



Solemnity of St. Peter Claver; prayers for world-wide peace

LAKE CHARLES – Bishop Glen John Provost presided over Vespers (Evening Prayer) in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday, Sept 8, honoring St. Peter Claver, the Patron of the Diocese.

Bishop Provost used his homily, which is available at <http://live.lcdioocese.org/bishop-provost/homilies/1414-homily-for-peace-vigil-and-diocesan-patron.html>, for a two-fold purpose, speaking about the previous day's world-wide prayer vigil called for by Pope Francis praying for peace in Syria, the Mid-East and the world as well as the diocese's patron saint.

He noted that the Holy Father began the vigil in Rome "in a characteristically Catholic way, with Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction, quiet reflection, the rosary, and Sacred Scripture.

"Swiss Guard carried into St. Peter's Square one of the most famous and historic images of Mary in the world—the icon of the *salus populi romani*—Mary the protector of the Roman people," Bishop Provost said, "It was before this ancient icon of Mary that Pope Francis first prayed when he was elected pope. And it was to Mary, the Queen of Peace, that his prayers and the prayers of many were directed yesterday. Pope Francis insisted that priests be available to hear confessions, to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, in St. Peter's Square. This was his specific request because he said, '... true peace springs from a heart that is reconciled with God and one's brothers and sisters.'"

The Bishop spoke about St. Peter Claver and his life of ministering to African slaves in South America.

"He baptized them, instructed them, heard their confessions, and tirelessly worked with each and every one of them," Bishop Provost said. "He encountered resistance. Many opposed his zeal. One might say he started small but the results were big. For thirty-eight years he labored in God's vineyard, but not the vineyard of a comfortable parish or an air-conditioned lecture hall. He expended his life working for the least among Christ's brothers and sisters in filthy slave docks in tropical heat. When he died in 1654, it was estimated that he had baptized over 300,000."

Bishop Provost later noted that Pope Francis's insistence that the Sacrament of Penance play such a large part of the prayer vigil was because, the Pope "knows that there

can be no true peace unless it begins at a personal level.

"What truly transforms begins small, with a personal admission of fault and acceptance of responsibility," the Bishop said. "Peace begins with you and me, asking forgiveness of God and one another. It begins on our knees, recognizing the harm we have done and realizing that we cannot remove the splinter from our neighbor's eye without removing the plank from our own. It starts with the consistent and frequent practice of confession, acknowledging the harm we have done and continue to do and asking pardon and doing penance."

The feast of St. Peter Claver is observed in the Diocese of Lake Charles on the Sunday nearest to his actual feast day, allowing more of the faithful to attend and participate.



Bishop Glen John Provost has begun his annual round of visits to the Catholic schools in the Diocese of Lake Charles. He began his journey (top photo) visiting St. Louis Catholic High School, here speaking to one of the religion classes. In the bottom photo, Bishop Provost visits with the student choir, led by Sr. Camille Martinez, at Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School in Jennings.

Deacon Jack Reynolds dies



MOSS BLUFF – Deacon Jack Reynolds, 78, of Moss Bluff, a permanent deacon assigned to St. Theodore Catholic Church, died Wednesday, Sept. 18.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Saturday, Sept. 21, at St. Theodore with Monsignor Charles Dubois officiating. Bishop Glen John Provost presided and offered the final commendation at the church. Interment followed in Consolata Cemetery.

He was ordained to the diaconate on June 24, 1977 by Bishop Gerard L. Frey,

Bishop of the Diocese of Lafayette. Reynolds served as a deacon at St. Henry Catholic Church following his ordination to March 1978 when he was named to St. Theodore. He was faithful to his vocation for 36 years.

Born in Lansing, Mich., to Raymond Edward Reynolds and Reba Elizabeth Mercer Reynolds, Deacon Reynolds was raised in Muncie, Ind., and lived most of his life in the Lake Charles area. He served his country from 1952-1956 in the United States Air Force, stationed at the Lake

Charles Base, during which time he met his wife, Amy Peet Reynolds.

