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**CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**APRIL 26, 2020**

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 20, 2020  
Monday



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

It has been four weeks since we suspended public religious services in the Diocese of Lake Charles, granting a dispensation from the obligation of attending Mass on the days required. We desperately miss the Sacraments being celebrated openly and with our brothers and sisters in Christ. At the same time, the COVID-19 virus continues to menace our population.

As of April 13, Louisiana was ranked third in the nation in the highest number of COVID-19 cases per capita. The ranking has improved since then but is still significant. While there has been great progress, we must remain vigilant. In reviewing the events of this last month, I wish to express my appreciation to two particular groups.

First, our priests have demonstrated great creativity in bringing the sacraments to the faithful, either remotely through live-streaming of Masses or in person by administering the Sacraments of Penance and the Anointing of the Sick, while at the same time respecting social distancing and limiting any group to ten or fewer persons. Many pastors have also promoted Eucharistic devotion, such as neighborhood Eucharistic processions and small group adoration.

Second, our medical professionals are doing a heroic work in caring for the sick and dying. I am so impressed with the diligence, devotion, and love demonstrated by doctors, nurses, and other health care professionals. They are truly an example to us all.

This pandemic has had detrimental effects on all of us. We think of the deceased. Father James Winiarski, a LaSalette priest and former Pastor of Our Lady of LaSalette in Sulphur, succumbed to the virus last week. Father Rommel Tolentino of the Cathedral lost his father, who lived in the Philippines, to the virus. Someone I know personally also passed away from the illness last week. May all whose deaths have been brought about by this virus, rest in peace! We also keep in mind those recovering. The Archbishop of New Orleans contracted the illness and is now convalescing. Our seminarians were quarantined along with three of our priests as a result of one positive test. Mercifully, they have shown no symptoms and are out of quarantine. There are parishioners, friends and personnel of our parishes who are now in the hospital, fighting for their lives or at home struggling to recover fully with God's help. May God with His loving care assist those afflicted with this dreadful disease.

This Tuesday [April 21] I will meet with the Presbyteral Council, which advises me on all pertinent diocesan affairs. I have convened the Council to make recommendations on a preliminary plan to re-establish public worship. I have also solicited the assistance of a panel of physicians that will review any proposed plan. Our concern remains the health and safety of our congregants and the public.

We miss our parish celebrations of the Eucharist. We miss the Sacraments. They are living signs to us of our Lord's presence. They are the holiest gifts we possess. The clergy and I will do all in our power to return them publicly to you.

May our Lady Star of the Sea, our faithful intercessor, pray for us now in these difficult times. Asking God's blessings on you and your families for safety and health, I remain

Devotedly yours in our Lord,


+Glen John Provost  
Bishop of Lake Charles

Given the circumstances, Bishop Provost is providing this prayer for the use of the faithful:

### **An Act of Spiritual Communion**

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

(You may make this Act of Spiritual Communion anytime you need it and as often as you need it.)



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the month of May for

**Peggy Joyce Guidry**  
**Joselito V. Tolentino**

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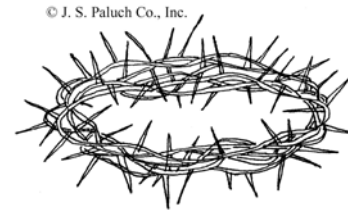
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**In Loving Memory...**

**Pamela Mathews,**  
 our parishioner and friend,  
 died on April 18, 2020

**James "Jerry" Boudreaux,**  
 brother of Robert Boudreaux,  
 died on April 18, 2020

We pray that they will find peace and joy in the presence of Our Lord. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to their families and to all who mourn their deaths.



**You were ransomed with the precious blood of Christ**



**Salus Populi Romani**  
**Protectress and Health of the Roman People**  
**Prayer against the Coronavirus**

*O Mary, you shine continuously along our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.*

*We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the Cross were near to the pain of Jesus, keeping your faith firm.*

*You, Salvation of the Roman people, know what we need, and we trust that you will provide for those needs so that, as at Cana of Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us, He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and took up our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.*

*We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.*

**OFFERTORY DONATIONS**

April 19...\$14,563.  
 (mailed in...\$6,957.)  
 (online...\$7,606.)

