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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

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

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

Please contact the Church Office to set up an appointment.



Almighty ever-living God, Who govern all things, both in Heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of Your people and bestow Your Peace on our times.

MINISTERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
January 25 4:00 p.m.	Mike Lawson	Margaret Bonin	Volunteers
January 26 7:00 a.m.	Kipp Brown	Russell Steiner	Volunteers
10:30 a.m.	Brynn Blanchard	Julie Grivat	Volunteers



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.

January 19	Lt. Chaplain Ben Pitre, STL, USN/Eric Hernandez Dcn. Paul Matte
January 20	Rev. Connor Poirrier/Michael Johnson Dcn. Michael McKee
January 21	Rev. Mikel A. Polson/Bret Lee Dcn. J. Douglas Melancon
January 22	Rev. Anand Raju/Drew Landry Dcn. Malcolm Melancon
January 23	Rev. Bala Prabhakar Rayapati/Christopher Lee Dcn. David Menard
January 24	Rev. Louis Richard/Isaac Lejeune Dcn. Cody Miller
January 25	Rev. Michael Richard, JCL/Ian McElwee Dcn. John Miller

Please pray for our parish family members who are sick:

Stuart Sandoz, Brett Hebert, Eric Clements, Trevor Louviere, Austin Willett, Willey Poirrier, Butch White, Patricia Freyou, Lecia Broussard, Ashley Hebert, Stephen Dugas, Jade Delcambre, Pat Villermin, Brennan Wingfield, Betty Suire, Joe Judice, Mike Habetz, Nona Bourque, Leroy Begnaud, Betty Champagne, Leroy and Gloria Courville, Wayne LeBlanc, Melvin Broussard, Max

Borres, Vivian LeBlanc, Beckie LeBaron, Patricia Sorrell, David Dupuy, Ava Rose and Olivia James Dworaczyk, Ray Broussard, Shyla Romero, Bart Doucet, Ellenor Hebert, Jory L. Bernard, Annette Dugas, Kayla Barras Veronie, Jamie Ransonet, Randy Dugas, Rudy Delcambre, Ted Habetz, Clarence Theriot, Junelle Jefferies, Fred Thibodeaux, Lucy Bernard, Leif Melancon,

Charlie Berard, Brad and James Clifton, Holly LeBlanc, Judy Theriot, Carl LeBlanc, Sophie Bonin Reese, Nelda Breaux, Bernard Hebert, Jillian Faye Boudreaux, Marty LeBlanc, Bill Gonsoulin, Mark Ruly, Robert, Sr. and Julie LeBlanc, Michael Theriot, Hayes Enlund, Steve Thibeaux, Davi Clifton, Jimmy Wilson, Bobbie Boutte, Genie and Karen Dugas.

January 12, 2025	
Regular Sunday Offering Envelopes	\$ 4,084.00
Regular Sunday Offering Loose	\$ 2,650.00
Regular Collection Total	\$ 6,734.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,385.00
Difference	-\$651.00
Present Loan Balance	\$ 85,570.61
Donation Against Loan Balance	\$ 75.00
Insurance Balance 2024-2025	\$ 47,206.83
Insurance Collection	\$ 25.00

Flowers of the Altar are in loving memory of:

Deceased Members of the Community

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning for

The Community

Blessed Virgin Mary Altar Candle is burning for

The Community

Saint Joseph Altar Candle is burning for

The Community

Other Candles are burning for: Martha Escagne Rodriguez, Albert Rodriguez, Vance Breaux, Sr., Deyna Champagne, Harold Champagne, Trey Romero, Chad Romero, Mark and Penny Landry Ancestors and Descendants, and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Domingue Family, Collins and Doris Louviere, Keney and Gene Louviere, Brooke Burch, Will and Lily Roberts, June Granger, Lynn Delcambre, successful surgery.

