



Rory Partin

Bishop's Gala Dec. 10; tickets still available

LAKE CHARLES – Tickets remain available for the Fifth Annual Bishop's Gala set for Saturday, Dec. 10, in the Lake Charles Civic Center featuring Rory Partin, a locally born talent, that made a name for himself around the country with his smooth crooning style and 21-piece "big band" sound.

Buy your tickets now through the parishes of the Diocese, at the diocesan Chancery (414 Iris Street) or on-line at www.lcdioocese.org for \$125 each or a table for 10 at \$1,250.

To buy tickets online, using your credit card or e-check, click on the "Support the Diocese" button on the front page, then click the "Bishop's Gala Tickets" link and follow the easy instructions.

Doors open at 6 p.m. for a VIP social with general admittance at 6:30 p.m.

A number of special sponsorships are also still available including Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Crystal. Multiple numbers of these sponsorships will be offered. For information on these opportunities, please call 337-439-7400, Ext. 220.

Proceeds netted from the event aid in the continuing evangelization efforts of the diocesan Offices of Communications, including the production and airing of the Sunday morning *Glad Tidings* television program on KPLC-TV, preparation and publication of the *Catholic Calendar* in five regional newspapers, maintenance and updating of diocesan website – lcdioocese.org – along with the broadcast of the 9:30 a.m. Mass each Sunday from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on two local radio stations.

Originally from Moss Bluff, Partin has traveled to and performed in places such as Brussels, Paris, Prague, San Francisco, New York, Chicago, Toronto, London, Helsinki, and many more. His music has been influenced by some of the all time greats such as: Ray Charles, Bing Crosby, Louis Armstrong, Billy Joel, and The Doobie Brothers. He most recently has resided in Los Angeles where his career continues to grow and expand.

St. Louis tuition giveaway

LAKE CHARLES – St. Louis Catholic High School has begun its "Great Tuition Give-Away" with a chance to win one year's tuition at the school, though fees are not included.

Five hundred tickets will be sold at \$25 each. The tuition prize is transferable, redeemable for up to two years (August 2018), and can be gifted or donated to the scholarship fund.

Tickets are available online at www.slchs.org or at the school office, 1920 Bank Street.

Deadline to purchase tickets is Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2017 and the winner, who needs not be present to win, will be chosen on Friday, Feb. 3, 2017 at St. Louis Catholic' Grandparents Day.

Contact Ann Vincent at 337-436-7275 or avincent@slchs.org for more information.

Diocese hosting tour honoring Our Lady of Fatima centennial

(Visit Fatima tour schedule at lcdioocese.org)

LAKE CHARLES -- The world-famous International Pilgrim Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, traveling worldwide since 1947, is on an historic two-year journey across America, March 2016 – December 2017, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the apparitions at Fatima, visiting more than 100 dioceses in 50 states. The Diocese of Lake Charles is participating in the tour December 5-9, 2016.

Parishes hosting the tour include St. Theresa of the Child Jesus in Carlyss (Monday, Dec. 5), Our Lady of LaSalette in Sulphur (Tuesday, Dec. 6), Our Lady Queen of Heaven in Lake Charles (Wednesday, Dec. 7), The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (Thursday, Dec. 8), and Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Jennings (Friday, Dec. 9). Each parish is planning a special day to commemorate the Fatima celebrations, which may include processions, Mass, Rosary, confessions, talks on Fatima, and private veneration of the statue. For detailed schedule, contact the statue parishes or go to www.fatimatourforpeace.com.

The goal of the Fatima Centennial U.S. Tour for Peace is to allow Our Lady of Fatima to claim her dominion over America through

her Immaculate Heart, and to bring the urgent Message of a World in Need. It also encourages devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which was the mission given to Lucia, the seer at Fatima, by Our Lady and Our Lord. Jesus related to Sister Lucia in 1936 that he wished to establish devotion to the Immaculate Heart in the Church next to His Sacred Heart, and that He had placed the peace in the world in her Immaculate Heart.

The International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima was sculpted in 1947 by famous sculptor José Thedim, upon the precise instructions of Sister Lucia. On October 13, 1947, the statue was blessed by the Bishop of Fatima and commissioned to serve as the Pilgrim Virgin that would carry the blessings of Fatima throughout the world. The Bishop prayed that Mary herself accompany the statue wherever it goes.

