Audrey Ruth Donnenfelter, MSC
October 26	Rev. Kenneth Domingue/Evan Hebert Dcn. Shawn Gautreaux/Sr. Stephania D'Souza, MSC
October 27	Rev. Dustin Dought/Caleb Henry Dcn. Perry Guidry/Sr. Naoma Duhe, MSC
October 28	Rev. Gregory Downs/Eric Hernandez Dcn. Russell Hayes/Sr. Barbara Dupuis, MSC
October 29	Rev. Blake Dubroc/Luke Kirk Dcn. Marcel Hebert/Sr. Kathleen Farrell, MSC
October 30	Rev. Wayne Duet/Alex Lancon Dcn. Mitch Hebert/Sr. Audrey Fontenot, MSC
October 31	Rev. Willard Dugas/Jacob LeBlanc Dcn. Joseph Hebert/Sr. Elizabeth Marie Gremillion, MSC

Mass Intentions — 10/24 — 10/30

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 Armanee 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., Kamryn Dorsey, Andrus Fontenot, Michael J Landry, Sam T. Napoli, Jr., Doris Prados, Granger and Louviere Families, Francis and Lorena Dupoy, Patrick Lasseigne, Deborah Hinebaugh-Hayeck, Warren Dupoy, Sib and John Mullican, Suzette Judice, Antoine and Marie Judice Family, Lucille Berard Romero and Calvin Berard, Gloria and Sam Delcambre and Family, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Rev. Kendall Faulk, 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 Warren 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, Lovell Romero, Charles Chataignier, S.J. "Bute" Granger, Junius and Mary Hebert, Catherine Defelice and Tracey Defelice Guilbeau, Mike Judice, Suzette Judice, Antoine and Marie Judice Family, Kelly Louviere, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Rev. Kendall Faulk, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.

10:00 a.m. — Edmond Lancon Family, Doris Prados, Ann, Jerry and Bubba Thibodeaux, Mike Judice, Suzette Judice,

Antoine Judice Family, Philip, Jr. and Neil Hebert, 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, Angelle Family, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Rev. Kendall Faulk, 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, Rev. Kendall Faulk, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.

Tuesday 5:30 p.m. Stjo — Kamryn Dorsey, Andrus Fontenot, Michael J Landry, Katheryn Gilberg, Odile Henry Borel, Waldo Joseph Borel, Sr., 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, Rev. Kendall Faulk, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.

Wednesday 6:45 a.m. Stjo — Andrew "Tupee" Bonin, Jr., 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, Rev. Kendall Faulk, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.

Thursday 5:30 p.m. Stjo — Mr. and Mrs. Collins Louviere and Kerney and Mr. and Mrs. Will Roberts, 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, Rev. Kendall Faulk, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.

Friday 6:45 a.m. OLV — Mrs. Naomi H. Bennett, Mrs. Clara Jacquet (36yr. Anniversary Mass), Mr. Edward Jacquet, 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, Rev. Kendall Faulk, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.



Every Thursday after the 5:30 p.m. Mass

Update on Jon-Luke Lancon from His Family

Jon-Luke just finished the last part of the consolidation phase of his treatment plan. He has undergone six rounds of chemotherapy, resection surgery, two bone marrow transplants, and twelve radiation treatments. Next week, he will have an evaluation of his response to therapy. Our hope is that he is declared NED (*No evidence of disease*). From there, he will go into the maintenance phase of treatment where he will receive six rounds of an antibody every three weeks. This antibody will not only destroy microscopic cancer cells, but it also teaches the immune system to attack them as well. We are hoping to come "home home" during our two weeks off of antibody therapy.



Jon-Luke is thriving and acting like a normal, rough and tumble three-year-old boy!



This is a call for ALL Americans to PRAY, PRAY, PRAY, that GOD'S WILL is done in this election and in this country! This 54-Day Rosary Novena is a series of 6 nine-day novenas said one right after the other. One Rosary is said each day, praying the Mysteries for that day, with the Spiritual Communion prayer after the Rosary. Our Blessed Mother said that with prayer and fasting even the laws of nature can be changed. So, please do any and all little sacrifices you can for this novena. Remember NO sacrifice is too small. It does not take heroic deeds, only small deeds done with great love! Offer them all up to God for the intentions of this Novena, and surely He will hear our prayers.

Thanksgiving to God for hearing our petition, whether or not we get the answer we desire! Always be grateful to God!

The Novena begins on Friday, September 11 and ends on Tuesday, November 3, the day of the General Election. Even if you start late, don't worry, just continue! This country needs so many prayers. If you are late, or miss a day, do not stop! Pick up on the next day. It is NOT a reason to stop just because you forgot or got too busy to pray the day before! The key to this is just keep at it!

What is also most important, is to pray with sincerity of heart, not just sounding Hail Marys and Our Fathers! Lift your heart to God Our Father, love Him, ask Him to reach down from Heaven and help us! We ALL need God, especially the President, and President-to-be.

