Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass — 4:00 p.m. [5:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Victory] Sunday — 7:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. [9:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory] Monday, Wednesday and Friday - 6:45 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory Tuesday and Thursday - 5:30 p.m. at Saint Joseph First Saturday - 8:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION Every Saturday from 3:00 p.m. to 3:40 p.m. [5:00 p.m. to 5:20 p.m. at Our Lady of Victory] and one-half hour before all weekday Masses, or by appointment during office hours. **OFFICE HOURS** Monday through Thursday - 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. **RECEPTIONIST/BOOKKEEPER/CEMETERIAN** Mrs. Gail Borel — gail.borel@stjosephparishonline.org **RECORDS CLERK/PLANT MANAGER** Gladys Lasseigne **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** Mrs. Sherry Hebert - sherry.hebert@stjosephparishonline.org YOUTH MINISTRY/CONFIRMATION COORDINATOR Mrs. Jeanne Stiles — jstiles@diolaf.org MUSIC MINISTRY Mrs. Janice Carboni (4:00 p.m.) Mrs. Jeanne Stiles and Mr. Dro Gondron (10:30 a.m.) BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE Mr. Ken Theriot and John Thomas Neuville **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** The chapel is open every day from 6:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. **FUNERALS** Please contact the parish office prior to contacting the funeral home. Funerals are celebrated in the morning of Tuesdays through Saturdays no later than 11:00 a.m. A Funeral Vigil is celebrated on the preceding evening at 6:00 p.m. SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Baptism classes are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:45 p.m. in the rectory. Baptism are held on the second and fourth Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Please contact the parish office for scheduling. SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY Couples must contact the pastor at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date. SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact the parish office to schedule a pastoral visit.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works.

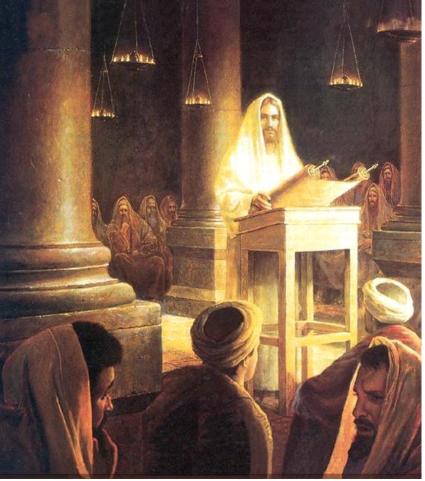
Please pray for our parish family members who are sick:

We invite you to submit the names of people who are in need of our prayers.

Jess Koch, Lisa Adcock, Kendall Romero, Alicia Durand, Janice Stacy, Joseph Huval, Marie Lee Prioux, Troy Barras, Kelly Ransonet, Jessica Scott, Mary Smith, Brian Thibodeaux, Cora Laviolette, Jackie Savoy, Barry Thibodeaux, Doris "Boutte" Barras, Michele Dugas Burke, Paul Crochet, Craig Breaux, Helen Simon, Ross Rouly, Jamie Brady, Holly LeBlanc, Faye Gary, Tony Berard, Glenn Romero, Stuart Sandoz, Duffy Domingue, Eric Clements, David Louviere, Judy Judice, Hayden Ransonet, Clark Provost, Trevor Louviere, Vanessa Courville, Rita and Wayne

Louviere, Austin Willett, Willey Poirrier, Inez Barras, Dennis and Helen Bastian, Butch and Debbie White, Gwen Borel, Guy Thibodeaux, Lydia May, Louis "CoCo" Landry Jr., Jerry Fruge, Jimmy Clifton, Michelle Breaux, Rowena Borel, Megan Scully, Terrel Dressel, Maxine Latiolais, Dawn Derouen, Deacon Chris Doumit, Beulah Dugas, Matil LasSalle Romero, Falyn Sonnier, Rickey Sonnier, Caline Provost., Jan Bourque, Lecia Broussard, Ronald Albert Sr.

Please note that our office will purge the names on our sick list every quarter. We ask anyone who lists someone's name to please call the parish office to add or remove a name.





January 27, 2019

Collection for January 20, 2019		
Regular Sunday Offering Envelopes (59%)	\$ 5,325.00	
Regular Sunday Offering Loose (41%)	\$ 3,670.00	
Weekly Budget	\$ 9,136.00	
Regular Collection Total	\$ 8,995.00	
Difference	-\$ 141.00	
Completion Loan Balance	\$ 109,735.25	
Completion Collection	\$ 1,625.00	
Insurance Balance 2018-2019	\$ 31,084.70	
Insurance Collection	\$ 142.00	

141 of 1314 families used collection envelopes (18% participation).
238 of 1314 families attended Mass this weekend (11% attendance). Thanks to those who practice Sacrificial Giving and give of their time, talent and treasure as an act of profound Christian stewardship.

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning for:

Morris and Emily Guinn, Philomene B. Broussard Simon, Amelie, Joan, Linda and Robert Guidry, Herbert, Rena and Editha Robin Barbara M. Lancon, Dianne Gaye O'Brien Linda Desoto, Harrison and Nina Guillot

The Vocation Chalice is at the home of:

Ronald and Yolanda Green Please pray for vocations. If you would like to have the vocation chalice in your home please call the rectory office at 229-4254.

