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## The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

**On Sunday, June 6, Bishop Robert Marshall participated in a Corpus Christi procession after Mass at St. Frances Xavier Cathedral.**

What is a Corpus Christi procession? The Feast of Corpus Christi, also called Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, is in honor of the real presence of the body (corpus) of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. On this feast day, at the end of Holy Mass, there is often a procession of the Blessed Sacrament, generally displayed in a monstrance. The procession is followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The U.S. bishops recently approved a plan to draft a document to examine the “meaning of the Eucharist in the life of the church” during their spring general assembly. See page 4 for more information.

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Supper with the Seminarians is one of the main fundraisers for the Seminarian Education Fund, and we are once again able to host these delicious gatherings! See page 9 for dates and reservation information.

#### Dads reflect on Saint Joseph

Pope Francis proclaimed the Year of Saint Joseph, beginning Dec. 8, 2020 and ending Dec. 8 of this year. See page 14 as several Catholic dads take a closer look at Saint Joseph as ‘pillar of the family.’

#### First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

The Vatican recently released Pope Francis’ message for the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, to be celebrated July 25. See pages 18-19 for Pope Francis’ message.

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## Start small like God loves to do

By Laura Kelly Fanucci  
Catholic News Service

How often do you think about how small you are?

Not your size or shape, but the fact that you were once tinier than the period at the end of this sentence. Or the truth that you are one of almost 8 billion people on the planet today. Or the mind-boggling statistic that you are among over 100 billion humans who have ever lived.

Each of us -- no matter our age or accomplishment -- is only a small speck in the span of the universe. Yet we are beloved by our Creator, known and cherished by God who gave us life from the moment of our conception.

What does it mean that we all start small?

For seven years, I had the joy of taking part in a theological seminar on vocation across the lifespan. With an interdisciplinary group of scholars, we studied each phase of human development, from infancy through the elder years, to explore how God calls us at each stage of life.

During our meeting on childhood, I was pregnant and



## Faith at Home

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parenting two children. Yet I laughed with the delight of discovery when the theologian seated next to me started the meeting by saying, "This may seem obvious, but children are small! That matters."

Children's small size is the first reason we need families. Despite being a mother of many small children (and a child myself before that), I never pondered this truth until I read Maria Montessori's reflections in her essay "God and the Child":

"Let us imagine for a while that the world consisted only of adults, because man was born already developed and mature; and because of this could dispense with parents.

"The most basic community, the family, which of all natural communities exerts a deeper and more lasting influence on the spirit of man, and which

sets itself up both by means of, and because of the child with his many needs, would then have no more reason to exist."

Humans could have been created to start life as full-grown adults: strong, smart and independent. Instead, God designed us as the utter opposite: small, weak and needy. God loves to start small.

I believe that matters. As adults, we are called to reorient our lives around the smallest ones in greatest need of our care.

For the past two years, I have been training as a catechist in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. This approach to faith formation teaches adults the importance of honoring the youngest children's existing relationship with God. It also invites us to see how God is always working through what looks small: people, places and actions that work toward

the coming of the kingdom, no matter how miniscule.

Jesus started his earthly life as an embryo. Bethlehem was a tiny town in the backwaters. Our own faith can feel like a mustard seed or a pinch of leaven. But God cares about one wandering sheep, one lost coin and one precious pearl.

Look what happens when a single seed falls to the ground and dies, Jesus told his friends. It bears great fruit, bringing forth wild abundance from the humblest beginning.

Two microscopic cells once combined to become you. You are one of the grains of sand promised to Abraham, one of billions of stars shown to our ancestor in the night sky thousands of years ago. But together -- children and adults -- we become bright lights in the darkness, each of us part of God's kingdom.

If you feel too small or insignificant to make a difference, fear not. If you long to teach the youngest ones in your life about the vast mysteries of faith, don't be daunted.

This is exactly how God loves to start: small.

## Annulment questions

## Question Corner

By Father Kenneth Doyle  
Catholic News Service



**Q.** I am a cradle Catholic. I was divorced in 2019 and am now dating a woman who is not a Catholic.

If I were to marry this woman in a civil ceremony or in her Christian church -- without an annulment -- is it true that I could not receive Communion in a Catholic church as well as not teach religious education, be a godparent or coordinate our parish's Mass-server program -- all of which I now do?

Also, would my ex-wife have to consent to the annulment? What is her involvement in the process? (I would like it to be minimal.) (Norfolk, Virginia)

**A.** Yes, it is true that if you married this woman without first obtaining an annulment from the Catholic Church you would not be permitted to receive holy Communion. The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains that you would be "in a situation that objectively contravenes God's law" and "cannot receive

eucharistic Communion as long as this situation persists" (No. 1650).

As to service in ministries that the church offers, the standard requirement for such volunteers is that they be in full communion with the church. As one U.S. archdiocese explains it on its website, those who serve as extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, for example, must be "practicing Catholics, distinguished in their Christian life, faith and morals" and "if married, the marriage must be a valid Catholic marriage."

I applaud your willingness to offer valuable help in your parish's ministries, and I am

pleased that you are thinking of an annulment, which would allow your work to continue. If you were to apply for an annulment, your ex-wife would be notified that you have done so, and she would be offered the opportunity to fill out a questionnaire including her "take" on the marriage and what contributed to its break-up.

For your annulment to proceed, it would not be necessary that your ex-wife complete that questionnaire or participate at all in the annulment process -- only that she be offered the chance to do so. (Often enough, the former spouse is unwilling to be involved, and the process can still proceed.)

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# Prioritization, not polarization, is Catholic media's role, bishop says

By Mark Pattison  
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- The top priority of the church is to "proclaim the word of God," said Auxiliary Bishop Robert E. Barron of Los Angeles in a June 10 keynote address during the Catholic Media Conference.

"This prioritization is important today," Bishop Barron said, over some "false dichotomy, pitting one against the other."

He spoke on the last day of the Catholic Media Association's annual conference. Held June 8-10, it took place virtually for the second year in a row due to concerns about COVID-19.

Having read recently that the Archdiocese of Quebec's continuing consolidation process has now shrunk the number of parishes in the Canadian see to just 25, "I wonder if it's a sign of the times we're supposed to read," Bishop Barron said.

"What are our parishes? Ought they to become, perhaps, centers of evangelization?" he asked. "Are they being shaped to evangelize the culture? I wonder what a reprioritization would look like."

The church's role is to bring light to the people, he added. "What does that have to do with Catholic media?" Bishop Barron queried. "Pretty much everything. ... Our primary purpose is to declare the resurrection of Jesus from the dead."

He added, "We who are involved in Catholic media do a lot of things, say a lot of things, but are we about the 'primum officium'?" -- the church's primary responsibility. "What do we cover? What do we pay attention to? ... We look at those areas of the world where Jesus' lordship of the world is being maintained. Where do we see the lordship of Jesus on display so that we might see it in the wider world?"

Evangelization was just one theme Bishop Barron touched on during his remarks. Two others



**CATHOLIC MEDIA CONFERENCE.** St. Louis Review photographer Lisa Johnston prays as other attendees of the 2017 Catholic Media Conference in Quebec City attend a June 21 Mass at the Cathedral-Basilica of Notre-Dame of Quebec in Quebec City. Johnston won first place in the "Photographer of the Year" award category presented by the Catholic Media Association June 10, 2021. (CNS photo/Chaz Muth)

were social media and synodality.

Ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago in 1986, Bishop Barron said he had a sense in the 1990s that "we're not doing enough with the tools that we have," well before the explosion of social media. Complaining about this to an older priest, he

said the senior cleric retorted, "Well, what are YOU doing about it?"

"From that came Word on Fire Ministries," which Bishop Barron founded; he addressed the CMC from its studio in Santa Barbara, California. "And from that came the 'Catholicism'

series."

In his youth, finding a Catholic bookstore -- even in a big city like Chicago -- was a tough chore, he recalled. And, if someone read something they didn't like in a periodical, they had to find a piece of paper, a typewriter, an envelope, a stamp and the publication's mailing address to write a letter to the editor -- which might not ever see print.

That was then. "Now, someone -- everyone in his mom's basement -- can fire off the most vituperative, obscene, irreverent thing, and there's no filter," Bishop Barron said. "There's nothing to stop you. ... It's there 24/7 all over the world." As a result, there is a "fetid quality" to the online discourse, including what he called a "fake-backbone phenomenon: 'No, I got backbone because I told that guy off.'"

"There's no backbone involved at all," Bishop Barron countered. "You're not even using your own name."

"We all get drawn into this" and other social media ills, he said, and did not exclude himself.

He suggested coming off with less certitude in one's postings, taking on an air of "Is it true what I'm saying? I know it sounds simplistic."

Another avenue would be to avoid the "straw man" argument and "try instead the 'steel man' approach. "(St. Thomas) Aquinas often put up his opponents' positions even stronger than they did."

Bishop Barron also said would-be posters should ask themselves before they hit "send": "Is it loving? ... I'm not saying we have to write nothing but Hallmark cards," but "is it loving? Is it willing the good of the other?"

On the topic of synodality, Bishop Barron told of being at the 2018 Vatican Synod of Bishops on young people. It was his first synod; he was ordained a Los Angeles auxiliary in September

2015.

He had to dress in episcopal garb six days a week, he noted, adding: "Imagine the worst middle seat you've ever been on in an airplane, and imagine there's no air conditioning. That was like being in the synod hall every day."

Much to his surprise, Bishop Barron said, he found it to be "an extraordinarily positive experience. I loved every minute of it."