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday 4:00 p.m. and 10:30 a.m. Stjo — Wade Bernard, Bart Bernard, Babara Dubois, Donald “Don” Crochet, Earline Crochet and Steven, Walter and Doris M. Judice, Isabella Mestayer, Dupoy, Lasseigne, Mullican Families, Ancestors and Descendants, John Vedia Perez, Barbara Ann Ozenne Perez Family, Robin Neuville, Sidney Breaux Family, Pauline and Craig, Adam “Coo” and Jeanette Crochet, Joseph Donald “Don” Crochet, Earline Crochet, Robert Judice, Sr., Judice and Laviolette Families, Elton “Red” Boutte, Brandon Boutte, Antoine “Boy” LeBlanc Family, Johnny and Rose Albert, Huey Olivier Family Ancestors and Descendants, Michael and Christine Arceneaux, Ancestors and Descendants, Billy Degeyter, Chester “Butch” Gonsoulin, 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, Trey Romero, Chad Romero, Deyna Champagne, Harold Champagne, Audrey Crochet, Paul Crochet Family, Jordan Prince and Special Intention, Vance Breaux Sr., Duffy Domingue, Cabrol and Domingue Families, Martha Escagne Rodriguez, Albert Rodriguez, Lloyd and Anne Broussard, Simon and Felicie Granger, Forbus and Myrtle Mestayer, Kay Dooley and William and Dolores Dooley, Kim Decuir, Carl Wayne Judice, Leed and Mabel Gondron, Wanda D. Broussard, Euna and Pete Guidry, John Delcambre, Larry Crochet, Lloyd Dugas, Dugas and Borel Families, Roslie Lejeune Family, John Lacour Family, Special Intention, Larry Crochet, Robin Neuville, Sandi and Glenn Angelle, Betty Romero, Romero and Babin Families, Lynn and Theresa Delcambre, Ancestors and Descendants, Neil Breaux, Shanie Edler Decuir, Tim Edler, Richard Family, Arceneaux and Mestayer Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Lovell Romero, Henry and Renella and Josh Pelafigue, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, 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, Maude Granger and Benny and Glo, Mr. and Mrs.

Walter Granger, Shelton Joseph Freyou, Ella Desormeaux Freyou, Rickie Oubre, Loto Louviere, Jr., Gam and Velma Gondron Family, Larry Crochet, Matthew Thibeaux, Edmond Lancon Family, Louis Thibeaux Family, Kei Bonin Boutte, Bonin and Boutte Family, Clyde Dressel, Judy Judice, Beaugard Judice, Gondron and Deville Family Ancestors and Descendants, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Horace and Sylvia Thibodeaux, Wade & Lou Dupre, Gus Dupre, David Guidry, Cherie LeCompte, Barbara Sonnier, Steve Michel, Aline Smith, Dannette Taylor, 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, Rev. Kurian Kanat, Rev. Greg Downs, 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.

Tuesday 5:30 p.m. Stjo — Harriet Boudreaux, Broussard and Boudreaux Families, Lynn Delcambre Successful Surgery, 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.

Wednesday 6:45 a.m. Stjo — Lynn Delcambre Successful Surgery, Dominic Mestayer and Cory Arceneaux, Michael and Roy Thibodeaux, 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, Andrew “Toupee” Bonin, Bonin and Crochet Families, Lindsay Davidson.

Thursday 5:30 p.m. Stjo — Larry Crochet, Lynn Delcambre Successful Surgery, Michelle Arceneaux, Ancestors and Descendants, 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.

Friday 6:45 a.m. OLV — Barbara Mestayer, Arceneaux and Mestayer Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Judice and Walet Families, 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.



It's about the prayer and not about the painting.

Painting with Prayer

Father Bill John Melancon will be hosting a painting session on Sunday, February 02, 2025, from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

The location is Saint Theresa Hall at Saint Joseph Catholic Church

117 S. Main Street, Loreauville, Louisiana.

No prior art skills are required. The cost is \$40 per person, which includes all supplies for painting a plaque of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

This session is limited to 25 participants, and all attendees must pre-register.

To register, please call the Rectory Office at (337) 229-4254.

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has decreed the year 2025 to be a Jubilee Year with the theme *Pilgrims of Hope*. The beginning of the Jubilee Year was marked with the official opening of the Holy Doors at the four Major Basilicas in the city of Rome — Basilica of Saint Peter, Saint Mary Major, Saint John Lateran, and Saint Paul Outside the Wall. These doors are normally sealed and only opened every twenty- five years. People who visit these churches, receive the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Penance and pray the Apostle’s Creed, the Our Father, the Hail Mary, and Glory Be for the intentions of the Holy Father may gain a Plenary Indulgence for the remission of punishments due to sin. The indulgence may be applied for oneself, or for the poor souls in Purgatory.

The Jubilee Year began on December 29, 2024 and will end on December 28, 2025. Every Bishop of a Diocese may designate churches in his Diocese for people of the Diocese to visit on pilgrimage and obtain the same Plenary Indulgence after having fulfilled the same requirements: Holy Communion, Confession, Apostle’s Creed, Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be for the intentions of the Holy Father.

As Bishop of the Diocese of Lafayette, I have designated the following Churches as pilgrimage Churches: Saint Landry in Opelousas, Saint Peter in New Iberia, Saint Mary Magdalen in Abbeville, Cathedral of Saint John in Lafayette, and the Chapel of the Carmelite Monastery in Lafayette. You may call the Church offices to find out the times they will be open for pilgrims.

