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Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30, 10:30 a.m.
12:30 p.m. (Español) & 5:00 p.m.
Monday and Tuesday:
6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday:
7:30 a.m.

Holy Days of Obligation

See Inside the Bulletin for Schedule

Confession Times

Saturday: 3:00-3:45 p.m.
(English & Español)
And by Appointment:
Call (504) 466-5016, ext. 116

Devotions

Eucharistic Adoration:
24/7 in the Adoration Chapel

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:
Thursday & Friday, 3 p.m. in Adoration Chapel and following Weekday Morning Masses

Rosary:
Monday—Friday before Mass
Saturday before 4 p.m. Mass
Sunday before 8:30 a.m. Mass
Domingo, 12 Noon (Español)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help:
Novena on Wednesday following the 7:30 a.m. Mass

Legion of Mary Pro Life Rosary:
1st Thursday of Month following the 7:30 a.m. Mass

First Friday Holy Hour and Benediction
1st Friday of Month following the 7:30 a.m. Mass

St. Joseph Sunday Missal

Today's Readings: p. 206
Next Sunday: p. 212

To purchase a Sunday Missal for $30, please see an usher.

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week

In Honor of Doris Rappold

The Adoration Chapel Candles burn this week

In Honor of Dot Dorvin

Pray for the Repose of the Souls of those who have died:

Carolyn Scardina
Janice Marie Bankston

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace!

Baptisms

Adalyn Grace Munsch
Lucia Ana Maria Rodriguez
Andrew Amilcar Rodriguez

Mass Intentions

To schedule Mass Intentions, please visit website www.divinemercyparish.org. The link for the Mass Intentions is under "Liturgy & Sacraments" then "Mass Intentions & Mass Card Requests". Complete the online form or contact the Parish Office.

January 28—February 3, 2023

Saturday - 4:00 pm

Gary J. Waguespack, Jerry Poche, Lily & Walter Juengling, Stanley J. Adamcewicz, Sr., Don Crocker, Sr., Dee Levy, Chris Marino, Florence Taci Hunter, Mary Ann Feliu, Mary Boes Rossmiller, Richard Holmes, Lucy Moore, Sara Aicklen (Birthday), Frances Mary O'Connor

Sunday - 8:30 am

Edmond Charles Blancher, Sr.

Sunday - 10:30 am

Miriam Chacon, Alex Tan, Alonso Andara, Sr., Celine Chicola, Gordon Herrin (Living), Juanita Gilberti, Michael Cobb, Mark Britz, Christopher Marino, Lester and Amelda Mertz, Ron and Margaret Mertz (Anniversary)

Domingo - Misa de las 12:30 pm

In thanksgiving to God for answered prayers through St. Michael, Esmeralda Bush

Sunday - 5:00 pm Mass

All Parishioners

Weekday Masses

Monday 6:30 pm Mass: Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday 6:30 pm Mass: Irene M. Burke

Wednesday 7:30 am Mass: Lloyd & Louise Aucoin

Thursday 7:30 am Mass: Edgar Jose Solis

Friday 7:30 am Mass: Alfonso Enrique Delgado Caldera

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Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 29
- Masses: 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM (Español), 5:00 PM
- Second Collection: Catholic Schools
- DMY High School-Discipleship Night, 6:00 PM, Parish Community Center

Monday, January 30
- Opening Prayer Service Catholic Schools Week, 8:30 AM-10:00 AM
- 6:30 PM Mass
- RCIA/The Faith, 6:30 PM, Parish Community Center

Tuesday, January 31
- 6:30 PM Mass

Wednesday, February 1
- 7:30 AM Mass
- St. Anthony Ministry to the Needy, 12:00 Noon

Thursday, February 2
- 7:30 AM Mass
- Legion of Mary Pro-Life Rosary follows Mass
- SEAS School Mass, 9:00 AM
- Cleaning Church, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM
- Divine Mercy Youth (Middle School), 3:30 PM, Parish Community Center
- Divine Mercy Men's Club Meeting, 6:00 PM, Parish Community Center
- Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 PM

Friday, February 3
- 7:30 AM Mass
- First Friday Holy Hour and Benediction follows Mass
- Set-Up: Archdiocese Catholic Schools Week, 9:00 AM
- Archdiocese of New Orleans Catholic Schools Week Mass with Archbishop Aymond, 11:00 AM –1:00 PM
- Marriage Ministry Wine Pairing Event at Chateau Country Club, 7:00 PM
- Divine Mercy Cenacle Group, 7:00 PM, Parish Community Center

Saturday, February 4
- Second Collection: Utilities
- Altar Auxiliary King Cake Sale after all Masses
- Bilingual Confessions 3:00 PM
- 4:00 PM Vigil

