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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

From the Pastor

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Preparing for Lent early

Two and a half weeks from today, we begin the holy season of Lent. It usually takes us a while to get us going, so we ought to start thinking

about Lent now and begin formulating our Lenten resolutions, so that when Lent arrives we will be ready.

One of the positive and helpful features of the traditional liturgical calendar is that there is a period of preparation even before Lent begins. We call it the season of Septuagesima. The three Sundays before Ash Wednesday are called Septuagesima, Sexagesima and Quinquagesima. The First Sunday of Lent is called Quadragesima, marking the 40 days of Lent. During the season of Septuagesima, the Priest wears purple vestment for Mass, the Gloria is omitted, and the Alleluia is suppressed and replaced by the Tract. In short, it's a real preparation for the Lenten season.

The Gospel passage last Sunday gives us the opportunity to start thinking about Lent. Christ invites Simon Peter to leave everything behind (his boat, his fishing business, his entire livelihood) and follow Him. The Lord is asking us: "Are you willing to leave everything behind for me? I promise you that you will experience a happiness you can't imagine. Will you take the risk?" When we leave everything for Jesus, we find even more. We may lose something of our personal security, we may feel like we're losing control, but it's all worth it. Because when we leave everything and follow Christ, we find so much more. Our hearts are set free, and Christ becomes our life.

Now, what does it mean to leave everything and follow Jesus? For most of us, it doesn't mean literally giving up all our possessions. For example, if you have a family to support, you can't just give up your job, leave your spouse and children, and go off to help the poor in India. But what is Christ asking us to leave behind, so that we can experience the joy of following Him more closely?

Even though most of us can't simply get rid of all material possessions, it's always good to ask ourselves if we have more than we need. Are there some things that I need to give up in order to follow Christ more closely? Maybe we have some superfluous things in our lives. How many cars do we really need? Do we need multiple watches or the latest cell phones? Do we always need the latest flat screen TV? Could we as a family decide to save that money and donate it to help the needy? How much clothing can I actually wear? Could I donate some of that to the poor? Maybe we could consider donating the money we spend on these things to our Cathedral Outreach program, which helps a lot of needy families in our community. Imagine how many baskets we could fill for our Fruitful Sunday, when we collect canned goods for Catholic Charities. Have I turned my job into an idol? Obviously I can't just leave it, but maybe God wants me to put some order in my life, and spend more time with my family. And it's not just money or material things we should

consider giving up. We could give up our unhealthy patterns of thinking and behaving; we should give up our habitual sins and vices that prevent us from following Our Lord more closely

Simon Peter left his boat and his livelihood behind. He left his security blanket for something better. He left it behind for someone better – Jesus Christ. Our Lord says elsewhere in the Gospel: "Seek first the kingdom of God, and everything will be given you besides." When we put God first in our life, when we put Him number one on our priority list, He orders the rest of our lives. He gives us the grace to overcome our vices. He gives us the grace we need to be faithful to Him and our daily duties. He gives us the grace to face and overcome the challenges of daily life. He helps us become the Saints that He is calling each and every one of us. I like how St. Teresa of Avila puts it: "When we have God, we have everything. God alone is enough."

As we come closer and closer to the Lenten season, let's ask Jesus: "Lord, show me if there's something that's holding me back from following you more closely. And give me the strength to leave it behind to follow you."

When we leave everything for Jesus, we receive a hundred times more. We receive the joy and the happiness and the freedom that only He can give.

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, pray for us!



BLESSED

When we think of the word "Beatitude" we think of today's discourse from Luke's Gospel, or the more familiar one from Matthew (which begins "Blessed are the poor in spirit . . ."). Actually, beatitudes occur throughout the prophets and Gospels. Today in Jeremiah (with an echo in the psalm) we hear, "Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord" (Jeremiah 17:7). Following his resurrection in John's Gospel, Christ proclaims, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" (John 20:29). The evangelists placed these sayings throughout the Gospels as short reminders about the characteristics that one will find in a follower of Christ, characteristics that will help spread the Good News in this life and lead to eternal blessings in the next. In Latin, the saints are called the *Beati*, the "Blessed," for they are the ones who lived the "blessed" life as described by Jesus throughout the Gospels. How blest are we, when we also strive to make our own days a living beatitude! Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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⚡Sixth 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 7

The Church Register at Lake Charles listed nearly 100 Baptisms from November of 1869 to the following January 1st. A yellow fever epidemic in 1870 took the life of Father Magniny. Father Badoil, too, was stricken with the fever, but survived and became the next pastor, after a lengthy convalescence. He remained on for only two years, then asked to be relieved, citing health problems. Father N. Pouillon, who had come as an assistant, stayed on and managed the parish until the new Pastor arrived. Father Christophe Cuny became the third pastor of St. Francis in December of 1873. To combat the religious ignorance frequent instructions became a way of life: Sunday afternoon catechism and lengthy sermons at the principal Mass on Sundays and Holy Days. Father Cuny was replaced by the former, Father Badoil who remained on for eight months. In 1876 Father Gustave Jobard and Father Julien Charles were appointed to Lake Charles. It was initially planned that they would both remain in Lake Charles for a time, until another parish could be carved out of the northern and eastern part of Calcasieu and united with the area of Mermentau. The first part worked out well, the second part failed dismally. Sketchy evidences suggests personal rivalry. Provisions supplied for the two priests by the diocese was inequitable, with the Mermentau area getting the greater share. Father Jobard left Lake Charles in 1877. The parish was without a resident pastor for two years. Father Charles attended the congregation at Lake Charles from Mermentau until March of 1878.



