OUR LADY OF FATIMA
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Established 1949
Rev. Fr. Michael Russo, Pastor
Deacon Timothy Maragos
Deacon Ed Boustany

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Church Website: www.fatimalafayette.org

Office Hours
Monday – Thursday, 8:00 am to 12:00 Noon
1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Friday – 8:00 am to 12:00 Noon

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
Saturday Anticipated – 4:00 pm
Sunday – 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 5:00 pm
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 am Mass until 5pm;
Tuesday and Thursday, 9am to 5 pm;
Friday, following the 6:15am Mass until 12 Noon;
First Friday/Saturday Vigil, 6pm through 8am

Our Lady of Fatima School
Phone (337) 235-2464 Fax (337) 235-1320
School Advisory Council - 3rd Thursday, 12:00 Noon
www.fatimawarriors.com

Parish Organizations
Catholic Daughters - 3rd Thursday, 7pm
Choir - Wednesdays - 6:15pm. to 8pm
Knights of Columbus - 1st Thursday, 7pm
Pastoral Council - Quarterly, 6:15 pm
Sts. Joachim and Anne Society - 2nd Tues, Rosary/Social
Fatima Mercy Works -monthly outreach to needy

RECLAIM Sexual Health Catholic Recovery Program
www.reclaimsexualhealth.com (online help 24/7)

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 Blessed 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 Catho-
lics 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

19 Sat  4:00pm Anticipated: Michael & Fred Landry & Family, Mary Catherine Bovier, Ashley Cormier, Alberta Gossen, Tyler Viator, Gerald "JJ" Streva, Harold Comeaux, Nathan, Loretta, & Robert Schiller, Living & Deceased Members of the Patin & Trahan Families, Living: Nicole Crochet, Gordon Don Soileau, Willard Barron, Living and Deceased Members of the Catholic Daughters of America, Edwina Smith Hernandez, Dr. Ralph Bourgeois

20 Sun  9:00am Fatima Parishioners (pro-populo)
      11:00am Amanda Claire Judice, Special Intention, Living & Deceased Members of the Kallam, Langlinais, Judice & Hamilton Families
      5:00pm Colonel Thomas N. & Lena B. Ritchie, Brandon J. Terry, Living: Dave Hamilton, Living & Deceased Members of Carlos & Leonida Lim Family, The Nugier Family

21 Mon  6:15am Eugene Stegall

22 Tue  5:30pm Living & Deceased Members of Butcher & Smith Families

23 Wed  6:15am Dr. Mario Lopez

24 Thu  5:30pm Emlor Montz, Sr.

25 Fri  6:15am Mary Beach Glaeser


27 Sun  9:00am Colonel Thomas N. & Lena B. Ritchie, Brandon J. Terry, Living: Gayle Dauterive, Living & Deceased Members of Carlos & Leonida Lim Family, The Nugier Family
      11:00am Fatima Parishioners (pro-populo)
      5:00pm Henry C. Perret, Sr.

AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

ANNUAL BABY BOTTLE DRIVE THIS WEEKEND: This annual drive, near the anniversary date of Roe vs Wade, helps a local Women's Center prevent abortions. Bottles are due back in Church by NEXT WEEKEND.

OFFERTORY DONATION REPORTS: Anyone needing their offering total for 2012 tax purposes can contact the Parish Office, Annie Governale; 232.8945.

FAITH OF OUR FATHERS SERIES, Session II, will be held January 22nd, 23rd, and 24th, 6:30pm to 8pm. Sacred Heart Church, Broussard, with speakers — Fr. Keith LeBove (Jan 22nd), Fr. Michael Delcambre (Jan 23rd), and Fr. Louis Richard (Jan 24th).

DAY OF RECOLLECTION: Thursday, Feb 14th, St. Edmond Church; 8:30am (includes 12:10pm Mass); Fr. Chester Arceneaux, speaker. A baked chicken lunch will be served after Mass. Tickets can be obtained by calling the Church Office or by contacting RaNelle Simon, 232.2849.

COME, LORD JESUS CONFERENCE: March 8th/9th, Holiday Inn-Lafayette; Dr. Brant Pitre, Catholic Author, Speaker and Theologian. Must register by February 20th. Call the Parish Office for more information and a Conference Registration Form.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Monday, March 11th and Wednesday, March 13th in Church, 6:30pm — Dan Jurek, family therapist will offer two talks on marriage and parenting. This is an opportunity to take advantage of free, solid advice on how to become a happier and healthier spouse and parent. Save the date; more information to follow.

