

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA  
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Established 1949

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Deacon Timothy Maragos

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Church Website: [www.fatimalafayette.org](http://www.fatimalafayette.org)

**Office Hours**

Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon  
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Friday – 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

**The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass**

Saturday Anticipated – 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday – 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Monday - 6:15am  
Tuesday - 5:30 pm  
Wednesday - 6:15 am  
Thursday - 5:30 pm  
Friday - 6:15 am  
1st Saturday - 8am (followed by Novena)

**Exposition/Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament  
Chapel of the Little Shepherds (Knight Hall)**

Monday and Wednesday  
following the 6:15 a.m. Mass until 5pm;  
Tuesday and Thursday, 9am to 5 pm;  
Friday, following the 6:15am Mass until 12 Noon

**Our Lady of Fatima School**

Phone (337) 235-2464 Fax (337) 235-1320  
School Advisory Council - 3rd Thursday, 12:00 Noon  
[www.fatimawarriors.com](http://www.fatimawarriors.com)

**Parish Organizations**

Catholic Daughters - 3rd Thursday, 7pm  
Choir - Wednesdays - 6:30pm. to 8pm  
Knights of Columbus - 1st Thursday, 7pm  
Pastoral Council - Quarterly, 6:15 pm  
Senior Fellowship Social - 2nd Tuesday, Lunch/Bingo  
Fatima Mercy Works -monthly outreach to needy

**Come, Lord Jesus! Weekly Bible Study Groups**

Call the Parish Office to join

**Unplanned Pregnancy?**

Call 1-800-256-7222 for free, professional, confidential  
counseling regarding keeping or placing your baby.

**Post Abortion Trauma**

Call Project Rachel (337) 561-5607 for help and healing.



*Lucia dos Santos and Blesseds Francisco and Jacinta Marto, whose pure eyes beheld the Mother of God, intercede for the conversion of our hearts.*

**The Sacrament of Penance:**

Saturdays - 3pm to 3:45pm  
Weekdays - 15 minutes before am Masses  
30 minutes before pm Masses

**The Sacrament of Baptism:**

On the third Sunday of each month, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please contact the parish office before the baby is born for required classes. Sponsors are to be practicing Catholics who attend Sunday Mass every week. Sponsors are to be confirmed.

**The Sacrament of Matrimony:**

Arrangements are to be made with the priest at least six months in advance. To avoid schedule conflicts, all wedding dates held at Our Lady of Fatima must be confirmed with the priest of Fatima, who should be the first contact of the couple. Please pick up a Wedding Guidelines Booklet at the parish office for details of paperwork and preparation requirements.

**Natural Family Planning**

**Living the Church's teaching on Marital Sexuality**

Courses are held regularly in Knight Hall.  
Call the Parish Office for details.

**APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER FOR CANCER PATIENTS**

A statue of St. Peregrine, patron saint of cancer patients, along with his precious relic, is made available to go into the homes of those diagnosed with cancer. Call the parish office to get on the roster.

**THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS**

**26 Sat 4:00pm** Dr. Wesley Ardoin, Colonol Thomas N. and Lena B. Ritchie, Ossie Huval, Nathan, Loretta and Robert Schiller, Frances Brignac, Gordon and Bobby Marshall, Patrick Purpera, Michael & Fred Landry & Family, M/M Stephen Moore, Sr., M/M Frederick Forstall, Avis Moore Rupert, Edwina Hernandez, Ruby Mouton Trahan, Phillip Carmouche, Harlan and E Pearl Hewitt, Dr. Ralph Bourgeois, Gerald (J.J.) Streva Jr., Dianne Thouron Phillips, Andre R. Holloway, In Thanksgiving, Souls in Purgatory, Amanda Judice, Doug Trumps, Inez Boustany Karre', Shirley Dohmann, Philip S. Scotola, **Living:** Jeff Fontenot and Family, Patti Ardoin, Nelson and Jose Villanueva, Jules and Patty Arceneaux

