

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Established 1949

Rev. Fr. Michael Russo, Pastor
Deacon Timothy Maragos

2319 Johnston Street Lafayette, LA 70503
Parish Office (337) 232-8945
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Church Website: 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

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 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 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

21 Sat 4:00pm Colonol Thomas N. and Lena B. Ritchie, Ossie Huval, Nathan, Loretta and Robert Schiller, Gordon and Bobby Marshall, Patrick Purpera, Michael & Fred Landry & Family, Edwina Hernandez, Ruby Mouton Trahan, Phillip Carmouche, Harlan and E Pearl Hewitt, Dr. Ralph Bourgeois, Brandon John Terry, In Thanksgiving, Living and Deceased Members of court Our Lady of The Rosary 1613 Catholic Daughters of America, Philip S. Scotola, Inez Boustany Karre', Henry Perret, Dorothy Dazet, Living and Deceased members of Thibodeaux and Neef Families, Alberta Gossen, Jeff Baumrucker, Charles, Chris and Curtis Prejean, Special Intention - Jeff Fontenot Family, Harold, Julie and Charles J. Roy, Sr., Althea, Theresa, Curley, Arthur and Louis Andre, Special Intention

22 Sun 9:00am Fatima Parishioners (pro-populo)
11:00am Living and Deceased Members of the Carlos and Leonida Lim Family

5:00pm The Nugier Family, Ampraro "Cookie" Piccione, Hortense Rosenstein, Carmen Girourd, Wanda Roberts, Roland Pellerin

23 Mon 6:15am Leonida Lim

24 Tue 5:30pm Mr. Mrs. James Reaves Martin

25 Wed 6:15am Jeff Baumrucker

26 Thu 5:30pm Lenny Brasseaux

27 Fri 6:15am Pete and Belle Boutin

28 Sat 4:00pm Anticipated: Joseph Charles Russo, Jr., Joseph C. Russo, Sr. and Margaret, Frank Russo, Sr. Lydia Lipari, Colonol Thomas N. and Lena B. Ritchie, Mr. Frem Boustany, Sr., Ossie Huval, Nathan, Loretta and Robert Schiller, Gordon and Bobby Marshall, Patrick Purpera, Living and Deceased Members of the Butcher/Smith Families, Michael & Fred Landry & Family, Edwina Hernandez, Ruby Mouton Trahan, Phillip Carmouche, Harlan and E Pearl Hewitt, Dr. Ralph Bourgeois, Brandon John Terry, In Thanksgiving, Philip S. Scotola, Inez Boustany Karre', Dorothy Dazet, Alberta Gossen, Jeff Baumrucker, Charles, Chris and Curtis Prejean, Special Intention - Jeff Fontenot Family, Special Intention, David Ritter, Living: Anthony and Cynthia Benfatti

29 Sun 9:00am Living and Deceased Members of the Carlos and Leonida Lim Family, Amanda Judice, Special Intention, Harold Comeaux, Henry Perret, Hortense Rosenstein, John J. Poirot, Roland Pellerin, Tamara Judice and Family, Lola Champagne and Family, Patrick Connolly, Jeanne Nooijen, Living: Brian Derise and Family, Living: Debbie Peron and Family, Living: Marlene Swan and Family,

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AROUND THE PARISH AND DIOCESE

FR RUSSO celebrates his **22nd anniversary of ordination** next Saturday, May 28th, and of his First Mass next Sunday, May 29th. Let us remember our pastor in prayer and thank God for his priestly vocation.

NEW SERVERS OF ST. GEORGE: Congratulations to Adam Pesecreta, Teche Melancon, Christopher LaGrange, Peter Kishbaugh, Max Perret, Patrick Stegall, Reese Walker, John McElligott, James McElligott, Jay Guedry and Andrew Stoma.

LOOKING AHEAD: Fatima's Summer Day Camp, June 20th through 23rd; **Theme: The joyful mysteries of the Rosary.** Register online at our website for those going into K through those going into 5th grade. Older student and adult volunteers needed. Interested volunteers are to call the Parish Office to speak to Jennifer Nunez, 232.8945.

NEW MENS' COME LORD JESUS BIBLE STUDY GROUP meets on Wednesdays at 6:15pm at 110 Claremont Circle. Any interested man is welcomed to join this weekly Bible study group. Call Dan Fournerat, 278.3725.

COME, LORD JESUS ANNIVERSARY MASS: Celebrating 3 years of weekly Bible study at Fatima, Wednesday, May 25th at 5pm; covered dish follows in Knight Hall. All CLJ members are encouraged to attend; bring a guest who may be interested in joining your group.

BSA UPDATE: The April report just in from the Diocese has Fatima at \$76,782.80; an increase of over \$20,000 from last year's report. Persevere!

