

Our Lady Of Perpetual Help Roman Catholic Church

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Weekend Mass Schedule:

1st Saturday: 8:00am

Saturday: 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm

Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 am & 6:30pm

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 12:15pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 5:15pm

Confessions: 15 minutes before each weekday
Mass;

Saturday: 3:00 pm-3:45 pm, and by appointment.

July 1, 2018 • Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus said to the woman,

"DAUGHTER,

YOUR FAITH HAS SAVED YOU.

GO IN PEACE AND BE CURED OF YOUR AFFLICTION."

~ Mark 5:34



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Monday

**11:00 am - 12:00 pm,
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
8:30 am - 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Friday

8:30 am- 12:00 pm

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MIXED MESSAGE

Words are funny things. Over long periods of time they can take on new meanings, sometimes the opposite of what they originally meant. So it is with the word diversity, which originally meant opposite, different. Reactions to our human differences range all the way from suspicion to outright violence. As our world has shrunk through global travel and migration, we have tried to develop ways of making difference, or diversity, seem like a positive thing. One Catholic parish, with significant numbers of new parishioners speaking Spanish and Vietnamese, tried to tackle this in a new mission statement, including some lofty language about diversity. "The concept of diversity includes acceptance and respect . . . appreciating each other and moving beyond simple tolerance to embracing and celebrating the rich dimensions of diversity in a safe, positive, and nurturing environment." At a meeting where, once again, complicated arrangements were underway for each language group to have separate liturgies, one person commented that the new mission statement did not reflect any new reality in the parish. "The parish is still separated in worship, in faith formation, and even in community involvement and giving" he said. Some Anglo parishioners remarked angrily to the pastor that "those people" (other language speakers) do not give "their fair share" (meaning money). Saint Paul, according to today's reading, would characterize this as "biting and devouring one another" (Galatians 5:15). He reminds us that the greatest commandment is to love our neighbor as ourselves. What a challenge that is when we sometimes find it difficult to get along even with family and close friends. But, as Christ's disciples, everyone who comes to our parish is by definition a brother or sister in Christ. Everyone. No exceptions.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God did not make death, nor does God rejoice in the destruction of the living (Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24).

Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Psalm 30).

Second Reading — Your abundance should supply the needs of the others (2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15).

Gospel — Your faith has saved you (Mark 5:21-43 [21-24, 35b-43]).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Ps 50:16bc-23; Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 10:24-29

Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Ps 50:7-13, 16bc-17; Mt 8:28-34 or, for Independence Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Country or a City," nos. 882-886, or "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891

Thursday: Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 9:14-17

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a

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O LORD, BE MY HELP

Today we encounter readings that draw us into the mystery of suffering and death. In the past few years we have witnessed the devastation of life and property through earthquakes and hurricanes. So many lifted their lament to God, simply asking, "Why?" This is an honest expression of anger toward a God who we believe is the giver of life. When we lose a loved one, we can wonder why the presence of Christ is not enough to make that person rise, even from death, as did the little girl in today's Gospel passage. Again we raise our voices and ask, "Why?" At moments such as these, let us make the prayer of the psalmist our own: "Hear, O LORD, and have pity on me; O LORD, be my helper." Let us pray that our mourning will one day be turned into dancing.

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July 1, 2018

You changed my mourning into dancing;

O LORD, my God, forever will I

give you thanks. — *Psalm 30:13*

CHRISTIAN FREEDOM

Today's second reading from the letter to the Galatians focuses on freedom. Freedom can mean different things to different people. We pride ourselves in this country on the fact that we enjoy freedom, which is guaranteed by our constitution. To be free, to some people, means that they may do whatever they please. Through baptism, Christians live in the freedom of the children of God. It is the way we use this freedom that is at the heart of the scriptures we hear today. What is central to true Christian freedom is found in today's second reading. There, Saint Paul writes that "the whole law is fulfilled in one statement, namely, *You shall love your neighbor as yourself*" (Galatians 5:14). Freedom, in the Christian sense, has a forward-looking thrust. It is true that in baptism we are freed *from* sin, but there is also freedom *for* something. And that something is love of neighbor. All rights reserved.

HOW DO WE SPEND OUR FREE TIME?

