



## Torch Relay stops at two Diocesan churches

LAKE CHARLES – The annual relay, the International Run Carrera Antorcha Guadalupana Mexico-New York Torch Race, connecting Mexico and the United States made overnight stops at two churches in the Diocese of Lake Charles recently on its way from the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City to St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City for the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe Monday, Dec. 12.

Louisiana State Police accompanied the runners from the Texas-Louisiana state line and down U.S. 90, beginning the jaunt just west of Vinton. The runners carried the "sacred fire" through Vinton and Sulphur before turn-

ing north until reaching Burton Street and on into Westlake. Following a break, they were driven over the Calcasieu River Bridge to the Southwest Louisiana Visitors and Tourist Bureau where they were met by local runners, including four St. Louis Catholic High School students, who took part in the continuing relay down Lakeshore Drive to Broad Street to Eighth Avenue and St. Henry Catholic Church. Bishop Glen John Provost met the runners and blessed them and the large images they carried – Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Juan Diego, before he accompanied the images and the fire into the church for prayer.

Later in the evening, Msgr. Daniel Torres, V.G., celebrated Mass for the relay runners, their support personnel, and other Catholic faithful in St. Henry Church.

The next morning the runners continued their relay down Broad Street and to U.S. 90 for the day's journey through Iowa, Lacassine, Welsh, Roanoke and into Jennings for the second overnight stop at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Rev. Anthony Fontenot received the group and celebrated Mass that evening. The following day, the group was driven to the Diocese of Baton Rouge to continue the journey to New York.



**Father Keith Pellerin, left, pastor of St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church, and Father Whitney Miller, right, Director of Saint Charles Center, flank local artist Doug Smith and his work at the recent Art Show and Auction held in Tabor Retreat House. Saint Charles Center's Long Term Maintenance Fund and St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church's Building Fund will each receive slightly more than \$4,000 from the Auction. Smith donated original works, which were auctioned, and donated the funds realized from the sale of prints and note cards to the cause. Three original works – images of Blessed Mother Teresa, Blessed Pope John Paul II and The Wounded Hands of Christ - were auctioned. The Mother Teresa image went for the high bid of \$1,750 while Blessed John Paul's image went for \$1,000; and the Hands of Christ had a high bid of \$4,000. A portrait by the artist of a subject of the winning bidder's choosing brought \$625.**



**St. Louis Catholic High School athletes taking part in the Our Lady of Guadalupe Torch run are pictured with St. Louis chaplain, Father Scott Conner, center, at the start of the run through the streets of Lake Charles. Pictured, from left, are Alberto Maxwell V, Mickey Torres, Father Conner, Sarah Carpenter, and Sarah Booth.**

## Ecumenical Prayer Service Jan. 24

LAKE CHARLES – The Imperial Calcasieu Cadre of the Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem and the Diocese of Lake Charles sponsor the annual Ecumenical Service of Prayer for Christian Unity on Tuesday, January 24, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception be-

ginning at 6:30 p.m.

Rev. Karl Klaus of Saint Luke Simpson Methodist Church will offer the evening's message while Rev. Msgr. Daniel Torres, the Vicar General of the Diocese, will preside. The Cathedral organist and choir will provide the music.

The Imperial Calcasieu Cadre of the Military and

Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem is an ecumenical order of chivalry whose primary purpose is ecumenism, according to the Rev. Archimandrite Herbert J. May, the event's organizer.

A reception in Ave Maria Hall, located at the southeast corner of Kirby and Bilbo streets, will follow the service.

## "Come, Follow Me" Retreat Feb 3-5

BATON ROUGE -- "Come, Follow Me", a retreat for men 16 years and older discerning God's will in their lives, such as a vocation to the sacred priesthood, will be held Friday through Sunday, Feb. 3-5, 2012 at the Bishop Tracy Center in Baton Rouge.

For more information

on this annual retreat, sponsored jointly by the Dioceses of Lake Charles, Lafayette, and Baton Rouge, and/or to register, contact Rev. Marcus Johnson, Vocation Recruiter, Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 2031 Opelousas Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana 70601; by telephone at 337-436-

8093; or e-mail [marcus.johnson@lcdiocese.org](mailto:marcus.johnson@lcdiocese.org)

A registration form can be found and printed out at <http://live.lcdiocese.org/vocations/954-dates-for-qcome-follow-me-q-retreat-announced.html>. The form can then be returned to Father Johnson at the above mailing address.

