

“Centered on Christ, Ablaze with Love!”

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 2, 2020
The Presentation of the Lord

Established in 1921



St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church

105 Bonnabel Blvd.
Metairie, LA 70005
www.scschurch.com

Pastor: Fr. Tim Hedrick
Parochial Vicar: Fr. Andrew Gutierrez

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Parish Phone: 504-835-9343
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Parish Emergency Line: 504-833-8507
St. Vincent de Paul Assistance: 504-267-9507

Mass Schedule

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

* Childcare/Nursery is located in the Melancon Center.

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

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 6 pm in Church)

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic School

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Metairie, LA 70005
www.scsigators.org

Principal: Mrs. Kimberlie Kilroy

School Phone: 504-831-1166
School Fax: 504-833-8982

Prayer & Worship

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 1

4:00 pm Rose Avegno †
Roland Chaisson †
Jules Le Conte †
Steve Montgomery †
Helen Marceaux †
Albert Nicaud
Nancy Carson Nuss †
Bert W. Rowley †
Nelwyn Rains Stuart †
Dorothy Wright †

Sunday, February 2

7:00 am Marie and Charles Derbes †
9:00 am Theresa Ann Ripberger †
11:00 am Louis and Barbara de Reuil †
Patrick J. Farrelly, Jr. †
Christina Girau
Kevin Jeanes †
Kathy Kelley †
Lenny Labiche
I.D. Mercante †
Albert Nicaud
Parish Family
Randy Perrone †
Dr. Mark J. Peters †
Cheryl Raphael †
Alida Vliet †
5:30 pm Parish Family

Monday, February 3

9:00 am Shelley Morel Posey †

Tuesday, February 4

9:00 am Sr. Mary Edmund Gibson, OP †

Wednesday, February 5

9:00 am Alida Vliet †

6:00 pm Virgie Fitzpatrick †

Thursday, February 6

9:00 am Sr. Imelda Moriarty, CCVI †

Friday, February 7

9:00 am Henry Schneider, Jr. †

The Presentation of the Lord

Today's Readings

First Reading: There will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek (Malachi 3).
Psalm: Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord! (Psalm 24).
Second Reading: Jesus had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way to help the descendants of Abraham (Hebrews 2).
Gospel: The just and pious Simeon proclaims the infant Jesus to be a revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of the people Israel (Luke 2).

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 – 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: The Presentation of the Lord; World Day for Consecrated Life
Monday: Fourth Week in Ordinary Time; St. Blaise; St. Ansgar
Wednesday: St. Agatha
Thursday: St. Paul Miki and Companions
Friday: First Friday
Saturday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita;
International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking;
Blessed Virgin Mary

Scripture Reflection

The Church's celebration three weeks ago of the Baptism of the Lord signaled the "official" end of the Christmas season. Today's feast of the Presentation of the Lord seems to extend the Incarnation celebration a bit longer. In fact, some have called this feast a "second Epiphany." The first reading recalls the anticipation of Advent, as Malachi writes, "Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me." The reading from Hebrews reminds us of the Incarnation, proclaiming that Jesus had a "share" in our own "blood and flesh." The Gospel finds the infant Jesus on his first visit to Jerusalem and his human parents once again surprised and in awe over the events surround his birth. In the simplicity of the manger, in the grandeur of the temple, in the domesticity of Nazareth, Jesus comes. May we come to know him and so be filled with "wisdom" and the "favor of God."

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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!

St. Michael the Archangel Prayer

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 for **Special Intentions for Mother**

The Our Lady of Fatima candles are In Memory of Anna and Frank Vasterling

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!

- Robert and Lacey Ellis, and Beau and Lillian Seymour
- Robert and Jeanne Umbdenstock

Baptism: Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Adeline Emelia Landry**, child of Joseph, Jr., and Caroline Landry, who was baptized recently at St. Catherine.

Catholic Schools Second Collection: Thank You!