The first 27 days of three Novenas are prayed for the petition that God's Holy Will be done in this election and in this country! The second 27 days of three Novenas are prayed for the petition of

Please make an appointment for your house Exorcism and Blessing Make it happen! 229-4254



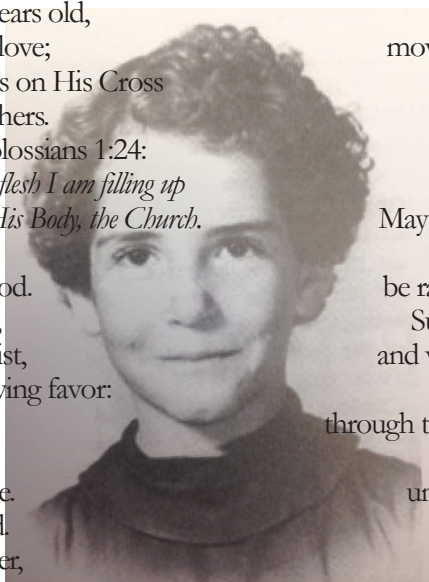
Prayer to Charlene Richard (1947-1959)

Charlene, when you were only twelve years old, you showed heroic faith, hope, and love; dying of leukemia, you joined yourself to Jesus on His Cross and offered your intense pain for others.

You thereby echoed Saint Paul's words in Colossians 1:24: *Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of His Body, the Church.*

Charlene, I believe you are with God. Please ask our Heavenly Father, His only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit to grant me the following favor: *(mention favor sought)*

Charlene, thank you for helping me. May Jesus Christ always be praised. May Mary, Jesus Ever-Virgin Mother, always be called blessed. Amen.



Prayer for Beatification

Our Father in Heaven, moved by the Holy Spirit of Jesus Christ, Your Son and our Savior, we lift up our hearts to You and ask that, if it be Your will, You grant our request.

May Your servant and native of Louisiana, Charlene Marie Richard, be raised to sainthood by the Holy Father, Successor of the Apostle Saint Peter, and visible head of Jesus' Church on earth.

We trust this prayer to You through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of Jesus, under her title by which She is known as the Patroness of Louisiana: The Immaculate Conception. *Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be*

Statement of Bishop Douglas Deshotel on Pope Francis' Recent Comments on Civil Unions

Media reports have been surfacing following the release of a documentary film, *Francesco*, in which the Holy Father seemingly offered an opinion supporting civil rights of those persons in same sex civil unions.

Such an opinion offered within the context of a movie, even if offered by the successor of Saint Peter, can in no way be considered official magisterial teaching. While we wait for an official transcript of the Pope's remarks, which can be taken out of context, I wish to reassure the faithful that the Holy Father's statement does not change any doctrines of the Church which are drawn from Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition.

All human beings are created in the image and likeness of God and are deserving of dignity and respect. Marriage is a sacrament instituted by Jesus Christ in which one man and one woman are united in an indissoluble bond open to the procreation and education of children. All Christians are called to chastity according to their station in life. Sexual activity outside of the marriage between one man and one woman is gravely immoral.

A summary of the official Church teaching on the issue of same sex attraction and homosexual acts can be found in the **Catechism of the Catholic Church** paragraphs 2357-2359.

✠ Most Reverend J. Douglas Deshotel, D.D.
Bishop of Lafayette

Statement Regarding Homosexual Civil Unions Bishop Glen Provost, D.D. Diocese of Lake Charles

The media has reported remarks by Pope Francis emanating from a documentary premiered today in Rome. In this documentary, the news source reports that the Pope supported laws to protect civil unions between individuals of the same sex.

If this report is correct, then a clarification is needed. In 2003 the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, headed by Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger [Pope Benedict XVI], with the explicit approval of Pope Saint John Paul II, reiterated the Church's authentic teaching that "respect for homosexual persons cannot lead in any way to approval of homosexual behavior or to legal recognition of homosexual unions ... Legal recognition of homosexual unions or placing them on the same level as marriage would mean not only the approval of deviant behavior, with the consequence of making it a model in present-day society, but would also obscure basic values which belong to the common inheritance of humanity" (*Considerations Regarding Proposals to Give Legal Recognition to Unions between Homosexual Persons*, CDF, March 28, 2003, no. 11). Pope Francis reiterates this same teaching and quotes the document from the CDF in his Apostolic Exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia* (251).

The constant teaching of the Catholic Church opposing the legalization of same-sex unions remains unchanged. Authentic teaching is summarized in the **Catechism** and in other papal pronouncements based upon Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition, not in media interviews or documentary films.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

In a short time, we will all have the opportunity to elect new leaders for our nation, state and local communities. The right to vote is a cherished right, won by the sacrifices of many men and women who have served our country in the past and the founders who established our Constitution.

As citizens of the United States, we have a duty to vote, a moral obligation to improve the community in which we live and to elect good leaders who make good and just laws that protect the rights and freedoms of all. Saint Paul even told the early Christians to be good citizens of the Roman Empire and to give good example by their lives.

