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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 — 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.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, by Whose gift we venerate in one celebration the merits of all the Saints, bestow on us, we pray, through the prayers of so many intercessors, an abundance of the reconciliation with You for which we earnestly long.



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., Lisa Adcock, Jamie Brady.

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 25, 2020

Regular Sunday Offering Envelopes	\$ 3,479.00
Regular Sunday Offering Loose	\$ 4,173.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,385.00
Regular Collection Total	\$ 7,652.00
Difference	+ \$ 267.00
Present Loan Balance	\$ 299,072.58
Donation Against Loan Balance	\$ 100.00
Insurance Balance 2020-2021	\$ 31,850.98
Insurance Collection	\$ 446.00

Mass Intentions — 10/30 — 11/7

Saturday 4:00 p.m. — Walter and Doris M. Judice, Dorothy T. Latiolais and Kathy Latiolais Holtzclaw, Mr. and Mrs. Collins Louviere and Kerney, Mr. and Mrs. Will Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Prince Family and Judice Family, Francis, Lorena and Warren Dupoy, Ken, Eve and Clenie Segura, Billie and Armanca Barrelleaux. Sam T. Napoli, Jr., Jack Braquet, Francis Crochet, Gloria and Sam Delcambre and Family, 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, Ronak, 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 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., 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. — S.J. “Bute” Granger, Junius & Mary Hebert, Anatole Dugas Family and Adelate Poirier Family, Jordan Prince and Audrey Crochet, Mr. and Mrs. Armand Lissard, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lissard, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lissard, Jr., Desire Lissard, Linda Lissard Benoit, Mr. and Mrs. Ben T. Morgan, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Calos Broussard, Dr. Eugene Lissard, Jeanne and Albert Broussard, Special Intention for all USA Service Men and Women Living and Deceased, Sis and Maurice Provost, Francis and Lorena Dupoy Family and Lasseigne Family,

Warren Dupoy, Sib and John Mullican, Mike Judice, Suzette Judice, Antoine and Marie Judice Family, Catherine Defelice and Tracey Defelice Guilbeau, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Broussard, Lora Bloom, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Boudreaux, Noelle Seneca, John Michael Steiner, Ronald Broussard, Louis and Mae Mae Broussard, Suzette Judice, Martha Escagne Rodriguez, Judice and Walet Families, 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. Francis Granger, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Granger, Dr. Raymond Schneider, Elaine Schneider, Skip Schneider, Lolly Harbin, Breaux and Delcambre Families, Lenwood Delcambre, Ernus Borel, Gwen Borel, Chataignier Family, Joe and Rita Habetz, Mary Kay Habetz, Tom Voorhies, Onis Cormier, 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. — Doris Prados, Antoine Judice Family, Mike Judice and Suzette Judice, Ann, Jerry and Bubba Thibodeaux, Francis and Lorena Dupoy, Patrick Lasseigne Family, Warren Dupoy, Sib and John Mullican, Harold and Alma Jo Landry and parents, Louis J. “Nego” and Lita N. Judice and parents, Carol Boutte Romero, Rhule, Mabel and Wayne Gondron, Louto and Anite Gondron Family, Octave “Tot” Judice Family, Erma Delaune Family, Edelia F. Johnson Family, Linda F. Trahan, Betty Freyou, Darrell Judice, Philip, Jr. and Neil Hebert, Lionel & L.J. Duplechain, Mr. and Mrs. Collins Louviere and Kerney and Mr. and Mrs. Will Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Breaux and Breaux and Viator Families, Mark Tauzin, Allen Borres, 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, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Rev.

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning for
 Mr. and Mrs. Collins Louviere and Kerney
 Mr. and Mrs. Will Roberts
 Mr. and Albert Broussard Family, Mayor Al Broussard
 Lora Bloom, Mr. and Wilson Boudreaux Family, Noelle Seneca

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
 See List

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
 Jordan Prince and Audrey Crochet
 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 Poirier Family
 Mr. and Mrs. Collins Louviere and Kerney
 Mr. and Mrs. Will Roberts

Kendall Faulk, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.