> The Bi-Monthly Statue is in the home of: Renee Anthony

The Weekly Statue is in the home of: Kelly and Todd Landry

Flowers on the Altar in loving memory of: Deceased Parishioners of Saint Joseph Church

Saint Joseph Altar Candles are burning for: Chad Romero, Deyna Champagne, Poirrier Family

Please pray for our priests, seminarians, deacons and religious

Eternal Father, we lift up to You these special sons and daughters. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

January 26	Rev. A. Gayle Nunez/Jace Gyles
January 26	Dcn. Nelson Schexnayder/Sr. Kathleen Stakelum, MSC
January 27	Rev. Godwin Nzeh, CMF/Jonathan Harris
	Dcn. Nolton Senegal/Sr. Marie Emma Noel, MSC
January 28	Rev. Anselm Ofodum/Evan Hebert
	Dcn. Steve Simon/Sr. Marlene Labbe, MSC
January 29	Rev. Norman O'Neal, SJ/Rev. Mr. Sal Istre
	Dcn. Charles Smith/Sr. Jo Ann DeLoach, MSC
January 30	Rev. Paul Onuegbe/Luke Johnson
	Dcn. Ben Soileau/Sr. Charlotte LeBoeuf, MSC
Tamu amy 21	Rev. Paul Osterle, SJ/Andrew Killeen
January 31	Dcn. Kenneth Soignier/Sr. Eileen Brosnahan, MSC
February 1	Pope Francis/Rev. Kevin Bordelon, Director of Seminarians
	Dcn. Bryon Soley/Sr. Lurlie Boudoin, MSC

Mass Intentions — 1/26-2/2

Saturday 4:00 p.m. StJo - Aymar "Poon" Dugas, Ide Dugas Family, Alexis Laviolette Family, Earl Mestayer, Walter and Doris M. Judice, Verla Mae Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hebert, Bruce Gardner, Staci Guidry, Cobey Braquet, Octave "Tot" Judice Family, Darrell Judice, Sophie F. Bonin Family, Howard and Irene Richard, James Frawley, Jr., for sick, Jenny Myers, Verla Mae Myers, M/M Leroy Myers, M/M Walter Hebert, Louis, Mae Mae and Ronald Broussard, Wayne LeBlanc, Lily Mae and Alvin LeBlanc, Sam and Glo Delcambre and Family, Tasey Eldridge, Clarence Champagne Family, Robert Prados Family and Breaux Family, Chad Romero, Deyna Champagne, Audrey Crochet, Jordan Prince and Special Intention, Joseph Dressel, Kimberly Decuir, Decuir and Dugas Family, J.O. Sr. and Marie Neuville and Ted Neuville Family, Barry Eldridge and Ned Broussard Families, Melvin Dugas, Roy Sr. and Gladys Berard, Forbus Mestaver Sr., Granger and Mestayer Family, Ronald Gonsoulin Sr. and Mildred Gonsoulin, Leed and Mabel Gondron, Fred Laviolette, Louis and Grace Moran, Virginia Frioux, Lennet and Marie Antoinette Crochet, Dorothy T. Latiolais and Kathy Latiolais Holtzclaw, Clenie and Eve Segura and Billie, Sally Domingue, Cabrol and Domingue Family, Lorraine Huval, Preston and Agnes Huval, Martha Escagne Rodriguez, Lloyd Broussard, Claude and Felicie Granger, Nancy Broussard, Clarence and Hilda Landry, Otto Sr. and Laurence Girouard, Terradot Family, Theresa Girouard Allen, Antoine Judice Families, Suzette B. Judice, Kelly Louviere, Sylvia Thibodeaux, Francis and Art Mazerole, Billie and Armance Barrilleaux, Herman Walet, Oneil and June Landry, Al Broussard Jr. Family and Abby Dugas Broussard Family, Will and Lily Roberts, Collins and Doris Louviere, Kay Dooley and William and Dolores Dooley, Sue Crochet.

5:30 p.m. OLV — For the Parish Families of Our Lady of Victory and Saint Joseph Sunday 7:00 a.m. StJo - Maude Granger, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Granger, S.J. "Bute" Granger and Junius and Mary Hebert, Jay Gonsoulin Family, Paul Sonnier Family and Clyde Warfel Family, Sandra P. Horton, John Michael Steiner, Joe and Rita Habetz, Kay Habetz and Thomas Voorhies, Howard and Irene Duplantis, Louis Landry, Loto and Leah Louviere, Cathy Braquet Latiolais, Mark Braquet, Antoine "Boy" LeBlanc Family, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Albert Sr., Champagne and Landry Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Maude Granger and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Granger, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Granger, David Provost, Dr. Raymond Schneider, Elaine Schneider, Skip

Schneider, Lolly Harbin, Breaux and Delcambre Families, Lenwood Delcambre, Roy Freyou Family and Frank Fruge Family, Emus Borel, Tony and Rita Chataignier, Sue Crochet.