The first reading and Gospel for today tell stories about people who want to dwell in the past. Christian freedom means that, once the past is taken care of, we move forward toward a future where we can use our freedom to love our neighbors. Too often we are barraged with advertising that tries to tell us exactly how to use our freedom. We should be spending our free time in shopping malls. We should be freely spending our money on SUVs, boats, larger and larger homes, and the biggest-screen TV. We should be spending our leisure time traveling to exotic places. Christian freedom means something quite distinct from these values, espoused by so many in our society. Today the scriptures call us to use our freedom to make this world a better place for the poor and needy. Today is one of those days when the Christian message is clear, concise, and quite easy to grasp. Putting this into practice is the challenging part for all of us.

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, June 30th

4:00pm—Skyla Babineaux/ Jim Estilette,
Ella & Walter F. Shipp, Dr. & Mrs. Rene Broussard/
Ella Mae Sedotal/ Joey Glenn Broussard/
Danny & Nolan Meche/ Mark deClouet/
Betty & Howard Lasseigne/ Ryan Segura/
Howard & Mary Dautreuil & Family/
Arnold “Bud” Pellerin/ Terry Duplantis & Family/
Norris P. Rader, Sr./ Eugene & Ruby Duhon/
Fr. Wayne Duet/ Patrick Broussard/

5:30pm—Elmae & Henry Pesson/ Fr. Wayne Duet

SUNDAY, July 1st

7:00am—Pope Francis/

Lester & Cynthia Babineaux Lopez

9:00 am— All Parishioners of OLPH

11:00 am—Leslie Bienvenu/ Ernest Freyou/
Albert Pisani/ Tony Gassiot/ Darlene Gaspard/
Errol & Jeanette Robichaux Family/
Pope Francis/ Patricia Verret/

For the Souls in Purgatory/ Bobby Broussard

6:30 pm—Pope Francis

MONDAY, July 2nd—Angelus @ noon

12:15pm—Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

TUESDAY, July 3rd—Novena to OLPH @ 5:00pm

5:15pm —Terry Lynn Frioux/

Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel

WEDNESDAY, July 4th—Office Closed

8:00am—Msgr. Wayne Richard, Olga Mae Touchet
& Jean Leger Touchet, Sr./

Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrel

THURSDAY, July 5th

5:15pm— Fr. Willard Dugas

FRIDAY, July 6th—Angelus @ noon

12:15pm— Wallace & Solange Boudreaux,
Jim Watters & Children, John Boudreaux & Family/
Fr. Ed Duhon

2018 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

here at Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be held from July 9th through 13th, 8 am to 12 noon. This year's theme is “Going Fishing” and will include activities, song, games, and crafts. Please call Anna at the Parish Life Office to register children ages 5-11.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Blessed Mother Teresa #2550 meets every 2nd Monday of the month (except June and July) in the Parish Life Center of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1303 St. Jude Ave., @ 6:00pm. “We welcome anyone interested in joining to attend.”

In Prayerful Remembrance of our beloved deceased.

Please pray for the souls of

Theresa Olivier, Kevin Huval, & Edward Viator

who recently died and for those who mourn for them.

A Memorial Donation was made in Memory of

Litta O. Miguez by

Eloise & Leonard Kern

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 7th

4:00 pm—Hallee Mire

5:30 pm—Ethan, Jack,
& Carter Leleux

Sunday, July 8th

7:00 am—Michael Pellerin

9:00 am—Remi LeBlanc
Jalan LeJeune

11:00 am—Capri Boutte

6:30pm—Jolie DeRouen, Jayden Boutte,
Makeira Lancelin



RCIA classes will begin on July 11, 2018 for anyone interested in becoming Catholic. Please call Peggy @ the Parish Life Office, 365-5481, to register.

The Vocation Cross will be in the home of *Leo & Flo Fremin* the week of July 1, 2018.



