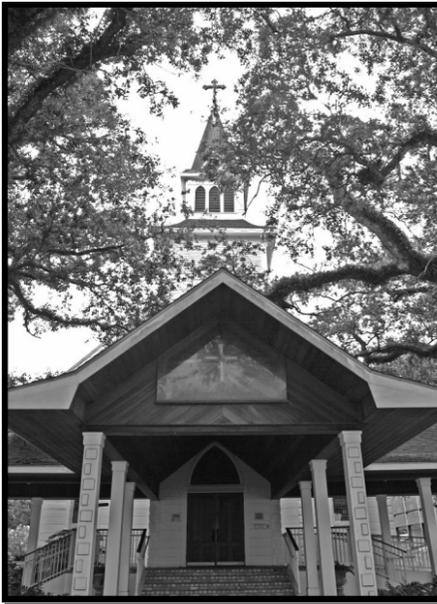


St. Joseph Bulletin

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Pope calls entire Church to pray and fast after clerical sex abuse revelations

By Hannah Brockhaus

Pope Francis called Monday for every member of the Catholic Church to pray and fast in penance for the evil of clerical sex abuse, and to be involved in needed change within the Church.



"The only way that we have to respond to this evil that has darkened so many lives is to experience it as a task regarding all of us as the People of God," Francis wrote Aug. 20.

In a letter to the entire Church following widespread revelations of clerical sex abuse in the Church in the United States, the pope invited "the entire holy faithful People of God to a penitential exercise of prayer and fasting, following the Lord's command."

"This can awaken our conscience and arouse our solidarity and commitment to a culture of care that says 'never again' to every form of abuse," he said. "Every one of the baptized should feel involved in the ecclesial and social change that we so greatly need."

In the letter, Francis acknowledged the recent publication of a report detailing abuse in six Pennsylvania dioceses, which included more than 300 priests and 1,000 victims, over a period of around 70 years.

Recognizing the deep pain and suffering endured by many minors who have experienced sexual abuse, or the abuse of power or conscience, at the hands of clerics, he said no effort to seek pardon or to repair the harm will ever be enough.

"Looking ahead to the future, no effort must be spared to create a culture able to prevent such situations from happening, but also to prevent the possibility of their being covered up and perpetuated," he stated.

He said the words of St. Paul, that "If one member suffers, all suffer together with it" ... forcefully echo in his heart.

The pope also emphasized that he thinks a conversion of the Church is "impossible" if it does not include the "active participation" of all the members of the Church, and he criticized the silencing or ignoring of some Catholics through the creation of elitist groups or projects.

In particular, all forms of clericalism should be rejected, he said, because clericalism undervalues baptismal grace and can lead to abuses by Church authority. Clericalism causes "an excision in the ecclesial body that supports and helps to perpetuate many of the evils that we are condemning today."

Voicing strong support for all the victims of clerical sex abuse and for their families, he said though most of the cases recently come to light, "belong to the past," as time goes on the pain of the victims has come to be more known.

He said the gravity and extent to which clerical sexual abuse of minors and other abuse has happened takes "coming to grips... in a comprehensive and communal way," and while conversion requires acknowledgment of the truth, it is "not enough."

"This change calls for a personal and communal conversion that makes us see things as the Lord does... to be where the Lord wants us to be, to experience a conversion of heart in his presence. To do so, prayer and penance will help," he stated.

The penitential aspect of fasting will help Catholics to come before the Lord "as sinners imploring forgiveness and the grace of shame and conversion," so that actions "attuned to the Gospel" can follow, he explained.

He prayed that fasting and prayer will open people's ears to the pain of children, young people, and the disabled, that it will make Catholics "hunger and thirst for justice," and impel the Church "to walk in the truth, supporting all the judicial measures that may be necessary."

"It is essential that we, as a Church, be able to acknowledge and condemn, with sorrow and shame, the atrocities perpetrated by consecrated persons, clerics, and all those entrusted with the mission of watching over and caring for those most vulnerable," he continued.

"Let us beg forgiveness for our own sins and the sins of others," he said. "An awareness of sin helps us to acknowledge the errors, the crimes and the wounds caused in the past and allows us, in the present, to be more open and committed along a journey of renewed conversion."

Novena For the Legal Protection of Human Life

August 3– September 28

Each Friday

Pray: *May a change in the U.S. Supreme Court move our nation closer to the day when every human being being is protected in law & welcomed in life.*

Fast: *Offer a sacrifice for the intention*
Learn: (Aug.31) Roe is bad Constitutional law

www.usccb.org/pray!

Celebration of Holy Mass

Summer Weekends :
Saturday 4:30pm
Sunday 9am & 5:00pm

Weekdays:

Mon. Wed. & Fri. 6:30am
Tues. Nursing Home 9:30am,
Thurs. 12:10pm

Reconciliation

20 minutes before Masses begin or anytime by appointment.

