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An Easter Message from Bishop Glen John Provost

"You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Behold, the place where they laid him." Mark 16:6

Recently I was visiting with a group of catechism teachers, and we were discussing the power of the Church's sacraments. Over the cumulative years of our experience, we had seen many marvelous recoveries of persons thought to be dying. The prognosis left little hope. However, the priest had been called and had come with the Sacrament of the Sick, perhaps even given to that dying person the final communion with Our Lord in the Eucharist, which we call viaticum. They had heard and seen marvelous things happen, even against all odds. So had I. We were all struck by the powerful work of God. What must it have been like on that first Easter Sunday morning?

St. Mark describes Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome coming to the tomb of Our Lord just as he was. They were coming to anoint the body of Our Lord, which had to be hurriedly buried in anticipation of the Sabbath. What did they find? Not a closed tomb but a large stone rolled back, an empty tomb, and "a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe" (Mark 16:5). St. Mark tells us they were "utterly amazed" (Mark 16:6). I cannot imagine

their reaction. We must remember that although Our Lord had foretold His passion, death and resurrection numerous times, His followers did not, probably could not, digest the full significance of what He said.

The amazement of those three women must have known no bounds and turned to being startled when the young man spoke to them and said, "Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Behold, the place where they laid him" (Mark 16:6). St. Mark continues to recount that the women fled from the empty tomb, "seized with trembling and bewilderment," and he adds, "They said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid" (Mark 16:8).

It took a while for belief to sink in. Through a series of appearances, Jesus gently brought His disciples around to grasp the truth of His Resurrection. How exasperated He must have been at times, however, with their fear and lack of belief! "Oh, how foolish you are!" He said to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. "How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke!" (Luke 24:25).

At times Our Lord meets that same hesitancy and lack of belief in us. We come to Mass on Easter Sunday to celebrate

the most transforming moment in the history of humanity. Do we really believe this? Or is Easter just some other holiday, an excuse to gather with family and friends for a nice meal and conviviality?

Jesus Christ is risen! And He says to us, "Do not be unbelieving, but believe" (John 20:27). Easter is about the wonders that God works, the transforming Grace of the sacraments, hope extended when all seems lost, the forgiveness of sins, incorporation into the Body of Christ, and the promise of eternity. And all this is possible because of an empty tomb, the power of life over death, the defeat of Satan and Christ gloriously triumphant. Do we believe this? The young man dressed in white admonishes us, "Do not be amazed!" (Mark 16:6). Jesus of Nazareth is risen. Do not look for Him in a tomb. He is in your midst. He is with you. He heals the brokenhearted and gives health to the sick. He strikes wonder and awe in our hearts even now as He works in our lives. "Nothing will be impossible for God" (Luke 1:37). Easter is all about Our Lord's victory and ours.

St. Louis principal named

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LAKE CHARLES - Andrew Bradley has been appointed to the position of Principal of St. Louis Catholic High School, effective, May 16, according to the Rev. Nathan Long, Rector and President of the Board of Pastors.

"Through our robust and intensive search process, numerous highly qualified candidates were screened and vetted, with two finalists being identified as moving forward," Father Long said. "These finalists recently spent individual days on campus meeting with constituencies from our school community - including students, faculty, staff, administrators, parents, alumni, and board members."

Continuing, Father Long said, "The feedback offered by the search committee and many within our community, as well as Bradley's extensive understanding of the mission of Catholic education, gives me great confidence in his ability to serve as the school's

next Principal. I am confident that Andrew will serve our community well as the visionary leader we set out to identify and secure. Together, we will now further develop our strategic plans for St. Louis Catholic High School as we strive to bring Christ to life in our young men and women in all we do."

Bradley most recently served as Principal of Saint Francis Catholic Academy in Gainesville, Fla. and Archbishop John Carroll High School in Radnor, Penn. With over 11 years of Catholic education teaching and administrative experience in elementary and secondary environments, Andrew possesses the requisite skill sets to lead our spiritual, academic, and overall school operations. Under his leadership, school communities have experienced increased enrollments, improved academic performance, and strengthened constituent engagement. With a penchant for strategic planning and all



Andrew Bradley

areas of school advancement, Andrew is well-versed in creating the conditions necessary for market leadership.

As a life-long learner, Bradley earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Government, with Minors in Spanish and Theology, from Georgetown University. Additionally, he holds a Master of Arts in Secondary Education from The University of New Mexico, as well as a Master of Education in Educational Leadership from Arizona State University.