## Christmas Mass Schedule for churches of the Diocese of Lake Charles

<b>Bell City</b> St. John Vianney (7120 Highway 14 E.) 4:00 p.m. (Eve); 9:30 a.m. (Day)	<b>Hackberry</b> St. Peter the Apostle (1210 Main Street) 4:00 p.m., 11:00 p.m. (Eve); 9:00 a.m., 2 p.m. (Extraordinary Form, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception) (Day)	<b>Christ the King</b> (7680 Gulf Highway) 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. (Eve); 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. (Day)	<b>Oberlin</b> St. Joan of Arc (110 W. 5th Avenue) 5:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m. (Eve); 9:00 a.m. (Day)
<b>Big Lake</b> St. Mary of the Lake (11054 Highway 384) 4:30 p.m. (Eve); 10:00 a.m. (Day)	<b>Iowa</b> St. Raphael (211 S. Thomson Avenue) 4:00 p.m. (Eve); 10:15 a.m. (Day)	<b>Immaculate Heart of Mary</b> (2031 Opelousas Street) 4:00 p.m., 12:00 Midnight (Eve); 10:00 a.m. (Day)	<b>Ragley</b> St. Pius X Chapel (16816 Highway 171) 7:00 p.m. (Eve); 8:30 a.m. (Day)
<b>Carlyss</b> St. Theresa of the Child Jesus (4822 Carlyss Drive) 4:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m. (Eve); 10:00 a.m. (Day)	<b>St. Peter Claver Chapel</b> (503 Second Street) 8:00 a.m. (Day)	<b>Our Lady of Good Counsel</b> (221 Aqua Drive) 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. (Eve); 9:00 a.m. (Day)	<b>Raymond</b> St. Lawrence (5505 Pine Island Highway) 6:00 p.m. (Eve); 7:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. (Day)
<b>Cameron</b> Our Lady Star of the Sea (135 Our Lady Road) 6:00 p.m. (Eve)	<b>Jennings</b> Immaculate Conception (705 S. Lake Arthur Avenue) 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. (Eve); 7:00 a.m. (Day)	<b>Our Lady Queen of Heaven</b> (3939 Lake Street) 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 12:00 Midnight (Eve); 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (Day)	<b>Sulphur</b> Immaculate Conception (2700 Maplewood Drive) 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. (Eve); 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (Day)
<b>Creole</b> Sacred Heart of Jesus (5250 West Creole Highway) 4:00 p.m. (Eve); 9:00 a.m. (Day)	<b>Our Lady Help of Christians</b> (710 N. State Street) 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 12 Midnight (Eve); 8:30 a.m. (Day)	<b>Sacred Heart of Jesus</b> (1102 Mill Street) 7:00 p.m. (Eve); 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (Day)	<b>Our Lady of LaSalette</b> (602 N. Claiborne Street) 4:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. (Eve); 9:00 a.m. (Day)
<b>DeQuincy</b> Our Lady of LaSalette (203 S. Grand Avenue) 12:00 Midnight (Eve); 10:00 a.m. (Day)	<b>Our Lady of Perpetual Help</b> (920 S. Broadway) 9:00 p.m. (Eve); 10:00 a.m. (Day)	<b>St. Henry</b> (1021 Eighth Avenue) 4:00 p.m., 6:45 p.m.; (Bi-lingual) (Eve); 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.; 12:30 p.m. (Spanish); 5:00 p.m. (Day)	<b>Our Lady of Prompt Succor</b> (1109 Cypress Street) 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 12:00 Midnight (Eve); 10:00 a.m. (Day)
<b>DeRidder</b> St. Joseph (1125 Blankenship Drive) 5:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m. (Eve); 9:00 a.m. (Day)	<b>Johnson Bayou</b> Our Lady of the Assumption Chapel at Community Center (5556 Highway 82) 11:00 a.m. (Day)	<b>St. Margaret of Scotland</b> (2500 Enterprise Boulevard) (NW Corner of Enterprise Boulevard & 17th Street) 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 8:30 p.m. (Eve); 7:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (Day)	<b>Sweetlake</b> St. Patrick Chapel (469 Highway 27) 8:00 a.m. (Day)
<b>Elizabeth</b> St. Frances of Rome Chapel (204 Poplar Street) 8:00 a.m. (Day)	<b>Kinder</b> St. Philip Neri (607 Fourth Avenue) 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. (Eve); 9:00 a.m. (Day)	<b>St. Martin de Porres</b> (5326 Elliott Road) 4:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m. (Eve); 8:00 a.m. (Day)	<b>Vinton</b> St. Joseph (1502 Industrial Street) 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. (Eve); 8:00 a.m. (Day)
<b>Elton</b> St. Joseph (209 N. Washington Street) 4:00 p.m. (Eve); 8:30 a.m. (Day)	<b>Lacassine</b> St. John the Evangelist Chapel (306 Ann Street) 4:00 p.m. (Eve); 7:00 a.m. (Day)	<b>St. Patrick Hospital Chapel</b> (524 Michael DeBakey Drive) 9:00 a.m. (Day)	<b>Westlake</b> St. John Bosco (1301 Sampson Street) 4:00 p.m. (Eve); 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (Day)
<b>St. Paul</b> (1100 St. Mary Street) 7:00 p.m. (Eve); 7:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (Day)	<b>Lake Arthur</b> Our Lady of the Lake (203 Commercial Avenue) 12:00 Midnight (Eve); 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (Day)	<b>LeBleu Settlement</b> St. Joseph Chapel (2110 Claude Hebert Road) 8:30 a.m. (Day)	<b>Welsh</b> Our Lady of Seven Dolours (209 N. Adams Street) 4:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. (Eve); 8:00 a.m. (Day)
<b>Fenton</b> St. Charles Borromeo (804 Third Avenue) 6:00 p.m. (Eve); 8:45 a.m. (Day)	<b>Lake Charles</b> Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (Corner of Kirby and Bilbo Streets) 4:00 p.m., 12:00 Midnight (Eve); 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 2 p.m. (Extraordinary Form) (Day)	<b>Moss Bluff</b> St. Theodore (785 Sam Houston Jones Parkway) 4:30 p.m., 12:00 Midnight (Eve); 9:00 a.m. (Day)	<b>St. Joseph</b> (310 N. Sarah Street) 10:00 a.m. (Day)
<b>Grand Chenier</b> St. Eugene (5035 Grand Chenier Highway) 5:30 p.m. (Eve); 8:30 a.m. (Day)		<b>Oakdale</b> Sacred Heart of Jesus (1208 E. 7th Avenue) 7:00 p.m. (Eve); 10:00 a.m. (Day)	