Bishops making interventions at the synod was one thing. Another was the young people in attendance, he said. "The most common way they intervened was by their whooping and their hollering. Their very presence there was powerful. It was important."

At the synod's end, Pope Francis spoke to the delegates to thank them for their participation and for the document that arose from their deliberations.

"I want you all to know something," he remembers the pope saying. "This synod is not a parliament, and we have not produced a piece of legislation. What we have done is we have listened to each other, and together we have listened to the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit has given us this document."

"That gave me a terrific impression of what synodality is, and what it isn't," Bishop Barron said. "Not a local parliament that has binding authority over itself but listens to each other, and, together, listening to the Holy Spirit."

*Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.*

Psalm 123: 2 | Responsorial Psalm for July 4

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## Bishops vote to draft teaching document on the Eucharist

By Dennis Sadowski  
Catholic News Service

The U.S. bishops approved by a wide margin a plan to draft a document to examine the “meaning of the Eucharist in the life of the church” following a lengthy debate during their spring general assembly.

The action to move forward passed with 168 votes in favor and 55 votes against it. There were six abstentions.

The results, announced June 18, the final day of the virtual spring assembly, allow the bishops’ Committee on Doctrine to draft the document and present it for discussion when the bishops reconvene in person in November.

For more than two hours June 17, 43 bishops shared their views on whether such a document was necessary at a time when Catholics are returning to regular Mass attendance as pandemic restrictions ease or if it should even be considered lest it be perceived as fracturing the unity of a church already faced with numerous challenges.

The bishops reached no consensus during the discussion. They voted electronically immediately after the second day of the meeting concluded late in the afternoon.

As expected, viewpoints varied among the bishops.

Most bishops welcomed the idea of strengthening teaching about the Eucharist, especially given that the bishops have embarked on a multiyear National Eucharistic Revival initiative that is part of the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ 2021-2024 strategic plan, “Created Anew by the Body and Blood of Christ: Source of Our Healing and Hope.”

In a prerecorded presentation, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Indiana, chairman of the doctrine committee, reviewed an outline of the document, which would include three parts, subtitled “The Eucharist, A Mystery to be Believed,” “The Eucharist, A Mystery to be Celebrated” and “The Eucharist, A Mystery to be Lived.”

As proposed, each part includes three topics that would be addressed including,



respectively, the real presence of the body and blood of Christ in Communion; unity, beauty and identity as the “fount and apex of the whole Christian life”; and moral transformation, eucharistic consistency and missionary discipleship.

He said the document was never intended to present national norms for the reception of the Eucharist, but to serve as a teaching tool for Catholics about the reception of holy Communion as a grace-filled gift.

He said the document was developed in light of the decline in the belief among Catholics in the Real Presence in the Eucharist as well as the long absences from regular Mass attendance, which may have led people to place less significance of the Eucharist in their lives.

He said the committee wanted to address the “need therefore for a unified and strong revival for the meaning of the Eucharist in the life of the church.”

During a news conference at the conclusion of the day’s meeting, Bishop Rhoades said that the committee had no plans to develop a statement on the Eucharist despite the conference’s strategic plan until Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, USCCB president, asked it to develop a document on “eucharistic consistency” earlier this year.

He also told reporters that May 7 correspondence from Cardinal Luis Ladaria, prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith at the Vatican, to Archbishop Gomez influenced the committee’s thinking on the document.

Cardinal Ladaria in his letter urged the U.S. bishops to proceed with caution in their discussions about formulating a national policy “to address the situation of Catholics in public office who support legislation allowing abortion, euthanasia or other moral evils.”

“We took that (national

reference) out even though our intention wasn’t to develop national norms. Our plan wasn’t to go in that direction,” Bishop Rhoades said.

The third part of the document drew the broadest objections from more than a dozen bishops, who said that it appears to single out a single category of Catholics — those in political life who support keeping abortion legal.

Bishop Robert M. Coerver of Lubbock, Texas, said he was concerned the document was being developed in time to be used as a political cudgel given that congressional elections are on tap for 2022 with a presidential campaign two years later.

Other bishops expressed concern that the process to adopt the document appeared to be “rushed.”

Bishop Rhoades responded during the discussion that the timeline proposed was based on the other factors, including the desire to fall in line with the

conference’s strategic plan.

Bishops who expressed concern about the document said they could support it if the third section was dropped in favor of a text that would stress Catholic theology.

However, bishops who supported drafting the document said there was no need to drop the third section given the importance for all Catholics to discern how they live the teachings each time before they receive the Eucharist.

They also said they saw no need to delay the document. If the bishops approve the development of a draft document, the committee plans to submit it for the bishops’ next general assembly in November, to be held in person.

A consensus seemed to develop around a proposal from Bishop Michael W. Warfel of Great Falls-Billings, Montana, who suggested that the bishops convene regional gatherings throughout the summer to discuss the content of the document.

Bishop Rhoades said such gatherings would be welcomed because they would offer the doctrine committee more input on the content of the document. He added that he did not think it would delay development of the document.

Several prelates, among them Cardinal Wilton D. Gregory of Washington, expressed concern that adopting a document at a time when there is division among the bishops would further threaten the unity of the bishops’ conference and the church overall.

“We need to spend time, personal time, in candid straightforward conversation together to strengthen the unity within our conference and with our people before taking the next steps on a statement or plan of action,” he said.

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## Chancery restructuring to take effect July 1

A number of Chancery positions are being restructured effective July 1, to enable the St. Joseph Catholic Center to better serve the people and parishes of the Diocese of Alexandria.

Father Craig Scott, Moderator of the Curia, and Mr. David Brook, Chief Financial Officer, worked with Bishop Marshall over the past few months to examine the needs of the diocese, and to align the Chancery to respond to those needs. Bishop Marshall is grateful to all of the following individuals for taking on new or additional responsibilities.

**1. Deacon Richard Mitchell has been named the Director of Stewardship and Public Relations.** He will be responsible for all aspects of development, stewardship, grant exploration / writing, and planned giving. He will work with the Communications and Church Today staff and the Coordinator of the Annual Appeal and Special Events. He will be the Diocesan liaison with the media for press releases and other information. He retains his current responsibilities as Vice Chancellor, Director of the Permanent Diaconate and continues his work with the Office of Worship.

**2. Mrs. Sandi Tarver has been named the Coordinator of the Annual Appeal and Special Events.** She will coordinate all efforts related to the Annual Appeal and coordinate all special



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Director of Stewardship  
and Public Relations



**Sylvia Davis**  
Curriculum Specialist  
for Middle / High Schools



**Cole Churchman**  
Director of Facilities



**Sandi Tarver**  
Coordinator of the Annual  
Appeal and Special Events



**Janet Burgess**  
Curriculum Specialist  
for Elementary Grades



**Kathy Cole**  
Transcriptionist / Receptionist

Diocesan events, including fundraisers, receptions, and other activities. She will also provide secretarial support to the Director of Stewardship and Public Relations.

**3. Mrs. Sylvia Davis has been named Curriculum Specialist for Middle / High Schools of the Diocese of Alexandria.** In

this role, she will supervise the implementation of the Diocese's curriculum and instructional practices. She retains her current responsibilities as Administrative

Assistant to the Superintendent of Catholic Schools.

**4. Mrs. Janet Burgess has been named Curriculum Specialist for Elementary**

**Grades in schools of the Diocese of Alexandria.** In this role, she will supervise the implementation of the Diocese's curriculum and instructional practices. She retains her current responsibilities as Child Nutrition Program Supervisor.

**5. Mr. Cole Churchman has been named Director of Facilities.** He will be responsible for all aspects of building operations for the St. Joseph Catholic Center at 4400 Coliseum Boulevard, and other Diocesan properties. His responsibilities include the computer network, telecommunications, building utilities, maintenance, housekeeping and grounds, security and site safety. He will supervise the custodial staff, contracted maintenance workers and the St. Joseph Catholic Center receptionist. He will also provide outreach to pastors, pastoral administration, principals, and parish staffs in the areas of risk management and safety.

**6. Mrs. Kathy Cole will provide secretarial assistance to the Director of Facilities in addition to retaining her responsibilities as Receptionist for the St. Joseph Catholic Center.**

### Prayer for Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.

## Death of Fr. Mauricio

Clemente Battad Mauricio, well known as "Father Mauricio," was born November 25, 1934, in Zambales, Philippines to Victor and Esperanza Mauricio. He passed away at home on June 6, 2021, at the age of 86 years old in Leesville, LA. Father Mauricio was committed to his ministry as a Catholic priest to all.

His greatest pride was serving our country for over 25 years in the U.S. Army as a Major and Chaplain. Major Chaplain Mauricio retired from the U.S. Army in 2008 at the age of 74.

Fr. Mauricio was ordained to the priesthood in 1962 in San Marcelino, Zambales. He was assigned to Sacred Heart Missionaries as a Vocation Recruiter where he taught young aspiring priests.

Prior to joining the U.S. Army, Fr. Mauricio served as an associate priest to several Catholic churches in Southern California,

near his closest brother, family, and friends. Beyond retiring in 2008, Fr. Mauricio enjoyed celebrating Mass for the Spanish congregation at St. Michael the Archangel church in Leesville, and never missed a meal with them.

Fr. Mauricio is survived by his brother's family, nieces and nephews, and numerous relatives in the U.S. and the Philippines.

He was preceded in death by his siblings, Tasing and Conching Mauricio, Juanito Sr., Berting and Amparo Mauricio, and Agapito, Librada, and Roman Fabunan.