Rectory Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9am - 3pm
Friday 9am - Noon

New Parishioners

We welcome you with great joy and invite you to register and worship with us regularly.

Forms are available in the rectory.

SACRAMENT INFORMATION

Baptism - Instructions are offered for both parents and godparents during the months of February, May, August, and November. Plan accordingly when expecting a child or choosing godparents and call 395-3881 to register for the class or to schedule a baptism.

Confirmation - Young people are prepared for Confirmation through the Confirmation Program. Adults are prepared for Confirmation through the R.C.I.A.

Matrimony - Diocesan Policy requires that a couple make arrangements with the pastor at least 6 months prior to desired date.

Sacrament of The Sick - Call the rectory to make arrangements for Communion and Anointing.

Rite of Christian Burial - Arrangements to be made with a priest by the family.

Sacrament of Holy Orders or calling to religious life - please contact the priest in order to discern God's will.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) - This process is structured to provide information for the formation of those who are seeking a fuller life as Christians in the Catholic Tradition. For information, please call the Office of Religious Education.

Religious Education For Children Call the Office of Religious Education for information about registering your child.

Knights of Columbus - Meet the second Thurs. of the month at 7pm.

Come Lord Jesus Groups - Seeking to become closer to God, learning more about scripture and being spiritually prepared for Sunday liturgy....consider joining a CLJ Group Call Marguerite Sumrall 395-5304 for more information.

Parish Directory

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Diocese of Lafayette

www.diola.org

Bl. Mother Teresa

"We cannot underestimate the power of prayer and the difference it will make in our world."

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, AUG. 27

6:30am: Fr. Vu,

TUESDAY, AUG. 28

9:30am: Nursing Home— Eula Guridy

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 29

6:30AM:

THURSDAY, AUG. 30

12:10: Audrey Landry,

FRIDAY, AUG. 31

6:30 AM: Special Intentions,

SATURDAY, SEPT. 1

4:30PM: M/M J.P. Lipari, Cheryl Williams, Ernest Coleman, Dwight Coleman, Marie & Anthony Morella, JP Morella, Ralph Segura,

SUNDAY, SEPT. 2

9:00am: Lennie Guzzino, Ray Jude Vidos Sr., For the People of our Parish, John DiMatteo, Adeline Carlino, Carey Mac Staples, Greg Pinho, Donald Jumonville, George Studdard, Audrey Landry, M/M Jake P. Lipari, Guderian & Barcenas fly
5:00pm: James Blocker Jr., Beth Verret, Katherine Cardinale, Ross Grimball, Holy Souls, Judy Clark, Danell Kimble

Sanctuary Light

Note: If a name is not printed above, due to human error, be assured that God has accepted your intention in heaven. Canon Law 94

Office of Religious Education & Formation

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RCIA....Journey of Faith

Is RCIA for you?

- Are you unbaptized? Would you like to be baptized in the Catholic Faith?
 - Are you baptized in another Christian faith and want to explore entry into the Catholic Faith?
 - Are you married to a Catholic and want to learn more about your spouse's faith?
 - Are you a baptized Catholic, but never celebrated the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation?
- If you can say yes to any of these questions and want more information, please call the Education Office.

ANNULMENT PROCESS WORKSHOP

October 16, 2018, the Judicial Vicar for the Diocese of Lafayette, Msgr. Robie Robichaux, will be presenting workshops on **Declaration of Nullity** and what is needed to begin the process. Two workshop times are offered: 10:00 am – noon, or 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm, at the Diocesan offices, Immaculata Center, 1408 Carmel Drive, Lafayette, LA. All are invited to attend. Prior to attending one of the sessions, please register by calling 261-5623, or via email to caraan@diolaf.org. There is *no charge* for this workshop.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Father's Adult Discussion Group Monday, 6:30pm @ the parish hall.

First Saturday Rosary:

The Holy Rosary will be prayed before the Vigil Mass in church beginning at 4:00 P.M. the first Saturday of each month. Please join us.

Want to convert hearts?...come and pray the rosary at 8:30 A.M. every Monday morning in church.

Catholic Daughters will meet the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 P.M. in the parish hall. If you are interested in joining please call the rectory.

Family Fun Day Festival Meeting:

Thursday, Sept. 20, 2018 @ 6:00 P.M. @ parish hall. If you have any questions or cannot attend the meeting but would still like to share ideas or help out, please contact Donette Freeman at (504)-390-7015.

Family Fun Day– October 27, Saturday
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

HOMEBOUND

If you know of anyone needing someone to bring Holy Communion to their home, please call the office 395-3616.

