



## Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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

Tuesday and Thursday — 5:30 p.m. at Saint Joseph

Wednesday — 6:45 a.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.

### RECEPTIONIST/BOOKKEEPER/CEMETERIAN

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### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Adoration Chapel is open. 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

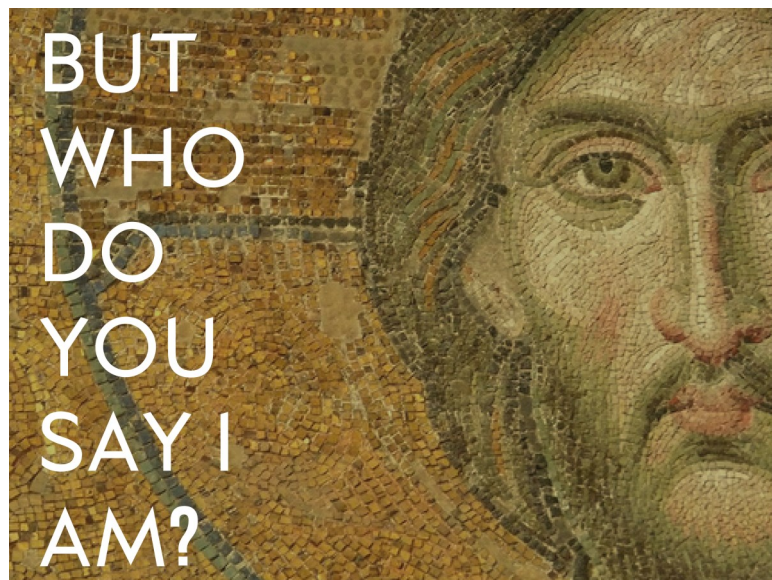
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### MINISTERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
September 2 4:00 p.m.	Jana Angelle	Linda Landry	Volunteers
September 3 7:00 a.m.	Brynn Blanchard	Isela Kerne	Volunteers
10:30 a.m.	Mike Lawson	Linda Thomas	Volunteers



BUT  
WHO  
DO  
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SAY I  
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O God, Who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant Your people to love what You command and to desire what You promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found.

### 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.

August 27	Rev. Stephen Irudayasamy, HGN/Eric Hernandez Dcn. William Vincent
August 28	Rev. Sal Istre/Michael Johnson Dcn. Douglas Wimberly
August 29	Rev. Ravi Jampangi/Bret Lee Dcn. Byrne Winn
August 30	Rev. Johnathan Janise/Christopher Lee Dcn. Jerry Wyble
August 31	Rev. Stanley Jawa, SVD/Stephen Melancon Dcn. Michael Yenik
September 1	Pope Francis/Rev. Blake Dubroc, Dir. of Vocations and Seminarians Dcn. Thomas Adams, Sr.
September 2	Bishop Douglas Deshotel/Seminary Faculty, Parents and Benefactors Dcn. Art Bakeler

### Please pray for our parish family members who are sick:

Stuart Sandoz, Duffy Domingue, Eric Clements, Trevor Louviere, Austin Willett, Willey Poirrier, Butch White, Lydia May, Rowena Borel, Patricia Freyou, Lecia Broussard, Roshondra Nora, Noah Abraham, Chad Borel, Ashley Hebert, Stephen Dugas, Jade Delcambre, Pat Villermin, Ira Bourque, Brennan Wingfield, Betty Suire, Joe Judice,

Mike Habetz, Jamie Brady, 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, David Dupuy, Hazel LeBlanc, Ava Rose and Olivia James Dworaczyk, Ray Broussard, Anne Adcock Hebert, Shyla

Romero, Bart Doucet, Ellenor Hebert, Jory L. Bernard, Annette Dugas, Kayla Barras Veronie, Jamie Ransonet, Robert LeBlanc, Sr., Kaylee Landry, Randy Dugas, Rudy Delcambre, Ted Habetz, Clarence Theriot, Junelle Jefferies, Robin Neuville, Fred Thibodeaux, Lucy Bernard, Leif Melancon, Charlie Berard, Allen Gondron.

August 20, 2023	
Regular Sunday Offering Envelopes	\$ 4,746.00
Regular Sunday Offering Loose	\$ 2,967.00
Regular Collection Total	\$ 7,713.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,385.00
Difference	+\$ 328.00
Solemnity of the Assumption	\$ 2,237.00
Present Loan Balance	\$ 145,722.61
Donation Against Loan Balance	\$ 1,531.00
Insurance Balance 2023-2024	\$ 39,604.00
Insurance Collection	\$ 417.00

**Altar Flowers were donated in memory of**  
The Community

**The Sanctuary Lamp is burning for**  
The Community

**The Vocation Chalice is in**  
The Adoration Chapel

*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 Ancestors and Descendants, Domingue Family Special Intention, Louto and Anite Gondron Family.