Sunday, February 5
- Masses: 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM (*Español*) 5:00 PM
- Altar Auxiliary King Cake Sale after all Masses
- Second Collection: Utilities
- DMY High School– Discipleship Night, 6:00 PM Parish Community Center

Stewardship of Treasure

Weekend of January 15, 2023

Envelopes	$	7,181
Loose	$	4,311
Online Giving	$	6,826
Capital Campaign	$	2,048
Other Income	$	3,314
Totaling	**$**	**23,679**
St. Anthony Ministry	$	698

"Let us focus on generosity, or returning God's gifts with increase, through the generous sharing of our time, talent and treasure."
~ Fr. Cooper

GRATEFUL & GENEROUS

January 29, 2023
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." ~MATTHEW 5:3

The phrase "poor in spirit" can be confusing. Think of it in this sense – poor in spirt means depending on God's providence and not depending on our own self-reliance. Being detached from earthy things (power, money, and comfort) and being attached to heavenly things (charity, sacrifice, and mercy). Denying ourselves from satisfying our desires and helping others obtain their basic needs.

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Prayer Requests

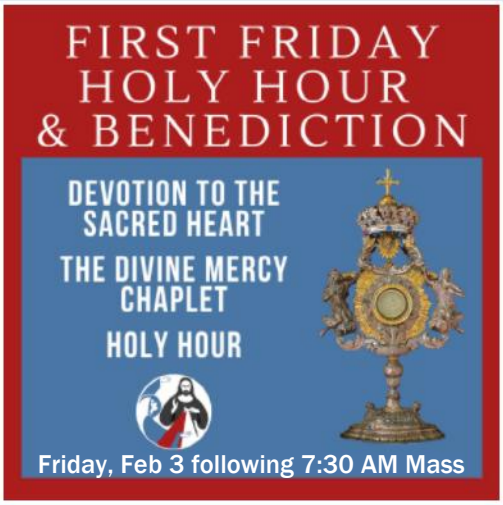
Dorothy Kopowski, Barbara JR Brown, Richard Wolf, Joe Larocca,Frank Stadthagen, Nahin Alarcon, Helena Long, Janice Russo Bradford, JoAnn Bland, Marena Noverola, Jackie Reynolds, Rosemary Cotham, Jody Rome, Anna Baker, Anthony Britz, Kathy Rapp, Carlos Laboy, Romeo Mamolo, Theresa Hamrick, Terry Parenton Staub, Gwen Accardo, Beth Zeringue, Albert Terry, Emile Fernandez, Jay Arnold, Alan Lay, Juliette Lassere, Freddie Babineau, Ernest Baker, Dorothy Rome, Leslie Tydings, Sybil Huesmann, Carter Denison, Sue Vaughn, Dell Para, Sally Maurello, Kenny Robicheaux, Mary Ferguson, Geovani Rodriguez, Herb Conners, All Prayer Blanket Recipients and All Prayer Intentions on the Divine Mercy website.

Names will remain on the list one month. Call 466-5016 to add a name.

Today, we celebrate the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. We are presented with the time Jesus preaches the Sermon on the Mount to His followers. Jesus describes the blessings of the 8 Beatitudes in the Gospel of Matthew. Jesus says, *"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven,"* (MT5:12). What an awesome promise! As a Lifeteen author says, *"God promises to bless and sanctify His faithful people."* On the USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) website, the subject of God's promise is addressed in numerous articles and letters including The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response, A Pastoral Letter on War and Peace (May 3, 1983). Basically, as a Lifeteen author says, *"If we truly trust God and believe in His promises, we won't need to understand everything that happens."* On the Lifeteen website, we are further reminded that *"God promises us 'a future with hope.'* For surely, (as the Bible says), *"I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope,"* (Jer. 29:11). The Lifeteen author further discusses our *"perspective" and Jesus' "extraordinary simplicity"* which is humbly conveyed in the statement of St. Pio (Padre Pio)- *"Pray, hope and don't worry."* The message Padre Pio states is quite simple. Pray! On Sunday nights, Divine Mercy Youth discusses ways to pray as well as God's promise along with ideas so that we can practice our promises with our family and friends in our homes, schools, workplaces, communities, society, and the world. We discuss many other teachings of Jesus and topics regarding Our Blessed Mother and how she leads us to her Son. Under the protection of Mary's mantle, you are invited to join us!

