

“Centered on Christ, Ablaze with Love!”

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 7, 2019
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Established in 1921



St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule

Monday – Friday 9:00 am & 6:00 pm (Lent)
Saturday (Vigil) 4:00 pm
Sunday 7:00 am
9:00 am *(Childcare Available)
11:00 am *(Childcare Available)
5:30 pm

* Childcare/Nursery is located in the Melancon Center.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday 8:30 am
Wednesday 8:30 am and 5:30 pm
Friday 8:30 am
Saturday 3:00 pm
Or By Appointment

Devotions

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel)
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena (Tues 9:30 am in Church)
Rosary (Mon – Fri 8:15 am in Church)
Rosary (Mon 5:30 pm in Church)
Stations of the Cross (Fridays 2:45 pm & 6:30 pm in Church)

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Hearing assistance devices are available in Church. Please see an usher if you need one.

Prayer & Worship

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 6

4:00 pm Joy Bryant
Dorothy "Dot" Dane †
Gracio and Josie DeSalvo
Adam Christopher Dicks †
James N. Fontenot, Sr. †
John T. Fontenot †
Madeleine K. Fontenot †
Raymond Gambel †
Dr. Tom Giles †
Homebound Parishioners
Ashlie Randazza Moses †
Clement Pollet †
Theresa Ripberger †
Joyce Schmitt †
Patricia Clesi Wood †

Sunday, April 7

7:00 am William Dow Medford †
9:00 am Herbert † and Audrey Simpson
11:00 am Mr. and Mrs. S.J. Boudreaux †
Vivien C. Bullard †
Dorothy "Dot" Dane †
Cynthia Elensohn †
Patrick J. Farrelly, Jr. †
James N. Fontenot, Sr. †
John T. Fontenot †
Madeleine K. Fontenot †
Dr. Tom Giles †
Dot Hatrel †
Rebecca Bryant Loch †
Parish Family
Randy Perrone †
John Randazza †
Eunice G. Zimmermann †
5:30 pm Parish Family

Monday, April 8

9:00 am Norbert S. Gilly, Jr. †
6:00 pm Michael Albarado †

Tuesday, April 9

9:00 am Sr. Imelda Moriarty, CCVI †
6:00 pm William Dow Medford †

Wednesday, April 10

9:00 am Louis Castaing, Sr. †
6:00 pm Dorothy "Dot" Dane †

Thursday, April 11

9:00 am Alyssa Legendre
6:00 pm John Randazza †

Friday, April 12

9:00 am Genny Marks
6:00 pm Ethan Cavalier †

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Today's Readings

First Reading: See, I am doing something new! (Isaiah 43).
Psalm: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).
Second Reading: I have been taken possession of by Christ Jesus (Philippians 3).
Gospel: Go, and from now on do not sin any more (John 8).

Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday: Lk 19:28-40 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 – 23:56

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent; Third Scrutiny
Thursday: St. Stanislaus
Friday: Abstinence
Saturday: St. Martin I

Scripture Reflection

When Jews celebrate the Passover, they always tell the story of the Exodus in present terms, as if they themselves experienced those events: when we were prisoners in Egypt; when God brought us out of slavery and through the waters of the sea. We would do well to follow their example and see the works of Jesus and his sacrifice as being in the present, as happening to us now. We believe that Christ's work, his teachings, and his sacrifice on the cross were not just for his followers in the past, but for all people at all times. When we think of this in our prayers, we become one in faith with that great cloud of witnesses, the saints. We have been striving through Lent to repent of our sins and failings, and to follow Jesus more closely. Today in the story of the woman caught in adultery, we see Jesus forgiving the woman, saving her from a horrible death, and urging her not to sin any more. This is new, and brings out something for which the law had not allowed—forgiveness. Of course one can sin no more if one is dead, caught in one's sins forever. But Jesus introduces the concepts of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Archdiocesan Family Prayer

Loving and faithful God, through the years the people of our archdiocese have appreciated the prayers and love of Our Lady of Prompt Succor in times of war, disaster, epidemic and illness. We come to you, Father, with Mary our Mother, and ask you to help us in the battle of today against violence, murder and racism. We implore you to give us your wisdom that we may build a community founded on the values of Jesus, which gives respect to the life and dignity of all people. Bless parents that they may form their children in faith. Bless and protect our youth that they may be peacemakers of our time. Give consolation to those who have lost loved ones through violence. Hear our prayer and give us the perseverance to be a voice for life and human dignity in our community. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. Mother Henriette Delille, pray for us that we may be a holy family. Amen.