## Mass Intentions — 8/26 — 9/2

**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, David Allain, Special Intention, Nancy Meuneir, Special Intention, Rachel Ransonet Romero, Walter and Doris M. Judice, Dupoy and Lasseigne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Jimmy Clifton, Robert Judice, Sr. Family, John Vedia and Barbara Ann Ozenne Perez, Antoine “Boy” LeBlanc Family, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Albert Sr., Lynn and Theresa Delcambre Family, Ancestors and Descendants, Sidney, Margaret, Craig Breaux, Pauline Guidry, Jeremy Savoy, Family, Clyde Hebert, Lucille Landry Hebert, Billie J. Bodin, Lawrence Melancon, Felicie Gaudet, Dr. Harold and Kathleen Heitkamp, Boo Castille, Dr. James Russell Romeo, 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, Sady 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, Rickie Oubre, Dr. Harold and Kathleen Heitkamp, Henry and Renella Pelafigue and Josh, Roland and Pee Wee

Broussard, Virginia Landry, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Cloures Dugas, Mr. and Mrs. John Prados, Sr., John Michael Steiner, Jay Gonsoulin Family, Paul Sonnier Family and Clyde Warfel Family, 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 Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Granger, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Granger, Dr. Raymond Schneider, Elaine Schneider, Skip Schneider, Lolly Harbin, Lovell Romero, Tim Edler, Ronald Judice, Elaine Villermin, C.L. Romero, Rickie Oubre, Janice Mestayer, Deanna Gondron, Rickie Oubre, Larry Crochet, Keri Bonin Boutte, Bonin and Boutte Family, Loretta Judice VanBrocklin, Matthew Thibeaux, Louis Thibeaux Family, Edmond Lancon Family, Viator and Judice Fly, Loto Louviere, Jr., Gam Gondron Family, Clyde Dressel, Judy Judice, Beauregard Judice, Gondron and Deville Family Ancestors and Descendants, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Wayne Guillory and Mathilde Romero, Horace and Sylvia Thibodeaux, Pliny and Carolyn Breaux Walet, Cathy Defelice, Tracey Defelice Guilbeau, Sandra Angelle and Glenn Angelle, Solari 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, Clotilde Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet, Francis Crochet.

**Sunday 7:00 a.m. Stjo** — *Pro Populo* Saint Joseph & 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, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Donna and Steve Berard, Ancestors and Descendants, Tim Edler, Hubert and Lilly Mae Richard, Huey Olivier Family Ancestors and Descendants, Michael and Christine Arceneaux, Ancestors and Descendants, Lynn and Theresa Delcambre Family, 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, Judice and Walet Family, Herman Walet, Roy and Michael Thibodeaux, Michael and Christine Arceneaux, Ancestors and Descendants, John Michael Steiner, Andrew “Toupee” Bonin, Francis Crochet, Jacque Braquet.

**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, 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, Gloria Stoltz, Glenda Guidry, Patricia Gachassin, 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, Lynn and Theresa Delcambre, Ancestors and Descendants, Wade & Lou Dupre, Aline Smith,



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**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, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Gloria Stoltz, Glenda Guidry, Patricia Gachassin, Huey Olivier Family Ancestors and Descendants, Michael and Christine Arceneaux, Ancestors and Descendants, Donna and Steve Berard, 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, Clotilde Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet, Francis Crochet.

### Six Essential Rules Every Catholic Man Should Live By

1. *I will fear, love and honor God above all others, even at the cost of my own life.*

The early Church was full of martyrs. These men didn't simply give up their lives for Christ, they faced their death with courage and — sometimes — even jokes! It is said that as Saint Lawrence was being roasted to death on an iron grill, he teasingly told his torturers, "I am done on this side, turn me over."

Christ was so real to the early Christians that they counted death as nothing so long as they could be with Him. You may not have to die for your faith. But you may suffer from "soft martyrdom," such as losing friends over your beliefs. The word "martyr" means "witness." By holding true to Christ's teachings, you are witnessing to a higher order of values.

2. *I will honor holy things and treat them with respect.*

Once upon a time, sacred things were treated as sacred. Even in Western churches, a screen separated the sanctuary and altar from the people. This highlighted that the Mass was a holy moment, not some ordinary event.

We now live in a world that has lost a sense of the sacred. Even in some Catholic Churches, you have people who trivialize what's holy. We don't want to drag God down to our level. Sure Christ came down to us in the flesh, but this was to raise us up to share in His divine life. Jesus is your Lord. Remember this and be reverent.

3. *I will learn to pray as if my eternal salvation depends on it.*

God created you to be in a relationship with Him. Prayer is the bedrock of this relationship. After all, how can you have a good relationship with someone if you don't talk to them regularly? Your eternal salvation depends on prayer, but don't think of this in a legalistic way. It's not as if you will be saved by saying X number of prayers. The point is that if you don't want to spend time with God here on earth, why are you going to want to spend eternity with Him? The more you pray, the stronger your soul grows. Without it, the ups and downs of life will dictate your behavior. Don't try going through life without prayer.

