



Our Lady of Divine Providence Church

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Voice of Providence



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SICK & HOMEBOUND: Call for a priest to visit or for Communion to the homebound.

INFANT BAPTISM: English: Call Church Office to schedule Seminar and Baptism at least 2 months in advance.

MATRIMONY: Consult with parish priest first, at least six (6) months prior.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Saturday

9:00 a.m. 1st Saturday of every Month

4:00 p.m. English

6:00 p.m. *Español*

Sunday

8:00 & 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

English

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday

9:00 a.m. Mass

Tuesday

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena
follows 9:00 a.m. Mass

RECONCILIATION

Saturday

3:00 - 3:45 p.m. English

5:15 - 5:45 p.m. Spanish

Sunday

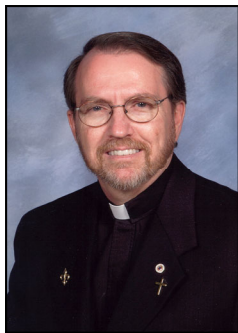
5:15-5:45 p.m. English

Anytime by request



DID YOU KNOW?

You can visit Jesus 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in
our Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel



OLDP Update

You may already have heard that our OLDP Nursery/Daycare is closing at the end of February. Sadly, the Nursery/Daycare has struggled with enrollment for the past year thanks, in large part, to the Covid pandemic. We tried to make it work, regardless, not wanting employees to lose their jobs and/or parents, who needed it, to be forced to look elsewhere. However, with our Church Parish's finances lower than normal, due to lower Mass attendance and lower donations, we could not continue to subsidize the Nursery/Daycare and were forced to close it. Beginning July 2020 we were subsidizing the Nursery about \$8,000 a month to cover Salaries and insurance, above what the Nursery/Daycare was bringing in. The Nursery/Daycare was always meant to pay for itself. Regrettably, circumstances have not allowed that to happen and so we needed to move forward and make the decision to close the Nursery/Daycare.

The Covid situation and the continuing uncertainty has also forced us to, once again, cancel our Spring Fest for 2021. Mardi Gras, Jazz Fest, French Quarter Fest, and many other events have either had to be cancelled or were postponed to the Fall. With a large number of Fall Fairs and Festivals, from our sister Churches, usually taking place in the Fall, there is no space for us to even consider that option. Therefore, we will hope and pray and plan on having our Spring Fest in April of 2022, God willing.

As, most people know our Spring Fest (Fair) is the largest fundraiser for our Church Parish. It is usually what keeps our finances in good shape through to the Christmas Season, and sometimes we will even have enough surplus to get some special projects done.

With Covid restrictions keeping our attendance at Mass, and our collections, lower than usual, we will need everyone's help, to keep our finances in good shape through Christmas since there will be no Spring Fest this year. One way to do that is to think about what you would have spent at the Spring Fest and make a donation, of that amount, to the Church. Another way might be to consider donating some portion of the next round of stimulus checks. I donated my entire stimulus check, last year, as well as the recent \$600 stimulus check and I will do so again with any future stimulus checks.

Thank you to all have been so faithful and generous with your giving to support our Church.

Please stay safe and pray for effective vaccines and an end to this Pandemic.

God bless you,
Fr. Mike

**First Sunday of Lent - February 21, 2021**

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me your paths.

— Psalm 25:4

THOUGHT OF THE DAY**BEAUTY IN FORGIVENESS**

**Humanity is never so beautiful as when
praying for forgiveness, or else forgiving
another.**

—Jean P. F. Richter

Living Stewardship Now

It's time to decide in our own minds who we are and wish to be, to confess it to our God and to ourselves and to the whole world. Do not fear those places of desert; they are where you will recognize your truest self.

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This Week in Our Parish

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

- Masses, 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m., Church

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- 9:00 a.m. Mass, Church
- Come, Lord Jesus, 7:00 p.m., St. Lawrence Room
- Girl Scouts, 7:00 p.m., Youth Building

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- 9:00 a.m. Mass, Church
- Bread of Life, Come, Lord Jesus, 12:00 p.m., Zoom.US

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- Clay, Come, Lord Jesus, 10:00 a.m., St. Lawrence Room
- Emmaus, Come, Lord Jesus, 10:00 a.m., Cuccia Center

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- 9:00 a.m. Mass, Church

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- 9:00 a.m. Mass, Church
- Knights of Columbus Drive thru Lenten Fish Fry, 4:00-till
- Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Church
- Ven Senor Jesus, 7:00 p.m., Providence Hall/St. Lawrence Room