St. Catherine of Siena Parish Prayer

God, Our Father, we thank you for our parish community of St. Catherine of Siena. Thank you for the many blessings that you have given us, but especially for calling us to serve as disciples of your son, Jesus Christ. As we gather today, we ask that you send your Holy Spirit to guide us in everything that we do. Transform our hearts and lead us closer to you. Help us always to seek to be a parish that is Centered on Christ and Ablaze with Love. We ask all of these things in the name of Jesus, and through the intercession of our Blessed Mother. St. Catherine of Siena, pray for us!

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Our Mission

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Parish exists to form and send forth a community of disciples of Jesus Christ who witness by joyfully living the Gospel.

Memorials

The Sanctuary Candles are In Memory of Herbert A. Blouin and Michael S. Breaux, Jr. and In Memory of Felix and Louise Fernandez

The Chapel of the Holy Innocents Candle is for the Special Intentions of the Ryan T. Smith Family

The Our Lady of Fatima Candles are In Memory of Mae Mortillaro

Contact Frances Skiffington at 834-1709 or fskiffin@gmail.com for dedications.

Parish News

New Parishioners: Welcome!

Please extend a warm welcome to St. Catherine of Siena's newest parishioners. We look forward to their involvement in parish life!

- Marty Cosgrove
- Jerome, Melissa, Christopher, Hudson, and William Fein
- Joseph, III, Krystil, and Katie Lawton, and Garth, Jr., and Madeline Cook
- Wayne, Tricia, Juliana, and Jack Phillpott
- Jeff Teachworth and Milo Wenger

Baptisms: Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following children who were baptized recently at St. Catherine:

- Zoe Andrea Donner, child of Blaine and Carol Donner
- Elizabeth Kate Favret, child of John and Jordan Favret
- Juliette Catherine Fullmer, child of Eric and Michelle Fullmer
- John Patrick Guste, Jr., child of John and Cynthia Guste
- Lawrence Padgett Johnson, child of Aaron and Megan Johnson
- Grace Elizabeth Kelly, child of Ryan and Katherine Kelly
- Colin Joseph Kreider, child of Kory and Carly Kreider
- Victoria Louise Lambert, child of Glenn and Lisa Lambert
- Christopher James McClellan, child of Matthew and Amy McClellan
- Juliette Caryn McMyne, child of Michael and Brittany McMyne
- Teghan Alassundra Schambach, child of Sarah Schambach
- Camille Marie Schellhaas, child of Mark and June Schellhaas
- Carson Matthew Zimmerman, child of Matthew and Angela Zimmerman

Catholic Relief Services Collection: Thank You!

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for helping Jesus in disguise. Your contributions make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world.

If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.

Fresh, Green Palms Needed: April 6-11

If you have fresh, green palms that you can donate for use on Palm Sunday, please bring them to church from **Saturday, April 6, through Thursday, April 11**. On Friday, April 12, the palms will be cleaned and cut in preparation for Palm Sunday. The Rosary Altar Society will have baskets in the narthex and close to the Blessed Mother Altar for your palms. Thank you for your help.

Monday Night Rosary Time Change: April 8, 15

On **April 8 and 15**, the rosary for Fr. Ronnie and for parishioners in need of healing will be prayed beginning at **5:30 pm**, since evening daily Mass is offered Monday-Friday at 6 pm.

March 30-31, 2019	
General Collection	\$20,859.22
Weekly Electronic Giving	\$7,226.75
Poor Box	\$352.82
Catholic Relief Services Collection	\$4,296.30
Total Collection	\$32,735.09
Thank you for financially supporting the mission of St. Catherine Parish. We appreciate your generosity. 7% of the weekly collection is used for missionary outreach.	

Radio Rosary at St. Catherine: April 8

Join in the recitation of the rosary on **Monday, April 8**, starting at **6 pm** in the parish office Conference Room. For more information contact Mickey Lacombe at mllacombe@cox.net.