Our weekly offertory collection provides the necessary funds to meet our financial obligations - staff payroll, insurance payments, utility bills, building maintenance, etc. While public Masses are suspended at this time, our daily work of parish and pastoral ministry will continue on. Please consider sending your weekly donations by mail, dropped through our mail slot on the office door, or online. Here's the link to our secure online donations page:  
[immaculateconceptioncathedral.com/donations](https://immaculateconceptioncathedral.com/donations)

You may now access online giving through the Diocese by logging onto:  
[lcdiocese.org/resources/support-the-diocese](https://lcdiocese.org/resources/support-the-diocese).  
**If you access "Support My Parish," you will have the option to select your parish and properly direct your donation.**

**Thank you so much for your generous spirit during this difficult time.**

Deacon Andy Derouen of our Cathedral Parish will be ordained to the Priesthood this year.

You can watch Deacon DeRouen's segment by visiting: [avemariapress.com/aveexplores-series/](http://avemariapress.com/aveexplores-series/)

### Deacon Andrew DeRouen, Cathedral Part of 'Ave Explores' Series

By Pamela Seal  
Diocese of Lake Charles

Deacon Andrew DeRouen has always had a love for architecture and graphic design for as long as he can remember. But it was never enough for him to just design. He wanted to know the history and theory of *why* people build what they build. That yearning for a deeper understanding is what led to his vocation.

"God was calling me to the priesthood through my natural desire for beauty and meaning in buildings," said DeRouen, who is scheduled to be ordained later this year for the Diocese of Lake Charles.

DeRouen will tap into that part of his journey to the seminary and how the search for beauty changed the way he looks at architecture during *Ave Explores: Art and Architecture* — a free four-week online series that launches April 15 on [avemariapress.com](http://avemariapress.com).

Lake Charles native Katie Prejean McGrady, project manager and host for *Ave Explores*, invited DeRouen to participate in the series along with a team of experts in the fields of art, architecture and iconography.

It was a perfect fit that DeRouen and McGrady would come together on this international project.

The series, reflecting on the importance of art and beauty to the Catholic faith, will also feature a segment by McGrady on the beauty of art in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

"The Cathedral is a beautiful place to worship, but whether it's a cathedral or a small town chapel, every church has a story it is trying to tell us about Jesus," said McGrady, who emphasized the role of any *Ave Explores* series is always about exploring faith for everyday Catholics.

Deacon DeRouen said he is excited about the credibility to the witness he can now give for not only having seen architecture in Rome, but also having lived in the environment for four years while attending Pontifical North American College.

"It was like the textbook just came to life for me. All these buildings you study about in books were now at my fingertips," he said with enthusiasm. "I would walk into a church and I could not believe that the printed picture really existed in person."

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK April 27—May 3, 2020

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59, or, for the memorial, Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

A Pre-Baptism class must be attended before the celebration of Baptism. These classes are held the 4th Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November. Arrangements for celebration of Baptism may be made by calling the parish office after having attended the Baptism Class. **Note: The dates of the baptism classes have changed due to the closure of the Cathedral office. Please call 436-7251 for updates.**

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements should be made at least six (6) months before the wedding date by calling the parish office. An appointment must be made for a pre-marriage interview.

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS.

An ongoing process of formation and education is provided for anyone who is interested in inquiring into the Roman Catholic faith. The RCIA process is available throughout the year to those who are seeking initiation into the church as well as for those non Catholics seeking more information about the Roman Catholic church. Information concerning participation in the RCIA process may be obtained through the parish office.



**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter  
 Tuesday: St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort  
 Wednesday: St. Catherine of Siena  
 Thursday: St. Pius V  
 Friday: St. Joseph the Worker; First Friday  
 Saturday: St. Athanasius



**April 28 ~ St. Peter Chanel**

O Glorious St. Peter Chanel, your reliance on our most Blessed Mother makes you a perfect model of Marian simplicity. Inspire me to work humbly for others and to care for them with love that, through me, they may experience our Holy Father's love and care.

**April 28 ~ St. Louis Grignon de Montfort**

St. Louis Marie de Montfort, peerless apostle of the reign of Jesus through Mary, we beseech you to obtain for us a Christ-like devotion to Mary which you so beautifully exemplified in your own life.



**April 29 ~ St. Catherine of Siena**

God our Father enkindled the flame of holy love in your heart as you meditated on the Passion of Jesus His Son. Moved by His grace, you devoted your life to the poor and the sick, as well as to the peace and unity of the Church.