Many graces and favors, including cures, and countless conversions have been associated with the precious image. The statue has traveled around the globe many times, visiting more than 100 countries, including Russia and China.

Special ceremonies at Cathedral

LAKE CHARLES – Numerous events are scheduled at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception during the months of November and December including a Eucharistic Procession on the Feast of Christ the King, Saturday, Nov. 19.

Starting at 8:15 a.m. at the Amphitheatre of the Lake Charles Civic Center there will be Eucharistic Exposition, Adoration and Benediction. This precedes a Eucharistic Procession to the Cathedral, starting at 9 a.m. Walkers will enter the Cathedral's Holy Doors amidst prayers for the Plenary Indulgence. The ceremony

closes at 10:45 a.m. In case of inclement weather all are asked to meet at the Cathedral at 8:15 a.m.

A visit to the Cathedral by the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will take place on Thursday, Dec. 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation, Our Lady, who is on a U.S. Tour of Peace on the occasion of the Fatima Centennial, will be welcomed at 6:45 a.m. with a procession into the church, Marian hymns and a crowning of the statue.

Bishop Glen John Provost will celebrate the Nativity of Lord at the Midnight Mass in

the Cathedral.

On Wednesday, Dec. 28, the Feast of the Holy Innocents, Bishop Provost will celebrate a Solemn Pontifical Mass of using the Missale Romanum of 1962. There will be a reception following the Mass in the Ave Maria Hall. Everyone is invited to attend the Liturgy, which includes the Bishop invoking a Papal Blessing at the end of this Mass and the gaining of a plenary indulgence if the usual conditions are met. The Mass is truly extraordinary in its beauty and elaborate ceremonies.



Our Lady of Fatima

Thanksgiving Holiday Office Hours

The offices of the Diocese of Lake Charles will be closed on Thanksgiving Day – November 24 and Friday, November 25. Office hours for the beginning of the week – Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, November 21-23, remains from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. The offices reopen for regular office hours on Monday, November 28.

Holy Spirit Women's Retreat set for 2017

LAFAYETTE – Michelle Moran and Fr. Joe Krafft will be the featured speakers at the annual Holy Spirit Women's Retreat January 27-29, 2017 at the DoubleTree by Hilton. The theme is "Receive the Holy Spirit."

Moran lives in London and has a grace of baptism in the Spirit to people all over the world. She is highly acclaimed as an anointed minister of God's power in the charismatic gifts and is currently President of the International Charismatic Renewal of New Orleans (CCRNO) Team.

The retreat is sponsored by the CCRNO and serves hundreds of women from throughout the Gulf south. Weekend and Saturday commuters are welcome. Register online at www.ccrno.org or call (504) 828-1368.

Fr. Krafft is a favorite with retreatants. He is on the faculty of Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans and is a zealous and gifted priest.

Also on the program are Deacon Larry Oney, a dynamic preacher, author and business man, his wife, Andi, along with Patti Mansfield and the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of New Orleans (CCRNO) Team.

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St. Louis Catholic High School Landry Memorial Gym donation



The Community Foundation of Southwest Louisiana recently presented a check for \$65,000 to St. Louis Catholic High School. The grant was made possible by a donor advised fund of the Foundation. "We are pleased that one of our donors chose to support the improvements to this building that is on the Calcasieu Preservation Society's registry of historic sites," said Sara Judson, Community Foundation CEO. In the photo above, front row from left, are St. Louis students Margaret Bruchhaus and Quinton Rone, Judson, and Julie Miller, foundation board member; back row, from left, principal Deacon Chris Fontenot; boys basketball coach Rick LeBato; and girls basketball coach Tony Johnson. The donation will be used for a new hardwood floor in the Landry Memorial Gym. The new floor will help to return the historic building, built in 1931, to its original state and make it more functional for a variety of sports and activities. For more information about the Landry Memorial Gym restoration or to make a donation, please contact Ann Vincent at St. Louis Catholic High School - e-mail: avincent@slchs.org.