Safe Environment Training: April 11

St. Catherine will host a Safe Environment Training Workshop on **Thursday, April 11, 6:30-8 pm**, in the Barrett Complex. This workshop is available for employees and volunteers in the prevention and recognition of child abuse. If you have yet to attend a workshop or need to renew, please plan to attend. If you have any questions or need to verify if you are in compliance with the Archdiocese guidelines please contact Director of Religious Education Paula Atchley, paula@scschurch.com.

Final 2019 Lenten Fish Fry: April 12

The SCS Men's Club/Knights of Columbus fish fry will take place on **Friday, April 12, 5:00-7:30 pm**, in the Cafeteria. The following will be served: fish, shrimp, and combo plates, \$10 each; and soft shell crab, \$14. Plates include hushpuppies, French fries, and salad. Pizza also will be served for \$2 per slice. Take out is available. Drinks and desserts will be available for purchase. Please plan to attend!

Good Friday Nine Church Walk: April 19

Many Catholics make a special devotion on Good Friday by walking to nine churches to pray and reflect on the passion and death of Jesus. Fr. Tim will be leading SCS parishioners on a Nine Church Walk on **Good Friday, April 19**. We will pray the stations of the cross as we walk among nine uptown churches. If you would like to participate, meet at **8 am** at St. Stephen Church, 1025 Napoleon Ave. We will take the streetcar back to St. Stephen so please bring money for the streetcar. Please wear comfortable shoes and bring water with you. If you have any questions, contact Fr. Tim.

Pontifical Good Friday Collection: April 19



Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, offer religious education, and preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest, and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. In contributing to this collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. **Please be generous!** For more information, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-Friday.

Prime Timer Outdoor Music Event: April 26

Prime Timers, 55+, bring your friends, kick off your shoes, and bring your chair to the grassy area in front of the Melancon Center for Prime Time's first outdoor event **Friday evening, April 26, 5:30 p.m.** Patrice Fisher and her quartet, along with special guests from Brazil, will be performing a blending of music from Central, South, and North America. Tacos, Chips, and Spirits anyone? Details to follow in next week's bulletin! You won't want to miss this!! **"JUST SAY YES TO SCS!"**

Why are the Statues Covered in Church?

You will notice that starting this weekend, the statues in our church have been covered in purple cloth. As we get closer to Holy Week, it is an ancient tradition to cover statues to focus our attention on the mysteries being celebrated on the altar and in the scriptures. We begin to really focus on those last dark hours of Jesus' life when he was being overshadowed and death was imminent. The statues will be unveiled on Holy Saturday. This is the moment at which the fast of Lent ends and the glory of Easter begins. This unveiling shows us that Christ's death and resurrection is his and our victory.

Rice Bowl Teaching for This Week



Catholic social teaching inspires how we are to live and work in the world. In this principle, Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers, we remember that Jesus spent years working as a carpenter. Work is important to help people fulfill their potential. And everyone must receive a fair wage to provide for themselves and their families.