10:30 a.m. StJo - Ury Louviere, Loto, Sr., Leah & Loto Louviere, Jr., Gam & Velma Gondron Fly., Glo Delcambre, Inez Vincent, Begnaud Family, Alvin and Faye Tauzin, Edmonia Tauzin, Marcel and Nadage Broussard, Jimmy Eldridge, Elaine Plessala and Eldridge Family, Sylvia Thibodeaux, Gam and Velma Gondron and Family, Cheryl Segura, Jeanette "Jan" Crochet, Pliny Walet Family, Agnes Breaux, Angus and Florence "Flo" Mestayer, Louis and Elbay Judice, Boots Thomas, Joe Boudreaux and Justin Boudreaux, L.J. and Anita Grivat and Parents, Louis Landry, Una and Otto Landry, Widley Louviere, Anita and Lennet Grivat, Sylvia Thibodeaux, Antoine Judice Families, Suzette B. Judice, Kelly Louviere, Butsy Walet, Sandra Angelle, Glenn Angelle, Percy Granger, Sue Crochet. Monday 6:45 a.m. OLV - Katie Magar Family, Vickie Fontenot Family, Lydia May Family, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Sue Crochet.

Tuesday 5:30 p.m. StJo — Sandra Sandi Angelle, Lucien and Lorena Angelle, Georgean Babin, Cobey Braquet, James Frawley, Jr., For the Sick, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Sue Crochet.

Wednesday 6:45 a.m. OLV — Louis J. "Nego" and Lita N. Judice and Parents, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Sue Crochet.

Thursday 5:30 p.m. StJo — Gilbert Bonin, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Sue Crochet.

First Friday 6:45 a.m. OLV — Rhule, Mabel and Wayne Gondron, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Judice and Walet Families, Sue Crochet.

First Saturday 8:00 a.m. OLV — Special Intention, Joseph L. Bastian, Steve and Donna Berard Family, Ancestors and Descendants, Special Intentions, Champagne and Landry Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Alton and Gail Segura, Champagne and Landry Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Sue Crochet.

MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK					
Date and Time	Readers	Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers		
February 2 4:00 p.m.	Victoria Landry	Sandra Boudreaux Margaret Bonin	Noah Smith Bella Smith Dominic Smith		
February 3 7:00 a.m.	Lori Barras	Otto Girouard	Brynn Blanchard Chaz Blanchard		
10:30 a.m. Confirmation	Confirmation Class	Confirmation Class	Emma Ackal Madelyn Ackal		

Nothing About Us Without Us by George Weigel

The slogan "Nothing about us without us" was used by Solidarity in the 1980s in Poland, borrowing a royal motto from the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth in the mid-second millennium. Then, it was expressed in Latin: *Nihil de nohis sine nohis*. Later, it appeared in Polish on the banners of 19th Century Poles fighting their country's partition by Russia, Prussia, and Austria: *Nic o Nas bez Nas*. Today, it's often used by disability activists asserting their claim to be fully participant in society.

"Nothing about us without us" also applies to the Special Assembly of the Synod of Bishops for the Pan-Amazon Region, which will meet in Rome in October.

That Synod will involve seven bishops' conferences from nine Latin American countries who will consider their pastoral situation under the theme, "Amazonia: New Paths for the Church and for an Integral Ecology." As is usually the case in these meetings, the bishops at the Synod will work with materials drafted in Rome. Early indicators from the Synod's preparatory document suggest that the Amazonian Synod will be longer on environmentalism than on theology. International media attention will doubtless focus on the Synod's discussion of climate change and its relationship to Amazonian deforestation.

Recent synodal history suggests, however, that more will be afoot at the Amazonian Synod than what its announced theme suggests.

The 2014 and 2015 Synods were called to consider the crisis of marriage and the family throughout the world. Yet they became the occasion for powerful churchmen to try to deconstruct Catholic moral theology and sacramental discipline, according to the tried-and-failed theologies and pastoral practices of the 1970s. The 2018 Synod, summoned to discuss youth ministry and vocational discernment, began with an effort by the Synod general secretariat to enshrine the world's language of sexual plasticity (and the lame understandings of happiness that underwrite that language) into an official Church document. When that failed, Synod-2018 became the occasion for the Synod general secretariat to promote an ill-defined notion of "synodality" that struck more than a few bishops present as a prescription for local-option, choose-your-own-doctrine Catholicism on the model of the (imploding) Anglican Communion.

This pattern seems likely to continue at the Amazonian Synod. There, the deeper agenda will be the ordination of mature married men—*viri probati*—to the priesthood. Proponents will argue that this dramatic change in the Church's longstanding tradition of a celibate priesthood (which, contrary to much misinformation, antedates the early Middle Ages by hundreds of years) is necessary because Amazonia is a Catholic area deprived of the Eucharist by a lack of priests. One hopes that the counterclaims—that Amazonia is mission territory requiring wholesale evangelization, and that Amazonia's lack of priests reflects racial and class divisions in Latin American Catholicism that discourage priests of European pedigree from working with indigenous peoples—get a serious hearing.