**27 Sun 9:00am** Fatima Parishioners (pro-populo)

**11:00am** The Nugier Family

**5:00pm** Living and Deceased Members of the Carlos and

Leonida Lim Family, Brandon John Terry

**28 Mon 6:15am** Mr. Frem Boustany, Sr.,

**01 Tue 5:30pm** Mr. Mrs. James Reaves Martin

**02 Wed 6:15am** Special Intention

**03 Thu 5:30pm** Sidney, Robert and Keith Huval, Kenneth Lormand

**04 Fri 6:15am** Dr. G. Louis Coussan & Dr. George Philip Coussan

**05 Sat 4:00pm** Dr. Wesley Ardoin Colonol Thomas N. and Lena B. Ritchie, Ossie Huval, Ashley Cormier, Nathan, Loretta and Robert Schiller, Frances Brignac, Gordon and Bobby Marshall, Patrick Purpera, Joyce M. Monju, Michael & Fred Landry & Family, M/M Stephen Moore, Sr., M/M Frederick Forstall, Avis Moore Rupert, Edwina Hernandez, Ruby Mouton Trahan, Phillip Carmouche, Harlan and E Pearl Hewitt, Dr. Ralph Bourgeois, Gerald (J.J.) Streva Jr., Brandon John Terry, In Thanksgiving, Souls in Purgatory, Doug Trumps, Inez Boustany Karre', Shirley Dohmann, Charles Allain, Henry Perret, Charles Allain, Philip S. Scotola, **Living:** Helen Barber, Special Intention, Patti Ardoin, Nelson and Jose Villanueva, Jules and Patty Arceneaux, Jeff Fontenot and Family

**06 Sun 9:00am** Living and Deceased Members of the Carlos and Leonida Lim Family, Walter J. Romero, Jr., Charles and Chris Prejean, Ampraro "Cookie" Piccione, Harold Comeaux,

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**5:00pm** The Nugier Family, Amanda Judice, Special Intention

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**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

Week of January February 13th	\$ 10,888.00
Second Collection	
Building and Maintenance	\$ 2,740.00
Mercy Works	\$ 342.00

**“Fulfilling the Fatima Promise”**

Total Pledged 236 Families	\$ 1,825,637.00
Extended Pledges 51 Families	\$ 72,986.33
Pledged Amount Collected	\$ 1,941,589.76
Un-pledged Amount Collected 377 Families	\$ 256,243.17
Total Cash Collected	\$ 2,197,832.93
Week of February 13th	\$ 635.00

**END OF YEAR TAX LETTER:** If you need a letter from the parish office with your donation amount for the year, please call during office hours, 232.8945, and ask for Annie.

**AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE**

**House on Ronald:** The Church owned house on 106 Ronald Blvd. will be vacant at the end of the month and available for RENT. If anyone is interested, please call the parish office.

**Lenten Retreat with Immaculee Iibagiza:** April 15th and 16th. To register go online NOW: <http://www.immaculee.biz/ImmaculeeRetreat.html>

**Icon Writing (painting) Class:** (Mon through Fri, March 21st through 25th), Cost is \$375 which includes all supplies and instructions. Registration form can be found on the parish web site. Go to the homepage and select 2011 parish events retreats/pilgrimages. Download form and return to office with fee. This is a creative way to observe Lent. Give it some thought! Limited space.

**St. Joseph’s Altar:** Pick up a schedule of activities in the church office or contact thiberna@bellsouth.net to have one emailed to you; or contact Renee Bernard at 303.4262, **Here’s what we need: homemade cakes, cookies and candies. pecans, garlic ropes, and monetary donations.**

**Candles to burn on the Altar can now be purchased** at the office for \$5 each — in memory of loved ones or for a special intention. St. Joseph is a powerful intercessor. Limited supply available.

**Lenten Day of Reflection for Women:** Thursday, March 10th, 9AM to 2PM, St. Edmond Church, Lafayette; Fr. Jerry Mesley, director. Registration must be done by March 3rd, Cost is \$9 per person; check may be mailed to St. Edmond Altar Society, 116 Delmar Lane, Lafayette, 70506. FMI, 232.2849.

**Natural Family Planning Classes:** The three class series will be held on Mondays at 6:30pm in Knight Hall, beginning Monday, March 21st, with additional classes on April 18th and May 16th. FMI, call Randal and Stacey Caffery, 337.453.2594.

**LOOKING AHEAD: Ash Wednesday Mass times, 6:15am, 12:05pm, and 5:30pm.** The weekday Mass times will remain the same during the Lenten season with the exception of Fridays. Friday Mass will immediately follow the 5:30pm Way of the Cross. There will be no morning Mass on Friday.

**PRAYER AND SERENITY: A Catholic Pilgrimage**

Fr. Russo will lead a pilgrimage to Medjugorje and then Italy (Rome (papal audience), with visits to the tombs of Padre Pio (Pietrelcina) and St. Nicholas (Bari), and much more!

September 26th through October 7th — Limited space  
Call NOW for more detailed information,  
to make a deposit and secure your spot!

