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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

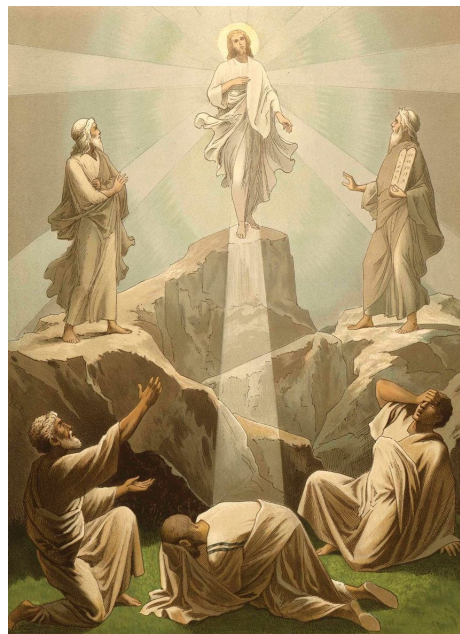
Please contact the Church Office to make arrangements for your child's Baptism.

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.



O God, Who have commanded us to listen to Your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by Your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold Your Glory.

MINISTERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
March 22 4:00 p.m.	Linda Landry	Sandra Boudreaux	Volunteers
March 23 7:00 a.m.	Kipp Brown	Carolyn Roseberry	Volunteers
10:30 a.m.	Mike Lawson	Monica Delahoussaye	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.

March 16	Rev. Henry Paul Antony, HGN/Reid Bourgeois Dcn. Richard Castaneda
March 17	Very Rev. Chester Arceneaux, VF/Nicholas Broussard Dcn. David Chambers
March 18	Rev. Michael Arnaud/Dcn. Ricky Castaneda Dcn. Ronald Chauvin
March 19	Rev. Singarayar Arockiam/Haden Coleman Dcn. Jerome Collins, Sr.
March 20	Rev. Justin Arockiasamy, SVD/Sebastian Cramer Dcn. Adam Conque
March 21	Rev. Matthew Barzare/Carter Domingue Dcn. Frank Cormier
March 22	Rev. Reed Michael Bellingham/Seth Dupre Dcn. Michael Crain

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 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 Erlund, Steve Thibeaux, Davi Clifton, Jimmy Wilson, Bobbie Boutte, Genie and Karen Dugas, Chase Richard.

March 9, 2025

Regular Sunday Offering Envelopes	\$ 5,133.00
Regular Sunday Offering Loose	\$ 3,402.00
Regular Collection Total	\$ 8,535.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,385.00
Difference	+\$ 1,150.00
Present Loan Balance	\$ 83,464.61
Donation Against Loan Balance	\$ 20.00
Insurance Balance 2024-2025	\$ 45,903.83
Insurance Collection	\$ 225.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 3,004.00

Flowers on the Altar are in loving memory of:
Maurice and Sis Provost

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning for
Prayers for Steve Miguez Family
Gene Jefferies

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, Kerney and Gene Louviere, Brooke Burch, Will and Lily Roberts, Brett Hebert (Rec.), Steve Miguez, Oshaun Smith, Steven Landry.

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 — Guernice Dugas, Dugas and Borel Families, Steve Miguez, Special Intention, Sam and Glo Delcambre, John Delcambre, Sully Berard, Jr., Juliette Berard, Bart Bernard, 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, Mary Doumit Barmilleaux, Ira Bourque, Justin and Joe Boudreaux, Larry Crochet, Sandi and Glenn Angelle, Betty Romero, Romero and Babin Families, Shanie Edler Decuir, Tim Edler, Edler 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 Warren, 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, Kerri Bonin Boutte, Bonin and Boutte Family, Clyde Dressel, Judy Judice,

Adult Religious Education

Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled



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Classes will be held at 6:15 p.m. on the Tuesdays of Lent:
March 18, 25, April 1, 8, 15.
Remaining class dates will be announced after Divine Mercy Sunday.

Beauregard Judice, Gondron and Deville Family Ancestors and Descendants, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Horace and Sylvia Thibodeaux, 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 Sosman, Fr. Vanin Slacke OFM, Rev. Kunian 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 — Dale Derouen, 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 — Steve Miguez, Gaynell Barras, Patsy Savoy, 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, Lindsay Davidson.

Thursday 5:30 p.m. StJo — Carla Ballew, Ancestors and Descendants, June Granger, 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. and 5:30 p.m. OLV — Robin, Stan and Van Judice, Pliny Walet, Carolyn “Caro” Walet and Corrine Breaux, 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.

The Lent Test by David Warren

According to the Pew Research Center, and several other samplers of public opinion, the extended decline of Christian belief, and especially of the “traditionalist” kind, has come to a stop.

These are polls, and they display what people think on a question, at the moment when asked. There is not, and cannot be, any predictive value in this; and I don’t think even the present can be predicted by polling, or the past. Only shallow impressions may be had.

But the impressions are themselves significant for public attitudes. People, I have noticed, act quite differently when they think they are in a small minority, or in an overwhelming majority.

This may inspire humility, in some transactions, and arrogance in others; or, depending upon unique psychologies, the opposite may occur. But response “in the main” is usually predictable.

The statistics, so far as I follow them, are not dramatic, except in one respect: that the collapse of the Christian religion in the West (where polls are conducted) has stopped, or slowed, for the last several years.