Donnelly appointed principal for OLQH Catholic School

LAKE CHARLES - Trevor Donnelly, currently the principal of Our Lady's Catholic School in Sulphur, has been named as the new principal, beginning the 2018-2019 school term, at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School.

Donnelly earned a Bachelor of Arts in History from Laurentian University in Sudbury, Ontario, Canada. A lifelong student of Catholic schools, he came to Lake Charles in 1996 to begin graduate studies in Education at McNeese State University, where he served as a graduate assistant.

He graduated McNeese in 1998 with a Master's Degree

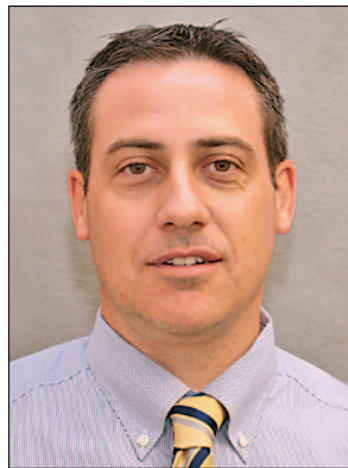
in Education and began his teaching career as a teacher and coach at Monsignor Kelly Catholic High School in Beaumont, Texas.

In 1999, Donnelly came on board at St. Louis Catholic High School as Chair of the Social Studies Department, where he worked as a teacher and coach until 2004.

That year, he earned his endorsement in Gifted Education and began teaching gifted students with the Calcasieu Parish School System Department of Gifted and Talented Services.

He became principal of Our Lady's School in 2010.

Donnelly has been married to Hollie Donnelly for 16



Trevor Donnelly

years and the couple has two children. They are parishioners of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church.

Vocation Drawing Contest opens

LAKE CHARLES - This year's Vocation Drawing Contest will be conducted in the Diocese of Lake Charles in preparation for World Day of Prayer for Vocations on Sunday, April 22.

Every student in grades second through 12th is invited to create a drawing on an 8 1/2 X 11 inch white sheet of poster board or paper depicting awareness of the vocation to the priesthood in southwest Louisiana, according to Father Jeffrey Starkovich, director of vocations for the diocese.

All drawings must be turned in to Connie Perkins at

the Office of Vocations at 414 Iris Street by noon on Thursday, April 5, 2018. The drawing must be in a large envelope *unfolded*. On the back of the drawing, the name of the artist, age of the artist, grade of the artist, contact phone number and home address, church parish attending/city and name of school attending must be printed. Also, indicate on the envelope that it is an entry in the Vocation Drawing Contest.

Announcement of the winners will be faxed to all by Friday, April 13, according to Father Starkovich. The first place winner will receive a

\$200.00 prize with second place getting \$100.00, and third place \$50.00.

The first-place winner will also have their drawing reproduced on prayer cards in observance of World Day of Prayer for Vocations. These cards will be handed out to those attending the 10:30 a.m. Mass on April 22 at St. Henry Catholic Church in Lake Charles.

Each of the parishes will also receive a quantity of the cards for distribution to parishioners.

For more information, call Connie Perkins at the Office of Vocations, 337-439-7400.

Triduum services continue

LAKE CHARLES - The Most Reverend Glen John Provost will celebrate the remainder of the Triduum - Good Friday and the Easter Vigil - in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

The celebration of the Lord's Passion will take place at 3 p.m. today. The service begins with the Liturgy of the Word followed by

Veneration of the Cross, and Communion at the close.

The Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 31, begins at 8 p.m. in the Cathedral with the Service of Light.

Cathedral Mass times for Easter Sunday, April 1, are 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:15 a.m., the latter of which Bishop Provost will celebrate

The offices of the Diocese of Lake Charles remain closed today and will also be closed on Easter Monday, April 2.

Diocesan offices reopen on Tuesday, April 3, with regular 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. hours the remainder of the week.

Abrazando Cristo Mission fundraisers

LAKE CHARLES - The annual fundraisers for the Abrazando Cristo Mission program - The Big Cash Giveaway and the Johnnie Thibodeaux Memorial Golf Tournament - have been set, according to Msgr. Daniel A. Torres, director.

Tickets for the Big Cash Giveaway are \$100 each with only 750 being sold. Prizes are \$5,000 for the top winner, \$1,000 for second place, and \$500 for third. The drawing will be held on Sunday, June 17, at the rectory of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church, 617 West Claude Street.

