



**Saint Martin de Tours
Catholic Church**

August 30, 2026

Sunday TLM Newsletter

XIV Sunday after Pentecost

Upcoming Ordo & Holy Mass Schedule

August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows

Date	Day of Week	Time	Low/High	Liturgy/Color	Mass Intention
August 30, 2026	Sunday	Noon	High	XIV Sunday after Pentecost	Christopher Marks Family
August 31, 2026	Monday	8:00 AM	Low	St. Raymond Nonnatus/ Blessing of Expectant Mothers	Samuel LaBarge
September 1, 2026	Tuesday	8:00 AM	Low	Twelve Holy Brothers	Wanda Schmidt
September 2, 2026	Wednesday	Noon	Low	St. Stephen, King	Samuel LaBarge
September 3, 2026	Thursday	8:00 AM	Low	Votive: Christ High Priest/ Litany of the Saints	Pro Populo
September 4, 2026	Friday	8:00 AM	Low	Votive: Sacred Heart	Choice of Priest Celebrant
September 4, 2026	Friday	6:00 PM	Low with Hymns	Votive: Sacred Heart [Devotions]	Bishop Deshotel
September 5, 2026	Saturday	8:00 AM	Low with Hymns	Votive: BVM August 22	Dwer & Romero Families
September 6, 2026	Sunday	Noon	Low with Hymns	XV Sunday after Pentecost	Choice of Priest Celebrant

Announcements

Blessing of Expectant Mothers

- Following 8am Mass on August 31, 2026 [Feast Day of St. Raymond Nonnatus]

First Friday Alert

- 8am Low Mass on Friday, September 4, 2026
- 6pm Low Mass with Devotions on Friday, September 4, 2026

First Saturday Alert

- 8am Low Mass on Saturday, September 5, 2026

TSG/COM Banquet

- Saturday, September 5, 2026

Holy Face League

- Sunday, September 6, 2026 before Noon Mass

Coffee Club

- Sunday, September 6, 2026 after Noon Mass

Children of Mary

The Congregation of the Children of Mary is open to girls ages 7-18. For more information, visit mychildrenofmary.com. For registration and meeting information about the St. Martin de Tours Circle, contact Jordan Hebert at 337-288-2242.

Epistle & Gospel

EPISTLE Galatians 5: 16-24 Brethren, walk in the spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lusts of the flesh: for the flesh lusts against the spirit, and the spirit against the flesh; for these are contrary one to another; so that you do not the things that you would. But if you are led by the spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are fornication, uncleanness, immodesty, luxury, idolatry, witchcrafts, enmities, contentions, emulations, wraths, quarrels, dissensions, sects, envies, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of which I foretell you, as I have foretold to you, that they who do such things, shall not obtain the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is charity, joy, peace, patience, benignity, goodness, longanimity, mildness, faith, modesty, continency, chastity. Against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified their flesh with the vices and concupiscences.

GOSPEL Matthew 6: 24-33 At that time Jesus said to His disciples: No man can serve two masters; for he will hate the one and love the other, or he will sustain the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. Therefore I say to you, be not solicitous for your life, what you shall eat, nor for your body, what you shall put on. Is not the life more than the meat, and the body more than the raiment? Behold the birds of the air; for they neither sow nor do they reap, nor gather into barns, and your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of much more value than they? And which of you, by taking thought, can add to his stature one cubit? And for raiment, why are you solicitous? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they labor not, neither do they spin: but I say to you, that not even Solomon in all his glory was arrayed as one of these. Now if God so clothe the grass of the field, which is today, and tomorrow is cast in the oven, how much more you, O ye of little faith! Be not solicitous therefore saying: What shall we eat, or what shall we drink, or wherewith shall we be clothed? for after all these things do the heathen seek. For your Father knows that you have need of all these things. Seek ye therefore first the kingdom of God, and His justice; and all these things shall be added unto you.



Women's Silent Retreat

MEDITATING ON
Mary Most Holy
October 1-4, 2026
with Father Jeffery Jambon

LAFAYETTE AREA
ST CHARLES COLLEGE
313 E MLK, GRAND COTEAU, LA 70541

New Price!