Monday 6:45 a.m. OLV — Mr. and Mrs. Armand Lissard, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lissard, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lissard, Jr., Desire Lissard, Linda Lissard Benoit, Mr. and Mrs. Ben T. Morgan, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Calos Broussard, Dr. Eugene Lissard, Francis and Lorena Dupoy and Patrick Lasseigne Family, Warren Dupoy, Sib and John Mullican, John Michael Steiner, Martha Escagne Rodriguez, Allen Borres, Earline Ruiz, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Protection from and end to Corona Virus, Rusty Ruiz, 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 — Louis J. “Nego” and Lita N. Judice and parents, 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, Rev. Kendall Faulk, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.

Wednesday 6:45 a.m. Stjo — Andrew “Tupee” Bonin, Jr., Cobey Braquet, 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 — 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.

First Friday 6:45 a.m. OLV — Rhule, Mabel and Wayne Gondron, 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.

First Saturday 8:00 a.m. OLV — Special Intention, Champagne and Landry Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Steven and Donna Berard Family Ancestors and Descendants, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Rev. Kendall Faulk, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.

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National Holiday

Office Closed

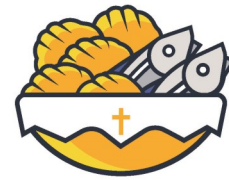
**Church Open
for Visits
with the**

Blessed Sacrament

**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.

November 1	Pope Francis/ Rev. Patrick Broussard, Director of Seminarians Dcn. Randy Hyde/Sr. Mary David Hecker, MSC
November 2	Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI/ Rev. Blake Dubroc, Director of Vocations Dcn. Bryan Istre/Sr. Mary Kay Kinberger, MSC
November 3	Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel/ Seminary Faculty, Parents and Benefactors of Seminarians Dcn. Roland Jeanlouis/Sr. Cynthia Knowles, MSC
November 4	Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell/Bret Lee Dcn. Ulysee Joubert/Sr. Marlene Labbe, MSC
November 5	Rev. Edward Duhon/Calvin LeMaire Dcn. Dwayne Joubert/Sr. Charlotte LeBoeuf, MSC
November 6	Rev. Jacob Dumont, LC/Rev. Mr. Seth Lemaire Dcn. George Jourdan/Sr. Joel Miller, MSC
November 7	Rev. Nicholas Dupré/Joseph Marcantel Dcn. Jim Kincel/Sr. Mary Murray, MSC



#iGIVECATHOLIC
#GIVINGTUESDAY

DECEMBER 1, 2020

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**Our Lady
of Victory
Food Pantry**

For more information about supporting #iGIVECATHOLIC contact us at:

**Ms. Cindy Louis
337-962-6704**

From the Pastor

With regard to the *iGIVECATHOLIC* program mentioned above, I opted not to have Saint Joseph Church Parish listed as asking for donations. I felt that in light of our good financial standing throughout the last eight months and the extraordinary challenges faced by other church parishes in our diocese (as well as our neighbors to the West in Lake Charles) that I could not in conscience ask for further donations for Saint Joseph Parish. Our parish family is already engaged in donations to the Bishop's Services Appeal, the Diocese of Lafayette Centennial Campaign, loan repayment for the Saint Theresa Hall roof, a large donation to the Diocese of Lake Charles for Hurricane Relief, and ongoing weekly donations to cover our operating expenses. I would ask that if you are so inclined to make a donation to other Catholic entities, especially, and not limited to, the Food Pantry at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church. Thank you so much for your continued generosity. Since you cannot outdo God in generosity, you will be richly rewarded.

Fr. Crochet



Prudential Voting in Bad Times by George Weigel

Sixty years ago, Father John Courtney Murray, S.J., published what I regard as the finest Catholic analysis of American democracy ever penned: **We Hold These Truths: Catholic Reflections on the American Proposition**. In recent decades, Father Murray has been accused of being an uncritical celebrant of the United States. That unjust charge is decisively refuted by the most pungent sentence in **We Hold These Truths**, which I shall cite in a moment.

