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MASSES

Saturday Anticipated 4:00 PM
Sunday 7:30 a.m.
9:30 a.m.
11:15 a.m.
(Extraordinary Form) 5:00 PM
Monday - Friday 12:05 PM

NOVENA

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Before 12:05 Mass on Tuesday

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Friday 11:00 - Noon; Saturday 3:00 pm
30 minutes before all other Masses.
Or call office for appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

A Pre-Baptism class must be
attended before the celebration of
Baptism. These classes are held the
4th Tuesday of January, March,
May, July, September and
November. Arrangements for
celebration of Baptism may be made
by calling the parish office after

having attended the Baptism Class.

**SACRAMENT OF
MARRIAGE**

Arrangements should be made at
least six (6) months before the
wedding date by calling the parish
office. An appointment must be
made for a pre-marriage interview.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN
INITIATION OF ADULTS.**

An ongoing process of formation
and education is provided for

anyone who is interested in
inquiring into the Roman Catholic
faith. The RCIA process is
available throughout the year to
those who are seeking initiation
into the church as well as for those
non Catholics seeking more
information about the Roman
Catholic church. Information
concerning participation in the
RCIA process may be obtained
through the parish office.

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

WASHINGTON — Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City, KS and Chairman of the U.S. Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities has issued the following statement in response to several states moving forward with legislation that would permit a baby to be aborted at nine months.

Archbishop Naumann's full statement follows:

"Abortion has always been built on a lie. Today, the lie is switching from 'abortion is a choice' to 'abortion is healthcare.' A law recently passed in New York not only legalizes abortion essentially for any reason through all nine months of pregnancy but removes any protection for children born alive after abortion. A similar bill was proposed in Virginia along with several other states, all in the name of women's health.

This legislation is evil, pure and simple. And it shocks the conscience to see such evil legislation greeted with raucous cheers and standing ovations. Most grieving to our Lord of Life is that those who advocate for abortion put their eternal souls in jeopardy.

It is sickeningly dishonest to claim that women's lives or health depend on intentionally killing their children. This is especially true for late-term abortion, which always involves the purposeful destruction of a child which could have been born alive, with much less risk to the mother, had they both received real healthcare.

Now is the time for all Catholics—bishops, priests, and laity—to fight for the unborn with renewed vigor. We must educate family, friends, legislators, and fellow citizens about how it is never necessary to intentionally kill unborn children in order to save their mothers. Local action is especially important. Though ending Roe v. Wade is a central goal of the pro-life movement, if the decision were overturned, only eleven states would immediately ban abortion; the other thirty-nine states would still allow it.

I urge Catholics, and thoughtful Americans of all religions or none at all to advocate for local change. Sign up for your State Catholic Conference or diocesan pro-life advocacy network, which can help you communicate to elected officials. Or seek out state and local pro-life groups, including parish respect life groups, that are making a difference at the state level.

Though we live in very dark days, we know that the Lord has already triumphed over death. But we must use this time on earth to be His hands and feet. This means each of us rededicating ourselves to prayer, and fighting for the most vulnerable among us, especially unborn children and their mothers."



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Reign of God comes about because people commit to reversing their lives completely, to embracing new vision, new values. Many popular television shows exploit an unattractive side of human nature by pitting contestants against one another, even to the point of performing dangerous stunts or devious schemes, to gain money or favor.

At the liturgy, we counter that impulse by committing ourselves to live generously. In response to Christ's total gift, we offer bread and wine as the emblems of our lives, our hopes, our joys and sorrows. The bread and wine carried to the altar contain our lives, and by offering our lives to God, we prepare to receive the gift of God's own life. We are to become what we receive: the body of Christ.

On Sundays, this self-giving is often accompanied by a collection and procession of gifts for the poor and money for the upkeep of the parish. There are certainly other methods of collecting money, some perhaps more efficient. Yet the act of giving from our abundance, and attending to the needs of the poor, opens us up to participation in the changes the Reign of God requires.

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A PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

Gracious and loving God, we come to you in humble prayer for the United States of America.

Bless our President. Give him wisdom and strength to serve the American people and lead our country in ways that are pleasing to you.

Bless our Congress. Instill in them knowledge and understanding to enact laws that protect the sanctity of life—from the unborn to the elderly; and promote the good of all people.

Bless the people of the United States. Make us aware of our responsibility as citizens to uphold the principles of life, liberty, justice and equality. Send your Holy Spirit upon our beloved country. Make us people of faith in time of uncertainty. Make us people of hope in times of trouble. Make us people of compassion with those who are less fortunate. Make us people of peace in our homes, our communities, our country and our world.