**INFORMATION MEETING for interested persons is scheduled for THIS Sunday, February 27th, 2pm, in Knight Hall**

## FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR

**Generous Hearts:** I wish to thank you for your overwhelming generosity over the course of the past weeks. The Baby Bottle Campaign raised over \$5,000 for a local Women's Center that has saved numerous unborn babies from being aborted. The parish office resembled a cookie shop a couple of weeks ago with so many cookies; such a generous response to a pulpit appeal to help with prison ministry. And, the canned goods keep pouring in, which will allow us to help several needy families in conjunction with our St. Joseph's Altar celebration. The needed items for this project are listed at the bottom of this page. Consider helping out!

**St. Joseph's Altar:** The Altar will be erected on Saturday, March 19th, in Knight Hall. The day will begin with Holy Mass at 8:30am. (The Eucharistic Prayer will be prayed in Italian.) Festivities will last until 2pm with the traditional spaghetti dinner beginning at 10:30am. The general public is invited. Spread the word. St. Joseph is a powerful intercessor. Plan to honor him on his special Feast Day. If you can help with baking, details are provided in this bulletin.

**Reaching out to the men of the parish:** This year I will conduct a special Novena to St. Joseph. The Novena is for everyone in the parish, but in a special way I extend the invitation to the men. A short homily on the virtues of St. Joseph will be given at each of the Masses, beginning March 10th. The Novena will conclude on March 18th in anticipation of the Feast Day. Additionally, there will be a special Morning of Recollection for all men of the parish on Saturday, March 26th from 9am to 11am. Here's a special invitation for the men of Fatima to make this a part of their Lenten devotion. Genuine male spirituality is so needed in today's confused world. Also, please be reminded of the upcoming Man to Man Conference at the Cajundome Convention Center on Saturday, April 30th. This year's speakers include Fr. Larry Richards and Rudy Ruettiger (of Notre Dame fame.) Go to [mantomance.com](http://mantomance.com) for more information.

**Reliquaries:** I asked for donations and, as is always the case, quickly received them. The new reliquaries, now owned by the Church and placed in the side niches, are in memory of Raymond Simon; in memory of Henry Camille Perret, Sr., in memory of Patricia Aboud Arceneaux, and in honor of Rachel and Alexandra Mayeaux. I know that the Lord will honor our efforts to spread devotion to the Saints.

**Information Meeting for upcoming pilgrimage:** An information meeting for anyone interested in joining me this fall (September 26th through October 7th) to Medjugorje and Rome (including Pietrelcina, Padre Pio; and Assisi, St. Francis), will be held this Sunday in Knight Hall at 2pm. For several reasons I take only a limited number of people (more manageable) so it is important to get on board NOW if you're interested.

**Monday dinners with parishioners:** I continue to enjoy my weekly dinners with parishioners. It's wonderful to witness the dynamics of family life. Whether it be playing with the kids, or having a deep discussion about the Church with older parishioners, every visit is unique and enjoyable. There is one date left open before I break for the summer. I'll plan to make this activity an annual endeavor and will resume it again in the fall. I am a priest, in large part, because of the many priests who frequented my family home when I was a child. Thanks to all who have invited me into their homes. Your hospitality and expressions of affirmation and support have been very humbling.

**Lent is knocking on the door:** Ash Wednesday is just over a week away, March 9th. Three Masses will be scheduled on this day: 6:15am, 12:05pm, and 5:30pm. Now is the time to ponder how you will go deeper this year. The Lenten Come, Lord Jesus! Bible study outreach is one way to do so. **Sign-up tables are made available this weekend.** The outreach to men (as mentioned above), an Icon writing class (see announcement in this bulletin), the retreat with Immaculee (info in this bulletin), are all ways for you to deepen friendship with the Lord...to be more than just a "Sunday Mass Catholic". I'm trying hard to help you all go deeper, knowing, with my own human weakness, that I fall way short from time to time. Please continue to pray for your pastor, and for all priests of the diocese. We depend upon your prayers a great deal.

**The reality of Sainthood:** Finally, this Wednesday, March 3rd, is the Feast of St. Katherine Drexel (1855 -1955). She was a Philadelphia heiress who gave up high society to found a religious order (the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament) particularly dedicated to helping African Americans and Indians. She travelled to our Diocese during her lifetime and spent her fortune establishing schools that are still running to this day. Included in this great achievement is Xavier University in New Orleans. Her life left its mark on the people of South Louisiana. How privileged we are to reap the fruit of her work, and how proud we should be of this outstanding American citizen now listed in the sublime litany of the saints. Consider attending Mass on Wednesday to give honor and glory to God for this remarkable woman's life, and to invoke her intercession. Priests of the Diocese will be at Fatima for their monthly holy hour on this day, 6pm to 7pm. All are invited to join us for Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, including the recitation of Sacred Vespers.