Divine Mercy Youth is a high school ministry for all 8th through 12th grade students. Our aim is to help teens grow in intentional discipleship through prayer, community, and formation. Divine Mercy Youth is held on Sunday Nights following the 5pm mass and will serve as the catechetical program for all students who are not in catholic school. See the parish website to register, for our schedule, and how to stay connected with us!

https://www.divinemercyparish.org/dmyouth



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Catholic Schools Week 2023

January 29–February 4

www.NCEA.org/csw #CSW23

The **Second Collection** this weekend **supports the Champions of Catholic Education Tuition Assistance Fund**. This fund aids families who cannot afford the full cost of Catholic School tuition and/or those experiencing financial difficulties. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Catholics often participate in the tradition of having their throats blessed. To do this, the priest consecrates two candles, generally by a prayer, and then holds each in a crossed position on the throat of the person being blessed. At the same time, the following blessing is given: *"Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."*

Why does the blessing of the throat take place on St. Blaise Day? St. Blaise, a physician and bishop, asked God to cure a child who was choking to death on a fish bone and the child's life was saved. Thus, St. Blaise is the patron saint of healthy throats.

The Blessing of Throats will take place at Divine Mercy Parish after the 7:30AM Mass on Friday, February 3rd, the Feast Day of St. Blaise.

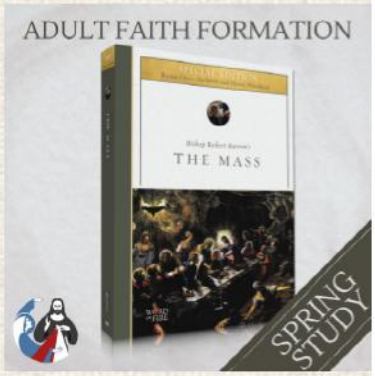
So ... You Got The Baby!

There is no better way to say **"Happy Mardi Gras"** than with a hand braided, Danish dough mixed with sweet cinnamon swirls, baked to perfection, topped with fondant icing, and adorned lavishly with purple, green, and gold sugar from **our friends at Cartozzo's Bakery**! Mardi Gras has deep Catholic roots because ***"Baby Jesus"*** is still baked inside each King Cake! **Members of the Altar Auxiliary will be selling King Cakes after all the Masses on the weekend of February 4th and 5th.**

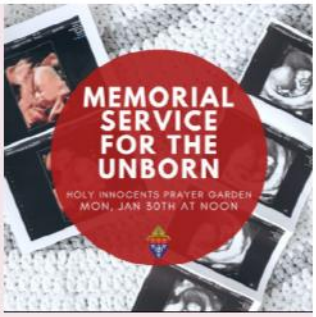
Join us for a transformative study on The Mass by Bishop Robert Barron and discover how this most intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ is the true source and summit of the Christian life. Registration is available online and in the narthex. All are welcome.

Our first of six sessions will meet on Wednesday, February 15th, 2023. We will be offering a morning class from 10:00 AM. - 11:30AM in the Parish Center and an evening class from 6:30PM - 8:00PM at the home of one of our Group Leaders (located in Grandlake Estates). Each participant will receive a study guide and will be invited to participate in small group discussions as we grow together in our knowledge and love of Jesus in the Mass.

Cost: $30 (covers cost of study guide and materials)



All are welcome to pray with
Archbishop Aymond
at the
Memorial Service for the Unborn
in observance of Roe v. Wade anniversary
in the
Holy Innocents Prayer Garden
(St. Patrick #1 Cemetery, 5000 Canal St., NOLA)
on **Monday January 30, 2023, at Noon.**



We will be praying for those lost to miscarriage,
stillbirth, or abortion and those who mourn them.

The Sociable Seniors are having another Craft Day!

To prepare for the feast of St. Valentine's Day, we'll be making **Mini-vase Flower Arrangements** on **February 7th from 12:00pm to 2:00 p.m**. in Parish Life Center.
Snacks are provided- please bring garden clippers for this project.

Attendance is limited to 25 people. **To register, please call Ana Mason at (925) 365-8020.**

A Virtual Lenten Retreat In Daily Life

Would you like to experience Sacred Scripture—not just study it?

Do you have a deep desire to grow in your faith and prayer life?

Are you seeking a deeper relationship with the Lord through prayer?

Would you like to experience a directed retreat without interrupting your daily life?

If your answer is

"Yes"

A LENTEN RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE MAY BE FOR YOU!

- **Where:** **Virtual Opening and Closing**
- **Opening** Session: Sunday, February 26, 2023 2:00-4:00pm (Virtual Group Experience)
- **Closing** Session: Thursday, March 30, 2023 7:00-8:30pm (Virtual Group Experience)

Personal prayer with Scripture for approximately 30 minutes a day
Weekly private guidance by experienced spiritual directors. (Available in Spanish and English.)

Please register by Friday, February 17, 2023 as enrollment is limited to the availability of spiritual directors.
Cost: $40.00 (Adjustments can be made.)
Register on the web: https://nolacatholic.org/asc or telephone (504) 861-3254

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Companions Along the Way

(Virtual)

In what ways do our prayer and our lived experiences intersect? How do we become more aware of the Holy Spirit moving and guiding us? Together in prayer and faith we will share the stories of our everyday lives. Sifting through the stories and circumstances of our life/world enables us to see everything through the eyes of faith. We all benefit, and blessings come to light when we have companions along the way. Come and join us!

