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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass — 4:00 p.m.

Sunday — 7:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory

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

Tuesday — 5:30 p.m. at Saint Joseph

Wednesday — 6:45 a.m. at Saint Joseph

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

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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.



O God, Who by the Mystery of today's great feast sanctify Your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the Gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers.

Please pray for our Priests, Seminarians and Deacons

Eternal Father, we lift up to You these special men. 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 28	Rev. Donald Bernard/Brother John Paul Fruge Dcn. Ronald Chauvin
May 29	Rev. Conley Bertrand/Rev. Mr. David Furka Dcn. Jerome Collins, Sr.
May 30	Rev. Paul Bienvenu/Brother Francis Xavier Gyles Dcn. Adam Conque
May 31	Very Rev. William Blanda, VF/Coby Hebert Dcn. Frank Cormier
June 1	Pope Francis/Evan Hebert Dcn. Michael Crain
June 2	Bishop Douglas Deshotel/William Hebert Dcn. Harry Darce
June 3	Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell/Caleb Henry Dcn. Kenneth David

Please pray for our parish family members who are sick:

Stuart Sandoz, Duffy Domingue, Eric Clements, David Louviere, Trevor Louviere, Austin Willett, Willey Poirrier, Inez Barras, Butch and Debbie White, Lydia May, Louis "CoCo" Landry Jr., Rowena Borel, Falyon Sonnier, Caline Provost, Patricia Freyou, Lelia Broussard, Roshondra Nora, Noah Abraham, Jimmy LeBlanc, Chad Borel, Ashley Hebert, Stephen Dugas, Jade Delcambre, Pat Villermin, Ira Bourque, Hailey

Thomassee, Lon Prioux, Brennan Wingfield, Betty Suire, Joe Judice, Mike Habetz, Jamie Brady, Lisa N. Dugas, Nona Bourque, Leroy Begnaud, Betty Champagne, Leroy and Gloria Courville, Anna Richard, Wayne LeBlanc, Melvin Broussard, June Granger, Max Borres, Vivian LeBlanc, Beckie LeBaron, Patricia Sorrell, Ned Dugas, Ted Habetz, David Dupuy, Hazel LeBlanc, Ava Rose and Olivia James Dworaczky,

Ray Broussard, Anne Adcock Hebert, Shyla Romero, Curt Tauzin, Randy Jett, Bart Doucet, Ellenor Hebert, Jory L. Bernard, Annette Dugas, Kayla Barras Veronie, Jamie Ransonet, Joan Arceneaux, Robert LeBlanc, Sr., Kaylee Landry, Junelle Jefferies, Robin Neuville

May 21, 2023	
Regular Sunday Offering Envelopes	\$ 4,772.00
Regular Sunday Offering Loose	\$ 2,811.00
Regular Collection Total	\$ 7,583.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,385.00
Difference	+\$ 198.00
Present Loan Balance	\$ 204,384.33
Donation Against Loan Balance	\$ 1,231.00
Insurance Balance 2022-2023	\$ 1,126.00
Insurance Collection	\$ 120.00

Altar Flowers were donated in memory of
Ronald Judice

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning for
For the Community

The Vocation Chalice is at the home of
Gerald and Ethel Dugas

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

The Bi-Monthly Statue is in the home of
Parishioners

Saint Joseph Altar Candles are burning for
Vance Breaux Sr., Martha Escagne Rodriguez,
Deyna Champagne, Harold Champagne, Chad Romero
Mark and Penny Landry Ancestors and Descendants
and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious
Steve and Donna Berard Special Intention
Lynn and Theresa Delcambre Family, Marie LeBlanc
Lloyd and Guernice Dugas, Nguyet Le, Ronald Judice

Mass Intentions — 5/27 — 6/3

Saturday 4:00 p.m. and 10:30 a.m. Stjo — Robert Lee Prados, Lucille Breaux Prados, Nola Champagne, Ancestors and Descendants, Clyde Hebert, Lucille Landry Hebert, Audrie Delahoussaye, Ancestors and Descendants, Elvage Prados, Matilda Prados, Becky Doucet, Ancestors and Descendants, John Vedia and Barbara Ann Ozenne Perez, Sidney Breaux, Family, Craig Breaux, Pauline Guidry, Clyde Hebert, Lucille Landry Hebert, Boo Castille, Flo Charpentier, Debbie Hebert, Lori and Gracie Brasseaux, Donna and Steve Berard, Ancestors and Descendants, Lawrence Melancon, Felicie Gaudet, Lloyd and Guernice Dugas, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Hebert, Walter and Doris M. Judice, Dr. Harold and Kathleen Heitkamp, Lane Champagne, Elaine Villermin, Tim Edler, Carl Wayne Judice, Robert Judice, Sr., Joe Escagne, Sam and Glo Delcambre, Huey Olivier Family Ancestors and Descendants, Michael and Christine Arceneaux, Ancestors and Descendants, Roslie LeJeune, John Lacour, Special Intention, Gloria Albert (Special Intention), Ossie Romero, Jr., Daisy and Perfice Armentor, Billy Degeyter, Chester "Butch" Gonsoulin and Parents, Mutchie Ransonet, Rut and Daisy Ransonet, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Nola Champagne, Lloyd and Maudrey Landry, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Landry and Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priests, Religious, Chad Romero, Deyna Champagne, Harold Champagne, Audrey Crochet, Paul Crochet Family, Jordan Prince and Special Intention, Vance Breaux Sr., Sally Domingue, Cabrol and Domingue Family, Dr. John Rellus Hebert, Perry J. Judice, Lorrain Breaux Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Martha Escagne Rodriguez, Albert Rodriguez, Clarence and Hilda Landry, Otto, Sr. and Laurence Girouard, Terradot Family, Theresa Girouard Allen, Melvin Dugas, Roy Sr. and Gladys Berard, Lloyd and Anne Broussard, Simon and Felicie Granger, Forbus and Myrtle Mestayer, Kay Dooley and William and Dolores Dooley, Kim Decuir, Leed and Mabel Gondron, Forgotten Souls in Purgatory, Lynn and Theresa Delcambre Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Rickie Oubre, Deanna Gondron, Mr.