Upon Deacon Reynolds' departure from the Air Force, he joined the Lake Charles Fire Department and retired in 1978 after 20 years of service as Chief of the Fire Prevention Bureau. He was a member and past president of the Southwest Louisiana Umpires Association, which allowed him the opportunity to umpire Little League, Babe Ruth League, and American Legion baseball throughout the area.

Vianney House in third year of operation

LAKE CHARLES – Vianney House, the Diocese of Lake Charles' house of discernment, has entered its third year of operation, according to Father Nathan Long, director.

In each of the past two years, Vianney House has been full with three young men in residence who gave themselves generously to discerning their vocations.

"It is hard to believe that two years have passed since the opening of the Vianney

House," Father Long said, "Thanks to the prayers and generosity of many supporters, the Lord has been pleased to grant us another year of operation."

One of last year's residents, Addison Pitre of St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in Oberlin, was accepted by Bishop Glen John Provost and is now studying at St. Joseph Seminary College. Another resident, attending McNeese State University, has discerned a call to the

priesthood but will enter the seminary next fall in order that he complete his degree at McNeese.

The work of Vianney House has expanded to include not only discernment residents but also men in formation. This means that beginning this year there will be two tracks for residents to pursue: one is a discernment track in which a year is given to determine whether or not to attend seminary and the other is a two-year track in which the resident will remain for a second year of more intensive formation before attending seminary. Along with that, Bishop Provost has instituted a "Center for Catholic Studies," in conjunction with Holy Cross College in New Orleans, offering courses in philosophy and theology so that these residents can take courses locally which would normally be available to them only in the seminary. The course work will be also open to other interested individuals and during this year is being taught at the Catholic

Student Center at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church.

This year the House has a full complement of residents with one candidate in formation and two in discernment. Father Long asks that everyone remember Vianney House in prayer, especially the three men now in residence. "It is important to pray for them often, by name, since only the Lord's grace can produce a response to His call," Father Long said.

"I would also like to invite anyone wishing to lend support to our physical plant and other needs to contact me," he continued. "There are many volunteers and benefactors who contribute to the effort – some financially, some through providing meals, others through their prayer and sacrifice. If you wish to support the program in the coming year, please let me know."

Call Father Long at 337-439-7400 or e-mail: nathan.long@lcdioocese.org for more information on helping to sustain Vianney House.

Did you know...

As the sixth pastor of Our Lady of Seven Dolours in Welsh, Msgr. Jules Daigle served the longest term of any shepherd in a parish of what is now the Diocese of Lake Charles, from 1930 to 1974. Msgr. A. J. Robichaud was pastor of St. Philip Neri Catholic Church in Kinder from 1942 to 1985 – just a bit shorter at 43 years.

Two other priests serving in Southwest Louisiana had slightly shorter pastorates but they also made great impressions in their churches. Can you name them? Find out in the next Catholic Calendar.

Eucharistic Procession on Christ the King

(Read more at lcdioocese.org – Eucharistic Procession)
LAKE CHARLES – The conclusion of the Year of Faith, called for by Pope Benedict XVI in October 2012, will be celebrated in the Diocese of Lake Charles on Sunday, November 24, the Solemnity of Christ the King, with a Eucharistic Procession through the streets of Lake Charles, from St. Louis Catholic High School to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

At 1 p.m., Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, along with silent prayer and song to our Lord Jesus Christ in thanksgiving for being the King of the Universe and our lives, will begin in St. Louis.

At 2 p.m., Bishop Glen John Provost will carry the Blessed Sacrament from the school in procession with the faithful, singing and giving praise to God, to the Cathedral, arriving by 3 p.m. for the afternoon prayer service featuring a homily by Father Mitch Pacwa, S.J. A reception will follow in Ave Maria Hall, located at the southeast corner of Kirby and Bilbo streets.

Father Pacwa is Founder and President of Ignatius Productions, a Catholic media production apostolate established in 2000. Its mission is to teach people the scriptures, educate Catholics about their Faith, and promote unity and understanding within the Mystical Body of Christ.