CCHD collection this weekend

For over 43 million Americans, there is a thin line: between eviction and home, between hunger and health, between unemployment and work, between anxiety and stability. This line is the Poverty Line. For a family of four, that line is \$24,257 a year.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty by funding community programs that encourage independence. You are essential to its success. Your generous donations will give those in poverty the support they need to make lasting changes.

The second Friday distribution, which is 9 to 11 a.m. is for last names ending in A through L, starting at 9 a.m. and concluding at 11 a.m. The second distribution date will be for those clients with last names begin with M through Z. This distribution will also be from 9 to 11 a.m.

Catholic Charities food distribution December 9, 16

LAKE CHARLES – The distribution schedule of Second Harvest food baskets for eligible clients by Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana at its 1225 Second Street location is set for Dec. 9 and Dec. 16.

All clients wishing to register or to recertify to receive food must provide:

- Picture ID for each adult in the household
- Social Security card for each person in the household
- Proof of one month's income for the household: Food Stamp letter, SSI, TANF, Social Security, Child Support Letter, retirement, unemployment, Veterans benefits, payroll checks
- Proof of residency - a utility bill
- Proof of the number of persons in the household.



Welsh named "Home of Cajun Dictionary"

WELSH – The Louisiana State Legislature has honored this Southwest Louisiana community with the honor of being named the "Home of the Cajun Dictionary," a tome self-published by the late Msgr. Jules O. Daigle, the pastor for 44 years of Our Lady of Seven Dolours Catholic Church.

Msgr. Daigle, who died at the age of 97 in 1998, published the dictionary in 1984 in his attempt, according to niece Connie Gremillion, "to preserve the Cajun language as he knew it and justify the reality of Cajun as a true language in its own right."



Fr. Jules O. Daigle

Friends and family along with a number of clergy attended Mass on Wednesday, Oct. 19, remembering Msgr. Daigle.

Following the presentation of the proclamation by State Representative Johnny Guinn, who sponsored the legislation in the Louisiana House, to family members and words of remembrance by Ms. Gremillion and his nephew Harold Schoeffler of Lafayette, the Friends of the Welsh Museum hosted a reception in the museum.

Father Whitney Miller, the director of Saint Charles Center and a former pastor of Our Lady of Seven Dolours, was the homilist for the Mass.

"Words matter because words placed together in patterns and thought provoking sentences create languages and languages can unite or divide people," Father Miller said. "Words matter. Fr. Jules Daigle knew this and was a man fond of words, especially Cajun words."

In his references to Msgr. Daigle, Father Miller used the more familiar "Father" Daigle. Daigle was honored in 1952 with the title "monsignor."

"I one day referred to him as Monsignor Daigle and he

kindly asked me, 'Whitney, if you don't mind, please just call me Father Daigle because that's how the people of this town who I know so well and love so much, that's what they call me, so call me Father Daigle, okay?'"

Father Miller also noted his dealings with Father Daigle as Pastor-emeritus following his retirement.

"As preparation for this brief reflection today, I thought about my years spent here at Our Lady of Seven Dolours and the connection I shared with him," Father Miller said. "I tried to think of the words I heard him speak to me, recall things he said, favorite sayings and as I did so, it became clear to me that the words I heard him say most often were 'Thank you.' He was a gracious and ever grateful man."

He continued by speaking of the Cajun dictionary and the Cajun Self Taught textbook that came later.

"In his work on this Cajun Dictionary and the grammar text, which was to follow, he felt and found that the Cajun people were being distanced from their language and as this was happening they were losing a sense of identity who they were what united them and what brought them together in the first place. And so, he worked to restore this, in and through words, Cajun words – words which when joined together form a language but not only a language but shape the heart of a people."

Born and raised in Lafayette, Msgr. Daigle studied at St. Joseph Seminary in St. Benedict, La., St. Mary's in Baltimore, Maryland, and the North American College in Rome, where he was ordained in 1925.

He served St. Michael Parish in Crowley and Immaculate Conception in Lake Charles before becoming pastor of Our Lady of Seven Dolours in 1930. After he retired in 1974, he launched the writing career that brought him international recognition for his work and was in demand for radio, television and newspaper interviews as an authority on Cajun language and heritage. At the time of his death in 1998, he was in the process of writing another book about the history of Cajun culture, but it was left unfinished.