4. *I will struggle for virtue and to overcome myself, no matter how difficult the process, not sinking to the level of mediocrity and excuse making.*

The spiritual life is HARD. Christ said, "Take up your cross and follow me." If you're going to get serious about the spiritual life, it will hurt. Growing spiritually involves dying to yourself and your love of pleasure, comfort and success. Not that those things are bad in themselves, but you can't let them dominate you. That's why penance is an essential part of spiritual life. We have



Father Crochet will be hosting  
**Adult Religious Education on**  
**Tuesday, August 29 and**  
**Tuesday, September 12 in the**  
**Saint Joseph Church Rectory**  
**Everyone is invited. No registration necessary.**

St. Joseph's Catholic Church  
19th Annual  
**TAILGATING COOK-OFF**  
Family Fun  
Catholic Mass 4 pm  
Cajun Roots 1-3pm  
Side Show 5-9 pm  
Great Food  
**Saturday, October 21, 2023**  
Loreauville Park | Free Admission  
No Ice Chests | No Golf Carts/ATVs  
Sponsors, Cooking Teams & Cornhole Teams registrations are open!  
Volunteers are Needed for the Ticket Booth!  
Volunteers can sign up by calling Claire Richard (337) 578-4930.  
Email us at [tailgatingcookoff@yahoo.com](mailto:tailgatingcookoff@yahoo.com) for more information.

to mortify our desires for food, drink, sex and other pleasures so that Christ can reign in us.

5. *I will prefer the Beatitudes to the world's values, remembering the truth that if anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in Him.*

The world operates by a very clear paradigm. It's the exact opposite of God's order. The world emphasizes power, pleasure, prestige, revenge and looking out only for yourself. In the Beatitudes, Christ flips all these worldly values on their heads. He says, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven." He promises eternal joy to the persecuted, suffering and forgotten. This gives hope to those without "worldly success" while also challenging those living only for this life. Try to make time to reread the Beatitudes and meditate on them frequently. We promise they will change your life!

6. *I will treat others made in the image and likeness of God with dignity and respect, especially remembering to honor and to serve the poor, the weak and the rejected as I would Christ Himself.*

This goes back to the two great commandments (which are really one): Love the Lord your God with your whole soul, mind and strength and love your neighbor as yourself. Each one of us is made in the image and likeness of God. This includes the poor and suffering. The saints who served the poor always said they were serving Christ Himself. And Christ said that we would be judged by how we treated the least among us. Go out of your way to love and serve others, especially those who can't give anything in return. Otherwise, you don't really love God.

These are life-changing principles  
that will make you holier and happier!  
Start looking for ways to incorporate them into your life.  
The world needs men who live by these values.  
It needs YOU to set an example!

## Cursing and Christian Living

by David G Bonagura, Jr.

In rebuking the Pharisees for misunderstanding the heart of the Mosaic Law, our Lord issued a declaration, unprovoked by the immediate context, that reverberates today: “The things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile.” (Matthew 15:18)

What is in the heart that our words manifest? Again, our Lord is quite direct: “From the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, unchastity, theft, false witness, blasphemy. These are what defile a person.” (Matthew 15:19-20)

That is, a host of unholy, sinful desires — they are collectively called “concupiscence” — joust within us every waking moment, and through our impure words they percolate into the world. Unholy speech comes in many kinds: gossip, detraction, calumny, deceit, lying, cheating, complaining, berating, lamenting, cursing. Controlling our tongues can seem like a Sisyphean task, as even the New Testament acknowledges: “If anyone does not fall short in speech, he is a perfect man.” (James 3:1)

Of all these sins, the phenomenon of cursing provides a special window through which we perceive three critical facets of Christian living: the disorder of the soul, the need for self-discipline, the place of the Christian in the world.

In casual speech and tense situations, curse words punctuate nearly every sentence, especially among groups of men. Wielded as nouns, verbs, adjectives, and interjections (some four-letter words can be all four), curse words, the speaker believes, add emphasis and drama to the narrative. And they are accepted by society as part of the lexical landscape.

Coaching youth sports, I have found that children begin cursing quietly among themselves around age eight; by age ten they do so openly on the field and on the court, where they may perhaps receive a mild reprimand, but the adults around them largely look the other way — they are using the same words themselves.

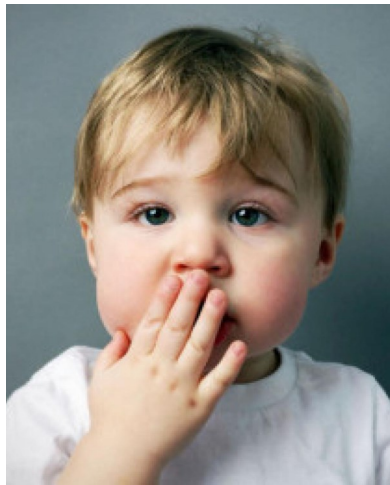
Yes, curse words reveal disorder in our souls, which are torn between concupiscence and the God who calls us to perfection in Him. More than that, though, the nonchalance with which curse words are uttered points to a great danger of the spiritual life: the acceptance of sin as a normal part of living — not as something

to be fought daily and eradicated.

From there it is but a few steps to dismissing sin as a reality altogether, as our modern age has done so effectively. A worse conclusion can follow: the cavalier and pernicious attitude of “I’m going to Hell anyway, so what difference does it make what I say or do?”

This is the defilement that our Lord speaks of, and Saint Francis de Sales brilliantly captures the insidious danger that habitual cursing can generate:

*An impure word falling upon a weak mind spreads its infection like a drop of oil on a garment, and sometimes it will take such a hold of the heart, as to fill it with an infinitude of lascivious thoughts and temptations.*



This is also an infection that spreads not only in the heart of the listener but in the speaker himself. Mortal sinners are not born but made through the slow, cancerous growth first of vice and then of venial sins.