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. (Spanish), Church

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

- Masses, 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m., Church



Saturday February 20

- 4:00 p.m.** Tommy Baroni, Gil Gonsoulin
Sr. Edna Eileen Byrne
Edward Gravis, Sr., Linda Lemoine
Elizabeth Kendrick, Kenny Margavio
Geraldine Mitchell, Don Russo
Mitch & Mike Rester, Roger Tassin
Donald J. "Dutch" Villarrubia

Sunday February 22

- 8:00 a.m.** Paul Melancon, Ruth & Bim Phillips
Donald J. "Dutch" Villarrubia
All Adorers in the Adoration Chapel
Healing of Clifton Williams
Intention of Emma Davis
- 11:00 a.m.** Mildred & Anthony Dichiaro
Edward Mahne, Sr.
Ron Shannon, Sr.
Ron Shannon, III
Donald J. "Dutch" Villarrubia
All Adorers in the Adoration Chapel
- 6:00 p.m.** FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

Monday February 23

- 9:00 a.m.** Pal Melancon
All Adorers in the Adoration Chapel
Healing of Clifton Williams

Tuesday February 24

- 9:00 a.m.** Geraldine Mitchell
Earl Pelitire
Healing of Clifton Williams

Wednesday February 25

- 9:00 a.m.** Paul Melancon
Healing of Clifton Williams

Thursday February 26

- 9:00 a.m.** Michael Golden
Healing of Clifton Williams

Friday February 27

- 9:00 a.m.** Roger Tassin
Healing of Clifton Williams

REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL

Lent is the time of year we devote to scrutinizing our lives in the light of our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus. Today's readings are a nice shorthand catechism of what our baptized lives mean. As Noah passed through the waters of the flood to a covenant with God, so did we enter into a covenant, a promised relationship with God through our baptism.

Peter's letter gives an explicit explanation of what our baptism means: it is an appeal we make to God for a clear conscience. How do we obtain this clear conscience? The words proclaimed by Jesus immediately following his temptation show us the way: "Repent, and believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:15). It might be a good spiritual exercise to keep these readings before us throughout the entire season of Lent, a means to help us return to a life lived by our baptismal promises.

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The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of

Donald J. "Dutch" Villarrubia

**Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration**

~ Are you celebrating your Golden Wedding Anniversary in 2021? The Archdiocese of New Orleans invites you to celebrate your 50th

and beyond Anniversary on Sunday, June 27 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Philip Neri Church. The celebration will not be a Mass, but a Prayer Service. Please call the Church Office at 466-4511 prior to March 7 to register.

FEAST OF FAITH**Seasonal Changes for the Liturgies of Lent**

Today is the First Sunday of Lent. During this season of preparation for Easter, our churches look stark and simple—no flowers at the altar, no festive banners or decorations. And our liturgies feel different, too. The organ is quiet except to accompany the singing of the assembly. The Gloria, our Sunday song of rejoicing, is not heard except on solemnities, and we will not sing the Alleluia, our joyful acclamation of praise, until the Easter Vigil. "Alleluia cannot always / Be our song while here below," says an eleventh-century hymn. "Alleluia our transgressions / Make us for a while forego; / For the solemn time is coming / When our tears for sins must flow" (*Alleluia dulce carmen*, J. M. Neale, trans.).

These changes in the liturgy will catch our attention, and make us eager for the festive outpouring of joy that will return with Easter. This year, may the stripped-away liturgies of Lent remind us to strip away what is not essential in our lives to make space for the crucified and risen One, and thus to be ready to sing "Alleluia" once again when Easter returns.

—Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

To change and to change for the better
are two different things.

—German proverb

2021 Men's Conference ~ Walking with St. Joseph Due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, the gathering for the 2021 Archdiocese of New Orleans Men's Conference has been canceled. Instead the planning committee for the Men's Conference is redirecting their efforts towards providing a year-long campaign to promote and support men's ministries across the Archdiocese. The theme of the campaign is "Walking with St. Joseph". The conference will be making regular posts on Instagram and Facebook (@nolacatholicmen) and by email. The first of a series of video presentations featuring speakers and leaders in men's ministry will be broadcast on WLAE on February 27th at 7:00 p.m. and will be streamed on NolaCatholicMen.org and other media platforms. Find out more at NolaCatholicMen.org and to subscribe to the mailing list.

**DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER
FOR WEEKEND MASS AND
WEAR A MASK TO KEEP OTHERS SAFE.
CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE (466-4511)
THANKS IN ADVANCE
FOR YOUR COOPERATION**



We offer our sincere
condolences to the family of
Gloria Madere



The Adoration Chapel is in need of committed Adorers on Tuesday afternoon from 2:00-3:00 p.m., Thursday from 2:00-3:00 p.m. and Thursday from 4:00-5:00 p.m. If you can help at any of these times, please call Ann at 887-9209. Jesus will be glad to see you and you won't miss that hour out of your day. It is amazing how an hour in the Chapel makes your day go better.

**OUR LADY OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
FRIDAY NIGHT LENTEN
FISH FRY FUNDRAISER**



**1000 N. Starrett Road
(Drive thru)**

**FEBRUARY 26
MARCH 5, 12, 19, 26
4 PM - UNTIL...**



MENU:

**PLATTERS, (ALL PLATTERS INCLUDE
CORN, POTATOES & ROLL)**

FRIED FISH PLATTER \$9.00

CRAWFISH PIE PLATTER \$9.00

**CRAWFISH PIES \$4.00/EA
(OR 3 FOR \$10)**



**SHRIMP ETOUFFE WITH RICE \$5.00
(PINT)**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
#9347**



**Come Join Us For
Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m. in Church**



FRIDAY
February 19th,
26th
March 5th, 12th

FRIDAY
March 19th, 26th
April 2nd
(Way of the Cross)

**OUR LADY OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE
CHURCH**
(W. Metairie between N. Starrett and N. Atlanta)

**Saints of the Week & Feast
Days**

Monday

**THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER
THE APOSTLE** - Today's fest, attested as early as the mid fourth century (in the *Deposito martyrum*), may have its roots as a Christian substitute for the pagan commemoration of dead relatives and friends (*Parentalia*, celebrated in Rome between 13-22 February. At this commemoration, a chair (*Cathedra*) was left empty for particular deceased persons. Since the actual date of Peter's death was unknown, it came to be commemorated on 22 February eventually celebrating his taking pastoral responsibility of the Church of Rome.

Tuesday

Saint Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr; died c. 155 at age eighty-six; disciple of St. John and bishop of Smyrna; his *Letter to the Philippians* witnesses to various New Testaments writings; the *Martyrdom of Polycarp* records his being burned to the stake; one of the first martyrs to be venerated

First Sunday of Lent

A POWERFUL PROCLAMATION

As we reflect on how we spend our time, we could well ask ourselves, "What would you want to be caught dead doing?" If we take seriously Jesus' Gospel proclamation, if we chew on the words until they become part of us, we will find our answer.

After coming out of the desert and learning of John's arrest, Jesus knew it was time to act. Forty days of prayer and fasting had prepared him well. He knew exactly what he wanted to be caught dead doing. His desert experience had prepared him. Fully aware that his actions would put his life in jeopardy, he went to Galilee, where he made the powerful proclamation found in today's Gospel.

"THIS IS THE TIME OF FULFILLMENT"

This is the time. Not tomorrow, or after Lent, or after you finish your degree, or after you feel a little better about yourself, or after you retire. *This* is the time and the place. Here, today, this minute, now. By your baptism, you *are* fulfilled. All you need to do is realize it.

"The kingdom of God is at hand." It is in the present moment, mirrored back to us many times each day. It is everywhere, even in the darkest corners of the world. To gain access to the kingdom, we just give ourselves to Jesus each morning, and examine ourselves in light of his love each evening. Submit and commit—day after day.

"Repent, and believe in the gospel." For those preparing for full Church membership this Lent, today's message is especially liberating. When we drop our own agendas and tune in to God's, miracles begin to happen. And if angels ministered to Jesus in the desert, we know that they will be there for us, too. So as we begin our Lenten observances, let's listen openly and trustingly to the still small Voice whispering in the silence of the season and then pray for the courage to believe and act on what we hear. We will be changed, and the world along with us.

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Primer Domingo de Cuaresma

UNA PROCLAMACIÓN PODEROSA

Al reflexionar sobre cómo pasamos el tiempo, podemos preguntarnos: "¿Por qué causa estaría dispuesto a dar la vida?" Encontraremos la respuesta si tomamos seriamente la proclamación de Jesús en el Evangelio, si "digerimos" sus palabras hasta que sean parte de nosotros.