Weekly Calendar: April 6-13

Saturday, April 6	Sunday, April 7	Monday, April 8	Tuesday, April 9
8:30 am RCIA Retreat (MC) 2:00 pm Convalidation (C) 3:00 pm Reconciliation (C) 4:00 pm Vigil Mass (C) 6:00 pm Wedding (C) 7:00 pm Gala Patron Party (G) 8:00 pm Gala (G) SVDP FOOD COLLECTION B Barrett Complex C Church CAF Cafeteria CR Conference Room G Gym MC Melancon Center R Rectory YR Youth Room S School OC Off Campus	7:00 am Sunday Mass (C) 8:30 am Childcare (MC) 9:00 am Sunday Mass (C) 9:00 am RCIA (CR) 10:00 am PSR (S) 11:00 am Sunday Mass / Children's Church (C) 12:15 pm Baptisms (C) 5:30 pm Sunday Mass / Troop 230 (C) 6:45 pm Troop 230 (CAF) SVDP FOOD COLLECTION	8:15 am RAS Rosary (C) 8:30 am Reconciliation (C) 9:00 am Daily Mass (C) 10:00 am Bible Study (MC) 1:00 pm First Communion Practice (C) 3:00 pm Daisy Troop 40550 (MC) 5:30 pm Rosary for Healing (C) 6:00 pm Daily Mass (C) 6:30 pm CYO Sports (G) 6:30 pm Pack 230 Leaders (MC) 6:30 pm LTMTTP (MC) 7:30 pm Troop 230 Parents (CAF)	8:15 am RAS Rosary (C) 9:00 am Daily Mass (C) 9:30 am LTMTTP (MC) 10:00 am LTMTTP (MC) 1:00 pm First Communion Practice (C) 5:00 pm Legion of Mary (MC) 5:30 pm CYO Jr. Board—Crew Leadership (YR) 6:00 pm Daily Mass (C) 6:30 pm CYO Sports (G) 6:30 pm Alpha (MC)
Wednesday, April 10 6:30 am Men of St. Joseph (MC) 8:15 am RAS Rosary (C) 8:30 am Reconciliation (C) 9:00 am Daily Mass (C) 10:00 am Bible Study (MC) 2:30 pm Daisy Troop 40975 (MC) 5:00 pm Citywide Confession (C) 6:00 pm Daily Mass (C) 6:30 pm School and Sip: Kids and Social Media (B) 7:00 pm CYO With Wednesday (YR) 7:00 pm Adult Confirmation Prep (CR)	Thursday, April 11 8:15 am RAS Rosary (C) 9:00 am Daily Mass (C) 9:30 am RAS Cleaning of Church (C) 9:45 am Bible Study (MC) 10:00 am SVdP Food Distribution (MC) 6:00 pm Daily Mass (C) 6:00 pm Men's Club Basketball (G) 6:30 pm Wedding Rehearsal (C) 6:30 pm LTMTTP (MC) 6:45 pm Bible Study (MC) 6:45 pm Matthew 25 (CR) 7:00 pm Familia (YR)	Friday, April 12 8:15 am RAS Rosary (C) 8:30 am Reconciliation (C) 9:00 am Daily Mass (C) 9:30 am RAS Cleaning of Palms (C) 10:00 am Early Childhood Prayer Service (C) 3:30 pm Jr. CYO (YR) 5:00 pm Men's Club/KC Fish Fry (CAF) 6:00 pm Daily Mass (C) 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross (C)	Saturday, April 13 9:30 am PSR Second Grade Retreat (MC) 3:00 pm Reconciliation (C) 4:00 pm Vigil Mass (C)



April 8	9 am	Fr. Garrett
	6 pm	Fr. Garrett
April 9	9 am	Fr. Garrett
	6 pm	Fr. Tim
April 10	9 am	Fr. Tim
	6 pm	Fr. Garrett
April 11	9 am	Fr. Tim
	6 pm	Fr. Tim
April 12	9 am	Fr. Tim
	6 pm	Fr. Garrett
April 13	4 pm	Fr. Garrett
April 14	7 am	Fr. Tim
	9 am	Fr. Garrett
	11 am	Fr. Tim
	5:30 pm	Fr. Tim



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Reasons why some Catholics hesitate to use the Sacrament of Penance

Can't I just confess my sins to God directly?

Without the word: "just", the answer is "yes." Why, then, did Jesus give the apostles the power to forgive sins? (John 20:23). Proper preparation for confession helps us make the sacramental experience more meaningful. Confessing our sins to a priest helps us encounter the living Christ. Receiving absolution reassures and comforts us, and validates our forgiveness.

What if, as a Catholic, I haven't gone to Confession for a long time, or ever?

Jesus teaches the parable about the merciful Father of the prodigal son. He teaches himself as the Good Shepherd. The priest is called to represent Christ. Priests today are known for their compassion. Just be honest: "Father, it has been a rather long time since my last confession ___ years ago." The priest will probably respond: "I am so glad you are here."

What if I am unaware of the form I should use?

We are distributing materials about how to celebrate the sacrament. If a person is unsure, simply ask the priest to assist. ("What father among you would hand his son a snake if he asked for a fish, or a scorpion if he asked for an egg?" Luke 11:11-12). The priest will help guide you.

What if I don't know / remember the Act of Contrition?

An Act of Contrition is printed on the adjacent page and also will be available at the church.

