

# 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

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Andrew said to Jesus,  
"There is a boy here who has  
five barley loaves and two fish;  
but what good are these for so many?"

John 6:8-9

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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

# Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## FEEDING THE WORLD

With today's two accounts of feeding miracles and the psalm response about the Lord's hand feeding us, it is easy to gloss over the marvelous hymn in Ephesians. It is built around the most potent biblical numbers: one, three, and seven. The core of it is the word "one" expressed seven times. Three of these describe the church: one body, one Spirit, one hope; the next three are the foundations of the church: one Lord [Jesus], one faith, one baptism. All of these are bound up together in the one Father of all. While we might feel daunted by the prospect of duplicating the wonders worked by Elisha and Jesus in the feeding of multitudes, Ephesians gives us a more realistic way to live and "feed" others as the church: by living in humility and gentleness, by acting with patience, bearing with each other in love, and always seeking and striving to preserve unity through peace. Who among us cannot increase the way we "feed" the church and the world by living this way? We are always called upon to "feed" the world in the literal sense; but our mission as church tells us that others are also fed by the way we live and act each moment of each day. All rights reserved.

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — When they had eaten, there was some left over, as the LORD had said (2 Kings 4:42-44).

**Psalm** — The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).

**Second Reading** — Strive to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:1-6).

**Gospel** — Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted (John 6:1-15).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35  
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13;  
Mt 13:36-43  
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18;  
Mt 13:44-46  
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53  
Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Mt 13:54-58  
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34;  
Mt 14:1-12  
Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54;  
Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

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## WEEKLY MIRACLE

This week marks the beginning of a kind of "liturgical detour." We have been listening to Saint Mark's Gospel during this liturgical year (Year B). Today we begin to hear a long section from John's Gospel, starting with the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. This miracle story is a prelude to the Lord's statements that we will begin hearing in a few weeks, in which Jesus refers to himself as the "bread of life." Each week we witness a miracle at Mass. We do not see a multiplication of loaves before us. What our eyes of faith allow us to see is the miracle of the transformation of common elements—bread and wine—into the Lord's Body and Blood. Once we have received the Lord, the multiplication begins, for in the Eucharist we are strengthened to multiply our efforts to feed the poor, shelter the homeless, and bring comfort to the despairing. All rights reserved.

## WHO'S YOUR DADDY?

We all know the Lord's Prayer by heart, right? How easily it easy rolls off our tongues—but when was the last time you stopped and gave it some thought, phrase by phrase? Jesus' disciples were certainly used to memorized prayer. They were required by Jewish law to say the prayer beginning "Hear, O Israel" (Deuteronomy 6:4-5) every day of their lives. Those words are so sacred that most Jewish people hope to have these words on their lips at death. The disciples, however, have learned that Jesus does not limit himself to what the law requires. So they say, "Teach us to pray." He responds, "When you pray, say 'Father'. . ." This is a shock. Jesus uses a child's version of "Father," the word "Abba," which means "Daddy" or "Papa." No believing Jew says God's name—it is simply too holy—so "Lord" or "The Blessed One" is used instead. Jesus is showing us that we are not distant from God up there in the sky, but close to God's heart like a babe in arms. We can speak in absolute trust, knowing that God will hear us. We honor God for who God is, pray for the Kingdom to be among us, to be fed daily with what we need to nourish body and soul, for the power to forgive others as we know that God forgives us. Finally we pray—and the words in English sound odd—not to be led into temptation. As if God really would. What Jesus' original words meant were more like "Please do not put us to the test" for, as beloved children, we do not want to disappoint our Abba who loves us. This prayer helps us to strip away all complications in our relationship with God and know that God always listens.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SATURDAY, July 28th

**4:00pm**—Rena Cobb Family/ Ella & Walter F. Shipp, Dr. & Mrs. Rene Broussard/ Ella Mae Sedotal/ Amar Moore & Beatrice M. Pellerin, Stanley Viator, Octave & Delta B. Viator, James N. Dooley/ Joey Glenn Broussard/ Hardy & Muriel Landry, Wilda Naquin/ Elenie & Eddie Labit, Sr. & Family/ Danny & Nolan Meche/ Mark deClouet/Ryan Segura/ Betty & Howard Lasseigne/ Arnold “Bud” Pellerin/ Eugene & Ruby Duhon/M/M Edgar Trahan & Family, M/M Clodo Delahoussaye/ Fr. Joshua Guillory/ Patrick K. Broussard/ Norris P. Rader, Sr./ Deceased Members of Rader Family/ Mildred & Dudley Boudreaux/ Milton “Bill” LaBiche

