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LENTEN MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass — 4:00 p.m.

Sunday — 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Monday — 6:45 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory

Tuesday — 5:30 p.m. at Saint Joseph

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Thursday — 5:30 p.m. at Saint Joseph

Friday — 6:45 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory

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.

RECEPTIONIST/BOOKKEEPER/CEMETERIAN

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Adoration Chapel has reopened. The Main Church is also accessible from this entrance for your convenience.

FUNERALS

Please contact the Church Office to make Funeral Service arrangements prior to your appointment with the Funeral Home.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

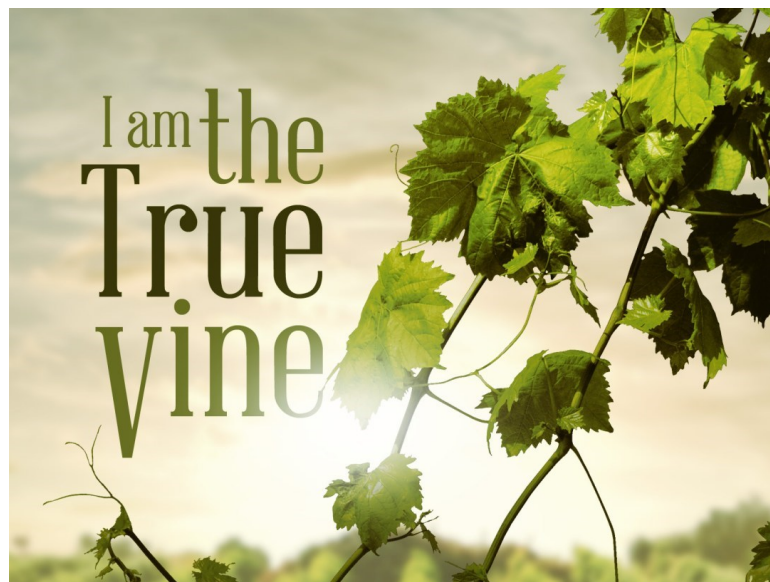
Please contact the Church Office to make arrangements for your child's Baptism.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please contact the Church Office six months prior to the desired date of marriage. No dates for marriage are reserved until after the first marriage interview with clergy.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the Church Office to set up an appointment.



Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those You were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under Your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal.



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.



Stuart Sandoz, Duffy Domingue, Eric Clements, David Louviere, Hayden Ransonet, Trevor Louviere, Austin Willett, Willey Poirrier, Inez Barras, Butch and Debbie White, Guy Thibodeaux, Lydia May, Louis "CoCo" Landry Jr., Jerry Fruge, Jimmy Clifton, Rowena Borel, Megan Scully, Dawn Derouen, Falyon Sonnier, Rickey Sonnier, Caline Provost, Patricia Freyou, Lecia Broussard, Jason Walker, Michael Theriot, Roshondra Nora, Noah Abraham, Jimmy LeBlanc, Chad Borel, Ashley Hebert, Stephen Dugas, Jon-Luke

Lancon, Jade Delcambre, Pat Villermin, Ira Bourque, Hailey Thomasee, Lon Prioux, Francis Crochet, Brennan Wingfield, Lawrence Albert, Betty Suire, Joe Judice, Lisa Adcock, Eric Suire, Nola Champagne, Kathleen Heitkamp, Lori Brasseaux, Jamie Brady, Lisa N. Dugas, Nona Bourque, Leroy Begnaud, Betty Champagne, Robin Wisdom, Keri Bonin Boutte, Leroy Courville, Robert, Mary and Kelly Hicks, Anna Richard, Wayne LeBlanc, Melvin Broussard, Dwight and Karen Devillier, Max Borres.

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.

