

## 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

Mrs. Gail Borel — gail.borel@stjosephparishonline.org

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Mrs. Sherry Hebert — sherry.hebert@stjosephparishonline.org

#### **EUCHARISTIC 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

#### SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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



Almighty ever-living God, Who in the abundance of Your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat You, pour out Your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask.



### 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.



Lisa Adcock, Kendall Romero, 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, Gail Louviere, Pat Villermin., Ira Bourque, Hailey Thomassee, Lon Prioux, Francis Crochet, Brennan Wingfield, Danny Latiolais, Lawrence Albert, Lloyd Dugas.

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.

September 27, 2020	
Regular Sunday Offering Envelopes	\$ 2,994.00
Regular Sunday Offering Loose	\$ 4,080.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,385.00
Regular Collection Total	\$ 7,074.00
Difference	- \$ 311.00
Present Loan Balance	\$ 299,875.58
Donation Against Loan Balance	\$ 196.00
Insurance Balance 2020-2021	\$ 32,468.98
Insurance Collection	\$ 335.00

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.

#### The Sanctuary Lamp is burning for

The Community

#### The Vocation Chalice is in Church

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

Flowers on the Altar in memory of Mary Mitchell

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
Charlene Stanley and Ethan Kyle Arnold (Special Intention)
Charles and Jackie Poirrier Family
Mr. and Mrs. Will Roberts and
Mr. and Mrs. Collins Louviere and Kerney Louviere
For Recovery

## 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.

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October 4	Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell/Rev. Mr. Seth Lemaire
	Dcn. Jerry Bourg/Sr. Elizabeth Heredia, OCD
October 5	Rev. Joseph Campion, SSJ/Joseph Marcantel
	Dcn. Ed Boustany/Sr. Marie Camille Hoang, OCD
October 6	Rev. Michael Champagne, CJC, STD/Riley Maturin
	Dcn. Wynard Boutte/Sr. Elizabeth Le, OCD
October 7	Rev. Gregory Chauvin/Stephen Melancon
	Dcn. Patrick Burke/Sr. Mother Regina Mullins, OCD
October 8	Rev. Michael Chesney, SJ/Brian Nguyen
	Dcn. Marty Cannon/Sr. Michelle Schutze, OCD
October 9	Rev. Blaine Clement/Rev. Mr. Connor Poirrier
	Dcn. Francis Cao Sr./Teresa Sonnier, OCD
October 10	Rev. Ugochukwu Cletus, SSJ/Michael Vidrine
	Dcn. Ricky Castañeda/Sr. Elia Zepeda, OCD

#### Mass Intentions -10/3 - 10/9

Saturday 4:00 p.m. — 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 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 Mestaver Sr., Granger and Mestayer Family, Ronald, Sr. and Mildred Gonsoulin, Leed and Mabel Gondron, Fred Laviolette, Louis and Grace Moran, Virginia Frioux, Lennet and Marie Antoinette Crochet, Clenie and Eve Segura and Billie, Sally Domingue, Cabrol and Domingue Family, Martha Escagne Rodriguez, Lloyd Broussard, Claude and Felicie Granger, Nancy Broussard, Clarence and Hilda Landry, Billie and Armance Barrilleaux, Kay Dooley and William and Dolores Dooley, Earl Mestayer, Kim Decuir, Chris and Annie Decuir Family, Benjamin Decuir Family, Ron and Jana Angelle Family, Michael Decuir Family, Ossie Romero, Jr., Francis and Lorena Dupoy, Patrick Lasseigne, Deborah Hinebaugh-Hayeck, Katie Boutte, Irene Theriot, Dr. John Rellus Hebert, Sr., Ronald Albert, Sr., Warren Dupoy, Sib and John Mullican, Alton and Cecile Segura, Ken Segura, Suzette Judice, Antoine and Marie Judice Family, Butsy Walet, Gloria and Sam Delcambre and 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.