The Catholic Church does not endorse any candidate or political party. Each Catholic should inform themselves of the positions held by various candidates and vote for those who most closely reflect the values and moral teaching that we as Catholics believe build a good and just society. There can be differences of opinion about how that is best achieved.

For us as Catholics and for all people of good will, the following are beliefs that are non-negotiable:

- The sacredness of and the reverence due to every human person regardless of race, color or creed from conception in the womb until natural death because the human person is created in the image and likeness of God.
- The right to life of every child in the womb.
- The sacredness of the family as the basic building block of society.
- The definition of Christian marriage as the permanent union of one man and one woman open to new life.
- The right of every human person to decent housing and employment at a just wage.
- The just and fair treatment of immigrants who come to our country to seek a better life for themselves and their families.

These are values which we believe improve our society and preserve our civilization. I pray that each Catholic in the Diocese of Lafayette will take their duty to vote seriously and exercise that duty. May the Holy Spirit guide us all as we seek the Will of God and build a just society for all citizens of the United States.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

✠ Most Reverend J. Douglas Deshotel, D.D.
Bishop of Lafayette



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

BLESSING OF CEMETERIES

Sunday, November 1
All Saints Cemetery at 11:30 a.m.

Monday, November 2
Saint Joseph Cemetery
All Souls Mass at 6:00 p.m. in the Cemetery
Cemetery Blessing at 6:30 p.m.

Where Francis Leads, We Can't Follow by Michael Warren Davis

“Homosexuals have a right to be a part of the family. They're children of God and have a right to a family. Nobody should be thrown out or be made miserable because of it. What we have to create is a civil union law. That way they are legally covered. I stood up for that.”

That's a quote from Pope Francis. Pope Francis — the Bishop of Rome, the Vicar of Christ, the Supreme Pontiff of the Catholic Church. And not only has he come out in support of civil unions for same-sex couples: he has also confirmed old rumors that he did so in his native Argentina as early as 2010. For at least a decade, Francis has quietly but actively dissented from Church teaching on human sexuality.

Lest there be any doubt, in 2003 the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith — then led by Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI), who was appointed by John Paul II — declared:

The Church teaches that respect for homosexual persons cannot lead in any way to approval of homosexual behavior or to legal recognition of homosexual unions ... Legal recognition of homosexual unions or placing them on the same level as marriage would mean not only the approval of deviant behavior, with the consequence of making it a model in present-day society, but would also obscure basic values which belong to the common inheritance of humanity. The Church cannot fail to defend these values, for the good of men and women and for the good of society itself.

That is indeed the perennial teaching of the Catholic Church. And the Pope is now on the record dissenting from that teaching, publicly and unambiguously.

Up to this point, I've tried very hard to give Francis the benefit of the doubt. No longer. The Pope has made it abundantly clear that his mind is not with the Mind of the Church. He doesn't believe in the Sacred Deposit of the Magisterium. He doesn't feel bound to the Church's traditions.

Some readers will accept that implicitly. Others will not. So, let's be very clear: One of the first principles of Catholic social teaching is that *immoral acts must not be given legal sanction*. That's why the Church plainly teaches that abortion (CCC, 2273) and pornography (CCC, 2354) should be prohibited by law. We as Catholics believe that civil authorities must not condone vice, even implicitly.

For the Pope — or any Catholic — to endorse same-sex civil unions is wicked. It follows the exact same logic that [many politicians] uses to justify support for abortion: “I'm personally opposed to killing babies in the womb, but I wouldn't impose that view on women who want to kill their babies.” The Pope has just made that exact same argument for male sodomy.

This may be the most significant moment in papal history since Paul VI published *Humanae Vitae*. In fact, Francis's comments are a kind of diabolical inversion of *Humanae Vitae*.

When he ruled that artificial contraception was always and everywhere immoral, Pope Paul VI

was addressing a live debate in the Church that had never been definitively resolved. And not only did he go against popular opinion: he contradicted many of his own leading theologians, including many “conservatives.” As for Francis, nobody was expecting him to weigh in on this matter. This was a spontaneous remark, and on a matter that has long been settled by Church authorities. Only a small handful of “mainstream” theologians and bishops have ever signaled their support for civil unions.

Pope Paul defended the Magisterium against vast legions of Sexual Revolutionaries outside the Vatican walls and their many fifth-columnists within. Francis has raised the white flag to the Sexual Revolution without their firing so much as a peashooter in his direction.

Some Catholics will take this as proof that Francis is consciously working to subvert traditional Church teaching. Others will assume he's just theologically illiterate and, frankly, not very bright. Still others will conclude that he's prone to spouting off on topics he neither understands nor really cares to understand. Many think he's going senile, which might be the most charitable view. But I'll leave that for the reader to decide.

At some level, it doesn't matter. Whether the Pope is consciously or accidentally dissenting from the Church, *he is dissenting from the Church*. There's no question about that.