In the absence of an obvious explanatory event, my own guess is that people, or at least a small proportion, have got bored with living meaningless lives.

The same thing happens with war, which at first seems exciting and full of possibilities. But after a while, perhaps some years, the people grow pacifist again. An increasing likelihood of death or discomfort also tends to reduce the popularity of military campaigns.

But as in the analogy, the change tends to be gradual. Societies don’t “turn on a dime,” and even socialist planners must use torture and coercion to make the people change more promptly. And if force isn’t used continuously, the most ardent revolutions and revolutionaries fade.

The Church makes all the difference, on the religious side. That is where the priestly equivalent of revolutionaries perform. That is where their efforts continue to be impressive, or they impressively tail off.

This, I insist, is a universal property, exhibited throughout Church history and in many elsewhere.

Sleepy leaders put congregations to sleep: but as minor recent indications confirm, the people cannot sleep forever. They may wake, under some terrible, un-Christian bang, and then will need time to go back to sleep again.

Or they may, improbably, begin to remember how human life is meant to be dealt with, in the Christian dispensation – and perhaps that is happening, now.

America has taken the lead in improbability,

for two-and-a-half centuries now. The proof of this is that there are still Christians here, publicly admitting their beliefs, whereas that sort of thing seems to have died in Europe. (I fear that I am not exaggerating.)

Although fluoride is going out, revival seems to be still in the water here, as one noticed during Mr. Trump’s speech to Congress this week. There was genuine enthusiasm, for something, and that something seems to be friendly to Christian, even to Catholic, belief.

But can this belief outlast the political enthusiasm, on which it seems to be riding? This is rather like saying, will the war remain popular?

For Christian belief necessarily resembles war, although not the conventional kind waged with spears and missiles.

To double back on my metaphors, one needs good officers to keep a frontline moving, and good discipline that fine officers have instilled. They are the masters of morale, who can sometimes do the impossible, and rouse a nearly-defeated army into making a stand. History is replete with examples.

But without such officers, the rank and file will not merely lack direction, but fall into chaos and disorder. They will quickly lose their reason to fight, when faced with the threat of an actual enemy, and will, individually, cut and run.

Lent, which remains an annual affair, I like to compare to NATO exercises. They are not warfare, and fewer soldiers get killed than would happen if live ammunition were flying both ways. But they are a necessary preparation for war, and alternative to war on “peace through strength” principles.

We think, of course, of Lent as a time for individuals to show their stuff, secretly, with only God watching.

Indeed, it is an accepted part of our liberty, individualism, and modernity that the ashes on one’s forehead that Wednesday, or the cross on one’s gown, should not be too conspicuous. One might almost say that subtlety is a modern innovation.

Christ Himself suggested that we should not let others know we are fasting, or make grand professions of our hypocrisy and pride. Yet He also suggested that we were not to hide our lantern under a bushel basket.

He certainly did not teach us not to light the lamp, however.

As one who has sometimes resided in rather Mohammedan societies, I could draw demeaning contrasts between Ramadan in Pakistan, for instance, and Lent in downstate New York.

For Ramadan is a test, as Lent is a test, for the individual believer. Perhaps not a test, I once thought, while being nearly arrested for eating a snack (as subtly as I could), in a Lahore alleyway. (A policeman-bureaucrat confronted me for daytime fast-breaking.)

It is “nice” that such things don’t happen here, or perhaps not nice that the Easter sweets and

Lenten Calendar

Monday — March 17, 2025

6:15 a.m. Confessions — 6:45 a.m. Mass
Our Lady of Victory Church

Tuesday — March 18, 2025

5:00 p.m. Confessions — 5:30 p.m. Mass
Saint Joseph Church

6:15 p.m. Adult Education—Saint Luke’s Gospel
Saint Joseph Rectory

Wednesday — March 19, 2025

Solemnity of Saint Joseph

6:15 a.m. Confessions — 6:45 a.m. Mass
5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Extra Confession Time
Saint Joseph Church

Thursday — March 20, 2025

5:00 p.m. Confessions — 5:30 p.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. Way of the Cross
Saint Joseph Church

Friday — March 21, 2025

6:15 a.m. Confessions — 6:45 a.m. Mass
Our Lady of Victory Church

3:30 p.m. Way of the Cross for Youth
Saint Joseph Church

5:00 p.m. Confessions — 5:30 p.m. Mass
6:00 p.m. Way of the Cross
Our Lady of Victory Church

Saturday — March 22, 2025

10:00 a.m. — First Communion Mass
Saint Joseph Church

3:00 p.m. Confessions — 4:00 p.m. Mass
Saint Joseph Church

Sunday — March 23, 2025

7:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. — Mass
Saint Joseph Church

9:00 a.m. — Mass
Our Lady of Victory Church

dainties go on loud display at my supermarket in Toronto, at the beginning of Lent, and come off display before Easter.

This is a subtle, modern evil. It can be justified by the profit motive, the way many other evils are promoted.

For we forget that Lent is a test for the whole society, and that when and if we pass, it should also be without flashy displays of pride and hypocrisy.

Very simply, it should be evident, to the residents and to any visitor, that we are in Lent. Fasting should be taking place without noise, but it should be evident that “everyone is fasting.” We don’t have to explain.

David Warren is a former editor of the *Idler* magazine and columnist in Canadian newspapers. He has extensive experience in the Near and Far East. His blog, *Essays in Idleness*, is now to be found at: davidwarrenonline.com.



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