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*Lord Jesus, come to me
and give me yourself.*

Parishes from around the diocese are celebrating the reception of First Holy Communion by our youngest of parishioners. See inside this issue for pictures from First Communion and Confirmation celebrations.

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Spring spiritual cleaning

As we celebrate the Easter season, let us not waste the opportunity to let the Father deeply clean our hearts. See page 4 for tips on cleaning up your spiritual life this spring.

Life in the Diocese of Alexandria

Did you miss out your parish's Season of Service activity or Confirmation services? See this issue for pictures from around the Diocese!

"I Thirst"

Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Moreauville hosted a day retreat called, "I Thirst." Women from around the Diocese came together, learning about Jesus' use of water as a source of purification and renewal. See page 14 for pictures and more information.

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ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHEDRAL. Bishop Robert Marshall with Dcn. Richard Mitchell and Dcn. Jason Lavergne and the servers for Easter Vigil Mass on March 30.



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH IN ST. JOSEPH, LA, received four into the church during Easter Vigil Mass.



ST. PATRICK CHURCH IN FERRIDAY, Easter Vigil with two received into the church, pictured with John Lancaster, Deacon Sam Jones and Father John Pardue.



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES, ECHO. Fr. Dwight DeJesus and Deacon L.G. Deloach washes the feet of men from the parish of St. Francis DeSales Catholic Church - Echo. (Holy Thursday)



CHRISM MASS. Bishop Robert Marshall celebrates the Chrism Mass on Tuesday, March 26.



NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH IN CAMPTI had two that came into Full Communion on Holy Saturday, pictured here with paster, Fr. Gus Voltz and Deacon Chad Thibodeaux.



(above and below) ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH, HESSMER. Four altar servers with Fr. Derek Ducote. The servers did great keeping vigil for the Lord's resurrection for over two and a half hours. Three newly baptized, four First Holy Communicants and 13 Confirmandi.



US bishops' pro-life chair: 'Dignitas Infinita' speaks truth in love with 'clarity'

By Gina Christian
Our Sunday Visitor

(OSV News) — A new Vatican declaration on human dignity presents “clarity” in charity, amid “so much confusion,” the chair of the U.S. bishops’ pro-life committee told OSV News.

“It is ... reaffirming the teachings of the church, especially on issues that can never change as regards teaching on the sanctity of life,” said Bishop Michael F. Burbidge of Arlington, Virginia, chair of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Pro-Life Activities, adding he “very much appreciated and welcomed the document.”

“Dignitas Infinita,” released April 8 by the Vatican’s Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, recounts the biblical and magisterial basis for the Catholic Church’s understanding of human dignity as inherent, since it ultimately flows from the human person’s creation “in the image and likeness of God” and redemption in Jesus Christ.

The document, authored by dicastery prefect Cardinal Victor Manuel Fernández, was approved by Pope Francis March 25, following a five-year course of preparation that “reflects the gravity and centrality of the theme of dignity in Christian thought,” the cardinal wrote in his opening presentation.



The text addresses several key — and contentious — issues, such as poverty, war, threats to migrants, human trafficking, sexual abuse, violence against women, abortion, surrogacy, euthanasia and assisted suicide, the death penalty, the marginalization of people with disabilities, gender theory, sex change interventions and digital violence.

The list of these “grave violations of human dignity” was also not “exhaustive,” said the text.

Bishop Burbidge said the document “really spoke to the issues that are very much at the forefront in discussions and in all kinds of conversations that people are having — the moral issues of our day.”

“So I think it’s wonderful that the Holy See has said, ‘Yes, these are issues in our day and age. And here’s the truth. This is what the church has always taught,’” he added.

In presenting church teaching, “language is important,” stressed Bishop Burbidge.

“More than ever, we have to have the courage to look the truth in the eye and to call things by their proper name, without yielding to convenient compromises or the temptation ... of self-deception,” he said.

Such deception stems from the modern world’s varied and contested understandings of what it means to be human — but “Dignitas Infinita” squarely

grounds that anthropology in God, explained Bishop Burbidge.

“When we say the ‘human person,’ we’re talking about God’s act of creation — God creating the person in his own image and likeness, in whom his very Spirit lives and dwells,” said the bishop. “God uniquely creat(es) the person, male and female, in his own image.”

The bishop said that the church has to “use language that is very clear,” particularly amidst “opposition to what we believe about the human person, about the respect for life.”

“That’s what I think the document does so well,” he said. “It uses language that provides clarity, says things for what they

are ... not allowing any room there for redefining certain things such as the human person.”

Bishop Burbidge said the task now is to communicate “Dignitas Infinita” at the pastoral level, with love and compassion as the guiding principles, during a “privileged moment” for direct preaching on difficult topics.

He said that he has asked his diocese’s priests to “read the document ... and especially at this time, where there is so much confusion, when there is so much untruth being spoken ... include the clarity and the time-tested, the longstanding and forever teaching of the church as presented in this document” in their homilies.

“I always say that it is because we love that we must speak the truth,” said Bishop Burbidge. “The truth that we speak to others is rooted in our love for them, and in our care for them and their wellbeing. So we must speak the truth.”