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Construction work continues on various projects in the Diocese of Lake Charles. At left, the new classroom addition to the Immaculate Conception Cathedral Catholic School appears close to completion while the footings, right, for the elevated Our Lady of the Assumption Chapel in Johnson Bayou have sprouted from the earth. Construction of the South Annex at ICCS seems to be on track for a mid-December completion and tentative plans call for a dedication during Catholic Schools Week in late January 2012. Most of the first floor of the annex is a new library/computer lab. A large portion of the second floor is a new art room. The first and second floors will provide four classrooms to aid with the school's current enrollment and allow the elimination of four temporary classrooms that have been on the campus for five years. The new Assumption Chapel, the last church building destroyed by Hurricane Ike to be rebuilt contains 3,612 square feet elevated 17 feet above sea level. The church will have stairs as well as an elevator to gain access and an anticipated completion in Spring 2012.

## Catholic Schools Notes

### St. Theodore's Holy Family Catholic School

Holy Family School celebrated the Blessing of Advent wreaths along with the St. Theodore Catholic Community on Wednesday, Nov. 30. Students continue to participate in various service projects throughout the month, including Operation Christmas Child, Soles for Souls, and Food Drive in support of less fortunate in our community. St. Nicholas Day was celebrated Tuesday, Dec. 6 and the National Geographic Bee is set for Thursday, Dec. 15.

### Saint Margaret of Scotland Catholic School

St. Margaret Catholic School ushered in the Advent season with a blessing of the Advent wreaths and Jesse trees for all classrooms. Daily lighting of the Advent wreaths and hanging of the symbols on the Jesse tree help the students to appreciate this time of waiting and anticipation.