A funeral Mass was offered by Bishop Robert Marshall, Jr. on Tuesday, June 22, with visitation, rosary, and burial with military honors held the same day.

*Eternal rest grant unto your priest, Clemente Mauricio, and may perpetual light shine upon him. May he Rest in Peace!*

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## How to live out your baptismal call of priest, prophet, and king

By Grace Bellon  
*Blessed is She Ministry*

By virtue of baptism, every Christian is anointed to serve as priest, prophet, and king within their individual communities. But what exactly does this mean? I confess that, even as a life-long Catholic who always attended Catholic schooling (even for college), this calling often eluded and confused me. How do I - especially as a woman - serve as priest, prophet, and king?

Thankfully, teaching Theology to teenagers requires lots of grappling with the mysteries of our Faith in order to explain them well to others. In the past nine years, my understanding of these roles has changed from one that is puzzling to something that is actually quite practical.

### *Inherited from our first parents*

All three roles appear within Scripture at the very beginning of Genesis. In the first two chapters, we learn of our first parents and why they were created (not necessarily "how"). The ultimate reason mankind is created is clear: to love and be loved. However, what is slightly less clear is that living out the roles of priest, prophet, and king is one way in which we achieve this purpose!

### *Priest*

Genesis 2 tells us that God planted a garden in Eden and placed Adam there "to till it and keep it." In Hebrew, the phrase is literally, "to serve and guard"



which indicates that Adam's role includes caring for the garden. But it is so much more than gardening (more on this in a minute)!

It is extremely rare to find these verbs - serve and guard - paired together within Scripture. However, they are used together in this order once again in the book of Numbers, when the sacred author describes what priests are to do in a place of worship. Thus for the ancient reader studying Genesis, Adam's commission to serve and guard creation would have had a priestly sound to it.

If Adam (who is one flesh with his wife) and Eve were entrusted with this priestly role, then logically speaking, their children and descendants are also meant to carry on the duty.

### *Practically Speaking...*

How do we live this out? First and foremost, priests offer sacrifice to God. As baptized

Christians, the sacrifice we offer to God is the sacrifice of our own lives. This doesn't have to be complicated. In reality, it's actually quite simple - though not always easy!

1. Begin every day with a morning offering when you awake and try to "tune" your heart and mind to truly mean the words as you pray them.

2. The age-old practice within our Faith of "offering it up" when we face difficult moments. Though this is sometimes thought of as a Catholic phrase used to get someone to stop complaining, that is not even close to its ultimate purpose! Instead, it is a reminder to not waste the merits of your suffering (which you have to endure anyway) and to entrust these merits to God as a little "death" or "cross," knowing that He will allow great good to come into the world because of your

priestly sacrifice. (Slight sidenote: good, true, and beautiful moments can also be offered to God for His glory.)

3. In alignment with "offering it up," there is the acceptance of "white martyrdom." While red martyrdom is when individuals physically die for their belief in Christ, while martyrdom is a death that is often faced on a day-to-day basis as social persecution because of one's Faith. Accepting such a cross, facing it with heroic virtue, and offering it as a sacrifice to God is another manner in which one can live out their priestly role.

4. When you attend Mass, be especially present and attentive

at the offertory (the moment in which the gifts are being brought to the altar). As the faithful walk towards the front, in your heart and within your mind's eye, intentionally offer God your life - and everything that is taking place in it at that time. Offer it to Him as a gift, and ask Him to use it for His glory.

In all these things, there is an element of protection - or "guarding" - which is part of the role given to our first parents. They were called to serve and guard the temple of creation. You are called to serve and guard the temple of your body and God's presence within it.

### *Prophet*

In addition to serving and guarding the garden, God gives Adam the task of naming the animals - a very important privilege! Typically, only the creator of something is the one with the right to name his or her creation. Though God is the Creator, He gives this right to Adam.

As this first man goes about completing this task, he is speaking on behalf of God. In all Abrahamic faiths, a person who speaks on behalf of God is referred to as a prophet. Whether male or female, as descendants of Adam (who again is one-flesh with Eve), this role extends to us!

### *Practically speaking...*

Not every baptized Christian



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is called to a professional life of preaching and prophesying. That is not (necessarily) what God is calling us to through this role. Within Scripture, a prophet's first job was to share God's word and explain to the people what God wanted them to do. We fulfill this prophetic calling every time we share some of God's Truth with another person. This could take many forms...

1. When God brings someone into your day and makes it clear they are struggling with something, go out of your way to assist them, even if it is in a small way. Sometimes the only Truth a person needs preached is the basis of the Gospel: that they are loved and valuable. You can speak God's Truth by the actions you show them.

2. Spend intentional time with God in prayer everyday. This does not need to be long and drawn out. However, it is impossible to be a prophet and share God's Word with others if we fail to know God's Word ourselves!

3. For parents raising children, it means making the time to instruct children in the Faith - something God has already equipped you to do! Read Scripture and other virtuous stories with them, explain feast days, live liturgically. Instruct the young in Goodness, Truth, and Beauty and be intentional about it. Don't just hope it rubs off on them! If one is not a parent, assist the parents you know with this task. Perhaps you have godchildren, nieces and nephews, or neighbors from Church. The more adults children see living out their faith and teaching them, the better!

**King**

The final role left to be addressed is actually the first present in Scripture. In Genesis 1, immediately after creating Adam and Eve on the sixth day, God gives them the gift of dominion. In other words, Adam and Eve are meant to rule over all of creation. In a sense, they are above it all as they are the highest physical being He created.

This gift of dominion takes on a fuller meaning in light of Jesus. He instructed the disciples that the "greatest" is meant to serve everyone else (Matthew 23:11). Thus to live out our kingly role well, we must learn to serve others well.

*Practically Speaking...*

We do not have to look far to do this. Opportunities to serve are encountered each day for all of us.

1. First, we should evaluate the places in which we have been given dominion. For myself, as a parent, campus minister, and teacher, I have many places where I need to exercise authority. They best way for me to do this is with an attitude of humility and service. This does not mean I become a doormat or a push-over in these roles. It means constantly reevaluating my intention behind every action I take, especially when I exercise my authority. I should never possess an attitude of superiority towards my fellow man.

2. There is still an element of "ruling" when it comes to this role, but not in regards to a country or kingdom. As baptized Christians living out our kingly roles, we are supposed to be kings

over ourselves, over sin, and over Satan. Anyone who doesn't master these three things is in all reality, a slave. This could look like binge-watching shows, over-exercising, or even apathy towards fighting a personal addiction. Jesus came to give us power and authority over ourselves and to free us from the things that bind us. Access this kingly power and authority in the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist! Both provide graces to help us take hold of this freedom.

**Our Ultimate Role**

The call to love is the root of all Scripture. It is the ultimate purpose for which we were made. This is logical considering we were made in the image and likeness of Love Himself. Thus, if we ever find ourselves confused about what the most loving thing to do in a tricky situation, remembering our roles as priest, prophet, and king could be helpful in finding an answer.

Perhaps all we need to do is evaluate how we could better sacrifice, share, or serve the world around us.

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*Grace Bellon had planned to be a nurse until an encounter with Christ in confession ignited a spark that resulted in an ongoing career as a high school Theology teacher. Though a cradle Catholic, she continues to be amazed at the depth of peace and joy that can be found within the Faith, and can't help but share that passion with others as a teacher, writer, and speaker.*

**Remembering Mary Magdalene**

There has been a good deal of confusion about St. Mary Magdalene. Medieval Church tradition conflated her with Mary of Bethany - the sister of Martha and Lazarus - and the unnamed "sinful woman" who anoints Jesus' feet (Luke 7:36 - 50). Modern Scripture scholars, however believe them to be three different women.



We know from the Gospels that Mary Magdalene was a companion of Jesus, traveled with him as he preached the good news, and - along with other women - provided the financial support for the group. We also know that Jesus exorcised seven demons from her (Luke 8: 1-3). Mary's epithet "Magdalene" likely indicates that she was from the village of Magdala in Galilee and was used by the writers of the Gospels to distinguish her from other Marys who also followed Jesus.

Mary Magdalene was a witness to Jesus' crucifixion and burial on Good Friday, staying when so many others had fled in fear. Just after sunrise on Easter Sunday, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb, carrying spices with which to embalm Jesus' body. There she saw the empty tomb,

heard the angel proclaim Jesus' Resurrection, encountered the Risen Lord, and spoke to him (Matthew 28:1-10).

Pope St. John Paul II wrote that "Mary Magdalene was the first eyewitness of the Risen Christ, and for this reason she was also the first to bear witness to him before the Apostles. This event, in a sense, crowns all that has been said previously about Christ entrusting divine truths to women as well as men." In recognition of this fact, in 2016 the Church elevated the commemoration of St. Mary Magdalene from a memorial to a feast, like those celebrating the apostles (except SS Peter and Paul, whose feast day is a solemnity).

*Mary Magdalene's feast day is celebrated July 22.*

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**Tuesday, August 3, 1:00 p.m.**  
St. Joseph Catholic Center, 4400 Coliseum Blvd., ALEXANDRIA

Face masks MUST be worn during the entire session. The session typically lasts 2.5 to 3 hours. Seating will be one (1) person per table (spouses may sit together). A maximum of ONLY 15 adults will be allowed to attend each session. Minors are not allowed to attend because of the adult content of the videos and discussions.