“Because we love someone or because we want to help them, that doesn’t mean we have to compromise that which is true and that which is real. We will accompany you as you may be dealing with issues ... that are causing you to not be able fully to embrace that truth and reality,” he said. “But we can’t compromise the truth — because it’s only the truth that’s going to lead to the freedom, the joy, the peace that you’re seeking.”

Death announcements:

/// **Mr. Jack O’Connor, the father of Father Dan O’Connor, pastor of St. Joseph Church, Marksville.**

Mr. Jack O’Connor died Saturday, February 17 at Liberty Village Retirement Community in Freeport, Illinois. A Funeral Mass was held Saturday Feb. 24 at St. Thomas Aquinas Church with the Rev. Peter Snieg officiating and concelebrated by the Rev.

Dan O’Connor. Fr. Dan’s mother Shirley died just a few weeks prior. Gratefully, Fr. Dan was able to be with both his mother and father as they transitioned. Please remember Jack, Shirley, and the entire O’Connor family in prayers and Masses.

/// **Mrs. Martha Faulk Holman, sister of Father Peter Faulk, pastor of St. Margaret Church, Boyce.**

Mrs. Martha Faulk Holman passed away on March 21 in Seattle, WA. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated

for Martha on Thursday, April 11 at St. Margaret Church in Boyce, followed by interment at Greenwood Memorial Cemetery in Pineville. Please remember Martha, her husband Tony, Fr. Peter and parents, Nancy and Tommy, in your prayers and Masses.

/// **Mrs. Anita Bordelon Ray, the mother of Father Charles Ray, Pastor of St. Mary’s Assumption Church in Cottonport**

Anita Bordelon Ray peacefully passed from this life

on April 8, surrounded by her family and friends. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for Anita Bordelon Ray on Friday, April 12, at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral with her son, Rev. Charles Ray officiating and Msgr. James Ferguson and Rev. Anthony “Raj” Dharmaraj concelebrating. Interment followed in Greenwood Memorial Park under the direction of John Kramer & Son Funeral Home.

/// **Mrs. Sue Sklar, mother of Father Louis Sklar, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church,**

Winnfield.

Mrs. Sue Sklar passed away on April 10. She had been in hospice care after a brief battle with cancer. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mrs. Sklar, and for the comfort and consolation of Father Louis and her entire family.

**Eternal rest
grant unto them,
O Lord,
and let perpetual light
shine upon them.**

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Spring spiritual cleaning

Blessed Is She

These past few weeks I have begun to hear the song of springtime. While the melody remains faint, if I listen closely, I can hear expectant whispers of the symphony to come: the sole wildflower growing outside my window, the patches of my room dappled with the morning sun, the surprise encounter of a bluebird, the sky drawing me outside a little longer each day, the soft earth beneath my feet anew.

Each of these moments is a prelude to the beauty that will soon arrive. As the earth prepares to awaken, it begins to show signs of life. Yet spring cannot flourish without first clearing out the dead, the dilapidated, and the decayed. The garden soil must be tended before anything can flourish.

In the same way, we too mimic the seasons. During this time of year we feel an itch to draw the curtains open and let the light pour through. We clean our closets, declutter our homes, and care for the places that have been neglected in the darkness of winter. We “spring clean” in anticipation not only of something novel, but also of something lovely.

If this movement is reflected by the natural world, if it is even reflected by hardwood floors and concrete walls, then how could it

not be most profoundly reflected by our very souls? As Lent comes to its climax, we are yearning not only to be touched by the light of the Resurrection, but to be drenched in it. We ache for its glory to be made manifest within us—for it to bloom into a garden of inconceivable beauty. Like the rest of creation, we long to sing the song of springtime.

As we enter into the holiest days of the liturgical year, let us not waste the opportunity to let the Father deeply clean our hearts, especially in the spots that have yet to be touched this Lent. Let Him scrub away the dirt, even if it hurts and even if it bleeds. Know that He is creating room—that your heart may be supple and soft and capable of holding greater magnitudes of the Divine. He is preparing you, dear sister, so that when you look into the eyes of His resurrected love, you may also see your own radiance reflected in His gaze.

He wants to create something sacred. He wants to create something holy. He wants to create something divine. Give Him permission to do so.

Here are five ways to allow the Lord to spring clean your soul:

1. Let the Lord Be the One To Decide What To Keep and Toss

We often believe that we are the ones who know what is best



for our souls. Throw this away, hold onto that, rearrange this. Let me recreate it according to my own designs of what I think is good.

The more I journey with Him this Lent, the more I see the fallacies of my heart, and my

own propensity to control. He has been showing me (ever so gently) how the things I am trying so desperately to throw away are precisely what He intends to keep, while the things I am grasping on to with clenched fists are those which He is inviting me

to hand over.

Listen to the guidance of the Father. Press in where He tells you. Detach where He tells you.

Surrender to the sound of His voice and to the movements of His grace. He will lead you to holy ground.

2. Spend Time With Him

It is impossible to discern how God wants to clean your soul without asking Him. Spend time with Him, most especially before the Blessed Sacrament and in the liturgies of the Triduum, and let Him look into the depths of your heart. It is there that He will illuminate the places that He desires to cleanse and sanctify.