Father Pacwa received his B.A. in Philosophy and Theology from the University of Detroit, summa cum laude. He was ordained a Catholic priest in 1976 with the Society of Jesus

and then continued his studies and received his Master of Divinity and S.T.B. from the Jesuit School of Theology of Loyola University, magna cum laude. At Vanderbilt University, he received his Master of Arts, Ph.D. in Old Testament.

The Year of Faith was set aside by the Pope as a special year for Catholics throughout the world to rediscover, and share with others, the precious gift of Faith entrusted to the Church and the personal gift of faith that we have each received from God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

It opened on Oct. 11, 2012 - the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council and the 20th anniversary of the publication of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, two very important days in the life of the Church.

Pope Emeritus Benedict wanted the faithful to rediscover the journey of faith so as to shed ever clearer light on the joy and renewed enthusiasm of the encounter with Christ; to rediscover a taste for feeding ourselves on the word of God, faithfully handed down by the Church, and on the bread of life, offered as sustenance for his disciples (cf. Jn 6:51); to take the opportunity to read the documents of Vatican II correctly, help them become widely known and take them to heart as important and normative texts of the Magisterium; and to approach the Year of Faith as a time of purification for the Church and for individuals, a summons to an authentic and renewed conversion to the Lord.

Prayer for Safety in Hurricane Season

The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, has asked that during the hurricane season of 2013 the people of the Diocese of Lake Charles pray the following prayer, composed by The Most Reverend Maurice Schexnayder, Second Bishop of Lafayette, following Hurricane Audrey in 1957:

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its quietude. You are still the Master of the land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, and overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

The Most Reverend Maurice Schexnayder
Second Bishop of Lafayette

Calendar



The Most Reverend Glen John Provost
Bishop of Lake Charles

October 4, 2013

Guadalupean Torch Run Nov. 9-10; runners needed

LAKE CHARLES – The annual *International Run Carrera Antorcha Guadalupeana Mexico-New York Torch Race* connecting Mexico and the United States makes two stops in the Diocese of Lake Charles on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 9 and 10.

The Holy Fire and the images of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego accompanying the relay are enroute from the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City to St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City for Our Lady's feast day on Wednesday, Dec. 12.

Runners are being sought here in the Diocese to participate in the local legs of this historic annual relay. Those who would like to take part should contact Rev. D. Bryan Thompson, Co-Chaplain for Hispanic Ministry and Parochial Vicar of St. Henry Catholic Church, at 337-436-7223 or at d.b.thompson@lcediocese.org.

On Saturday morning, Nov. 9, the Torch is scheduled to arrive at the Louisiana Visitor's

Center at the Louisiana-Texas state line. The relay will commence at U.S. 90 and Toomey Road going through Vinton, Edgerly, Sulphur and Westlake. In the early afternoon, the Holy Fire will arrive at the Southwest Louisiana Convention and Visitors Bureau off I-10 on Lakeshore Drive. The relay will continue east on Lakeshore Drive to Broad Street and to St. Henry Catholic Church, 1021 Eighth Avenue, where the torch and images will remain overnight.

Mass will be celebrated, in Spanish by Father D. Bryan Thompson, at 6:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 10, at St. Henry before the relay recommences down Broad Street and to U.S. 90 going through Iowa, Lacassine, Welsh, Roanoke and on to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 705 Lake Arthur Avenue, in Jennings.

The torch and images will remain in Immaculate Conception overnight and leave the Diocese on Monday to continue its journey to New York.



Local volunteer runners join those from Mexico and Texas escorting the images of Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Juan Diego, and the Holy Fire down Eighth Avenue to St. Henry Catholic Church during last year's *t* Carrying the torch is Father D. Bryan Thompson, Parochial Vicar of St. Henry and co-chaplain of Hispanic Ministry in the Diocese and assisting with the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe is David Dawson, Director of Family Life and Pro Life of the Diocese.