Little wonder that progressive Catholics are thrilled by the Pope's comments. Father James Martin, who has long worked to undermine the Church's teachings on homosexuality, tweeted: “This is a major step forward in the church's support for LGBTQ people.” His colleague at the Jesuit-run *America Magazine*, Michael J. O'Loughlin, likewise wrote: “People downplaying the Pope's words, on camera, endorsing civil unions for gay couples should ask LGBT Catholics how the remarks make them feel ... I assure you this is big news.” Indeed, it is.

Of course, the Catholic Left will weaponize the Pope's comments against orthodox believers. Father Daniel Horan, the wayward Franciscan, *wonders* “what bigoted church leaders who have been firing Catholic school teachers and parish ministers for entering into same-sex unions are thinking right now. Maybe they're thinking about what their own resignation letters might look like.” No doubt. Progressive bishops and diocesan bureaucrats will use Francis's endorsement as a cudgel against orthodox Catholics in our schools, colleges, and chanceries.

What's astonishing is how many “conservative” Catholics can't see that. Ryan T. Anderson, who gained prominence as a critic of Big Trans and now teaches at the University of Dallas, also took to Twitter in *support* of Francis. Dr. Anderson noted that he himself had also “proposed something like ‘civil unions’ for non-married people.” Again, one tries to give Francis the benefit of the doubt. But that clearly crosses the line into cognitive dissonance.

Francis may be one of those fifth-columnists that Pope Paul VI opposed. Or maybe he's one of their useful idiots. But this much is perfectly clear: Pope Francis doesn't think of himself as pope.

Whatever his idea of the papacy is, he's dead wrong.

The duty of the pope is to safeguard and clarify the Sacred Deposit of the Faith. He's supposed to think with the Mind of the Church and follow the Magisterium; instead, he speaks whatever happens to be on his mind and expects the Magisterium to follow. The papacy hasn't humbled him, as it did his predecessor. It has emboldened him.

Francis embraces the worst Protestant caricature of his office. He sees himself as a man with universal competence, one given to him directly by God Himself. That competence allows him to opine authoritatively on any matter, sacred or secular, that happens to tickle his fancy. That's not what a pope is, by any stretch of the Catholic imagination.

But we know that. We also know that, when the Pope flatly contradicts the Magisterium, we may ignore him. Better yet, we can — and we must — contradict him loudly, for the sake of those who might otherwise follow the Holy Father into error. “This isn't what the Church teaches,” we say. “This isn't what Catholics believe.”

What a horrible burden this pope has put on the faithful. A good Catholic wants nothing more than to respect, trust, and obey the Successor of Saint Peter. Francis has made that impossible for so many. If he were really as wise and compassionate as he believes himself to be, he would recognize how many of his poor children he's leading into scandal and disbelief.

Yet sometimes a dutiful son can do nothing but resolve to be a bigger man than his father. And that's the sad situation we now find ourselves in. Pope Francis is leading our family down a dangerous path, and we can't “accompany” him on that journey. We have to plant our feet firmly in the Church's sacred traditions, and encourage our brothers and sisters to do the same.

Pray for our Holy Father, who needs our prayers now more than ever. If you love him, stand your ground. Please God, he'll turn away from his error someday. Then we, the faithful remnant, may lead him back home.

Michael Warren Davis is the editor of *Crisis Magazine*. He is a frequent contributor to *The American Conservative* and the author of **The Reactionary Mind** (Regnery, 2021).



November 1
1894 Olympe Gonsoulin
1897 Dozilia Aucoin
1899 Ms. Joseph Hamilton
1906 Drogain Broussard
1914 Basile Blanchard
1921 Joseph Broussard
1947 Carolyn Anthony
1953 Alphonse Barrilleaux
1961 Louis Dugas
1970 Guidry
1970 Sully Prosper
1985 Oline Lamperez
2006 Alvin Comeaux
2012 Clevens Albert

November 2
1893 Ulger Segura
1895 Anatole Darby
1895 S. Granger
1900 Numa Labove
1906 Marie Dressel
1909 Otto Louviere
1913 Marie Guidry
1927 Audelide Oubre
1927 Fernest Louviere
1936 Alton Vital
1956 John McKenzie
1960 Odile Guillot
1966 Cecile McIntyre
1967 Paul Segura
2002 Earline Ruiz

November 3
1893 Jean Broussard
1913 Horvieve LeBlanc
1915 Felix Dugas
1918 D. Chatagnier
1963 I. Mestayer
1965 Robert Bonin
1980 Husville LeCamus
1984 Antoine Judice
1990 Levy Vaughn
1999 Louis Judice
2002 Jacob Breaux
2006 Jeanette Crochet
2010 Olivia Viator
2011 Grace Landry
2012 Deborah Broussard
2015 Faye Tauzin