3. Receive The Sacrament of Confession

The past few weeks, I have felt the Father gently ask me the following question: How confident are you in the strength of My mercy? How confident are you in its ability to make you new?

By my own human measure, my confidence inevitably fails. However, the more that I actually receive His mercy, the more that I repeatedly run back to the Sacrament of Confession with less reluctance, with less hesitancy, and with less fear, the more that my confidence grows.

It is the reception of His mercy that makes us feel safe and secure. It is the reception of His mercy that gives us the freedom and the courage to run.

Let the Father embrace you in the Sacrament of Confession. To cleanse you and to purify you, but especially to simply delight in you.

I pray that His mercy

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4. Clean The Exterior

The exterior is an indication of the interior. I have unfortunately tested and proven this to myself more times than I wish. When my life contains physical disorder, it is quite likely that it contains spiritual disorder as well. Cleaning the spaces in which you spend the most time—such as your room, kitchen, or car (guilty)—frees up space within your soul. I am astonished every single time.

Throw on a happy playlist, open all the windows, and order the spaces that need it most.

5. Grow Something of Your Own

As the Father tenderly cleanses your heart, it can often occur in ways that at first go unseen. Growing something of

your own is a small reminder that He is inviting us to patiently embrace pruning. As you cultivate the soil before you, remember that it is much like the soil of your own heart. So much is happening beneath the surface. So much is happening outside of view. Do we trust that the Father is gently tending our own gardens? Do we believe that it is our soul that is coming to life?

“My lover speaks and says to me, ‘Arise, my friend, my beautiful one,

and come! For see, the winter is past, the rains are over and gone

The flowers appear on the earth, the time of pruning the vines has come,

and the song of the turtle dove is heard in our land.”

--- Song of Solomon 2:10-12



OLS MOTHER GENERAL VISITS FROM ITALY. Our Lady of Sorrows Mother General, Serena Pinotti, from Remini, Italy, visited Sacred Heart School March 24-27. She enjoyed visiting the OLS Sisters at the convent and attended the Living Stations of the Cross portrayed by the sixth, seventh, and eighth graders. She also attended the Chrism Mass with the eighth graders held at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in Alexandria on March 26. Pictured are Mother Serena Pinotti and Sister Sandra Norsworthy, principal of Sacred Heart School, Moreauville.



“Come Holy Spirit”

by Marcus Descant

O Holy Spirit, come down from above,
Give us gifts and gentle love.
Come to our aid with a helping hand,
To pray and praise the best we can.

Help us to fight the enemy here,
And let us know that you are near.

Our flesh is weak,
Our hearts seek to be strong,
Please keep us from sinning
And doing what’s wrong.

Show us the way to the Father and Son,
That we may worship God,
Three in One.

Blessed Trinity, the Name we call,
A mystery from Heaven,
For one and all.

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Spirituality: A daughter's gift of good mothering

By Kerry Trotter
Word on Fire Ministries

The smallest offers of grace are often the most profound, as Kerry Trotter learned last weekend, when forgiveness, understanding and a daughter's love played out in one small but moving vignette. Read on for the little lessons of love we can appreciate on Mother's Day.

Running the gauntlet of servers toting piping-hot dishes of eggplant parmesan and chicken cacciatore, a gaggle of starry-eyed date nighters, and some down-to-business foodies waiting for tables, I caught my toddler daughter as she lunged out of my arms. It was nearing her bedtime, our meals at the bustling Italian restaurant had not arrived, and she wanted out.

So we were heading out.

I buried my slight annoyance that our shrimp scampi appetizer had just arrived, and that my husband, visiting mother-in-law and I were sharing boisterous, interesting conversation. My daughter needed to run around outside and I drew the short straw. This is mothering, I thought, get used to it.

As we walked down the few steps to the front door, I wrangled my squirrely baby in one arm while holding the door open for two women heading

inside. They in no way indicated that they were grateful I went out of my way to be polite, much less noticed how this door was mysteriously being opened for them.

I began to fume at their gall, and I felt a not-so-infrequent burst of hot headedness consume me. I snapped, but in a most passive-aggressive way.

"You're welcome!" I barked, letting the contempt in my voice echo to a bassy thunder in the narrow staircase.

The second woman wheeled around with a quick, involuntary, "Oh! Thank you!" just as the door closed behind them. I put my antsy daughter down on the sidewalk to toddle around and tried to cool my temper. The nerve, I thought.

About a half a block from the restaurant, with my daughter giggling and sniffing some low hanging lilacs, I began to replay the "game tape" in my head. There was the diving daughter, there was my heroic show of politeness, there was the snub, there was my I-showed-them display of comeuppance. Then there was an image my mental video reel had caught but that I had failed to, a picture that would have prompted a referee to blow the whistle—a Zapruder-esque tableau I had missed as the seething burn of annoyance



clouded my vision.

What I now recalled was that the woman with the late thank you was an attractive blonde, likely in her late-50s, trailing another woman, presumably her mother, who was elderly.

Very elderly. Like, difficulty walking, particularly up stairs, elderly.

The blonde had her eyes locked on her mother's slow-moving feet, her hand wrapped around her mother's frail upper arm, her own hand on the rail to steady their fragile caravan. All her attention was focused on ensuring her mom's safe arrival inside the door.