The National Junior Honor Society and the National Junior Beta club held an induction on Dec. 8. Seventh and eighth grade students that display high moral character, academics, and service to others were invited to become members of these organizations. Acorns of Hope, sponsored by the LSU Ag Center, planted Oak trees on the campus on Nov. 17.

### Immaculate Conception Cathedral Catholic School

Immaculate Conception Cathedral School students will celebrate the Advent season with a special blessing on Wednesday, Dec. 14 and Monday, Dec. 19, beginning at 8 a.m. in the ICCS Gym. On Tuesday, Dec. 20, ICCS will hold its annual Christmas Music Program featuring grades Pre-Kindergarten through fifth and will include the Hand bell Choir. The musical will begin at 12:30 pm in the ICCS Gym and led by Deanna Kolde.

### Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School

Please join us as we light the Advent wreath during our service on Monday, Dec. 12 at 8 a.m. in the gym. The community is encouraged to come to our Joint Board meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Hear state-of-the-school information first hand! Topics include updates on committee goals, SACS, and school news. With the Advent Season here, we are reminded once again how fortunate we are. It is a perfect time for us to remember those in our community who need our help. OLI will collect unwrapped toys through Thursday, Dec. 15.

### Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School

OLQH School Fourth Annual Taste N Tell Celebrity/Amateur Chef Showcase, featuring Celebrity Chef and Emcee John Folse is Monday evening, Dec. 12 in OLQH Family Life Center Gym. For more information, or to purchase tickets, call the School at 477-7349 or email ljakel@olqhs.org. There will be limited seating available.

### Our Lady's Catholic School

Our Lady's School is preparing a taste-tempting cookbook featuring favorite recipes from members of our community. We would like to invite you to submit one or two of your favorite recipes so you and your parish can be represented in our memorable collection. Your name will be printed with each of your recipes. You can submit your recipe on a plain sheet of paper (typed or printed clearly in ink) along with a phone number in case we need to contact you and either drop off or mail to: Our Lady's School, Attention: Cookbook Committee at 1111 Cypress Street, Sulphur, LA 70663. Please let us know if you would like to reserve a copy of our cookbook for you. The cost will be approximately \$15 to \$18 each. For more information, please contact Sheri Yarbrough Development/Marketing Director at 527-7828. OLS students collected over 600 canned goods for the St. Vincent de Paul food drive.

### Sacred Heart of Jesus/St. Katharine Drexel Catholic School

The faculty, staff and student body of Sacred Heart/SKD was busy during November with many special school activities. The school held an Honors' Day program to celebrate the great successes of students who made Banner Roll, Honor Roll, Good Citizenship Awards and/or Most Improved Students. The school's Partner in Education, Home Health Care 2000, gave a big Pizza Party to all of the students who made Honor Roll and Banner Roll. The school Book Fair was held the week of Nov. 7-11. In conjunction with the Book Fair, the PTO Reading Night was held on Nov. 8. On Veterans Day, the school mass was celebrated paying homage to all veterans. Men and women of the military came dressed in their uniforms and two military Hummers were parked on the school campus for the students to discover and provide an opportunity to ask questions of the soldiers.

### St. Louis Catholic High School

St. Louis Catholic High School congratulates its fall athletes on a great season so far! The football team finished with a 6-5 record and won the District 4-4A title for the third year in a row. The boys swim team were District Champs for the first time and the volleyball team made it to the state finals in Division III, losing to Ursuline of New Orleans in the finals. The cross country team also went to State in Natchitoches finishing in ninth place, with one runner finishing in seventh place.

## Bishop Provost to lead Diocesan Pilgrimage to "Shrines of France"

(Read more at <http://live.lcdiocese.org/news/981-qshrines-of-france-qpilgrimage-with-bishop-provost.html>)

LAKE CHARLES – Bishop Glen John Provost will lead a 10-day diocesan pilgrimage to the "Shrines of France" next year. Scheduled for Monday, Oct. 29 through Wednesday, Nov. 7, pilgrims will visit religious sites of great importance to the Faith, including Lyon, Ars, Paray-le-Monial, Chartres, Mont-St. Michel,

Normandy, Lisieux, Paris, and Lourdes. The celebration of daily Mass

Bishop Provost noted that this journey is not simply a pilgrimage or trip, which happens to be led by a priest. It is a diocesan pilgrimage led by the Bishop.