November 4
1899 Agnace Dugas
1901 Norbert Prince
1907 Antoine John
1907 Eva Henderson
1923 Infant Broussard
1925 Dorestine Mitchell
1952 Abraham Mitchell
1967 Irma Moulis
1977 Sidney Richard
1982 Jarred Valls
1982 Robert Patin
1988 Henry Bonin
1997 Jody Ewing
2002 Lucille Robbins
2017 Cobey Braquet

November 5
1875 Charles Dugas
1883 Nick Bonin
1887 Homer Segura
1887 Dasia Broussard
1908 Eveline Gonsoulin
1909 Rita Richard
1912 Marie Fauchaux
1915 Albert Darby

1934 Clarence Bonin
1990 Edith Gonsoulin
2003 Lloyd Louviere
2010 Sylvia Belaire
2013 Edwin Gonsoulin

November 6
1885 Dupcyrota Bonin
1895 Vhiers Flory
1895 Albert Broussard
1898 Ms. Charles Dauterive
1905 Joseph Crochet
1906 Leah Mestayer
1909 Gilbert Darby
1912 Marie Pierre
1946 Marie Crochet
1958 Robert Bonin
1969 Aldest Bonin
1980 Robert Oubre
1981 Louise Seneca
1998 Carmen Wallet
2000 Lillian Courville
2006 Lloyd Broussard
2010 Sheila Gottschalk
2013 Louis Simon
2015 Harold Judice

November 7
1875 J.B. Louviere
1888 Jules Berard
1887 Henry Bonin
1912 Infant Boudreaux
1924 Vernice Antoine
1941 Infant Bourque
1942 Henry Domingue
1954 Jeanne Trappe
1957 M. Frederick
1958 Fernand Bonin
1980 Elias Gonsoulin
1995 Thelma Broussard
2011 Nellie Fauchaux
2019 Vernon Louviere, Jr.

November 8
1875 Amelie Blanchard
1888 June Cole
1891 Victoria Borel
1893 Infant Dugas
1908 Eusebe Provost
1923 Pierre Fauchaux
1926 Mainvielle Bonin
1940 Otto Broussard
1941 Edmonia Broussard
1941 Sully Verret
1963 Eva Gonsoulin
1986 Naulis Broussard
1999 Mildred Hauck
1999 Kerry Prados

November 9
1884 Octave LeBlanc
1885 Rosa José
1885 Marie Prosper
1915 Athea Vuaghan
1926 Agalice Dugas
1931 Anatole Broussard
1932 Benoit Broussard
1945 Euphemie Berard
1947 Lufetia Bonin
1953 Emelie Oubre
1960 Mark Mestayer
1999 Evelyn Provost
2005 Rita Landry

November 10
1875 Francois Lariviere
1896 William Jeffrey

1910 Eugenia Louviere
1930 Leo Decoux
1936 Edward Louis
2016 Warren Ellender, Sr.

November 11
1881 Alice Lissard
1900 Ernest Judice
1910 Joseph Shelvet
1915 Maurice Michel
1916 Paul Bassin
1932 Emar Borel
1932 Justin Crochet
1964 Elise Dugas
1984 Edia Burke
1986 Jewels Crochet
1987 Whitney Patin
1990 Lucette Prados
1993 Lucrette Dugas
1998 Felix Trahan
2003 Geraldine Mallery
2010 Clara Derouen
2014 Curry Oubre Sr.

November 12
1881 Gustave Boguiss
1895 Marie Braquet
1900 Leonard Elma
1931 Infant Broussard
1942 Claude Granger
1944 Etienne Antoine
1949 Andre Tauzin
1955 Lousa Bonin
1966 Alcee Boudreaux
1984 Percy Tauzin
1992 Evelyn Guillot
1998 Lucille Quinlan
1999 Larry Scroggs
2011 John Anthony
2013 Sandra Horton

November 13
1882 Henriette Dugas
1891 Randolph Julien
1898 Infant Castillo
1917 Martin Prados
1918 Levy Gonsoulin
1931 Delia Doucet
1932 Zenon Simon
1944 Lizzie Mitchell
1946 Laurent Griouard
1949 Willie Braquet
1981 Brad Broussard
1993 Rodney Gondron
1996 Mitchel Breaux
2008 Porteus Meyers
2019 Jerline Hill Antoine

November 14
1874 ? Sylvie
1910 Ms. Henri LeBlanc
1924 Louise Jacquet
1938 Gilmar Mitchell
1983 Gessie Grivat
1986 Twin LeBlanc
1986 Twin LeBlanc
1991 Jules LeBlanc
1995 Johnnie Bonin

November 15
1903 Irma Broussard
1914 Irene Crochet
1932 Violet Lee
1955 Alicia Provost
1967 Annette Crochet
1982 Lawrence Ransonet
1996 Nilda Breaux

2019 Moise Antoine, Sr.
November 16
1875 Henri Bonin
1882 John Jacob
1888 Henriette Honore
1898 Infant Broussard
1898 Infant Gondran
1913 Letitia Simon
1930 Constance Dugas
1942 Philomene Gonsoulin
1949 Erast Broussard
1950 Tommy Jones
1954 Emile Dressel
1963 Albert Bonin
1994 Theresa Dugas
1997 Verna Dugas
2012 Mark Knatt
2015 Dana Amy