Growing up in a milieu where curse words are as common as any other, young people, without the benefit of a surrounding Christian culture, logically conclude that “this is how adults talk” and follow suit. To resist the false allure of this vocabulary requires tremendous self-discipline, especially when first trying to break the habit.

Most will not succeed if motivated only by the temporal desire to cleanse one’s vocabulary. But if we realize that cursing is displeasing to God Who loves us more than imaginable, we can acquire much-needed supernatural motivation to master our tongues. And if we can resist the temptation to curse, we will develop the virtue of self-restraint that will keep us from falling into other temptations.

I remain ever grateful to the young post-collegian leading me and a group of

collegians through Europe years ago. He chastised me after I let go a few curse words when we could not figure out the trains. The rebuke stung — but I immediately understood that if I wanted to be a sincere Catholic, I had to lasso my tongue. With concerted effort and God’s grace, it took only two more weeks for me to let go of those words for good.

To refrain from cursing in a curse-filled world is a constant reminder that Christians are never completely at home in this world. Conversations and situations filled with vice or sin should prick our consciences, for we know they are wrong. To be Christian can mean being alone with the Lord, suffering in silence, while simultaneously being surrounded by others in public.

Frankly, I have never had the courage to rebuke my fellow adults for their colorful language, though I am not sure it would do much good. What has been interesting over the years, however, is that acquaintances and associates of various kinds have noticed that I do not use these words and have commented in a complimentary way to that end on several occasions. Simply refraining from curse words, to my surprise, has served as a means of silent evangelization. In a world filled with profane words, not joining the racket can witness to the Truth.

We need not be pure of heart to strive to root out vices — including small ones like cursing — and embrace virtue. Doing so can transform defilement into sanctification, but only with God’s grace. So let us heed the exhortation of Saint Paul: “Let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful.” (Colossians 3:15)

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## What's Wrong with the World?

by Msgr. Charles Fink

Saint Dominic is often quoted as having said, "A man who governs his passions is master of the world. We must either rule them or be ruled by them. It is better to be the hammer than the anvil."

A corollary follows. To the extent that we can't control ourselves, it will be necessary that we be controlled by an outside force, police, for example, or some other government entity. Either that or things become uncontrollable.

This isn't an original thought, of course. It's why our Founding Fathers believed that our constitutional republic could only survive and thrive, as envisioned, if its people were moral and religious. Religion, Christianity in particular, if taken seriously, engenders internal control, helps us to live in harmony with others, and limits the need for external constraints.

We see this truth played out in families, schools, and society at large. Good kids, good students, good citizens require fewer external constraints than unruly, undisciplined, misbehaving ones. It's not rocket science, just common sense. It should be obvious. And it's one reason, not the only one, that I'm a Catholic priest. I'm in the self-control business. I'm into promoting restraint and discipline as the path to individual, familial, and societal peace, freedom, and happiness.

Unfortunately, I and those of a similar mindset, including the official Church, have failed miserably in making our case, in consequence of which freedom has come to be understood largely as the right to do anything we please, so long as it doesn't immediately injure anyone else.

The trouble is that the damage we do by espousing and living out this view isn't always immediate or obvious. Think of drug or alcohol abuse, or any other addiction, and notice how what seems in such cases to begin as an exercise of freedom soon leads to a kind of slavery.

When enough people go down this path of unbridled freedom, there aren't enough police in the world to control the criminals; there aren't enough laws in the land to control the chaos; and there isn't enough money pumped into our schools to make them safe and effective.

But we seem never to learn. We keep looking for the quick fix. Our politicians and media pundits forever speak in superficial

sound bites and address symptoms rather than root causes. In fact, we're not allowed to talk about root causes. That's perceived as being judgmental and as suggesting the imposition of an outdated and presumptively debilitating moral code.

There may be darker motives in this fixation on avoiding underlying issues. I prefer simply to presume that people are naturally inclined to look for magic-wand solutions to the problems they face. As T.S. Eliot once noted, they can't bear much reality.



Of course, we need to address serious problems as quickly and effectively as possible, but our proffered solutions will always remain ultimately fruitless unless the underlying causes are addressed, and this is seldom done. Indeed, we often wind up throwing gasoline on the fire.

At the same time that we engage in an ineffective war on drugs, we legalize the growing and sale of cannabis. Let's say there is some merit to this policy. Is it a good idea to turn a blind eye to the practice of routinely getting stoned? Is getting high on a regular basis good for the individual? Good for society?

Would a society of individuals exercising self-control such that very few ever even wanted to get high be a worse or better society? In such a society, would there be a profitable market for illegal drugs? Would there be as many fatal car accidents as we currently have? On balance, would money be lost or saved, lives lost or saved?

We might ask the same kinds of questions with respect to the proliferation and acceptance of pornography. Is it good for anyone on any significant level? Does it

contribute to the general welfare or to the degradation of society, possibly contributing to the nightmarish reality of human trafficking? Is not asking such questions responsible or thoughtful? Do only right-wing Christian fanatics ask them, and hypocritically at that?

I don't want to impose anything on anyone, but I would like to propose that "If it is good, do it" is a better principle by which to live than "If it feels good, do it." Bishop Robert Barron, in one of his talks at World Youth Day in Portugal, said: "Freedom is disciplining the desires so as to make the achievement of the good first possible and then effortless."