*We ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior.
Amen*

Christian Giving



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Offertory Collection weekend of February
2nd and 3rd.....\$11,953.00
Building Fund.....\$ 1,730.00

Remember: You may also make your contributions online by using a credit/bank card by visiting immaculateconceptioncathedral.com.

‡Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time‡

As part of our sesquicentennial celebration we will be highlighting interesting facts in each bulletin about our history, titled:

“DID YOU KNOW???”
Part 6

MISSIONARY ERA COMES TO END

The Missionary era of the Church at Lake Charles came to an end in 1869 with the appointment of two priests, Father Francois Magniny, Pastor, and Father Etienne Badoil, Assistant. This decisive step put the area church on a firmer basis and certainly made for better pastoral administration.

The Parish of St. Francis de Sales became a reality. It corresponded in area to the civil parish of Imperial Calcasieu. Today that region encompasses approximately the present civil parishes of Allen, Beauregard, Jefferson Davis, Cameron and Calcasieu. While the priests were warmly received, the times were hard. That first rectory boasted neither flooring nor windows. Religious indifference and financial problems were always with them but apparently this was fertile soil.



PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

September 16-27, 2019 (12 days). Visiting Rome, Montecassino, San Giovanni Rotondo, Lanciano, Manoppello, Loreto, Tolentino, Assisi, Orvieto, Florence, Padua & Venice. Spiritual Director: Father Rommel Tolentino. Only \$3879 per person, double occupancy. Price includes round trip airfare from Houston, \$450 government taxes & airline surcharges, accommodations in first class hotels, most meals, comprehensive sightseeing, daily Mass and much more. For a brochure and more information, call 337-436-7251 or email: rommel.tolentino@lcdiocese.org. Space is limited! Book early to avoid disappointment.



HAPPY VALENTINES DAY --FEBRUARY 14TH

“St. Valentine’s Date Night at the Saint Charles Center”, presented by Fr. Whitney Miller, Deacon Brian Soileau and the SCC Staff. Thursday, February 14th—6:00—9:00 P.M. Special evening of prayer, delicious food and supportive companionship on the holy ground of the Saint Charles Center! Mass: 6:00 P.M. in the Assumption Chapel, followed by a gourmet dinner in Brulet Dining Hall. \$100 per couple. Call the Center to register, 337-855-1232 or visit the website at stcharlescenter.com.



THIS WEEK

- February 10...Confirmation meeting, 8:30 AM
- February 12...Come Lord Jesus (men), 6:00 AM, Library
Come Lord Jesus (women), 9:30 AM, Library
EF Choir practice—6:00 PM
- February 13 ...Cathedral Choir practice—6:00 PM
- February 14...Holy Hour of Reparation—11:00 PM
- February 15...G.N.A.T.S. meet—9:30 AM—Library
Encounter meets at 9:00 AM—Library



RACHEL’S VINEYARD RETREAT (Retreat for Healing after Abortion). Come experience the healing love of Jesus Christ on this retreat: **March 1-3 at the Saint Charles Retreat Center. Cost: \$225 for meals, private room with private bath and all retreat materials. Contact: RV of SWLA 337-439-7400 ext. 317 or e-mail Rachels.vineyard@lcdiocese.org.**



Morning of Reflection with the Religious Sisters of Mercy.... Saturday, March 9, 2019, at 1414 Martha Street in Lake Charles, from 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Join us for a day of prayer and discussion at our convent! The day will begin with Mass at 8:30 A.M. Those who wish are also welcome to arrive by 7:00 for Morning Prayer. We will discuss religious life and have a time of Adoration. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. RSVP 337- 564-0030 or Saint.Huberts.Convent@gmail.com



Diocesan Women’s Prayer Luncheon
You are invited to join the women of the diocese for lunch and a lesson on the Letters of St. Paul to the Corinthians, presented by Bishop Glen John Provost.

Please note that the luncheon will be held in the **Chancery, 414 Iris Street.** Chapters to read ahead: II Corinthians 1-4. Please arrive by 11:30 A.M.. Cost: \$15 (check made out to Diocese of Lake Charles).



St. Theodore Holy Family Catholic School has a teaching position open for **Jr. High Math & Science.** Application available at www.lcdocs.org. Please contact Principal Charlotte Kohlenberg—337-855-9465.



Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
“Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?”
“Here I am, “I said, “send me!”