November 17
1885 Nelly Bonin
1897 Joseph Borel
1899 Imar Jones
1917 Adelaide Broussard
1954 Marie Breaux
1966 Mathilde Prince
1970 John Horton Jr.
1990 Ravis Dugas
1999 Virginia Frixoux
2010 Joyce Lavoilette
2013 Katherine Viator
2016 Aline Mayeux
2017 Roland Rieth

November 18
1891 Morgan Broussard
1913 Henri Suard
1922 Antoine Amy
1924 Alma Crochet
1925 Zenon Simon
1964 Gerald Boutte
1965 Betty Vaughn
1976 Robert Arnaud
1994 Phillip Richard
2008 Winola Gondron
2015 Alice Davis
2018 Emily M. Louviere

November 19
1894 Louis Antoine
1913 Jules LaFontaine
1918 Albert Fostenette
1922 Denis Mestayer
1923 Sidney Broussard
1923 Emileu Fauchaux
1923 Ellis Tauzin
1925 Ned Broussard
1932 Anatoil Ben
1944 Israel Antoine
1944 Felise Gonsoulin
1967 Fernest Boutte
1982 Desia Berard
1992 Antoinette Boutte
1993 Alvin Decuir
1997 Amos Louviere
2000 Marie Bienvenu
2002 Betty Braquet
2011 Gil Chavez
2014 May Miller
2015 Jude LeBlanc
2016 Ferdinand Breaux

November 20
1874 Infant Victor
1880 ? Gonsoulin
1885 Cyril Alexandre
1886 Selena Louviere

1893 Wil Broussard
1899 Desire Judice
1906 Willie Gondran
1922 Ms. Marcel Hebert
1933 Joseph Dressel
1933 Emeline Bonin
1933 Armand Broussard
1934 Alexandre Lissard
1941 Alice Lavine
1949 Arnas Bonin
1982 Bertin Breaux
2006 Rena Broussard
2011 Thelma Horton
2012 Lillie Broussard
2014 Wilmer Thibodeaux
2016 Howard Fauchaux
2018 Patsy Domingue

November 21
1894 Rita Boutet
1915 Infant Gondran
1918 Madora Bonin
1929 Nellie Collins
1940 Martha Reias
1957 Charles Borel
1961 David Broussard
1966 Emile Thibodeaux
1984 Edwin Berard
1997 Marion Doerle

November 22
1907 Despany Broussard
1908 Angele Bonin
1914 Louise Dugas
1932 Celestine Hebert
1935 Peggy Plessela
1940 Infant Judice
1956 Amelie Guillot
1956 Joy Mayon
1958 Eurite Broussard
1961 Edwonia Crochet
1966 Harvey Prioux
1973 Andrew Broussard
1978 Lewis Freyou

November 23
1920 Louise Rebert
1930 Edmond Broussard
1935 Mathilde Bonin
1983 Louis Grivat
1995 Eric Champagne
2001 Simon Granger
2002 Marie Rodriguez
2013 Elaine Martin
2013 Ruth Judice
2014 Goldie Breaux

November 24
1999 Louise Pellerin
1905 Edna Vital
1919 Hazel Broussard
1935 Oscar Oubre
1939 Infant Anthony
1966 Lezair Ransonet
1967 Ms. Moise Dugas
1969 Annette Lasseigne
1985 Armand Broussard

November 25
1876 J.B. Williams
1912 Elinor Dugas
1925 Aureline Duggin
1931 Marie Vincent
1953 Leroy Broussard
1960 Alnia Bonin
1972 Ms. Denest Louviere
2006 Brian Trahan

2008 Vivian Decuir
2015 Barbara Eldridge

November 26
1880 Ernestine Judice
1892 Rev. Epiphane
1899 Joseph Busson
1918 Edith Prados
1922 Edolie Williams
1927 Antoine LeBlanc
1934 Clarence Vital
1944 Ozea Richard
1973 Aymar Broussard
2000 Mary Barras
2002 Beatrice Gonsoulin

November 27
1880 Alexandre Judice
1890 Irena Antoine
1890 Pierre Ambroise
1894 Anette Dugas
1911 Infant Provost
1922 Infant Parker
1923 Ozene Richard
1930 Frank LeCamus
1932 Jeanne Knatt
1935 Rose Provost
1938 Raoul Breaux
1951 Bertha Jones
1955 Justine Moulis
1961 Oscar Richard
1965 Lee Oubre
1971 Mayo Romero
1972 Alya Trahan
1976 Louise Dresel
1978 Louis Tauzin, Jr.
2004 Yola Trahan
2016 Earl Mestayer

November 28
1898 Infant Henry
1908 Marie Borel
1914 Aurore Dauterive
1925 Anita Bonin
1931 Philomene LeBlanc
1931 Sebastian Broussard
1939 Dorethee Broussard
1956 Hippolite Breaux
1978 John McKenzie
1997 Marie Trahan
2000 Velta Breaux
2018 Mary Knatt