Man to Man Conference: Saturday, March 16th. FMI, visit ManToMan.com. Register NOW!

St. Joseph’s Altar: March 19th; preliminary meetings soon.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING
“Giving is not really giving until it hurts.”
Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Week of January 13th $ 17,711.00
Mercy Works $ 413.00

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Abortion: No other word is as likely to divide the American populace. Abortion advocates promote a woman’s right to be child-free and her right to privacy. Those who call themselves “pro-choice” insist upon the right to an abortion for those women who bear children as a result of rape or incest, never considering that those children are worthy of the life which has already begun in them. Pre-born babies who are predicted to be deformed or “defective” are elected for termination even before medical science, which can so thoroughly explore them before birth, is given a chance to help them after they enter the world. “Strange contradictions,” notes one observer, “come forth in such times. On the one hand, we look to science and technology to solve our problems, but on the other, we place so little faith in their advance that we revert to the crudest and most archaic of all solutions — death — to solve problems.”

The Arguments: Pro-choice advocates maintain that abortion rights are absolutely necessary to prevent family tragedy. What if a woman becomes pregnant by rape? Must she bear the child of the rapist no matter what the cost to her physical and mental health? What about a young girl who bears the baby of her father? Must a victim of incest carry that baby to full term? What if pre-natal diagnosis discovers that the fetus is genetically abnormal or tragically deformed?

The Facts: Abortions in the United States for rape, incest, to protect the life of the mother, or to void a defective fetus comprise less than five percent of all abortions. Over one million babies each year are killed simply for the sake of convenience. Rape practically never results in pregnancy. Studies in Pennsylvania and Minnesota concerning rape show that as many as five thousand rapes have occurred successively without a single pregnancy. Other studies show an incidence of zero-2.2% of the victims involved. Even if pregnancy does result, an abortion does not remove the guilt or the trauma from the victim. Abortion is the same kind of violence as was the rape. One renowned surgeon remarked that in thirty-six years of pediatric surgery he has never known of one instance where the child had to be aborted to save the mother’s life.

We must not be silent when so many innocent lives are taken through abortion. We must actively fight against legislation which cheapens any aspect of human life. First and most importantly, when we hear the distorted language which could easily lull us into false security and false values, we must not believe it.

“Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.”

During your earthly life this spiritually adopted child of yours will be known only to God, but in the world to come it is hoped that you will meet the souls your prayers saved and spend eternal happiness with them.
YEAR OF FAITH
October 11, 2012 through November 24, 2013

In commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council and the 20th anniversary of the publication of the Universal Catechism

Here at Fatima we are encouraging the following as a way to observe this special year of grace:

Be more than just a “Sunday Mass Catholic”. Consider choosing one other day during the week to give praise to the Eucharistic Lord by attendance at Mass.

Fasting with the Pastor each Friday, from 6am to 6pm on bread and liquids. Fasting is one of the three major acts of Religion, along with Prayer and Almsgiving, and is repeatedly called for by Our Lady in all of her apparitions from Heaven for conversion of wayward loved ones.

Attend the once a month Catechism Series, 6:30pm to 8:30pm, Knight Hall/Church; dates below:
Sept 20th: Revelation of God become Man (part 1)
October 18th: Revelation of God become Man (part 2)
November 15th: The Last Things
December 13th: Mary the Mother of God
Jan 14th—Note date change: The teachings of Jesus (part 1)
February 21st: The Teachings of Jesus (part 2)
March 21st: The Mystical Union of Christ and the Church
April 18th: The Communion of Saints
May 16th: Prayer and the Life of the Spirit
June 13th: The Eucharist
September 2013: The Mystery of God
October 2013: Peter and Paul, Missionaries

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY—“Come, Lord Jesus!”
Give the leaders (listed below) a call to join!

On Tuesdays 6:30pm: George McRae, 356.2138
On Wednesdays 6:30pm: Dan Fournerat, 278.3725 (MEN)
7pm: Doug Touchet, 235.1618; 266.5331
10am: Warren Stelly, 989.1611
On Thursdays 6:15pm: Jason Crochet, 278.5519
6:15pm: Deacon Tim Maragos, 235.1521
On Fridays 1:30pm: Adele Connolly, 984.4530
On Saturdays 7:30am: Anne Pesacreta, 235.4019; 257.5872
Area Coordinator: Kathy Purpera, 988.3386

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
If interested on First Friday/First Saturday Night Vigil, call Douglas Touchet, 235-1618