Thank you for your support of last week's Catholic Schools Collection. Catholic education is central to the Church's evangelizing mission, and your support helps teachers to be paid a just wage, facilities to be kept up to date, and schools to keep pace with technological advances.

Blessed Candles to be Available: February 1-2

February 2 is the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This weekend, blessed candles are available at the entrances to the church after all of the Masses for a suggested donation of \$3. One may ask, "What are blessed candles for?" They are made available to parishioners for use at home. It is customary for Catholic families to burn the candles during storms, when a loved one is undergoing surgery or is very ill, and at other troubled times. Blessed candles are often lit when the priest comes to the home to bring the Eucharist and to anoint the sick. The candles were blessed at Mass on Friday, January 31.

Blood Drive for Lenny Labiche: February 2

St. Catherine of Siena will be hosting a Blood Drive benefitting SCS parishioner and school dad, Lenny Labiche, on **Sunday, February 2, 7 am-3 pm**, in the school cafeteria. Lenny was injured in a hunting accident and needed a lot of blood. Please sign up using the following link to donate blood to help Lenny: tbcdonors.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/40607. Please also keep Lenny, Tara, and their children in your prayers! Thank you in advance for your prayers and for giving blood!

Fellowship Sunday: February 2

Sunday, February 2, is Fellowship Sunday. All are invited to gather in the Melancon Center **after the 9 am Mass** to visit with new and long-time parishioners, and to enjoy coffee and doughnuts.

Archdiocesan Silver Wedding Anniversary Celebration Registration DEADLINE: February 3

Are you celebrating a 25th wedding anniversary this year? Anyone married in the year 1995 is invited to participate in this celebration which will take place on **Sunday, March 22, 2020**, at 3 pm at St. Joseph Church in New Orleans. Registration forms are available on the tables in the narthex. Once completed, please return to the parish office or to register by phone call Debbie at 504-267-9504. **The deadline for forms to be turned in has been extended to Monday, February 3. Please note that this is a prayer service, not a Mass.**

In Sympathy

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Alida Barbier Vliet**. Eternal rest grant unto Alida, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

January 25-26, 2020

General Collection	\$19,356.50
Weekly Electronic Giving	\$10,110.00
Catholic Schools Collection	\$3,891.00
Poor Box	\$1,172.95
Total Collection	\$34,530.45

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.

Holy Housekeeping

In order to help maintain our Church and create a welcoming environment, please consider adopting these "holy housekeeping" practices:

When entering the pews:

- Please sit as close to the front of church as possible.
- Please sit as close to the center aisle as possible to allow others to enter from the side aisles more easily.

When leaving your pew:

- Please close the missalettes and return them to the holders.
- Please take Clarion Herald newspapers and parish bulletins with you or return them to the tables in the narthex.
- Please put the kneelers up upon leaving.
- Please pick up any trash (Kleenex, children's bulletins, etc.).

THANK YOU for your consideration as our faith community continues seeking to be "Centered on Christ, Ablaze with Love!"

SCSWC Meeting: February 5

SCSWC invites all women of the parish to attend the upcoming meeting on **Wednesday, February 5**. Please come at **6:30 pm** for a social and light dinner with the meeting beginning at 7 pm. At this meeting we will have our annual fundraiser...**MAKE IT, BAKE IT, FAKE IT**. Call Kim Navarre for more information, 920-8463.

Tithing Funds Distribution Input: February 6

St. Catherine sets aside 7% of each weekend collection to help the poor and needy. When the parish finance council meets quarterly, they distribute the funds from the tithing account. If you have any suggestions for charitable organizations that SCS could possibly support, you can send a request to denise@scschurch.com for consideration. We support nonprofit organizations that serve the poor, needy, homeless, etc. All requests must be made before **February 6**.

Radio Rosary at St. Catherine: February 7

Join in the praying of the rosary on **Friday, February 7**, starting at **6 pm** in the parish office conference room. For more information contact **Mickey Lacombe** at mllacombe@cox.net.