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## Former seminarian enters Christ the King order



Sean Grappe, a 2019 graduate of St. Mary Catholic School in Natchitoches and former seminarian for the Diocese of Alexandria, was recently accepted as a seminarian for the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest.

The Institute is a "Society of Apostolic Life of Pontifical Right" whose goal is the honor of God and the sanctification of priests in the service of the Church and souls. Its specific aim is missionary: to spread the reign of our Lord Jesus Christ in all spheres of human life. The Institute was founded

in 1990 by Monsignor Gilles Wach and Father Philippe Mora in Gabon, Africa, where they still have missions.

Today, the motherhouse and international seminary of the Institute is located in Gricigliano, in the Archdiocese of Florence, Italy. Currently, the Institute counts 80 apostolates in twelve countries, 80 priests, and more than 90 seminarians.

Please continue to pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life from our diocese.



### A prayer to Avert Storms and Hurricanes

Father, all the elements of nature obey your command.

Calm the storms and hurricanes that threaten us and turn our fear of your power into praise of your goodness.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

## Manna House kicks off "Summer of Love" campaign

School is out for the summer, and while most families are scheduling vacations and summer camps, our local Manna House is seeing an increase in children who are in need of a nutritious meal. Manna House is asking for support for the local community to help continue the mission of banishing hunger in our community.

Manna House staff and volunteers work daily to provide nutritious meals to our hungry and homeless neighbors in need. They need your help to continue to feed

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**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS. (LEFT)** On June 14, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Bishop Greco at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Pineville presented a check to Bishop Robert Marshall to benefit the Diocesan Seminarian Education Fund. The money was raised through bake sales held throughout the year. Pictured left to right: Director of Vocations, Father Luke LaFleur; Vice Regent, Susie Minton; Treasurer, Edna Smith; Bishop Robert Marshall and Financial Secretary, Becky Burton.

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## Supper with the Seminarians resumes

Supper with the Seminarians is one of the main fundraisers for the Seminarian Education Fund and we are once again able to host these delicious gatherings. Join us on one of the remaining dates

in July to meet our seminarians and to enjoy a dinner prepared by them! All proceeds go toward helping these young men in formation to be our future priests. The next two dates are on

Saturdays: July 10 at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Natchitoches and July 24 at St. Marys Church in Winnsboro. We hope to see you there! Reserve your space by visiting [www.diocesealex.org/supper-with-the-seminarians/](http://www.diocesealex.org/supper-with-the-seminarians/)



**SUPPER WITH THE SEMINARIANS, ST. JOSEPH CHURCH, MARKSVILLE.** Those attending on June 3 enjoyed a wonderful meal served by Bishop Robert Marshall, seminarians Donnie Kuzma, Joshua Burch and Blaine Phillips.



**SUPPER WITH THE SEMINARIANS, ST. RITA CHURCH, ALEXANDRIA.** June 12. A large turnout at St. Rita Church enjoyed their meal served by Bishop Robert Marshall, seminarians Donnie Kuzma, Josh Burch, Blaine Phillips and director of vocations, Father Luke LeFleur.

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### *Prayer for Vocations*

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, religious, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help us respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A prayer card with this prayer can be downloaded and printed from [foryourvocation.org](http://foryourvocation.org)

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**ST. MARGARET CHURCH, BOYCE, 85TH ANNIVERSARY.** Bishop Robert Marshall celebrated the 85th Anniversary Mass for St. Margaret Church in Boyce on Thursday, May 13. Pictured with the parishioners is pastoral administrator, Fr. Thomas Jacob, Deacon E.J. Barre and Bishop Marshall.

## Parish Spotlight: Immaculate Conception Church Dupont, Louisiana Established 1945



The church in Dupont was originally established as a mission of Mater Dolorosa Church in Plaquemine in 1935. The first church was built in the small community out of scrap lumber collected from other building projects.

In January, 1945, Bishop Daniel Desmond established the church as an independent parish. Fr. Vernon Bordelon was named the first pastor. Additional land was purchased from Mrs. Arthur Guillory for a parish cemetery. A new church was built with help from the Catholic Extension Society in the 1960's and blessed by Bishop Charles Greco.

The first parish hall was built in 1950 and became the center for youth activities in the parish.

In February, 1985, the parish hall was destroyed by fire as sparks from a trash fire spread to the structure.

In 1995, a grotto was built to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the parish. Bishop Sam Jacobs, together with 27 priests from three other dioceses, celebrated a special mass of thanksgiving which was attended by hundreds of parishioners.

In 2004, the old rectory was torn down and a new metal building replaced the old hall.

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### Sunday

- 7:00 a.m. **Sacred Heart Church**, Moreauville - KZLG-FM 95.5
- 8:00 a.m. **Sacred Heart Church**, Moreauville - KLIL-FM 92.1  
**St. Rita Church**, Alexandria on Facebook or YouTube
- 10:00 a.m. **Radio Maria** | [www.radiomaria.us](http://www.radiomaria.us) (click the play button) or tune in on your radio in Alexandria: station 580 AM or in Natchitoches: station 89.7 AM
- 9:00 a.m. **Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church**, Alexandria on Facebook or YouTube  
**St. Francis de Sales**, Echo on Facebook  
**St. Francis Xavier Cathedral** on Facebook  
**St. Edward the Confessor**, Tallulah on Facebook
- 10:00 a.m. **Sacred Heart of Jesus**, Pineville on Facebook or YouTube
- 10:30 a.m. **St. Augustine Church**, Isle Brevelle on Facebook  
**Mary, Mother of Jesus Church**, Woodworth on Facebook or YouTube
- 11:00 a.m. **St. Rita Church**, Alexandria on Facebook or YouTube
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- 9:00 a.m. **St. Edward the Confessor**, Tallulah on Facebook (Wednesdays), (9:30 a.m. talk - aka "The CU Catecast"; Wednesdays)
- 5:30 p.m. **Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church**, Alexandria on Facebook or YouTube  
**St. Edward the Confessor**, Tallulah on Facebook (Fridays)

### Saturday

- 8:00 a.m. **Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church**, Alexandria on Facebook or YouTube
- 4:00 p.m. **St. Rita Church**, Alexandria on Facebook or YouTube  
  
**Radio Maria** | [www.radiomaria.us](http://www.radiomaria.us) (click the play button) or tune in on your radio in Alexandria: station 580 AM or in Natchitoches: station 89.7 AM
- 5:00 p.m. **St. Michael the Archangel**, Leesville on Facebook

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**St. Anthony of Padua Church**, Natchitoches



**(ABOVE AND BELOW) NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH, CAMPTI.** Nativity of the BVM Church in Campti had CCD Youth Fun Day on Sunday, May 16 at Pecan Orchard Putt Putt Golf. The youth enjoyed an afternoon of putt putt golf with their families and teachers, Deacon Tommy Robichaux and pastor, Father Dutch Voltz.



### A message from the Diocese of Alexandria's Safe Environment Program

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**For updated information, news articles, and documents regarding ongoing activity and planning for securing and maintaining a Safe Environment for all**, visit [www.diocesealex.org/our-faith/healing](http://www.diocesealex.org/our-faith/healing) (visit [www.diocesealex.org](http://www.diocesealex.org) and look for "A Safe Environment For All" under the "Our Faith" tab). Here, you can find more information, as well as updates from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Also found on this page is the letter from Pope Francis to all Bishops in the United States regarding a meeting in February 2019 at the Vatican entitled "The Protection of Minors in the Church."

# Confirmation and First Holy Communion



**ST. MARY'S RESIDENTIAL TRAINING FACILITY.** Confirmation was held on Wednesday, June 2 at St. Mary's Residential Training Facility. Pictured with the confirmandi are Deacon Richard Mitchell, Bishop Robert Marshall, Father David Braquet and Deacon Luke White.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST IN DEVILLE.** Sunday, May 16.



**ST. PETER MISSION CHURCH, ELMER.** Confirmation was celebrated June 9. Pictured with the confirmandi is pastor, Father Kenneth Obiekwe and Bishop Robert Marshall.



**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, WINNSBORO, FIRST COMMUNION,** First Holy Communion was held May 9.



**MARY MOTHER OF JESUS, WOODWORTH, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION,** May 1.



**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, FOREST HILL AND ST. MARTIN CHURCH, LECOMPTÉ.** Confirmation was celebrated June 7. Pictured with the confirmandi are Deacon William Travis, Bishop Robert Marshall and pastor, Father Adam Travis.

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.** Msgr. Van der Putten 4th Degree Assembly #2333 assisted their Friar, Rev. Abraham Palakkattuchira, of St. Genevieve Church in Brouillette, in celebrating the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity on Saturday, May 29.



**CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION.** Bishop Robert Marshall processed around downtown Alexandria on June 6 with the Most Holy Body of Christ during the Corpus Christi procession from St. Francis Xavier Cathedral. The rain held off long enough for the procession to complete.



**ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR MISSION CHURCH, FISHVILLE.** Bishop Robert Marshall celebrated Mass at St. Edward on Sunday, June 20.



**WOMEN'S DAY OF REFLECTION.** A Day of Reflection was held at Maryhill Renewal Center on June 5.



**ST. MARY CHURCH, JENA.** Bishop Robert Marshall celebrated Mass at St. Mary's in Jena on Sunday, June 20. Pictured with the parishioners is Bishop Marshall and Father Jason Gootee, pastor of both St. Mary's in Jena and its mission of St. Edward the Confessor in Fishville (near Pollock).