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, SJ. "Bute" Granger, Junius and Mary Hebert, Joe Moore and Heath Wallace, Sis and Maurice Provost, Mike Judice, Suzette Judice, Antoine and Marie Judice Family, Catherine Defelice and Tracey Defelice Guilbeau, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Broussard, Lora Bloom, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Boudreaux, Noelie Seneca, Martha Escagne Rodriguez, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Rev. Kendall Faulk, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.

10:00 a.m. — Ira Bourque Family, Doris Prados, Antoine Judice Family, Mike Judice and Suzette Judice, Ann, Jerry and Bubba Thibodeaux, Louis J. "Nego" and Lita N. Judice and parents, Marie Lee Prioux, Louto and Anite Gondron Family, Philip, Jr. and Neil Hebert, Mark Tauzin, Clayson and Lillian Dugas, 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, Solari Family, Alvaro Jimenez, Robert Lawrence, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.

Monday 6:45 a.m. OLV — Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Protection from and end to Corona Virus, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.

Tuesday 5:30 p.m. StJo — 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, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.

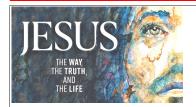
Wednesday 6:45 a.m. StJo — Andrew Bonin Family and Stanley Crochet Family, John Michael Steiner, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Protection from and end to Corona Virus, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred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

Thursday 5:30 p.m. StJo — Carol Boutte Romero, Francis, Lorena and Warren Dupoy, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Protection from and end to Corona Virus, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.

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



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



Bible Study Resumes this Monday September 28, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in Saint Theresa Hall

Jesus is our savior, our redeemer, our Lord, and our God. Our belief in Jesus is what makes us who we are as Catholics, as Christians, but do we really know Him as we should? Is Jesus a part of your life, or is He at the center of your life as He should be? We invite you to make Him the center of your life by joining us for this video study program that explores the entirety of Jesus' life and what He means for us as Catholics today. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation by Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Jeff Cavins, and Edward Sri, followed by a lively group discussion and fellowship. Registration is \$40 and can be paid at the rectory. We hope you can join us!



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

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 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.

# Please make an appointment for your house

Exorcism and Blessing Make it happen! 229-4254



# CDA Meeting Thursday, October 8 at 4:00 p.m. Saint Theresa Hall

#### 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 to

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



Our Lady of Fatima

# Praying the Rosary for America...

As human efforts fail to solve America's key problems, we turn to God, through His Holy Mother, asking His urgent help. Please join us for the Rosary Rally for America this Saturday, October 10, 2020 at 12 Noon Saint Joseph Rectory Front Lawn Under the Oak Trees Benediction will take place at 1:00 p.m. in Saint Joseph Church

### 10 Reasons to Pray a Public Rosary

- **1.** The *Miracle of the Sun* was public: On October 13, 1917, Our Lady performed a miracle witnessed by 70,000 people, including atheists, communists and anti-Catholics. Some of them converted. The 2020 Public Rosary Rallies will remind the person on the street that conversion is possible.
- **2. Reach fallen away Catholics:** According to research, only 28% of Catholics attend Mass in America. The Public Rosary is a great way to reach the 72% of non-practicing Catholics, a total of 46 million people. If they see you praying in a public place, they may be moved to become better Catholics.
- **3. Public prayer gets results:** Pro-life Catholics have peacefully prayed the Rosary in front of abortion clinics for decades. The power of their prayer has blunted the advance of abortion. Their public prayers save lives. In fact, recent studies show that abortion clinics are closing at a rate of one per month.
- **4. Be a Fatima apostle:** Our Lord sent the apostles forth to teach all nations. Praying the Rosary in public is an excellent way to introduce others to the Catholic Faith and the Fatima message. "Now no man lighting a candle covereth it with a vessel, or putteth it under a bed; but setteth it upon a candlestick, that they who come in may see the light" (Luke 8:16).
- **5. Public sins require public reparation:** Our culture openly flaunts sin. You hear it on public airwaves, on primetime TV, on the Internet. Laws favor abortion and same-sex "marriage." Your Rosary Rally will be a public act of reparation for these sins hurled against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Your public Rosary will console God. At Fatima, Our Lady said to the children: "You saw Hell, where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them, God wishes to establish devotion to My Immaculate Heart in the world."