Proponents of ordaining *viri probati* in Amazonia, including retired Brazilian Cardinal Claudio Hummes, OFM, have insisted that any such concession there would have no implications for the universal Church. That cannot be, however. Should the Amazonian Synod request the pope to grant a dispensation from the discipline of celibacy for that region, and should he grant it, it will be just a matter of time before bishops conferences elsewhere—Germany, Switzerland, Belgium, and Austria come immediately to mind—make similar requests, citing pressing pastoral needs. On what ground would those requests be denied?

In a year-end interview with Vatican News, the Synod's general secretary, Cardinal Lorenzo Baldisseri, insisted that the Amazonian Synod would not discuss environmental issues only, but would also confront "ecclesial themes"—and would do so in a way that Amazonia could be "a model for the whole world."

We can be grateful to the cardinal for his candor in, however unintentionally, letting the celibacy cat out of the synodal bag. Any decision to ordain *viri probati* in Amazonia would inevitably have major consequences for the entire Church. A decision of this magnitude cannot be taken by an unrepresentative segment of the Church and then turned into a "model" for everyone else.

That is why the principle of "Nothing about us without us" must apply here. Whatever else "synodality" may mean, it surely must mean that decisions

bearing on everyone should involve as broad a consultation and as global a reflection as possible. Bishops who agree should make their concerns known now, not after the Amazonian synod meets.

George Weigel is Distinguished Senior Fellow of Washington, D.C.'s Ethics and Public Policy Center, where he holds the William E. Simon Chair in Catholic Studies.



What is Pro Life?

Are we sure we are 100% Pro Life?

The Church teaches that all life is sacred and must be cherished and protected from conception to natural death. By keeping this guiding principle in mind in reviewing all the following moral issues of today, we can quickly see what it means to be 100% Pro Life, no exceptions.

Euthanasia or Assisted Suicide

This is an imposed death. It is intentionally doing something or not doing something in order to induce the death of a person.

Both culturally and medically the following terms have been broadly expanded: terminal condition, persistent vegetative state, brain death, and medical treatment. Therefore, when making decisions based on these terms, we must be careful that our first guiding principle still remains not to hasten death because of false compassion for the comfort of the patient. Rather, health care is always to preserve life and give good care until natural death.

What is good care for the terminally ill patient? What if society, the medical profession and their loved ones, and maybe the patient themselves think they should die by their own choice? It's their life, right? If we cannot end their life (euthanasia) or help them take their own life (assisted suicide), what can be done?

The following can be done and is good ethical medical care:

Administering pain medication whose first purpose is to alleviate intense suffering,

Stopping treatment that is a grave painful burden on a very sick terminal person.

Withdrawing nutrition and hydration when a person's body can no longer absorb it and which could even cause them more harm.

IVF, In Vitro Fertilization

This literally means a process whereby human life is generated in a laboratory environment in a petri dish, separating human procreation from conjugal union. Only 10-20% of these embryos result in a normal pregnancy. What happens to the rest of all these new little lives?

They are either unwanted and eliminated, (selective reduction), or stored and frozen, with only 2/3 of embryos surviving the frozen process. This is intentionally creating life, then destroying it because it was not wanted, needed or considered defective.

There are other ethical and highly effective techniques for identifying and treating the causes for infertile couples. Na Pro technology has helped many couples conceive a child. The Pope Paul VI Institute in Omaha, Nebraska has been on the forefront of successfully helping many infertile couples diagnose the underlying cause for their infertility, resulting in a natural conception.

Infanticide

This is the taking of a baby or child's life after it has been born. Partial birth abortion is an example of infanticide. A baby is delivered alive, except for its head and then is killed with instruments. This is killing a child born alive, a child too completely developed to go through the earlier abortion processes.

From partial birth abortion, another grave moral issue has developed. There are now mothers who had planned an abortion, but the baby arrived first. Mothers whose babies have arrived early before their scheduled abortion. These women have gone to court to protest that they still have the right to kill their baby immediately after delivery since that was their initial intent. Shouldn't they still have the choice to do that, even though the child is fully alive? No, this is Infanticide, human sacrifice, the killing of a child.

Our own Sister Tracy Dugas was featured on the back cover of the Knights of Columbus magazine:

Please, do all you can to encourage priestly and religious vocations. Your prayers and support make a difference.

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KEEP THE FAITH ALIVE

'GOD CAN USE ANY MEANS TO PURSUE THE HUMAN HEART.'

The possibility of religious life was not even on the map for me until I saw a nun in a mystery movie at the age of 15. Somehow that image awakened in me a deep desire to lay down my life and trust that God would be enough to give me lasting joy.

Up to that point, all I had cared about was following the latest fashions, being liked and landing a job at the mall. Yet there was always a gnawing feeling of restlessness underlying my pursuits. I wondered if I'd ever find something that would truly fulfill me.

Even though I was raised Catholic, I had never met a religious sister. All I knew about nuns was that they gave everything to God because they loved him that much.