In his wide-ranging book, Murray examined the deterioration of the moral and cultural foundations of American public life, a process he thought had been underway for some time. Mainline Protestantism could no longer help buttress those foundations; its doctrinal and moral confusions were part of the problem, not the solution. Nor could the country rely on its great centers of higher education for cultural ballast; the prestige universities, Murray wrote, had abandoned the classic philosophical and moral traditions of the West, settling comfortably into the dual ruts of pragmatism (“What’s right is what works”) and utilitarianism (“What’s good is what’s useful”). The notion that freedom was having the right to do what we ought — meaning that genuine freedom is always tethered to truth and ordered to goodness — was being supplanted by the thin and dangerous notion of freedom as willfulness.

What would happen, Murray asked, if those baleful tendencies won the contest for American culture? What would happen if Americans decided that democratic self-governance was simply a matter of political and legal machinery, rather than the cultural accomplishment of a virtuous people? If Americans decided that truth and goodness had nothing to do with politics and law? If Americans no longer believed that the laws we make are under the judgment of the moral law written on the human heart? What would happen, Murray warned, was not going to be pretty: “... the noble many-storeyed mansion of democracy will be dismantled, levelled to the dimensions of a flat majoritarianism, which is no mansion but a barn, perhaps even a tool shed in which the weapons of tyranny may be forged.”

Anyone who hears, here, a premonition of what Pope Benedict XVI called the

“dictatorship of relativism” is not imagining things.

I am not a doomist. There are reservoirs of goodness in the American people — including a sense of mutual obligation I’ve witnessed many times during the pandemic. There are powerful sources of national renewal to be found in an honest telling of the American story and in the moral commitments and political ideas of the founders and framers (read Washington’s *Farewell Address* for a glowing example). At the moment, however, those sources of renewal are not being effectively deployed. Why?

Because academic leaders have been cowed by cancel culture totalitarians who take their stage cues from Stalin and Mao Zedong. Because too much of corporate America, including virtually the entire sports-and-entertainment complex, has not only surrendered to political correctness but actively promotes it. Because elective public office these days tends to attract the screamers and ideologues, not the men and women of reason. Because too few religious leaders have found the public vocabulary necessary to summon the nation beyond bitterness and retribution; how many times have you heard the words “forgiveness” and “reconciliation” invoked these past six months by those whose primary public tasks include calling the country beyond accusation and hatred?

What is the thoughtful Catholic voter, who understands that the Church’s social doctrine cannot be confined in any partisan box, to do in this election cycle?

While all the cardinal virtues — prudence, justice, courage, and moderation — play a role in religiously serious

citizenship, prudence is arguably the virtue most relevant to making electoral choices in 2020. The country is bitterly divided and irrationality stalks the land. Local officials are gravely defaulting on their responsibilities by refusing to maintain public order ... America needs time to renew itself by creating a more sober, rational, and decent public square.

That renewal will be more difficult if [a] ... party wins the presidency, the U.S. Senate, and the U.S. House of Representatives — and is thus able to enforce ... lifestyle libertinism and intolerant “tolerance” ..., especially in matters of the sanctity of life and the conscience rights of believers ...

There are moments when a unified federal government is essential. This is not one of them.

George Weigel is Distinguished Senior Fellow of Washington, D.C.’s Ethics and Public Policy Center, where he holds the William E. Simon Chair in Catholic Studies.



Silver Rose

A Silver Rose will be on display at the 4:00 p.m. Mass this Saturday, October 31. A Rosary will be prayed after the Mass.

Share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote respect for life by participating in this pilgrimage. The Silver Rose program demonstrates the unity between the Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States and Mexico, through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady.

Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a Rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for the intention of respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.



An Open Letter to the American Catholic Bishops from An Anonymous Catholic

Note: We do not endorse candidates and neither does the author of the column below — who works in a diocesan chancery and therefore desires to remain anonymous. Instead, he urges our bishops to teach publicly what the Church teaches, and not to be intimidated by false claims of political partisanship, which is outside their competence as bishops anyway.