SATURDAY, February 09...(4:00)—Joseph A. and Louise Bertrand and Gerald Simmons; A.J. Cascio; Joe Champeaux

SUNDAY, February 10...(7:30)—"Pro Populo" (For the People)
(9:30)—Don Clark; Dora Jean "Dori" Scalisi Rogers; Della Vick; Mrs. Paul L. Veazey, Sr.; L.D. Gervais Family; Ms. Catherine Ebersole and Family; Marie Foret; Concetta Hidalgo Billedeaux; Carmen Trejo; Don & Charlotte Gallemore (living); Bertha M. Rains.
(11:15)—Vivian Langley
(5:00 P.M., Extraordinary Form) —Joy Gaspard

MONDAY, February 11... (12:05)—Keri Burke & Family (living).
(5:30, Extraordinary Form)—Kenny Loane

TUESDAY, February 12...(12:05)—Mr. & Mrs. Pierre Clement.

WEDNESDAY, February 13...(12:05)— E.J. Gaspard.

THURSDAY, February 14...(12:05)—Ragan Gaspard and Family (living).

FRIDAY, February 15...(12:05)—Tarry Franck.

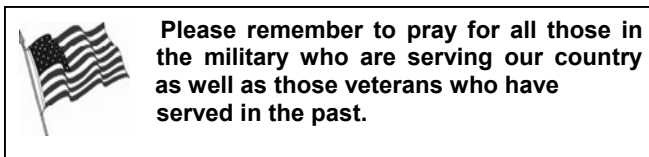
SATURDAY, February 16...(4:00)—Gladys and Delma Devillier; Patricia Ann "Cookie" Fournerat; Al O'Byrne

SUNDAY, February 17...(7:30)—"Pro Populo" (For the People).
(9:30)—Tony Pecorino; Mary Sue Thompson; Marianne Richard; Enos Miller Family; Erline Audrey Pellerin; Gauthreaux, Gremillion, Percle and Woods Families; Mrs. Anita Falcon and Family; Mary Frances Hoffpaur.
(11:15)—Lee and Mabel Trahan
(5:00 P.M., Extraordinary Form)—Phyllis and Bob Navarro



COME AND SEE WEEKEND—For all young men interested in learning more about the priesthood, St. Joseph Seminary College is hosting a ***Come and See Weekend*** April 12-14. 2-10. The weekend is a time for young men 16 years of age and older to learn about vocation discernment, seminary formation and the diocesan priesthood. There is no cost to attend, and transportation is provided. **Deadline to register is April 1, 2019.**

Please contact Fr. Starkovich at 337-725-3719 or visit <http://lc vocations.com> to register.





READINGS FOR THE WEEK
February 11—17, 2019

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56
 Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13
 Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23
 Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30
 Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37
 Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10
 Sunday: Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

Pray for Our Friends Who Are Ill



Rosa Adams; Sam Ange, Jr.; Owen Arceneau; Jenna, Aden, Grace, David Babcock; Gloria Bennett; Charles Benoit; June Benoit; Donald Blanchard; Chandra Broussard; Dean Broussard; Kylan Broussard; Stephen Broussard; Waldean Broussard; Jerry Cain; Emily Carleton; Cory Casaban; Teresa Chapoy; Denise Collette; Betty Daigle; Wade Davis; Charles Elter; Dee Elter; Bill Ferguson; Lamont Francisco; Ty Griffen; Diane Hagerty; Michelle Hart; Stephanie Hinton; Brenda Hoback; Anne Hoyer; Bo Huddle; Jessica Hulin; Mary Jeffers; Gary Johnson; Darrel Jones; Hattie Kadlubar; Larry King; Caleb Koonce; Janet LaBiche; Cheryl Lecompte; Helen Lecompte; Sarah LeCompte; James Leger; Michael Lee; Della Lemaire; Marie Lupo; Melanie Lupo; Elizabeth Louviere; Demetrius Maddox; Jonette Adams Malone; Barbara McCombs; Ray Miles; Betty Mueller; Kenneth Newman; Larry Parker; Sue Parker; Rory Partin; Ben Perry; Clifford Raleigh; William P. Richard; Mari Rieth; Reggie Rogers II; Marian Rome; Michael & Marie Scimemi; Cammie Shaddock; Jaxson Spikes; Chris Stemmann; Rob Stephens; Darrell Sullivan; Theresa Theriot; Warren Thomas; Betty Trahan; Charles Viccellio; Gay Young; Martha Young

If you would like to add or remove a name, please call the church office at 436-7251. Please let us know if a person has recovered or is deceased.

For...I was sick and you visited me..."
Matthew 25:36

Fully Alive is a Catholic community of non-student young adults, 18 to 39 years old. Join the Facebook group: "**FULLYALIVE!Lake Charles**": www.facebook.com/groups/107344226572108 or e-mail fullylivelakecharles@gmail.com with name, age, e-mail, phone and contact information.

Catholic Singles United (CSU) is a group of single adults, ages 40-65, who meet monthly for spiritual, social and service activities. Contact Becky at 936-3538 or beckysee51@gmail.com for more information.