November 29
1896 Bela Gonsoulin
1898 Infant Crochet
1913 Curris Provost
1939 Charles Sanders
1978 Theresa Bonin

November 30
1895 Alexandre Boudreau
1914 Gustave Girouard
1921 Elima Broussard
1940 Murphy Jones
1943 Jerrylene Gonsoulin
1946 Louis Antoine
1952 Edwin Louviere
1966 Edvige Prados
1977 Paul Barras
1993 Whiney Viator
2005 Albert Broussard Sr
2008 Ernest Crochet
2013 Agnes Julien
2019 Thomas Prados

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Birthdays

Happy Birthday!

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

Father Crochet & Fr. Godwin

November 1

Breck Babineaux
Karla Clement
Lelon Comeaux
Ian Crochet
Hannah Hoffpauir
Barbara David
Hannah Hoffpauir
Liz Munnerlyn

November 2

Natalie Bourque
Katie Finley
Sierra Girouard
Kayla Labit
Selene Mathews
Madeleine Thibeaux

November 3

Jeremy Belaire
Thomas deGeneres
Laura Etie
Lonnie Guidry
Gavin Judice
Mia Prioux
Bryleigh LeBlanc
Emma Rebert
William Stiles
Corey Trahan
Billy Viator
Andrew Angelle

November 4

Karsyn Crochet
Jerry Fruge
Glenn Guidry
Miles Jollivette
Gerald Judice
Neil Neuville
Brandi Walet
Charles Poirrier
Katie Thibeaux

November 5

Brandon Boudreaux
Taylor Judice
Amaya Melancon
Christopher Polk
Luke Sonnier
Donald Courville
Wendy Courville
Kinley Stevens
Kinley Vaughn

November 6

Jason Albert
Allie Daniels
Cameron Guillotte
Gladys Lasseigne
Alexandra LeBlanc
Madison Meyers
Beth Mora
Kecia Schaubert
Tordan Waldmann

November 7

Dusti Boudreaux
Sandra Boudreaux
Ryan Clement
Cole Defelice
Landon Kaiser
Ashley Stiles

November 8

Peyton Boutte
Alyssa Broussard
Kyla David
Kasie Gondron
Thane Lanclos
Malerie Landry
Bryson Theriot

November 9

Hudson Daniels
Eli Desormeaux
Logan Girouard
Samantha Laviolette

November 9

Dylan LeBlanc
Jace Provost

November 10

Jeff Douet
Esmee Duhon
Kathleen Grivat
Rouley Lasseigne
Courtney Theriot

November 11

Hunter Bouton
Donavan Broussard
Abgail Dorsey
Kate Gondron
Evan Hebert
Lilah Landry
Penny Landry
Avery Molbert
Rogers Peltier
Nya Picard
Marie Quinlan
Jules Simon

Madison Worsham

November 12

Jacob Bourque
Austin Dauphine
Ali Louviere

November 13

Richael Breaux
Sherry Escagne
Betty Judice
Madison Johnson

November 14

Christian Broussard
Colton Burke
Meghan Denise
Jada Dorsey
Corgan Edler
Kathleen Heitcamp
Dwayne Judice
Jon Judice
Lexi Landry
Kyle Mestayer

November 15

Addie Barras
Landon Charpentier
Angela Gary
Jackie Guillotte
Alwyn Hebert
Colin Lanclos
Albreanie Prados
Aaron Songne
Taylor Walker
Joy Voorhies

November 16

Christina Albert
Riley Dugas
Krystyne Latiolais
Christopher Lee

November 17

Matthew Albert
Jeremy Broussard
Janna LeBlanc
Asa Romero

November 18

Tyler Berard
Noah Doiron
Robert Durand
Craig Girouard
Darryl Melancon
Kyla Polk

Glenn Romero
Layah Viator

November 19

Jeanne Bernard
Joshua Borel
Julie Heitkamp
Kaley Mestayer
Brad Norris
Brennon Schouest
Susanne Suire
Bailey Williams

November 20

Diane Armentor
Mackenzi Babineaux
Brody Denise
John Munnerlyn
Justin Sonnier
Julie Suire
Khole Trimble

November 21

Christopher Berard
Wesley DuBose
Gabrielle Estilette
Sydni Fields
Yola Hebert
Gabriel LeBlanc
Matthew LeBlanc
Alyssa Mouret
Kain Schaubert
Paul Stephens

November 22

Therin Broussard
Landon Dempsey
Rita Dominique
Nicholas Richard
Mia Romero
Payton Thibodeaux
Devin Verret

November 23

Marie Brodie
Lori Broussard
Leroy Courville
Carol Degeyter
Alea Etie
Gladys Judice
Bradley Mathews
Daelyn Naquin

November 24

Emma Arnaud
Claudette Berard

Brandt Bird
Trace David
Daniel Guillot
Richard Guillotte
Jett Moore
Roxanna Neuville
Patrick Villermin

November 25

Troy Blanchard II
Brennen Breaux
Sadie DeRouen
Annalise Garrett
Lauren Griffin
Lindsey Griffin
Jhett Ronsonet
Caitlyn Theroit

November 26

Tim Hebert
Sidney Lassalle
Ariana Thomas
Clyde Warfel, Jr.