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in Memory of **Ben Babineaux & Skyla Babineaux**

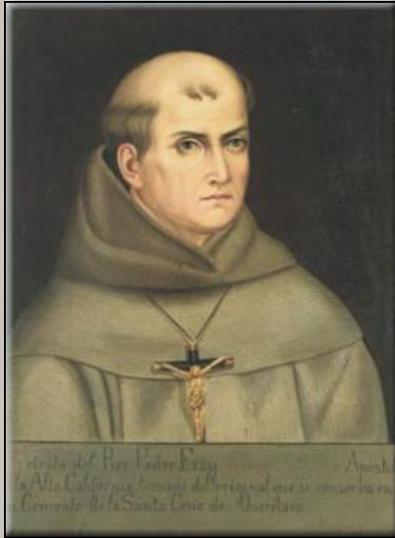


THE PARISH LIFE OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED WEDNESDAY, JULY 4TH,
AND WILL REOPEN ON THURSDAY
JULY 5TH. HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

Saint Junipero Serra

Other Events & Diocesan News

Miguel Jose Serra was born on the island of Majorca on November 24, 1713, and took the name of Junipero when in 1730, he entered the Franciscan Order. Ordained in 1737, he taught [philosophy](#) and theology at the University of [Padua](#) until 1749. At the age of thirty-seven, he landed in [Mexico](#) City on



January 1, 1750, and spent the rest of his [life](#) working for the [conversion](#) of the peoples of the New World. In 1768, Father Serra took over the missions of the Jesuits (who had been wrongly expelled by the government) in the Mexican province of Lower [California](#) and Upper [California](#) (modern day California). An indefatigable worker, Serra was in large part responsible for the [foundation](#) and spread of the Church on the West Coast of the United States when it was still mission territory. He founded twenty-one missions and converted thousands of Indians. The converts were taught sound methods of agriculture, cattle raising, and arts and crafts. Junipero was a dedicated religious and missionary. He was imbued with a penitential [spirit](#) and practiced austerity in sleep, eating, and other activities. On August 28, 1784, worn out by his apostolic labors, Father Serra was called to his eternal rest. He was [beatified](#) by Pope [John Paul II](#) on September 25, 1988. His statue, representing the state of California, is in National Statuary Hall. His [feast day](#) is July 1.

We want to congratulate Chad Peltier and Cole Laurents for being accepted for priestly studies by Bishop Deshotel. They begin studies in August 2018. Please pray for them

God Bless America



PRO LIFE ROSARIES

Our Lady of Perpetual Help every Sat. @ 3:15; **Catholic Daughters Court 2550**—every 1st Sat. @ 10am, Grotto on Main St.; **Nativity**—every Wednesday @ 8:30 am; **St. Peter's**—every Tuesday @ 11:25 am; **Prompt Succor**—30 minutes before daily Mass

Centennial News

August 15—get your boat and join the procession-Fete-Dieu de Vermilion—our Eucharistic Adoration will be on the Vermilion River this year beginning in Abbeville at St. Mary Magdalen with a Mass in French at 8am. The river procession will begin after with a Rosary and Benediction in Milton @ 11:35 @ Waweess, then a Rosary and Benediction at River Ranch @ 1:40 @ Rufinno's, then a foot procession @ 3:45pm from Beaver Park to Cathedral up University St. to the Cathedral—Vespers at 5pm and Mass at 5:30 with Bishop Deshotel. Having 121 Church Parishes in our Diocese we would like to have at least 1 boat from each parish. To register, please visit www.fetekiuduteche.org or call 337-349-6550. This is an extraordinary event and we ask that you please consider being a part of the 121 boats.

National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministries-- in this Centennial Year, the Diocese of Lafayette is happy to host a national Marriage and Family Conference-July 15-17 at the Cajundome Convention Center. The precious holiness of marriage and family must be strengthened and cherished. Come & join us. For information on the conference and to register, visit, www.nacflm.org.

Centennial Prayer for the Diocese of Lafayette

O Lord God Almighty, by sending Your only-begotten Son to establish the One True Church through the power of the Most Holy Spirit, You gave mankind a haven from the world. We humbly implore Your blessing upon the Church of the Diocese of Lafayette as we observe this Century of Love. Through the intercession of Our lady of the Immaculate Conception and Saint John Vianney, our patrons, bestow perpetual growth to Your Family of Faith as we take refuge in Your Infinite Grace. We humbly beseech You to enlighten us to learn from our past and to look to the future so that we may persist in the work of spreading the true faith. Fill us with gratitude in this Year of Jubilee as we live secure in the certain hope that You will be with us forever. We ask this through Christ the Lord. Amen. Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, pray for us. St. John Vianney, pray for us.

