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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](mailto:gail.borel@stjosephparishonline.org)

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### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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### FUNERALS

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

### MINISTERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
<b>August 30</b> 4:00 p.m.	Emily Begnaud	Linda Landry	Volunteers
<b>August 31</b> 7:00 a.m.	Russell Steiner	Carolyn Roseberry	Volunteers
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	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.

<b>August 24</b>	Rev. Stephen Pellessier/Dcn. Evan Hebert Dcn. Cody Miller
<b>August 25</b>	Rev. Donald Pelous/William Hebert Dcn. John Miller
<b>August 26</b>	Rev. Neil Pettit/Zack Hebert Dcn. Michael Morrison
<b>August 27</b>	Rev. Hai Ngoc Pham, SVD/Eric Hernandez Dcn. Cuong Joseph Nguyen
<b>August 28</b>	Rev. Daniel Picard/Michael Johnson Dcn. Tuan Anh Nguyen
<b>August 29</b>	Lt. Chaplain Ben Pitre, STL, USN/Jacob Leblanc Dcn. Charles Ortego
<b>August 30</b>	Rev. Connor Poirrier/Dcn. Bret Lee Dcn. Juan Pagan

### 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, Bernard Lissard, Jr., Chase Richard, Jean Bergeron, Hubert Landry, Chrise Wisdom, Edie Boudreaux, Ricky Champagne.

August 17, 2025	
<b>Regular Sunday Offering Envelopes</b>	\$ 4,271.00
<b>Regular Sunday Offering Loose</b>	\$ 3,447.00
<b>Regular Collection Total</b>	\$ 7,718.00
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	\$ 7,385.00
<b>Difference</b>	+\$ 333.00
<b>Present Loan Balance</b>	\$ 68,974.61
<b>Donation Against Loan Balance</b>	\$ 1,262.00
<b>Insurance Balance 2025-2026</b>	\$ 55,666.06
<b>Insurance Collection</b>	\$ 40.00
<b>Solemnity of the Assumption</b>	\$ 1,514.00

**Flowers on the Altar are in loving memory of**

Mae Bell Corey and Elizabeth Rogers

**The Sanctuary Lamp is burning for**

Rufus Corey

**Blessed Virgin Mary Altar Candle is burning for**

Sylvia Corey

**Saint Joseph Altar Candle is burning for**

Steve J. Miguez Family, 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, Curtis Toffier, Lynn Delcambre.

**The Vocation Chalice is at the Home of**

Cliff and Judy Schexnayder

*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 —** Walter and Doris M. Judice, Dupoy and Lasseigne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Ned and Elaine Dugas, Bruce Guidry, Dolores Hebert, 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 Family, 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 Degeyer, 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, Enola Vital, 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 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 Mr. and Mrs. Francis Granger, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Granger, Shelton Joseph Freyou, Ella Desormeaux Freyou, Rickie Oubre, Loto Louviere, Jr., Gam Gondron Family, 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, Anthony Deville, (Recovery), Mathilde Romero, Our Catholic Priest, Louto and Anite Gondron Family, Horace and Sylvia Thibodeaux, Wade & Lou Dupre, Gus Dupre, Patricia Fakier, David Guidry, Warren Sevin, Charles Sevin, Cherie LeCompte, Steve Michel, Aline Smith, Dannette Taylor, Derrick Taylor, Sara Escamilla, Trenace Songe, Martha Thibodeaux, Myra Starr, Brian Robichaux, Jane Watkins, Claire Landry, Lee Villarrubia, Milton Martinez, Brenda Wilson, Bishop Warren Boudreaux, Bishop Joseph Latino, Msgr. John Newfield, Msgr. Francis Amedee, Msgr. Andrew Frey, Rev. Jerry Villarrubia, 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 —** Brian 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.

**Wednesday 6:45 a.m. StJo —** Roy and Michael Thibodeaux, Martha Escagne Rodriguez, Albert Rodriguez, 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.

**Friday 6:45 a.m. OLV —** Donna and Steve Berard, Ancestors and, 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 Mellifluous Doctor and Us by Robert Royal

Most Catholics, even well-informed Catholics, if asked who were the great medieval saints would reply with a familiar list of names: Francis of Assisi, Dominic, Thomas Aquinas, Catherine of Siena. But one of the earliest among these great figures — and most conspicuous in his day — has, oddly, been almost forgotten in modern times. He was so obviously holy and multifaceted that Dante, in *Paradiso*, after meeting with hundreds of other saints and heroes, chose *him* to make the ultimate prayer to the Virgin Mary so that he, Dante, would be granted the Beatific Vision.

That forgotten saint is Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153), the Mellifluous Doctor. We're somewhat aware of Doctors of the Church again just now because of Saint John Henry Newman's nomination to that very exclusive body (he brings their number up to only 38). Some have been given special names because of what they did. Augustine is the "doctor of grace," Aquinas the "angelic doctor," Anselm the "doctor magnificus."