Dear Catholic Bishops,

The poet John Milton wrote: “The hungry sheep look up, and are not fed.” Church leadership is called upon to do the right thing, especially in difficult times: to speak the truth boldly and lovingly and to watch over those entrusted to their care. When bishops fail to fulfill this sacred obligation, the lay faithful are left feeling confused, neglected, and abandoned.

Such is the situation as we approach our national election in which a clear and obvious divide exists on essential matters related to earthly wellbeing and eternal welfare: the protection of God-given life from conception to natural death; the safeguarding of the family and the wellspring of sexuality; the dignity of all persons, including the rights of conscience and the freedom to live and worship without interference from the state or persecution from the culture.

The Democrat Party that once championed the civil rights of all has now become hostile to Christian faith and those who practice it. Their shrunken tent has no room for those who are pro-life, no room for those who profess what has been called mere Christianity, nor for any who believe in the value of patriotism insofar as patriotism embodies a natural preference for one’s own country.

Moreover, the Democrat presidential candidate himself can be considered Catholic in name only, for in nearly a half-century of public life he has routinely, repeatedly, and systematically rejected what the Church teaches: on life issues, on sexual morality, on religious

liberty. When asked recently whether he would support an eight-year old’s decision to change gender, he answered in the affirmative.

Through it all, the great majority of you have said and done nothing. Those bishops who have spoken — claiming that abortion, for example, is not the pre-eminent moral issue, or that the current administration is the most anti-life in history, or that a Catholic ought have no qualms of conscience voting for Democrat candidates and their party’s dismal culture-of-death platform — have done so without public criticism from their brother bishops who, in this regard, seem to share the Democrat standard bearer’s bizarre preference for remaining safely in the basement.

When will you, as successors to the Apostles, overcome whatever has silenced you?

Do you lack faith and conviction in what the Catholic Church teaches and has taught from the beginning?

Are you primarily motivated by human respect, fearful that speaking the truth will bring ridicule, laughter, and opposition?

Are you so attached to your standing in civil society, having places of honor at the world’s table, that you cannot speak the beliefs you privately cherish?

Have the basic Christian virtues — loyalty, honesty, and courage — been so bred out of you that you now find yourselves neutered by the world and unable effectively to confront its manifold faults and follies?

Do you have so little love for your flock, including deluded politicians who insist on self-identifying as Catholic when they no longer believe, that you dare not challenge or correct them?

Have you made a craven surrender to the Zeitgeist [the defining spirit or mood of our time] such that you have jettisoned the ancient practice of the

Spiritual Works of Mercy, counseling the doubtful, instructing the ignorant, admonishing the sinner?

And if you find yourselves now cringing or smirking at such principles, have you not become model citizens of that dictatorship of relativism of which Benedict XVI warned?

“We cannot be in the business of making political endorsements,” many of you doubtless think and say. But does not silence in the face of evil signify consent? Countering the Democrat candidate’s false claim of being a faithful Catholic — you know in your hearts he is not — and criticizing a party platform so obviously opposed to faith and morals does not mean you give unqualified support to his opponent.

On the contrary, you are simply speaking the truth, in charity, teaching those who have been entrusted to your care and removing the cloud of confusion that you and too many of your predecessors have allowed for decades to hover over the public square.

Surely, you must realize that the regard in which you are now held may well be at an all-time low. Although still reeling by the depravity of the likes of Mr. McCarrick, lay Catholics nonetheless continue to pray for you, hoping that you man up and embrace fully the special calling God has given you. But they do so with diminished confidence, embarrassed by your consistent failure to lead, teach, clarify, and correct.

The time grows short. Will you speak and act in these coming days, for the sake of souls and for the common good? Or will you slide into an even deeper irrelevance, abdicating the awesome responsibility given you by the Lord Jesus to Whom you must, at last, make an account of your stewardship?