## PREPARING FOOD BASKETS FOR THE NEEDY

In conjunction with the Feast of St. Joseph, which is a day traditionally dedicated to feeding the poor, **Fatima Mercy Works will be collecting food items for baskets** to be distributed to the needy. **This is what we need for the baskets:** Beans/Baked Beans, Green Peas/Green Beans, Corn, Sweet Potato (canned), Rice, Mashed Potatoes in box, Noodles, Jell-O, Corn Bread Mix, Pancake Mix, Peanut Butter, Coffee, Roll of Paper Towels. These items can be brought to Church NOW and placed in the box at the St. Joseph's Altar. Please consider doing your part to help. Call Kellie Brewer, 280.5919, if you need more information.

## COME, LORD JESUS! WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

*Give the leader (listed below) a call to join!*

**Leader:** Anne Pesacreta **Co-Leader:** Claude Guillory  
**Day & Time:** Saturday @ 7 :30a.m.  
**Location:** Knight Hall  
**Phone:** (337) 235-4019 or 337 257-5872  
**Email:** apesacreta@hotmail.com **Email:** clguillory@lgmc.com

**Leader:** Warren Stelly **Co-Leader:** Marlene Stelly  
**Day & Time:** Wednesday @ 10:00 a.m.  
**Location:** 210 Creedwood Drive, Lafayette 70503  
**Phone:** (337)989-1611 **Email:** cwstelly@cox.net

**Leader:** Douglas Touchet **Co-Leader:** Debbie Moore  
**Day & Time:** Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.  
**Location:** 225 Adrienne St., Lafayette 70506  
226 Gabriel, Lafayette 70506  
**Phone:** (337)235-1618 or (337) 266-5331  
**Email:** jtouchet@bellsouth.net or lion.king3drm@gmail.com  
\*Meetings will alternate monthly between locations

**Leader:** Deacon Tim Maragos **Co-Leader:** Madelyn Maragos  
**Day & Time:** Thursday @ 6:15 p.m.  
**Location:** 112 Clark Ct., Lafayette 70503  
**Phone:** (337)235-1521 **Email:** [timothy.maragos@lusfiber.net](mailto:timothy.maragos@lusfiber.net)

**Leader:** George McRae **Co-Leader:** Ian Taylor  
**Day & Time:** Thursday @6:30pm  
**Location:** Knight Hall **Phone:** (337) 356-2138  
**Email:** george.mcrae@lusfibre.net

**Leader:** Jason Crochet **Co-Leader:** Mary Ann Bienvenu  
**Day & Time:** Thursday @ 6:15p.m.  
**Location:** 206 Beverly Dr. Lafayette, LA 70503  
**Phone (337) 278-5519 Phone:** (337) 237-4367

**Leader:** Adele Connolly **Day & Time:** Friday @1:30pm  
**Location:** Knight Hall **Phone:** 984-4530  
**Email:** conirish@bellsouth.net

**Leader:** Mary Porubsky **Co-Leader:** Sallee New  
**Day & Time:** Monday @ 12:00 p.m. **Location:** Knight Hall  
**Phone:**988-6349 **Email:** [m.e.porubsky@gmail.com](mailto:m.e.porubsky@gmail.com)

**Area Coordinator:** Kathy Purpera  
**Email:** kpurpera@bellsouth.net **Phone:** (337) 988-3386  
[www.comelordjesus.com](http://www.comelordjesus.com)

### DAY TIME ADORATION CHAPEL OF THE LITTLE SHEPHERDS

If interested on Monday, call Elaine Martin, 234-6752  
If interested on Tuesday, call Adele Comeaux, 232-0101  
If interested on Wednesday, call Dotsie Butcher, 234-6678  
If interested on Thursday, call Helen Escott, 988-0532  
If interested on Friday, call Bubbles Stelly, 233-8660

These hours have only one adorer: Mon 12 to 1pm, 1pm to 2pm, 2pm to 3pm; Tues 9am to 10am, 11am to 12pm, 1pm to 2pm; 2pm-3pm, Wed 10am to 11am, Thurs 1pm to 2pm, 2pm to 3pm. **Can you commit?**