The effortless part may take some time and effort, but it's worth it. I think I'm a better person for it, and a better neighbor too. You'd be safe living next door to me, even if I owned a gun.

There's much to be said for learning to control our passions. It's not suppression of desires; it's freedom, and it's possible for nearly everyone. As Frank Sheed once put it, "I'll believe someone has an uncontrollable temper when I see him take a swing at [the champion boxer] Joe Lewis."

What's needed, then, is the proper motivation, and given the condition of our society, for those not too far gone down the road to slavery, that motivation should be visible for all to see.

Msgr. Charles Fink (a new contributor) has been a priest for 47 years in the Diocese of Rockville Centre. He is a former pastor and seminary spiritual director, living in retirement from administrative duties at Notre Dame Parish in New Hyde Park, NY.



**September 1**  
 1886 Eugene Lafont  
 1890 Odile Mulbert  
 1898 Marie Jean Louis  
 1903 James Ambroise  
 1912 Austin Provost  
 1927 Joseph Prosper  
 1955 Anthony Tauzin  
 1976 Wilson Guidry  
 1981 Leon Champeaux  
 1987 Sylvia Guidry  
 1992 John Broussard  
 2013 Susan Patin

**September 2**  
 1888 Louis Pompier  
 1891 Pauline Mestayer  
 1896 Simon Jean Louis  
 1900 Celeste Jony  
 1906 Charles Bourda  
 1910 Otto Hebert  
 1918 Corinne Simon  
 1918 Junius Simon  
 1922 Mrs. Maxille Louis  
 1923 Numa Broussard  
 1927 Allen Dominique  
 1930 Leonel Dugas  
 1947 Clelie Segura  
 1951 Robin Segura  
 1957 George Oubre  
 2003 Camille Broussard  
 2007 Agnes Hymel

**September 3**  
 1892 Celine Landry  
 1895 John Wallet  
 1933 Antoine Courville  
 1936 Luto Jones  
 1940 Elizabeth Doucet  
 1954 Sidney Breaux Jr.  
 1984 Roland Kern  
 1991 William Ste. Marie  
 1997 Millard Eldridge  
 2015 Cecile Frederick  
 2016 Lee Fontenette, Sr.  
 2021 Reginald Simon, Jr.

**September 4**  
 1899 Clementine Jones  
 1914 Joseph John  
 1915 Odilon Provost  
 1928 Louise Verret  
 1936 Marie Louviere  
 1958 Aduis Gonsoulin  
 1959 Joseph Romero  
 1961 George Landry  
 1996 Susan Thibodeaux  
 2020 Lovell Romero

**September 5**  
 1891 Aimee Francis  
 (Mrs. Anore Joseph)  
 1893 Ulisse Borel  
 1908 Godefried Vincent  
 1915 Louis Bourgeois  
 1932 Infant Guillot  
 1976 Laurence Verret  
 2012 Justin Boudreaux  
 2015 Eddie Francis  
 2020 Mary Mitchell  
 2021 Ophe Viator, Jr.

**September 6**  
 1873 Michel Federle  
 1889 Alice Boatet  
 1895 Mrs. Louis Broussard  
 1909 Noelle Leblanc  
 1910 Antoinette Judice  
 1916 Mrs. Octavie Aucoin Blanchard  
 1916 O'Neil Broussard  
 1954 Aymar Vincent  
 1965 Felicie Borel  
 1968 Ackley Lecamus  
 1978 Myrtle Bonin  
 1994 Martha Vaughn  
 2003 Jade Standridge  
 2007 Wallace Landry  
 2008 Mabel Broussard  
 2019 Charles Chataignier

**September 7**  
 1873 P Laurance  
 1880 Amanda Ransonet  
 1890 Claude Broussard  
 1891 Leo Breaux  
 1893 Aucoin (Infant)  
 1896 Elmire Dugas  
 1909 Jules Julien  
 1911 Pierre Jean-Louis  
 1917 Edouard Dugas  
 1979 Adam Crochet  
 1980 Olympe Dressel  
 1982 Meidie Berard  
 1988 Marie Prados

**September 8**  
 1886 Alcé Dugas  
 1890 Armand Lissard  
 1891 Adile Giroard  
 1900 Octave Traun  
 1913 Joseph Breaux  
 1942 Josephine Johnson  
 1946 Noelle Girouard  
 1960 Lorraine Dugas  
 1960 Emma Broussard  
 1971 Hazel Dugas  
 1979 Genesta Dugas  
 1985 Anna Judice  
 1993 Amy Latiolais

**September 9**  
 1885 Hypolite Sarazin  
 1897 Antoni Dugas  
 1912 Mrs. Filias Borel  
 1917 Mabel Borel  
 1929 Maurice Mitchell  
 1931 Emma Vincent  
 1935 Edward Celestin  
 1949 Sherwood Oubre  
 1955 Russell Prince  
 1966 Julius Chatagnier  
 1975 Sidney Gondron  
 1978 Sandra Braquet  
 1978 Verna Braquet  
 2014 George Etie  
 2021 Theresa Viator

**September 10**  
 1877 Gamotis Prospere  
 1881 Cecilia Honore  
 1881 Lecamus  
 1902 Nina Green  
 1907 Filias Breaux  
 1913 Paul Broussard  
 1939 Baby Crochet  
 1942 O'Neil Mestayer