- 6. Will the media promote Fatima? Never! It's up to us to promote devotion to Mary "outside the choir." To pray the Rosary in public is a powerful way to promote its recitation. Catholics must not be ashamed of their Faith. "Every one therefore that shall confess Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father Who is in Heaven" (Matthew 10:32). During public Rosary rallies already held, non-Catholics have stopped and asked for Rosaries, wanting to learn how to pray.
- **7. Public Rosaries in history:** At the end of World War II, Communist Soviet troops occupied Vienna, Austria. They refused to leave. Yet, after massive public Rosary processions led by Fr. Petrus Pavlicek, the Communist invaders packed up and left. Large-scale public Rosaries were likewise credited for foiling a Communist takeover in Brazil in 1964. If the Rosary saved these countries, it can save America.
- **8. Duty to honor God publicly:** Secularists have been attempting to drive religion and morality out of the public square. Children in public schools have been suspended, for example, when they pray grace before meals. That cannot continue! Catholics have the duty to oppose the secularist agenda. We openly honor God and respect His rights. The 2020 Public Rosary Rally will make the point.
- **9. Preparing for Our Lady's Triumph:** The Immaculate Heart of Mary will triumph over evil. It is a great privilege to be among those who trust in Her Triumph and honor Her in the public square. Imagine 20,000 Public Rosary Rallies. This historic campaign will hasten God's victory, attract blessings on America, and surely strengthen every rally participant.
- **10. Public prayer is powerful:** In his monumental work, **The Secret of the Rosary**, Saint Louis Marie de Montfort states: "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Ghost, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering."

#### Where Is God in the American Dream? by David G Bonagura, Jr.

It's election season, so candidates promising policies that fulfill American Dream in exchange for our votes are everywhere. The American Dream is the social and economic corollary of our nation's founding creed: that all men are created equal and endowed by God with natural rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Because we are free and equal, we can aspire to an egalitarian society where all Americans can prosper materially.

Longing for economic security and social standing is innate in fallen man, and there is nothing wrong with these things as such – though, like any worldly good, they can be overly coveted or misused. While they are not necessary for eternal salvation, a lack of these benefits can generate tremendous stress, which, in turn, can lead anxious individuals to anger, despair, and sin.

But the American Dream cuts deeper than the desire for financial security. It is a constitutive statement of American life ... and, therefore, it reflects who we are as a people. In pursuit of the dream, though, we ought to ask ourselves if this is who we want to be.

Two features of the American Dream reflect deeply held American ideals. First, material gain and class concerns are part of the fabric of our nation. Second, the dream is understood as an end in itself: that with hard work we can reach "a better life," which includes a home and property along with enough money to finance whatever we desire. Since her founding, America, the promised land of opportunity, has lured people from across every ocean to transform their rags into riches.

These features prompted the Catholic historian Christopher Dawson to warn Europe against embracing America's "practical materialization of culture," which, in his view, has "led, on the one hand, to the individualistic cult of material success and, on the other, to a humanitarian idealism that is in reality

nothing else but the same ideal in been given, much will be socialized form."

Dawson's diagnosis is reflected in the campaign promises of both major political parties since the Civil War. Without question, Americans have been, and, on the whole, still are religious people. But from the beginning, religion has been compartmentalized as a part of who we are rather than the animating source of who we are. Compartmentalizing religion, argues philosopher Charles Taylor, was a major step toward the secularization we experience today.

When we set priorities, it is all too easy for worldly concerns to marginalize, and then absorb, spiritual ones. The American Dream expresses the triumph of the material over the spiritual in our social outlook.

Ancient Israel provides an effective contrast to the American perspective. God commanded Pharaoh through Moses, "Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness." (Exodus 7:16) Freedom, God tells us, is not an end in itself, as Americans typically view it. Rather, freedom is the condition for worship, the means whereby we fulfill our vocations as pilgrims on the way home to God. We know, of course, that Israel repeatedly fell from this call over the centuries. Yet the call has remained constitutive for the people: Israel's purpose was not to build up treasures on earth, but in Heaven.