Troop 230 Food Drive Pickup: February 8

Members of Troop 230 will be collecting the bags of nonperishable food items from the porches of area homes, **Saturday, February 8**, from **9-10 am**, going to the homes where they dropped off empty bags on Saturday, February 1. The food collected will go to the St. Vincent de Paul food bank for distribution to those in need. If you would be unable to leave nonperishable food on your porch and would still like to participate, please bring your bag of nonperishable food to the church narthex.

Catholic Charities Second Collection: February 8-9

Next week a second collection will be taken up for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Your generosity not only will directly impact the individuals enrolled in Catholic Charities' dozens of life-giving programs, but also will benefit the entire community by fostering hope for the future. Visit ccano.org to learn about the many ways in which Catholic Charities offers help and hope year round.

Prayer Teams Available: February 8-9

Need prayer? And who doesn't? Visit one of our prayer teams after every Mass next weekend in the area near the confessionals and allow them to join their prayer to yours for your intentions, whatever they may be. Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." Encouraged by this promise, let's approach Him together with expectant faith! (Prayer teams will be available after every Mass for the second Sunday of each month.)

Return Old Palms: February 15-16 and 22-23

The Rosary Altar Society will have baskets in the narthex and close to the Blessed Mother Altar for your old blessed palms that you received on Palm Sunday 2019. These palms will be burned and used for Ash Wednesday this year. Thank you for your help.

Weekly Calendar: February 1-8

Saturday, February 1	Sunday, February 2	Monday, February 3	Tuesday, February 4										
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Letter from Fr. Tim



St. Catherine of Siena
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January 29, 2020

Dear St. Catherine of Siena Parish Community,

I am writing to update you on some news regarding our Catholic school. After serving as principal for the last 4 years, Mrs. Kimberlie Kilroy informed me that she will not be returning to St. Catherine of Siena next year. I am grateful to Mrs. Kilroy for her dedication to our wonderful school. She has poured all of her energy into making St. Catherine the best it can be, building up the school and maintaining a level of academic excellence embedded in the Catholic faith. Before the end of the school year, we will thank Mrs. Kilroy for her ministry and acknowledge her accomplishments. We wish her every blessing in the next chapter of her life. Her future plans will be announced at a later date.

In order to prepare for the future, we will begin the search for a new principal to lead St. Catherine of Siena Catholic School into continued academic excellence and strong Catholic faith formation. In cooperation with the Office of Catholic Schools and the leadership of the Superintendent, the SCS school board and some additional members of the parish community will serve on the search committee. The deadline to apply for the principal position will be February 28, 2020. Information about how to apply is available at www.scsgators.org/principal. The search committee will review the resumes and conduct interviews during the month of March.

As we go through this process, I welcome any feedback you might have regarding the type of principal you would like to see at St. Catherine. I will be meeting with the faculty members to receive their feedback as well.

Our elementary school is one of the largest and most important ministries of St. Catherine of Siena Parish. I would ask all parishioners to pray for the search committee as they discern the next leader of our Catholic school.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Rev. Timothy D. Hedrick
Pastor

ADMISSIONS Deadlines



RETURNING FAMILIES	NEW FAMILIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applications due Friday, January 24• Visit https://scsgators.org/resources for paperwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applications due Thursday, February 6• Visit https://scsgators.org/process for paperwork