Bernard is "mellifluous" because his words were regarded as flowing and sweet as honey. But in his lifetime, he was also a charismatic leader, builder, reformer, adviser to kings and other temporal rulers, and — in his role in helping to found the Knights Templar and the Second Crusade — could sting like a bee when the Church and Christendom needed to be defended (in his time, from militant Islam, which was then reconquering the Holy Land).

We tend to think these days that contemplative figures are otherworldly, that whatever virtues or progress that they achieve in the spiritual life have little, if anything, to do with our earthly grubbiness: messy politics, wars and rumors of wars, or even the multiple ways in which worldliness — sex, greed, ambition above all — corrupt religious institutions.

Bernard believed the opposite. That the spirit was essential to the right ordering of the world and keeping worldly things in their proper, secondary, place.

Even as Bernard wrote the most sublime spiritual texts, he was equally adept at tackling the practical needs of his time. And he inspired others to follow him. Although he started as just another monk at the famous reform abbey of Cîteaux, it wasn't long before he founded his own monastery at Clairvaux, which attracted numerous vocations and led, by direct and indirect routes to hundreds more foundings in the Cistercian reform.

The Church today is badly divided. But the Church in Bernard's time was still worse. It faced the usual heresies among the intellectuals. The bishops in several places, even Paris, needed to be stirred up to defend the Church against the state (sound familiar?). But worst of all, two popes were elected simultaneously in 1130, producing a schism that he was asked to resolve. Which he also did.

And all that amidst his efforts to make peace among various actors in France, Germany, and Italy — even to prevent *pagroms* against Jews (hence the common Jewish name Bernard, popular even today).

Writing to his patron Can Grande della Scala, Dante says that those who wonder whether it's truly possible to ascend to the Beatific Vision should consult three texts: Saint Augustine's *De quantitate animae*, Richard of Saint Victor's *On Contemplation*, and Saint Bernard's *On Consideration*.

"Consideration" was a technical term in those days, akin to meditation, shading off into full-blown contemplation. The bulk of the work is advice to Pope Eugenius about how *not* to let practical matters eat up his soul. Dante had suffered under ambitious and unspiritual popes and princes, and doubtless resonated to passages such as, "Action itself certainly does not fare well unless preceded by consideration."

But recognizing the proper scope of the practical underscores the primacy of the spiritual all the more.

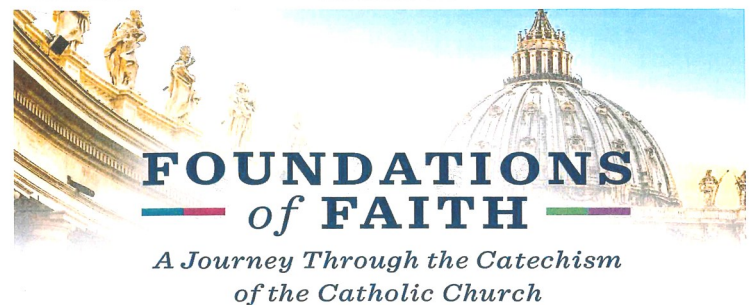
This puts a question to all of us almost a thousand years later. We're not the great Saint Bernard. But we all have the dual task of pursuing holiness and, simultaneously, dealing with a world and a Church in tumult.

Almost no one would have thought in Bernard's day that the High Middle Ages were coming. Yet they did, partly because of his efforts. There's no reason why a similar renewal couldn't occur even now if we seriously pursue spiritual disciplines even as we also confront our own forms of barbarism and decay. In fact, it's precisely those painful conditions that spurred Bernard — and should inspire us — to redouble our commitment to faith and works.

Our friend, poet Dana Gioia, translated Bernard's prayer to the Virgin in the last canto of Dante's great poem. It begins with what seem to be logical contradictions; "Virgin mother," "Daughter of Your Son," "Humble and Most High." Yet it doesn't just list things that appear to us irreconcilable, but resolves the tensions by gathering everything Dante had written about in his journey from earth to Heaven into a holistic unity:

Virgin Mother, Daughter of Your Son,  
More humble and more high than other creatures,  
The constant goal of the Eternal Plan,  
You are the one Who so raised human nature  
That Your Creator did not hesitate  
To be created in Your mortal flesh,  
And in Your womb was gathered all the love,  
The warmth of which fills our eternal peace  
And nourishes this flower as it grows.  
For us in Heaven You are the bright sun  
Of charity at noon and to the living  
You are the running fountain of their faith.  
Lady, You are so powerful and great  
That he who would seek grace and not seek You  
Is one who would try flying without wings.  
Your blessings do not fall only on those  
Who ask for them, but many times they come  
Freely to those who do not know their need.  
In You is mercy, in You is pity,  
In You is majesty, in You is gathered  
All the good of all created things.

All the good of all created things. Mellifluous and the foundation of the practical, indeed.



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