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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

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If possible please conduct parish business by phone or email.

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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.

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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.



Gladden us with holy joys, Almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ Your Son is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in Glory, the Body is called to follow in Hope.

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.

June 1	Pope Leo XIV/Fr. Blake Dubroc, Dir. of Vocations & Seminarians Dcn. Byron James Soley
June 2	Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel/Seminary Faculty, Parents and Benefactors Dcn. Thomas Sommers
June 3	Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell/Carter Domingue Dcn. Glynn Martin Stutes
June 4	Rev. Emmanuel Fernandez/Seth Dupre Dcn. Clifford Tanner
June 5	Rev. Sam Fontana/John Michael Fruge, Jr. Dcn. Coby Thomas
June 6	Rev. David James Furka/Br. John Paul Fruge Dcn. Michael Thompson
June 7	Rev. Abelardo Gabriel, SVD/Cameron Gary Dcn. Tam Tran

MINISTERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
June 7 4:00 p.m.	Earl Price	Linda Landry	Volunteers
June 8 7:00 a.m.	Lori Barras	Steve Barras	Volunteers
10:30 a.m.	Mike Ackal	Debbie Oubre	Volunteers



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, 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 Dworaczky, 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, Fred Thibodeaux, Lucy Bernard, Leif Melancon, Charlie Berard, Brad and James Clifton, Holly LeBlanc, Judy

Theriot, Carl LeBlanc, 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, Edie Boudreaux.

May 25, 2025	
Regular Sunday Offering Envelopes	\$ 4,533.00
Regular Sunday Offering Loose	\$ 3,608.52
Regular Collection Total	\$ 8,141.52
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,385.00
Difference	+\$ 756.52
Present Loan Balance	\$ 75,374.61
Donation Against Loan Balance	\$ 837.00
Insurance Balance 2024-2025	\$ 43,788.83
Insurance Collection	\$ 676.00

Flowers on the Altar are in loving memory 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
Steve J. Miguez, J. O. and Marie Neuville

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, Lynn and Theresa Delcambre Family, C. L. Romero, Alvin Cormier, Louto and Anite Gondron, Collins and Doris Louviere, Kerney and Gene Lourviere, Brooke Burch, Will and Lily Roberts.

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, C. L. Romero, Anna Mae Soprano Foti, In Thanksgiving, Steve J. Miguez Family, J. O. and Marie Neuville, Special Intention, Sam and Glo Delcambre, John Delcambre, Anita Berard, Sully Berard, Jr., Juliette Berard, 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, Lynn and Theresa Delcambre, Ancestors and Descendants, Orford Breaux Family, Lynn P. Dugas, Sr., Pliny Walet, Carolyn “Caro” Walet, Theresa Melancon, Kelly Louviere, Abel Louviere Family, Theodore Thibodeaux Family, Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Savoy and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Clet Dugas and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Clayson Dugas and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Eloi Louis Dugas and Family, John Michael Stiener, Allen Gondron, Lelia and Joseph Gaudet, Jimmy Clifton, Julius and Jenny Ransonet, 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



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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 — Helen and Joseph Bastian, Lloyd and Maudrey Landry, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants,

Visit to the Tomb of Saint Paul
Homily of Pope Leo XIV
Tuesday, 20 May 2025

The passage of Scripture that we have just heard is the opening of a beautiful letter written by Saint Paul to the Christians of Rome. Its message revolves around three great themes: Grace, Faith and Justification. As we entrust the beginning of this new Pontificate to the intercession of the Apostle of the Gentiles, let us reflect together on that message.

Saint Paul starts by saying that he received from God the Grace of his vocation (cf. Romans 1:5). He acknowledges, in other words, that his encounter with Christ and his own ministry were the Fruit of God's prior Love, which called him to a new Life while he was still far from the Gospel and persecuting the Church. Saint Augustine, who was also a convert, spoke of the same experience in these words: "How can we choose, unless we have first been chosen? We cannot Love, unless someone has Loved us first" (**Sermons** 34,2). At the root of every vocation, God is present, in His Mercy and His Goodness, as generous as that of a mother (cf. Isaiah 66:11-13) who nourishes her child with her own body for as long as the child is unable to feed itself (cf. Saint Augustine, *Enn.* in Psalm 130:9).

In the same passage, Paul also speaks of "the obedience of faith" (Romans 1:5), and here too he shares his own experience. When the Lord

appeared to him on the road to Damascus (cf. Acts 9:1-30), He did not take away his freedom, but gave him the opportunity to make a decision, to choose an obedience that would prove costly and entail interior and exterior struggles, which Paul proved willing to face. Salvation does not come about by magic, but by a mysterious interplay of Grace and Faith, of God's prevenient Love and of our trusting and free acceptance (cf. II Timothy 1:12).