"I see this diocesan pilgrimage as an act of thanksgiving, particularly to Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette, for the many graces received in the Diocese of

Lake Charles through their intercession." Bishop Provost said "It offers the pilgrims a tour of the holiest and most beautiful sites in Catholic France."

Call Fr. Ruben Buller at the Diocese of Lake Charles for more information – 337-439-7400.

The pilgrimage will include round-trip economy class via Air France: Houston/Paris/Lyon-Paris/Houston; round-trip economy class via

Air France: Lourdes/Paris/Lourdes; U.S. departure tax; customs user fee; security tax and all airport departure taxes; meeting and assistance upon departure from Houston Intercontinental Airport; eight (8) nights' accommodations, with private facilities, in twin rooms at superior or tourist class hotels throughout tour; and buffet breakfast and dinner daily, per itinerary.

## Prayer Service for Life Wednesday, Jan. 18

LAKE CHARLES – Bishop Glen John Provost will preside at a Prayer Service for Life on Wednesday, Jan. 18, beginning at 6 p.m. in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The recitation of the Rosary will begin the evening at 5:15 p.m.

The local pilgrims to the National March for Life in Washington, DC, will be recognized and the Bishop will pronounce his blessing on them and their journey for life. At the end of the service, a candlelight procession will move from the Cathedral to the Calcasieu Parish Courthouse for the Rally for Life at 7 p.m. The Diocesan offices of Pro Life and Youth and Young Adult Ministry jointly sponsor these annual local events.

This celebration of life remembers the more than

50,000,000 children killed through abortion since the Jan. 22, 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision on Roe v Wade, which made abortion legal in the United States.

Two buses with 72 pilgrims - youth, young adults and adults - from Lake Charles will join eight other buses from the Diocese of Baton Rouge and the Diocese of Jackson, Mississippi, on a six-day pilgrimage to Washington for the 39th Annual March for Life 2012 on Monday, Jan. 23. The Lake Charles pilgrims will leave early on the morning of Thursday, Jan. 19.

Numerous events are scheduled for the national rally, including March for Life Exhibit Hall on the main lobby level of the Hyatt Regency Hotel with hours of operation from noon to 4 p.m.

and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 21; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 22; and from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and approximately 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 23.

The March for Life Mini-Rally at the White House will be from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22, and will begin in Lafayette Park across the street from the White House.

The March for Life Rally on Monday, Jan. 23, will be

on the National Mall west of 8th Street near the Smithsonian Castle. The rally begins at noon, following its customary route up Constitution Avenue to the Supreme Court building on Capitol Hill.

In addition, there will be the National Prayer Vigil on Sunday, Jan. 22 and the Youth Rally and Mass for Life on Monday, Jan. 23.

The Lake Charles pilgrims will return on Tuesday, Jan. 24.

## Time growing short to join mission trip

LAKE CHARLES –The 2012 Abrazando Cristo mission trip to Nicaragua with Msgr. Daniel Torres will be Saturday, June 30 to Sunday, July 8, 2012 and the first 25 people to sign up and pay their deposit will have guaranteed spaces for the journey.

Cost of the trip is \$1,900 and information packets are available by contacting the office of Msgr. Torres, Vicar General for the Diocese of Lake Charles, at 337-439-7400, Ext. 220.

Last year Msgr. Torres led a group of 33 missionaries to

the Dioceses of Granada and Matagalpa. Over the years, the group has helped build St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Matagalpa, assisted the most needy in one of the poorest countries in Central America, and provided great assistance to the success of Asociación Pan y Amor, which operates several schools.

Msgr. Torres urges anyone interested in making this spiritual journey to act quickly. Time is of the essence, according to Msgr. Torres.

## Did you know...

The founding pastor of St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church, Msgr. George Bodin, has served the longest tenure of any pastor of the parish – 16 years – from 1945 until 1961. Msgr. Michael Benedict served the second longest – 10 years – from 1962 to 1972

In the years following the devastating fire of 1910, brick structures replaced the wooden buildings that had burned. A number of downtown Lake Charles buildings, including the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception were designed by a New Orleans architectural firm. Do you that firm's name and what other buildings it designed locally? Find out in the next Catholic Calendar.