I began to feel my heart sink.

Just at that moment of revelation, my husband appeared down the block giving us the signal that our dinners had arrived. I told him of my gaffe, and he shook his head and grinned, a sort of "that's my wife" shrug of acceptance. As we entered the crowded restaurant, I spotted the blonde woman and put my head down in shame, hoping I could sneak by unnoticed.

No such luck. As we shimmied past the packed bar on our way to our table near the back, I felt a hand on my shoulder. Shoot. Here we go.

"I wanted to let you know that I was going to say thank you. I am so, so sorry if I was

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ST. RITA GOLF CLASSIC. Nineteen teams participated in the St. Rita Golf Classic on Monday, April 8. Though the weather didn't cooperate for us to finish – only 4 rounds of golf were played – everyone still had a great time! “The Padres” were one of the teams that won! Proceeds from this event benefitted the St. Rita Church Youth program.



ST. EDWARD MISSION CHURCH IN FISHVILLE hosted a Seder Meal so that people could experience the connection between the Passover and the Last Supper on Wednesday of Holy Week. Roast lamb, unleavened bread, wine and bitter herbs were served as part of this Jewish traditional meal which is associated with Passover.

rude,” the woman said, her kind eyes devoid of any resentment or defensiveness.

“No, I’m sorry,” I pleaded. “I was aggravated at having to leave our table and I took it out on you and I was such a jerk.”

“Don’t you dare apologize!” she insisted, nodding at my daughter who was smiling over my husband’s shoulder. “It’s hard work. I know.”

I felt my eyes well with tears, and I squeezed her shoulder in thanks. The woman’s mother sat on a barstool, oblivious to the goings-on, her expression that of a person whose thoughts were locked in a time and place that was neither here nor now. Her daughter’s act of grace was instantly magnified. I said my

final “I’m sorry” and “thank you for being so kind” and headed back to my eggplant parmesan.

I was a little quieter than I usually am at dinner, reflecting on this tiny moment of humility, forgiveness and kinship. I glanced at my wonderful mother-in-law across the table, who three years ago this month selflessly moved her own elderly parents with a very demanding set of needs into her home. I thought of my own mother who lovingly cares for my daughter several days a week when I work, never for a second displaying any emotion but sheer joy at the arrangement. I then kissed my daughter on her sweet head, flummoxed by how this patient, perfect creature could be so crazy about the flawed

knucklehead that gave birth to her.

After some time had passed, I noticed the mother-daughter duo had been seated at a table, and the image broke my heart. It was just the two of them, across from one another, on a little “date night” of sorts. The daughter was patient with her mother, pointing items out on the menu and making the place setting more accommodating. Her mother’s tiny shoulders were unmoving, but a shaky hand slowly made

its way to the breadbasket. They smiled at each other.

I prayed to God that my daughter would be half as good to me as this daughter was to her mom, and that I could do the same for my own magnificent mother.

When our dinner was through and the ice cream dessert had lulled my daughter into a complicit, huggy haze, she wrapped her arms around my neck as we headed for the door. I stopped at my new friend’s table,

crouched down and thanked her again for being so kind. She grabbed my arm and smiled. Her mother, unaware of what had transpired, smiled, too.

I buried my face into my daughter’s sweet neck to wipe my tears, grateful for this unexpected lesson in mothering, daughtering and grace.

In the fastidious care and compassion with which a daughter followed her mother up the stairs I gleaned the most profound lesson in how to lead.

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Confirmation



ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH, HESSMER. On April 3, Bishop Robert Marshall celebrated Wednesday in the Octave of Easter and the Sacrament of Confirmation with 20 young parishioners. Thank you to Father Derek Ducote, the catechists, sponsors, parents and parishioners for their support of these Confirmandi.



MATER DOLOROSA CHURCH, PLAUCHEVILLE. On Thursday, April 4, Bishop Robert Marshall celebrated the 20 young parishioners. Pictured with Bishop Marshall and the confirmandi are pastor, Fr. Martin Laird and Dcn. Richard Mitchell.



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CHURCH, TIOGA. On Sunday, April 14, Bishop Robert Marshall celebrated Mass and the Sacrament of Confirmation at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Tioga. Six young disciples were confirmed. Pictured with Bishop Marshall and the confirmandi are pastor, Fr. Rick Gremillion and Deacons Richard Mitchell and Roger Christopher.



MARY, MOTHER OF JESUS CHURCH, WOODWORTH. On Saturday, April 6, Bishop Marshall celebrated the Second Sunday of Easter and the Sacrament of Confirmation at Mary, Mother of Jesus Church in Woodworth. Seven young disciples were confirmed. Thank you to Fr. Paul LaPalme and the catechists, sponsors, and parishioners for their welcome and their support of these Confirmandi.



ST. JAMES MEMORIAL CHURCH, ALEXANDRIA. On Thursday, April 7, Bishop Robert Marshall celebrated Mass for Divine Mercy Sunday and the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. James Memorial Church in Alexandria. Three young women were confirmed. Thank you to Fr. Craig Scott, Dcn. Tommy Robichaux and the catechists, sponsors, parents and parishioners of St. James for their support of these Confirmandi.



OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH, FIFTH WARD. On Thursday, April 11, Bishop Robert Marshall celebrated a Confirmation Mass for nine young parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Fifth Ward and St. Martin of Tours Church, Belledeau. Thank you for the welcome to Father Kenneth Obiekwe, Deacons Darrell Dubroc and Ted Moulard, and Father Blake Dubroc of the Diocese of Lafayette who returned to his home parish to serve as a sponsor. These Confirmandi had the great support of parents, sponsors, catechists and parishioners.

VOCATIONS COME AND SEE WEEKEND. On Palm Sunday Weekend, Fr. Luke LaFleur, Vocations Director for the Diocese of Alexandria, accompanied several young men to the Come and See Weekend held at St. Joseph Abbey Seminary College in Covington.



BISHOP VISITS SEMINARIAN. Between meetings of the Boards of Trustees of Notre Dame Seminary and of St. Joseph Seminary College, Bishop Robert Marshall took time to have lunch with Matthew Kramer, a first year seminarian of the Diocese of Alexandria. The fall meetings are held at NDS and the Spring meetings are held at SJSC.



(below) ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CHURCH, ECHO. On Saturday, April 13, Bishop Robert Marshall celebrated Mass for the Third Sunday of Easter and the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Francis de Sales Church in Echo for six young parishioners of that parish and St. Joseph Church in Cheneyville. Thank you to Father Dwight DeJesus, pastor of both churches, to the catechists, sponsors, parents, and parishioners for guiding these young disciples.



Former principal of St. Joseph School, Brother Brian Kozdroj, FSE, dies

Brother Augustine Brian Kozdroj, F.S.E. of the Brothers of the Holy Eucharist, died on Easter Sunday, March 31, in Baton Rouge at the age of 80.

Brother Brian was a familiar face in the Diocese of Alexandria, especially at St. Joseph School in Plaquemine where he served as a teacher and then later as principal from 2001-2003. He later served as Assistant Superintendent of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Baton Rouge, and served as principal in two Catholic



Brother Brian Kozdroj, FSE

Schools of that Diocese until his retirement. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for Brother Brian at Mater Dolorosa Church in Plaquemine by Rev. Martin Laird, pastor of Mater Dolorosa Church and St. Joseph School. Brother Brian is entombed at Mater Dolorosa Cemetery. Please keep Brother Brian, his family, and the last remaining Brother of the Holy Eucharist, Brother Anthony Dugas, F.S.E., in your prayers and Mass remembrances. May he Rest In Peace.

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11 prayer for priests



SEASON OF SERVICE TEAM, ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH IN MARKSVILLE prayed before adoration each week for priests, deacons and their wives and for an increase of vocations. Front row: Deacon Ken Primeaux, Father Wade DeCoste, Lauri Knoll, Vicki Ducote. Second Row: Cathy Brouillette, Sandra Laborde, Stephanie Johns, Jamie Brittain, Tammy Bernard.



SOS TEAM MADE UP OF MEMBERS FROM 3 DIFFERENT CHURCH PARISHES (St. Joseph, Marksville; Our Lady of Lourdes, Fifth Ward; St. Francis de Sales, Echo). Projects included washing windows at Maryhill Renewal Center; cleaning the flower beds at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Fifth Ward and power washing the sidewalks in front of the rectory at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Marksville.



(above and below) **ST. MARY'S YOUTH GROUP SEASON OF SERVICE** spent several days cleaning up the church parish cemeteries.



HOLY GHOST/ST. RICHARD CHAPEL SEASON OF SERVICE. This year the parishioners of Holy Ghost/ St. Richards Chapel got together to spread their Lenten gifts of service to the local nursing homes in the Marksville area. Team Captain Velma Lockwood led the group, with approximately 45 members. The group visited residents, passed out rosaries and recited the rosary with them, sponsored a bingo gift basket, prayed for the sick and the shut-in of the community and brought many smiles to all those they encountered.



ST. JULIANA CHURCH, ALEXANDRIA. On March 24, the Altar Society of St. Juliana Catholic Church completed our Season of Service giving a total of 52 bags of snacks to individuals in our community. This year, we coordinated our efforts with the Knights of Peter Claver Council #268. In addition to the food items, the Knights donated diabetic socks and lotion for the bags.



SEASON OF SERVICE AT ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL, BUNKIE. This was the first year that St. Anthony School participated. The diverse range of service tasks included praying the rosary for specific intentions, attending adoration, cleaning and preparing the church for Holy Week, and cleaning and weeding the school grounds. Such initiatives not only benefit the community but also foster a sense of empathy, responsibility, and spiritual growth among the students.



NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH IN CAMPTI held its annual CCD youth Easter egg hunt and celebration.



OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR SCHOOL. During the Preschool Easter Bonnet Parade the little ones strutted their stuff in their Easter best and most fabulous bonnets, followed by a fun Easter egg hunt and some family fellowship!



OLPS SCHOOL ANNUAL PASSION PLAY. Our Lady of Prompt Succor School's First graders performed the Passion Play during Holy Week. From the Last Supper to Jesus rising from the grave, our students sang their hearts out, filling the church with such sweet voices. Proud to carry on this cherished tradition at Our Lady of Prompt Succor School!