THOUGHTS / PRAYERS

A PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

Gracious and loving God, we come to you in humble prayer for the United States of America.



Bless our President. Give him wisdom and strength to serve the American people and lead our country in ways that are pleasing to you.

Bless our Congress. Instill in them knowledge and understanding to enact laws that protect the sanctity of life—from the unborn to the elderly; and promote the good of all people.

Bless the people of the United States. Make us aware of our responsibility as citizens to uphold the principles of life, liberty, justice, and equality.

Send your Holy Spirit upon our beloved country. Make us people of faith in time of uncertainty. Make us people of hope in times of trouble. Make us people of compassion with those who are less fortunate. Make us people of peace in our homes, our communities, our country, and our world.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Beatitudes for Friends of the Aged

Blessed are they who understand
my faltering step and shaky hand.
Blessed are they who know my ear
must strain to catch the things they hear.
Blessed are they who seem to know
that my eyes are dim and my wit is slow.
Blessed are they who didn't scold
when my coffee I just couldn't hold.
Blessed are they with a cheery smile
who stop to chat for a little while.
Blessed are they who never say,
you've told that story twice today.
Blessed are they who know the ways
to bring back memories of yesterdays.
Blessed are they who make it known
that I'm loved, respected and not alone.
Blessed are they when I'm at a loss
to find the strength to carry my cross.
Blessed are they who ease the days
on my journey Home in loving ways.

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship of Finance

June 17th, 2018

Env./Loose cash/Chks. \$8926.00

Peter's Pence 2377.00

Total \$11,303.00

Thank You for your generous spirit of giving!
Average Weekly Expenses: \$13,779.11* ; Average Monthly Expenses: \$59,709.48* ; *Plus loan note \$16,870.14

Living Stewardship Now

Are other languages spoken in your parish? Try learning phrases so that you can greet and thank parishioners whose mother tongue is not English, or volunteer as a teacher for an *English as a Second Language* program.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

As Independence Day draws near, we think of the men and women of the military who serve with courage and competence, some far from home. How does the Church accompany them? In 1939, Pope Pius XII created an independent jurisdiction of the Catholic Church called the "Military Vicariate." In 1985 Pope John Paul II created the "Archdiocese for Military Services, USA." Spanning the globe and serving nearly one and a half million Roman Catholics, more than one thousand priests minister in hospitals, on military bases of all the armed forces, on ships at sea, and on the battlefield. The AMS does not ordain priests, but accepts priests on loan from religious orders and dioceses.

In 1824 a Jesuit priest named Adam Marshall enlisted in the Navy and died at sea in 1825. He was assigned as a "schoolmaster," but he sought out and ministered to Catholic sailors. Twenty years later, President Polk was worried that the war with Mexico was seen as anti-Catholic, so he recruited two Jesuit priests to serve in the army as chaplains. At the time of the Civil War, only about ten percent of Americans were Catholic. Military policies forced Catholic soldiers to attend Protestant services. The Church protested this rule, and many priests volunteered to become chaplains. Their witness and the courage of the "Nuns of the Battlefield" (several orders of sisters who assisted Civil War victims) helped temper prejudice against Catholics and pave the way for the life and ministry of this vigorous and unique archdiocese.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Eternal treasures come from pressing on through hardships and sacrifices and boldly facing danger for the sake of the salvation of others.



Identifying your real treasures

If we cannot see or envision what our real treasures are, then we're blind, says Jesus in Matthew 6:19-23. If we consider as valuable anything that can decay or could be stolen from us, we're living in the darkness of a world-view that is bleak, cynical, and discouraging.

Look at 2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30 to see how much St. Paul suffered in his passion for serving the kingdom of God. And yet, he wasn't feeling bleak, cynical, or discouraged. He wasn't complaining. Why not? Because he knew that his work was valuable. He understood that eternal treasures come from pressing on through hardships and sacrifices and boldly facing danger for the sake of the salvation of others.