MINISTERS FOR THE NEXT WEEK			
	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
June 3 4:00 p.m.	Emily Begnaud	Earl Price	Volunteers
June 4 7:00 a.m.	Lori Barras	Steve Barras	Volunteers
10:30 a.m.	Mike Ackal	Monica Delahoussaye	Volunteers



Father Crochet will be hosting
**Adult Religious Education on
Tuesday, June 6 at 6:00 p.m.
and Tuesday, June 20 in the
Saint Joseph Church Rectory**
Everyone is invited. No registration necessary.

and Mr. and Mrs. John Prados, Sr., Haniette Boudreaux, Mark Tauzin, Virginia Landry, Henry and Renella Pelafigue and Josh, Roland and Pee Wee Broussard, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Cloures Dugas, Jimmy Clifton, Deanna Gondron, John Michael Steiner, Jay Gonsoulin Family, Paul Sonnier Family and Clyde Warfel Family, Antoine "Boy" LeBlanc Family, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Albert Sr., Lloyd and Maudrey Landry, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Mark and Penny Landry, Ancestors and Descendants, Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priests, Religious, Joe and Rita Habetz, Mary Kay Habetz, Tom Voorhies, Tommy Breaux, Jennings Fournet, Maude Granger and Benny and Glo Granger, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Granger Dr. Raymond Schneider, Elaine Schneider, Skip Schneider, Lolly Harbin, S.J. "Bute" Granger, Junius and Mary Hebert, Lovell Romero, Abel Louviere, Family, Kelly Louviere, Theodore Thibodeaux Family, Tim Edler, Elaine Villermin, Deanna Gondron, Loretta Judice VanBrocklin, Ronald Judice, Ryan and Gondron Families, Larry Crochet, Abel Louviere Family, Kelly Louviere, Theodore Thibodeaux Family, Tim Edler, Keri Bonin Boutte, Bonin and Boutte Family, Loretta Judice VanBrocklin, Matthew Thibeaux, Louis Thibeaux Family, Edmond Lancon Family, Viator and Judice Fly, Clyde Dressel, Judy Judice, Beauregard Judice, Louto and Anite Gondron, Gondron and Deville Family Ancestors and Descendants, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Wayne Guillory and Mathilde Romero, Horace and Sylvia Thibodeaux, Pliny and Caroline Breaux Walet, Cathy Defelice, Tracey Defelice Guilbeau, Sandra Angelle and Glenn Angelle, Granger Family, Wade & Lou Dupre, Aline Smith, Derrick Taylor, Nellie Hebert Arceneaux, Sara Escamilla, Trenace Songe, Myra Starr, Brian Robichaux, Jane Watkins, Claire Landry, Lee Villarrubia, Milton Martinez, Bishop Warren Boudreaux, Bishop Joseph Latino, Msgr. John Newfield, Msgr. Francis Amedee, Msgr. Andrew Frey, Rev. Albert Richardson, Msgr. Richard Soseman, Fr. Varin Slacke OFM, Deacon Mel Marts, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet, Francis Crochet.

Sunday 7:00 a.m. Stjo — Parish Families of Saint Joseph and Our Lady of Victory

Monday 6:45 a.m. OLV — Lloyd and Maudrey Landry, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Mark and Penny Landry Ancestors and Descendants, Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priests, Religious, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Huey Olivier Family Ancestors and Descendants, Michael and Christine Arceneaux, Ancestors and Descendants, Brian Derouen.

Tuesday 5:30 p.m. Stjo — Lloyd and Maudrey Landry, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Mark and Penny Landry Ancestors and Descendants, Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priests, Religious, Matthew Thibeaux, Louis Thibeaux Family, Edmond Lancon Family, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Huey Olivier Family Ancestors and Descendants, Michael and Christine Arceneaux, Ancestors and Descendants, Jason Suarez Family, Cameron Barrilleaux Family, Destani Armstrong Family.