Catholic Charities continues providing aid to flood victims



Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana continues to work diligently to aid those who were affected by the flooding of August in South Louisiana. In addition, local and national agencies and organizations have stepped up to provide contributions of food, paper goods (including cleaning supplies, toilet paper, paper towels). In addition cash contributions and gift cards have also been made available to Catholic Charities to aid in the flood relief. In photo 1, a shipment (36 pallets) was provided by the international organization "Food for the Poor" located in Florida. According to "Food for the Poor," Matthew 25: Ministries, an international humanitarian aid and disaster relief organization headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio, which responds to disaster situations that are so catastrophic or comprehensive in nature that coping with the aftermath is beyond the capabilities of the community or the surrounding areas donated the goods to the organization and it decided to donate the goods to the dioceses in Lake Charles, Lafayette and Baton Rouge to aid the flood victims. While Food For The Poor's mission is primarily to serve internationally, the charity has responded in the past to catastrophic disasters in the United States. Accepting the shipment were Jessica Watson, assistant director; Sr. Mary Vianney Walsh, RSM, director; and Catholic Charities volunteer, Jessie Arabie. In photo 2, Catholic Charities was able to unload the 18-wheeler with the aid of Dan Kelley and Kelli Koskela and the staff at Lake Charles Truck & Equipment, a nearby company that has aided Catholic Charities with the use of its forklift and workers when needed. Here a pallet is lifted to the second floor of the warehouse for storage. In photo 3, Members of Fr. Herbert F. Schuster Chapter 22, Knights of St. Peter Claver Fourth Degree Ladies of Grace provided personal hygiene items and school supplies to aid the flood victims in Louisiana. Pictured left to right are Peggy Scott, Volunteer, Patricia J. Daniel, Program Coordinator, Gloria D. Hypolite, Sister Mary Vianney, Hilda Thomas, Mary Gordon, Faithful Navigator, and Jessica Watson, Associate Director. In picture 4, students at St. Louis Catholic High School and St. Theodore Holy Family Catholic School partnered to collect a total of \$5,000 in cash and gift cards for Catholic Charities flood relief efforts. Pictured from left to right are Jadon

Johnson (SLC 9th), Ella Aguillard (5th HFCS), Sister Mary Vianney (Catholic Charities), Tucker Bridges (6th HFCS) and Olivia Rupert (9th SLC). Sister Mary Vianney said the generosity is unbelievable. She thanked everyone for their generosity and said there are still those who need various types of assistance. Donations can be dropped at Catholic Charities, 1225 Second St., Lake Charles. They are open from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 337-439-7436 for more information.

Prayer for Safety in Hurricane Season

The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, has asked that during the hurricane season of 2016 the people of the Diocese of Lake Charles pray the following prayer, composed in 1957 by The Most Reverend Maurice Schexnayder, Second Bishop of Lafayette, following Hurricane Audrey:

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 former 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

Diocesan Briefs.....

Eucharistic Procession Nov. 19

LAKE CHARLES – Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church will sponsor a Eucharistic Procession from the Lake Charles Civic Center Amphitheatre to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday, Nov. 19, according to Msgr. Daniel A. Torres, pastor.

The procession is being held to highlight the conclusion of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, called for by Pope Francis.

Walkers should to meet at 8:15 a.m. at the amphitheatre for Exposition of the Holy Eucharist, Adoration and Benediction before the walk, which starts at 9 a.m. from the Civic Center parking lot, up Kirby Street, to the Cathedral, entering the Holy Doors. Closing prayer is at 10:45 a.m.

In case of inclement weather, all should meet at the Cathedral at 8:15 a.m.

Call 337-477-1236 for additional information.

Informational meeting for 2017 Pilgrimage

MOSS BLUFF -- Do you enjoy praying the Rosary? Would you like to trace the 20 mysteries of the Holy Rosary in the Holy Land? Join Father John Huckaby for an informational meeting about his next pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

The pilgrimage is November 15-24, 2017. Fr. Huckaby will hold an informational meeting on Saturday, December 10, at 2 p.m. in the Activity Center at St. Theodore Catholic Church.

Learn about experiencing "The Life of Jesus Christ Through the Mysteries of the Rosary" - A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Call St. Theodore at 337-855-6662 for more information or to request a brochure.