*stay in the city until you are  
clothed with power from on high...*  
Luke 24:49

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## Catholic dads take a closer look at St. Joseph as 'pillar of the family'

By Kristen Hannum  
Catholic News Service

PORTLAND, Ore. (CNS) -- Joe Herman, a longtime member of St. Mary, Star of the Sea Parish in Astoria, Oregon, was named after his grandfather, not St. Joseph.

All the same, as a child he had a glow-in-the-dark statue of St. Joseph. "I took it to bed with me," he said with a smile.

He still has that little statue.

Herman -- like many other Catholic fathers -- has been thinking a lot about St. Joseph this year, which Pope Francis proclaimed the Year of St. Joseph, which ends Dec. 8. The year opened Dec. 8, 2020.

Herman is reading Marian Father Donald Calloway's book, "Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father," published by Marian Press in early 2020, and praying on the insights he's gleaned from it.

Herman agrees with the scholars who believe that it would do the modern family good to look to St. Joseph for guidance on family life, adopting a more realistic view of St. Joseph and his role in the Holy Family.

"Too many pictures show him an old man," said Herman, who retired from his masonry business in January. "Too many pictures show a guy who never pounded a nail in his life. You think about it. God's not stupid. He wants Jesus to have a strong foster father, a man Jesus can look up to."

Art historians say St. Joseph has often been portrayed as not much more than a background figure in the Holy Family, a doddering old man, even dozing off, a kind of sidekick of Mary and Jesus. That may have been to emphasize Joseph and Mary's chastity.

Lawrence Cunningham, professor of theology emeritus at the University of Notre Dame, writes that St. Joseph's name was only added to the church's litany of saints in the mid-14th century.

Pope Francis described St. Joseph as a tender and loving father who worked hard, was obedient to God and didn't seek the world's attention.

"St. Joseph was a self-employed contractor," Herman told the Catholic Sentinel, newspaper of the Portland



**ST. JOSEPH.** Marlee, Minh-Ha, Mikayla and Trie Nguyen, members of The Madeleine Parish in Northeast Portland, Ore., are pictured above. Trieu said he is grateful the church is taking a closer look at St. Joseph this year. (CNS photo / courtesy Nguyen family via the Catholic Sentinel)

Archdiocese. "He loved Mary and protected her and Jesus. He took his responsibilities seriously and taught by example. It's like my dad -- if someone gave him back too much change, he'd make it right."

Herman's six children are adults now, except for his youngest daughter, born with disabilities, who died at 15 months.

He believes that he and his wife, Jean, got some things right raising them. He laughs at the memory of his youngest son complaining, "You and Mom always stick together."

Herman's voice softens when he said that his oldest son, at the end of telephone calls, says, "I love you, Dad."

Up the Columbia River to Portland, Trieu Nguyen, a father of two daughters and a member of The Madeleine Parish in Northeast Portland, is pleased the church is highlighting St. Joseph.

Nguyen, who works in

child welfare, remembers St. Joseph from the Nativity plays of his childhood -- and his girls' childhoods -- and a few other tidbits.

"I'm happy we're taking a closer look at him," Nguyen said. "He had a lot of courage to stand by Mary, who was bearing a child who wasn't his own child."

Eric Score, a member of All Saints Parish, also in Northeast Portland, wants to look further into what a consecration to St. Joseph would mean.

An accountant and father of two, Score just bought Father Calloway's book. "A consecration is like a pledge," he explained. "To align yourself from a spiritual aspect to follow in his example as much as you possibly can."

In the book, the priest outlines a 33-day preparation period in Part 1, and includes several readings on the "Wonders of Our Spiritual Father" in Part 2 and several prayers to St. Joseph in Part 3.

stands out for me. Everything is centered around Mary, and he has to deal with that, in that patriarchal culture. He knew he was caring for the Son of God -- what a responsibility."

Score thinks Pope Francis timed this Year of St. Joseph well, coinciding as it did with what we hope is the end of the COVID-19 pandemic and its lessons for families.

"It was a curse but also a blessing," said Score. "I've never been more involved with my children's lives ... it's really hard to teach kids."

He takes comfort in knowing that Joseph and Mary weren't highly educated people. "It came down to prayer and their relationship with Jesus."

Score is prioritizing spending time with his children. "I took my son fishing," he said. "Just being there and caring is super important."

He's thinking about the Holy Family's flight into Egypt as a model for family life.

"One step at a time," he said. "You have to take action, but you can only do so much. It's in God's hands. That gives me hope."

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# Traveling St. Joseph finds a home in Avoyelles Deanery

by Donna Culotta

In the Year of St. Joseph, a special devotion to Jesus' earthly father has taken root in Avoyelles Parish. Called the "Traveling St. Joseph, Our Guardian," it is a statue housed in a special case that makes its way from home after home, staying nine days in a living novena.

Begun in Grass Lake, Michigan by Father Leo Joseph, director of the Shrine of St. Joseph, Patron of the Suffering and Dying, the traveling St. Joseph statue was introduced to the home church.

"As protector of the Holy Family, who better to invite into our homes than St. Joseph?" according to Father Joseph.

Accompanying the traveling statue are suggested prayers, although each family is free to pray however they choose. After nine days the statue moves on to a new family.

Barbara Lemoine of Mansura read about the traveling statue in the magazine published at the shrine and thought, "if they can do it in Michigan, so can we."

That devotion coupled with determination began the Traveling St. Joseph in Avoyelles. She was so determined to get the movement started, Barbara went to the local nursing home where she had donated a statue of St. Joseph for the chapel, and took him back.



**TRAVELING ST. JOSEPH, OUR GUARDIAN.** The wooden statue is small enough to be placed on a table or fireplace mantel. The case is hand made and closes for safe keeping during transporting the statue. (Photo by Anitra Dunbar)

"I took my statue because he was the correct size for the job," she commented. When she says "our" job, Barbara is including St. Joseph. She has such a great devotion and close relationship with him, she calls him "Poppa Joe."

The statue has a very special case for transporting. Barbara was able to get Lynn Roy of Hickory Hill to make a case just like the original one used at the shrine in Michigan. According to Barbara, the handmade wooden case looks just like the one in the magazine article. "He (Lynn Roy) did a wonderful job," she added.

In January of this year, Barbara relinquished facilitating Traveling St. Joseph to Anitra Dunbar of Marksville.

"She is in her 90's, lives in an assisted living facility and doesn't drive anymore," Anitra said. "She prayed about it and felt led to ask me if I'd be willing to take it over."

Surprised because she didn't know Barbara that well, Anitra said, "I was honored and thankful she asked me."

Sometime before being introduced to Traveling St. Joseph, Anitra prayed the consecration to St. Joseph with a group of friends. In the 33 days it takes to complete the consecration, Anitra said she had learned so much about the earthly father of Jesus she was ready to take on facilitating the traveling statue.

"People are very willing to take it into their homes. Right now it is in Fifth Ward with Wilbert Carmouche who has a waiting list of people. He told me that St. Joseph is getting fat on prayers."

For information to start a group, to go: [piusunionofstjoseph.org](http://piusunionofstjoseph.org). For more information in Avoyelles Parish, contact Anitra Dunbar at (318) 359-2135.



**TRAVELING ST. JOSEPH.** Barbara Lemoine was inspired by the Traveling St. Joseph in Grass Lake, Michigan. (Photo by Anitra Dunbar)



## St. Michael the Archangel

Saint 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.

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## Mass for Asian and Pacific Island Catholics highlights unity of faith

By Mark Zimmermann  
Catholic News Service

SILVER SPRING, Md. (CNS) -- Participating in their 18th annual Marian pilgrimage in the Washington D.C., area, Asian and Pacific Island Catholics were encouraged to be a “family of families” united in their faith, and to make devotion to Mary and love for Christ central to their homes and an impetus to build a new and better world.

“Fellow Asian and Pacific Island Catholics: we are better together as a family of families. May we continue as pilgrims on Earth, help others to encounter the Risen Lord, looking up to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the numerous saints and martyrs who serve as our models and intercessors,” said Carolyn Ng, vice president of the Asian and Pacific Network, who spoke at the end of the pilgrimage Mass May 1 at St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Silver Spring.

The Asian and Pacific Catholic Network organized the pilgrimage and Mass in collaboration with the Asian and Pacific Island Affairs Subcommittee of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church and the support of the Archdiocese of Washington’s Office of Cultural Diversity and Outreach and the Office of Multicultural Ministries in the Diocese of Arlington.

The annual event is celebrated in May as part of Asian and Pacific Island National Heritage Month.

Ng, the coordinator for catechesis and faith formation at Our Lady of China Pastoral



**FORGIVENESS FAMILY.** A family prays at St. Michael the Archangel Church in Silver Spring, Md., during the Asian and Pacific Island Catholic Marian Pilgrimage May 1, 2021. What could be more necessary to grow in holiness than the embrace of an attitude that says, “I will love this person and forgive them, because I know they forgive me”? (CNS photo/Andrew Biraj, Catholic Standard)

Mission that worships at St. Mary Mother of God Church in Washington’s Chinatown neighborhood, said the pilgrimage and Mass offered an “opportunity to pray in solidarity, not only with Asian and Pacific Island Catholics, but also with the church in the U.S. and beyond.”

Over the years, the pilgrimage and Mass have traditionally been held at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, drawing a large congregation of Asian and Pacific Island Catholics from the East Coast.

Due to COVID-19 safety measures, the pilgrimage this year was held on a smaller scale, with about 100 participants at the Maryland church wearing masks

and sitting in social distances in alternate church pews. The Mass was also livestreamed.