As we thank the Lord for the calling that changed Saul's life, let us ask Him to enable us to respond in the same way to His Grace, and to become, ourselves, witnesses of the Love "poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit Who has been given to us" (Romans 5:5). Let us ask the Lord for the Grace to cultivate and spread His Charity, and to become true neighbors to one another (cf. Francis, Homily at Second Vespers of the Solemnity of the Conversion of Saint Paul, 25 January 2024). Let us compete in showing the Love that, following his encounter with Christ, drove the former persecutor to become "all things to all people" (cf. I Corinthians 9:19-23), even to the point of martyrdom. In this way, for us as for Paul, the weakness of the flesh will show the Power of faith in God that brings Justification (cf. Romans 5:1-5).

For centuries, this Basilica has been entrusted to the care of a Benedictine community. How can we fail to mention, then, as we speak of Love as the Source and driving Force of the preaching of the

Gospel, the insistent appeals of Saint Benedict, in his Rule, to fraternal Charity in the monastery and hospitality towards all (Rule, cc. LIII; LXIII).

I would like to conclude, though, by recalling the words that, more than a thousand years later, another Benedict, Pope Benedict XVI, addressed to young people: "Dear friends," he said, "God loves us. This is the great Truth of our life; it is what makes everything else meaningful." Indeed, "our life originates as part of a loving Plan of God," and faith leads us to "open our hearts to this Mystery of Love and to live as men and women conscious of being Loved by God" (Homily at the Prayer Vigil with Young People, Madrid, 20 August 2011).

Here we see, in all its simplicity and uniqueness, the basis of every mission, including my own Mission as the Successor of Peter and the heir to Paul's apostolic zeal. May the Lord grant me the grace to respond faithfully to His Call.



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Wednesday 6:45 a.m. Stjo — Roy and Michael 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 — 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 — Lynn and Theresa Delcambre Ancestors and Descendants, Linwood Delcambre Family, Rhule, Mabel and Wayne Gondron, Donna and Steve Berard, Ancestors and Descendants, Gam and Velma Gondron, 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, Wade & Lou Dupre, Gus Dupre, Patricia Fakier, 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



Village of Loreauville
Vacation Bible School
June 9-13 *9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
 For children entering Kindergarten
 through 5th Grade
 Volunteer Helpers: 6th-12th Grade

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.

First Saturday 8:00 a.m. OLV — Donna and Steve Berard, Ancestors and Descendants, 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, Wade & Lou Dupre, Gus Dupre, Patricia Fakier, 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.

II. The Life of Jesus. The Parables
6. The sower.

He spoke to them at length in parables
(Matthew 13:3a)

Dear brothers and sisters,

I am pleased to welcome you in this, my first General Audience. Today I will resume the cycle of Jubilee catecheses, on the theme “Jesus Christ Our Hope”, initiated by Pope Francis.

Let us continue today to meditate on the parables of Jesus, which help us to regain hope, because they show us how God works in history. Today I would like to dwell on a parable which is somewhat peculiar, because it is a sort of introduction to all the parables. I refer to that of the sower (cf. Matthew 13:1-17). In a certain sense, in this account we can recognize Jesus’ way of communicating, which has a great deal to teach us for proclaiming the Gospel today.

Every parable tells a story that is taken from everyday life, yet wants to tell us something more, to refer us to a deeper meaning. The parable raises questions in us; it invites us not to stop at appearances. Before the story that is told or the image that is presented to me, I can ask myself: where am I in this story? What does this image say to my life? In fact, the term “parable” comes from the Greek verb *paraballein*, which means *to throw in front of*. The parable throws before me a word that provokes me and prompts me to question myself.

The Parable of the Sower talks precisely about the dynamic of the Word of God and the effects It produces. Indeed, every word of the Gospel is like a seed that is thrown on the ground of our life. Jesus uses the image of the seed many times, with different meanings. In chapter 13 of the Gospel of Matthew, the Parable of the Sower introduces a series of other short parables, some of which talk precisely about what is happening on the terrain: the wheat and the weeds, the mustard seed, the treasure hidden in the field. What, then, is this soil? It is our heart, but it is also the world, the community, the Church. The Word of God, in fact, makes fruitful and provokes every reality.