In this view, human beings do not live to work, as we Americans tend to think - from competing for admission into prestigious schools, to the rat race, to climbing the corporate ladder. No. In the Catholic view, human beings work to live. And Christians are to live, Saint Paul explains, not "for themselves, but for Him who died and was raised for them." (II Corinthians 5:15)

For Catholics, work, wealth, and social standing can never be the principal goal of our lives. Properly understood, they are byproducts of, and not rewards for, fulfilling God's Will. We are not to keep them for ourselves, but offer them back to God by serving others with them. "From everyone to whom much has

required." (Luke 12:48)

Catholics will not be able to reshape the American Dream wholesale for the nation, nor will they alone change the tenor of political discourse. Yet there are two benefits of recasting the American Dream within a God-centered context.

First, we can resist being swallowed by the materialist vortex that surrounds us, one that pulls harder during election time. Second, in an age when politics has become an all-consuming religion, we can remember that religion ought to direct politics – not in the sense of clergy dictating policy, as critics baselessly assert, but of religious principles guiding voting and policy making for the common good.

These benefits may seem a dream unto themselves. But if we continue to see the American Dream as an end in itself, we risk losing sight of the Kingdom of God and righteousness. Jesus warned us repeatedly of the dangers of riches, and none of us is immune to temptation. If we want to do what is best for ourselves, and, by extension, our country, we must place God at the center of all our dreams, financial and otherwise.

David G. Bonagura Jr. teaches at St. Joseph's Seminary, New York. He is the author of Steadfast in Faith: Catholicism and the Challenges of Secularism (Cluny Media).



#### October 1

1887 Omer David 1899 Adelmar Jones 1907 Auguste DeMahy 1911 Infant Judice 1927 Orignac Bonin 1945 Euphemon LeBlanc 1947 Evella Chretien 2014 Laura Bloom

#### October 2

1900 Erbest Alexandre 1906 Louis Dugas 1938 Mary Vaughn 1946 Evalture Chastant 1965 Corinne Oubre 1965 Lee Dugas 1980 Marcelit Dugas 1987 Emma Prosper 1998 Armide Broussard 2012 Albert Bonin 2013 Jenny Decuir

#### October 3

1919 Joseph Mitchell 1934 Alizia Borres 1936 Antoine Dressel 1944 Cecile Broussard 1944 Elise Mitchell 1949 Emily Louis 1973 Curtis Verret 1980 Marie Hebert 1984 Aymar Vincent 1989 İnez Bourque 2001 Lucille Prados 2005 Ethel Romero 2008 Carolyn Walet 2017 Betty Mestayer

#### October 4

1873 Jean-Marie Karret 1889 Willis Blanchard 1901 Cecile Lamperez 1901 Celina LeBlanc 19023 Hypolite Forest 1911 Adrien Broussard 1919 Armand Molbere 1923 Infant Castille 1926 Francis Alexandre 1934 Husville Gonsoulin 1937 George Broussard 1978 Annette Dugas 1999 Jeffrey Lassiegne 2016 Antoine LeBlanc

#### October 5

1899 Pierre Hebert 1915 Antoine Barras 1929 Elizabeth Jean-Louis 1930 Eno Molaire 1942 Calvin Jones 1948 Olizia Gonsoulin 1964 Rene Judice 1984 Alice Daigle 1999 Infant Albert 2002 Florence Chastant 2004 Isaac Prados

#### October 6

1889 Paul John 1904 Jean Granger 1937 Mildred Daigle 1965 Ulysse Bonin 1966 Stanley Crochet 1973 Martha Judice 1982 Louis Moulis 1997 Aristlide Richard 2003 Oris Cormier 2014 Lily Roberts

#### October 7

1899 Emile Broussard 1914 Dozier Bonin 1915 E.J. Broussard 1916 Devianne Dugas 1921 Paul Segura 1926 Felicie Bonin 1936 Agnes Berard 1960 Ella Grivat 1965 Alphonse Barrilleaux 2003 Maudry Barras