**April 30 ~ Pope St. Pius V**

Father, You chose Saint Pius V as pope of Your Church to protect the faith and give You more fitting worship. By his prayers, help us to celebrate Your holy mysteries with a living faith and an effective love.



**May 1 ~ St. Joseph the Worker**

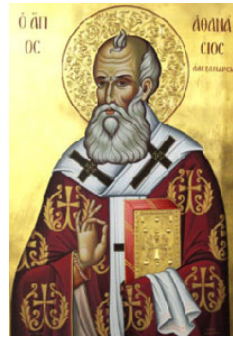
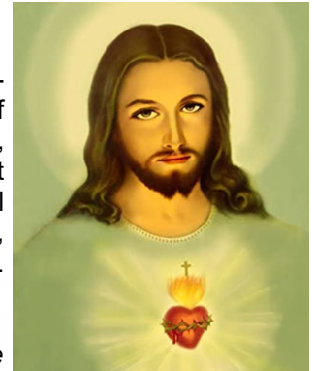
"St. Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian to those entrusted in his care. May he always guard, protect and enlighten families."

*Pope John Paul II*

**May 1 ~ First Friday**

From the depth of my nothingness, I prostrate myself before You, O Most Sacred, Divine, and Adorable Heart of Jesus, to pay to You all the homage of love, praise, and adoration in my power. Amen.

*St. Margaret Mary Alacoque*



**April 1 ~ St. Athanasius**

"God the Word, by his union with humanity, restored to fallen humanity the image of God in which it was created. By his death and resurrection he overcame death, the consequence of sin." *Saint Athanasius*



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**Free Resources from the  
United States Conference of  
Catholic Bishops**

Visit [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) to access these links:

- ◆ Continuity of Learning and Community Plan for Parents and Student
- ◆ The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy During the COVID-19 Pandemic
- ◆ Educational Resources and Ongoing Discipleship Formation
- ◆ Ideas and Recommendations for Families with Children who have Diverse Learning Needs
- ◆ Daily Readings: English | Spanish
- ◆ Daily Readings Audio
- ◆ Video Reflection
- ◆ Tips on Livestreaming the Mass
- ◆ Mass in Time of Pandemic

The following publishers have generously made their resources available to support prayer during these difficult days. We thank them for their generosity and pastoral concern.

- ◆ Liturgical Press: Give Us This Day
- ◆ Magnificat
- ◆ Bayard: Living with Christ
- ◆ The Word Among Us
- ◆ Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. . . (for parents)
- ◆ RENEW International
- ◆ Loyola Press
- ◆ Oregon Catholic Press
- ◆ Liturgy Training Publications (LTP)
- ◆ Our Sunday Visitor
- ◆ Sadlier
- ◆ RCL Benziger
- ◆ Pflaum: Resources for Families
- ◆ Catechist.com Resources
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**The Diocese of Lake Charles will continue to stream Bishop Glen John Provost's private Mass at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays while public Masses are suspended.** The Bishop's Mass will also be televised on KPLC from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. (The Mass recorded for television is restricted to 30 minutes, so for this reason, the rites have been shortened and abbreviated to the extent allowed by liturgical law.) The Mass will be available on the Diocesan website as well as on the Diocesan Facebook Page and on YouTube. You can also tune in at 9:30 a.m. on the radio to KLCL-AM 1470 or KJEF-AM 1290 in Jennings.

There are a number of priests throughout the diocese live-streaming Masses on their websites or Facebook Pages. (NOTE: This listing is being updated regularly. Please check the Diocese website: [lodiocese.org](http://lodiocese.org) often for the latest information.)

For more news, updates, and a daily reflection from Bishop Provost follow the Diocese on [lodiocese.org](http://lodiocese.org) and on its Facebook page Roman Catholic Diocese of Lake Charles.

### Additional Resources:

- ◆ Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) — broadcasts daily Mass, Sunday through Saturday, at 7 a.m., 11 a.m. (except Thursday at 10:30 a.m.), and 6 p.m. (except at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday and no 6 p.m. Mass on Sunday)
- ◆ For Mass in the Extraordinary Form, go to [Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest](http://Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest) or [Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter](http://Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter).
- ◆ Word on Fire with Bishop Robert Barron @ [Bishop Robert Barron](http://Bishop Robert Barron) on Facebook
- ◆ [Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception](http://Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception) in Washington, D.C. — through the remaining Sundays of Lent, the Basilica will live stream Mass at noon, as well as several beloved Catholic devotions. Recitation of the Rosary will take place at 1:30 p.m. CT and the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 2 p.m. CT, followed by Benediction with the Most Blessed Sacrament.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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**SATURDAY, April 25**—Dora Jean “Dori” Scalisi Rogers; Annette Pronia.