Wednesdays: 12:30-2:00pm Feb. 8, 22, March 8, 22 and April 5, 2023 (every other week)
Presenter: ASC Associate Director Jeanne Burmaster
Donation: $40.00 (Adjustments can be made.)
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The program is unlike anything else that you've experienced! It tackles real issues facing real men. It looks at the leadership role that has been entrusted to men and addresses the temptations and struggles men face in a culture that attacks authentic manhood. Finally, it helps formulate a plan that allows men to overcome these obstacles.

Our first series will be hosted the following **Friday mornings at 6:15am in the PCC: March 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th.**

Men who've attended this program *(hosted at numerous parishes around the nation)* who have been Catholic their whole lives, say this is the program they've been waiting for!

They consider it a ***"home run,"*** saying it is hard to imagine how the program content could get any better. Priests say that it literally transforms men and saves marriages. It's that powerful!

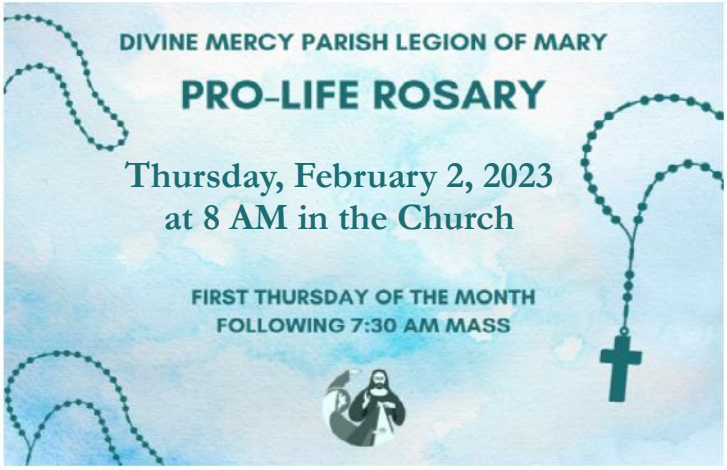
Join us for our Info Session on Friday, February 10 at 6:15am in the PCC

For more information or to register, please visit: *https://divinemercyparish.org/tmiy*

Spend time with the Lord in a way you've never experienced before! **Summit Nights** are a monthly opportunity for all parishioners and friends of the parish to **spend time with the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration.**

Join us on **Wednesday, February 8th at 6:30pm** in the church for our **first Summit Night**. This event will feature **praise and worship by John Finch** and a short testimony designed to inspire you to reach new heights in your faith, together in community.

Details can be found at *divinemercyparish.org/eucharist*



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FR. COOPER'S CORNER

The Relationship Between Priests and Bishops

In October 2022, the results of the National Survey of Catholic Priests were released by The Catholic Project and the Department of Sociology of the Catholic University of America. The National Survey, the largest study of Catholic priests in America in more than 50 years, is an ambitious attempt to assess the state of the priesthood in the United States as the Church marks the twentieth anniversary of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*. Conducted by Gallup between February and June of last year, the Survey sought to interview 10,000 of the 35,000 Catholic priests in the country; 3,516 priests from 191 dioceses and eparchies responded. The authors likewise engaged the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) to survey, between October 2021 and February 2022, all of the Archbishops and Bishops who head the 195 US Dioceses and Eparchies, obtaining responses from 131 of them. So, the results are quite significant, involving the input of over 10 percent of the priests and 67 percent of bishops in the country.

The National Survey was interested specifically in assessing how the abuse crisis, and the Church's institutional response to it, have affected priests' overall well-being and impacted their relationship with their bishops. The responses showed that despite 77 percent of priests being characterized as "flourishing" according to the categories of the novel (2017) Harvard Flourishing Measure, there are some major concerns. Forty-five percent of priests report at least one symptom of ministry burnout, and nine percent show severe burnout, characterized by chronic emotional and physical exhaustion and high levels of stress. The burnout is particularly acute among young priests. The biggest concerns, however, involve the toll the response to the clergy sexual abuse crisis has been having on priests' sense of vulnerability and their trust in their bishops.

When the U.S. Bishops convened in Dallas in 2002 to draft the *Charter* and its accompanying *Norms,* they did so hurriedly and under enormous pressure from the press, lawsuits, and furious faithful. They got most of the big stuff right in terms of holding offenders accountable, responding quickly to allegations, cooperating with civil authorities, committing to the healing and reconciliation of victims, and ensuring that the priesthood — and parish staffs and volunteer teams — were no place for those who would harm the young. The priests in the National Survey overall were highly supportive and appreciative of these efforts, with 90 percent of priests saying that their dioceses have a strong culture of child safety and protection and nearly two-thirds saying that the zero-tolerance policy for abuse of minors has demonstrated the Church's commitment to the young and helped regain trust.