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



The Devil Is Attacking Our Priests by Charles Coulombe

The recent arrest of Father Travis John Clark of Saints Peter and Paul Church in Pearl River, Louisiana, opened up a rather lurid story. Apparently, the cleric in question had hired two self-described dominatrices to engage in sex with him. On the altar. On camera. One of the ... ah, *ladies* in question had posted on a social media account that she was meeting with a sister in the trade to “defile a house of God.” Not too surprisingly, Archbishop Aymond of New Orleans was rather perturbed about the whole thing, declaring that “His behavior was obscene, his desecration of the altar is demonic.” As is customary in such cases, the ruined altar was burned, and a new one consecrated in its place.

While various unpleasant details about Father Clark’s background have since emerged (including the molester status of one his boyhood clerical idols), the Archbishop’s observation regarding the demonic nature of the enterprise is worth some careful reflection. Certainly, aberrant sexual behavior by the clergy is always sinful; morally speaking, the consecrated nature of its participants adds another layer of evil beyond the same acts practiced by laymen. But there is a third tier of evil we ignore at our peril — the desire by some clerics not merely to gratify their worst desires, but to serve the Prince of Darkness thereby.

This is not an area in which the layman can easily probe, nor would he want to, normally. But one cannot help but wonder — in the case of an industrial-strength abuser like Cardinal McCarrick, for example — if there was not a Satanic element in the wave of molestation that has swirled around the Church in the past several decades. This has been one of the contentions of Randy Engel’s multi-volume work, **The Rite of Sodomy: Homosexuality and the Roman Catholic Church**. Without wanting to get involved in any of the specifics in the book, I would point out that there has been no real attempt to refute her assertions, which I leave to the reader.

Nevertheless, if her charges are true, there is a long and unpleasant history of clerical Satanism — real or alleged. In 19th Century France, Joseph-Antoine Boullan began as a normal-appearing French priest with a mystical bent — and ended up fathering at least one child, corrupting a number of nuns, and celebrating both Black Masses and a sort of liturgy of fornication. Both Bertrand Guilladot and Louis Debaraz were priests of Lyons executed for witchcraft in the 1740s. At the Court of Louis XIV in the 17th Century, the “Affair of the Poisons” revolved around Black Masses offered by Étienne Guibourg. Earlier in the century, such clerics as Urbain Grandier at Loudun and Louis Gaufridi at Aix-en-Provence were caught up in (and executed as a result of) trials involving possessed nuns. During the Middle Ages, priests could be found who were willing to celebrate the so-called

“Mass of Saint-Sécaire” for a sum of money — a variant of the Black Mass. There were in those days priests who — while eschewing any evocation of demons — would nevertheless offer a Requiem Mass for a living person; this was believed to cause the death of whoever was the unwitting recipient.

Now, amidst all of this farrago of witchcraft and the Black Arts, it may well be asked if these priests were really guilty. All too often that question is asked upon the basis of whether or not they were actually able to perform the occult marvels they were accused of or else boasted of being able to perform. But that question is in reality irrelevant; the real issue at stake is whether they broke their vows to satisfy their own strange desires or to gain power from the Prince of Darkness — or both. This latter is a damning crime whether or not they achieved their object.

Regardless of whether these errant priests could perform wonders, through sexual and other malfeasances they damaged souls, including their own. *Corruptio optima pessima* [corruption of the best is the worst of all], and there is certainly no one whose corruption pleases Satan more than that of a priest, anointed offerer of the Eternal Sacrifice and invoker of God upon the altar. He certainly bends his efforts toward their spiritual ruin.

Nevertheless, one hesitates to say that this moral evil is all that is concerned with these and countless other accounts. Certainly, the idea of witchcraft — that is, the acquisition of preternatural [beyond what is natural] powers through cooperation with whatever a given religion or culture considers to be spiritual evil — is a universal motif in human societies. Pace the Wiccans (followers of an age-old faith invented in the 1920s), the identification of Witchcraft with Satanism did not originate with the Catholic Church; the Biblical injunction “thou shalt not suffer a witch to live” comes from the Old, not the New Testament — and the Witch of Endor was plying her trade long before the time of Christ. Nor did it originate with the Jews — and to this day in pagan areas of Africa and China accused witches are put to death by their neighbors.