Después de regresar del desierto y saber del arresto de Juan, Jesús sabía que era tiempo de actuar. Estaba bien preparado por los cuarenta días de ayuno y oración. Sabía exactamente lo que quería hacer aunque le costara la vida. Su experiencia en el desierto lo había preparado. Completamente consciente que sus acciones pondrían en peligro su vida, fue a Galilea donde hizo una proclamación poderosa que se encuentra en el Evangelio de hoy.

"EL TIEMPO SE HA CUMPLIDO"

Este es el momento. No mañana, ni después de Cuaresma, ni cuando termines tu carrera, ni cuando te sientas un poco mejor ni cuando te retires. *Este* es el momento y el lugar. Aquí, hoy, en este minuto, ahora. Por tu Bautismo, el tiempo se te ha cumplido. Sólo necesitas darte cuenta.

"El Reino de Dios está cerca". Está en este preciso momento, que vemos por reflejo muchas veces cada día. Está en todo lugar, hasta en los rincones más oscuros del mundo. Para ganar acceso al reino, solamente debemos entregarnos a Jesús cada mañana y examinarnos a la luz de su amor cada tarde. Someternos y comprometernos, día tras día.

"Cambien sus caminos y crean en la Buena Nueva". Para los que se preparan para integrarse por completo a la Iglesia en esta Cuaresma, el mensaje de hoy es especialmente liberador. Cuando dejamos nuestras agendas y tomamos la de Dios, los milagros ocurren. Si los ángeles sirvieron a Jesús en el desierto, ellos también nos cuidarán de nosotros. Al empezar la celebración de la Cuaresma, escuchemos abierta y confiadamente a la todavía pequeña voz que susurra en el silencio de este tiempo y después pidamos en oración el ánimo para creer y poner en práctica lo que escuchemos. Seremos cambiados, y también el mundo con nosotros.

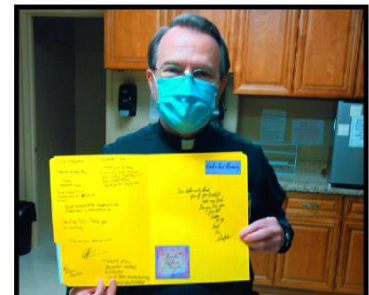
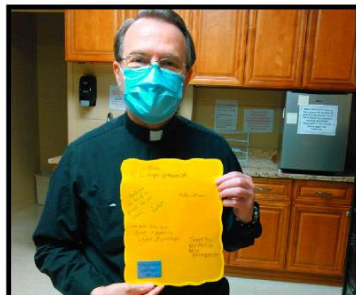
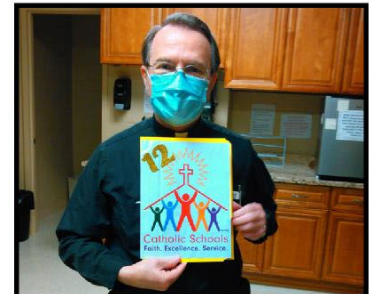
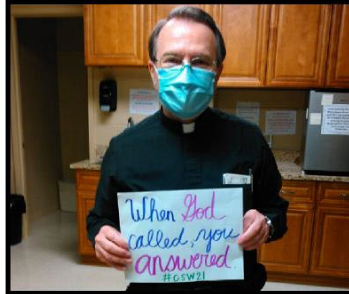
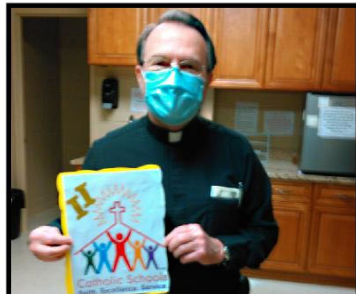
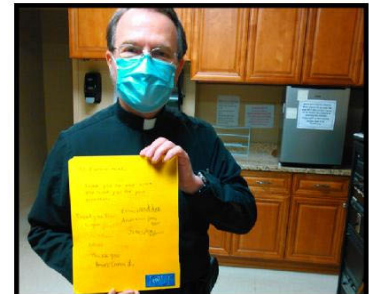
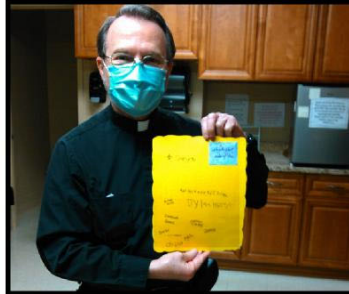
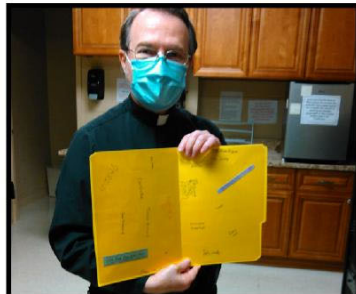
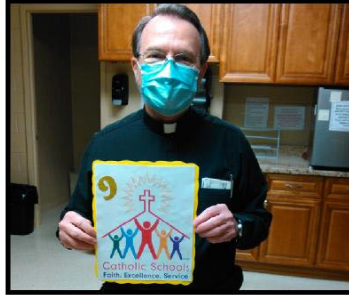
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THANK



YOU!