See more photos from across the diocese at www.diocesealex.org/our-diocese/all-photo-galleries/

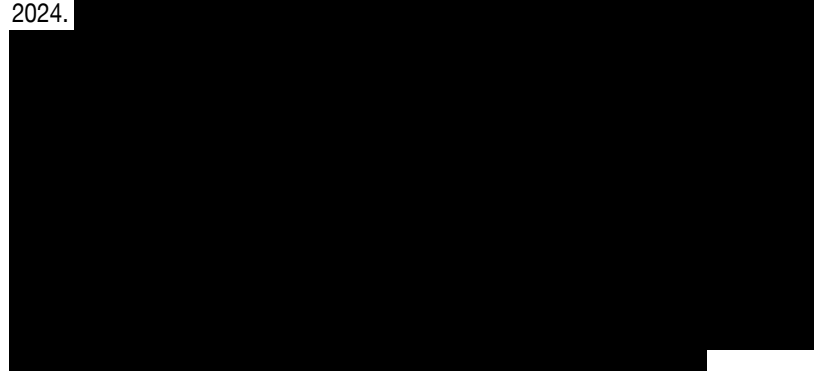
(below) **ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL, PLAUCHEVILLE.** Living Way of the Cross held Wednesday, Mar. 27. 11th and 12th Graders participate in this annual event.



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES, ECHO. Easter Egg Hunt following Easter Sunday Mass.



SACRED HEART SCHOOL, MOREAUVILLE. Living Stations of the Cross for 2024.



Catholic Charities Volunteer Breakfast - A Great Success!

On April 4, seventeen volunteers gathered at the St. Joseph Catholic Center for the second Annual Volunteer Recruitment and Recognition Breakfast. Everyone enjoyed gathering to celebrate the past year of Catholic Charities services and staff honored eight individuals who have been critical to the operations of the organization's services. They include:

- Cindy Upton: Life Coaching and Vaping/Tobacco Cessation for Youth and Adults
- Lamar Briggs: Vaping/Tobacco Cessation for Youth (Grant Parish Schools and DAs Office)
- Julia Watson: Vaping/Tobacco Cessation for Youth and SNAP Enrollment
- Kayla Edwards: Vaping/Tobacco Cessation for Adults
- Cindy Hawthorne: Disaster Response and Relief and Vaping/Tobacco Cessation for Youth and Adults
- Jeri Forbis: Budget Class Facilitator
- Bri Victor: Budget Class Facilitator (Red River Bank Partnership)
- Rico Cannella: wraps all services



VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT AND RECOGNITION BREAKFAST. Fr. John Brocato, Executive Director of Catholic Charities of Central Louisiana, speaks to attendees at the recently held event.

up for us as Website Designer

It's not too late to sign up if you have interest in helping in the following areas: graphic design for outreach and fliers, office assistance, fundraisers, and stand by disaster relief. Please visit www.cccenla.org to register.

A special thank you is extended to Madison Smith, NSU BSW student, who completed her

fall and spring internship with us. Her contributions to our Basic Needs Assistance Program, as well as a host of other operations duties, was invaluable to the work we do for our residents.

Our gratitude and appreciation are overflowing! May God bless you all for your gift of time and talent to the ministry of Catholic Charities!

“If we but paused for a moment to consider attentively what takes place in this Sacrament, I am sure that the thought of Christ’s love for us would transform the coldness of our hearts into a fire of love and gratitude.”

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION. Holy Ghost Church and St. Richards Chapel First Communion was held on Sunday April 14 at St. Richards Chapel, Hickory Hill. Pictured are the First Holy Communicants, teacher, Betty Augustine, Deacon Ted Moulard, pastor, Fr. Abraham Varghese and director of religious education, Rose J. Noel.

ST. ALPHONSUS, HESSMER, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION. First Holy Communion Mass was celebrated on Sunday, April 7 at St. Alphonsus Church, Hessmer. Pictured with the communicants is pastor, Fr. Derek Ducote and the religious education teachers.

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Psalm 103: 19
Responsorial Psalm for May 12
Seventh Sunday of Easter

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“I Thirst” Women’s retreat in Moreauville

*By Esther Coco
Sacred Heart
Ladies Altar Society*

In a world that is fast paced and tumultuous, finding time in search of peace and spiritual renewal is a challenge. However, for a group of women who recently attended a retreat centered around the teachings of Jesus and the symbolism of water, the experience was invaluable as it provided tranquility and fellowship.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Moreauville, Louisiana

provided a day retreat called “I Thirst”. Women from around the Diocese of Alexandria came together learning about Jesus’ use of water as a source of purification and renewal. Just as Jesus used water to cleanse and heal, participants were encouraged to reflect on areas of their lives where they needed healing and restoration.

Retreatants were engaged in various activities designed to foster personal growth and inner exploration. From music, provided by Caroline Lacombe, to reflective journaling

exercises, each activity was carefully crafted to support the women on their journey at the day retreat. They were provided ample time for meaningful conversations and shared experiences, allowing them to forge connections within the community.