#### October 8

1885 ? Provost 1904 Ernest Alexandre 1922 Jules Ste. Marie 1923 Thelma Louviere 1923 Hazel Arcan 1943 Esyma Martin 1948 Gertrude Bonin 1956 Elie Judice 1997 Norald Tingler 1999 Ronald Martin 2001 Mamie Louviere 2002 Anna Broussard 2006 Maria Bonin 2007 Elaine Dugas 2011 Velma Gondron 2014 Evelyn Moulis 2016 Dolores Dooley

#### October 9

1885 Dupre Darby 1904 Feliciana Johnson 1920 Celina Bonin 1920 Clemance Castillo 1926 Aimee Braquet 1932 Edgar Oubre 1936 Victoria Doucette 1953 Clet Landry 1953 Paul Prioux 1965 Alpha Gonsoulin 1966 Adonis Borel 1974 George Dugas 1983 Willie Bonin 1993 Willie Arnaud 1997 Irene Medver 2017 Karen Kay Dooley

#### October 10

1875 Jean Delhomme 1904 Balthazar Pelerin 1910 Walter Oubre 1914 Infant Bonin 1916 John Prados 1924 Dieudonne Guidry 1924 Honere Decuir 1944 Albert Hebert 1985 Noelie Comeaux 2005 Eula Dressel 2011 Felix Hebert

#### October 11

1886 Eduard Broussard 1888 Louis Guillotte 1889 Henriette Johnnie 1892 Caroline Johnson 1909 Alcide Gonsoulin 1948 Iris Jones 1955 Doris Oubre 1971 Menier Broussard 1993 Louise Broussard 2009 Anna Mae Neuville 2016 Glenda Romero

2019 Hayden Fuqua

#### October 12

1882 Lucie Grivat 1883 Pierre Anthony 1910 Fernest Bonin 1911 Sandy LeBlanc 1928 Milton Gondran 1945 Infant John 1962 Lunias Provost 1962 Georgette Louviere 1968 Josephine Bonin 1987 Marie Crochet 1991 Eula Chataignier 1992 Roger Sisco 1996 Eunice Bonin 2006 Timothy Tauzin 2011 Euphemie LeBlanc

October 13 1890 Philias Junias 1901 Davy Moulis 1903 Infant John 1909 Gilmar Bonin 1915 Anna Ravleigh 1928 Infant Oubre 1940 Perry Provost 1940 Fred Champeaux 1967 Marie Broussard 1975 Rogers Grivat 1993 Dana Robin 2004 Lawrence Berard

#### October 14

1888 Henviette Charles 1895 Alfred Bonin 1918 Anthony Dugas 1924 Neilly Baily 1942 Francois Joseph 1951 Gene Gonsoulin 1960 Odeal Dugas 1971 Felecie Granger 1972 Louise Mestayer 1976 Aline Breaux 1981 Infant Broussard 1998 Fred Segura 2011 Bret Frederick 2017 Vivian Ruiz

#### October 15

1889 Doralice Broussard 1911 Alcide Boutte 1919 Beatrice Antoine 1923 Joseph Bastien 1932 Julia Simon 1955 Phelie Prosper 1974 Eldina Champeaux 1980 Dale Dugas 1999 Robert Prados 2000 Veronette Segura 2007 Harold Louviere

#### October 16

1905 Flias Borel 1926 Cecile St. Martine 1927 Charles Sanders 1929 Angus Louis 1944 Lawrence Vincent 1951 Edwin Bonin 1972 A.J. Breaux 1972 Laurent Dugas 1979 Abel Louviere 1982 Camille Gondron 1986 Dillon Ronsonet 1994 Gertrude Eldridge 2010 Lucille Romero

#### October 17

1891 Cyril Alexander 1915 Michael Anthony 1935 Aldon Broussard 1948 Hilda Oubre 1950 Raymond Berthelot 1951 Ísaac Lecamus 1957 Amelie Decuir 1975 Sue Lissard 2002 Paul Oubre

#### October 18

1896 Elphonse Dugas 1909 Marguerite Gonsoulin 1923 Edgard Broussard 1925 Cecile Louviere 1937 John Sanders 1939 Leonce Louviere 1944 Aymond Dugas 1948 Mary Louviere 1950 Adolph Escagne 1957 Corine Steckler 1966 Edrick Daigle 1984 Corinne Oubre 1992 Lloyd Ransonet 1993 Edwin LeBlanc 1998 Alice Judice 2000 Clarence Peltier 2001 Gilman Vaughn