I began asking questions and became acquainted with the Daughters of St. Paul, an international congregation of women religious whose mission is to share the Gospel through all forms of media. I know from experience that God can use any and every means to pursue the human heart.

SISTER TRACEY DUGAS, FSP Daughters of St. Paul Metairie, La.

First Friday Mass will be offered on Friday, February 1, at 6:45 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory Church.

First Saturday Mass will be offered on Saturday, February 2, at 8:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory, Church.



Confirmation Mass

We are pleased to announce that the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, February 3, will include Confirmation with Bishop Deshotel presiding. Everyone is invited.



Our Tribal Warfare by Robert Royal

We have already all heard enough – and more than enough – about the Covington Catholic boys involved in one of the morality plays that social media these days conjure up instantly, out of thin air. White Catholic boys wearing MAGA hats, marching in Washington to end abortion, from a "prep" school in the South? They just had to be racists and smugly affirming "white privilege." And don't forget: denying women reproductive rights.

So what, in reality, began near the Lincoln Memorial as an attack *on the boys* by Black Hebrew activists calling them "faggots" and worse (it's on the tape); followed by the encounter with an Indian activist that (again to judge by the full tape) shows no more than some confused interaction, pointing to absolutely nothing; we have, once again, fullblown tribal warfare in America.

Social media are largely now a sewer of outrage – your virtue signaling is greater the more it's sensitive and offended, outraged and violent towards the other side. Worse, the mainstream media now also get into this shameful act. Outlets like the *New York Times* and CNN repeated the slurs about the boys – and then were forced to admit that further video "changed the context."

Serious media are supposed to get context and balance right *before* they enflame the kind of social divisions already only too evident now. None that I've seen has issued a retraction and apology.

The *Times* did run a very good column by David Brooks about the shameful way the "incident" has been publicized. He concludes that the Covington boys displayed the least objectionable behavior among the actors.

The result: Commenters on his column have basically said, yeah, but it doesn't matter because the basic point, white privilege vs. disrespect for an elderly Native American, is the Truth. Justice – the concrete guilt or innocence of specific individuals – is thus unimportant compared to "Truth."

Our tribal warfare would be less distressing if Christians themselves refrained from this sort of stereotyping, but they don't. I see it quite often when moderate liberals, whom I know personally, are accused of connections to radical groups and views, which I know they don't share.

I myself, for example, have strongly criticized things that Pope Francis has done and said over the past five years. But it's appalling to see how some people then go on to speak about him. A Christian has to be scrupulous about the truth, which is one of the names of God. One consequence of launching wild attacks is that, when there's really something that calls for loud denunciation, critics are dismissed as cranks.

My website no longer allows comments ... because it often led to angry, uncharitable exchanges that staff wasted far too much time trying to monitor and manage. And we're not the only site that's had to limit comment. Others may indulge that kind of behavior. We do not, and will not.

In this context, it's worth saying something about another incident, at Notre Dame this week that's distressing because the university is America's most prestigious Catholic institution of higher learning and ought to know – and act – better when it gets involved with questions of truth and injustice.

The university recently decided to cover up murals on campus depicting Christopher Columbus, the Cross, and Native Americans. President Fr. John Jenkins offered a confusing rationale for the move. He clearly wanted to respond to Native American protests while at the same time "to preserve artistic works originally intended to celebrate immigrant Catholics who were marginalized at the time in society, but do so in a way that avoids unintentionally marginalizing others." Especially since Columbus represents "exploitation, expropriation of land, repression of vibrant cultures, enslavement, and new diseases causing epidemics that killed millions."

He doesn't. I actually wrote a book on the controversies surrounding Columbus in 1992, the 500th Anniversary of his first voyage. There are things to criticize, though nothing like these broadbrush charges. But don't take my word for it. Here's Bartolome' de Las Casas, O.P., the famed "Defender of the Indians": "Truly, I would not blame the admiral's intentions, for I knew him well, and knew his intentions were good." The Admiral, says Las Casas, simply did not know what to do in the unprecedented circumstances of the encounter of two worlds previously unknown to one another.

And there's another side to this story, because slavery and human sacrifice were common in the areas the Spaniards first explored. As Carlos Fuentes, a Mexican novelist and no great friend to Christianity, put it: "One can only imagine the astonishment of the hundreds and thousands of Indians who asked for baptism as they came to realize that they were being asked to adore a god who sacrificed Himself for men instead of asking men to sacrifice themselves to gods."

Still, I would not much defend those murals. They're mediocre portrayals of a fantasy version of Columbus bringing the Faith to the New World. In purely historical terms, the cringing and humiliated Native Americans correspond to nothing.

My worry is that something larger is afoot. Because if Notre Dame is going down this path, it might just as well also cover up all the crucifixes and depictions of Christ on campus: Some might feel excluded and marginalized by them, in our current dispensation.

Jesus, after all, was a "homophobe" who warned, "For truly, I say to you, until Heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law." (Matthew 5:17) The Mosaic Law calls homosexual acts an "abomination." It also says "male and female He created them," clearly the source of that widespread mental illness "transphobia."

A certain type of progressive, including Catholic progressives, would even regard thinking you have to "preach the Gospel to all nations" as intolerant.

