



# SAINT JOSEPH

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## DECEMBER 18, 2016 • FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### PARISH MINISTERS

Rev. William Schambough .....*Pastor*  
 Chenell Privat .....*Secretary to the Pastor*  
 Sandra Smith .....*Bookkeeper*  
 Eva Green .....*Coordinator of 1st-5th Grade Religion*  
 Kayla Robles...*Coordinator of 6th-11th Grade Religion*  
 Anna McKeon .....*Receptionist & SVDP*  
 Martha Landreneau .....*Safe Environment Coordinator*  
 Jude Gaspard .....*Music Director*

### SACRAMENTS

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday from 3:00–3:55 pm, 20 minutes before daily Mass and by appointment, (please call the office).

**BAPTISM:** Preparation for the sacrament is provided to parents held in the evenings. (See bulletin for time and place.) Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy, to avoid undue delays.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** For Anointing, death, or in case of an emergency please call the parish office.

**MARRIAGE:** Couples planning marriage are asked to contact the pastor or deacon at least six months before your proposed date.

### WELCOME, VISITORS.

We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to become registered with our Parish Family by completing our Parish Census Form, and returning it to the office on 208 E. Edith.

### CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST

Saturday:.....4:00 p.m.  
 Sunday: .....8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.  
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday:.... 6:30 a.m.  
 Thursday:.....6:00 p.m.  
 Holy Days:..... 6:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Pam Begnaud            Trista Littell  
 Bob Cole                Nicole Hebert  
 Dan Guidry  
 Steve LeMaire

### PARISH TRUSTEES

Linda Desormeaux  
 Robert Landry



**4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus." Joseph heard these prophetic words in a dream. They were words of anticipation, of what was to come. And in a sense, they ushered in a kind of Advent for Joseph. With this divine message, Joseph began a period of holy waiting. He now knew that the Messiah was going to be coming into his own home, and he had just nine months to prepare! We can only imagine how Joseph might have spent these precious days. Most likely he did more than prepare a physical home for his soon-to-be-born Son; he must have also used these days to prepare his heart, mind, and soul for such a tremendous mission.

Today, we stand in a position not all that different from St. Joseph. We also know that the Messiah will be arriving--not just in remembrance at Christmastime, but in reality at the second coming. But unlike Joseph, we don't have an exact timeframe. We don't know when Jesus will return. We just know that we need to be ready!

During the season of Advent we are challenged to recall this fact and strive to get our hearts in order. The days are short now until Christmas, and for all we know they might be short until Christ's return as well. What remains to be done? Aside from wrapping presents and planning parties, where do we yet need to tidy up our habits to properly celebrate the real meaning of this festive season? How can we make sure that we don't get swept away in the external preparations, forgetting the work that needs to be done in the invisible silence of our souls?

God may not speak to all of us directly in our dreams, but he does speak to us clearly through his word. May we recognize today the mission he has laid before us.

***Please Pray For The Sick***

- Lisa Landry Cindy Stelly Brad Richard Joe Credeur
- Gracie Broussard Judith Gill Wilda Bares
- Meyer Moore Ellie Rose Prejean Gunner Breaux
- Lucy Broussard Chase Conway Stoute Trisha Doucet
- Janie Bordeaux Norval Knapp Brennen Albert
- Margie Decou Beridon Susan Vincent Eura V. Simon
- Joyce Comeaux Grace Credeur Evelyn Landry
- James Benoit Dolores Benoit Kathryn & Kat Trahan
- Diane Johnson Bobby Trahan Charlie Harrington
- Betty Thibodeaux Rudolph Fabre Mary Hebert
- Kim Vincent Annette Pruitt Jeanne Simon

**Our Gift Back to God**

Offertory .....	\$ 9,718.12
Mailed or Dropped off in Office .....	+ 1,345.00
Total (December 11th) .....	\$11,063.12
Weekly Goal .....	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus Our Goal .....	\$ -936.88
Retired Religious Fund .....	\$ 2,098.68
Immaculate Conception .....	\$ 1,327.18

**Thank You!**

**Next Week's Second Collection**

Family Life Ministry

When he discovered that Mary was with child, Joseph resolved to end their engagement with as little disgrace as possible. But obedient to the voice of God, he changed those plans and became instead the protector of the child Jesus and His mother Mary. God grant that I may be as open to the leading of the Holy Spirit!

Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." - Lk 1:41b-42

***Mass Intention***

**Weekend of December 17th & 18th, 2016**  
**Sat. 4 p.m., Sun. 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. for the intentions listed,**  
**Sun. 10:30 a.m. for our parish (Pro Populo)**

Lewis & Maude Picard, M/M Theodule Baudoin & Family, Zachary Esters, Louis Theo Bares & Family, Tessie & Loyd Viator (Anniv.'s), Patricia Smith, Ryan Viator, Beulah Toups, Joanna C. & Sandra M. Hebert (Sandra 29th Anniv.), Maxine & Randy Romero, Becky H. Wooten, Linda Kimball, Geri Morvant & Family, Preston Venable & Jacob Theriot, Zachary Tucker, Joseph & Valerie Broussard & Family, All Souls, M/M Maxie Duhon, Eugene Broussard, Sherrie Bacilla

***Weekday Masses***

Monday 19	All Souls
Tuesday 20	All Souls, First Responders & Those Serving in our Armed Forces
Wednesday 21	All Souls
Thursday 22	May Grace Duhon, All Souls
Friday 23	All Souls

***Sanctuary Candle***

May Grace Duhon  
 M/M Ophe Broussard  
 Adolphe & Miller Broussard



**Holiday Mass Schedule**

**The Feast of Christmas**

**Christmas Eve**

Saturday, December 24th  
4:00 & 6:00 p.m.