Second Annual Quiz Bowl, Dec. 10

LAKE CHARLES – The Second Annual Quiz Bowl – Where the Game Begins with Truth – sponsored by the Office of Religious Education of the Diocese of Lake Charles is Saturday, Dec. 10, in St. Louis Catholic High School.

Last year more than 100 sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students took part in the inaugural event.

Four-person teams can be formed from diocesan parishes or Catholic schools in the diocese, according to Sr. Mary Elizabeth Ann McCullough, RSM, interim director of Religious Education. The top two squads will be awarded prizes.

Questions have been available to study at https://quizlet.com/_1nngfj with the password: dolc since last year's competition.

Last year a team from Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church in Jennings captured the top spot with the runner-up group hailing from St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church in Lake Charles.

Call 337-439-7400, Ext. 305 for more information.

Center for Catholic Studies Spring classes

LAKE CHARLES – Three classes are offered in the Spring at the Center for Catholic Studies at the Catholic Student Center of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church.

Students may receive college credit for these courses through the University of Holy Cross in New Orleans and the courses may also qualify as electives in many McNeese degree programs.

Theology 104: Origins Of the Catholic Faith will be taught from 1:30 to 4 p.m. on Mondays, beginning January 23; Theology 290: History of Blacks in The American Catholic Church is 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, beginning January 17; and Theology 290: Spiritual Theology is on Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning January 17, from 12:30 a.m. to 1:50 p.m.

Registration forms are available through the diocesan Office of Religious Education (337-439-7400), the Newman Center, and at www.lcdiocese.org by clicking Forms on the front page and scrolling to Center for Catholic Studies.

December 22 is the registration deadline.

Thanksgiving dinner at Immaculate Heart

LAKE CHARLES – The 19th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, sponsored by Vernon W. Joseph #22, Fourth Degree Knights of Peter Claver along with Knights of Saint Peter Claver Council and Court # 14, is Thanksgiving Day, Thursday Nov. 24, in Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church Founder's Hall.

Honorees for 2016 are Sir Knight Claude Syas and Sir Knight Wilson Semien.

Those dining-in begin arriving at 9 a.m. to music from the 50s to the 80s and two sessions of bingo – 10-11 a.m. and 2:15-3:30 p.m.

Lunch is served beginning at 11:15 a.m.

Four-hundred dinners are delivered to people in the City

of Lake Charles and outlying communities that day as well.

Luncheon and breakfast dates

LAKE CHARLES -- The next Women's Luncheon and Men's Prayer Breakfast with Bishop Glen John Provost are Wednesday Jan. 4, and Friday, Jan 6, respectively, in Ave Maria Hall of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Office Building. The events will not take place in December.

Women should send a check for \$15, payable to the Diocese of Lake Charles, to Gaynell Carrier, 414 Iris Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601 and include a stamped self-address envelope.

The breakfast starts at 7 a.m. and is preceded by Mass beginning at 6:30 a.m. in the Cathedral. Men should call 337-439-7400 to register.

Marriage Preparation class for 2017

LAKE CHARLES – Openings for the next Marriage Preparation class, offered by the Office of Family Life of the Diocese, is Saturday, Jan. 7, 2017.

The class is from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Chancery of the Diocese, 414 Iris Street. Registration is \$100, which includes the Prepare/Enrich online assessment, lunch, and materials. It can be accomplished online at live.lcdiocese.org by clicking the Event Registration button, then the Marriage Preparation link.

A registration form can also be printed by going to Marriage Preparation under the forms link on the website.

Other dates of classes for the first six months of 2017 are February 11, March 11, April 8, May 13, and June 24.

"Work of Human Hands" sale at Christ the King

LAKE CHARLES – A Catholic Relief Services/Fair Trade "Work of Human Hands Advent Sale" is December 1 to December 6 at Christ the King Catholic Church.

The sale will follow each Mass on the weekend of Dec. 3 and 4 in the parish hall and in the parish office from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1; Monday, Dec. 5, and Tuesday, Dec. 6, as well as from 9 a.m. to noon on Friday, Dec. 2.

Christ the King Catholic Church is located at 7680 Gulf Highway and the office telephone is 337-478-0213.