At the beginning, we see Jesus Who leaves the house and gathers a great crowd around him (cf. Matthew 13:1). His Word fascinates

and intrigues. Among the people there are obviously many different situations. The Word of Jesus is for everyone, but It works in each person in a different way. This context allows us to understand better the meaning of the parable.

A rather unusual sower goes out to sow, but does not care where the seed falls. He throws the seeds even where it is unlikely they will bear fruit: on the path, on the rocks, among the thorns. This attitude surprises the listener and induces him to ask: how come?

We are used to calculating things — and at times it is necessary — but this does not apply in Love! The way in which this “wasteful” sower throws the seed is an image of the way God Loves us. Indeed, it is true that the destiny of the seed depends also on the way in which the earth welcomes it and the situation in which it finds itself, but first and foremost in this parable Jesus tells us that God throws the seed of His Word on all kinds of soil, that is, in any situation of ours: at times we are more superficial and distracted, at times we let ourselves get carried away by enthusiasm, sometimes we are burdened by life’s worries, but there are also times when we are willing and welcoming. God is confident and hopes that sooner or later the seed will blossom. This is how He Loves us: He does not wait for us to become the best soil, but He always generously gives us His Word. Perhaps by seeing that He trusts us, the desire to be better soil will be kindled in us. This is Hope,

founded on the Rock of God’s Generosity and Mercy.

In telling the way in which the seed bears fruit, Jesus is also talking about His Life. Jesus is the Word, He is the Seed. And the Seed, to bear Fruit, must die. Thus, this parable tells us that God is ready to “waste away” for us and that Jesus is willing to die in order to transform our life.

I have in mind that beautiful painting by Van Gogh, *The Sower at Sunset*. That image of the sower in the blazing sun also speaks to me of the farmer’s toil. And it strikes me that, behind the sower, Van Gogh depicted the grain already ripe. It seems to me an image of Hope: one way or another, the seed has borne fruit. We are not sure how, but it has. At the center of the scene, however, is not the sower, who stands to the side; instead, the whole painting is dominated by the image of the Sun, perhaps to remind us that it is God Who moves history, even if He sometimes seems absent or distant. It is the Sun that warms the clods of earth and makes the seed ripen.

Dear brothers and sisters, in what situation of life today is the Word of God reaching us? Let us ask the Lord for the Grace always to welcome this Seed that is His Word. And if we realize we are not a fruitful soil, let us not be discouraged, but let us ask Him to work on us more to make us become a better terrain.



**Papal Mass for the Possession of the
Chair of the Bishop of Rome
Homily of Pope Leo XIV
25 May 2025**

The Church of Rome is heir to a great history, grounded in the witness of Peter, Paul and countless martyrs, and it has a unique mission, as we see from the inscription on the façade of this Cathedral: to be Mother of all the Churches.

Pope Francis frequently encouraged us to reflect on the maternal dimension of the Church (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 46-49, 139-141; Catechesis, 13 January 2016) and Her defining qualities of tenderness, self-sacrifice and the capacity to listen. Those qualities enable Her not only to assist others but often to anticipate their needs and expectations before they are even expressed. We hope that those qualities will be increasingly present in the people of God everywhere, including here, in our great diocesan family: in the faithful, in pastors, and, first of all, in myself. The readings we have heard can help us to reflect on these qualities.

The Acts of the Apostles (cf. 15:1-2, 22-29) in particular describe how the early Christian community faced the challenge of opening to the pagan world in its preaching of the Gospel. This was no easy matter; it called for much patience and mutual listening. This was the case in the community in Antioch, where the brethren, through dialogue — and even disagreements — resolved the question together. Paul and Barnabas then went up to Jerusalem. They did not settle the question on their own: they wanted to be in communion with the Mother Church and so they went there with humility.

In Jerusalem, they found Peter and the Apostles, who were prepared to listen to them. This was the beginning of a dialogue that, in the end, led to the right decision. Recognizing the difficulties of the new converts, they agreed not to impose excessive burdens on them, but rather to insist only on what was essential (cf. Acts 15:28-29). In this way, what might have seemed a problem became for everyone an opportunity for reflection and growth.

The biblical text, however, tells us something else, beyond the rich and interesting human dynamics of the event.

We see this in the words used by the brethren in Jerusalem to communicate their decisions to those in Antioch. They wrote: “For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us” (cf. Acts 15:28). In other words, they emphasized that the most important part of the entire event was listening to God’s voice, which made everything else possible. In this way, they remind us that communion is built primarily “on our knees,” through prayer and constant commitment to conversion. For only in this

way can each of us hear within the voice of the Spirit crying out: “Abba! Father!” (Galatians 4:6) and then, as a result, listen to and understand others as our brothers and sisters.