1974 Roland Judice  
 1977 Alice LaGrange  
 1987 Ray Vincent  
 1989 Jeanne Broussard  
 2001 Martha Angelloz  
 2006 Angelle Broussard  
 2008 Loiccy Pommier  
 2015 Lee Paul Castille  
 2021 Danny Chatagnier, Sr.  
 2021 Bertha Guillotte

**September 11**  
 1911 Emile Gondron  
 1924 Charlotte Simon  
 1928 Alice Ransonet  
 1932 Charles Mestayer  
 1978 Robert Gonsoulin  
 2004 Harry LeBlanc  
 2017 Janice Mestayer  
 2022 Ann Grayson

**September 12**  
 1902 Adolphe Berard  
 1915 Wilfred Prince  
 1927 Eunice Frederic  
 1937 Joseph Bonin  
 1956 Joseph Molbert  
 1965 Noelle Dugas  
 1976 Laurence Crochet  
 2013 Theresa Polk  
 2017 Kenneth Pelous

**September 13**  
 1906 Mrs. Charles Bourda  
 1916 Eunice Guidry  
 1920 Hermogene Landry  
 1985 Pierre Vaughn  
 2013 Hazel Frioux

**September 14**  
 1898 Mrs. Anatole Dugas  
 1909 Fenelon Dugas  
 1910 Joseph Dugas  
 1923 Adrien Louis  
 1925 Luc Dresselle  
 1929 Louise Simon  
 1935 William Ransonet  
 1937 Peter Jean Louis  
 1941 Charles Anthony  
 1957 Hazard Vaughn  
 2008 Lillian Dugas  
 2015 Joyce Landry  
 2018 Raymond Doucet

**September 15**  
 1905 Mrs. Tom Jennings  
 (Aurelia Tompline)  
 1906 Pierre Vuillemot  
 1907 Catherine Norbert  
 1944 Amais Girouard  
 1944 Joseph Julien  
 1951 Paul Bonin  
 1968 George Crochet  
 1998 Jeffery Viator  
 2014 Louise Horton

**September 16**  
 1895 Joseph De Jean  
 Granger (Infant)  
 1908 Alfred Bonin  
 1909 Alice Provost  
 1921 Baby Montondon  
 1930 Amelie Parlou  
 1934 Joachim Honore

1946 Lutitia Dugas  
 1948 Eidonia Ransonet  
 1975 Sidney Plessela  
 1975 Dennis Mestayer  
 2012 Willis Dugas Sr.  
 2014 Hayden Louviere  
 2017 Sandra Angelle  
 2018 Eugenie Castille

**September 17**  
 1886 Joseph Judice (Infant)  
 1889 Louis Guillotte  
 1893 Gonsoulin (Infant)  
 1911 Marie Pierre  
 1917 Leonard Crochet  
 1926 Joseph Gilbert  
 1948 Anna John  
 1991 Noe Broussard  
 2009 Earline Crochet

**September 18**  
 1875 Henri Broussard  
 1891 Betsie  
 1902 Anthony Gardner  
 1902 Mrs. Filias Gach  
 1905 Lelamie Crochet  
 1928 Joseph Collins  
 1951 Willie Gonsoulin  
 1957 Sidney Girouard  
 1965 Pauline George  
 1979 Leonard Gonsoulin  
 1992 Kaisten Deslatte  
 1996 Cora Judice  
 1997 Francis Young  
 2004 Georgina Milliman  
 2007 Lennet Berard

**September 19**  
 1874 Eleonide Breaux  
 1877 Emma Broussard  
 1897 Bernard Dauterive  
 1899 Infant Charles  
 1902 Alvin Declouet  
 1905 Rosalie Granger  
 1909 Cora Anthony  
 1969 Mitchell Seneca  
 1974 Bella Bonin  
 1974 Sidney Boutte  
 1997 Maria Decuir  
 2013 Nita Berard

**September 20**  
 1875 Louis Moise Bonin  
 1887 Pauline Verret  
 1888 Celestine Mangé  
 1890 Scolartique Giroard  
 1893 Olphida Oubre  
 1916 Joacin Braquet  
 1919 Albert Dominique  
 1924 Valcourt F. Bonin  
 1933 Cecile Breaux  
 1940 Manuel Olivier  
 1945 Louis Fontenette  
 1946 Anna Dugas  
 1951 Baby Barras  
 1965 Eunice Burke  
 1969 Mathilde Prados  
 1997 Carrie Darby  
 2002 Robert Dugas  
 2005 Mabel Derouen  
 2006 Edmond Broussard  
 2013 Mary Ann Prados  
 2018 John Murphy  
 2018 Leroy Bonin

**September 21**  
 1894 Marie-Jeanne Mitchell  
 1898 Paul Delarge  
 1904 Camelia Crochet  
 1914 Aurelia Doucet  
 1933 Rosa Henry  
 1951 Lola Pierre  
 1962 Antoine Broussard  
 1969 Louise Decuir  
 1990 Adele Eldridge  
 1994 Marie Judice  
 1999 Yola Boudreaux  
 2000 Andrew Dupuis  
 2007 Shawn Berard