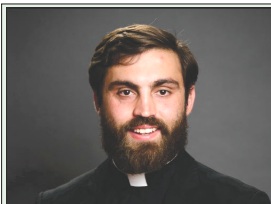
Wednesday 6:45 a.m. Stjo — Lloyd and Maudrey Landry, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants, Mark and Penny Landry Ancestors and Descendants, Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priests, Religious,

Clarence and Nola Champagne, Families Ancestors and Descendants, Jordan Prince, Huey Olivier Family Ancestors and Descendants, Michael and Christine Arceneaux, Ancestors and Descendants, John Michael Steiner, Andrew "Toupee" Bonin.

Thursday 5:30 p.m. StJo — Lloyd and Maudrey Landry, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants, Mark and Penny Landry Ancestors and Descendants, Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priests, Religious, Billy Degeyter, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Huey Olivier Family Ancestors and Descendants, Michael and Christine Arceneaux, Ancestors and Descendants.

First Friday 6:45 a.m. OLV — Lloyd and Maudrey Landry, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants, Mark and Penny Landry Ancestors and Descendants, Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priests, Religious, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Judice and Walet Families, Rhule, Mabel and Wayne Gondron, Donna and Steve Berard, Special intention, Gam and Velma Gondron, Huey Olivier Family Ancestors and Descendants, Michael and Christine Arceneaux, Ancestors and Descendants, Wade & Lou Dupre, Aline Smith, Derrick Taylor, Nellie Hebert Arceneaux, Sara Escamilla, Trenace Songe, Myra Starr, Brian Robichaux, Jane Watkins, Claire Landry, Lee Villarrubia, Milton Martinez, Bishop Warren Boudreaux, Bishop Joseph Latino, Msgr. John Newfield, Msgr. Francis Amedee, Msgr. Andrew Frey, Rev. Albert Richardson, Msgr. Richard Soseman, Fr. Varin Slacke OFM, Deacon Mel Marts, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet, Francis Crochet.

First Saturday 8:00 a.m. OLV — Lloyd and Maudrey Landry, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants, Mark and Penny Landry Ancestors and Descendants, Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priests, Religious, Donna and Steve Berard, ancestors and descendants, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Judice and Walet Families, Huey Olivier Family Ancestors and Descendants, Michael and Christine Arceneaux, Ancestors and Descendants, Wade & Lou Dupre, Aline Smith, Derrick Taylor, Nellie Hebert Arceneaux, Sara Escamilla, Trenace Songe, Myra Starr, Brian Robichaux, Jane Watkins, Claire Landry, Lee Villarrubia, Milton Martinez, Bishop Warren Boudreaux, Bishop Joseph Latino, Msgr. John Newfield, Msgr. Francis Amedee, Msgr. Andrew Frey, Rev. Albert Richardson, Msgr. Richard Soseman, Fr. Varin Slacke OFM, Deacon Mel Marts, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet, Francis Crochet.



Many thanks to all who attended the Diaconate Ordination of our native son Rev. Mr. John Dugas.

We also express our great appreciation for all who assisted in the First Mass and Reception.

It was certainly a great day for the Village of Loreauville!

Changes to the Publication of Mass Intentions

At a recent Deanery Meeting Bishop Deshotel instructed all pastors to bring their parishes into compliance with Church Law regarding Mass Intentions and the celebration of what is referred to as the *Missa pro populo*. **All Sunday Mass Intentions** will now be offered at the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday afternoon and at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday morning. The 7:00 a.m. Mass is now reserved for the *Pro Populo* Mass. If you have any questions please direct them to the Parish Office.

The Church's **Canon Law** requires that each pastor celebrate one of the Sunday Masses with the intention being *Pro Populo*. In the Latin language *Pro Populo* means "for the people."

In general, a Mass Intention is the specific purpose that the priest and those who are aware of the intention are explicitly raising up before God and naming it aloud — not the individualized intentions brought about by parishioners. Yet we know that each person carries their own intentions to Mass: the worry for a child whose marriage is struggling, concern for an upcoming election, needed strength during an illness, or the fortitude to stand up to a bully, etc. We also carry intentions without knowing it: the distracted teenager worrying about whether the girl will say "yes" when asked to go to the dance; the hurt divorcee in need of emotional healing; the quiet loner yearning for friendship, etc.

While the duty of the pastor requires the *Pro Populo* Mass, it is a special priestly action accomplished on the Sabbath. As he looks out at the congregation during the Mass, the priest celebrant recalls the various requests from his flock that he heard during the week: a spouse in the hospital, a struggling family relationship, a lost job, homelessness, etc.

Feeling the weight of those challenges, he places those intentions on the altar. Realizing that there are many unnamed and unknown intentions, he place those needs on the altar also. This is a very unique way to care for and love the parish family in which God places pastors.

Please know that Fr. Godwin and I pray for your individual needs at the Mass offered each weekend at Saint Joseph, *Pro Populo*.

— Fr. Crochet

Saint Jude's Cajun Krewe

Shrimp Boil

Sunday, June 4, 2023

One serving of shrimp, corn, and potato

\$15 donation

Call Bryan Judice at 380-1866 or the Parish Office at 229-4254 for more information

FREE PHONES

The Parish Office recently updated its phone system. Even though the old phones are in good condition, they were going to be discarded. They are offered to you free of charge. Please note that these phones cannot be connected to a standard phone line. They must be connected to a computer network.