Parish Snapshots



Above: Our 7th Grade Retreat to Camp Abbey! The theme of the retreat was "Do Not Be Afraid." With a special year of celebrations and transition ahead of them, they are reminded of how often God says, "Do not be afraid" in the face of difficulties and adversities. It was amazing seeing these young men and women engage in their faith! **Below (left):** Fr. Tim seeding winter grass on the newly cleared land adjacent to the school; **(center):** Daisy Troop 40522, comprised of first grade SCS students, selected items from a local grocery store for the St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Drive at Thanksgiving. They learned about giving thanks and being grateful for their many blessings in their lives. They were all very excited to help those who are less fortunate. Thank you to Erin Graham for leading the troop! **(right):** St. Catherine was presented with the successes of the Parish Fair. An event of such magnitude takes time and dedication. It takes a School Community, Church Congregation, and Parish Supporters to be able to present this check. Thanks to everyone whom donated not only their time but also their financial support. A very special thanks to the Fair Committee for their endless commitment: Fair Chair—Sumer Criswell Simone, Fair Co-Chair—Erin Malone Rourke, Fair Treasurer—Lauren Morley Ruppel, and Fair Co-Treasurer—Amanda Foster.



Future Site of SCS Field of Dreams



For more information: www.scschurch.com/field

Parish News

Distinguished SCS Alum Nominations: February 14

The Office of Catholic Schools has asked each Catholic school in the Archdiocese of New Orleans to nominate candidates for the **Distinguished Alumni** award. The recipients will be recognized by the Archbishop during an award ceremony on **Friday, April 3**. The purpose of this initiative of the Office of Catholic Schools is to recognize the many successful Catholic school alumni and their contributions. If you would like to nominate an SCS graduate for the Distinguished Alumni Award, please email our principal, Mrs. Kilroy, at kkilroy@scsgators.org, providing the name, graduation year, and briefly sharing reasons for the nomination. The deadline for nominations is Friday, February 14, 2020. **The Distinguished Alumni Candidate must meet the following criteria:** be a graduate of St. Catherine of Siena Catholic School; have achieved significant recognition or accomplishment in his or her chosen field (business, academic, military/government, the arts, etc.), community service, parish school or parish service; and lives out Catholic Identity within his or her community.

Jeff Cavins Speaking at St. Catherine: March 2

Renowned speaker and author Jeff Cavins will speak on "The Way Love Feels: A Look at the Cross of Christ, **Monday, March 2, 7-8:30 pm**, in the church. In this talk, Jeff explores the transforming power of Christ's love poured out for us upon the cross and explains how the cross is the full expression of love. We often want to live in the ideal world of comfort and predictability, where our needs are met, but most of life is full of things that don't go our way and are painful. Jeff defines the difference between the ideal life and real life, showing that if we understand suffering, we can incorporate it into loving those around us and our life can take on new meaning. The trials of life should not be impediments to real living. Instead we should see them as ways of really living. Jeff will explain how to transform those things that we don't like into the holiness of God. By showing us how the cross is the perfect expression of love, Jeff will help us see that real life is the opportunity to love in the sacrificial manner in which Christ loved us.

No Greater Love Studies to Begin: March 3 and 4

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *No Greater Love* is a five-session biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us and has the potential to draw those who enter into it closer to Jesus than they ever have been. Participants will walk step by step with Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Mount of Calvary, gaining new insights and coming to a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love. A **Tuesday** morning group will meet on **March 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31; 10 am-noon**, in the Melancon center. A group will meet on **Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, and 25, and April 1**. Those interested in joining either of these study groups are invited to contact Carol Rooney, carolrooney@aol.com or 460-0318.

Grief Support Group to Begin Meeting: March 4

Are you struggling to cope with the loss of a loved one? To assist you in this difficult journey, St. Catherine is offering a Grief Support Group. Beginning in March, this 10-week program is designed to guide participants through the four stages of grief using **The New Day Journal** by Sr. Mauryeen O'Brien as well as a variety of activities including prayer, small group discussions, scripture, selected readings, and journaling. The group will meet beginning **Wednesday, March 4, from 10-11:30 am** in the Melancon Center St. Teresa of Calcutta room. If you are interested in participating in this program or have any questions, please contact Patricia Lawson at paglawson@gmail.com or 860-214-2681 or Becky Steppe at rks45@outlook.com or 289-6636.