April 25, 2021

Regular Sunday Offering Envelopes	\$ 5,163.00
Regular Sunday Offering Loose	\$ 3,117.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,385.00
Regular Collection Total	\$ 8,280.00
Difference	+ \$ 895.00
Present Loan Balance	\$ 294,591.58
Donation Against Loan Balance	\$.00
Insurance Balance 2020-2021	\$ 26,645.00
Insurance Collection	\$ 816.00

Mass Intentions — 5/1 — 5/7

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, Ronald Albert, 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, Harold 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, Gloria and Sam Delcambre and Family, 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 Armanace Barrilleaux, Kay Dooley and William and Dolores Dooley, Earl Mestayer, Kim Decuir, Ossie Romero, Jr., Louis and Marietta Prince and Brian Broussard, Sr., Roy Thibodeaux, John and Barbara Perez, Dupoy and Lasseigne Family, Vance Breaux, Sr., Kim Decuir, Walter and Doris M. Judice, Greg Bodin, Byrns Berard, Juliette B. Berard, Andrew Bonin, Jr., Brett and Clay Broussard, John Sonnier, Jr. and Marie and John Sonnier, Sr., Alma Jo Landry, Landry and Ryan Family, Lula Mae Broussard, Ludrick Labbe, Msgr. John NewField, Msgr. Francis Amedee, Msgr. Andrew Frey, Rev. Albert Richardson, Msgr. Richard Soseman, 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.

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. Walter Granger, Dr. Raymond Schneider, Elaine Schneider, Skip Schneider, Lolly Harbin, Breaux and Delcambre Families, Lenwood Delcambre, Dugas, Borel and Chataignier Family, Joe and Rita Habetz, Mary Kay Habetz, Tom Voorhies, Oris Cormier, Mary Ann Provost, Clark Provost, David Provost, S. J. “Bute” Granger and Junius and Mary Hebert, Lovell Romero, Virginia Landry, Mark Tauzin, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Broussard, Lora Bloom, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Boudreaux, Noelle Seneca, Mike Judice, Suzette Judice, Antoine Judice Family, Lula Mae Broussard, Ludrick Labbe, Msgr. John NewField, Msgr. Francis Amedee, Msgr. Andrew Frey, Rev. Albert Richardson, Msgr. Richard Soseman, 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.

10:00 a.m. — Alvin and Faye Tauzin, Edmonia Tauzin, Marcel and Nadage Broussard, Jimmy Eldridge, Elaine Plessala and Eldridge Family, Cheryl Segura, Pliny Walet Family, Agnes Breaux, Louis and Elbay Judice, Boots Thomas, Joe Boudreaux and Justin Boudreaux, Katie Boutte, Sandra Angelle and Glenn Angelle, Angelle Family, Loto Louviere, Jr., Jan Bourque, Louto and Anite Gondron and Family, Joe Boudreaux and Justin, Katie Boutte, Clayson and Lillian Dugas, Lula Mae Broussard, Ludrick Labbe, Msgr. John NewField, Msgr. Francis Amedee, Msgr. Andrew Frey, Rev. Albert Richardson, Msgr. Richard Soseman, Alvaro Jimenez, Robert Lawrence, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning for

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

Claude and Nola Dugas, Earl Barras, Mary Lou Barras

Lloyd and Ruby Morrison, Mable Brown

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

Pliny Walet, Max Borres, Charles and Jackie Poirier Family, Special Intentions

Delcambre and Breaux Families, Jon-Luke Lancon, Deyna Champagne

Harold 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

For Addicts, Mike and Liz Thibodeaux (Special Intention)

Glenn and Liz Delahoussaye, Mr. and Mrs. Collins Louviere and Kerney

Will and Lily Roberts Special Intention

Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.

Monday 6:45 a.m. OLV — Katie Boutte, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Protection from and end to Corona Virus, Lula Mae Broussard, Ludrick Labbe, Msgr. John NewField, Msgr. Francis Amedee, Msgr. Andrew Frey, Rev. Albert Richardson, Msgr. Richard Soseman, 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.

Tuesday 5:30 p.m. StJo — Katie Boutte, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Protection from and end to Corona Virus, Sadie Mae Breaux, Breaux and Rebert Families, Lula Mae Broussard, Ludrick Labbe, Msgr. John NewField, Msgr. Francis Amedee, Msgr. Andrew Frey, Rev. Albert Richardson, Msgr. Richard Soseman, 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.