#### October 19

1917 Infant Breaux 1919 Infant John 1942 Louis Gonsoulin 1943 Noemie Ste. Marie 1977 Hermine Braquet 2002 Irene Pennison

#### October 20

1873 Infant Broussard 1904 Joseph Granger 1914 Charles Berard 1918 Godfroy Broussard 1927 Michel Anthony 1954 Louis Borel 1957 Leona Mestayer 1968 Loveless Comeaux 1983 Bertha Dupoy 2001 Ernest Crochet 2003 Linda Simon 2003 Clenie Segura 2009 Paula Oubre 2013 Kamryn Dorsey 2016 Laurent Braquet, Jr.

#### October 21

1888 ? Rodriquez 1889 Rosela Abraham 1889 Louis Dugas 1897 Pat Kelly 1907 Achille Boutte 1926 Marie Nore 1932 Marcel Bonin 1934 Sidney Simon 1947 Idea Dugas 1959 Lloyd Segura 1979 Richard Broussard 2019 John Mullican

#### October 22

1873 Auguste Rebeck 1873 Denis Provost 1886? Duggins 1894 Louizon Warrik 1894 Emelie Richard 1900 Amithe Toffier

1905 Antoine? 1918 Louis Walet 1936 Marie Judice 1938 Louise Rebert 1952 Elsie Castillo 2017 Roger Dugas

#### October 23

1920 Sylvia Broussard 1920 Sylvio Broussard 1942 Ozaire Barrilleause 1949 Earl Pelletier 1960 Jeannie Chastant 1963 Earl Robicheaux 1978 Jenny Broussard 1993 Lillian Eldridge 2016 Bruce Greene

#### October 24

1893 Alex Broussard 1912 Toussant Williams 1914 Leonie Gardner 1918 Rosna Shelby 1918 Austin Ryas 1918 Gustave Boutte 1929 Genevieve Bonin 1930 Augustin Cauzen 1959 Louise Bonin 1994 Pearl Mayon 1994 Laurence Girouard 2008 Alton Barras 2015 Earline Bonin

#### October 25

1885 ? Prince 1901 Alexandre Crouard 1911 Leonard Crochet 1914 Rene Decuir 1951 Lawrence Pierre 1956 Ozena Richard 1976 Joseph ? 1977 Willie Vaughn 2001 Kenneth Mestayer 2013 Darrell Judice

#### October 26

1885 Amelie Mitchell 1894 Infant Granger 1900 Antoinette Gonsoulin 1900 Adunar Ransonet 1906 Daniel Dugas 1915 Theodore Oubre 1918 Charles Walet 1923 Hillary Lockwood 1927 Pierre Molbert 1958 Amelie Broussard 1968 Armond Blanchard 1975 Gertrude Judice 1980 Bret Broussard 1981 Honora Prados 1984 Euphis Judice 1987 Loula Judice 1995 Allen Armentor 2009 Mabel Gondron 2010 Warren Thomas 2013 Tommy Crochet

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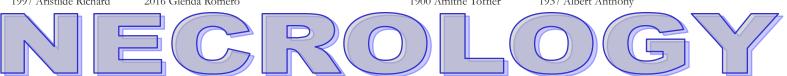
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Happy Birthday! May God richly bless you on your special day. It will be my privilege to remember you at the altar during the celebration of Holy Mass as I offer the Victim.