Throughout the day, presentations were shared by several women from the church and the pastor, Fr. Brian Seiler. Topics which were explored revolved around water such as the Wedding at Cana, Jesus Walking on Water, St. John

the Baptist’ encounter with Jesus along the Jordan River, and the rite of Baptism. Also, presentations about wine and water in the Eucharistic miracle we experience through participation in the mass and overall session on “I Thirst” where we learned about St. Mother Teresa’s Veranassi Letter, which described how Jesus thirsts for a relationship with all of us.

A guest speaker, Sr. Fatima, Our Lady of Sorrows, provided a special session on the Woman at the Well and



“I THIRST” WOMEN’S RETREAT. Our Lady of Sorrows guest keynote speaker, Sr. Fatima, is pictured to the far left.

*Lord, send out
your Spirit,
and renew
the face
of the earth.*

Psalm 104: 30
Responsorial Psalm
for May 19
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her encounter with Jesus. Her message was powerful as she asked retreatants to consider what barriers we have in place

that might make us also “go to the well at midday” instead of in the coolness of the morning. The success of the women’s

retreat was evident not only in the spiritual growth shared by participants but also in the lasting bonds forged between

them. The sound of soft chatting and laughter was valuable as an indicator that connections were being made and time was well spent with women who were thirsting for learning about their faith and wanting the support of other women who are searching for inspiration and renewal.

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Psalm 33: 12
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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 (visit 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.”



TOTAL ECLIPSE. Though it was overcast, the clouds moved quickly enough to allow the total solar eclipse that occurred on April 8 to be visible for a few moments at a time. Catholic school employees attending an in-service day program at the St. Joseph Catholic Center in Alexandria took a short break to witness the phenomenon. Also witnessing the event were Superintendent of schools, Sylvia Davis, Bishop Robert Marshall, Vicar General Fr. Craig Scott and Deacon Richard Mitchell.

OLPS names new principal for 2024-2025 school year

Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church and School would like to announce the hiring of Mrs. Meredith Rhoads to be our OLPS School Principal effective July 1, 2024. An alumnus of our school, Mrs. Rhoads has ably served since 2019 as our Assistant-Principal. She holds an M.A. degree in Educational Leadership and has previously taught as a Master Teacher and worked as Curriculum Specialist in the Rapides Parish School system.



**Meredith Rhoads, Principal
Our Lady of Prompt Succor
School, Alexandria**

Mrs. Rhoads has been a key contributor to the continuing development of our OLPS School curriculum. She has regular meetings with teachers in Professional Learning Communities to monitor student growth, in addition to having played an essential role in developing the safety plan for the school. You can find Mrs. Rhoads every morning welcoming Prompt Succor students with a smile and a cheerful "Good morning!"

As our new principal, Mrs. Rhoads, will work to build upon a great foundation and to further our school in its providing the

quality education to which our Prompt Succor family has become accustomed.

Help us to congratulate Mrs. Rhoads as she will begin this new step in July. We would like to thank Mrs. Megan Beck for her time serving as our Principal. Mrs. Beck has generously served our school, and will do so through June 30, 2024, in its mission of providing excellent Catholic education and formation of students in mind, body, and spirit.

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St. Joseph High School
• Friday, May 17, 7:00 p.m. at Mater Dolorosa Church,
Plaucheville

St. Mary's Catholic School Natchitoches Positions open for the 2024-2025 school year:

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(above) DIOCESAN QUIZ BOWL WINNERS. The annual Diocesan Quiz Bowl (bible knowledge competition for Jr. High students) was held on Saturday, March 23 at St. Frances Cabrini School in Alexandria. Six teams from across the diocese competed this year. Congratulations to the 1st place team, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Winnfield and 2nd place team Holy Savior Menard.

(above) STUDENT OF THE YEAR. Students from the Diocese of Alexandria along with other Catholic school students from across the state of Louisiana, received their Diocesan Student of the Year awards during a ceremony held on March 22 at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans. Our Diocesan winners are: 5th Grader Hudson [redacted], Natchitoches; 8th Grader Ava [redacted] Alexandria and 12th Grader Ava [redacted], Natchitoches, all pictured above with Diocese of Alexandria Catholic Schools Superintendent Sylvia Davis and Archbishop Gregory Aymond.

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2nd Annual Hole Lotta Fun Golf Tournament - April 26

The 2nd annual Hole Lotta Fun Golf Tournament in memory of Mr. Kenny Brocato on April 26, at Tamahka Trails, Paragon Casino Resort, Marksville. If you are interested in sponsorship and/or signing up a team, please contact Kevin Switzer at kgswitz@bellsouth.net or Heidi Wampler at hwampler@cccenla.org. The deadline to register is April 12. Benefitting Catholic Charities of Central Louisiana.

Cabrini Annual Crawfish Boil - April 26

St. Frances Cabrini is hosting their 8th Annual Crawfish Boil on April 26 from 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. Dine in and enjoy ALL YOU CAN EAT boiled crawfish and LIVE MUSIC from The Clifton Swamp Band for \$60.00, as well as door prizes and time to enter yourself for chance to win the "Stock the Bar" raffle. Don't have time to dine-in? Purchase your "to-go" tickets for \$30.00 each. We hope to see you there! Contact the school to purchase your tickets at 318-448-3333.