**5:30pm**—Larry Fitch/ Fr. Joshua Guillory

### SUNDAY, July 29th

**7:00am**—Lester & Cynthia Babineaux Lopez/ Fr. Jude Halphen

**9:00 am**— All Parishioners of OLPH

**11:00 am**—Ernest Freyou/ Albert Pisani/ Tony Gassiot/ Darlene Gaspard/ Fr. Jude Halphen/ Errol & Jeanette Robichaux Family/ For the Souls in Purgatory/ Patricia Verret/ Loretta Vice/ Henry A. “Hank” Fontenot/ Irving Derouen/ Jenny Myers, Verla Mae Myers, M/M Leroy Myers, M/M Walter Hebert

**6:30 pm**—Fr. Jude Halphen

### MONDAY, July 30th—Angelus @ noon

**12:15pm**—Anita Viator Broussard & A.D. Broussard, Jr./ Fr. Brian Harrington

### TUESDAY, July 31st—Novena to OLPH @ 5:00pm

**5:15pm** —Mona Dore’/ Msgr. Russell Harrington

### WEDNESDAY, August 1st—

**12:15pm**—Jim Estilette, Eddie Estilette, Pete & Lois Pontiff/ Pope Francis

### THURSDAY, August 2nd

**5:15pm**— Fr. Mitchell Guidry/ Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

### FRIDAY, August 3rd—Angelus @ noon

**12:15pm**— Wallace & Solange Boudreaux, Jim Watters & Children, John Boudreaux & Family/ Bishop Douglas J. Deshotel

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In Prayerful Remembrance of our beloved deceased.  
Please pray for the soul of **Joseph “Verlin” Maturin** who recently died and for those who mourn for him.



**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.”

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### **ST FRANCIS GARAGE SALE**

**Thurs., Friday, Saturday,**

**August 2nd, 3rd, & 4th**

**8:00 am to 1:00pm**

**Questions, call Pat @ 365-1766**

### ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

#### Saturday, August 4th

4:00 pm—Hallee Mire

5:30 pm—Ethan, Jack & Carter Leleux



#### Sunday, August 5th

7:00 am—Michael Pellerin

9:00 am—Remi LeBlanc & Janan LeJeune

11:00 am—Capri Boutte

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



The Vocation Cross will be in the home of **George & Denise Mestayer** the week of July 29, 2018.

Please note that Sunday July 29th will be the last day we will be having a 6:30pm Mass on Sunday. There will no longer be a Sunday evening Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.

"Jesus loved Martha and Mary and Lazarus." This unique statement in John's gospel tells us of the special relationship Jesus had with Martha, her sister, and her brother.

Apparently Jesus was a frequent guest at Martha's home in Bethany, a small village two miles from Jerusalem. We read of three visits in Luke 10:38-42, John 11:1-53, and John 12:1-9. Many of us find it easy to identify with Martha in the story Luke tells. Martha welcomes Jesus and his disciples into her home and immediately goes to work to serve them. Hospitality is paramount in the Middle East and Martha believed in its importance. Imagine her frustration when her sister Mary ignores the rule of hospitality and Martha's work in order to sit and listen to Jesus. Instead of speaking to her sister, she asks Jesus to intervene. Jesus' response is not unkind, which gives us an idea of his affection for her. He observes that Martha is worried about many things that distract her from really being present to him. He reminds her that there is only one thing that is truly important -- listening to him. And that is what Mary has done. In Martha we see ourselves -- worried and distracted by all we have to do in the world and forgetting to spend time with Jesus. It is, however, comforting to note that Jesus loved her just the same. The next visit shows how well Martha learned this lesson. She is grieving the death of her brother with a house full of mourners when she hears that Jesus has just come to the area. She gets up immediately and leaves the guests, leaves her mourning, and goes to meet him. Her conversation with Jesus shows her faith and courage. In this dialogue she states clearly without doubt that she believes in Jesus' power, in the resurrection, and most of all that Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus tells her that he is the resurrection and the life and then goes on to raise her brother from the dead. Our final picture of Martha in Scripture is the one that sums up who she was. Jesus has returned to Bethany some time later to share a meal with his good friends. In this home were three extraordinary people. We hear how brother Lazarus caused a stir when was brought back to life. We hear how Mary causes a commotion at dinner by anointing Jesus with expensive perfume. But all we hear about Martha is the simple statement: "Martha served." She isn't in the spotlight, she doesn't do showy things, she doesn't receive spectacular miracles. She simply serves Jesus. We know nothing more about Martha and what happened to her later. According to a totally untrustworthy legend Martha accompanied Mary to evangelize France after Pentecost. But wouldn't it be wonderful if the most important thing that could be said about us is "They served"? Martha is the patron saint of servants and cooks.