While no doubt many innocent people died during the witch persecutions of the early modern era (not, let it be known, the Medieval period), the accounts offered by the Inquisition — which had, contrary to popular opinion, very stringent rules of evidence — are pretty eerie. They leave those of us who read them today, not having been there, scratching our heads. Even at Salem, for all of the malfeasances of procedure and definite executions of innocents, there is some evidence that something else was going on at the same time. As Chadwick Hansen observed in his 1969 work **Witchcraft at Salem**, “There was witchcraft in Salem, and it worked. There was every reason to regard it as a criminal offense.”

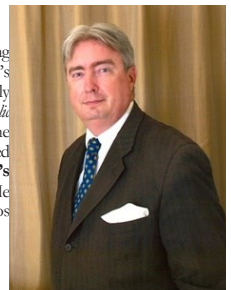
However much our modern sensibilities may be upset by such assertions, many a grave

Catholic scholar — even such saints as Jerome and Augustine — have speculated about things that go bump in the night. Leo Allatius and Dom Austin Calmet wrote about vampires, while Ludovico Sinistrari dealt with fairies. Numerous writers have tackled ghosts — even such as Msgr. Robert Hugh Benson and Sir Shane Leslie. The eminent French religious Father Victor Jouet not only collected artifacts claimed to have been touched by souls returning from Purgatory to ask for prayers and Masses, he mounted them for display in the church he founded in Rome. The baffling Father Montague Summers, as erudite as he was bizarre, applied himself to the study of all such things. Certainly, such contemporary priests as Fathers Chad Ripperger, Jose Antonio Fortea, and the late Gabriele Amorth have devoted a great deal of time and practise to exorcisms and demonology. Without wanting to pass judgement on the details of the work of these figures, taken together, they do offer a powerful series of arguments that things outside our ken do indeed regularly occur — and, moreover, that the Church via Her rites and sacramentals has much more of a handle on them than anyone else.

Which brings us to the time of year we are in, which Ray Bradbury so evocatively named *the October Country*: “the late Autumn, the entry into November, the month of the Holy Souls, via Halloween.” Certainly, it is a spooky time in our culture, and one hears the phrase “the veil between the worlds is very thin” so much that it has become a cliché. But apart from the costumes, Jack O’Lanterns, old horror movies, and the rest of Halloween’s uncanny panoply, we can use this time to good advantage by studying both the Church’s dealing with the preternatural (as opposed to material written by Fundamentalists or New Agers) and Her traditions regarding prayer for the dead. Even trick-or-treating ultimately descends from “souling”: the practice of going door to door begging for alms in return for praying for the deceased of the households visited.

Certainly, the Pearl River case reminds us of the power of the Devil. Let us use this time to build up our arsenals against him! Have the priest bless our houses and enthrone images of the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts. Learn about the various scapulars and the Saint Benedict medal. Install a holy water stoup and keep it filled. Remember to get candles blessed ... and light them in times of fear and worry. The more that preternatural evil appears to swirl around us, the more we can safeguard ourselves.

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The Bishops Have Spoken: Abortion Trumps by Fr. Frank Pavone

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has been very clear in its characterization of the most important issue in this election: “The threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority.” Other issues — immigration, racism, poverty and the death penalty — are of great importance and require urgent attention, but even though they are *prominent* issues, abortion is *preeminent* among them.

There’s nothing new about this statement. Pope Saint John Paul II made the Church’s teaching on abortion very clear in 1995’s *Evangelium Vitae*, which states that when a state legalizes abortion, it becomes “a tyrant state,” and causes the death of freedom and the disintegration of the state itself. Those statements sound like abortion is more than a single issue.

The U.S. bishops followed suit with *Living the Gospel of Life* in 1998. That document, quoted regularly in subsequent documents of the bishops’ conference about elections, describes the right to life, which abortion attacks directly, as the foundation of the house of social justice issues. They tell us that among all the priorities in elections, we *must begin* with a commitment not to kill the innocent.