But the priests surveyed gave stark testimony to the harms that have come from what the bishops in Dallas left out of balance. The most noteworthy damage is that priests now feel extraordinarily vulnerable to false accusations. Eighty-two percent of priests stated that they regularly fear being falsely accused of sexual abuse. Compounding their fear is the concern of many that if they are falsely accused, they would be treated as guilty until proven innocent and left without support. Sixty-four percent of diocesan priests think that they would not be provided with sufficient resources by their diocese and 49 percent think they would not be supported by their bishop.

This is doubtless an effect of the fact that the original understanding of the undefined term "credible accusation" in the *Charter* and *Norms* was left undefined and was interpreted by most diocesan protocols according to an absurdly low threshold: "credible" meant only that the charge was not patently "impossible," that the priest wasn't already dead when the abuse took place and that the allegation involved a who, what, when, and where. It didn't matter if the priest had a rock-solid alibi and sterling character with youth, if the accuser had a reputation for chronic mendacity, or if the details were incoherent and contradictory.

In most dioceses still today, when a priest is accused, he loses his home, his job, his good name all within hours. He is removed immediately from his rectory and parish assignment, prevented from public ministry for the length of what is often an inexcusably glacial investigation, and required to dress like a layman. A press release is published in which the priest's reputation is injured if not ruined. He must exhaust his meager savings or beg and borrow money to hire a lawyer. Most excruciatingly, he must linger for months or years under suspicion of being a sadistic pervert as well as a hypocrite to the faith for which he has given his life. Some dioceses have sought to remedy various aspects of the obvious injustices involved, like changing the criterion from "credible" to

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"substantiated," but even the latter can be insufficient, meaning that there's "some" evidence seeming to support the accusation. The definitions and their applications remain arbitrary, the evaluation processes hidden, and for those reasons the decisions, regardless of their outcome, remain shrouded in questions.

While 61 percent of priests believe that the civil legal process would prove their innocence — because civil criminal procedures are known and the presumption of innocence acknowledged — they clearly do not have a similar confidence in ecclesiastical review boards and decision-making. They fear that things other than justice and due process would be involved in the outcome, like the diocese's reputation for zero tolerance, and all of the concerns (including financial) that flow from the diocese's having such a reputation. This would be true especially in situations in which a clear sense of what did or did not happen cannot be definitively established.

The second associated lacuna in Dallas was the bishops' failure to hold themselves accountable to the *Charter* and *Norms*. During their deliberations, they decided to change the word "cleric," which would have included bishops, to "priests and deacons," in order to exempt themselves from what they were mandating for others, a clear violation of the Golden Rule. Pope Francis' 2019 apostolic letter *Vos Estis* addressed some of the disparities, but not all.

Investigations of bishops accused of the sexual abuse of minors do not normally involve the draconian measures experienced by priests. Most (rightly) remain in office as the accusations are investigated, even if they voluntarily curtail their functions. They maintain their residences. They continue to dress as clergy. Press releases and all other aspects of the process insist on the presumption of innocence. The investigations are relatively expeditious. If their innocence is established, the press, helped by the Diocesan communications department, normally gets the news out broadly.

The double-standard of treatment between bishops and priests has profoundly impacted their relationship. Fifty-one percent of priests say that they don't have confidence in their own diocesan bishop and 76 percent don't have confidence in the U.S. Bishops in general. There are doubtless several factors involved in those numbers, but it is logical that priests who do not believe that their bishops would support them and treat them justly if they were falsely accused of sexually abusing children would not have high confidence in their bishops.

The disconnect between bishops and their priests was highlighted in the Survey by the massive disparity in the way priests regard their bishops and bishops think they're regarded. Whereas 73 percent of bishops view priests as their brothers, only 28 percent of priests say that the bishops treat them that way. Similar discrepancies happen relative to bishops' behaving as spiritual fathers (70 to 28), co-workers (73 to 32), and servants (68 to 34). Priests mainly regard their bishops as administrators or CEOs who treat them as employees (55 percent), while only 44 percent of bishops identify as such. The biggest disconnect, however, between the way bishops view themselves versus the way their priests regard them is over whether bishops could be counted on to help one of their priests who was struggling. Ninety percent of bishops said that they would be there for such a priest, but only 36 percent of priests thought their bishop would.