### Centennial News-Sunday July 29th, 2018

**Catholic Hospital in Lafayette Arrives by Accident**— In 1945, Bishop Jeanmard and Fr. Isenberg, rector of the Cathedral in Lafayette, were involved in a car accident near Baton Rouge and were treated at Our Lady of the Lake Hospital in Baton Rouge. They were both impressed with the care they received by the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady who ran the hospital. Isenberg immediately began working to bring these same religious sisters to the city of Lafayette. His dream was established on August 1, 1949, when Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital opened with 50 beds just a few blocks away from the Cathedral of St. John in Lafayette.

**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 @ Wawees, 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.fetekienduteche.org](http://www.fetekienduteche.org) or call 337-394-6550. This is an extraordinary event and we ask that you please consider being a part of the 121 boats.

**Centennial Youth and Family Fest**—a gathering at Parc International Downtown Lafayette on Saturday, October 20th from 3pm to 9pm for Faith, Fun, Music, Food and Eucharistic Adoration. Our Youth, All Youth Groups, Families, Clergy and Religious are invited. Please mark your calendars now and watch for more information soon.

### 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.

**Living Stewardship Now**

Is your prayer too formal? Do you have difficulty with the idea of God as Father? Try talking to “Abba” as your closest friend. Copyright © 2009, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.  
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Dear God,

I am powerless and my life is unmanageable without Your help and guidance. I come to You today because I believe that You can restore and renew me to meet my needs today. Since I cannot manage my life or my affairs, I have decided to give them to You. I put my life, my will, my thoughts, my desires and ambitions in Your hands.

I give You all of me: the good and the bad, the character defects and shortcomings, my selfishness, resentments and problems. I know that You will work them out in accordance with Your plan. Such as I am, take and use me in Your service. Guide and direct my ways and show me what to do for You.

I cannot control or change my friends or loved ones, so I release them into Your care for Your loving hands to do with as You will. Just keep me loving and free from judging them. If they need changing, God, You’ll have to do it: I can’t. Just make me willing and ready to be of service to You, to have my shortcomings removed, and to do my best.

Help me see how I have harmed others and make me willing to make amends to them all. Keep me ever mindful of thoughts and actions that harm myself and others, and which separate me from Your light, love, and spirit. And when I commit these errors, make me aware of them and help me to admit each one promptly.

I am seeking to know You better, to love You more. I am seeking the knowledge of Your will for me and the power to carry it out. Anonymous.  
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**A FAMILY PRAYER**

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of our family. Enlighten our hearts and minds that we may live more fully this vocation to love.

In our daily life and work, may we reflect the self-giving love which you, O Father, eternally show with your Son and the Holy Spirit.

Let your love be evident in the peace that reigns in our home and in the faith we profess and live. May our family always be a place of generosity, understanding, forgiveness and joy.

Kindly give us the wisdom and courage to be witnesses to your eternal design for the family; and grant that the Holy Family of Nazareth may always guide our path to holiness as a family.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.  
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**Prayer for Our Children**

Holy Angels, who constantly behold the Father’s face, protect our children from bodily and spiritual dangers. Direct them on paths of virtue and, if they stray, to true repentance. Kindle in their hearts a desire for what is good, pure, and beautiful, for He Whom you serve is all Good, all Pure, all Beautiful. Teach them your song of praise to our God. Amen.