Take a close look -- in the Light of Christ -- at your treasures, your real treasures. What talents do you have? They are gifts from God. What pearls of wisdom or gems of unconditional love or diamonds of trust have you gained from hardship? They will last forever and eternally benefit others if you use them well.

How do your weaknesses become treasures that produce hope and glorify God? If you learn from mistakes, or if you overcome a sinful tendency, or if you crumble in trials but return to your daily pressures with strength from the Holy Spirit, you're collecting treasures beyond measure. The value of these treasures is in the good that they do for others.

God doesn't withhold anything good from us. We, however, walk around rotting in hopelessness, feeling empty, unless we open ourselves to receive the treasures of heaven. This requires recognizing their true value in regards to other people. If we value earthly treasures, toiling to collect them only for our own sake, we will have nothing to take with us to heaven, nor do we have anything now that will give us long-lasting joy on earth.

Many people have learned this the hard way: losing jobs, unable to find new employment, being foreclosed out of their homes, forced to reprioritize their spending habits. There is great value in learning from economic hardships. As a society and as individuals, we need to trust God and become more charitable, more freely sharing with others whatever wealth we have, even if we don't think it's wealth at all.

Earthly goods are to be used for the kingdom of God. If we're willing to share our possessions with others, it's not a sin to have an abundance of them. God wants to be generous with us so that we become distributors of his goodness. Affluence is not bad, but it's also not the real treasure. What we do with affluence produces the true treasures -- or else it decays our souls. Our souls are enlivened and enriched when our motive for having what we have and for getting what we dream of getting is to aid that which is eternal in others. Do we want to use our possessions in the service of God's kingdom? Or are they serving only earthly, temporary, selfish purposes?

Only by spreading the love of God do we accumulate treasures that we'll be able to enjoy for all of eternity. And if we have to endure hardships and make sacrifices to get it done, then the treasures are precious indeed!

Prayer: Lord, free me from attachments and from an earthly focus that's burdened with worries. May my eyes be fixed on You, always seeking what is good and true, to lead me to You and to my brothers and sisters. Amen.

You have good fruits to share;
God has been nurturing their growth.



God is calling you!

This week, something is going to happen that will give you the opportunity to touch someone's life with God's love. Watch for it.

If you consciously choose to make the most of the situation, you might feel challenged, perhaps a bit nervous or intimidated, but you will experience the joy of making a difference for the kingdom of God. And you might be surprised at how well you do!

God has been preparing you for this situation for a long time. Your trials, your spiritual education, your personal purification process, your prayer-time insights, your Christ-centered conversations with others – all these and more have been part of the preparation.

You are like the seed in the Gospel passage. Life's circumstances have fertilized you, watered you, and tilled your soil. Over time, the seed sprouted, the plant grew, and the flowers began to produce good fruit. Every day, we all encounter small and sometimes large opportunities to serve the kingdom of God. We don't have to be full-time volunteers nor paid employees of the Church to work in the mission of Christ. If we are willing, he touches the world through us in our homes, our workplaces, our parishes, in the grocery store, in the traffic tie-ups, on the Internet, and everywhere we go.

Have any of your seeds sprouted into a tree that withered from neglect or got chopped down by others? This happens to all of us. The good news is: In every dead tree at least one fruit remains, shriveled up and barely hanging from a lifeless branch, but secretly holding a very valuable seed.

We are to take those ugly, dead fruits and plant them in the freshly tilled soil of today. A new tree will grow and it will become taller and stronger and more abundantly fruitful than the tree from which it came, because the decay from the original tree is now additional fertilizer in the soil.

In everything that happens to you, remember: You have good fruits to share; God has been nurturing their growth. You *are* ready!

Questions for Personal Reflection:

What are some of the ways you have grown in your faith? How can this help others? Realizing that the good fruit that come from your growth is Jesus working through you to make the world a better place, how do you feel about this?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

Describe various ways that we continue the mission of Christ in our ordinary lives. What produces new growth in us so that we become more useful to Christ?

Prayer:

Help me, Lord, to find You in the little things You show me every day. In them, You also make your Church grow inside me from the seed you planted in me on the day of my baptism. Amen.