Father Crochet

#### October 1

Mary Broussard Grant Frederick Riley Marcotte Ray Hebert Sr. Timothy Smith Sabrina Broussard

#### October 2

Ethel Dugas Meagan Martin Caline Provost Averie Romero Caleb Theriot Linda Thomas Abbi Walet

#### October 3

Max Borres Chance Boudeaux Terry Champagne Karen Dugas Ryan Finley Gavin Girouard Guinn Lancon Becky Perez Paula Terry Sophia Viator

#### October 4

Maverick Denise Justin Judice Bailey Latiolais Chris Saunier

#### October 5

Stephanie DeRouen Marian Fruge Annette Jackson Landon Lancon Jeanne Louviere Anabelle Neuville Ashley Williams

#### October 6

Kale Borres Kole Borres Nichole DuBose Lacy Prioux Holly Rebert Jane Thibeaux Adelynn Trimble

#### October 7

Kamryn Breaux Hazden Duhon Carter Hebert Cullen Norris

Brian Provost Dean Moore Zoie Thibodeaux

#### October 8

Corey Bonin Gravson Douet Kirk Grivat Denise Kinsery Kaylee Latiolais Sherline LeBlanc Ann Pete

#### October 9

Danny Dooley Owen Grivat Oliver Guidry Wendy Latiolais Richard Phillips

#### October 10

Eddie Dorsey, Jr. Catherine LeJeune Beau Guillot Cullen Hulin Mia Malagarie Annette Ronsonet

#### October 11

Sophia Ansley Staci Fuselier Russell Gonsoulin Robin Guidry Cynthia Migues Scott Thibodeaux Shane Walker

#### October 12

Kylin Broussard Nedra Gerard Shane Godeau Nancy Holtzclaw Brianna Oubre Mattie Ruiz

#### October 13

Morgan Boggs Josie Crochet Luke Landry Carl LeBlanc Cameron Melancon Angel Rodriguez

#### October 14

Christine Arceneaux Kevin Barras Katelyn Boutte Louis Hebert

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Hailey Alebert McKynlei Eskine Tvler Mora Claire Richard Trudy Smith Trent Viator

#### October 16

Judy Champagne Corey Cheramie Gabriella Comb Courtlyn Kaiser Riley Kelly Donald Williams

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#### October 18

Ethan Benesch Anna Bertrand Edith Boudreaux Ava Floris Gracie Gondron Molly Landry Ezry LeBlanc Kristi Stansbury Amalie Sumrall

#### October 19

Gene Fontenot Kami Graves **Jackie Judice** Megan Latiolais Michael Munnerlyn Erroll Neuville Becky Robin Sara Romero

#### October 20

Matthew Bertrand Taylor Bonin Blake Delcambre, Jr. Trent Dugas Jesse Duplechain

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Dominic Smith Lanie Sonnier Mary Stevens

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Noah Delcambre Amelie Fouquier Natalie Prejean **Brock Thomas** 

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Briana Boudreaux Rayden Broussard Elizabeth Price José Rodriguez, Sr. Obrey Ronsonet

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Lisa Albert Coleen Borel Max Borel Elizabeth Burke Colette Clifton Daniel Duplantis Courtney LaJaunie Brittany Dworaczyk Barbara Judice Lawrie Landry Matthew Lissard Virginia McGinnt Blake Thibodeaux Monique Vice

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Donna Berard Steve Berard Tommy Bergeron Victoria Gondron Mark Judice Tristan Mestayer Nathan Mitchell Nicole Robin Clarence Romero

#### October 25

Lvla Aguillard Zachary Bonin Jeffery Crochet Kate Delahoussaye Avery Latiolais Ciera Peltier Richard Sonnier

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Bryan Crochet Hollis Daigle Paylyn Hebert Mali Kinsey Micah Norris Chase Richard Connie Terry Shane Walet

#### October 27

Thomas Greaux Iamie Louviere Falyn Martin Rodney Pesson

#### October 28

Riley Edler Duplantis Girouard William Quinlan Calli Smith

#### October 29

Lynette Badeaux Mia Charpentier Jacob Faucheaux Jack David Martin Abigail Milliman Levi Norris Cole Riley Lindsay Smith

#### October 30

Carlie Bourque Ryan Bourque Brooksie Heber Peggy Mestayer Riley Migues Francis Suire Charlene Walet

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## Sinners, but not Hypocrites by Fr. Paul D. Scalia

What's the difference between a hypocrite and a sinner? They look an awful lot alike. The hypocrite presents himself one way and then acts another. The sinner deliberately chooses what he knows he should not choose. They both suffer an interior division. Indeed, we ourselves may feel like hypocrites when we sin, when we choose contrary to what we believe. Still, we sense a difference between the two. We rightly intuit that not everyone who sins is for that reason a hypocrite.