Forty Hours Devotion set in Lake Charles

LAKE CHARLES – Forty Hours Devotion for an increase in vocations to the priesthood in the Diocese of Lake Charles, continues in October in the Central Deanery.

Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church will host adoration Oct. 6-8 – beginning on Sunday at 7:15 p.m. and concluding at noon on Tuesday.

On Oct. 14-18, St. Raphael Catholic Church in Iowa will be the site, on Monday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

and on Friday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church and Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church will share the time, at Immaculate Heart on Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 21-22 from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day and at Sacred Heart on Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 23-24, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day.

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception will be the final site of the month – Oct. 28 through Nov. 1 – daily from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.



The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, recently received a check in the amount of \$1,940.00 from Donald J. Laurent, Diocesan Coordinator for the Fourth Degree in the Diocese of Lake Charles. The money came from contributions from the Fourth Degree Assemblies domiciled in the Diocese of Lake Charles - Father James J. Shahrigan Assembly #2182 of DeRidder, Msgr. Hubert Cramers Assembly #320 of Lake Charles, Father Veillard Assembly #2087 of Sulphur, and Msgr. Joseph Peeters Assembly #332 of Jennings to aid in the continuing education and training of diocesan religious education instructors through the Adult Education component of the Office of Religious Education. Pictured, from left, are I. J. Tarou, District Marshal; Al Gary, Faithful Navigator of Father Veillard Assembly; Donald Laurent; Bishop Provost, Craig Louviere, Past Faithful Navigator of Father Veillard Assembly; Frank Foitek, Faithful Comptroller of Father Shahrigan Assembly; and John Jackson, Faithful Pilot of Father Veillard Assembly.

Bishop's Gala set Dec. 14

LAKE CHARLES – The Harry James Orchestra with Fred Radke on first trumpet will provide smooth "Big Band" sounds at the Second Annual Bishop's Gala set for Saturday, Dec. 14, in the Lake Charles Civic Center, according to Msgr. Daniel Torres, VG, and Msgr. Ronald Groth, Gala co-chairman.

The orchestra, along with talented vocalist Gina Funes, features show tunes, standards, loves, songs, and music from the golden age of swing.

Last year's inaugural Bishop's Gala raised \$56,623.96 to support the ministries of the diocesan Office of Communications.

Tickets are \$125 each and a table for 10 can be purchased for \$1,250. They are now available for purchase at the parishes of the Diocese of Lake Charles, the Chancery at 414 Iris Street, Crossroads Bookstore, 701 W. Prien Lake Road, and on the website of the Diocese. To buy tickets on the website, using your

credit card or e-check, go the lcediocese.org and click on the "Support the Diocese" button on the front page. Then, click on "Bishop's Gala Tickets" and follow the easy instructions.

Special sponsorship opportunities include one Bishop's Table for a contribution of \$30,000. For the donation, eight lucky individuals receive dinner with Bishop Provost at the Gala with Concierge Service; special individual gifts; and special mention in the Gala Program and from the bandstand that evening; attendance at the VIP social from 6 to 6:30 p.m. before the Gala opens to the public and includes a photograph with the Bishop. In addition, they will be honored at a special Thank You dinner at a to-be-determined time at L'Évêché, the Bishop's Residence.

Several other levels of sponsorship are also available – Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Crystal. Multiple numbers of these sponsorships will be offered.

Platinum Sponsors will receive two tables for 10, special individual gifts, special mention in the Gala program and from the bandstand that night, and VIP social from 6 to 6:30 p.m. before the Gala opens to the public and includes a photograph with Bishop Provost. Each of the platinum sponsorships is \$20,000.

Gold Sponsors receive a table for 10, special mention in the Gala program and from the bandstand that night, and a VIP social from 6 to 6:30 p.m. before the Gala opens to the public and includes a photograph with Bishop Provost for a \$10,000 donation.

For \$5,000, Silver Sponsors receive a table for 10 and listing in the Gala program while Crystal sponsorships pick up six tickets and listing in the Gala program for a \$2,500 donation.

For any of these special sponsorships please contact Msgr. Torres at 337-439-7400.



