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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

Please contact the Church Office to set up an appointment.

MINISTERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
March 1 4:00 p.m.	Jana Angelle	Margaret Bonin	Volunteers
March 2 7:00 a.m.	Jackie Schexnayder	Samuel Schexnayder	Volunteers
10:30 a.m.	Betty Guidry	Julie Grivat	Volunteers
Ash Wednesday 6:45 a.m.	Earl Price	Carolyn Roseberry	Volunteers
12:10 p.m.	Claudette Thibodeaux	Fran Dugas	Volunteers
6:00 p.m.	Mike Lawson	Sandra Boudreaux	Volunteers



Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out in both word and deed that which is pleasing to You.

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.

February 23	Rev. Stephen C. Ugwu/Zack Hebert Dcn. Stephen Van Cleve
February 24	Rev. Jason Vidrine/Eric Hernandez Dcn. David Vaughn
February 25	Rev. Michael Coleman Vidrine/Michael Johnson Dcn. Durwood Viator
February 26	Rev. Richard Vidrine/Drew Landry Dcn. William Vincent
February 27	Very Rev. Thomas Voorhies, VF/Bret Lee Dcn. Douglas Wimberly
February 28	Rev. Thomas 'Hein Vu/Christopher Lee Dcn. Byrne Winn
March 1	Pope Francis/Rev. Blake Dubroc, Dir. Of Vocations And Seminarians Dcn. Jerry Wyble

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 Villerman, Margaret Thomas, 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 Veronica, 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, Steve Miguez.

February 16, 2025

Regular Sunday Offering Envelopes	\$ 4,444.00
Regular Sunday Offering Loose	\$ 2,435.00
Regular Collection Total	\$6,879.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,385.00
Difference	-\$506.00
Present Loan Balance	\$ 82,368.61
Donation Against Loan Balance	\$ 1,166.00
Insurance Balance 2024-2025	\$ 45,913.83
Insurance Collection	\$ 267.00

Flowers of the Altar are in loving memory of
Deceased parishioners of St. Joseph Parish.

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning for
For the Community.

Blessed Virgin Mary Altar Candle is burning for
For the Community.

Saint Joseph Altar Candle is burning for
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, Charles Whitted, Jr.

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 — Dupoy, Lasseigne and Mullican Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Eric Suire, Sam and Glo Delcambre, John Delcambre, Louis and Meritta Prince, Sully Berard, Jr., Juliette Berard, Bart Bernard, Wade Bernard, Willie Sonnier Family, Joey Theriot, Melvin Dugas, Roy, Sr. and Gladys Berard, Donald "Don" Crochet, Earline Crochet, Steven Crochet, John Vedia Perez, Barbara Ann Ozenne Perez Family, Robin Neuville, Sidney Breaux Family, Pauline and Craig, Adam "Coo" and Jeanette 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, Wade & Lou Dupre, Gus Dupre, David Guidry, Warren Sevin, Charles Sevin, Cherie LeCompte, Barbara Sonnier, Steve Michel, Aline Smith, Dannette Taylor, Derrick Taylor, Nellie Hebert Arceneaux, Sara Escamilla, Trenace Songe, Martha Thibodeaux, 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, Karen and Ken Boudreaux, Ancestors and Descendants, Mary Dournit Barrilleaux, Larry Crochet, Sandi and Glenn

Angelle, Betty Romero, Romero and Babin Families, 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 Doris and John Prados, 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, Keri Bonin Boutte, Bonin and Boutte Family, Clyde Dressel, Judy Judice, Beauregard Judice, Gondron and Deville Family Ancestors and Descendants, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Horace and Sylvia Thibodeaux.

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 — June Granger, 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.

Wednesday 6:45 a.m. Stjo — 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.

Thursday 5:30 p.m. Stjo — 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 — 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.

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Gordian Knots and Artful DOGERS

by Robert Royal

An ancient Greek legend tells of Alexander the Great confronting the Gordian Knot, which no one could untie. An oracle prophesied that whoever untied it would rule the East. Alexander drew his sword and cut it in half. In another version, the knot was tied around a chariot pole; Alexander slipped the pole out, and that did the trick. Either way, the lesson is: some things don't yield to the usual approaches. They require a leap to unprecedented measures.

... Some of our knots required the swift Alexandrian sword: Boys and men in girls' bathrooms (and sports), surgically disfiguring children, criminal illegals roaming American streets, open borders, DEI racism masquerading as anti-racism, support for gay comic books in Ecuador or LGBT plays in Ireland, and how many other absurdities? There's no point in administrative or congressional "investigations" into such things. That would be a further waste of time and resources much needed elsewhere. You just stop them and those who did them.

So, Kudos to ... DOGE. But now begins the harder part, which calls for a certain finesse.

There's been a bit of talk in these heady days about Catholic social principles, though the main concepts haven't been much in play. There was implicit recognition, for instance, of the Catholic idea of the family as the primary cell of society in the confused discussion of Vice President Vance's assertion about the *ordo amoris*.