Last year, at the onset of the pandemic, the pilgrimage was canceled, and an online rosary was held instead.

While lacking the striking musical and dance performances representing different Asian cultures that have opened the past pilgrimages at the National Shrine, the May 1 call to prayer featured Alice Kan of the Guzhang Ensemble playing “Amazing Grace” and “America the Beautiful” on the Chinese zither.

Welcoming people to the pilgrimage, Aylene Mafnas, a Filipino Catholic, said participants represented different countries, cultures and dioceses, “yet our devotion to our Blessed Mother binds us together as one.”

That devotion could be seen in a display of several ornate statues of Mary, depicted in native dress as the patroness of several Asian countries, displayed in front of the church’s sanctuary, not far from banners representing Catholics with roots in Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Samoa, Korea and China.

Participating communities in the Asian and Pacific Catholic Network also include Bangla, Burmese, Cambodian, Filipino, Indian, Japanese, Laotian, Lebanese, Pakistani and Thai

Catholics.

Opening remarks were offered by Sister Myrna Tordillo, a member of the Missionary Sisters of St. Charles Borromeo who serves as an assistant director for the Asian and Pacific Island Affairs Subcommittee of the USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church.

She noted that the pilgrimage came at a “providential moment ... This is a favorable time for us to gather in person after a long time and to gather online.”

She also highlighted the 500th anniversary of Christianity in the Philippines, noting that the first Mass was celebrated there on Easter Sunday in 1521. The 2.9 million Filipino Catholics in the United States today represent a vibrant part of the present and future Catholic Church in this country, she said.

Msgr. Eddie Tolentino, pastor of St. Michael the Archangel Parish who served as the main celebrant at the Mass, said it was an honor for the parish to host the pilgrimage, and noted that his grandfather was an immigrant from the Philippines.

In his homily, he said that at a time when some family members are estranged from one another, “Jesus Christ never ceases to call us to be one in God.”

He said today’s families can find models of love and of saying “yes” to God in the Holy

Family of Nazareth -- Jesus, Mary and St. Joseph. Each home, he said, should be a place of prayer, adding that Mary, just as she is the mother of the church, can be a mother in each home.

With faith, families can help build a new and better world, he added.

The pilgrimage and Mass came at a time when Asian Americans have faced increasing discrimination and violence after the coronavirus pandemic, first reported in China, has spread throughout the world, including in its current epicenter in India, with more than 20 million reported cases and more than 234,000 deaths as of May 6.

A prayer was offered at the Mass, seeking healing for those impacted by the coronavirus, including those who have lost loved ones, jobs and businesses and for strength for those caring for the afflicted.

An additional prayer was offered “for the reconciliation of our country due to division and racial discrimination, may God grant us the grace to love others and to value the diversity in our human family.”

Another place of turmoil in Asia has been Myanmar, formerly known as Burma, where security forces have allegedly killed at least 750 protesters and detained thousands more since a recent military coup there. Pope Francis and Myanmar Catholic leaders have prayed for peace in the region and a prayer at the Mass was offered for world leaders, that they might work for peace and justice and respect human life and dignity.

After Communion, Msgr. Tolentino said the last survey at St. Michael the Archangel Parish found that parishioners came from more than 100 countries, and he said whenever that community gathers, it reflects the universal church.

In his homily, he said that from the time of the Catholic Church’s beginnings it has been shown that it is for everyone.

That diversity and unity in faith was highlighted in a prayer at the Mass specifically for Asian and Pacific Island communities which said: “May we continue to serve God and witness his love in our own cultures as we are united with the universal church.”



## Feast of St. Kateri Tekakwitha: July 14

St. Kateri was born in the seventeenth century in a Mohawk village in what is now New York state. She was the daughter of a Mohawk chief and a captured Christian Algonquin woman who became his wife.

The Mohawk suffered a severe smallpox epidemic from 1661 to 1663, causing high fatalities. When Tekakwitha was around four years old, her baby brother and both her parents died of smallpox. She survived, but the disease damaged her eyesight and left her with scars on her face. She went to live with an aunt whose husband was the chief

of a different Mohawk clan.

The French Jesuits, after the gruesome martyrdoms of St. Isaac Jogues, St. Jean de Brebeuf, and six others at the hands of Native Americans, continued their missionary work. The Jesuits' account of Tekakwitha said that she was a modest girl who avoided social gatherings; she covered much of her head with a blanket because of the smallpox scars. She became skilled at traditional women's arts, which included making clothing and belts from animal skins; weaving mats, baskets, and boxes from reeds and grasses;

and preparing food from game, crops, and gathered produce.

Kateri had regular contact with Christian missionaries, and by the time she was a teenager she was determined to forgo marriage and to devote herself to Christ. She was baptized on Easter Sunday in 1676, at the age of nineteen, and given the Christian name Kateri in honor of Catherine of Siena. Her piety was known and admired by the Jesuits, but her faith made her a subject of suspicion and derision among the people of her village.

Four years later, her health began to fail, and she died at the age of twenty-four. The priest who attended her reported that about fifteen minutes after her death, her face began to glow, and her smallpox scars disappeared.

Known for her virtue of chastity and mortification of the flesh, she is the fourth Native American to be venerated in the Catholic Church and the first to be canonized.

Under the pontificate of Pope John Paul II, she was beatified in 1980 and canonized by Pope Benedict XVI in 2012, and is known as "the Lily of the Mohawks."



**ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA.** A statue of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, above, is seen at Our Lady of the Island Shrine in Manorville, N.Y. The saint's feast day is celebrated July 14 in the U.S. and April 17 in Canada. (CNS photo / Gregory A. Shemitz)



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The Lord is  
my shepherd;  
there is  
nothing I  
shall want.

Psalm 23: 1  
 Responsorial Psalm  
 for July 18

## Catholic Grandparents' Association welcomes Pope Francis' message for the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

The Vatican recently released Pope Francis' message for the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will be celebrated on Sunday 25 July on the theme 'I am with you always' (Mt 28:20).

Welcoming the message, Catherine Wiley, Founder of the Catholic Grandparents' Association said, "We are overjoyed to read the wonderful message that the Holy Father has offered to us for the first ever World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly in which he is reminding us that the whole Church is close to us as Grandparents and Elders.

"The Covid-19 pandemic has been a difficult and challenging time for everyone, but especially elderly people and Grandparents who at best were starved of time with their Grandchildren for so many months and at worst succumbed to the virus. The confidence of Grandparents has been affected by the pandemic and even though the world is gradually opening up again, there is a nervousness amongst many Grandparents and Elders about returning to the way things were before. They need time, patience and encouragement."

Ms. Wiley went on to say, "In

his message for the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly the Holy Father assures us that the Lord is aware of all that we have been through during this time of pandemic. He reminds us that he has been close to all those who felt isolated and alone and that even at the darkest moments, the Lord continues to send angels to console our loneliness and to remind us that He is with us always. Pope Francis tells us that "these angels sent to console us will at times have the face of our grandchildren, while at other times, the face of family members, lifelong friends or

those we have come to know during these trying times, when we have learned how important hugs and visits are for each of us.

Pope Francis also assures us that the Lord also "sends us messengers through his words, which are always at hand." And the Holy Father has given us some homework in his message by asking the elderly to try to read a page of the Gospel every day, to pray with the psalms, to read the prophets because the Scriptures will also help us to understand what the Lord is asking of our lives today – "For at every hour of the day, and in every season of life, he continues to send labourers into his vineyard."

Ms. Wiley concluded, "These words of our Holy Father are offered not just to console and

comfort us at this time, they are also offered as encouragement to us to keep going with the important role that we have as Grandparents which the Pope describes as a vocation "to preserve our roots, to pass on the faith to the young, and to care for the little ones irrespective of their age, if they are alone or have a family, if they work or not or if they are grandparents or not. The Pope underlined that there is no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel and handing down traditions to grandchildren."

*A portion of the Message for the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly follows:*

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**Readings:** Ez 2:2-5; 2Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6 and Amos 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mark 6:7-13

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## Dear Grandfathers and Grandmothers.



“I am with you always” (Mt 28:20): this is the promise the Lord made to his disciples before he ascended into heaven. They are the words that he repeats to you today, dear grandfathers and grandmothers, dear elderly friends. “I am with you always” are also the words that I, as Bishop of Rome and an elderly person like yourselves, would like to address to you on this first World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. The whole Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone!

I am well aware that this Message comes to you at a difficult time: the pandemic swept down on us like an unexpected and furious storm; it has been a time of trial for everyone, but especially for us elderly persons. Many of us fell ill, others died or experienced the death of spouses or loved ones, while others found themselves isolated and alone for long periods.

The Lord is aware of all that we have been through in this time. He is close to those who felt isolated and alone, feelings that became more acute during the pandemic. Tradition has it that Saint Joachim, the grandfather of Jesus, felt estranged from those around him because he had no children; his life, like that of his wife Anne, was considered useless. So the Lord sent an angel to console him. While he mused sadly outside the city gates, a messenger from the Lord appeared to him and said, “Joachim, Joachim! The Lord has heard your insistent prayer”.

Even at the darkest moments, as in these months of pandemic, the Lord continues to send angels to console our loneliness and to remind us: “I am with you always”. He says this to you, and he says it to me. That is the meaning of this Day, which I wanted to celebrate for the first time in this particular year, as a long period of isolation ends and social life slowly resumes. May every grandfather, every grandmother, every older person, especially those among us who are most alone, receive the visit of an angel!