There are, of course, many bishops who have high marks from their priests for their fairness, closeness, and other virtues. But it is nothing short of shocking that 30 percent of bishops don't look at themselves as spiritual fathers to their priests, or 27 percent as their brothers, or 27 percent as their co-workers. It's more staggering that 10 percent of bishops admit they would not be there for priests who were struggling. It's time, however, for the 90 percent who say they would be there for their priests to digest this survey and recognize that the vast majority of their spiritual sons, brothers and co-workers are indeed struggling and need their help. And the particular help they need is a prudent and just revision of the obvious deficiencies in the Dallas Charter and Norms, so that they no longer have to live under the threat of the cataclysmic consequences of a false accusation.

That way they can begin to live anew in right relationship to the bishops to whom they have promised respect and obedience until death and whom the Church theologically wants them to regard as faithful spiritual fathers, brothers, collaborators, and shepherds.

HISPANIC MINISTRY

Todos están invitados a orar con el Arzobispo Aymond en el ***Servicio Conmemorativo para los No Nacidos*** en conmemoración del aniversario de Roe v. Wade **en el Jardín de Oración de los Santos Inocentes** *(Cementerio St. Patrick #1, 5000 Canal St., NOLA)* **el lunes 30 de enero de 2023 , al mediodía.** Estaremos orando por aquellos perdidos por aborto espontáneo, muerte fetal o aborto y por aquellos que los lloran.

Los católicos a menudo participan en la tradición de bendecir sus gargantas. Para hacer esto, el sacerdote consagra dos velas, generalmente mediante una oración, y luego las sostiene en posición cruzada sobre la garganta de la persona que está bendiciendo. Al mismo tiempo, se da la siguiente bendición: *"Por intercesión de San Blas, obispo y mártir, que Dios os libre de las dolencias de la garganta y de todo otro mal. En el nombre del Padre, y del Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo. Amén."*

¿Por qué la bendición de la garganta tiene lugar el día de San Blas? St. Blaise, médico y obispo, le pidió a Dios que curara a un niño que se estaba ahogando con una espina de pescado y se salvó la vida del niño. Así, San Blas es el patrón de las gargantas sanas.

La Bendición de Gargantas se llevará a cabo en la Parroquia de la Divina Misericordia después de la Misa de las 7:30 am el viernes 3 de febrero,el Día de la Fiesta de San Blas.

¡Pase tiempo con el Señor de una manera que nunca antes había experimentado! **Summit Nights** es una oportunidad mensual para que todos los feligreses y amigos de la parroquia **pasen tiempo con el Señor en Adoración Eucarística**.

Únase a nosotros el **miércoles 8 de febrero a las 6:30 p. m. en la iglesia** para nuestra primera **Noche Cumbre**. Este evento contará con **alabanza y adoración de John Finch** y un breve testimonio diseñado para inspirarte a alcanzar nuevas alturas en tu fe, juntos en comunidad.

Los detalles se pueden encontrar en *Divinemercyparish.org/eucharist*

Entonces ... ¡Tienes a la bebé!

No hay mejor manera de decir **"Feliz Mardi Gras"** que con una masa danesa trenzada a mano mezclada con dulces remolinos de canela, horneada a la perfección, cubierta con glaseado de fondant y adornada lujosamente con azúcar púrpura, verde y dorada de nuestros amigos en ¡**La panadería de Cartozzo!** ¡Mardi Gras tiene profundas raíces católicas porque el "Niño Jesús" todavía se hornea dentro de cada King Cake! **Los miembros del Auxiliar del Altar venderán King Cakes después de todas las Misas el fin de semana del 4 y 5 de febrero.**

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The Annulment Writing Ministry of the Archdiocese of New Orleans will be hosting a workshop on three consecutive **Saturdays 2/11, 2/18, & 2/25, 2023 from 9am – noon.**

The workshop will be in the Parish Center at **St. Clement of Rome,** 4317 Richland Avenue Metairie, LA.

Register Online at ***www.arch-no.org/annulments***

The cost of the workshop is $25.00

Date: Saturday March 4th, 2023
Car Show: 11:00am–2:30pm
Cook-Off: Noon – 4:00pm
Live Music by The Benchwarmers from 11:30am - 2:30pm
Event Location: Divine Mercy Parish, 4337 Sal Lentini Pkwy, Kenner, LA 70065
Visit https://divinemercyparish.org/carshow for Registrations, Sponsor Forms, and Order Links

The Knights of Columbus would like to announce that John Reed won the Charcuterie Basket that the Knights raffled off at the Ministry Fair. John is now also one of their newest members!

The Knights also thank those members that assisted the Altar Auxiliary with decorating the church for Christmas.

DIVINE WORSHIP AND SACRED MUSIC

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SACRED MUSIC LYRICS

4:00 PM Mass

Entrance

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Refrain
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see You.
I want to see You.

1. To see You high and lifted up,
shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love
as we sing "Holy, holy, holy".