But the central Catholic social principles are human dignity, the common good, solidarity, and subsidiarity. We need serious attention to these because they've been subtly undermined and would help greatly, properly applied.

Human Dignity, for instance, is widely taken for granted, but it's often presented as if all people and ways of life are equally acceptable. (Several American bishops have even used it as an argument against deportations.) Last year's Vatican document *Dignitas infinita* rightly says that we remain made in the image of God, whatever our sins. But it doesn't nearly warn enough about what once was obvious: that our sins disfigure that image and are a rejection of portions of our own dignity.

The *Common Good* is a complicated notion that cannot be much discussed here ... But it can't simply mean some sort of collectivism. Indeed, quite the opposite. The U.S. Constitution similarly speaks of "promoting the general welfare," but the Founding Fathers feared runaway government and restricted the Federal republic to carefully enumerated powers.

Education, for instance, contributes to the general welfare, but there's a reason why there was no department of education until 1979 (almost 200 years after the Constitution was ratified); education inevitably involves community values and moral questions better handled at the local and state level — i.e., not the federal government's business.

Catholic social principles of *solidarity* and *subsidiarity* help to understand why. For present purposes, solidarity is clear enough — it's a virtue, a dedication to care for others, but with limits of its own to guard it from totalitarian temptations, which is why we also have subsidiarity.

Here's the classic passage about subsidiarity from *Quadragesimo anno* (1931):

As history abundantly proves, it is true that on account of changed conditions many things which were done by small associations in former times cannot be done now save by large associations. Still, that most weighty principle, which cannot be set aside or changed, remains fixed and unshaken in social philosophy: Just as it is gravely wrong to take from individuals what they can accomplish by their own initiative and industry and give it to the community, so also it is an injustice and at the same time a grave evil and disturbance of right order to assign to a greater and higher association what lesser and subordinate organizations can do.

Subsidiarity identifies the *proper* role of the State: "the more perfectly a graduated order is kept among the various associations ... the happier and more prosperous the condition of the State."

Subsidiarity has often been given two different emphases that, oversimplifying some, I'll call American and European.

In the American version, the family, the school, the neighborhood, the church — the "civil society" institutions — are meant to be in varying degrees *free* from the state. The highest levels exist to ensure freedom and order in the lower ones.

In the European version — again, simplifying — the subsidiary institutions primarily receive *subsidies*. The last time I looked, the European Union had about 30,000 NGOs, over half of them receiving EU subsidies, as do the individual European countries. (We've learned in recent days, that the U.S. government has been increasingly doing the same sort of thing with ideologically selected "non-profits")

The problem is not subsidiary institutions receiving government support; some should. But there are many ways that subsidies undermine freedom even when they are not used for partisan purposes. Government grants come with strings attached. Rightly so, if there's to be "oversight" and accountability. But the dangers to their free functioning are obvious. Just look at how "science" has been politicized.

So, after the sword phase, we're going to need real finesse in reforms. Classical questions such as how much support hurts rather than helps the poor by creating dependency? When should government be involved, *and* not, in medical matters? Which budget items are urgent and which not given colossal debt, budget deficits, and potential bankruptcy?


In other words, how now do we artfully slip the chariot pole out of the tangled mass, to bring out a better order than the one we once thought could never change?

Maybe a strong dose of Catholic social thought.



Robert Royal is editor-in-chief of *The Catholic Thing* and president of the Faith & Reason Institute in Washington, DC. His most recent books are *Columbus and the Crisis of the West* and *A Deeper Vision: The Catholic Intellectual Tradition in the Twentieth Century*.

"you did for me" Mt 25:35

 **ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION**
Wednesday, March 5

As a diocese, we will soon participate in an Ash Wednesday collection for Catholic Charities of Acadiana (not affiliated with the national Catholic Charities). This year's collection focuses on serving our neighbors experiencing hunger and homelessness.


Catholic Charities of Acadiana operates Saint Joseph Emergency Shelter, Saint Joseph Diner, and FoodNet Food Bank. Through these core programs, Catholic Charities of Acadiana responds compassionately to thousands who experience hunger and homelessness throughout the eight civil parishes of the Diocese of Lafayette.

Last year, Catholic Charities of Acadiana served 545 individuals through its homeless shelters, successfully transitioning 194 of our neighbors back to permanent housing. Saint Joseph Diner prepared and distributed over 225,988 warm meals, while FoodNet Food Bank distributed over 32,227 supplemental food bags to our neighbors in need through partner pantries across the diocese.

Our emergency homeless shelters, Saint Joseph Diner, and FoodNet Food Bank are largely donor-funded programs. Your generous support of the Ash Wednesday Second Collection will help us to provide immediate relief to a neighbor in our community who is in crisis and has nowhere else to turn.

Please give generously to the Ash Wednesday collection supporting Catholic Charities of Acadiana's mission to provide for those experiencing hunger and homelessness in our community.

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