Sick Relatives & Friends

Please pray for the sick of our parish & their caregivers:

Stella Saleme, Jason Hernandez, Herman LaJaunie, Archer Rogers, Ruth Bourgeois, Amanda Boggs, Ahney Chauvin, Peggy Grimball, Drue Langlinais, Linda Adams, Nicole Hingle, Wilda Cali, Angelle Hebert, Aba Grace Lang, Sally Rogers, Ian Davis, Daniel Broussard, Robert, Susan, Karter Esprit, Evita Boutte, Cameron Boutte, Trinity Simons, Madeline Venable, Annie Russo, Tuwana Ray, Bobby Johnson, Cindy Guidry, Billy Garcia, Kristi Liner, Iris Roy, Celeste Jumonville, Owen Hebert, Jackie & B.L. Como, Sherry Hughes, Anna George, Frank Guarisco, Mary Bellard, Bruce LaHoste, John Rousso, Brinda Beam, Curtis Gautreaux, Chase Broussard, Suzanne Lipari, Billy Picou, Debra Roy, John Michell, Quinn Toups, Leona Cloud, Aiaire Glaviano, Cliff Couture, Kylie Cayce, Shane Cayce, Benny Perry, Louie Need, David Hartford, Jerry Barrilleaux, Steve Ledet, Barbara LaCoste, Edna Porche, Robbie & Casie Toups, Frank Black, Bertha Wiggins, Morgan Murphy, Helen Brandon, David Bourdier, John Menard, Lee Michel, Allen Rink, Brenda Cutrera, Floyd Estay, Gulley Taylor, Anne Broussard, Wilson Bailey, Sam & KK McGill, Pat Cullotta, Howard Smith, Randy Girior, Cursey Gordon, Herbert Estay, Antoinette LeBlanc, Ricky Gunther, Scott Rhodes, Josie Moncada, Tory & Deanne Pope, Rose Johnson, Mathilde & Theonis Harrington, Travis Young, Tanya Clamon Priseilla Scully, Edd Thornton, Susie Drash Gafford, Scott Governale, Joseph Governale, Kevin Tabor, Donna Toler, Phyllis Cook, Judy Roy, David Williamson, Marvin Ledet, Jr., Magan Simmons, Micheal Gautreaux

Please call the rectory to add or delete a name on the list.

ST. JOSEPH FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry is in need of these items: , dry beans, canned milk, canned meat, rice, mac & cheese, spaghetti sauce, crackers, cereal, grits, oatmeal, bathroom tissue, peanut butter, jelly and snacks for kids.

Our Pantry is Bare!!

Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated.

“Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink...”

Matthew 25:34

I'm not Catholic because of priests.
I'm not Catholic because of bishops.
I'm not Catholic because of the pope.
I am Catholic because of God's love.
I am Catholic because of Jesus.
I am Catholic because of the Eucharist.
I am Catholic because I believe God's Word.

St. Joseph is now accepting Bulletin ads. You may purchase an Ad for your business or in memory of someone. Ads are \$20.00 a month or \$240.00 a yr. If you would like to place an Ad in the Bulletin please call the rectory 395-3616.

<p><i>Mausoleum Crypts</i> Are still available here at St. Joseph. If interested please call the rectory. 395-3616</p>		<p>Frank's Agency, Inc. Complete insurance Services 985-395-9351 frankg@bellsouth.net</p>		<p>Bulletin Ad's Available — call the office 395-3616</p>
	<p>MORGAN CITY SUPPLY of Louisiana  985/384-3650 6911 Hwy 182 E Morgan City, LA</p>			<p>TOWN & COUNTRY FLORIST & GIFTS, Owner: Glynda Lasseigne 3515 Hwy 182, Berwick 985/385-6929 www.tandcflo.com</p>
		<p>RE-FURB-IT Specializing in fiberglass life raft repair Ray Vidos Owner (985) 312-2053</p>	<p>JEFF PRESIDENT CARDINALE  CARDINAL LUMBER & SUPPLY, INC. 985-395-9580 800 HWY. 90 WEST PATTERSON, LA</p>	

Stewardship Area

“Give to the Most High as He has given to you, for the Lord is one who always repays, and He will give back to you sevenfold.” Sirach 35:10

Last Weekend \$3897.00

<p>Sept. 1 & 2 Sat. 4:30pm Sun. 9:00am Sun. 5:00pm</p>	<p>Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Leona Armato, Joy Guarisco, Jamie Guidry Monica LaSalle, Lola Rivera, Gloria Roy Keith & Michelle Grimball, Henry Leray</p>	<p>Lectors: Brightman Kornegay Shannon Freeman Bridgette Taylor</p>	<p>Altar Servers: Kaylee Craddock, Bali Blakeman Landon Lipari, Alex Haven, Parker Brocato Luke Vaccarella, Jude Guarisco</p>
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