ADORATION CHAPEL: These hours have only one adorer, and we would like to have at least two adorers for each hour: Mondays 1pm to 2pm, 2pm to 3pm; Tuesdays 9am to 10am, 11am to 12pm, 1pm to 2pm, 2pm to 3pm; Wednesdays 10 to 11am, 1pm to 2pm; Thursdays 1pm to 2pm, 2pm to 3pm. Please contact the Parish Office if you can commit to any of these times.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Week of May 8th	\$	15,112.00
Second Collection:		
Fatima Promise	\$	3,309.00
Mercy Works	\$	40.00

"Fulfilling the Fatima Promise"

Total Pledged 236 Families	\$	1,825,637.00
Extended Pledges 51 Families	\$	72,986.33
Pledged Amount Collected	\$	1,957,742.09
Un-pledged Amount Collected 377 Families	\$	265,577.17
Total Cash Collected	\$	2,223,319.26
For the week of May 15th	\$	1,961.11

THE WAY WE DRESS FOR MASS

Why no shorts? Because it doesn't fit! Do you go to the beach wearing a tuxedo or an evening gown? We dress for the occasion in which we find ourselves. Does God look at what we wear? Well, He looks at what we believe...and if we don't act the way we believe, we start to believe the way we act. It is not enough just to "show up" for Mass. We are called to show up with proper understanding, and understanding the wonder of the action of the Mass, we're going to dress with a bit more care and respect. Thanks for supporting our efforts to teach a return to reverence.

PRIEST OFFENSIVE *by Archbishop Timothy Dolan of New York City.*

It was only the third time it had happened to me in my nearly 35 happy years as a priest. Other priests tell me it has happened to them a lot more. Three is enough. Each time has left me so shaken I was near nausea.

I had just arrived at the Denver airport, and was waiting with the others for the electronic train to take me to the terminal, when a man, maybe in his mid-40's, waiting as well, came closer to me.

"Are you a Catholic priest?" he kindly asked.

"Sure am. Nice to meet you," says I, as I offered my hand.

He ignored it. "I was raised a Catholic," he replied, almost always a hint of a cut to come, but I was not prepared for the razor sharpness of the stiletto, as he went on, "and now, as a father of two boys, I can't look at you or any other priest without thinking of a sexual abuser."

What to respond? Yell at him? Cuss him out? Apologize? Deck him? Express understanding? I must admit all such reactions came to mind as I staggered with shame and anger from the damage of the wound he had inflicted with those stinging words.

"Well," I recovered enough to remark, "I'm sure sorry you feel that way. But, let me ask you, do you automatically presume a sexual abuser when you see a rabbi or Protestant minister?"

"Not at all," he came back through gritted teeth as we both boarded the train.

"How about when you see a coach, or a Boy Scout leader, or a foster parent, or a counselor, or physician?" I continued.

"Of course not!" he came back. "What's all that go to do with it?"

"A lot," I stayed with him, "because each of those professions have as high a percentage of sexual abuse, if not even higher, than that of priests."

"Well, that may be," he retorted. "But the Church is the only group that knew it was going on, did nothing about it, and kept transferring the perverts around."

"You obviously never heard the stats on public school teachers," I observed. "In my home town of New York City alone, experts say the rate of sexual abuse among public school teachers is 10 times higher than that of priests, and these abusers just get transferred around." (Had I known at that time the news in a recent edition of a Sunday New York Times about the high rate of abuse of the most helpless in state-supervised homes, with reported abusers simply transferred to another home, I would have mentioned that, too.)

To that he said nothing, so I went in for a further charge.

"Pardon me for being so blunt, but you sure were with me, so let me ask: When you look at yourself in a mirror do you see a sex abuser?"

Now he was as taken aback as I had been two minutes before. "What the hell are you talking about?"

"Sadly," I answered, "studies tell us that most children sexually abused are victims of their own fathers or other family members."

Enough of the debate, I concluded, as I saw him dazed. So I tried to calm it down.

"So, I tell you what: when I look at you, I won't see a sex abuser, and I would appreciate the same consideration from you."

The train had arrived at baggage claim, and we both exited together. We talked some more, particularly about why priests seem singled out, and parted with a handshake. Notwithstanding the happy ending, I was still trembling...and almost felt like I needed an exorcism to expel my shattered soul, as I had to confront again the horror this whole mess has been to victims and their families, our Catholic people like the man I had just met...and to us priests.

Source: Our Sunday Visitor

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: Dan Fournerat (**MENS' GROUP**)
Day & Time: Wednesday @ 6:15pm
Location: 110 Claremont Circle
Phone: (337) 278.3725 **Email:** fournerat@petroquest.com

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

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

Area Coordinator: Kathy Purpera
Email: kpurpera@bellsouth.net **Phone:** (337) 988-3386
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
If interested on First Friday/First Saturday Night Vigil, call Douglas Touchet, 235-1618

Can you commit?