Wednesday 6:45 a.m. StJo — John Michael Steiner, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Protection from and end to Corona Virus, Roy Thibodeaux, Andrew “Toupee” Bonin, Lula Mae Broussard, Ludrick Labbe, Msgr. John NewField, Msgr. Francis Amedee, Msgr. Andrew Frey, Rev. Albert Richardson, Msgr. Richard Soseman, 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.

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, Roy Thibodeaux, Genevieve Bourque, Michael J. Landry, Lula Mae Broussard, Ludrick Labbe, Msgr. John NewField, Msgr. Francis Amedee, Msgr. Andrew Frey, Rev. Albert Richardson, Msgr. Richard Soseman, 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.

First Friday 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, Judice and Walet Families, Steve and Donna Berard Family, Special Intention, Rhule, Mabel and Wayne Gondron, Lula Mae Broussard, Ludrick Labbe, Msgr. John NewField, Msgr. Francis Amedee, Msgr. Andrew Frey, Rev. Albert Richardson, Msgr. Richard Soseman, 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.

**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.

May 2	Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI/ Rev. Blake Dubroc, Director of Vocations Dcn. Perry Guidry/Sr. Maria Luz Cervantes, MSC
May 3	Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel/ Seminary Faculty, Parents and Benefactors of Seminarians Dcn. Russell Hayes/Sr. Consuelo Champagne, MSC
May 4	Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell/Jace Gyles Dcn. Mitch Hebert/Sr. Brenda Comeaux, MSC
May 5	Very Rev. Chester Arceneaux, VF/James Hamilton Dcn. Marcel Hebert/Sr. Jo Ann DeLoach, MSC
May 6	Rev. Michael Arnaud/Evan Hebert Dcn. Randy Hyde/Sr. Mary Elizabeth Demeo, MSC
May 7	Rev. Emmanuel Awe, SSJ/Caleb Henry Dcn. Bryan Istre/Sr. Audrey Ruth Donnenfeler, MSC
May 8	Rev. Matthew Barzare/Eric Hernandez Dcn. Roland Jeanlouis/Sr. Stephania D'Souza, MSC

MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
May 8 4:00 p.m.	Jana Angelle	Deacon Chris	Volunteers
May 9 8:00 a.m.	Kyle Mestayer	Deacon Chris	Volunteers
10:00 a.m.	Betty Judice	Deacon Chris	Volunteers

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for your home
Exorcism and Blessing
Make it happen! 229-4254**



**We take this occasion to express our great appreciation
for Saluto's Italian Cookies of Harvey, Louisiana for
their gracious donation of Italian cookies for our Saint
Joseph Altar of March 19. Contact information is:**



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You will not be disappointed.**



**A DRIVE THRU CATFISH DINNER FUNDRAISER
for OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH & FOOD
PANTRY**

MENU: FRIED CATFISH, SEAFOOD JAMBALAYA, WHITE BEANS, POTATO
SALAD, CAKE

DATE: FRIDAY, MAY 28, 2021

WHERE: OLV LIFE CENTER

DONATION: \$10.00

TIME: 10:30AM - 1PM

Call: Ms. Cindy @ 337.962.6704, Herman @ 337.577.7575, and
Ms. Gail @ 337.229.4254

**Parishioners of Our Lady of Victory will be
at our church selling tickets for their fundraiser.
Thank you for supporting our neighbors in their endeavors.**

Please join us
12:00 noon
at the
Loreauville Town Hall
for a
brief Prayer Service
this Thursday
May 6, 2021



LORD POUR OUT YOUR
LOVE, LIFE, AND
Liberty

2 CORINTHIANS 3:17



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Years of Prayer
for America
1952-2021

The American Church: Going, Going ... by Russell Shaw

As Holy Week got underway this year, many people were surprised to learn of a new Gallup survey showing fewer than half of all Americans now identify with any particular church, synagogue, or mosque. But for those who've followed the rise of America's "Nones," and the corresponding decline in religious identity, this was old news.

Actually, self-identified Catholics didn't come out — relatively — all that badly in the Gallup numbers, with 58 percent still identifying with a church while the overall figure for Americans was 47 percent. But any comfort Catholics might find in that vanishes when one realizes that the new figure is a drop of 18 percent from the 76 percent that Gallup reported for Catholics two decades ago.