A Catholic – anyone committed to Truth – needs to come at such questions from a very different perspective, with the courage to stand up – in public and all our cultureshaping institutions – to stereotypes of all kinds, but especially in conflicts less concerned with seeking justice about wrongs in the past than marginalizing Christianity in the present.

Dr. Robert Royal is editor-in-chief of *The Catholic Thing*, and president of the Faith & Reason Institute in Washington, D.C. His most recent book is **A Deeper** Vision: The Catholic Intellectual Tradition in the Twentieth Century, published by Ignatius Press. The God That Did Not Fail: How Religion Built and Sustains the West, is now available in paperback from Encounter Books.



February 1

1897 Claude Gonsoulin 1902 Anastasia Guidry 1927 Marie Breaux 1930 Irma Molbert 1938 Emile Gregoire 1938 Celina Verret 1940 Roy Simon 1959 Rev. Victore Faure 2013 Herbert Robin

February 2

1892 Leilia Mitchel 1902 Augustine Blanchard 1903 Armand Breaux 1911 Rosa Alexandre 1919 Noelie Broussard 1921 Mary Louis 1926 Andre Braquet 1953 Harry Jewel 1982 Raymond Schneider 2005 Elmo Ransonet 2018 Mary Ann Provost

February 3

1881 Mathilde Ransonet 1895 Alexandre Vital 1910 Lillian Breaux 1919 Infant Gonsoulin 1933 Helene Suard 1971 Davis Broussard 1980 Elizabeth Prados 1990 Camille Weber 2001 Mae Ransonet 2014 Murphy Landry

February 4

1901 Ms. Joseph Verret 1924 Ms. Euzelicu Landry 1933 Maxille Lewis 1938 Infant Guillotte 1938 Edwin Judice 1939 Willie Rias 1948 Antoine Escagne 1984 Edwin Burke 1987 Lilly Gonsoulin 1989 Anna Mae Vaughn 1994 Albert Broussard 2005 James Richard St. 2009 Melba Dugas

February 5

1876 Emilie LaBouve 1885 Alexandre Chouvrau 1906 Ardes Bpmom 1911 St. Cyr Dugas 1916 Mme. Broussard 1916 Joseph Prince 1919 E. Lee 1921 Constance Judice 1949 Ulger Archange 1945 Lavonne LaSalle 2006 Shelton LeCamus 2009 Yolande LeBlanc

February 6

1893 Louis LeCamus 1904 Anne Gonsoulin 1905 Helaire Escoubas 1918 Ms Celestine Landry 1925 Martha Warrick 1934 Anne Girouard 1935 Jeanette Estillette 1936 Euseide Albert 1942 Albert Olivier 1963 Eloi Hebert 1963 Louise Borel 1976 George Andrus 1978 Clyde Dressel 1980 Baby Mestayer February 7 1911 Julmas Duperier 1928 Anna Belle DeMaye 1946 Edgar Broussard 1949 John Bonin 1966 Anthony Lamperez 2014 Jacque Braquet 2017 Russell Ruiz, Jr.

February 8 1900 Ms. Octave LeBlanc

1953 Adonis Gonsoulin 1955 James Persilver 1978 Aline Bonin 1983 Lona Broussard 1984 Henrietta Broussard 2001 Michael Lawson Jr. 2005 Lennet Grivat Sr. 2010 Barry Eldridge

February 9

1894 Infant Provost 1906 Infant Gondran 1908 Helene Bastien 1923 Ms. Ben Lissard 1929 Winston Lewis 1937 Paul Dressel 1942 Euphraise Broussard 1960 Philomene Decuir 1963 Irma Bonin 1966 Gilman Dupre 1973 Milton McDuff 1989 Anthony Berard 1990 Eliza Patin 1997 Bertha Braquet 2013 Bentley Smith

February 10 1901 Infant Dugas 1916 Estella Antoine 1918 Infant Gonsoulin 1918 Louis Arnaud 1936 Robert Dauterive 1958 Euphemon Bonin 1961 Lydia Walet 1963 Dale Vaughn 1967 Antonia Gouter 1993 Clifford Broussard 2008 Eula Judice 2014 Jennifer Bienvenue 2017 Loren Pierre

February 11

1877 Constance Berard 1895 Amalie Broussard 1922 Josephine Jones 1935 Price Oubre 1948 Felicie Dugas 1965 Dorestan Price 1969 Elizabeth Gonsoulin 1972 Andrew Bonin Sr. 1975 Elizabeth Breaux 1976 Annette Judice 1979 Junius Frioux 1970 Junius Frioux

February 12 1880 Dozite Breaux 1884 Anna Ste.Cyr 1889 Anatole Broussard 1893 Lucien Crone 1910 Effee Decuir 1922 Ms. Henri Braquet 1925 Feresia Price 1927 Florida Vital 1936 Adele Broussard 1940 Edmee Dugas 1944 Joseph Segura 1945 Lillian Bohue 1953 Clementine Riley