**September 22**  
 1904 Ernestine Leblanc  
 1916 Louis Broussard  
 1923 Gaston Lafontaine  
 1938 Feolora Granger  
 1959 Mrs. Sully Dugas  
 1963 Alvin Bonin  
 1965 Rhea Breaux  
 1989 Dudley Thibodeaux  
 2000 Placide Emonet  
 2008 Moise Louviere  
 2020 Doris Prados

**September 23**  
 1888 Oscr Prince  
 1894 Laurence Vilmot  
 1927 Philomene Vaughn  
 1927 Eve Gonsoulin  
 1943 Polyeorfre Bourda  
 1978 Stanley Moulig  
 1978 Clarence Louviere  
 1979 Edurge Broussard  
 1998 Sady Ransonet  
 2003 Johnny Albert Sr.  
 2016 Bernard Bourque

**September 24**  
 1877 Unknown Mangé  
 1885 Alexandre Gondien  
 1886 Marie Adele Mulbert  
 1899 Vallerie Pierre  
 1907 Robert Vincent  
 1915 Bertha Gonsoulin  
 1928 Infant Gonsoulin  
 1955 Louis Dugas  
 1994 Jerry LaGrange  
 1997 Maude Granger  
 2003 Juey Darby  
 2005 Nadge Broussard  
 2014 Odette Blanchard

**September 25**  
 1899 Auguste B. Oubre  
 1906 Mathilde Broussard  
 1937 Olivier Courtville  
 1938 Alden Verret  
 1939 Wilfred Anthony  
 1945 Infant Landry  
 1947 Donald Louviere  
 1963 Nancy Goellner  
 1968 Leonard Ronsonet  
 1980 Stanley Barilleaux  
 1996 Elmo Boutte  
 2006 Vernice Louviere

**September 26**  
 1880 Clemence Prince  
 1880 Infant Decoux

1894 Eliza Fontonet  
 1900 Felix Dugas  
 1900 Rita Friou  
 1911 Mrs. Maxille Louis  
 1915 Mabel Lapeyrouse  
 1944 Infant Bonin  
 1947 Robin Judice  
 1965 Robert Vaughn  
 1966 Leonide Lemerlaud  
 1984 Brett Laviolette  
 2014 Joyce Benoit  
 2019 Gwindl Borel

**September 27**  
 1893 Ulgere Verret  
 1901 Corinne Bonen  
 1916 Claiborne Antoine  
 1935 Anthony Girouard  
 1935 Raymond Daviette  
 1936 Anne Bernard  
 1938 Marguerite Blanchard  
 1939 Corrine Honore  
 1946 Baby Antoine  
 1952 George Rebert  
 1957 Joelle Tauzin  
 1964 Marcel Robicheaux  
 1975 Denis Bonin  
 1979 George Boutte  
 2003 Brad Berard  
 2013 Sybil Verret

**September 28**  
 1874 Louis Bonin  
 1875 Eugene Broussard  
 1889 Louise Vital  
 1895 Pierre Louviere  
 1900 Child Bonin  
 1915 Olga Louviere  
 1921 Beraud Louis  
 1923 Mrs. Elodie Simon  
 1924 Sidonia Baily  
 1952 Charles Wiltz  
 1955 Joseph Provost  
 1975 Silvia Louviere  
 1992 Rose Dugas  
 1997 Pierre Crochet Sr.  
 2005 Delma Judice Jr.  
 2016 Sidney Prados

**September 29**  
 1919 Joseph Courville  
 1922 Elma Gonsoulin  
 1940 Baby Simon  
 1944 Eliza Eldridge  
 1944 Alese Collins  
 1979 Valerie Albert  
 1982 Louis Moulis  
 1997 Richkey Fauchaux  
 2006 Wilmer Suire

**September 30**  
 1884 Elizia Leblanc  
 1902 Marie Lissare  
 1918 Bertha John  
 1925 Eusebe Gonsoulin  
 1926 Joseph Magloire  
 1952 Elise Vincent  
 1962 Whitney Segura, Jr.  
 1974 Willie Prados  
 1978 Moise Courville  
 1981 Mickey Champagne Jr.  
 2008 Frank Prioux

# Necrology

# September 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 and Father Godwin*

## September 1

Kenneth Boudreaux  
Nataleigh Fields  
Sarah Landry  
Elaine Louviere  
Thadd Meche

## September 2

Kagon Broussard  
Ericka Dees  
Kaylee Denise  
Sheila Granger  
Haidyn Marceaux  
Emmalyn Richard

## September 3

Wesley Bodin  
Cain Breaux  
Lillian Breaux  
Jade Dugas  
Issac Gerace  
Brody Hebert  
John Hewell  
Jolie Hymel  
Thomas Hymel  
Kristen Lasseigne  
Caleb Laviolette  
Kurstin Robertson  
Deja Sohn  
Landon Stanfield

## September 4

Shalone Foco  
Hillary Gaspard

## September 5

Leroy Begnaud  
Danielle Belaïre  
Jonathan Broussard  
Raven Labry  
Ozzie Latiolais  
Andrew Lopez

## September 6

Laci Chastant  
Theresa Delcambre  
Jene Jordan  
Audrey Judice  
Brian Perez  
Aaliyah Robin  
Taelyn Walet

## September 7

Brittany Bonin  
Nicholas Bonin  
Josh Boutte  
Brittlyn Broussard  
David Broussard II  
Barrett Duplechain  
Justin Huval  
Dale Sonnier