There can be no doubt the Catholic Church sees protecting the dignity of every human life as the most important thing we can do as a Church, and as a society.

Many bishops over the years have taken it upon themselves to echo the key importance of abortion in voting. Since I took over the leadership of Priests for Life in 1993, I have worked to highlight these statements. Now is the best time I can think of to take a look at some of them again.

Cardinal John J. O’Connor, who ordained me in 1988 and gave me permission to devote my life to the pro-life cause, wrote a letter to the Democrats and Republicans in 1996, when President Bill Clinton was running against Senator Bob Dole. It was signed by seven other New York bishops.

“We urge you to reject a ‘pro-choice’ position on abortion,” the cardinal wrote, *For at the heart of the abortion issue lies the question: “What is the moral value of each human life?” And from the heart of the American, the Republican and the Democratic traditions, we would suggest, comes the unequivocal answer — all*

human lives have equal dignity and value. No court, no legislature, no political party can validly assign lesser value to the lives of some.”

In November 2000, just days before Republican George Bush would face off against Democrat Al Gore, Bishop John Smith of the Diocese of Trenton in New Jersey wrote that “support and promotion of abortion is always wrong and can never be justified. Opposition to abortion must be a priority for Catholics.”

That same year, Bishop John J. Myers, then bishop of Peoria, Illinois, wrote: “No public official, especially one claiming to be a faithful and serious Catholic, can responsibly advocate for or actively support direct attacks on innocent human life.”

Also in 2000, Bishop Paul Loverde of the Diocese of Arlington in Virginia addressed the four priorities voters must weigh before casting a ballot: Protecting human life, promoting family life, pursuing social justice and practicing global solidarity.

Obviously, protecting human life is the most basic of these four priorities, since the other three would be rendered meaningless without the first. If we do not uphold and protect human life in its beginning at conception, there will be no life to uphold and protect thereafter.

Four years later, when President Bush faced challenger John Kerry, Archbishop Charles Chaput wrote that

Catholics have a duty to work tirelessly for human dignity at every stage of life, and to demand the same of their lawmakers. But some issues are jugular. Some issues take priority. Abortion, immigration law, international trade policy, the death penalty and housing for the poor are all vitally important issues. But no amount of calculating can make them equal in gravity. The right to life comes first.

In 2008, when a little-known Democrat senator from Illinois named Barack Obama faced Republican John McCain, Archbishop Chaput directed his comments to a group called Catholics for Obama that thought it could change the candidate’s mind on abortion, as he had once hoped to change the mind of President Jimmy Carter.

Changing the views of “pro-choice” candidates takes a lot more than verbal gymnastics, good alibis and pious talk about ‘personal opposition’ to killing unborn children. I’m sure Roman Catholics for Obama know that, and I wish them good luck. They’ll need it.

Obama never changed his mind about abortion.

The point that all the bishops make, consistently, and have been making consistently since 1973’s *Roe v. Wade* decision made abortion on demand legal in our nation, is that the right to life is not just the preeminent issue but also the most fundamental right we possess as human beings. We don’t need anything more than common sense to realize how true that is. Nothing takes more life than abortion. No victims are as defenseless as the unborn. No right is more fundamental than the right to life.

Pope Francis agrees, as well he should. Archbishop Joseph Naumann, chairman of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities for the Bishops’ Conference, reported last month that he spoke to the pope about the criticism bishops had received for their focus on abortion:

I shared with Pope Francis that the bishops of the United States had been criticized by some for identifying the protection of the unborn as a preeminent priority. The Holy Father expressed his support for our efforts observing that if we fail to protect life, no other rights matter. Pope Francis also said that abortion is not primarily a Catholic or even a religious issue, it is first and foremost a human rights issue.

Abortion is the preeminent issue of our time and thus the preeminent priority in this election. No Catholic should be distracted or confused into thinking otherwise. Nor should any other citizen. After all, if a politician can’t respect the life of a little baby, how can he respect yours?

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