1963 Martin Amy

1963 Julia LaBouve 1974 Percy VanBrocklin 1993 Rita Walet 2011 Patrice Hebert

February 13

1884 Rosette? 1900 Infant Broussard 1903 Syles John 1918 Euphemie Decuir 1923 Ms. Simon Eldridge 1925 Oride Gondron 1935 Elaina Frederick 1935 Mathilde Girouard 1939 Rosa Johnson 1940 Alice Sieber 1971 Annette Verret 1975 Verne Pixley 1986 Calvin Braquet 2002 Gertrude Vaughn 2015 Cheryl Segura 2015 Ervin Knatt

February 14 1883 Marie Stewart 1894 Casimere Johnny 1918 Emile Broussard 1921 Constance Judice 1926 Edgar Oubre 1933 Doris Latiolais 1933 Joseph Dorey 1953 Steven Domingue 1956 Thomas Gonsoulin 1993 Robert Doerle 2002 Edmonia Tauzin 2003 Sheryl Pelous

February 15 1896 Infant Johnson 1900 Ms. Joseph Blanchard 1903 Ladger Crossing 1929 Infant Judice 1942 Aurelia Dugas 1953 Bertha Amaud 1968 Sidney Prince 1995 Lezin Rodriguez 1998 Rose Bourque 2007 Connor Sons 2013 Suzette Judice 2013 Jules Vital 2015 Delinda Anthony

February 16

1900 Infant Provost 1905 Veleor Prince 1905 Emile Borest 1914 Infant Ste. Marie 1916 Infant Boudreaux 1924 Zeolide Darby 1934 Marseana Decuir 1936 Laurence Didier 1945 Henry Broussard 1955 Adelia Bonin 1960 Doulva Barrilleaux 1992 Wayne Gondron 2013 Kelly Louviere 2014 Louis Broussard

February 17

1909 Collin Proult 1953 Mary Mestayer 1960 Bettina Suire 1966 Edalie Moulondon 1966 Onesia LeCamus 1972 Emerite Gondron 1978 Claire Eldridge 1981 Desire Lissard 1986 Louise Crochet

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February 18

1901 Ms. Aurilieu Breaux 1902 Alzina Simon 1903 Jeanne Simon 1916 Anna Lockwood 1917 Ms. Oscar Louviere 1930 Maudry Doucette 1933 Adonis Broussard 1942 Eudolie Dugas 1949 Adolphe Olivier 1949 Edise Unice 1990 Elise Vincent 2005 Clifford Gonsoulin 2015 Brandy Vital 2018 Charles Buras, Sr.

February 19 1901 Adolphe Gonsoulin 1907 Joacin Antoine 1935 Mary Porter 1943 Lue Landry 1958 Louis Bonin 1979 Grace Breaux 1984 Ms. Felix Breaux 1980 Louto Boutte 1993 Walter Granger Jr. 2001 Harvey Latiolais 2010 Joyce Albert 2011 Lloyd Tripeaux

February 20 1876 Albert LeBlanc 1905 Willey Gardner 1905 Joseph Blanchard 1909 Alice LeCamus 1924 Camille Lewis 1926 Adeline Dugas 1946 Emerite Molbert 1979 Anthony Chataignier 1982 Euphemon Vincent 1985 Etienne Romero 1985 Clarence Tauzin 1997 Agnes Bellot 1998 William Audibert 1999 Mae Crochet 2005 Earl Boutte 2008 Kevin Mayea 2012 Sidney Horton Jr. 2014 Deloris Rochon

February 21 1889 Loreau Auzer 1892 Charlotte Hamilton 1906 Elise Dugas 1908 Gustave Warrick 1912 Elda Crochet 1914 Marie Dugas 1918 Carmelite Louviere 1922 Eva Dugas 1926 Constance Gondron 1936 Lydia Faucheaux 1938 Lucile Ransonet 1942 Louis Grand 1945 Eddie Terradot 1957 Joseph Broussard 1985 Edwin Gonsoulin 2011 Rita Viator

February 22

1885 Marguenie Louwiere 1892 Moyer Provost 1892 Carmelite LeBlanc 1917 Eusebe Provost 1923 Ms. Sidney Prince 1933 Julia Fallis 1933 Gustave Bonin 1936 Irene Fontenette 1941 Anthony Walet 1960 Louise Braquet 1966 Carrie Gonsoulin 1969 Ms. Lee Dugas 1970 Tony Broussard 1989 Antoine Braquet 2002 Lillian Erikson

February 23

1900 Ms. Vincent 1917 Victorine Geofroy 1928Ms Charles Blanchard 1936 Ethel Faucheaux 1943 Sully Dugas 1958 Antonin Brquet 1972 Shane Broussard 1978 Emestine Broussard 1979 Otto Bonin 1993 Emile Dressel Jr. 2017 Emus Borel

February 24

1901 M. Marcelite 1911 Laurence Norbert 1923 Ms Laurent Banikaux 1931 Leo Jones 1934 Alfred Bonin 1959 Lena Boutte 2011 Wilfred Lancon 2018 Steven Boudreaux