The Gospel reaffirms this point (cf. John 14:23-29). It assures us that we are not alone in making our decisions in life. The Spirit sustains us and shows us the way to follow, “teaching” us and “reminding” us of all that Jesus said to us (cf. John 14:26).

First, the Spirit *teaches* us the Lord’s words by impressing them deep within us, written, as the biblical image would have it, no longer on tablets of stone but in our hearts (cf. Jeremiah 31:33). This gift helps us grow and become “a letter of Christ” (cf. II Corinthians 3:3) for one another. Naturally, the more we let ourselves be convinced and transformed by the Gospel — allowing the power of the Spirit to purify our heart, to make our words straightforward, our desires honest and clear, and our actions generous — the more capable we are of proclaiming its Message.

Here, the other verb comes into play: we *remember*, that is, we reflect in our hearts upon what we have experienced and learned, in order to understand more fully its meaning and to savor its beauty.

I think in this regard of the challenging process of listening that the Diocese of Rome has undertaken in these years, a process carried out at various levels: listening to the world around us to respond to its challenges, and listening within our communities to understand needs and to propose sage and prophetic initiatives of evangelization and charity. This has been a challenging, ongoing journey meant to embrace a very rich and complex reality. Yet it is worthy of the history of this local Church, which has shown, time and again, that it is able to “think big”, unafraid to embark on bold projects and to confront new and challenging scenarios.

This is evident in the great efforts and many initiatives that the Diocese has made to welcome and provide for the needs of pilgrims

during the present Jubilee. Thank you! These have made the city of Rome appear to visitors, some of whom have travelled from far away, as a wide, open and welcoming home, and above all as a place of deep faith.

For my part, I would like to express my firm desire to contribute to this great ongoing process by listening to everyone as much as possible, in order to learn, understand and decide things together, as Saint Augustine would say, “as a Christian with you and a Bishop for you” (cf. Sermons 340, 1). I would also ask you to support me in prayer and charity, mindful of the words of Saint Leo the Great: “All the good we do in the exercise of our ministry is the work of Christ and not our own, for we can do nothing without Him. Yet we glory in Him, from whom all the effectiveness of our work is derived” (Sermons 5, *De Natali Ipsi*, 4).

Let me conclude by adding the words with which Blessed John Paul I, whose joyful and serene face had already earned him the nickname of “the smiling Pope,” greeted his new diocesan family on 23 September 1978. “Saint Pius X,” he said, “upon entering Venice as patriarch, exclaimed in Saint Mark’s: ‘What would become of me, dear Venetians, if I did not love you?’ I would say something similar to you Romans: I assure you that I love you, that I desire only to enter into your service and to place my own poor abilities, the little I have and am, at the service of all” (Homily for the Taking of Possession of the Chair of the Bishop of Rome).

I too express my affection for you and my desire to share with you, on our journey together, our joys and sorrows, our struggles and hopes. I too offer you “the little I have and am,” entrusting it to the intercession of Saints Peter and Paul and of all those other brothers and sisters of ours whose holiness has illuminated the history of this Church and the streets of this city. May the Virgin Mary accompany us and intercede for us.



Necrology

June 1

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

June 2

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

June 3

1886 Corine Broussard
1906 Edward Broussard
1908 Paul Blanchard
1916 Infant Molbert
1925 Liliane Provost
1934 Anna May Courville
1953 Hilrous Dominique
1969 Rose Magee
1979 Lucie Bonin
1993 Sheila Morace
2008 Joyce Dauterive
2020 John Miller Jr.
2021 Beauregard Judice
2024 David Belaire

June 4

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

June 5

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

1985 Kennard Judice
1998 Clement Lanclos
2011 Ethel Mestayer
2022 Vernon Rebert

June 6

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

June 7

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

June 8

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

June 9

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

June 10

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

June 11

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

June 12

1901 Infant Antoine
1915 Norma Jackson
1919 Gilbert Broussard
1921 Joyce Dupuy
1923 Mrs. Aurelieu Breaux
1934 Felicia Suard
1939 Marguerite Antoine
1947 Ms. Walter Broussard
2009 Irene Broussard
2011 William Dooley
2024 J. C. Viator

June 13

1891 Laurent Broussard
1896 Azar Vaughn
1897 Mrs. Joseph Landry
1907 Emerite Breaux
1911 Isarie Bourda
1926 Gilbert Vital
1936 Achille Boutté
1949 Constance Broussard
1959 Ulysse Landry
1995 Agnes Huval
2009 Eve Segura
2014 William Elliott, Sr.
2024 Lynn Dugas Sr.