Confessing our sins can be burdensome and embarrassing. What will the priests think of me? What will others who see me going to confession think of me?

Popes have been known to go to confession once a week. St. Teresa of Calcutta went to confession every eight days. We should think well of anyone who goes to Confession. Frankly, the priest humanly and spiritually admires anyone who approaches the sacrament, even more when a person confesses an exceptional "fall from grace" or a habitual/addictive sin. The priest is not there to "judge the person" ("Judge not and you shall not be judged"—Luke 6:37—but to understand, empathize, support, advise, and forgive the sinner). Confession is apologizing truthfully for what we have done wrong, not justifying or bragging about our sins.

Why go to confession when we may need to confess many or all of the same sins again?

If that argument were valid, we could also ask: Why take out the garbage, why bathe, why eat, why sleep, for that matter, why breathe? Many things in life are repetitive. The grace of the sacrament can help us avoid sin.

What if I had a bad experience from a previous confession (such as the priest scolding me for not having gone often enough, or not being compassionate about a sin which was either especially grievous or repetitive)?

You are not obliged to go back to that priest for confession. Ask God to direct you. Many people ask their friends about recommendations of a confessor (just as we do about a movie, a restaurant, a cell phone, and so on). Also, don't hesitate to volunteer to another an especially helpful experience you had in confession. (I went to Fr. Jones for confession and he was very understanding and helpful to me. I find Fr. Smith such a good confessor to me. He made me feel at ease and was very supportive of my efforts to overcome sin.)

What if I intentionally withheld a serious (mortal) sin from a previous confession?

Simply be honest. For example, say: Father, due to embarrassment (guilt and/or shame) I intentionally did not confess the sin of (marital infidelity) in my last (or a previous) confession.

Examination of Conscience for Young Adults and Adults

How do I relate with God?

- ◆ Have I loved someone or something (power, pleasure, possessions, etc.) more than God?
- ◆ Have I spent time in personal prayer each day with the Lord?
- ◆ Have I used God's name lightly, carelessly, or in cursing?
- ◆ Have I been involved in superstitious practices?
- ◆ Have I attended Mass every Sunday & on holy days of obligation?
- ◆ Have I paid attention and participated during Mass?
- ◆ Have I regularly showed up to Mass late or left Mass early?
- ◆ Have I observed Sunday as a day of faith and family?
- ◆ Have I worked unnecessarily on Sundays?

How do I relate with others?

- ◆ Have I honored and respected my parents?
- ◆ Have I treated my siblings with respect?
- ◆ Have I cared for my elderly and infirmed relatives?
- ◆ Have I been obedient to those who exercise legitimate authority over me?
- ◆ Have I damaged the reputation of another?
- ◆ Have I gossiped? Have I spread rumors about others?
- ◆ Have I harmed anyone physically or emotionally?
- ◆ Have I encouraged someone to have an abortion?
- ◆ Have I stolen anything that does not belong to me?
- ◆ Have I returned or made restitution for what I have stolen?
- ◆ Have I held a grudge or refused to forgive someone?
- ◆ Have I led other people into sin by my example or influence?
- ◆ Have I been unfaithful to the vows I have made, especially the vows of marriage?
- ◆ Have I refused to help the poor or the marginalized?
- ◆ Have I failed to practice the corporal/spiritual works of mercy?
- ◆ Have I been racist or discriminated against others?
- ◆ Have I been judgmental of others?
- ◆ Have I been charitable with others? Have I missed opportunities to go the extra mile to help someone in need?

How do I relate to myself?

- ◆ Have I used profane or crude language?
- ◆ Have I abused alcohol to the point of drunkenness?
- ◆ Have I used illegal drugs?
- ◆ Have I excessively gambled?
- ◆ Have I looked at pornography?
- ◆ Have I entertained lustful thoughts or fantasies?
- ◆ Have I misused the gift of sexuality and not respected my body or the body of another?
- ◆ Have I had an abortion?
- ◆ Have I failed to follow the Church's teaching on being open to having children?
- ◆ Have I engaged in homosexual activity?
- ◆ Have I dressed immodestly?
- ◆ Have I lied?
- ◆ Have I been jealous of other people's goods?
- ◆ Have I been prideful or arrogant?

