



**DIOCESE OF LAKE CHARLES**  
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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 PreBaptism 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 premarriage 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  
nonCatholics 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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St. Joseph's Altar

Next Monday, March 19th, we will celebrate the Feast of Saint Joseph.

The Church honors Saint Joseph because he is the foster father of Our Lord, the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the patron of the universal Church. We are blessed to have one of the altars here in our church dedicated to Saint Joseph (probably owing to the great number of Italian families that comprised this parish since its inception). We will decorate this altar for Saint Joseph's feast day and bless it right after the 5:00 PM Extraordinary Form Mass on Sunday, March 18th, the eve of the Saint's feast. On March 19th, we will celebrate the Solemn Feast of Saint Joseph at the 12:05 PM Ordinary Form Mass and at the 5:30 PM Extraordinary Form Mass, both followed by a reception in the Ave Maria Hall to partake of the food from Saint Joseph's table (Please come and invite your families and friends). Additionally, the church will be open all day for those who wish to pray before Saint Joseph's Altar.

Saint Joseph is especially honored by Italians, and the tradition of the St. Joseph's Altar/Table came from them. The custom is for all to wear red, in the same way that green is worn on St. Patrick's Day. Lake Charles used to be known as "Little Italy" because of the large number of Italian immigrants who settled here. The St. Joseph's Altar/Table was celebrated in people's homes, as well as in the Immaculate Conception Church (see photos).



Saint Joseph's Day is a big feast for Italians because in the Middle Ages, God, through St. Joseph's intercessions, saved the Sicilians from a very serious drought and famine. In desperation, the people turned to St. Joseph asking his help and intercession. Their prayers were answered - the rains finally came and the crops prospered. In thanksgiving, the community made offerings to St. Joseph of their most prized possession - FOOD! In his honor, they erected a lovely altar, draped simply and beautifully in white, and adorned with flowers. They then selected their finest grain, fruits, vegetables, seafood and wine, and invited everyone to share in their prayer and festivity. The custom and devotion continue to this day. Reasons for having the altars vary: from fulfilling a promise; to giving thanks for a favor granted; for healing the sick; or for a happy family life. It is also an opportunity to share with the less fortunate. Much hard work is involved,

but participants, family and friends, joyously accept this as a form of sacrifice and a labor of love.

After Mass (at least in parishes with large Italian populations), a big altar ("la tavola di San Giuse" or "St. Joseph's Table") is laden with food contributed by everyone. Different Italian regions celebrate this day differently, but all involve special meatless foods: minestrone, pasta with breadcrumbs (the breadcrumbs symbolize the sawdust that would have covered St. Joseph's carpentry shop), seafood, and, always, fava beans, which are considered "lucky" because during the drought, the fava thrived while other crops failed.

The table -- which is always blessed by a priest -- will be in three tiers, symbolizing the Most Holy Trinity. The top tier will hold a statue of St. Joseph surrounded by flowers and greenery. The other tiers might hold, in addition to the food: flowers (especially lilies); candles; figurines and symbolic breads and pastries shaped like a monstrance, chalices, fishes, doves, baskets, St. Joseph's staff, lilies, the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts, carpentry tools, etc.; 12 fishes symbolizing the 12 Apostles; wine symbolizing the miracle at Cana; pineapple symbolizing hospitality; lemons for "luck"; bread and wine (symbolizing the Last Supper); and pictures of the dead. There will also be a basket in which the faithful place prayer petitions.

The cry "Viva la tavola di San Giuse!" begins the feasting and is heard throughout the day. In some communities, three children dressed as the Holy Family will knock on three doors, asking for shelter. They will be refused at the first two, and welcomed at the third, in memory of the Holy Family's seeking of hospitality just before Christ was born. This re-enactment is called "Tupa Tupa," meaning "Knock Knock."

The day ends with each participant taking home a bag that might be filled with bread, fruit, pastries, cookies, a medal of St. Joseph, a Holy Card and/or a blessed fava bean. Keep your "lucky bean," and let it remind you to pray to St. Joseph. If any food remains, it is distributed to the needy.

Please invite your families and friends, and join us in honoring Saint Joseph by celebrating his feast day on March 19th. "May St. Joseph always smile upon us!"

PLEASE NOTE: Volunteers are needed to bring food on Monday for the reception and to help serve food. Please call Janine Falgoust at 842-3013 for more information.