November 27

Ryan Berard
Pamela Hebert
Layla Legnon
Cody Viator

November 28

Wanda Arcement
Emily Bonin
Fr. Barry Crochet
Tanya Vicknair
Charley Duplechain
Sage Louviere

November 29

Maxine Bourque
Owyn Lancon
Dale Laviolette
Anna-Claire Norris

Kyle Norris
Parker Richard
Brandy Richard
Amy Theriot
Skye Theriot

November 30

Brandon Arceneaux
Jonathon Belaire
Ravis Belaire
Mixon Haik
Willie Ronsonet
Morgan Verret

The Toxic Waste of *Roe v. Wade* by George Weigel

Great Britain's parliamentary democracy has no constitutional text, but rather a "constitution" composed of centuries of legal traditions and precedents. So when British courts make grave mistakes, those mistakes can be fixed, more or less readily, by Parliament. The American situation is quite different. Given a written constitution and the principle of judicial review, grave mistakes by the Supreme Court are exceptionally toxic and hard to remedy, as three wrongly-decided cases illustrate.

In 1857, the Court declared in *Dred Scott v. Sandford* that the Constitution recognized no rights inherent in black people the white majority was bound to acknowledge — and thereby accelerated the process of national dissolution leading to the Civil War, in which over 700,000 Americans killed each other. *Plessey v. Ferguson*, which upheld the constitutionality of racially segregated public facilities in 1896, kept Jim Crow alive, delayed the full legal implementation of the 13th and 14th amendments, and poisoned [a national political] party for generations by giving inordinate weight within party counsels to segregationists, who cowed even Franklin D. Roosevelt. It took a half-century of civil rights struggle and the 1964 Civil Rights Act to begin repairing the damage *Plessey* had done.

Then there was *Roe v. Wade* and its companion case, *Doe v. Bolton*: the 1973 Supreme Court decisions that invented a constitutional right to abortion throughout a pregnancy. Denounced by Justice Byron White in his dissent as "an exercise in raw judicial power," *Roe's* effects on American political culture have been as toxic as *Dred Scott* and *Plessey*.

Defending *Roe's* abortion license has become a prime imperative for [a national political party]. And because of that, far too many Catholic politicians ... have put a

canine fealty to a shabby judicial diktat above the truth of science (the product of human conception is a unique human being) and the moral truth we can know by reason (in a just society, innocent human life is protected in law). *Roe* has also jeopardized religious freedom and the rights of conscience, corrupted the medical professions, and eroded the authority of the states to regulate medical practice.

In an attempt to buttress *Roe*, a three-judge plurality in 1992's *Casey v. Planned Parenthood* cheapened the "liberty" to which the founders pledged their "lives, fortunes, and sacred honor," reducing it to a sheer personal willfulness that turns "I Did It My Way" into the unofficial national anthem. And thanks to *Roe*, Supreme Court nomination hearings have become exercises in character assassination with no holds barred.

While political scientists may wonder why the defense of *Roe's* abortion license has become so fevered, comparative religious studies may provide an answer: For those who worship the totem of the imperial autonomous Self (the false god of "Me, Myself, and I"), the abortion license has become sacramental — an outward sign of the inner reality of women's autonomy; an outward sign, for men, of their acquiescence to forms of feminism that promote freedom-as-autonomy.

Unquestioning faith in that which is unworthy of faith darkens the mind, so that otherwise intelligent people are blinded to the reality of things. This was true of primitive religions, and sadly enough, similar phenomena are at work today. For other than a debilitating myopia caused by the credulous belief that abortion-on-demand is a "civil right," why would so many black political leaders support a practice that, thanks to Planned Parenthood's inner-city "reproductive health" clinics, has caused the mass slaughter of unborn black children, thereby making African-Americans the

second-largest minority group in the United States?

Today's Supreme Court agitations involve many issues, including the oversized role of the judiciary in our constitutional order. Those issues deserve a serious, thoughtful, public airing. For many of those bending every effort to defeat Judge Amy Coney Barrett's nomination to the Court, however, the meta-issue will be the defense of an abortion license they not only support, but revere. And that ultramundane reverence explains why their efforts will be so vicious. False gods often underwrite human cruelty.

A Supreme Court that hollows out or even reverses *Roe v. Wade* will not settle the American abortion debate; it will return the issue to the states, where there will be mixed results for the cause of life. But a post-*Roe* America will have expelled a rotting bone from the national throat. And that America will then have the opportunity to demonstrate, state by state, whether we are a people capable of morally serious democratic deliberation.

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