Thursday Evening Romans Study: March 19

An evening study of *Romans* will begin on **Thursday, March 19**. The meetings will take place from **6:45-8 pm** in the Melancon Center. The cost is \$30. Paul's letter to the Romans has been at the center of reflection, conversion, and controversy from the very beginning. Presented by Dr. Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins, *Romans: The Gospel of Salvation* provides an authentically Catholic way to understand this challenging epistle. Above all, it will help you enter into a more meaningful relationship with Christ. Please contact Mary Jeandron at 858-4464 or Maryms777@aol.com to register.

2020 Guide Book & Directory

Copies of the St. Catherine of Siena 2020 Guide Book & Directory have been mailed to all registered parishioners. Thank you, **Jane Robbins**, for all of your hard work on this project! Please call **Debbie** in the church office if you are a registered parishioner and did not receive a directory, or to correct errors or omissions in your information.

New Parish Council to be Installed: February 2

February 1, 2020

Dear St. Catherine of Siena Parishioners,

Every parish in the Archdiocese is required to have a Pastoral Council. The purpose of a Pastoral Council is to advise the Pastor and help set the direction, goals and policies of the parish.

When Fr. Tim was named Pastor of St. Catherine of Siena in 2018, the Pastoral Council at the time had been serving for over fifteen years and had advised the past three Pastors. While these members were very committed, it is ideal that the makeup of the council rotates regularly. The Pastoral Council began discussing ways to revamp the council and allow for selection of new members. In the past, parish-wide elections were held. Given the size of our parish, it is hard to have an effective election.

After consulting with the Archdiocese, the Pastoral Council spent the last year and a half revising the by-laws and coming up with a new selection process. The by-laws have been updated and can be reviewed on the parish website (www.scschurch.com/advisory) and in the Parish Office. The new Pastoral Council is composed of the Pastor (*ex officio*), Parochial Vicar (*ex officio*), eight members selected by parish ministries, and two at-large members appointed by the Pastor. The eight members selected by parish ministries include someone selected from the school board, liturgy committee, finance council, Matthew 25 social outreach committee, Acts 29 evangelization committee, the Prime Time senior ministry, the young adult ministry, and the CYO. The members will serve in staggered three-year terms.

Once the new by-laws were approved, the following new Council members were selected according to the by-laws: **Caron Anderson** (social outreach), **Sheryl Brown** (Matthew 25 committee), **Bella Cook** (CYO), **Don Engler** (Acts 29 evangelization committee), **Sarah Giorlando** (young adult ministry), **Peter Kernion** (school board), **Les Nettleton** (at-large), **Myles Palombo** (finance council), **Norman Romagosa** (liturgy) and **Mark Truxillo** (at-large). The new Pastoral Council elected Norman Romagosa as president, Mark Truxillo as vice-president, and Sheryl Brown as secretary.

The new council will be formally installed on **Sunday, February 2** at the **9 am Mass**.

The Pastoral Council will meet six times a year and the meetings are open to any Parishioners wishing to attend as a non-participatory observer. Meeting dates and times will be published in advance in the Parish Bulletin.

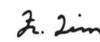
Fr. Tim, Fr. Andrew and the current Council members would like to thank the past Council members for their many, many years of service and for the many things they accomplished for the Parish during their tenure: **Tommy Barbier, Marge Garvey, Chip Hellmers, Mary Jeandron, David Lynch, Les Nettleton, Carol Rooney, and Ted Stacey.**

The current Council is looking forward to serving the Pastoral needs of St. Catherine of Siena Parish and its members as we strive as a community to be "Centered on Christ, Ablaze with Love."

Sincerely,



Norman Romagosa
Council President



Fr. Tim Hedrick
Pastor

St. Joseph Altar News

The annual St. Catherine of Siena St. Joseph Altar will be held on **Wednesday, March 18, and Thursday, March 19**, in the Melancon Center. Please help to make the altar a success once again by contributing to defray the cost of the altar (envelopes may be found in the pews). Place envelopes with donations in the collection basket during any weekend Mass, or in the safe in the narthex. Thank you for your support in helping to make the altar a success again this year. May St. Joseph bless you and your family for your support.