Bridge
Holy, holy, holy,
holy, holy, holy,
holy, holy, holy,
I want to see You.

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Offertory

We Bring Our Gifts To Your Altar

1. We bring our gifts
to your altar, O Lord God of hosts,
We lay them at the foot
of your throne.
We bring our gifts
to your altar, O Lord God of hosts,
We offer them to praise you alone.
We bring our gifts
to your altar, O Lord.

2. We bring our hearts
to your altar, O Lord God of hosts;
Unite them with the heart
of your Son.
For he offered his life
as a ransom for sin;
By his death the victory is won.
We bring our hearts
to your altar, O Lord.

3. Prepare our hearts to
receive you, O Lord God of hosts;
Cleanse us and wash away our sins.
We sing your praise with the angels
and saints at your throne,
For this is where heaven enters in.
Prepare our hearts
to receive you, O Lord.

4. We bring our gifts to your altar,
O Lord God of hosts;
May our sacrifice be
pleasing in your sight,
fruit of the earth
and work of human hands,
Which will become for us
the Bread of Life.
We bring our gifts
to your altar, O Lord.
We bring our gifts
to your altar, O Lord.

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Communion

Amazing Grace

1. Amazing grace!
How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost,
but now I'm found,
was blind but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught
my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did
that grace appear,
the hour I first believed!

3. The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

4. Thru' many dangers, toils,
and snares I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought
me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

5. When we've been there
ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days
to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

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Sending Forth

Lead Me, Lord

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit,
longing for their Lord,
for God's coming kingdom
shall be theirs.
Blessed are the sorrowing,
for they shall be consoled,
and the meek shall come to
rule the world.

Refrain
Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord,
by the light of truth to seek
and to find the narrow way
Be my way; be my truth;
be my life, my Lord,
and lead me, Lord, today.

2. Blessed are the merciful,
for mercy shall be theirs,
and the pure in heart shall
see their God.
Blest are they whose hunger only
holiness can fill,
for I say they shall be satisfied.

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3. Blest are they who
through their lifetimes
sow the seeds of peace;
all will call them children of the Lord.
Blest are you, though persecuted
in your holy life,
for in heaven, great is your reward.

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8:30 AM Mass

Entrance

Open the Eyes of My Heart
See 4 PM Mass - Entrance

Offertory

We Bring Our Gifts To Your Altar
See 4 PM Mass – Offertory

Communion

Amazing Grace
See 4 PM Mass – Communion

Sending Forth

Lead Me, Lord
See 4 PM Mass – Sending Forth

10:30 AM Mass

Entrance

Open the Eyes of My Heart
See 4 PM Mass - Entrance

Offertory

We Bring Our Gifts To Your Altar
See 4 PM Mass – Offertory

Communion

Amazing Grace
See 4 PM Mass – Communion

Sending Forth

Lead Me, Lord
See 4 PM Mass – Sending Forth

Misa – 12:30 PM

Entrada

Somos Todos el Pueblo de Dios
Estribillo
Cantor: Todos unidos en un solo amor,
Todos: Todos unidos en un solo amor,
Cantor: somos todos el pueblo de Dios.
Todos: somos todos el pueblo de Dios.
Cantor: Y alabamos tu nombre, Señor.
Todos: Y alabamos tu nombre, Señor.
Cantor: Somos todos el pueblo de Dios.
Todos: Somos todos el pueblo de Dios.

1. Alaben con cantos a nuestro Dios.
Te alabe toda tu creación.

2. Habla, Señor, te escuchamos,
tu Palabra da vida, Señor.

3. Perdónanos nuestras culpas,
renuévanos el corazón.

4. Toma, Señor, nuestras vidas,
confiamos en ti, oh Señor.

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Ofertorio

Bienaventurados
1. Bienaventurados, pobres de la tierra,
porque de ustedes es el reino de Dios.
Bienaventurados los que pasan hambre,
los que lloran sangre por amor a Dios.

Estribillo
Alégrense y llénense de gozo,
porque les esperan
maravillas en el cielo.
Alégrense y llénense de gozo,
bienaventurados serán.

2. Bienaventurados los desesperados,
serán consolados por Jesús, el Rey.
Si eres buen amigo, si eres buen vecino,
estará contigo nuestro hermano, Jesús.

3. Bienaventurados los sacrificados;
los desamparados serán grandes ante Dios.
Tiende más tu mano, haz a todos hermanos
con tu cristianismo y amor a Dios.

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Comunión

Pan de Vida
Estribillo
Pan de Vida, cuerpo del Señor,
santa copa, Cristo Redentor.
Su justicia nos convertirá.
Poder es servir,
porque Dios es amor.