**SUNDAY, April 26**—“Pro Populo” (For the People); L.D. Gervais Family; Dena & Fred Nodier; Marie Lupo; Bev Wise; Larry Miller; Peggy Guidry; Emmadell Bodin Hay; Pam Mathews; Jerry Boudreaux; Gwen Craft & Family; Craig Smith (living); Hayley, Andrew & Arthur Yearby (living); Keri Burke & Family (living).

**MONDAY, April 27**—Anna Rita & Joseph Scalisi; E. J. Gaspard & Family.

**TUESDAY, April 28**—Emily Anne Clancy (living).

**WEDNESDAY, April 29**—Ellie Rose Clancy (living).

**THURSDAY, April 30**—Robert Segura (living).

**FRIDAY, May 1**—Marie Lupo.

**SATURDAY, May 2**—Julie Moon; Hidalgo & Fazzio Families (living & deceased); Annette Pronia.

**SUNDAY, May 3**—“Pro Populo” (For the People); Robichaux & Robert Families; Ryan Skrnich; Concetta & Curtis Cardone, Sr. & Curtis Cardone, Jr.; Velma & Dalbert Burleigh; Doris & Earl Duhon; Margarita Trejo; Angel Infante; Dr. Francis X. Bride, Jr.; Paul Buller; Ragan Gaspard & Family (living).

## PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS WHO ARE ILL

Sondra Abraham; Rosa Adams; Sam Ange, Jr.; Jenna, Aden, Grace, David Babcock; James M. Bailey; Henry Barnatt; Gloria Bennett; Charles Benoit; June Benoit; Donald Blanchard; Leneta Boudreaux; Robert Boudreaux; Melanie Bowles; Chandra Broussard; Dean Broussard; Kylan Broussard; Stephen Broussard; Turner Brumby; Jerry Cain; Emily Carleton; Teresa Chapoy; Ada Cochran; Denise Collette; Thad Crouch; Betty Daigle; Wade Davis; Vickie Denison; Claudia Dyle; Charles Elter; Dee Elter; Bill Ferguson; Lamont Francisco; Carolyn Gauthreaux; Ty Griffen; Diane Hagerty; Gabriel Hardy; Michelle Hart; Mary Hebert; Stephanie Hinton; Brenda Hoback; Emery Hooper; Anne Hoyer; Jessica Hulin; Georgia Ieyoub; Mary Jeffers; Gary Johnson; Brice Jones; Darrel Jones; Hattie Kadlubar; Janet LaBiche; Cheryl Lecompte; Helen Lecompte; Sarah LeCompte; James Leger; Michael Lee; Della Lemaire; Melanie Lupo; Elizabeth Louviere; Judy Marcantel; Jules Maust; Brett McCaughey; Barbara McCombs; Ray Miles; Elaine Morrow; Betty Mueller; Kenneth Newman; Ruth Ottenweller; Larry Parker; Chris Percle; Ben Perry; Clifford Raleigh; Oliver “Rick” Richard; William P. Richard; Taylor Rock; Marian Rome; Lathan Russell; Rene Russell; Michael & Marie Scimemi; Cammie Shaddock; Sue Spears; Jaxson Spikes; Chris Stemmann; Rob Stephens; Beau Styron; Darrell Sullivan; Theresa Theriot; Warren Thomas; Betty Trahan; Charlie Viccellio; David Walsh; Aly and Riley Wilkins; Gay Young; Martha Young.

***If you would like to add or remove a name, please call the church office at 436-7251.  
Please let us know if your loved one has recovered or is deceased.***

### ***Prayer Intentions for April:***

**Pope Francis:** We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

**Bishop Provost:** May the celebration of Easter increase our devotion to Christ, strengthen our faith in His Resurrection, and keep us united in the pursuit of what is good, moral, and just.

### ***Prayer Intentions for May:***

**Pope Francis:** We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

**Bishop Provost:** May the Good Shepherd raise up in the Diocese of Lake Charles devout Catholics who openly and willingly embrace a vocation to the priesthood or religious life.