Women's Silent Retreat - April 26-28

"Seeking Grace" Women's Silent Retreat will be held at Maryhill Renewal Center from April 26-28. Author, speaker, spiritual director and retreat facilitator, Becky Eldridge, will guide this women's preached retreat. Deadline to register is April 19. Cost is \$225 per person. \$100 deposit in the form of a check is required. To register, visit www.diocesealex.org.

Lector Formation Workshop - May 7 and June 15

The Diocese of Alexandria is offering Lector workshops for those individuals who are interested in serving or who currently may serve as a Lector in their parish. To serve in this role, one must be of good standing with their Catholic faith and need the approval of their pastor. If you have any questions, please email or call Deacon Jason Lavergne at dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org or 318-445-6424, ext. 207. All training workshops will present the same material and will last no longer than two and a half hours. Please sign up at the Diocese website at www.diocesealex.org. Tuesday, May 7, 6:00 p.m. St. Joseph Catholic Center or Saturday, June 15, 8:00 a.m., St. Mary's Assumption Church, Cottonport. Please note that if a date results in low registration, it may be cancelled.

DIOCESAN BRIEFS

Discalced Carmelite meeting - May 11

The Order of the Discalced Carmelites holds its monthly meeting at 9:00 a.m. every second Saturday, at Maryhill Renewal Center. Anyone is invited to attend morning prayer followed by Mass and then the meeting. If you are interested in Carmelite spiritual studies, please contact Mary Jo McCoy at 318-346-6860 or 318-481-9638. **If you plan to attend.....Please call Mary Jo McCoy at the numbers listed above OR Deacon Bill Travis at 318 640-2827 or 318 664-7069 and someone will meet you at the Maryhill gate.

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St. Mary's Catholic School, Natchitoches - Positions open for the 2024-2025 school year:

- Varsity Girls Basketball Coach
- Varsity Football Coach
- High School Math Teacher
- High School Science Teacher
- Librarian

For information about any of these positions, please contact 318-352-8394, Principal, Stephen Wren: swren@smstigers.org.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p>APRIL 29</p> <p>PRAY FOR DCN. R. DUCOTE</p>	<p>30</p> <p>PRAY FOR DCN. W. ENDRIS</p>	<p>MAY 1</p> <p>PRAY FOR BISHOP R. MARSHALL</p>	<p>2</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. P. FAULK</p>	<p>3</p> <p>FIRST FRIDAY PRAY FOR DCN. L. FELDKAMP</p>	<p>4</p> <p>FIRST SATURDAY PRAY FOR MSGR. J. FERGUSON</p>	<p>5</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. W. GEARHEARD</p>
<p>6</p> <p>PRAY FOR DCN. L. GLANKLER</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Lector Training Workshop 6:00 p.m. St. Joseph Catholic Center</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. J. GOOTEE</p>	<p>8</p> <p>PRAY FOR DCN. S. GRAMIGNA</p>	<p>9</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. R. GREMILLION</p>	<p>10</p> <p>PRAY FOR DCN. M. GUIDRY</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Discalced Carmelite Meeting 9:00 a.m. Maryhill Renewal Center, Pineville</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. D. HART</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Graduation St. Mary's School 6:30 p.m. St. Mary's Catholic School, Natchitoches</p> <p>MOTHER'S DAY</p> <p>SOLEMNITY of the ASCENSION of the LORD</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. J. HASEIBER</p>
<p>13</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. R. HUMPHIES</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Graduation Holy Savior Menard High School 7:00 p.m. Pentecostals of Alexandria Auditorium, Alexandria</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. H. IMAMSHAH</p>	<p>15</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. R. JOHNSON</p>	<p>16</p> <p>PRAY FOR DCN. S. JONES</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Graduation St. Joseph High School 7:00 p.m. Mater Dolorosa Church, Plaquemine</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. T. KENNEDY</p>	<p>18</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. P. KULIGOWSKI</p>	<p>19</p> <p>PENTECOST SUNDAY PRAY FOR FR. P. KUNNUPURAM</p>
<p>20</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. L. LAFLEUR</p>	<p>21</p> <p>VIRTUS Training 6:00 p.m. St. Joseph Catholic Center, Alexandria</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. M. LAIRD</p>	<p>22</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. P. LAPALME</p>	<p>23</p> <p>PRAY FOR DCN. J. LAVERGNE</p>	<p>24</p> <p>PRAY FOR DCN. G. LEBLANC</p>	<p>25</p> <p>PRAY FOR DCN. A. MANGINI</p>	<p>26</p> <p>SOLEMNITY of the MOST HOLY TRINITY PRAY FOR FR. V. MANUEL</p>
<p>27</p> <p>MEMORIAL DAY PRAY FOR BISHOP R. MARSHALL</p>	<p>28</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. R. MATHEWS</p>	<p>29</p> <p>PRAY FOR DCN. P. MCCUSKER</p>	<p>30</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. D. MEADE</p>	<p>31</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. L. MELCHER</p>	<p>JUNE 1</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. J. MICHALCHUK</p>	<p>2</p> <p>PRAY FOR FR. K. MICHIELS</p>

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