1. Somos el templo de Dios,
frágiles seres humanos.
Somos el cuerpo de Cristo,
llamados a ser compasivos.

2. Ustedes me llaman "Señor".
Me inclino a lavarles los pies.
Hagan lo mismo, humildes,
sirviéndose unos a otros.

3. No hay esclavos ni libres,
no hay mujeres ni hombres,
sólo aquellos que heredan
el reino que Dios prometió.

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Canto Final

Danos un Corazón
Estribillo
Danos un corazón grande para amar.
Danos un corazón fuerte para luchar.

1. Pueblos nuevos,
creadores de la historia,
constructores de nueva humanidad.
Pueblos nuevos,
que viven la existencia
como riesgo de un largo caminar.

2. Pueblos nuevos,
luchando en esperanza,
caminantes, sedientos de verdad.
Pueblos nuevos,
sin frenos ni cadenas,
pueblos libres que exigen libertad.

3. Pueblos nuevos,
amando sin fronteras,
por encima de razas y lugar.
Pueblos nuevos,
al lado de los pobres,
compartiendo con ellos techo y pan.

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5:00 PM Mass

Entrance

Open the Eyes of My Heart

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I want to see You.

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Offertory

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

1. How deep the Father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure
that He should give His only Son
to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss.
The Father turns His face away
as wounds which mar the Chosen One
bring many sons to glory.

2. Behold the Man upon a cross,
my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life.
I know that it is finished.

3. I will not boast in anything:
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ:
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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Communion

Goodness Of God

1. I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus
All my life
You have been faithful
All my life
You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

2. I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Bridge
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

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Sending Forth

Different

1. I don't wanna hear anymore
teach me to listen
I don't wanna see anymore
give me a vision
That You could move this heart
to be set apart

2. I don't need to recognize
the man in the mirror
And I don't wanna trade Your plan
For something familiar
I can't waste a day
I can't stay the same

Chorus
I wanna be different,
I wanna be changed
Till all of me is gone
and all that remains
Is a fire so bright
the whole world can see
That there's something different
So come and be different (in me)

3. And I don't wanna spend my life
stuck in a pattern
And I don't wanna gain this world
But lose what matters
And so I'm giving up everything because

Bridge
I know that I am far from perfect
But through You the cross
still says I'm worth it
So take this beating in my heart and
Come and finish what You started
When they see me let them see You
'Cause I just wanna be different yeah

Ending
I just wanna be different
So could You be different
In me

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Memorare

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Prayer to St. Michael

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 the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if you were already there, and I unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Acto de Comunión Espiritual

Mi Jesús, yo creo que Tú estás en el Santísimo Sacramento. Yo te amo por encima de todas las cosas y yo Te deseo en mi alma. Como ahora no puedo recibirte sacramentalmente, al menos ven a mi corazón espiritualmente. Como ya has venido, Yo te abrazo y me uno enteramente a Ti. Nunca permitas que me separe de ti. Amén

Memorare

Acuérdate, oh piadosísima Virgen María!, que jamás se ha oído decir que ninguno de los que han acudido a tu protección, implorando tu auxilio, haya sido desamparado. Animado por esta confianza, a Ti acudo, Madre, Virgen de la vírgenes, y gimiendo bajo el peso de mis pecados me atrevo a comparecer ante Ti. Madre de Dios, no deseches mis súplicas, antes bien, escúchalas y acógelas benignamente. Amen.

Oración a San Miguel Arcángel

O San Miguel, Arcángel defiéndenos en la batalla. Sé nuestra protección contra el mal y las trampas del diablo; humildemente te rogamos que Dios los reprenda. O Principe Celestial de la Santa Hostia, que con la ayuda de Dios eches a satanás al infierno y a los espíritus que vagan por el mundo para arruinar las almas. Amén.

Nuestra Oración Familiar

Dios amoroso y fiel, a través de los años el pueblo de nuestra arquidiócesis ha apreciado las oraciones y el amor de Nuestra Señora del Pronto Socorro en tiempos de guerras, desastres, epidemias y enfermedad. Venimos a Ti, Padre, con María nuestra Madre, y te pedimos nos ayudes en la batalla de hoy contra la violencia, el asesinato y el racismo. Te imploramos que nos des la sabiduría para construir una comunidad fundada en los valores de Jesús, que conceden respeto a la vida y dignidad a todas las personas. Bendice a los padres para que formen a sus hijos en fe. Bendice y protege a nuestros jóvenes para que sean hacedores de paz en nuestro tiempos. Da consuelo a los que han perdido a seres queridos debido a la violencia. Te lo pedimos por Jesucristo, Nuestro Señor.

Nuestra Señora del Pronto Socorro, apresúrate a socorrernos. Madre Henrieta Delille, ruega por nosotros para que seamos una familia Santa.
Amén.

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