## Diocesan Briefs.....

### Bishop gives thanks as Hurricane Season ends

LAKE CHARLES – The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, has requested that the priests of the Diocese to offer a Mass of Thanksgiving at the end of the 2011 Hurricane Season.

"This year's Hurricane Season was, for the most part, uneventful for us on the Louisiana Gulf coast," Bishop Provost said. "Every year we begin the season with a Mass to Avert Storms at the Shrine of Our Lady Star of the Sea in Cameron. "We also daily pray the Prayer for Safety in Hurricane Season," the Bishop continued. "I think it is only proper that if we pray to be protected from destructive weather, that we also offer thanks to God for having been protected."

### Forty Hours Devotion schedule

LAKE CHARLES – Forty Hours Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, praying for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and the religious life in the Diocese of Lake Charles, continues during December in churches of the Eastern Deanery.

The schedule in December concludes at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Raymond with adoration today, Dec. 9, until 5 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 10 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

January devotions will be in the Central Deanery: Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church on Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 9 and 10 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day; Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 11 and 12, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day; St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church joins with Christ the King Catholic Church, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, Jan. 17, 18, and 19, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. each day and on Friday, Jan. 20, from noon until

5 p.m. at Christ the King; St. Theodore Catholic Church in Moss Bluff from Monday, Jan. 23 at 6:15 a.m. to Tuesday, Jan. 24, at 10 p.m.; and St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Bell City on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, Jan. 25-27, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day.

### Christmas Office Hours

LAKE CHARLES – The offices of the Diocese of Lake Charles will be open Monday through Friday, Dec. 19 through Dec. 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. They will be closed the following week, Dec. 26-30, and reopen on Monday, Jan. 2 at 8:30 a.m.

### 2012 Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

LAKE CHARLES – Next year's dates in 2012 for Rachel's Vineyard Retreats in the Diocese of Lake Charles will be Friday through Sunday, Feb. 3-5 and July 27-29.

For information, call Rachel's Vineyard of Southwest Louisiana at 337-439-7400, Ext. 317 or e-mail [rachels.vineyard@lcdiocese.org](mailto:rachels.vineyard@lcdiocese.org).

### Bishop Provost to visit St. Margaret School

LAKE CHARLES – Bishop Glen John Provost will visit St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic School on Wednesday, Dec. 18, beginning at 10 a.m.

The Bishop will visit classrooms, providing an opportunity to interact with the school's students.

### Breakfast, luncheon with Bishop Provost

LAKE CHARLES – Bishop Glen John Provost will continue his presentation on the Gospel of St. Matthew at the Women's Prayer Luncheon on Tuesday, Jan. 10, in Ave Maria Hall of

the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception office complex, Kirby and Bilbo streets.

Women should send a check for \$10, payable to the Diocese of Lake Charles, to Ms. Esther Gallardo, 612 Alamo Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601, at least a week prior to the luncheon, to secure a spot. A stamped, self-addressed envelope should be included.

The next Men's Prayer Breakfast will be Friday, Jan. 13, at 7 a.m. in Ave Maria. Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral beginning at 6:30 a.m. Men should call 337-439-7400 to register.

### Holy Cross College schedule

LAKE CHARLES – Six courses will be offered by the Office of Religious Education of the Diocese of Lake Charles through Holy Cross College of New Orleans in the spring and summer of 2012. For information, contact Bobbie LeBlanc at 337-439-7400, Ext. 309 or at [bobbie.leblanc@lcdiocese.org](mailto:bobbie.leblanc@lcdiocese.org).

### Advent Mall Ministry continues

LAKE CHARLES -- The third weekend of Advent will see the continuation of the presence of the Diocese of Lake Charles in the Prien Lake Mall. Advent Mall Ministry, coordinated through the Office of Evangelization and Director Bernell Ezell, will have lay volunteers and clergy at Center Court, near the theater entrance and the Mall's customer service center during the hours the Mall is open.

Information about the Catholic faith, the Diocese and its ministries and programs as well as the ministries and programs of the Catholic churches in Southwest Louisiana will be available.