At times those angels will

have the face of our grandchildren, at others, the face of family members, lifelong friends or those we have come to know during these trying times, when we have learned how important hugs and visits are for each of us. How sad it makes me that in some places these are still not possible!

Let us also try to read a page of the Gospel every day, to pray with the psalms, to read the prophets! We will be comforted by the Lord’s faithfulness. The Scriptures will also help us to understand what the Lord is asking of our lives today. For at every hour of the day (cf. Mt 20:1-16) and in every season of life, he continues to send labourers into his vineyard. The Lord is always close to us. He is close to us with new possibilities, new ideas, new consolations, but always close to us. You know that the Lord is eternal; he never, ever goes into retirement.

In Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus tells the Apostles, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” (28:19-20). These words are also addressed to us today. They help us better understand that our vocation. Think about it: what is our vocation today, at our age? To preserve our roots, to pass on the faith to the young and to care for the little ones. Never forget this.

It makes no difference how old you are, whether you still work or not, whether you are

alone or have a family, whether you became a grandmother or grandfather at a young age or later, whether you are still independent or need assistance. Because there is no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel and handing down traditions to your grandchildren.

*There is no  
retirement age  
from the work  
of proclaiming  
the Gospel*

At this crucial moment in history, you have a renewed vocation. You may wonder: How this can be possible? My energy is running out and I don’t think I can do much. How can I begin to act differently when habit is so much a part of my life? How can I devote myself to those who are poor when I am already so concerned about my family? How can I broaden my vision when I can’t even leave the residence where I live? How many of you are asking: isn’t my solitude already a sufficiently heavy burden? Jesus himself heard a similar question from Nicodemus, who asked, “How can a man be born when he is old?” (Jn 3:4). It can happen, the Lord replies, if we open our hearts to the working of the Holy Spirit, who blows where he wills.

The Holy Spirit whose freedom is such that goes wherever, and does whatever, he wills.

As I have often observed, we will not emerge from the present crisis as we were before, but either better or worse. And “God willing... this may prove not to be just another tragedy of history from which we learned nothing... If only this immense sorrow may not prove useless, but enable us to take a step forward towards a new style of life. If only we might discover once for all that we need one another, and that in this way our human frailty can experience a rebirth” (Fratelli Tutti, 35). No one is saved alone. We are all indebted to one another. We are all brothers and sisters.

Given this, I want to tell you that you are needed in order to help build, in fraternity and social friendship, the world of tomorrow: the world in which we, together with our children and grandchildren, will live once the storm has subsided. All of us must “take an active part in renewing and supporting our troubled societies” (ibid., 77). Among the pillars that support this new edifice, there are three that you, better than anyone else, can help to set up. The Lord’s closeness will grant to all, even the frailest among us, the strength needed to embark on a new journey along the path of dreams, memory and prayer.

The prophet Joel once promised: “Your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men will have visions” (3:1). The future of the world depends on

this covenant between young and old. Who, if not the young, can take the dreams of the elderly and make them come true? Yet for this to happen, it is necessary that we continue to dream. Our dreams of justice, of peace, of solidarity can make it possible for our young people to have new visions; in this way, together, we can build the future. You need to show that it is possible to emerge renewed from an experience of hardship. I am sure that you have had more than one such experience: in your life you have faced any number of troubles and yet were able to pull through. Use those experiences to learn how to pull through now.

Finally, prayer. As my predecessor, Pope Benedict, himself a saintly elderly person who continues to pray and work for the Church, once said: “the prayer of the elderly can protect the world, helping it perhaps more effectively than the frenetic activity of many others.” [4] There is something beautiful here. Your prayer is a very precious resource: a deep breath that the Church and the world urgently need (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 262). Especially in these difficult times for our human family, as we continue to sail in the same boat across the stormy sea of the pandemic, your intercession for the world and for the Church has great value: it inspires in everyone the serene trust that we will soon come to shore.

Dear grandmother, dear grandfather, dear elderly friends, in concluding this Message to you, I would also like to mention the example of Blessed (and soon Saint) Charles de Foucauld. He lived as a hermit in Algeria and there testified to “his desire to feel himself a brother to all” (Fratelli Tutti, 287). The story of his life shows how it is possible, even in the solitude of one’s own desert, to intercede for the poor of the whole world and to become, in truth, a universal brother or sister.

I ask the Lord that, also through his example, all of us may open our hearts in sensitivity to the sufferings of the poor and intercede for their needs. May each of us learn to repeat to all, and especially to the young, the words of consolation we have heard spoken to us today: “I am with you always”! Keep moving forward! May the Lord grant you his blessing.

*Francis*

## Cooking for A Cause Benefits Local Organizations



**ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, NATCHITOCHES.** Cooking for a Cause made a donation to the Women's Resource Center of Natchitoches for \$525. Students pictured with representatives from the Women's Resource Center

What do you get when you combine a group of determined students with an inspiring leader, chocolate chip cookies and plenty of enthusiasm to raise money for good causes? A new club at St. Mary's Catholic School named Cooking for a Cause, founded by junior Mason McCart with the assistance of his high school classmates.

When school resumed in September after the Covid shutdown and Hurricane Laura, Mason felt a desire to do something to help the community. "I had a difficult time during the quarantine," says Mason, "I wanted to use my privilege to try to help others and my community. So, I prayed about it and this is where God led me."

Mason likes to cook, and students love sweet treats so the idea of selling cookies and baked treats, while donating the profits to a needed cause, appealed to him. He knew St. Mary's was a natural avenue to pursue his new passion so he approached Tracie Key and former principal, Andrea Harrell, about his idea and they

both enthusiastically approved. Key, who is the Director of Religious Education and high school religion teacher for the school, agreed to be the sponsor for the club. Mason had a group of fellow high school students and friends that were ready to lend a helping hand and Cooking for a Cause was born.

Each week during the school year, this group of students received pre-orders from the student body, baked the items to fulfill the orders and delivered baked goods to students at school on Fridays. Mason is quick to credit others for the club's success—from his friends and classmates that cook and deliver, to the students and families that purchase the items, to the faculty and staff. He also says, "My parents were my biggest supporters of the club and have spent countless hours helping me bake. The club would not have been successful without them." Mason deems it a total community effort that is inspired by God.

During the course of the school year, Cooking for a Cause raised a total of \$3991 to benefit Breast Cancer Awareness in

honor of St. Mary's teacher, Mrs. Sharon Leone, Hurricane Laura Relief for the Diocese of Lake Charles, the Women's Resource Center in Natchitoches, the Natchitoches Humane Society, the James White Memorial Scholarship at NSU and Project Celebration/Taylor House. An additional \$5000 was given for the James White Memorial Scholarship by an anonymous donor.

When asked if Cooking for a Cause will continue next school year, Mason enthusiastically replies "Absolutely!" His goal is to raise a total of \$10,000 by the time he graduates from high school. Mason also stays busy with numerous other extracurricular activities including the Beta Club, Student Council Executive Board, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Future Business Leaders of America, Natchitoches Leo Club and Yearbook as well as participating with the tennis, cross country and track teams. Mason has attended St. Mary's since he was three years old and is a member of the Minor Basilica of the Immaculate Conception Church.



**SACRED HEART SCHOOL, MOREAUVILLE.** SHS students adopted the Sacred Heart Church Mausoleum, graveyard, and grotto in the efforts to help the town get prepared for the Cleanest City Contest held in May.

This year, fourth grade students, under the direction of their teachers, Mrs. Tammy Guillory (4A) and Mrs. Angelia Ducote (4B), swept, picked up trash, and removed dead and discarded flowers.



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**CATHOLIC YOUTH LEADERSHIP.** Sacred Heart Church (Moreauville) high school graduate recipients of the CYLA (Catholic Youth Leadership Award) scholarship,



**HOLY SAVIOR MENARD HIGH SCHOOL.** Holy Savior Menard students committed to doing good with the #GoodWorksCampaign during Lent. Students pledged to support one of four local organizations and committed to praying for the organization daily. Student representatives delivered an over-flowing van full of items and monetary donations to the Hope House, Cenla Pregnancy Center, Our Lady's Manor, and the Manna House. Pictured above with Cenla Pregnancy Center director, Claire Lemoine and below with Manna House director, Jessica Viator.



**STUDENTS OF THE YEAR.** Sacred Heart School's 8th grade Student of the Year Ryan [redacted] and 5th grade Student of the Year Leah [redacted] were presented with Congratulatory certificates from Representative Daryl Deshotel. The certificates were presented after school Mass at Sacred Heart church by Principal Sr. Sandra Norsworthy on May 21.

*The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.*  
Psalm 145: 16  
Responsorial Psalm  
for July 25

**STUDENT SPOTLIGHT:**  
If you know a teen you'd like to recognize, please fill out the form, found on the Diocese website at [www.diocesealex.org](http://www.diocesealex.org). Catholic students in either junior high or high school, attending our Catholic schools or public schools will be considered. Help us to introduce some of our wonderful youth to the rest of our diocese! Once we receive your submission, we'll contact you (the adult leader) to ensure that the youth nominated is a good fit to be featured in this Church Today spotlight.

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Louisiana College: Catholic Student Organization, 318-447-2956

## VBS, St. Joseph Church, Marksville - July 1-2

VBS/Bible Camp titled, "In God We Trust" in the church hall. The camp is free of charge and open to children ages 5 through 10 on a first come, first served basis. Registration opens on Tuesday, June 1 and can be made by calling the St. Joseph church office at 318-253-7561, ext. 4.