Sacramental Information



Baptism:

Expectant parents should contact the office four to six (4-6) months *before the birth of the child.*



Marriage:

Couples planning marriage need to make an appointment with the pastor at least **six months** before the intended wedding date to begin the preparation process. A wedding date cannot be scheduled without approval of the pastor.



Anointing of the Sick:

Contact the office to schedule an appt., home or nursing home visit, and, if death is imminent, contact the office for immediate action.

Register Now for an Aquinas Institute Course!

Summer Course: The 293 Augustine and the Dawn of the Christian Era 3 sem.hours will be taught by Fr. Clinton Sensat, STL on Saturdays 10:00am-2:00pm at John Paul the Great Academy in Lafayette. Classes start June 2 and end August 4. Fall Courses: The 203 Jesus, Son of God by Fr. Michael Russo, STB, MA (Tuesdays 6:15-9:00pm at Knight Hall at Our Lady of Fatima—Classes begin Aug.21 and end Dec.4) and PHI 101 Introduction to philosophy 3 sem. hrs. by Fr. Brian Harrington, MA, PhL (Wednesday 6 -8:45pm at ULL—Classes begin Aug. 22 and end Dec. 5). The classes can be taken for college credit (accredited through University of Holy Cross) or for catechetical credit (audit). For more info or to register call (337)394-6550, email frchampagne@yahoo.com, or go to www.aquinaslafayette.org

ENGAGED COUPLES

Spend a weekend away from the cares and distractions of everyday living. Attend a **Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend**. The weekend is open to any engaged couple wanting to prepare for a deeper more meaningful life together in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church according to its Church law. Upcoming weekend dates are **August 3- 5, and September 21-23**. For cost of weekends, other dates, and to learn more, visit our website at www.lafayettecece.org or contact **Paul & Carolyn Trahan** at (337)254-8947 or (337)898- 9257, or cee.trahan@gmail.com.

Knights of Columbus Council 3425 meets every 2nd Monday of each month, @ the **Parish Life Center of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1303 St. Jude Ave. New Iberia, La.** Rosary at 6:15PM . Meeting follows.

ANNULMENT PROCESS WORKSHOP

July 24, 2018, the Judicial Vicar for the Diocese of Lafayette, Msgr. Robie Robichaux, will be presenting workshops on **Declaration of Nullity** and what is needed to begin the process. Two workshop times are offered: 10:00 am to noon, or 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, at the Diocesan offices, Immaculata Center, 1408 Carmel Drive, Lafayette, La. All are invited to attend. Prior to attending one of the sessions, please register by calling 261-5623, or via email to catrahan@diolaf.org. There is *no charge* for this workshop.

Come & Celebrate the Centennial of the Diocese of Lafayette! Fete-Dieu du Vermillion. Eucharistic Boat Procession up the Vermilion River, will take place on the feast of the Assumption, Wednesday, August 15. All are invited to a Mass in French at 8am at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Abbeville to begin the day. Bishop Glen Provost of the Lake Charles Diocese will preside and give the homily. At the end of Mass there will be a procession from Church with the Blessed Sacrament and a stature of Mary across the draw bridge to the old River Side Restaurant. At 10:00 AM 121 boats will embark in procession (one for each of the 121 parishes of the Diocese) and make their way up Bayou Vermilion to Lafayette. The boat procession will stop in Milton at Wawee's at 11:35 AM for recitation of the rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The flotilla will re-commence at 12:35 PM and continue upstream, arriving at Rufino's in River Ranch at 1:40 PM for Rosary and Benediction. The boat procession will embark once again at 2:40PM and arrive at Beaver Park at about 3:20 PM. At 3:45 PM a foot procession with the Blessed Sacrament and a statue of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will leave the landing and process up University Avenue in Lafayette all the way to the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. Solemn Vespers will be prayed at 5:00 PM and Holy Mass will follow at 5:30 PM with Bishop Douglas Deshotel to conclude the historic day. Confessions will be heard in mobile units at each of the stops along the way. Don't miss this "once in a hundred years' event!" Schedule your vacation day now and register your boat! For more information or to register a boat visit our website at www.fetedieuduteche.org, visti us on Fete-Dieu du Teche Facebook, send us an email at fetedieuduteche@gmail.com, or call (337)394-6550.

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