3-NIGHT STAY INCLUDING MEALS \$490/PERSON
4 Payments of \$135 each are being offered to help meet increased cost.
An initial payment of \$135 as a deposit and 3 subsequent payments over time. **You may pay balance at any time in between.**

IT'S TIME TO STEP BACK FROM THE WORLD AND REFRESH YOUR SPIRITUAL WELL BEING!
Cancellation: Refunds available until retreat start provided there is a waiting list.
After 8/1/26: Suggestions: You may find a substitute.
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Registration
Registration and payments are completed online at
[Retreat Registration LINK click here](#)
or type this  into your browser:
<https://www.gcetreats.org/father-jambon>
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Men's Silent Retreat

MEDITATING ON
Mary Most Holy
October 8-11, 2026
with Father Jeffery Jambon

LAFAYETTE AREA
ST CHARLES COLLEGE
313 E MLK, GRAND COTEAU, LA 70541

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August 18, 2026

The Honorable Todd Wallace Blanche
Attorney General of the United States
United States Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington DC 20530

Dear Attorney General Blanche:

We write as shepherds entrusted with the care of souls and with promoting the dignity of every human person. Guided by the Gospel, the Catholic Church's teaching that all life is sacred from conception to natural death, and concern for human dignity and care for the vulnerable, we continue to be concerned about issues surrounding the case of *Louisiana v. FDA*, presently pending in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

We express our concerns in regard to several issues. First, chemical abortions now account for almost two-thirds of abortions in the United States. The State of Louisiana has estimated in pleadings in the *Louisiana v. FDA* case that 870 chemical abortions occur each month.¹ That amounts to the deliberate death of more than 10,000 living humans each year in Louisiana.

Second, since Mifepristone was first approved twenty-five years ago, a growing body of research evidence has emerged indicating that when the drug is used to induce chemical abortion, not only does it end the lives of conceived, preborn children but it also poses significant dangers to mothers.² This danger is exacerbated as a result of the elimination of the requirement of in-person counseling by physicians prior to the use of chemical-induced abortions, which had included assessment of stages of pregnancy and whether a pregnancy is ectopic, as well as meaningful follow-up with physicians. This is exactly the issue pending in *Louisiana v. FDA*.

Medical decisions, particularly those that carry profound moral and physical consequences, are best made within relationships that foster trust, accountability, and the safeguarding of human dignity. Care that lacks meaningful encounter risks overlooking the full reality of each person's situation. While we would never condone a decision to use chemical abortion nor consider it authentic "care,"³ those who do still retain their own human dignity and should be treated as such.

¹State of Louisiana, "Plaintiffs' Appellants' Opening Brief," State of Louisiana et al v. FDA, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, 26-30203, filed June 15, 2026, pp. 1-2.

²See, e.g., study referenced in "Study: Rate of Serious or Life-Threatening Complications After Abortion Pill is 22 Times Higher Than FDA Claims," *Federalist*, April 28, 2025: "Approximately 10.9 percent of those claims, or 94,605 chemical abortions, involved potentially life-threatening 'serious adverse events' such as emergency room visits, hemorrhage, sepsis, infection, and/or follow-up surgeries for the women who had downed the abortion drug within the last 45 days."

³See May 4, 2026, letter to The Honorable Todd Blanche and The Honorable Martin A. Marikary, MD, from Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas, Bishop of Toledo, Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, footnote 4 in that letter: "FDA approval of mifepristone for abortion in 2000 used 'Subpart H,' an accelerated process intended for 'certain new drugs that . . . treat[] serious or life-threatening illnesses and that provide meaningful therapeutic benefit to patients over existing treatments (21 C.F.R. §§ 314.500 et seq.),' which was inappropriate both because pregnancy is not a serious illness and because chemical abortion has higher rates of complications than surgical abortions."

Third, as you know, the FDA is in the midst of a review of the safety of mifepristone for women. We urge you to do whatever you can in the middle of the pending lawsuits, including *Louisiana v. FDA*, to urge the FDA to expedite completion of its review as soon as possible. One of the underlying issues in *Louisiana v. FDA* is the pending review. A resolution of that – especially if confirming the dangers of using mifepristone to induce abortions – would possibly be helpful in resolving *Louisiana v. FDA* and any other pending, similar cases.

Fourth, an action that the DOJ can take immediately is to rescind the ill-advised Office of Legal Counsel memorandum of December 2022, "Application of the Comstock Act to the Mailing of Prescription Drugs That Can Be Used for Abortions," and to enforce the Comstock Act (18 U.S.C. §§ 1461, 1462). The language of these statutes is plain and clear. They prohibit the mailing or shipment by, for example, express delivery, of drugs or medicine designed or intended for abortion. The rescission of the memorandum is even more important given both the tenuous legality of mifepristone's approval in the first place and the ongoing, potential dangers to the health of pregnant mothers being studied by the FDA.

The Office of Legal Counsel's memorandum also undermines the laws of several states, including Louisiana, that prohibit abortion and/or the mailing of abortion-inducing drugs.

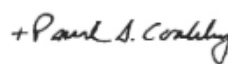
We offer these concerns in accord with the teaching of the Catholic Church that life is sacred from conception until natural death, in a spirit of pastoral concern for women, and with respect for the responsibilities entrusted to your office. Please be assured of our prayers as you consider these important matters, and of our continued commitment to supporting women, children, and families throughout Louisiana and the United States.

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
Archbishop of New Orleans

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend Paul S. Coakley
Archbishop of Oklahoma City
President, US Conference of Catholic Bishops