## Heart of St. Kateri Circle Meeting - July 8

Our next meeting is on Thursday, July 8, at the Tekakwitha Convention Center, 2225 North Bolton Avenue, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend. We'll be having a study on Louisiana Native Americans, the Apalchee Tribe, and their history. For more information, contact Scotty Durio at 318-483-3908.

## Discalced Carmelite meeting - July 10

The Order of Discalced Carmelites will hold its monthly meeting 9:00 a.m. Saturday, June 12, at Maryhill Renewal Center. Anyone is invited to attend morning prayer at 9:00 a.m. followed by Mass and then the community meeting. If you are interested in Carmelite studies, please contact Mary Jo McCoy (318) 346-6860 or (318) 481-9638.

## Suppers with the Seminarians is back! July 10 • July 24

Supper with the Seminarians fundraisers have been scheduled for the four deaneries:

- July 10: Eastern, St. Mary Church, Winnsboro
  - July 24: Natchitoches, St. Anthony of Padua, Natchitoches.
- Reserve your place now! To RSVP for either event, go to [www.diocesealex.org/supper-with-the-seminarians/](http://www.diocesealex.org/supper-with-the-seminarians/)

## VBS, Sacred Heart Church, Moreauville - July 11 - 15

For youth in grades PK-6, at Sacred Heart Church, Moreauville, will run Sunday, July 11 through Thursday, July 15, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. This year's theme is "Rocky Railway-Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through." Supper will be served every night. Cost: \$15 donation appreciated which helps cover crafts, food, and t-shirts. Registration information coming soon. Contact Andre Spruill at 318-359-7542.

## VBS, St. Rita, Alexandria - July 12 - 16

We are so excited to be able to offer VBS this summer for students entering PK thru 6th grade for the 2021-2022 school year. Registration is now open. Visit [www.myvbs.com](http://www.myvbs.com).

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[org/stritavbs/](http://org/stritavbs/) and register your child. If you would like to be an adult or teen volunteer, please follow the same link and register! Questions? Call (318) 445-7141, ext. 217.

## Men's Silent Retreat - August 26 - 29

Men of the Diocese of Alexandria, please join us for a Silent Retreat at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House in Grand Coteau, LA. The retreat will be held August 26 - 29. If you are looking to spend quiet time in prayer and reflection, please consider this wonderful opportunity. If you would like more information, please contact Jason Lavergne at 318-446-3097 or Gary Bonnette at 318-793-9063. More information and an online application for the retreat can be found at <https://ourladyoftheoaks.com>.

## Pilgrimage to the Holy Land - September 14-23, 2021

Join us for a journey of a lifetime on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The Scriptures will come alive as you visit Our Lord's homeland. It is an encounter that has changed the lives of many pilgrims, and it is an act of faith and prayer. Your spiritual director for this trip is Fr. John Wiltse, pastor of St. Mary's Assumption Church, Cottonport. For more information, call 337-291-1933 or visit [www.holytravels.org/tour/stmaryscottonport](http://www.holytravels.org/tour/stmaryscottonport).

## Maryhill Legacy Bricks now available!

A great gifting opportunity! These beautiful, personalized, and engraved commemorative Maryhill Legacy Bricks make the perfect year round gift! These commemorative paver bricks will be installed and displayed at the entrance of the main chapel as a permanent legacy at Maryhill Renewal Center. To order your Maryhill Legacy Brick, contact Deacon Luke White or order online at [www.diocesealex.org/maryhill-legacy-bricks/](http://www.diocesealex.org/maryhill-legacy-bricks/)

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## Positions Available

Sacred Heart School, Moreauville and St. Frances Cabrini School, Alexandria have openings available for lunchroom (cafeteria) technicians to start immediately. If you are interested, please contact the Child Nutrition Office at 318-445-2401.

## Adopt-a-Mom

St. Frances Cabrini Church is partnering with Let Them Live by sponsoring the "Adopt-a-Mom" program. Through this program, the parish community has been assigned a woman who was considering abortion, but now has chosen life. The parish and school will journey with her until the birth of the baby in October, providing spiritual, emotional, and financial support. Anyone wishing to partner with St. Frances Cabrini Church in providing assistance to this young mom is encouraged to call the church office at 318-445-4588, or email Fr. Taylor Reynolds at [freedtree71322@gmail.com](mailto:freedtree71322@gmail.com) or Kim Swart at [kswart@cabrinischool.com](mailto:kswart@cabrinischool.com).

## Prayer Line - Ongoing

Mary, Mother of Jesus Church in Woodworth has a dedicated prayer line. One of our Prayer Companions will pray with you when you call or, privately, if you prefer, following your call. Anonymity and confidentiality are ensured and respected. Our desire is to pray with you for the gifts of hope, and asking for the continued mercy and love of Jesus Christ. The prayer line phone number is 318-625-9195.

## Tuesday Eucharistic Adoration, Marksville

St. Joseph Church in Marksville is holding a weekly Tuesday Eucharistic adoration from 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. in the church. Everyone is welcome. Please wear a face mask and practice social distancing during this time of prayer and worship.

## Outdoor Lighted Rosary, Marksville

St. Joseph Church in Marksville will have its weekly outdoor lighted rosary every Thursday from now through October, weather permitting. The rosary begins at 8:00 p.m. in the parking lot next to the church hall. Participants may bring chairs to sit outside or remain in their vehicles. The lighted rosary is sponsored by St. Joseph Knights of Columbus Council #1217.

## Church Today News Deadlines

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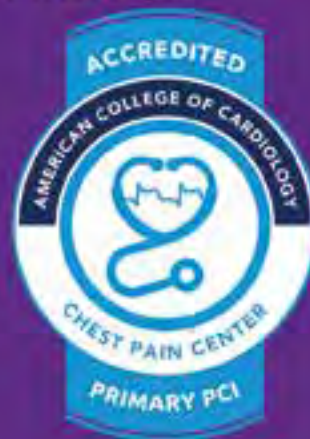
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p>JUNE 29</p> <p>(cont.) Religious Freedom Week: Solidarity in Freedom</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. A. AELAVANTHARA</p>	<p>31</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. W. AJAERO</p>	<p>30</p> <p>VIRTUS Training 6:00 p.m. St. Paul the Apostle Church Community Center, Mansura</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. J. ANTONY</p>	<p>JULY 1</p> <p>Outdoor Lighted Rosary 8:00 p.m. St. Joseph Church, Marksville</p> <p>VBS -- St. Joseph Church, Marksville, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.</p> <p>PRAY FOR BISHOP R. MARSHALL</p>	<p>2</p> <p>FIRST FRIDAY</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. S. BRANDOW</p>	<p>3</p> <p>FIRST SATURDAY</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. D. BRAQUET</p>	<p>4</p> <p>INDEPENDENCE DAY</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. J. BROCATO</p>
<p>5</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. S. CHEMINO</p>	<p>6</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. D. CORKERY</p>	<p>7</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. J. CUNNINGHAM</p>	<p>8</p> <p>St. Kateri Circle Meeting 5:30 p.m. Tekakwitha Center, Alexandria</p> <p>Outdoor Lighted Rosary 8:00 p.m. St. Joseph Church, Marksville</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. W. DECOSTE</p>	<p>9</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. D. DEJESUS</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Discalced Carmelite Meeting 9:00 a.m. Maryhill Renewal Center</p> <p>Supper with Seminarians 5:00 p.m. St. Mary Church, Winnsboro</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. B. DESHAUTELLE</p>	<p>11</p> <p>VIRTUS Training 6:00 p.m. St. Joseph Catholic Center, Alexandria</p> <p>VBS - Sacred Heart Moreauville</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. J. DESIMONE</p>
<p>12</p> <p>VIRTUS Training 6:00 p.m. St. Joseph Catholic Center, Alexandria</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. A. DHARMARAJ</p>	<p>13</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. D. DUCOTE</p>	<p>14</p> <p>VIRTUS Training 6:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception, Natchitoches</p> <p>MEMORIAL of ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA PRAY FOR FR. P. FAULK</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Outdoor Lighted Rosary 8:00 p.m. St. Joseph Church, Marksville</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. J. FERGUSON</p>	<p>16</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. W. GEARHEARD</p>	<p>17</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. J. GOOTEE</p>	<p>18</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. R. GREMILLION</p>
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			Teen ACTS Retreat -- Maryhill Renewal Center			
<p>19</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. D. HART</p>	<p>20</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. J. HASIEBER</p>	<p>21</p> <p>PRAY FOR MSGR. R. HOPPE</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Outdoor Lighted Rosary 8:00 p.m. St. Joseph Church, Marksville</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. R. HUMPHRIES</p>	<p>23</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. H. IMAMSHAH</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Supper with the Seminarians 5:00 p.m. St. Anthony of Padua Church, Natchitoches</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. R. JOHNSON</p>	<p>25</p> <p>World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. T. KENNEDY</p>
<p>26</p> <p>First day of Classes St. Mary's Assumption School, Cottonport</p> <p>MEMORIAL of STS. JOACHIM and ANNE (parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary)</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. P. KULIGOWSKI</p>	<p>27</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. P. KUNNUPURAM</p>	<p>28</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. L. LAFLEUR</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Outdoor Lighted Rosary 8:00 p.m. St. Joseph Church, Marksville</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. M. LAIRD</p>	<p>30</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. P. LAPALME</p>	<p>31</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. V. MANUEL</p>	<p>AUGUST 1</p> <p>PRAY FOR BISHOP R. MARSHALL</p>

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