**Stewardship of Finance**

**July 8, 2018**

|                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Envelopes           | \$6,499.00         |
| Loose cash & checks | 4,129.00           |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>\$10,628.00</b> |

**July 15, 2018**

|                        |                    |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| Env./Loose Csh & Chks. | \$9,531.00         |
| Diocesan Insurance     | 3,415.00           |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>\$12,946.34</b> |

**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**  
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**STAND FIRM**

In time of desolation one should never make a change, but stand firm in the resolutions and decisions that guided one the day before the desolation.  
—St. Ignatius of Loyola

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Last Wednesday, the greatest pilgrimage in our tradition ended with the feast of Saint James at his shrine in Compostela, Spain. Every year, as many as a hundred thousand persons walk a portion of the medieval way of the pilgrim, earning the right to wear the scallop shell symbol of this journey of faith. In legend, this city on the northern coast of Spain is the final resting place of the apostle, and the full name of the cathedral is “Saint James of the Field of Stars.” There is a tradition that Saint James the Great preached there.

In the Roman Catholic tradition, the pilgrimage, like any procession, is a symbol, life’s journey distilled, a powerful sign of our journey toward a certain goal. The perils of the road, the support of companions, the contemplative slower pace of life, have the potential to transform and renew the pilgrims in ways that last a lifetime. Along the way, the distinctions between rich and poor fall away, and everyone shares humble rustic food and stops for the night in hostels or under the stars. After a long walk, the experience of entering through the great doors into the vast cathedral filled with incense, light, and song is a foretaste of heaven. The pilgrims often say that their whole lives are redirected toward that moment of entry into the heavenly Jerusalem. The most memorable feature of the cathedral is called the *botofumeiro*, an incense burner on pulleys and chains that sweeps through the cathedral in immense circles, swirling clouds of sweet-smelling incense around the vast nave.  
—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.  
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The eyes of all look hopefully to you,  
and you give them their food  
in due season.  
— Psalm 145:15

## I THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW / Recognizing God as a God of abundance

Bishop Robert J. Hermann

The readings for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time make it clear: God always provides an abundance of goodness for man's needs. In the first reading, a man brings Elisha 20 barley loaves to feed 100 people, while expressing the discouraging thought, "How can I set this before 100 people?"

Elisha knows that God is a God of abundance and compassion. A true prophet, he speaks forth God's goodness, saying, "Give it to the people to eat. For thus says the Lord, 'They shall eat and there shall be some left over.'" The words of Elisha, the man of God, were fulfilled, for all were fed and some food was left over.

This sets up the Gospel in which there is a much greater challenge -- five barley loaves and two fish for 5,000 people -- but also with a much greater prophet, Jesus, the Son of God.

To review the scene, Jesus had just crossed the Sea of Galilee to get away from some harsh critics; it wasn't time for the final confrontation. But "a large crowd followed Him, because they saw the signs He was performing on the sick."

These people were hungry to believe, for more than the scribes and the Pharisees had to offer. They even followed Jesus up the mountain and were energized by what they saw. They felt that the favors of the Lord weren't exhausted.

When Jesus sees the large crowd, He asks Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?"

Philip expresses his discouragement. "Two hundred days' wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little," he said. Andrew expresses a similar sentiment, but notes a boy in the crowd "has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Philip and Andrew represent the common-sense attitude of common-sense people.

Jesus takes this meager amount of food and gives thanks to God. Perhaps giving thanks to God was more important than multiplying the bread, because in giving thanks He reveals to the multitude that He isn't alone, but speaking to the Father. This opens their eyes to things unseen with physical eyes; they now begin to see with the eyes of faith. God evidently must be with Jesus on this mountain.

This is further confirmed when all receive plenty to eat and 12 wicker baskets of fragments are left over. Their response: "This is truly the Prophet, the one who is coming into the world."

They had followed Him because they saw Him heal others, but now their own stomachs confirm that they themselves have been blessed by God's abundance of love and compassion.

What those people discovered, we need to discover: God is a God of abundance and compassion. He provides for our every need. The question we need to ask: "Do we have that same faith in the abundance of blessings that God wants to share with us?"

We might not be hurting from physical hunger, but we're hurting from spiritual hunger. Day after day, we experience hurts arising from our interchanges with others, as well as disappointments with ourselves. When others slight us, our feelings are hurt, often leading to anger, resentment, un-forgiveness, and a desire for revenge or retaliation. If we don't process these issues immediately, they take hold and smolder.

The more we reflect on the details, the worse the pain gets. We often forget that much of that pain comes from the invisible evil one fanning our negative thinking. In addition to that, we're angry at ourselves for being upset with others. Thus, our condition is far worse than the physical hunger of the multitude in the Gospel.