St. Catherine of Siena Chalice being Refurbished

Holy Communion is being distributed solely by means of the sacred Host since the chalices are being refurbished. The distribution of the Blood of Christ will resume as soon as the refurbished chalices are returned.



God's Special Children Mass: February 2

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

Human Trafficking Prayer Event: February 7

On **Friday, February 7**, St. Edward the Confessor parish, 4921 West Metairie Ave, Metairie, will honor St. Josephine Bakhita, patron saint of human trafficking, by praying for victims, survivors, and perpetrators of this modern-day slavery. The event will begin with **confessions from 5-6 pm**; followed by **Human Trafficking rosary, 6-6:30 pm**; **Mass, 6:45 pm**; and then a **Human Trafficking prayer service**. Immediately following the prayer service, a talk will be given by Beth Salcedo, director of Free Indeed, a safe house for girls 12-17 who have been sex-trafficked. A Donation Drive to benefit safe houses for human trafficking survivors will be held in conjunction with the prayer service. Attendees are invited to bring gift cards to Rouses, Target, and Walmart; toiletries; and household cleaning products.

Tchaikovsky's Joan of Arc Performances: February 7 and 9

Tchaikovsky's *Joan of Arc* will be performed at the Mahalia Jackson theater on **Friday, February 7, 7:30 pm**, and **Sunday, February 9, 2:30 pm**. A 25% discount is available to Catholic churches for anyone interested in seeing the performance. Visit neworleansopera.org, click on "Tickets," and then on the "Learn more" button alongside the St. Joan of Arc image, and then "Buy" alongside the performance you wish to attend. Enter the discount code **FriendOfJoan** on the checkout page for **25% off any seat in the house**. Call **529-3000** if assistance is needed.

Human Trafficking Symposium: February 8

"A Light in the Darkness," a human trafficking symposium, is scheduled for **Saturday, February 8, 9 am-4 pm**, at the University of Holy Cross, 4123 Woodland Drive, New Orleans. Registration is required. For more information, please contact the Archdiocese of New Orleans Respect Life Office at respectlife@arch-no.org.

World Day of Consecrated Life Celebration: February 8

The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life will take place with a Mass on **Saturday, February 8, 11 am**, at Dominican High School, 7701 Walmsley Avenue, New Orleans.

YCP Executive Speaker Series: February 11

The New Orleans chapter of Young Catholic Professionals (YCP) will gather **Tuesday, February 11, 7 pm**, for its next monthly Executive Speaker Series with Gretchen Dyer, Liaison to the Conference for Catholic Facility Management and Strategic Account Manager at Siplast, Inc. The event will take place in Schulte Auditorium of Notre Dame Seminary, 2901 South Claiborne Avenue, and is FREE and open to all young professionals in their 20s and 30s.

Sacred Communications for Married and Engaged Couples: February 29

Married couples seeking to improve their communications in respect, collaboration, openness, and honesty may wish to attend "Sacred Communications for Married and Engaged Couples," **Saturday, February 29, 2-4:30 pm**, at St. Peter's LaCour Center, 1550 Hwy. 44, Reserve. Presenters Deacon Richard and Diane Abbondante explore the communication skills they have learned through their 40 years of marriage. Clips from the *Beloved* series from Augustine Institute also will be shown. The cost is \$35 per couple (adjustments can be made). Register at nolacatholic.org/asc or call **861-3254**.

Pope Francis' February Prayer Intention

The Holy Father's February prayer intention is as follows: **Listen to the Migrants' Cries**—We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal human smuggling and trafficking, may be heard and considered.