## September 8

Timothy Allen  
Jennifer Baudry  
Sandy Girouard  
Easton Gondron  
Heather Huval  
Logan Robin  
Lauren Schouest  
Meghan Stevens  
Quinten Walet

## September 9

Jade Cox  
Breigh Rodriguez  
Britt Sonnier

## September 10

Brayton Andrus  
Michael Arceneaux  
Beth Boggs  
Dan Dworaczky  
Chris Goudeau  
Haley Latiolais  
Benny Mora  
Elia Ronsonet

## September 11

Brent Crochet  
Bobbi Jo Dionne  
Raygen Greaux  
Mary Judice  
Macie Latiolais  
Jamie Salsman

## September 12

Andy Breaux  
Edward Frederick  
Kevin Gondron  
Brandi Guidry  
Gale Holmes  
Noah Judice  
Ida Louviere  
Madilynn Martin  
Sophia Rauschenbach  
Thomas Schaubert  
Casey Stanfield

## September 13

Thomas Barras  
Alisa Boudreaux  
Brian Breaux  
Rebecca Hebert  
Benita Horton  
Brianna Luquette  
Earl Price, Sr.  
Donald Solar  
Brance Viator

## September 14

Eva Crochet  
Madison Freyout  
Michael Hargis  
Jayd LeBlanc  
Aimee Ledford  
Kristen Norris  
Karla Robicheaux  
Betty Romero  
Mason Walet

## September 15

Mason Buteaux  
Russell Castille  
Kristin Cormier  
Ross Foco  
Joshua Marcantel  
Adrienne Thibaux  
Demi Trahan

## September 16

Mike Ackal  
Laila Arceneaux  
Adam Barrientez  
Hannah Gaudet  
Kain LeBlanc  
Jackson Wazenkewitz

## September 17

Deven Breaux  
Cole Girouard  
Irelynn Kelly  
Cody Romero  
Nicolas Schouest  
Hazeley Smith  
Steven Sumrall Jr.  
Jeremy White

## September 18

Adalee CoCo  
Wayne Fails Jr.  
Aiden Fontenot  
Brielle Landry  
Ed Oubre Jr.  
McKinley Owens  
Belinda Romero

## September 19

Aiden Bahwell  
Yoseline Boudreaux  
Sydney Cavagnaro  
Grace Curtis  
Kenedi Darbonne  
Chloe Guillot  
Bradford Habetz  
Fran Lanclos  
Gwendolyn LeBlanc  
Avery Patout  
Jamie Poche  
Chadd Richard

## September 20

Brant Blanchard  
Gina Blanchard  
Morgan Boudreaux  
Erin Bourque  
Easton Dees  
Jason Delcambre  
Casey Guidry  
Veda Langlinais  
McKenzie Latiolais  
Lani Martin  
Preston Plessala  
Monique Rebert  
Elizabeth Tauzin  
Hanna Tucker

## September 21

Shea Bourque  
Joelle Charpentier  
Donald Courville  
Stacey Dempsey  
Dana Dugas  
Karol Dugas  
Malaine Eldridge  
Coen Green  
Ashley Hebert  
Rodney Kerne  
Olivia Landry  
Roberta Landry  
Brycen Patout  
Tina Suire

## September 22

Leyton Arceneaux  
Brandi Broussard  
Karli Chataignier  
Angela Guillot  
Sherry Hebert  
Kyla Lokitz  
Rhyann Norris  
Kyle Theriot  
Braxton Trosclair

## September 23

Carrie Chastant  
Fran Dugas  
John Gottschalk  
Nora Schexnayder  
Maci Thomas

## September 24

Jillian Angelle  
Steve Berard  
Preston Boudreaux  
Kimberly Foster  
Briggs Theriot

## September 25

Danielle Defelice  
Mary Fraering  
Noah Richter

## September 26

Caleb Baudry  
Renee Bodin  
Peggy Borres  
Viviana Castillo  
Page Chataignier  
Kyle Guilbeaux  
Alfred Guillotte  
Virginia Landry  
Gavin LeBeouf  
Daniel Mire  
Mason White

## September 27

Jennifer Angelle  
Gerard Carriere  
Noah DuBois  
Kevin Gary  
Lexi Guidry  
Jarad Hunter  
Brandt Walker  
Liam Warfel

## September 28

Johnny Berard  
Sidney David  
Kynleigh Dugas  
Keefe Duhon  
Rylin Gaspard  
Dylan Hanks  
Jackson Hebert  
Erica Perez  
Evelyn Robicheaux

## September 29

Rene Boatright  
Tyler Bonin  
Jobe Hebert  
Jordan Henry  
Danielle Laviolette  
William Quinlan  
Seth Viator, II

## September 30

Jamie Ackal  
Tommy Champeaux  
Kim Doucet, II  
Thomas Landry, II  
Dillon Lasseigne  
Sawyer Leleux  
Jenny Troups  
Scott Vice  
Jerome Weber

If your name does not occur in our birthday list, please call the parish office so that we can update our census information.





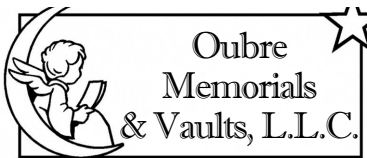
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