The good news is that God has more than enough spiritual food to give if only we realize that we need it. We need the simple grace to forgive, and God never withholds this grace from those who ask.

The more we realize that God is a God of abundance, the more we focus on that abundance, rather than on the details of the hurt. No parent would give his or her teenage child a blank check to the family bank account, yet Jesus gives us exactly that. There is no limit for the blessings to which we can lay claim on behalf of others.

Try this. The next time someone hurts you and you get angry or resentful, take a moment to ask God's forgiveness for the sin involved. Then visualize Jesus placing that person in the midst of the glory of heaven, having a glorious time, loving God and being loved by God and by those around him.

Now, visualize that same person in a billion years being infinitely happier and more joyous. When you desire that with your heart, the evil one departs from your heart at the speed of light. The miracle in the Gospel is very small in comparison to the miracles of grace God wishes to give us every day of our lives.

## **What is Prayer?**

“Prayer is the raising of one’s mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God”  
(St. John Damascene, CCC 2559)

God invites us into a relationship with Him that is both personal and communal. He speaks to us through His Son, Jesus Christ, the Word-made flesh. Prayer is our response to God who is already speaking or, better yet, revealing Himself to us. Therefore, prayer is not merely an exchange of words, but it engages the whole person in a relationship with God the Father, through the Son, and in the Holy Spirit.

### **How do I pray?**

Various forms of prayer are presented in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 2623-2649). These various forms include prayer of blessing or adoration, prayer of petition, prayer of intercession, prayer of thanksgiving, and prayer of praise.

### **What is meditation?**

Meditation is a Christian practice of prayer dating back to the early Church. As the Catechism states: “Meditation is above all a quest. The mind seeks to understand the why and how of the Christian life, in order to adhere and respond to what the Lord is asking.” By meditating on the Gospels, holy icons, liturgical texts, spiritual writings, or “the great book of creation,” we come to make our own that which is God’s. “To the extent that we are humble and faithful, we discover in meditation the movements that stir the heart and we are able to discern them. It is a question of acting truthfully in order to come into the light: “Lord, what do you want me to do?” (CCC 2705-2706)

Meditation is an essential form of Christian prayer, especially for those who are seeking to answer the vocational question, “Lord, what do you want me to do?”

### **Meditating on Sacred Scripture**

Spiritual reading of Sacred Scripture, especially the Gospels, is an important form of meditation. This spiritual reading is traditionally called *lectio divina* or divine reading. *Lectio divina* is prayer over the Scriptures.

### **How do we pray over the Sacred Scriptures?**

1. The first element of this type of prayer is reading (*lectio*): you take a short passage from the Bible, preferably a Gospel passage and read it carefully, perhaps three or more times. Let it really soak-in.
2. The second element is meditation (*meditatio*). By using your imagination enter into the Biblical scene in order to “see” the setting, the people, and the unfolding action. It is through this meditation that you encounter the text and discover its meaning for your life.
3. The next element is prayer (*oratio*) or your personal response to the text: asking for graces, offering praise or thanksgiving, seeking healing or forgiveness. In this prayerful engagement with the text, you open yourself up to the possibility of contemplation.
4. Contemplation (*contemplatio*) is a gaze turned toward Christ and the things of God. By God’s action of grace, you may be raised above meditation to a state of seeing or experiencing the text as mystery and reality. In contemplation, you come into an experiential contact with the One behind and beyond the text.

## 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.

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### **Register Now for an Aquinas Institute Course!**

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 [fchampagne@yahoo.com](mailto:fchampagne@yahoo.com), or go to [www.aquinaslafayette.org](http://www.aquinaslafayette.org)

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### **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.lafayettecee.org](http://www.lafayettecee.org) or contact **Paul & Carolyn Trahan** at (337)254-8947 or (337)898- 9257, or [cee.trahan@gmail.com](mailto:cee.trahan@gmail.com).

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**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.

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**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](http://www.fetedieuduteche.org), visit us on Fete-Dieu du Teche Facebook, send us an email at [fetedieuduteche@gmail.com](mailto:fetedieuduteche@gmail.com), or call (337)394-6550.

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### **PAINTING WITH PRAYER**

**Fr. Bill Melancon will offer Painting with Prayer on Friday, August 10, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in the Parish Life Center from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. The cost of \$25 includes all supplies. Please call the parish office, 365-5481, to register if you are planning to attend.**

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