Please call the Parish Office at 229-4254 for more information.



The Pope, the Prime Minister, and the Elephant in the Room by David Ayers, Ph.D.

“More children, less pets” was the catchy takeaway in worldwide coverage of Pope Francis’ joining Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni on stage May 12, during a conference on Italy’s collapsing birthrates held near the Vatican. The pope’s story about his tragicomic encounter with a fiftyish woman who wanted him to bless her “baby” — a dog — certainly colorfully drove home his warnings about the misplaced, upside-down personal priorities among many modern Italians that are contributing to their looming “demographic winter.” Francis has made similar remarks about prioritizing “pets over children” in the past.

There were lots of people, lights, and cameras at this remarkable joint presentation — journalists, policy wonks, activists, clerics, and politicians aplenty. So, how did they miss that humongous elephant in the room? That elephant being “the decline of natural marriage.”

Running heavily on a conservative, pro-family platform, Giorgia Meloni has advanced proposals to increase Italian births such as tax cuts, free childcare, higher employment rates and stability, financial incentives for having children, and the like. Although the prime minister and the pope appear to disagree on whether the recent surge of illegal immigrants is also a threat to Italy’s ethnic identity, they do seem to be in agreement on much of her pro-birth agenda.

They are certainly sympatico in their deep antipathy to such practices as surrogacy and same-sex parenting, as well as in their opposition to gender ideology. So, why ignore steeply declining Italian marriage rates, a baseline factor which, if not turned around, will render moot all these lesser efforts to resuscitate Italy’s moribund fertility?

For Meloni, at least, sidestepping the marriage issue is probably at least partially personal. She and her partner, Andrea Giambruno, have one daughter together. Despite her very public conservative Roman Catholicism, they are not married. In fact, Meloni has strongly criticized as “nonsense” suggestions that her cohabitation arrangement is at odds with her professed Christian and pro-family values.

Yet, as much as she wishes to deflect the obvious, her lifestyle choice — to have just one child, a live-in partner but no marriage — is pretty typical for Italians these days. This is

something that a political leader given a historic opportunity to help raise her nation’s abysmal birth rates should kindly but firmly challenge — not personally practice and publicly defend. The increasing abandonment of marriage is a major factor behind declining fertility in modern, developed countries, and this includes Italy.

We have known about the powerful ties between marriage and fertility for a long time. A key element of this is age at matrimony — marrying early enough for a husband and wife to realistically have more children. This has not prevented many who ought to know better from claiming that, in modern societies, marriage is no longer relevant to birth rates. Nonmarital fertility, they say, can create sustainable levels of childbearing so long as having and raising children out of wedlock is culturally accepted and supported by the State. Most politicians and policy wonks seem to believe, like Prime Minister Meloni, that nations facing demographic winter can promote fertility without also reviving marriage, including discouraging people who do eventually marry from unnecessarily delaying it. They are wrong.

In fact, a devastating report authored by Lyman Stone and Spencer James, released just this past October by the Institute for Family Studies, rigorously and thoroughly documents this. Entitled *Marriage Still Matters: Demonstrating the Link Between Marriage and Fertility in the 21st Century*, it uses hard data to demonstrate that in high-income modern nations, in European and Pacific Rim nations as well as in the United States, the statistical relationship between marriage and childbearing is robust. This association stands up when researchers control for other explanatory factors. Moreover, as the authors stress, there are no realistic ways that societies can use nonmarital fertility to compensate for the decline of births associated with plummeting marriage rates and rising ages at first marriage.

To be sure, this causal relationship, say Stone and James, goes both ways. Marriage promotes childbirth. Having children, or even desiring to have children, encourages people to marry. Marriage and fertility are strongly intertwined and mutually reinforcing. Yes, it is still important to have policies that encourage married people to have more children. In some countries, including much of east Asia, low marital fertility is a serious problem. But simply trying to dramatically increase fertility without also promoting marriage? This is a pipe dream.

Are there exceptions where, for example, delayed or less marriage combined with

generous welfare and unusually stable long-term cohabiting unions can be associated with higher fertility in modern nations? Or where earlier marriage and higher marital rates are associated with developed countries that have low fertility? Of course. But there are specific reasons for these exceptions which most countries, including Italy, cannot count on. And they still do not give us fertility high enough to reverse years, even decades, of abysmally low birth rates. As Stone and James point out, “while it might be possible that in some extremely unusual and impossible-to-replicate circumstances, the marriage-fertility linkage can be temporarily suspended, reasoning from these very narrow cases to the whole world is unjustified.”

Italy is a textbook case in the marriage-childbirth linkages documented so expertly by these authors.

As late as 1968, the Italian fertility rate, that is, estimated lifetime births per woman, was 2.5 — well over the 2.1 replacement level for modern nations. Then the bottom dropped out. Just thirty years later, it was down to a devastatingly low 1.22. The fertility rate sputtered up to 1.44 in 2008, but since then it has been gradually descending to the 2023 level of about 1.3. The *CIA World Factbook* currently ranks Italy’s fertility rate 222nd out of 227 countries. Only Taiwan, South Korea, Macau, Hong Kong, and Singapore are worse.