June 14

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

June 15

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

June 16

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

June 17

1873 Lucie Louvière
1873 Jules Odui
1884 Joseph Verret
1900 Infant DeBlanc
1906 Onile John
1938 Alzea Bonin
1946 Fernand Mestayer
1983 Gustave Judice
1993 Joseph Latiolais
1997 Eric Braquet
2024 Kendall Mitchell

June 18

1884 Charles Fouquet
1886 Alcide Blanchard
1894 Sully Berard
1900 Infant Wallet
1911 Mrs. Placide Grand
1918 Simon Oubre
1934 Charles Prince
1939 Joseph Handy
1942 Infant Polite
1957 Lucien LeBlanc
1957 Euzebe Girouard
1968 Edward Mestayer
1972 Beauregard Judice III
1992 Emmas Dugas
1997 Robert Dauterive
2012 Mary Jean Vital
2023 Joseph Marshall Sr.

June 19

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

June 20

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

June 21

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

June 22

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

June 23

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

June 24

1931 Clifton Ryes
1933 Grear Louvière
1933 Armanda Dugas
1965 Jimmie Borel
1989 Beverly Broussard
1992 Audressie Domingue
1996 Amelia Neuville
1998 Patsy Viator
2012 Florence Seneca
2016 Mary Ann Louviere
2024 Roland Molbert

June 25

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

June 26

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

June 27

1873 Julien Ambroise
1878 Louis Blanchard
1895 Infant Matle
1895 Idéa Vincent
1901 Nicholas Bonin
1915 Jean Prados
1919 Infant Fauchaux
1921 Ms. Eusèbe Gonsoulin
1926 Wilfred Courville
1935 Letitia Gonsoulin
1949 Clelie Berard
1967 Robin Bonin
1968 M. Frioux
2024 Jude Viator

June 28

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

June 29

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

June 30

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

June Birthdays

Happy Birthday!

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

Father Crochet & Father Godwin

June 1

Ava Broussard
Mark Broussard

June 2

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

June 3

Gwynnivre Bonin
Megan Louviere
Christopher Ransonet
Kelly Ransonet
Carter Viator

June 4

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

June 5

Thomas Lemaire
Stephen Lokitz
Greyson Louviere

June 6

Brandi Brown
Andrea Hebert
Anna Laird
Jacob Prince
Tori Williams

June 7

Mickey Champagne
Linda Clifton
Shellie Comb
Rydel Frederick

June 8

Mindy Landry
Michelle LeJeune
Brian Norris

June 9

Joey Armentor
Lance Broussard
Brianne Foster
Kale Viator

June 10

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

June 11

Michele Burke
Kenzie Derouen
Ty LeBlanc
Romee Ronsonet
Zachary Schaubert
Bailey Trahan

June 12

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

June 13

Seth Buteau
Mallory Escagne
Sydney Floris

June 14

Paula Bertrand
David Carrere
Whitney Cox
Veronica Guillotte
Madison Thomas

June 15

Michelle Ansley
Adaline Mire
Oscar Theriot

June 16

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

June 17

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

June 18

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

June 19

Rylee Babineaux
Shane Crochet
Alexis Defelice
Russel Dugas
Drew Mire
Allyson Provost

June 20

Bexley Badeaux
Jean-Luc Buhler
Evan Frederick
Bruno Habetz

June 21

Liam Arceneaux
Layla Benjamin
Griffin Cox
Talyn Gilbert
Frank Greaux
Rowan Landry
Bailey LeBlanc
Dylan Louviere
Lillian Ronsonet
Jordyn Smith
Clint Terry

June 22

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

June 23

Garrett Broussard
Aimye Dugas
Ben Galatas
Cathy Hebert
Casey Russo
Bryer Segura

June 24

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

June 25

Jason Landry
Basin Louviere
Natalie Oubre
Ava Robin
Ryan Buteau
Baylon Charpentier
Jake Delcambre
Clint Hebert
Brady Judice
Hayden Prioux
Gregory Walet
Houston Wingfield

June 26

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

June 27

Breigh Begnaud
Jason Chastant
Aaron Gerace
Rusty Judice

June 28

Emily Begnaud
Briley Breaux
Danielle Charpentier
Malia Schexnayder
Breigh Viator

June 29

Eli Angelle
Rhett Clement
Gordon Schexnayder

June 30

Raynell Aucoin
Ace Breaux
Remi Dees
Vivian Douet
Drew Folse
Patricia Guillot
Kate Landry
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