Christian Giving

Offertory Collection weekend of 03/03/18 & 03/04/18.....\$17,936.00 Building Fund.....\$ 2,181.00



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**SATURDAY, March 10...(4:00)—Gladys & Delma Devillier; Chris Jones & Family (living)**

**SUNDAY, March 11...(7:30)—"Pro Populo" (For the People)**

**(9:30)—Albert "Rabbit" Manuel, Edna, Sidney and J.H. Broussard; James P. Martin; Aimee Romano & Family (living); Dorothy Huval; Joseph & Anna Rita Scalisi; Special Intention.**

**(11:15)—Dorothy "Dot" Gallagher (5:00 P.M., Extraordinary Form)—Marjorie Conner**

**MONDAY, March 12... (12:05)—Tony Pecorino. (5:30 PM, Extraordinary Form)—Joy Gaspard & Family**

**TUESDAY, March 13...(12:05)—Kenny Loane.**

**WEDNESDAY, March 14....(12:05) —Mary Sue Thompson.**

**THURSDAY, March 15...(12:05) —Everett Wild.**

**FRIDAY, March 16...(12:05)—Vivian Langley.**

**SATURDAY, March 17...(4:00)—H.B. White; Ragan Gaspard & Family (living); Blair Tadlock & Family (living). Joseph A. & Louise Bertrand & Gerald Simmons.**

**SUNDAY, March 18...(7:30)—"Pro Populo" (For the People)**

**(9:30)—Patsy Dupré Miller; Mary Sue Thompson; Darren Coillouet; Ogea Family; Harvey Broussard; Lania Vanchiere & Family (living).**

**(11:15)—Angela K. Johnson. (5:00 P.M., Extraordinary Form)—Kari Burke & Family (living).**



**FISH FRY—St. John Bosco Church Hall, 1401 Sampson Street, Westlake—Fridays during Lent. Fried Fish, French Fries, Coleslaw Dessert—\$7.00—10:30—12:30. Call 802-0683 to order; on Fridays, call 439-7634. FESTIVAL PAGEANT—Saturday, March 17th—S.P. Arnett Middle School Gym, 400 Sulphur Avenue, Westlake. 337-884-9417.**



**Saint Louis Catholic High School is looking for a Band Director. Email a cover letter, resume and application to Glen Viau, Principal, at [gviau@slchs.org](mailto:gviau@slchs.org) For more information, call 436-7275.**



The Roman Catholic Diocese of Lake Charles has a position available for a **Diocesan Director of Sacred Music with part-time duties teaching music at St. Louis Catholic High School**. If you are a faithful Roman Catholic who adheres to the teaching of the Church, then we invite you to email a cover letter, resume and application to Glenn Viau, Principal, at [gviau@slchs.org](mailto:gviau@slchs.org), or mail to 1620 Bank Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601. Call 436-7275 for further information.



**CATHEDRAL CLEAN-UP DAY—SATURDAY, MARCH 17TH—9:00-11:00 AM. If you can help, please come ready to work. It is so rewarding to see everything cleaned—ready to worship and give glory to Our Lord. Pizza afterwards in the Ave Maria Hall.**

**NEWMAN LECTURE SERIES—Our Lady of Good Counsel, Tuesday, March 20th—6:00 P.M. "Sexual Ethics and the Sexual State—why the Church was right and the government is wrong"—Dr. Jennifer Morse.**



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**  
**March 12—18, 2018**

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b;  
 Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;  
 Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14,  
 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;  
 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12;  
 Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15;  
 Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33  
 Alternate readings (Year A):  
 Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;  
 Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

**Pray for Our Friends Who Are Ill**



Rosa Adams; Sam Ange, Jr.; Gloria Bennett; Dean Broussard; Kylan Broussard; Stephen Broussard; Waldean Broussard; Jerry Cain; Jim Cain; Emily Carleton; Poddy Champeaux; Denise Collette; Wade Davis; Claudia Dyle; Dee Elter; Lamont Francisco; Ty Griffen; Diane Hagerty; Michelle Hart; Stephanie Hinton; Brenda Hoback; Jessica Hulin; Mary Jeffers; Gary Johnson; Darrel Jones; Janet LaBiche; Cheryl Lecompte; Helen Lecompte; James Leger; John Lavern; Della Lemaire; Marie Lupo; Melanie Lupo; Elizabeth Louviere; Amanda Martin; Barbara McCombs; Julie Moon; Betty Mueller; Ola May Natali; Larry Parker; Sue Parker; Rory Partin; Ben Perry; William P. Richard; Mari Rieth; Bevo Rome; Marian Rome; Cammie Shaddock; Chris Stemmann; Lucas Terracina; Warren Thomas; Monica Thomason; Betty Trahan; Dona White; Gay Young; Martha Young

***If you would like to add or remove a name, please call the church office at 4367251. Please let us know if a person has recovered or is deceased.***

Visit those   
 who are shut-in...  
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**Welcome !!!**

It is our pleasure to welcome  
**Conun Beverly**  
 and  
**Maura Pappion**  
 to our Cathedral  
 Parish Faith Community

**PLEASE NOTE: Subsidy requests for St. Louis Catholic High School must be submitted to the Cathedral before MAY 1, 2018.**