Not surprisingly, this is tied to the rapid, extreme aging of the Italian population. Italy’s 2020 median age, at an astounding 46.5, was fifth highest globally. Meanwhile, the percentage of Italy’s population that is elderly continues to balloon, rising from almost 19 percent in 2002 to about 24 percent in 2023. The percentage of those 65 and older is now almost double those 14 and under.

And, just as Stone and James would have predicted, this plummeting fertility, and consequent aging, of Italy’s population is intertwined with the collapse of marriage. As Statista documents, “Italy has one of the lowest marriage rates in the world. In Europe, it has the smallest number of marriages in relation to the population, with around three marriages per 1,000 inhabitants.” Between 2002 and 2014, marriages per 1,000 dropped from 4.7 to 3.1 and, except for a small blip up to 3.4 in 2016 as well as a predictable crash to 1.6 in the Covid year of 2020, has not recovered. Among European Union nations, as of 2020, Italy’s age at first marriage for both men and women was third highest, exceeded only by Sweden and Spain.

All this verifies George Weigel’s grim, but

startlingly accurate, 2006 assessment of Italy, ... whose large extended families have long been a staple of the world's imagination. The truth of the matter is far different: by 2050, on present trends, almost 60 percent of Italians will not know, from personal experience, what a brother, sister, aunt, uncle, or cousin is. But this is perhaps not surprising in a country in which the average age of a man at the birth of his first child is thirty-three and the number of those over sixty-five considerably exceeds the number of those under fifteen.

Whatever solutions politicians and policy makers advance to reverse Italy's disastrously fallen birth rates, they will not succeed to any substantial degree if they do not include a revival of matrimony. Italian fertility will not substantially rise unless the natural family, rooted and grounded upon holy matrimony, is once again culturally revered and integral to everyday life. If the Italian Republic wishes to return to a healthy demographic structure, it must become, once again, a nation where fruitful marriages flourish — and where married mothers and fathers leading homes

populated by children surrounded by siblings, grandparents, cousins, uncles, and aunts are the norm rather than the exception.

This pope, consistent with the unbroken historic teaching of Roman Catholicism, believes in natural family life rooted in marriage, and he has not been shy about saying so. He is in a unique position to encourage Italians who are rightly worried about immanent demographic disaster to embrace natural marriage and family in their totality, including welcoming more children into the world. He should encourage them toward this Christian, big-picture thinking about their dilemma and solutions to it, instead of limiting themselves to isolated, sterile policies designed to increase births without regard for building a pro-marriage culture — approaches which have little chance of significant success.

With Giorgia Meloni as prime minister, there is a real, unique, powerful opportunity for this life-giving message to be heard and acted upon by Italy's political elites. This pro-marriage, pro-family approach to raising fertility rates certainly has no chance of gaining any traction among Meloni's opponents in the Italian Left. How long will this historic door remain open?

So, now is the time for the Catholic Church

to step forward to promote marriage and childbearing together, in the land of the Eternal City, while the momentum, the cultural and political winds, are favorable, and before the situation becomes hopeless. They have the influence, the presence, the time, and now the political and cultural support, to make a difference. Let us all hope they read the times wisely—and act.

David Ayers is Professor of Sociology in the Department of Psychology, Social Work and Sociology at Grove City College, where he has also served previously as Dean of the Alva J. Calderwood School of Arts and Letters, and as Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. He is author of two textbooks with Cengage, and most recently **Track-Dating, Marriage, & Sex: A Student's Guide to Dating Marriage, & Sex** (Christian Focus, 2023), **After the Revolution: Sex and the Single Evangelical** (Lexham, 2022), **Why Would Anyone Get Married** (Core Christianity Solo Media, 2022), and **Christian Marriage: A Comprehensive Introduction** (Lexham, 2019). He resides in Grove City, Pennsylvania, has been married to Kathy since 1982, has six children, four sons-in-law, one daughter-in-law, and six grandchildren. He holds his Ph.D. in Sociology from New York University, his MA in Sociology from American University, and his BA in Psychology from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania.



Vacation Bible School
Monday, June 19 through
Friday, June 23, 2023
9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.
Grades K through 4
are invited to participate
Grades 5 through 12
are invited to act as helpers
NO registration fee!



We would like to thank the Stella Roman Foundation for their gracious donation of a new electronic bell system for Saint Joseph Church on the occasion of our 150th Anniversary. This new system will ring the bells in the tower and also supply carillon music at various hours of the day.

The Stella Roman Foundation was established *to supply, furnish, and pay for the installation of electronic bells or chimes to Roman Catholic institutions, and secondarily, to assist in the needs of the Archdiocese of New Orleans.*

Stella Roman (23 August 1904 – 12 February 1992) was a world-renowned Romanian operatic soprano whose career brought her leading roles in Italy and the United States.