Sacrament of Reconciliation

How to Go to Confession...

May the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all
the saints,
whatever good you do and suffering you endure,
heal your sins,
help you grow in holiness,
and reward you with eternal life.
Go in peace.

—*Rite of Penance*, no. 93

- 1 PREPARATION:** Before going to confession, take some time to prepare. Begin with prayer, and reflect on your life since your last confession. How have you—in your thoughts, words, and actions—neglected to live Christ’s commands to “love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind,” and to “love your neighbor as yourself” (Mt 22:37, 39)? As a help with this “examination of conscience,” you might review the Ten Commandments or the Beatitudes (Ex 20:2-17; Dt 5:6-21; Mt 5:3-10; or Lk 6:20-26).
- 2 GREETING:** The priest will welcome you; he may say a short blessing or read a Scripture passage.
- 3 THE SIGN OF THE CROSS:** Together, you and the priest will make the Sign of the Cross. You may then begin your confession with these or similar words: “Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been [*give days, months, or years*] since my last confession.”
- 4 CONFESSION:** Confess all your sins to the priest. If you are unsure what to say, ask the priest for help. When you are finished, conclude with these or similar words: “I am sorry for these and all my sins.”
- 5 PENANCE:** The priest will propose an act of penance. The penance might be prayer, a work of mercy, or an act of charity. He might also counsel you on how to better live a Christian life.

- 6 ACT OF CONTRITION:** After the priest has conferred your penance, pray an Act of Contrition, expressing sorrow for your sins and resolving to sin no more. A suggested Act of Contrition is:

My God,
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong
and failing to do good,
I have sinned against you
whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend, with your help,
to do penance,
to sin no more,
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.
Our Savior Jesus Christ
suffered and died for us.
In his name, my God, have mercy.

(*Rite of Penance*, no. 45)

- 7 ABSOLUTION:** The priest will extend his hands over your head and pronounce the words of absolution. You respond, “Amen.”
- 8 PRAISE:** The priest will usually praise the mercy of God and will invite you to do the same. For example, the priest may say, “Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.” And your response would be, “His mercy endures for ever” (*Rite of Penance*, no. 47).
- 9 DISMISSAL:** The priest will conclude the sacrament, often saying, “Go in peace.”

If it has been a while since your last confession, remember, “Do not fear” (Is 41:10). The priest will help guide you. And feel free to take this how-to guide with you! (For more information, visit www.usccb.org/confession.)



St. Catherine of Siena **HOLY WEEK**

»»»»»»»»»» Schedule ««««««««««

HOLY THURSDAY: April 18

- Mass of the Lord's Supper 7 pm

GOOD FRIDAY: April 19

- Nine Church Walk 8 am
- Divine Mercy Novena 9 am
- Stations of the Cross 12 & 6 pm
- Sacrament of Reconciliation 2 pm
- The Passion of the Lord 3 pm

HOLY SATURDAY: April 20

- Divine Mercy Novena 9 am
- Sacrament of Reconciliation 3 pm
- Easter Vigil 8 pm

EASTER SUNDAY: April 21

- Easter Sunday Mass 7 am
- Easter Sunday Mass (Church) 9 & 11 am
- Easter Sunday Mass (Barrett Complex) 9 & 11 am
- Easter Egg Hunt 10 am
- Divine Mercy Novena (after 9 am Mass) 10:15 am

Annulment Testimony: Les Nettleton

I am a cradle Catholic. I grew up in St. Agnes Parish and received all of my sacraments there. I was baptized, had my first confession, my first Eucharist, was confirmed, and finally married in that church. Fast forward a few years and the marriage fell apart. We decided to part ways, and a civil separation and divorce followed. There were no children born of this marriage. Fast forward a few more years and I met Bean. After a few years, we became engaged. Due to our ages (we were both approaching our late 30s), and wanting to have children, we had a fairly short nine-month engagement. Once we had decided to marry, I looked into having my previous marriage annulled by the Catholic Church. Bean had never been married, so she did not need an annulment. In speaking with a couple of priests, we realized that the process (at that time) would take between 18 and 24 months. Not wanting to risk waiting that length of time to start a family, we were married in a civil ceremony. It was my intention to work on my annulment after our wedding. Twenty months later Bean was pregnant with our first child. I knew it was time to revisit the annulment process. At that time I had heard, through the grapevine, that the process was extremely difficult, both emotionally and process wise. Once again I put the annulment process on hold. There was a period of prayer and soul searching that followed. Eventually, guided by a priest who knew about my situation, I decided to move forward with the annulment. My spirituality had been growing and I wanted once again to be in full communion with the Catholic Church. On face value, the process seemed to be excessive and complicated. I needed to document in narrative form all aspects of my life before marriage, my former spouse's life before marriage, our courtship, our wedding, our marriage and our separation. There were quite a few nights I stared at a blank piece of paper unable to revisit a painful time. However with the help of the Holy Spirit, I was able to complete the