During "Catholic Schools Week" St. Thérèse Academy sent an assortment of beautiful cards to Fr. Mike to thank him for saying "yes" to God when God called Fr. Mike to the Priesthood



With compassion and concern we pray for those in need of our prayers:

Lori Alfano, Michael Alfano, Phil Babin, Karl Barker, Connie Bassemeir, Tommy

Bittel, Jr., Renee Bergeron, Harold Bologna, Emma Borges, Willie, Boye, Jolele Canova Brignac, Dan Bristol, Robbie Brown, Egla Buevara, Reid Butler, Judy Bush, Jeneen Callais, Rev. Ronnie Calkins, Kaylee Campo, Nancy Campeaux, Adele Canova, Claire Carbo, Janice Childress, Carson Coen, Casey Coen, Pearl Coli, Carolyn Crowall, Adam Cusimano, Quinn Dantagnan, Emma Davis, Jerry Davidson, Adam De-laune, Llyod Delaune, Rick Dichiaro, Nancy & Dennis Eschmann, Sue Estapa, Cheryl Espinal, George Espinal, Jeraldine Fast, Catherine Federer, Marilyn Fekete, William Fekete, Linda Fortoda, Brandon Foto, Jude Foto, Sr., Karen Foto, Monique Foto, Zack Foto, Leon Giaccone, Bob Gaudet, Darlene Gravis, Donald Gray, Emily Gray, Anna Guale, Jim Halibut, Suzanne Hammel, Wyatt Hawley, Harold Heller, Rene Hernandez, Trudy Hodgson, Alexander Howell, Larry Hymel, Joshua Ivy, Baby Ellie Kahn, Christine Kennedy, Jeanne Kennedy, Shannon Lambert, Catherine Landry, Baby Elijah David Landry, Cindy Lauff, Sherry Lemoine, Steve Lemoine, Regina Lussier, Chet Kelly, Jr., Patricia Matherne, Margarite Michel, Rosa Millano, Brian Mills, Richard Minton, Kenny Molony, Melissa Moskau, Paulette Motly, Claudette Nenoz, Surigao del Norte, Harland Northcott, Jacob Lopez-Nunoz, Jana O'Connor, Charlene & Marlon Parris, Darryl Patton, Anthony "Bubby" Pellittere, Lloyd Perrin, George Pritchard, Michelle Pritchett, Patricia Rachel, Jeanne Ricard, Marsha Robert, Robert Rockvoan, Billy Rodriguez, Melanie Rogers, Abbey Roux, Garland Ruiz, Chris Sachatano, Gina Salito, David Slatinsky, Steve Samrow, Rose Maria Santos, Charlie Sapia, Cheryl Schaff, Peter Schaff, Susan Schaff, John Schultz, Luca Scocerria, Erma Scudari, Jackie Sison, Pat Slate, Evan, Karen & Sean Smith, Mary Smith, Seth Smith, Joyce Sonnier, Jude Soto, Angela Spencer, Linda Speziale, Eric Steen, Jim Stennet, Kathy Stubbs, Karen Stubby, Monique Stubby, Darryl Tinig, Infant Elizabeth Theriot, Don Turley, Jr., Nicholas Dale Tynes, Sherry Vicknair, Cary Vinet, Candy Volk, Toni Wahl, Rock Whitfield, Foster Wimberly.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

February 7, 2021

Envelopes	\$ 9,436.00
Online Offerings.....	\$ 2,037.00
Grand Total.....	\$ 12,473.00

Expenses ending week of January 30th	\$ 27,199.63
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Prayer line:

Joan 237-5760



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Would you like to have the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in your Home? Every Catholic Home should have this devotion. It will help to make your home a place of prayer and bring your family closer together with each other and with Jesus. To find out more about the Enthronement contact the Church Office 466-4511.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday:	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

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