Open your hearts to life!



The Respect Life Program begins anew on the first Sunday in October. Respect Life Sunday is Oct. 6, with this year's theme - *Open your hearts to life!* Each year the Respect Life Program offers a clear and compelling defense of Church teaching from primarily secular sources, this year covering such topics as protection of religious freedom, domestic violence, Roe v Wade after 40 years, marriage, capital punishment, healing after abortion, and pregnancy after rape. Each of these messages is available on the Pro-Life section of the Diocese of Lake Charles website - <http://live.lcediocese.org/prolife.html>. Begun in 1972, the Respect Life Program brings Church teaching on the value and dignity of human life to the Catholic community and the wider public. The program combines all four aspects of the bishops' Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities: education, prayer, service and advocacy.

Diocesan Briefs.....

Crowning Rite now streaming

LAKE CHARLES – A streaming video of the August 22 Liturgy and Crowning Rite of the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, located in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, is available for viewing on the website of the Diocese of Lake Charles.

Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, the Pope's Ambassador to the United States and Papal Nuncio, presided at the Crowning Rite during Mass celebrated by Bishop Glen John Provost and attended by 11 other Bishops from Louisiana, Texas, and Illinois.

View the 105-minute production at <http://live.lcediocese.org/video-specials.html>.

St. Raphael bazaar Oct. 5-6

IOWA – The St. Raphael Catholic Church bazaar is Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 5-6.

Bingo is 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday with pork jambalaya dinners for \$6 a plate. Bingo on Sunday at 9:30 a.m., with lunch-barbecue chicken or roast - for \$7 a plate, offered at 10:30 a.m., and an auction at noon.

Bayou Run/Walk 5K set Oct. 12

BELL CITY – St. John Vianney Catholic Church hosts its first Bayou 5K Run/Walk at the Lorraine Bridge at 8 a.m. on Saturday, October 12.

Pre-registration is \$20 and Race Day registration, from 7 a.m. to 7:50 a.m., is \$25. Phantom runners (non-runners supporting the event) can register for \$25 and the family registration fee, for parents and children, is \$50. Runners who pre-register by September 27th, may pick up t-shirt and run package beginning at 7 a.m. on race day.

Call 337-274-9094 for more information and registration forms.

St. Philip Neri Harvest Fest Oct. 12-13

KINDER – St. Philip Neri Catholic Church of Kinder will hold its 10th Annual Harvest Festival on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 12-13, on the church grounds.

Food, games, arts and crafts, and the well-known smorgasbord return for everyone's enjoyment. Tickets for the smorgasbord - dine-in or take out - must be purchased in advance. Contact the St. Philip Neri Office at 337-738-5612 for tickets or information.

Special Needs Mass October 13

LAKE CHARLES – The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, will celebrate a Mass for Individuals with Special Needs and their families at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 13, in St. Louis Catholic High School.

Call Karen Duhon at 337-478-0243 or Shari Cormier at 337-478-0043 for more information.

Public Square Rosary at St. Henry and OLQH

LAKE CHARLES – St. Henry Catholic Church and Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church will each host a Public Square Rosary Rally on Saturday, Oct. 12 at noon.

St. Henry's event is in the parking lot behind the church near the Sacred Heart of Jesus statue while at Our Lady Queen of Heaven the Rosary will be recited on the Lake Street side of the church near the bells.

The Public Square Rosary is sponsored by America Needs Fatima, which encourages prayer for intentions such as world peace, for families, and respect for life.

St. Louis Catholic High golf tournament

LAKE CHARLES – The 2013 St. Louis Catholic High School benefit golf tournament is Friday, October 25 at the Lake Charles Country Club.

The school's Advancement Office along with the Saints Baseball Team is hosting the event, and proceeds will benefit both the St. Louis Foundation and the Saints Baseball Program.

An alumni flight begins at 8 a.m. and the baseball flight will begin at 1:30 p.m. If you are interested in forming a team of four or sponsoring a Hole, forms and more information can be found at www.slchs.org in the Giving and Latest News sections.