The theme of the Jubilee Year, *Pilgrims of Hope*, reminds us that we are all pilgrims passing through this life with our eyes fixed on our ultimate destination, Everlasting Life with God in Heaven. Hope is one of the main virtues. Having hope, means that we firmly believe in the promises of our Lord and that He will give us whatever we need to overcome every challenge so that we may benefit from those promises. In a world in so much turmoil today, we must live our lives trusting that God will see us through all challenges and difficulties and that God, Who conquers all, will be triumphant in the end. May this hope renew us to be more faithful followers of His Son, Jesus Christ.

Faithfully yours,
Most Reverend J. Douglas Deshotel, DD
Bishop of Lafayette

In the month of January we particularly pray for the Legal Protection of the Unborn. Please sign up to pray the Novena for Life January 16-24 at <https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup>

The Catholic Daughters will be hosting a Diaper Drive during the month of January with the diapers to be donated to the Unexpected Pregnancy Center. Please bring any size diapers, wipes and/or diaper creams to the receptacle at church or the rectory. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Thank You



Our Lady of Victory Food Pantry Volunteers would like to express our gratitude and appreciations to all who participated and gave donations to support the Thanksgiving Luncheons, Food for Families Tuesday and the Christmas Party in 2024. It was all a success.

Due to your generosity of the support, we were able to serve approximately sixty children or more with Christmas gifts onsite and offsite for the ones that couldn’t make it to the Christmas Party.

Thank you all with lots of love and blessings,
OLV Food Pantry Volunteers

From Doubting Thomas to Doubting Peter? by George Weigel

Ralph Fiennes is a remarkable actor. And if he wins an Academy Award for his brilliant performance in *Conclave*, this section of his masterfully delivered homily to the College of Cardinals, of which he plays the Dean, is likely to be cited frequently:

Saint Paul ... speaking to the Ephesians ... reminds us that God’s gift to the Church is its variety, this diversity of people and views that gives the Church its strength ... There is one sin which I have come to fear above all others: certainty. Certainty is the great enemy of unity. Certainty is the deadly enemy of tolerance ... If there was only certainty and no doubt, there would be no mystery and, therefore, no need for faith. Let us pray that God grants us a pope who doubts ...

No, let’s not.

We ought not pray that God grants us a pope who “doubts” that Catholicism makes manifest the Truth of the world and its destiny, for our healing and Salvation. We ought not pray for a pope who “doubts” that the Name of Jesus “is above every name, that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, in Heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Philippians 2:9-11). We ought not pray for a pope who does not grasp, with Saint John Henry Newman, that “ten thousand difficulties do not make one doubt.”

We ought not pray for a pope who inverts the roles of Thomas and Peter such that Doubting Thomas becomes Doubting Peter.

Doubt is not the passageway to mystery. In the Christian understanding of the term, a “Mystery” is a supernatural reality whose meaning can never be fully plumbed intellectually, but which can be confidently grasped in love. Nor is certainty “the deadly enemy of tolerance.” Ignorance, arrogance, and false belief are the deadly enemies of tolerance. Some of the most intolerant people in the Western world today are those who have abandoned any notion that truth can be known with surety, and who seek to impose their skepticism, relativism, and nihilism on everyone else through the coercive force of the law.

Nor is Faith an irrational dive into the unknown, a psychological comfort blanket in a frightening world of doubt. “Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen” (Hebrews 11:1).

And Christian faith is “a living thing,” not because it walks hand in hand with doubt but because it grows, as the grace of God and the use of our God-given intelligence drive us ever more deeply into an encounter with the mystery of God’s creative, redeeming, and sanctifying love. The living parts of the world Church today proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, with humility but also with boldness and firm conviction. The dying parts of the world Church wring their hands and offer the Gospel of Maybe.

We should certainly pray for a pope who knows his limitations and who understands that the charism of infallibility does not make him an oracle of wisdom on a myriad of issues. We should certainly pray for a pope who knows his need for sage counsel, who invites respectful criticism and squarely faces his errors of prudential judgment: a pope who does not govern autocratically. We should, above all, pray for a pope who kneels before the Divine Mystery as revealed in Scripture and Tradition, and who understands that he is the servant of the Deposit of Faith, not its master.

But a pope who doubts? No, thank you. Humility, yes. But doubt? No. A willingness to acknowledge the difficulties that many have in accepting Christ? Yes. But doubt that Jesus Christ is the unique Savior of the world, the One Who reveals the full Truth about both God and us?
Please God, no.



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