For more information on the giveaway call

337-439-7400. Tickets may be purchased by mailing your check to Abrazando Cristo Mission Program, Attn. Msgr. Daniel Torres, 617 West Claude, Lake Charles, LA 70605.

The golf tournament will be Saturday, May 19, at Mallard Cove Golf Course. For information, contact Johnnie or Susan Thibodeaux at 337-478-4095 or Will Fruge at 337-540-0410. Check local golf courses for registration forms.

Proceeds from the events benefit the ongoing work of current and future mission projects in Nicaragua.

Cowboy Catholic Crawfish Boil + Auction

LAKE CHARLES - The Cowboy Catholic Crawfish Boil + Auction will be held Saturday, April 14, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Catholic Church. This event serves as the main fundraising event for the Catholic Campus Ministry at McNeese State University.

Guests will enjoy 5 pounds of boiled crawfish, beer or soft drinks, dessert, dancing and live music by Tommy Kib. Guests will also have the opportunity to meet the students involved with Cowboy Catholics and hear some of their stories. There will be both live and silent auctions. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased online at cow-

boycatholics.com or at the church office. To reserve a table of eight, call 337-477-1434.

Eighty percent of those who leave The Church do so between the ages of 18 and 23. With that in mind, Cowboy Catholics seek to provide the formation and community for the students at McNeese

so that they do not lose their faith during this trying time.

The mission of Cowboy Catholics is to form lifelong disciples of Jesus Christ, men and women who are living out the Gospel in their families and professions after having attended McNeese State University.

Good Friday collection

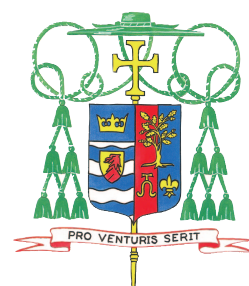
Today, Good Friday, a collection is taken up in the Catholic churches of the Diocese of Lake Charles and around the United States to support the work of the Franciscans working in the Holy Land. Christians there rely heavily on the help that comes to them during this special day in the Church and our life of faith.



For the fifth year, the Mudd Family Memorial Scholarship is providing Catholic education for children diagnosed with autism that attend St. Nicholas Center for Children for therapy. Pictured above, front row (from left): Brady Demeritt; William Hellums; Chad and Michelle Mudd, donors; Andrew O'Quain; Jackson Duplechin; Slade Clark; Owen Plauche; Conner Nixon; and Rachel Lyons, BCBA. Back row (from left): Joseph Hacker, BCBA; Jacob Savoie; Wendy Wicke, Principal, St. Margaret Catholic School; Christi Jarreau, Principal, Immaculate Conception Cathedral School; Bain Jones; Bishop Glen Provost; Jennifer Bellon, Principal, St. Theodore Holy Family Catholic School; Kimberlee Gazzolo, Superintendent of Catholic Schools; JoAnn Wallwork, Principal, Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Schools; and J.R. Watts.



Calendar



The Most Reverend Glen John Provost
Bishop of Lake Charles

March 30, 2018

Three seminarians instituted as Acolytes

ROME – Three seminarians of the Diocese of Lake Charles – Joseph Calloura Caraway, Andrew Martin DeRouen, and Levi Joseph Thompson – were among 47 men in the Second Year Class of the Pontifical North American College instituted as acolytes on Sunday, February 25 – the Second Sunday of Lent.

The Most Reverend Joseph Di Noia, O.P. was the celebrant of the Rite of Institution during the Mass. Archbishop Di



Joseph Calloura Caraway

Noia addressed the men about to be instituted in his homily, encouraging them to see the Transfiguration of Jesus as an image of the priestly vocation to which they aspire and to which they come closer by this ministry.

The seminarians, currently in their second year of formation for the priesthood, would have two additional years of theological studies and spiritual formation before being ordained to the priesthood with God's grace, in their home dioceses.

Following the homily, Archbishop Di Noia instituted the men, and during the rite presented each candidate with a



Andrew Martin DeRouen

paten filled with hosts. As he handed over the paten, he instructed them: "Take this vessel of bread for the celebration of the Eucharist. Make your life worthy of your service at the table of the Lord and of His Church."

Over the coming weeks of Lent, the men will serve at house liturgies and will also have the opportunity to serve at the Station Churches throughout the city of Rome. The Rite was celebrated in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception of the North American College.