February 25

1908 Infant Blanchard 1915 Abel Decuir 1939 Letitia Broussard 1968 Joseph Landry 2002 Clalia Crochet

February 26

1898 Charles Fontenot 1956 Norbert Provost 1963 Helene Grivat 1969 Laurent Bayard 1978 Rose Plessela 1992 Oscar Courville 2001 Raymond Borel

February 27

1873 ? Julien 1904 Leon John 1913 Annette Gardner 1919 Celestine Simon 1932 Elizabeth Dugas 1933 Edeole Broussard 1941 Louisiane Clovis 1958 Samuel Frioux 1961 Willie Judice 1972 Marcelite Broussard 1976 Elisie Vaughn 1996 Mae Derouen 1999 James Jenkins 2011 Elgin Romero

February 28

1893 Infant Dugas 1897 Camile Hebert 1929 Felius Gatch 1930 Emma Dugas 1934 Elina Dugas 1939 Edmond Dugas 1938 Alice Braquet 1960 Beverly Chataignier 1976 Olympe Blanchard 1986 Lamar Nassans 1996 Christopher Callouet 2006 Lorphus Cabrol

February 29

1912 Ernest Antoine 1916 Bertrand Brquet 1980 Marie Bonin 1988 Rivers Provost 2012 Clayson Dugas **February 1** Angel Bonin Dustin Charpentier Hannah Zimmerman

February 2

Faye Hunter Josie Stiles Chase Clifton Gabrielle Lopez Blaise Romero Stevie Williams Gage Bourque

February 3

Chad Baudry Mindy Belaire Zachary Blanchard Tyler Mitchell Peyton Ledford Landon Courville Esme Badeaux

February 4 Pamela Romero Beth Huval Braedon Berard Derick Huval Erin Worsham Analise Romero Avery Boatright Stacie Bourque Barbara Boutte John Delcambre Kelton Musumeche

February 5 Adam Crochet Dawn Boudreaux Shawn Romero Jana Angelle Kennedy Williams Caitlin Migues Cole Delahoussaye Andrew Champagne Emmaline Theriot

February 6 Brody Champagne

February 7 Dianne LeBlanc April Blanchard Isabella Viator Ella Robin **February 8** Gaelyn Lopez Sandy Sonnier

ebruary Birthdays

Ashley Courville Dylan Laviolette Lucas Landry Colton Ransonet Courtney Dugas

February 9 Janet Thibodeaux Brody Charpentier Beau Blanchard Scott Guidry

February 10 Brittaney Glynn Joshua Girouard Brittany Hebert Damien Breaux Marie Allard Landon Guillot

February 11 Carol Gondron Scarlett Segura Shaunna Latiolais Shelby McIntyre Preston Borne Tara Segura

February 12 Sherry Lopez Mary Louviere Macie Buteaux Broc Romero Lauren Louviere Ava Claudet Remi Courville

February 13 Gary Boudreaux, Jr. Gail Hebert

February 14 Alyson Bourque Alec Richard Brantley Schaubert Kelsey Gondron

February 15 Jacob Mestayer Kandis Guillot Alex Tucker Carson Scott Mylee LeBlanc Jordan Rebert Talan McInnis Alayna Theriot Fisher Hotard

Happy Birthday!

February 16

Tammy Breaux

Hayden Landry

Blayze Landry

Audrey Barrientez

Anjelle Graves

February 17

Buddy Chastant

Brooke Garrett

Catherine Jumonville

Noah Barthelemy

February 18

Basil Borel

Jonathan Norris

Hunter Prados

February 19

Maxine Latiolais

Brandi Angelle

Devon Dressel

Dylan Blanchard

Ava Mayer

Whitney Boudreaux

Brad Judice

Alison Saunier

February 20

Michael Thibodeaux

Allison Broussard

Kelly Dugas

Jonathan Boudreaux

Kelsi Romero

Mackenzie Frederick

Olive Borel

Greyson Steiner

February 21

Cassie Landry

Gabrielle Daniels

Jennifer Broussard

February 22

Jory Neuville

Marcus Broussard

Scott Angelle

Ashley Comb

Emma Stoute

Roy Breaux, Jr.

Emma-Claire Latiolais

May God richly bless you on your special day. It will be my privilege to remember you at the altar during the celebration of Holy Mass as I offer the Victim.

Father Crochet

February 23

Emma Waguespack René LeBlanc Dale Theriot Cole Romero Nanci Pellerin Ruby Borel Jami Moore Bevyn Landry David Berard Kyzin Broussard

February 24 Eric Suire James Glynn, Jr. Collin Lee Jagger Lancon Isabella Menard

February 25 Casey Comeaux Randolph Galentine Brook Thibodeaux Mary Hymel Maddie Richard Robin Bergeron

February 26 Sister Tracy Dugas Jamie Vaughn Callie Borne Mia Hebert Whiney Boudreaux Seth Landry

February 27 Cindy Guidry Kelbie Badeaux Luke Provost

February 28 Michael Thibeaux Duane Boutte Jason Badeaux Ross Girouard Corey Derouen Aaron Stanfield Kyzin Broussard Gloria Romero

February 29 Henry Ansley, Jr. Virginia Judice