Stella Roman in the title role as Verdi's Aida

Necrology

June 1

1873 Angele Amy
1890 Célestina Molbert
1900 Infant Anthony
1909 Joseph Gonsoulin
1937 Rita Crochet
1955 Sidney Horton
1964 Joseph Braquer
1967 Carlos Broussard
1969 Dennis Laviolette
1987 Glena Mestayer
1988 Joseph Boutte
1991 Corinne Breaux
1997 Jean Batist Chastant
1999 Paul Ste. Marie
2022 Billy Degeyter

June 2

1889 Joseph Abraham
1898 Uli Magloire
1899 Mrs. Raoul Ami
1900 Régina Dominique
1905 Deloney Louvière
1906 Véronique Breaux
1915 Thérèse Frick
1916 Alexandre Guidry
1924 Alcée Green
1959 Odille Walet
1965 Annette LeBlanc
1967 Mrs. Octave Trahan
1968 Mrs. Noel
1986 Zulma "Mim" Breaux
1987 Chastee Seneca

June 3

1886 Corine Broussard
1906 Edward Broussard
1908 Paul Blanchard
1916 Infant Molbert
1925 Liliane Provost
1934 Anna May Courville
1953 Hilrous Dominique
1969 Rose Magee
1979 Lucie Bonin
1993 Sheila Morace
2008 Joyce Dauterive
2020 John Miller Jr.
2021 Beauregard Judice

June 4

1890 Aurelieu Julien
1900 Infant Broussard
1908 Rose Norman
1917 Infant Magloire
1918 Carton Simon
1918 Elizabeth Barras
1939 Marie Bastien
1947 Charles Gonsoulin
1956 Amélie Broussard
1958 Frank Prioux
2011 Gertrude Crochet
2012 Andrew Camacho

June 5

1893 Amélie Bonin
1918 Euphème Girouard
1937 Rose Mitchell
1939 Clara Dugas
1950 Daniel Landry
1956 Alvin Darby
1958 Suzette Broussard
1966 Albert Judice
1985 Kennard Judice

1998 Clement Lanclos
2011 Ethel Mestayer
2022 Vernon Rebert

June 6

1885 Norbert Duggin
1897 Ms. Leonard Crochet
1904 Mrs. V. Broussard
1905 Mrs. Paul Dressel
1942 Irène Crochet
1946 Thomas Gonsoulin
1949 Joseph Molbert
1963 Janet Broussard
1973 Marie Steckler
1974 Aspasia Broussard
1987 Dianne Lee
1995 Mable Gaubert
1999 Concetta Hebert
2017 Rose Jacob
2018 Kenneth Segura

June 7

1905 Alcée Boutté
1915 David Breaux
1939 Ademar Breaux
1952 Paul Prados
1960 Paul Broussard
1980 Raymond Chastant
2000 Edna Prosper

June 8

1885 Aurelien Julien
1892 Louis Simon
1896 Marie Dauterive
1904 Pierre Broussard
1908 Laura Oubre
1914 Jeanne Braquet
1915 Francis Bonin
1931 Henry Lee Dugas
1953 Cynthia Jones
1954 Sidney Eldridge
1984 Frederick Oubre
1985 Lorena Crochet
1988 Lota Oubre
1991 Emile Crochet
1994 Elmo Mestayer
2021 Linda Theriot

June 9

1901 Léon Castillo
1907 Gracie DeCuir
1909 Irma Broussard
1957 Jules LeBlanc
1957 Desirée LeBlanc
1963 Felicia Hebert

June 10

1901 Louis Mitchell
1902 Mrs. A. Broussard
1906 Alice Dugas
1921 Amelia Broussard
1925 Jean Marine Bastian
1927 Benoit Bastien
1940 Infant Doucette
1943 Audressey Richard
1943 Louis Castillo
1984 Madelle Braquet
2014 Juliette Lee
2016 Deyna Champagne

June 11

1904 Louis Eldridge
1906 Estella Vital
1907 Infant Breaux
1935 Joseph Jean-Louis
1949 Charles Berard
1963 Lucille Broussard
1987 George Broussard
2018 Barbara Broussard
2019 Sheila L. Prioux

June 12

1901 Infant Antoine
1915 Norma Jackson
1919 Gilbert Broussard
1921 Joyce Dupuy
1923 Mrs. Aurelieu Breaux
1934 Felicia Suard
1939 Marguerite Antoine
1947 Ms. Walter Broussard
2009 Irene Broussard
2011 William Dooley

June 13

1891 Laurent Broussard
1896 Azar Vaughn
1897 Mrs. Joseph Landry
1907 Emerite Breaux
1911 Isarie Bourda
1926 Gilbert Vital
1936 Achille Boutté
1949 Constance Broussard
1959 Ulysse Landry
1955 Agnes Huval
2009 Eve Segura
2014 William Elliott, Sr.