In any event, these numbers need to be seen in their larger context. Here it seems fair to say that, while American Catholics have lately been looking down their noses at German Catholics, they'd do well to look at themselves in the mirror. For as the Germans have paraded noisily down their "synodal path" toward schism, we Americans have been slipping quietly into something approaching remnant status.

Take Sunday Mass attendance. Back in 1970, reports the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate, 54.9 percent of American Catholics went to Mass every Sunday. A half-century later, on the eve of the pandemic, that had fallen to 21.1 percent. And now, the Center for Church Management at Villanova University projects an attendance rate in the neighborhood of 12 percent by next year or the year after.

Who can say where this decline will bottom out? Working from pre-pandemic numbers, Stephen Bullivant in his illuminating study of Catholic "disaffiliation" in the United States and Great Britain finds Mass attendance rates in both countries declining for the last fifty years "with no sign of abating." Self-described Catholics who seldom go to church may be kind to animals and scrupulous in paying their taxes, but it's a stretch to rank them with the "regular practisers," as Bullivant oddly does.

Mass attendance is only one area of decline. Hardly less disturbing is the fact

that roughly two out of five U.S. "cradle Catholics" no longer identify with the Church. And in key sectors, such as Catholic marriages and infant baptisms, the numbers are way, way down. Several years ago I congratulated a tribunal official on the sharp drop in annulments in his diocese. That's no cause for celebration, he told me grimly. Upon splitting up, many Catholic couples these days simply get a divorce, go their own ways, and — in many cases — remarry outside the Church.

In light of all that, one surprise of the present moment is how little attention the shrinkage of American Catholicism appears to be getting from those to whom one might reasonably have looked for leadership.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has had nothing to say about it up to this time. Individual bishops in their dioceses have scrambled to close and consolidate parishes and deploy a diminishing number of overworked priests for pastoral duties, but it's a well-kept secret how they see the future.

Catholic universities, which boast a formidable array of institutes and think tanks, aren't addressing the situation.

And, except for occasional reports about school closings and parish consolidations, the Catholic media have been silent.

Might it at least be a good idea to explore our options for the future together instead of simply sitting back and watching the great collapse go on?

We do have the prophetic voice of Rod Dreher calling our attention to the unfolding crisis in **The Benedict Option** and in last year's **Live Not by Lies**, and offering suggestions for action. In his recent book, Dreher counsels "Christian dissidents" to organize themselves in small groups ("cells") in order to withstand onslaughts from the woke culture's "social justice warriors" bent on overt persecution to enforce conformity and punish resisters.

And here and there one sees signs that the wake-up message is getting through. A more than ordinarily thoughtful Catholic friend, reacting to something I'd written, says this: "You are right that the laity can't sit around and wait for 'the Church' — i.e., the clergy — to do something. I think the faith will be preserved by families joining together to form their children. That task will certainly involve the clergy — supportive and unsupportive alike — but it

can't wait for them."

On the brink of what may strike many as a gloomy future, it's helpful to recall a prescient utterance by Joseph Ratzinger (the future Pope Benedict XVI), back in 1969.

Though he has been frequently quoted as predicting that "the Church will become small and will have to start afresh more or less from the beginning" and adding that the process of shrinkage would be "hard going" and involve "tremendous upheavals," he nonetheless also said this:

When the trial of this sifting is past, a great power will flow from a more spiritualized and simplified Church. [People who had lost sight of God] will discover the little flock of believers as something wholly new. They will discover it as a hope that is meant for them, an answer for which they have always been searching in secret.

The more — and sooner — that we accept that as an achievable proposition, the better prospects will be for the future of the American Church. The hard times are just beginning. But the Church, so faith obliges us to believe, isn't finished yet.

After all, as a threadbare mantra of post-Vatican II Catholicism puts it, we are an Easter people. And doesn't dying have to come before rising, for the American Church as much as for any of us?

Russell Shaw is former Secretary for Public Affairs of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops/United States Catholic Conference. He is the author of more than twenty books, including **Eight Popes and the Crisis of Modernity** (forthcoming from Ignatius Press).