document. I needed two witnesses who could "testify" to the events of my previous marriage and was blessed once again with helpers who agreed to document their views of our relationship, as defined by a questionnaire prepared by the Church. Once the documents were sent in, the process continued on its own with very little information needed from me or my ex. There was no judging of my character and I had nothing to be embarrassed about as no priest "took me to task" for being a failure in my marriage. Once I finally got moving on the process, the annulment took about eight months from start to finish. My priest, who guided me during the process and readily answered any questions I had, was kind and gentle. He knew what my reservations had been and handled them with grace. Looking back on the process, I'm not really sure why I waited. The Metropolitan Tribunal, the Catholic court which processes and adjudicates matrimonial cases, kept us aware of each step as we went through the process. They really make the entire annulment process as easy as possible. I've always found that when I am troubled by something, I pray about it. This constant prayer through the annulment process brought me closer to God, as I developed a deeper relationship with Him. I looked forward to the process ending where I could once again be in full communion with the Church. But I mostly looked forward to Bean and I having our marriage convalidated. When I was asked to share this testimony about my annulment process, once again I prayed for guidance. I was presented with a story of a couple who had the same impression of the annulment process as I once had. They both needed annulments and were cautious about making the commitment to do it. I then knew if I could assist even one couple in their struggle for full Catholic communion, the discomfort I might experience from going public with my story would be well worth it. The annulment process is not as bad as you might think. It doesn't take as long as you feel it will. And the experience will bring you closer to God.

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Pro Life Louisiana Diaper Drive: April 10-16



A Cause You Can Get Behind!

It's that time of year again! Join us for the annual Poo Dat Diaper Drive! Donate diapers (any size, but sizes 1-5 are needed the most) at a local Robert's Fresh Market anytime between **April 10-16**. All diapers will be donated to local diaper banks to help mothers and babies right here in our community. Following are the Robert's locations serving as drop-off points: Lakeview—135 Robert E. Lee Boulevard and Lakeview Grocery, 801 Harrison Avenue; Uptown—8115 South Claiborne Avenue; St. Claude—2222 St. Claude Avenue; Metairie—5016 W. Esplanade Avenue; and in Baton Rouge—7355 Highland Road. Need more information? Want to volunteer to help with collections? Want to hold a drive at your church or within your organization? Contact Shanon Snyder at snyder@prolifelouisiana.org or 835-6520 or visit PooDatDiaperDrive.com.

Living from One's Grateful Center: April 11

The invitation of Lent is to retreat to the sanctuary of one's soul, where one's core truth is held. Exploring this sacred truth within helps one to come home to the truth of being God's beloved. Fr. Joseph Nassal, C.P.P.S., will facilitate "Reflections from the Inner Room: Living from One's Grateful Center," a day of prayer, **Thursday, April 11, 9 am-2:30 pm**, at the Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center, 5500 St. Mary Street, Metairie. The cost is \$35. Visit asc.arch-no.org, email archspirctr@archdiocese-no.org or call 861-3254.

Men's Come and See Weekend: April 12-14

High school juniors and seniors and college-age men are invited to a Come and See Vocation Discernment Weekend, **Friday-Sunday, April 12-14**, at St. Joseph Seminary College, Covington, La. This is an opportunity for men who are interested in the priesthood and would like to learn more about seminary life. There is no cost for the weekend, but availability is limited on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information or to register, call the Archdiocesan Vocation Office at 861-6298 or e-mail vocations@archdiocese-no.org.