June 14

1886 H. Bertin Dugas
1901 Cézane LeBlanc
1919 Infant Dupoy
1948 Euclide Dugas
1960 Ted Neuville
1964 Rene Broussard
2000 Russell Domingue

June 15

1877 Marie Hebert
1892 Narcisse Alexadre
1902 John Simon
1917 Murphy Broussard
1934 Aladin Gautreaux
1942 Félicie Chalmert
1953 Antoine Gonsoulin
1976 Hilda Dugas
1991 Rachel Vaughn
1997 Celina Latiolais
2006 Lester Decuir

June 16

1875 Amélie Broussard
1896 Constant Aucoin
1898 Infant Dauterive
1904 Joseph Tups
1949 Gilbert Toffier
1957 Edmonia Louviere
1983 Antoine Dugas Sr.
1987 John Braquet
1999 Ruth Horton
2001 Cora Gondron
2020 Aaron Thibodeaux

June 17

1873 Lucie Louvière
1873 Jules Odui
1884 Joseph Verret
1900 Infant DeBlanc
1906 Onile John
1938 Alzea Bonin
1946 Fernand Mestayer
1983 Gustave Judice
1993 Joseph Latiolais
1997 Eric Braquet

June 18

1884 Charles Fouquet
1886 Alcide Blanchard
1894 Sully Berard
1900 Infant Wallet
1911 Mrs. Placide Grand
1918 Simon Oubre
1934 Charles Prince
1939 Joseph Handy
1942 Infant Polite
1957 Lucien LeBlanc
1957 Euzebe Girouard
1968 Edward Mestayer
1972 Beauregard Judice III
1992 Emmas Dugas
1997 Robert Dauterive
2012 Mary Jean Vital

June 19

1901 L. Broussard
1904 Athanase Johnson
1911 Infant Antoine
1933 Fouten Gonsoulin
1935 Orelia Dressel
1935 Clara Brown
1941 Henry Shelby
1956 Joseph Bozon
1992 Ulysses Persilver

June 20

1898 Emilien Fauchaux
1905 Marie Dressel
1906 Infant Gonsoulin
1912 Ermelus Oubre
1913 Ethel Dugas
1918 Albert (unknown)
1932 Joseph Archangel
1936 Josephine DeMahy
1937 Joseph Dauterive
1940 Aristide Granger
1948 Wilfred Crochet
1956 Alfred Broussard
1957 Alcide Granger
1958 Paul Dupoy
1967 Alex Seneca
1972 Lelia Bonin
1974 Mrs. George Germany
1981 Cynthia Grow
1986 Elda Braquet
1992 Catherine Champeaux
1994 Leonie Dugas
2009 Viola Toutcheque

June 21

1897 Infant Peridion
1906 Luc Albert
1908 Charles Joseph
1917 Infant Broussard
1936 Anthony Braquet
1977 Lena Trahan
1999 Anne Hebert
2002 Lorena Angelle

June 22

1896 Infant Broussard
1908 Fernand Louis
1908 Célestine Simon
1924 Edouard Boutté
1931 Edna Broussard
1936 Henri Gondron
1943 Gloria Louvière
1945 Ardonis Broussard
1959 Raoul Mestayer
1966 Ophelia Bonin
1977 Bessie Broussard
1987 Lily Patin
1995 Irene Decuir
1995 Richard Eldridge
2002 Mabel Delcambre
2016 Nicholas Bienvenu

June 23

1875 Evellina Broussard
1889 Eugene Perelliot
1909 Adeline Broussard
1912 Albert Boutté
1915 Caësar Bonin
1926 Alcée LeCamus
1928 Louis Jean Louis
1939 Wilbert Williams
1961 Armand Molbert
2007 David Provost
2019 Eugene Fontenot, Jr.
2020 Marie Prioux

June 24

1931 Clifton Ryes
1933 Grear Louvière
1933 Armanda Dugas
1965 Jimmie Borel
1989 Beverly Broussard
1992 Audressie Domingue
1996 Amelia Neuville
1998 Patsy Viator
2012 Florence Seneca
2016 Mary Ann Louviere

June 25

1918 Robert Lissard
1937 Virginia Joseph
1959 Armand Dugas
1961 Deirdre Babin
1988 Irene Gonsoulin
2015 Marietta Prince
2020 John Doumit

June 26

1889 Felician Wary
1895 Infant Vincent
1897 Infant Daigle
1900 Mrs. Célestine Simon
1930 Rebecca Sanders
1958 Mark Gaguard
2013 Vernice Louviere
2016 Linda Prince

June 27

1873 Julien Ambroise
1878 Louis Blanchard
1895 Infant Matle
1895 Idéa Vincent
1901 Nicholas Bonin
1915 Jean Prados
1919 Infant Fauchaux
1921 Ms. Eusèbe Gonsoulin
1926 Wilfred Courville
1935 Letitia Gonsoulin
1949 Clelie Berard
1967 Robin Bonin
1968 M. Frioux

June 28

1894 Gilbert Johnson
1902 Mrs. Uchère Verret
1905 Rose Gonsoulin
1913 Alexandre Dupuy
1918 O'Neil Eldridge
1923 J. B. Barilleaux
1929 Sylvestre Mires
1946 Mary Antoine
1973 Mazel Prince
1982 Elise Boudreaux
1992 Lila Landry
2011 Garland Babin
2015 Wendy Hebert
2019 Judy Judice
2021 Royce Gaudin