THE 2019 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHEDRAL SCHOOL PTO DINNER AUCTION is set for **Friday, March 29th**, beginning at 6:00 P.M. in the ICCS Gym. Tickets are \$40.00 each. A silent and live auction will be offered. All parishioners are invited to participate and support our school. For more information, or to purchase tickets, please call 337-433-3497.



LENTEN PROGRAM... “Wishing you rest, strength to get through each day, and time to just be.....You deserve that....You really do” These sessions will be held on the first 5 Thursdays in Lent beginning on the Thursday, March 7, after Ash Wednesday. Sessions will be held at St. Mary Center in Jennings across from Our Lady Help of Christians; there will be one session at 10:45 A.M., and, for those who work or prefer, there will also be one at 6:00 P.M. For further information please contact Sr. Jeannette at 337-304-6383.



THIS WEEK

- February 17...**Confirmation meeting, 8:30 AM
- February 19...***Come Lord Jesus* (men), 6:00 AM, Library
Come Lord Jesus (women), 9:30 AM, Library
EF Choir practice—6:00 PM
- February 20 ...**Cathedral Choir practice—6:00 PM
- February 21...**Holy Hour of Reparation—11:00 PM
- February 22...**G.N.A.T.S. meet—9:30 AM—Library
Encounter meets at 9:00 AM—Library



Owen Scott and Conor Lee Fusilier. Sons of Lee Ann and Scott Fusilier



and

Parker, Piper and Palmer Stevens, Daughters of Christian and Myles Stevens

Were welcomed into the Family of Christ through the Waters of Baptism on February 9, 2019 and February 10, 2019, respectively.



Our Cathedral Faith Community prays for our friends who have died:

Nancy Wyman, mother of Bruce Wyman

(died February 5, 2019)



We pray that she will find peace and joy in the presence of Our Lord. We extend our sincere sympathy to her family and to all who mourn her death.



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@lcdioocese.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



It is our pleasure to welcome **the Christine and David Wyninger Family** and the **Kathryn and Adam Bellow Family** to our Cathedral Parish Faith Community.

The Catholic Daughters February meeting will be held in the Deaf Center on Monday, February 18th, at 6:00 P.M.



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

MONDAY, February 18... (12:05)—Bennie Louis Buller. (5:30, Extraordinary Form)—Claude Conner.

TUESDAY, February 19...(12:05)—Kathy Herrera.

WEDNESDAY, February 20....(12:05)— Yvonne Pharr.

THURSDAY, February 21...(12:05)—Tracy Richard (living).

FRIDAY, February 22...(12:05)—Jimmy Touchet.

SATURDAY, February 23...(4:00)—Julie Moon; A.J. Cascio; Leveque & Champeaux Families; Concetta Hidalgo Billedeaux; Wilbur Reed, Jr. (living)

SUNDAY, February 24...(7:30)—”Pro Populo” (For the People)

(9:30)—Albert “Rabbit” Manuel, Edna, Sidney and J.H. Broussard; Dr. John T. Foret; Dora Jean “Dori” Scalisi Rogers; Ms. Wendi Fournerat and Family; Roy Broussard; Gennah Prince (living); Libby Burnworth (living); Joe Landry; Don and Charlotte Gallemore (living); Marie Foret; Landon Arceneaux (living); Brant Youngblood (living).

(11:15)—Vivian Langley

(5:00 P.M., Extraordinary Form)—Diane McMahon Dabria.



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://lcvocations.com> to register.



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, call 337-436-7251 or email: rommel.tolentino@lcdiocese.org.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK
February 18—24, 2019

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-26; Mk 8:11-13
 Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
 Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
 Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
 Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
 Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
 Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

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; Teresa Chapoy; Denise Collette; Betty Daigle; Wade Davis; Charles Elter; Dee Elter; Bill Ferguson; 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 Stemann; 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

Women's Day of Reflection...Saturday, March 16, 2019.

Keynote Speaker: Father Jim Sichko

Where: St. Louis Catholic High School, 1620 Bank Street

Time: 9:00 A.M. — 2:00 P.M.

Fees: \$30.00, preregistration; \$35.00 after March 9th.

Fees include light breakfast and lunch.

Sponsored by Fleur de Lis Theresians of SWLA.

Contact: Danielle Koenig, 337-661-8441.

Or visit website at www.louisianatheresians.com.