The distinction lies in this. The hypocrite has made peace with the division within himself; the sinner fights against it. Now, he might fight poorly and fail more often than not, but he nevertheless keeps pushing against that interior dis-integration. The sinner repents and tries to conform his life to what is true. The hypocrite refuses to repent and instead tries to twist reality to fit his way of living. He has, perhaps without even realizing it, grown comfortable with his interior division.

The difference between the hypocrite and sinner explains why we react so differently to them. We might grow frustrated or angry at a man's sinfulness, or we might pity him his weakness. But a hypocrite is different. We sense that he suffers a deeper, more fundamental dishonesty. He is dangerous in a way that the sinner is not. While the sinner loses his way occasionally (perhaps often), the hypocrite has lost his compass.

This is the difference between the two sons in our Lord's parable. (Matthew 21:28-32) While both sons do wrong, the first son is capable of repentance and the second is not. The first sins in his defiance; the second has grown comfortable in his duplicity. The first is simply a sinner; the second a hypocrite.

As with many other parables, our Lord directs this one "to the chief priests and elders." The point is not simply that these men have sinned. Our Lord clearly distinguishes them from sinners, from the tax collectors and prostitutes entering the Kingdom of God before them. No, there is a flaw within them deeper than sinfulness, worse than any specific sin. They are men who have grown comfortable with the division within them, who have traded integrity for power. They are, as Jesus declares elsewhere (cf. Matthew 24:13-29),

hypocrites.

We have a visceral reaction against hypocrisy precisely because we sense its disintegrating power in the person. The hypocrisy involved in Church scandals angers us more than the actual sins. Likewise, the hypocrisy of our all-too-prominent pro-abortion Catholic politicians is in some ways worse than any particular sin or even a habitual moral failing. They have grown so comfortable with their interior disintegration that they can blithely claim the Catholic mantle and champion the pro-abortion cause.

The opposite of hypocrisy is integrity — that quality that guards the unity of the person. Integrity makes a person an integer instead of a fraction; it guarantees that he is whole and entire, not divided. The man of integrity has combined and united — has *integrated* — all the various aspects of his life. What he believes, thinks, says, and does are all *one*. And while integrity is technically not a virtue, it — or at least the desire and striving for it — makes virtue possible. And the virtues in turn help to deepen that integration.

Due to original sin, we all experience division and conflict between what we know is good and true, on one hand, and what we desire and choose on the other. "I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate." (Romans 7:15) When we sin, we exacerbate that division and risk drifting into hypocrisy. When we repent we find healing for that division. The Psalmist prays (Psalm 86:12): *Make my heart simple, whole, and entire.* 

The world expects Christians to be first of all men and women of integrity. Indeed, how much damage has the hypocrisy of Christians caused the spread of the Gospel. How, then, do we grow in integrity of heart?

First, by devotion to the Truth. Note: not just an interest in the Truth but a desire to conform ourselves to It; not just to know but to respond to the Truth. After all, the hypocrite himself might be able to recite profound truths. But he doesn't conform himself to them. Saint James warns us not to be the kind of person who finds the Truth interesting but not determinative:

Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who observes his natural face in a mirror; for he observes



himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But he who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer that forgets but a doer that acts, he shall be blessed in his doing. (James 1:22-25)

Or, as Venerable Fulton Sheen put it, "If you don't behave as you believe, you will end by believing as you behave."

Second, a devotion to the Sacrament of Penance. The difference between the sinner and the hypocrite is that the sinner repents. Our growth in integrity of heart requires not just the occasional visit to the confessional but the realignment of our will with God's by frequenting that Sacrament. In Confession, we no longer try to remake reality on our own terms but bring our lives into conformity with God's will.

Perhaps the most common accusation against Catholics (and Christians in general) is that we are hypocrites. Granted, that slur is often thrown without cause. Nevertheless, let's make every effort to ensure that, although we remain sinners, we're not hypocrites.

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