Lenten Retreat in Daily Life: March 1-April 2

Those interested in *experiencing* Sacred Scripture, not just studying it; who deeply desire to grow in faith and life of prayer; and would like to experience a directed retreat without interrupting daily life, are invited to consider "A Lenten Retreat in Daily Life," **Sunday, March 1, 2-4 pm**, to **Thursday, April 2, 7-8:30 pm**, at the Archdiocesan Spirituality Center, 2501 Maine Avenue, Metairie. The cost is \$40 (adjustments can be made). Register at nolacatholic.org/asc or by calling **861-3254**.

Annulment Writing Workshop: March 17

The Archdiocese of New Orleans will offer a workshop for persons seeking an annulment in the Catholic Church and for persons responding to annulment proceedings. The workshop will be held on five consecutive **Tuesdays, March 17-April 14, 7:30-9 pm**, in Providence Hall at Our Lady of Divine Providence, 1000 North Starrett Road, Metairie. The materials for the series cost \$25. To register please visit nolacatholicfla.regfox.com/annulment-writing-workshop. For more information, please call **Cathy** at **861-6243**.

YCP Pilgrimage to Louisville: March 7

Friends of Young Catholic Professionals (YCP) are invited to take part in a **Saturday, March 7**, pilgrimage to Louisville, Kentucky, leading up to the launching of the 21st YCP chapter, in Louisville. Pilgrimage stops include a tour of the Basilica of St. Joseph Proto-Cathedral and prayer and exploration at the Abbey of Gethsemane. Hundreds of young professionals are expected to be in attendance at the chapter launch party. A tour and tasting at the Barton 1792 Distillery also is planned, as are optional activities on Friday and Sunday. Discounted rates are available for YCP members. For more information, visit versoministries.com/calendar/ycp-20200307.

Converging Roads Health Care Ethics Conference—Dignity & Disability in Medicine: March 14

The St. John Paul II Foundation, in collaboration with the Archdiocese of New Orleans and Notre Dame Seminary, present the second annual Converging Roads health care ethics conference, **Saturday, March 14, 8:30 am-6:15 pm**, at Notre Dame Seminary, 2901 South Carrollton Avenue, New Orleans. The conference theme is Dignity & Disability in Medicine, and continuing education credits for healthcare professionals will be offered. To register or for more information, visit convergingroads.com or email sara@forlifeandfamily.org.

CCRNO 2020 Healing Conference: March 27-29

"Thy Kingdom Come" is the theme for the Catholic Charismatic Conference, **Friday-Sunday, March 27-29**, at the Copeland Tower Suites and Conference Center, 2601 Severn Avenue, Metairie. Pope Francis has called upon the Charismatic Renewal to "share the grace of the Baptism in the Spirit with the whole Church," which is the aim of the conference. To register and for more information about the schedule and hotel accommodations, visit www.ccrno.org or call the Catholic Charismatic Conference of New Orleans (CCRNO) office at **828-1368**.

Sacramental Preparation

Baptism — Baptisms take place after 11 am Mass each weekend. Contact **Marion Eigenbrod**, baptism@scschurch.com, to begin the preparation process. Information about baptism is posted at scschurch.com/baptism, as is a PDF of the baptism paperwork.

Confirmation (Teen) — Confirmation will be celebrated for 11th and 12th graders in February. Classes begin in September. For more information, please contact **Paula Atchley**, paula@scschurch.com.

Confirmation (Adult) — Adult Confirmation is celebrated each year on Pentecost Sunday with the Archbishop. Classes take place in the Spring. For more information, please contact **Joni Maurer**, joni@scschurch.com.

Marriage — Please contact a priest at least eight 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 homebound or hospitalized and in need of the sacrament.

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

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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. Register online by visiting scschurch.com/welcome, completing the form found under "I Want to Join," and emailing it to Debbie at debbie@scschurch.com.

Bulletin Deadline

To be considered for publication, bulletin notices must be received in the parish office, via email to info@scschurch.com, by Friday at noon, nine days before the Sunday for which the notice is intended.

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