During his homily, the Archbishop reminded the men to be installed that as acolytes that this day marks an important milestone along the path toward their future ordination to the Priesthood. As men striving to be *alter Christus* or "another Christ," each newly instituted acolyte is called to conform his identity to Jesus Christ.

The responsibilities of the acolyte are oriented mainly toward acts of service, including to assist the priest during liturgical celebrations, especially the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and to distribute communion when required.

"You will perform these functions more worthily," the Archbishop instructed, "if you participate in the Holy Eucharist with increasingly fervent devotion and receive nourishment from it. "At the very heart of the Ministry of Acolyte, is the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, which is the summit and source of the life of the Church."

Through the institution to the ministry of acolyte, each man is called to reflect on these mysteries ever more closely, striving each day to offer himself entirely to God and have a sincere love for the people of God whom they are called to serve.



Levi Joseph Thompson

The North American College serves as the American seminary in Rome. Founded in 1859 by Blessed Pius IX, the college has formed over 5,000 priests near the heart of the Church for service in dioceses around the United States, Canada, and Australia. The College strengthens the bonds between Rome and local Churches worldwide, and it allows its students to study the Church's rich religious and cultural heritage at close range.

April events slated at Saint Charles Center

MOSS BLUFF – April events at Tabor Retreat House of Saint Charles Center begin with Dr. Judy Savoie presenting "Trinitarian Life" on Monday, April 9, from 6 to 9 p.m.

The Catechism identifies the Most Holy Trinity as "the central mystery of Christian faith and life" and as "the source of all the other mysteries of faith." Yet this essential doctrine can seem like abstract theology, remote from daily life. The suggested donation is \$20 per person and the registration deadline is Thursday, April 5.

"I Believe in the Holy Catholic Church" will be presented by Sr. Diane Depwe on Tuesday, April 17, from 6 to 9 p.m. Deadline for registration is Friday, April 13, with a suggested donation of \$20.

"Babette's Feast: A Celebration of Catechism and Communal Meal" with Fr. Marshall Boulet, Fr. Whitney Miller, Paula Willis and the Center's kitchen staff will be Tuesday, May 22, from 6 to 9



p.m. The 1987 Danish film "Babette's Feast" is presented followed by a meal with slight variations from the "feast" in the movie. Time will be given for discussion and further reflection on the movie and on the Eucharist between courses. Registration deadline is Friday, May 18 at 4:30 p.m. To register please call the Center at (337) 855-1232 or visit stcharlescenter.com, by Friday, May 18, at 4:30 p.m. Because of the festive and exceptional menu items to be prepared for the dinner, the suggested donation for this evening of reflection will be \$50 per person.

A "Domestic Church" Married Couples Retreat will be held from Thursday, May 24, to Sunday, May 27. "Domestic Church" is an officially recognized lay movement that pro-

vides life-long formation for sacramentally married couples for the sake of achieving sanctity together, growing in mutual love, and providing an environment where children can thrive and grow in union with Christ, so they may truly be called a Domestic Church! For information and/or to register, please call Blaine or Denise Wyninger at (337) 764-1562, the offices of the Center at (337) 855-1232, or visit www.domesticchurch-families.com.

Saint Charles Center stands as a place apart, offering an atmosphere of serenity and peace, where one can deepen one's relationship with God and achieve spiritual renewal and growth, rediscovering life's meaning in quiet reflection.

QUIZ BOWL 2018



The team from Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church in Jennings captured first place in the recently contested 2018 Quiz Bowl, sponsored by the Office of Religious Education of the Diocese of Lake Charles, according to Sr. Marirose Rudek, RSM, director. Members of the top team included Patrick Fontenot, Lucy Moncla, Gabe Wild, and Genna Oregon. Second spot in the event went to a team from Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School in Jennings – Nathaniel McNally, Collin Achee, Cody Lyons, and Joseph Rodriguez. Ten teams took part in the competition held for the third year at St. Louis Catholic High School. Third place went to Immaculate Conception Cathedral Catholic School – Juliet Riviere, Katie Grace Rion, Ella Scroggs, and Nick Spicer. Fourth place was captured by a team representing St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in Oberlin – Erin Manuel, Adalyn Thibodeaux, Brianna Rex, and Braelon McCleon. The top two teams, judges, team chaperones, and Sr. Marirose are pictured above: They are from left back, Sr. Mary Elizabeth Ann McCullough, RSM, Vickie Tidemann, Joseph Rodriguez, Nathaniel McNally, Gabe Wild, Kathy Conner, and Grady Conner. From left middle, are Sr. Marirose, Cody Lyons, Lucy Moncla, Patrick Fontenot, Melody Trahan, Janine Falgoust, and Rickard Newman. Kneeling, from left, front are Collin Achee and Genna Oregon.