Join St. Catherine's Born to Run Team!: April 13

This year's *Born to Run*, the Woman's New Life Center (WNLC) 5K Run/Walk and Half-mile Fun Run, will take place on **Saturday, April 13**. The school with the most runners will win a LifeSaver Award and party, so please consider joining the St. Catherine team! The cost is \$35 for adults, \$20 for students, and \$15 per child (12 or under). Families of six or more are asked to call the WNLC for special pricing. Register online at www.womansnewlife.com/bornTORun. For more information contact Caroline Sholl, csholl@womansnewlife.com or 496-0212.

God's Special Children Mass: April 14

All are invited to attend a Very Special Mass for persons with special needs and their families and friends, on **Sunday, April 14, 2 pm**, at St. Francis Xavier Church, 444 Metairie Road, in Metairie. Refreshments will be served immediately after Mass. St. Francis Xavier Church is totally wheelchair accessible and has off street parking. For more information, call Joy Zainey at 834-5865 or visit godsspecialchildren.org.

Healing from Abortion or Miscarriage: April 26-28

If you or someone you love is hurting from abortion or miscarriage, please consider attending, or informing your loved one know about, a faith-based, healing retreat, **Friday-Sunday, April 26-28**. Forgiveness, hope, and peace can be found; and men and women of all faiths are welcome to attend. The cost is \$190 per person (financial assistance is available). Facilitators will be Pam Richard, Donna Scheuermann, and Fr. Robert Cavalier. To register or for more information, contact Pam Richard at 460-9360 or richj504@bellsouth.net or Donna Scheuermann at 258-9183 or donnas@1791.com, or visit facebook.com/rvrNOLA.

First Responders Mass: April 28

The 17th Annual Mass for First Responders, **Sunday, April 28, 11 am**, at St. Catherine of Siena. Sheriff's deputies and police, firefighters, and emergency medical technicians, and their immediate families, will be honored. Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond will preside. The Mass is organized by St. Catherine of Siena Knights of Columbus Council #12686. For information contact Grand Knight David Lynch at davidlynchkc@cox.net or 250-1185, Faith Director Norman Romagosa at njromagosa@hotmail.com or 301-7149, or the parish office, 835-9343.

Unplanned is Showing at Local Theatres

Unplanned, a powerful new movie that tells the story of the transformation of Abby Johnson, youngest clinic director in Planned Parenthood history, into a leading pro-life activist, is showing at the AMC Westbank Palace 16 and AMC Elmwood Palace 20. The film provides a glimpse of the inner workings of Planned Parenthood, the nation's leading abortion provider, and a reminder of our need to pray for a greater respect for all human life and for all who have been affected by abortion. **Hope and healing are possible for those who have been hurt by abortion.** Note: *Unplanned* is rated R due to the topic and a few scenes that are difficult to watch, but very much worth seeing.



Woman's New Life Center Counseling Services

Woman's New Life Center (WNLC) offers past abortion counseling at their location at 4612 South Claiborne, New Orleans. Call 831-3117 or email www.womansnewlife.com. WNLC also has available counseling for those struggling with infertility. E-mail www.hopewomansclinic.com or call 496-0214. Both types of counseling are offered at no charge and are confidential.

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↑ Navigating the Internet
Social Media Smarts for Parents

A presentation by Scott Walker

April 10th, 2019

6:30-7:00pm Social
7-8pm Presentation

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Sacramental Preparation

Baptism – Baptisms take place after 11 am Mass each weekend. Contact the parish office to sign up for a date and begin the preparation process.

Confirmation – Confirmation will be celebrated for 11th and 12th graders in February. Classes begin in September.

Marriage – Please contact a priest at least 8 months before the wedding and before making arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick – Upon request for the seriously ill, infirm, and those undergoing major surgery. Please contact the parish office when someone is home bound or hospitalized and in need of the sacrament.

Funerals – Please contact a priest before making arrangements with the funeral home.

Joining our Parish

Welcome to St. Catherine of Siena Parish! Anyone interested in joining the parish, please fill out a gold registration form located in the gathering area of the church and return it to the parish office.

Bulletin Deadline

To be considered for publication, bulletin notices must be received in the parish office, via email, by noon of nine days before the Sunday for which the notice is intended.

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