June 29

1893 Louis Bourques
1904 Euline Broussard
1906 Amélie Warrick
1909 Joseph Louis
2017 Eunice Berard
1923 Anita Broussard
1927 Ulger Dominique
1950 Lucy Borres
1951 Lillian Louis
1951 Amos Mitchell
1954 Eustaze Oubre
1969 Alven Tuten
1996 Moise Escagne
2001 Karen Scroggs
2004 Lily Cutrera
2015 Melissa Viator
2019 Lucy Bayard
2020 Michael Arceneaux

June 30

1875 Ovignac Breaux
1907 Joseph Mestayer
1915 Mildred Broussard
1934 Adam Lascigne
1937 Celia Landry
1954 Sidney Ransonet
1999 Pearly Broussard
2002 Philip Hebert Jr.
2009 Kathleen Holtzclaw

June Birthdays

Happy Birthday!

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

Father Crochet & Father Godwin

June 1

Ava Broussard
Mark Broussard

June 2

Mia Jolivet
Michael Landry
Wayne Lasseigne
Michelle Steiner
Karsyn Stevens
Gavin Viator

June 3

Gwynnivre Bonin
Megan Louviere
Christopher Ransonet
Kelly Ransonet
Carter Viator

June 4

Crysley Breaux
James Defelice
Angeli Dorsey
Gerald Dugas
Charlie Guilbeaux
Matt Indest
Martie Lelamus

June 5

Isabella Legnon
Thomas Lemaire
Stephen Lokitz
Greyson Louviere

June 6

Brandi Brown
Andrea Hebert
Anna Laird
Jacob Prince
Tori Williams

June 7

Mickey Champagne
Linda Clifton
Shellie Comb
Rydel Frederick
Mindy Landry
Michelle LeJeune
Brian Norris

June 8

Joey Armentor
Lance Broussard
Noah Suire
Kale Viator

June 9

Stephanie Finley
Oswald Hebert
Lonnie Huval
Tripp Huval
Lily Munnerlyn
Jessica Trahan

June 10

Michele Burke
Kenzie Derouen
Ty LeBlanc
Romee Ronsonet
Bailey Trahan

June 11

Kyron Boudreaux
Lauren Boudreaux
Charley Evans
Travis Evans
Collin Guillot
Jordy Provost
Regan Theriot
Trace Waguespack

June 12

Flynn Badeaux
Ory Begnaud
Nicholas Belaïre
Jordis Breaux
Troy Breaux
Tonya Crochet
Payton Folse
Zachary Gaudet
Nikki Hebert
Frank Landry
Erica Provost
Kevin Provost
Jacob Ransonet

June 13

Seth Buteau
Mallory Escagne
Sydnie Floris

June 14

Paula Bertrand
Whitney Cox
Veronica Guillotte
Madison Thomas

June 15

Michelle Ansley
June Granger
Adaline Mire
Oscar Theriot

June 16

Sheila Arceneaux
Cheyene Bodner
Cason Bourque
Roberta Degeyter
Katie Douet
Kaitlyn Jolet

June 17

Jade Delcambre
Madeline Girouard
Mikayla Kidder
Cody Labit
Misty Melancon
William Migues

June 18

Blake Delcambre Sr.
Avery DeRouen
Lauren Hebert
Shane Judice
Ellie Kate Laviolette
Lucky McCraw
Kennedi Patout
Brice Romero
Bevon Senette
Jaelyn Thibodeaux

June 19

Rylee Babineaux
Shane Crochet
Alexis Defelice
Russel Dugas
Allyson Provost

June 20

Bexley Badeaux
Jean-Luc Buhler
Claire Escagne
Evan Frederick
Bruno Habetz

June 21

Liam Arceneaux
Chad Darcey
Christopher Darcey
Frank Greaux
Rowan Landry
Bailey LeBlanc
Dylan Louviere
Lillian Ronsonet
Jordyn Smith
Clint Terry

June 22

Chloe Baudry
Max Baudry
Hutton Daniels
Brent Latiolais
Cody Mestayer
Glynn Romero, Jr.
Hannah Romero

June 23

Garrett Broussard
Aimye Dugas
Ben Galatas
Cathy Hebert

June 24

Cayden Albert
Connor Angelle
Colt Arceneaux
Tasha Bonin
Ella Champagne
Willie Chatagnier
Keisha Dautreuil
Madison Dugas

Jason Landry
Basin Louviere
Natalie Oubre
Ava Robin

June 25

Ryan Buteaux
Jake Delcambre
Clint Hebert
Brady Judice
Hayden Prioux
Gregory Walet

June 26

Alison Boatright
Ballie Broussard
William Broussard
Ames Dupuis, Jr.
Trini Foti
Robert Jordan, III
Cooper Munnerlyn

June 27

Breigh Begnaud
Jason Chastant
Aaron Gerace
Rusty Judice

June 28

Emily Begnaud
Briley Breaux
Danielle Charpentier
Malia Schexnayder
Breigh Viator

June 29

Eli Angelle
Rhett Clement

June 30

Raynell Aucoin
Ace Breaux
Remi Dees
Drew Folse
Patricia Guillot
Kate Landry
Sadie Rauschenbach

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