Diocesan Briefs.....

St. Mary of the Lake Good Friday Walk

BIG LAKE – Join parishioners of St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church and the Mission of St. Patrick at Sweetlake for today's Good Friday Walk beginning at 7 a.m. from St. Patrick Mission, 469 Highway 27, Sweetlake, to St. Mary of the Lake in Big Lake for the 3 p.m. celebration of the Passion of the Lord with Veneration of the Cross.

Things to bring include a snack or light lunch (remember it is a day of fasting) your rosary, comfortable walk clothes and shoes.

Child's Spiritual Workshop

LAKE CHARLES -- This spiritual workshop will introduce participants to the deeply rich spiritual life of the three to six year old child introduced with beautiful hands on materials and guided prayer by Sr. Mary Rose Bingham, OP.

Attendees will meditate on the rich themes of liturgy and scripture for the young child. It is ideal for teachers, religious instructors, parents, grandparents, and those yearning for some quiet moments of renewal and revitalization.

Scheduled for St. Henry Catholic Church, 1021 8th Avenue, sessions will be held April 19-21, from 3 to 8 p.m. on Thursdays and 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays and Sundays.

The course fee is \$325.00. For more information, contact Dru Ange at dru.star@gmail.com or call 337-794-0562.

Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Theodore

MOSS BLUFF – Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated at St. Theodore Catholic Church at 2:15 p.m. on Sunday, April 8. Reverend Aubrey Guilbeau, Pastor, invites everyone to celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy with the family of St. Theodore.

The service includes Praise, Worship, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

All those who have died and whose funerals have been celebrated in the past year will be remembered in a special way.

Deacon Leo Hebert will proclaim the Gospel and Fr. Guilbeau will present a reflection on Divine Mercy.

Summer study series April 5 to May 3

LAKE CHARLES -- "Who Am I To Judge," an eight-part summer study series featuring Dr. Edward Sri, will be sponsored by Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church on the Thursdays of April 5 through May 13.

Registration and payment is required to attend the event in the Our Lady Queen of Heaven Family Life Community Center Activity Room at 3939 Kingston Street from 6 to 8 p.m. from April 5 – May 31, except April 26.

Registration of \$16 per person covers materials. Call Felicia at OLQH with any questions. 477-1236

Mass for individuals with special needs

LAKE CHARLES – Very Reverend Ruben Buller will celebrate a Mass for individuals with special needs and their families on Sunday, April 29, at 11 a.m. in St. Louis Catholic High School.

Masses will also be celebrated on July 8 by Reverend Whitney Miller; and on Sunday, Oct. 7, by The Most Reverend Glen John Provost.

All are welcome to attend the celebration, which is offered as an opportunity to worship despite difficulty, embarrassment or frustration.

Call Karen Duhon at 337-478-0243 or Geri Christ Landry at 337-433-5662 for more information.

Fr. Goodly to celebrate Silver Jubilee

MOSS BLUFF – The Reverend Timothy Goodly, pastor of St. Pius X Catholic Church in Ragley will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood during Mass at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 3, in St. Theodore Catholic Church, 785 Sam Houston Jones Parkway.

A reception will follow at Tabor Retreat House of Saint Charles Center.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat in July

LAKE CHARLES -- Rachel's Vineyard of Southwest Louisiana, sponsored by the Office of Pro-Life of the Diocese of Lake Charles, will host its next retreat on Friday through Sunday, July 6-8, at Tabor Retreat House of Saint Charles Center.

The retreat is for anyone – men or women – suffering from the trauma and after-effects of abortion. A Rachel's Vineyard Retreat provides an opportunity to deeply enter the grieving process and identify all the ways an abortion may have affected you.

The retreat can also help participants accept forgiveness for themselves and others. There is also an opportunity to re-connect with the children that were aborted on a spiritual level, to give them honor and dignity through special and creative spiritual exercises as well as in a memorial service.

Contact Rachel's Vineyard in Southwest Louisiana at 337-439-7400, Ext. 317 or e-mail rachels.vineyard@lcdiocese.org to register or for more information.