**Christmas Day**

Sunday, December 25th  
8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

**(NO 5:00 p.m. Mass Christmas Day)**

**Merry Christmas!!**

**The Light is on for You!**  
Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesdays, during Advent. Fr. Schambough will be in the Confessional from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on **December 21st.**



**St. Joseph's Christmas Concert**  
St. Joseph's Adult Choir and members of the North Vermilion High School Band will present a Christmas Concert at St. Joseph's on Monday, **December 19th** at 6:30 p.m. Join us for this special event and enjoy beautiful music that will help you reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.



**The Parish Office Closed** The office will be closed on **Thursday (22nd), Friday (23rd) and Monday (26th)** for the Christmas Holiday. Wishing all of you a safe and Merry Christmas!

**The Next Baptism Seminar** will be held on Thursday, **January 12th**, at 6:30 p.m. in Church. Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy to avoid undue delays.

**Events This Week**

- Mon. (19th):** No CCD  
Christmas Concert  
6:30 p.m. (Church)
- Tues. (20th):** No CCD  
Choir Practice
- Wed. (21st):** No CCD  
**The Light is on For You!**  
**6:30-8:00 p.m. (Church)**
- Thurs. (22nd):** No Events Scheduled  
Parish Office Closed
- Fri. (23rd):** No Events Scheduled  
Parish Office Closed
- Sat. (24th):** Christmas Eve  
Masses: **4:00 & 6:00 p.m.**
- Sun. (25th):** Christmas Day  
Masses: **8:00 & 10:30 a.m. (NO 5:00 p.m. Mass)**

**Runnin' Revs vs. Slammin' Sems Basketball Game** Come cheer on your favorite team when the Lafayette Diocesan Priests battle the Diocese Seminarians on Monday, **December 19th**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Cathedral-Carmel Gym, 848 St. John Street, for their 11th annual basketball game. Sponsored this year by the Lafayette Knights of Columbus Council 1286, this always popular, fun-filled, family event helps promote and support priestly and religious vocations. Admission is \$5 per adult and \$1 for those under 18. Concessions will be available.

**United Blood Services** The Bloodmobile will be at St. Joseph Church on **January 8th**, from 8:30 a.m. till 12:00 noon.

**Pope Francis Prayer Intentions Universal:** *That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over. Evangelization:* *That the people of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.*

**The Next Rosary Making Class** will be held on Monday, **January 30th**, from 1:30-3:00 p.m. in the Life Center. Call Pat at 856-4648 for more information.

**Icon Painting** Learn the ancient art of icon painting in the Russian-Byzantine style. The Saint Luke Guild is in its fourth year and is now accepting applications for 2017. The class objective is completion of one icon, provided attendance for the full five (5) weekends. Classes begin in January, at St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Church in Abbeville, and meet once monthly, for five weekends in total. For more information and a registration brochure and schedule, you may contact Christine Daunis at [christinedaunis@yahoo.com](mailto:christinedaunis@yahoo.com) or (225) 252-3090.

**Word of Life:** "Help one another: This is what Jesus teaches us and this is what I am doing, and doing with all my heart." *For expectant mothers and fathers who are afraid: May God provide for their every need and bless them with peace.*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71/Lk 1:5-25
- Tuesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24/Lk 1:26-38
- Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33/Lk 1:39-45
- Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2/Lk 1:46-56
- Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25/Lk 1:57-66
- Saturday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89/Lk 1:67-79

**Next Sunday's Readings**

- Isaiah 52:7-10
- Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6
- Hebrews 1:1-6
- John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14



**Remember Me Support Group**

Remember Me is a faith-based support group for caregivers, family, and friends of individuals who are coping with dementia/Alzheimer's. No cost or registration is necessary; those who are in need of support are simply invited to come and share ideas and resources with one another. The group will meet Monday, **December 19th**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Ministries Building of St. Elizabeth Seton (610 Raintree Trail). For more information call 234-1483.

**Theology of the Body Level II**

Will consists of 8, 60 minute videos narrated by Christopher West and moderated by Adele Guillot, MA Theology. It is an Evangelization Tool and the Theological foundation of the Culture of Life with the family at its center. Along with the videos, the participants will use the accompanying workbook to better synthesize the teachings "Theology of the Body"- Level II. Must be 18 years of age or older. There is no charge for classes, \$20.00 per workbook. It will be held at the Immaculata Center, 1408 Carmel Drive, John XXIII Meeting Room. Dates: **January 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th and February 1st, 8th, 17th & 22nd** from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Please register by calling 261-5607 or for questions email Adele at [maguillot27@gmail.com](mailto:maguillot27@gmail.com).

**Mount Carmel School** On-line applications for all new students for the 2017-18 School Year, Monday, **January 9th**, at 8:00 a . m . E - m a i l [mmencil@mceschool.com](mailto:mmencil@mceschool.com) or visit the web site: <http://www.mceschool.org>.

*"A priest is not a priest for himself, he is a priest for you." - Cure of Ars*

**Please Pray for Our Priest:**  
 Rev. Ambrose Akalawu, CSSp  
 Rev. Alexander Albert  
 Msgr. Robert Angelle  
 Rev. Chester Arceneaux, VF  
 Rev. Michael Arnaud  
 Rev. Edward Arroyo, SJ  
 Rev. Gnanavoli Arulsamy, SVD

**Join us for Christ in the City!**

Christ in the City in an evening of adoration, confession, reflection, and fellowship for young adults, 20s and 30s. It is held at St. Mary Mother of God Church, Doucet Road, on the first Thursday of the Month at 7:00 p.m.

**Food for the Journey** Due to the early date of the first Tuesday of January 2017, the January session of "Food for the Journey" will not be held. Our February session of "Food for the Journey" is scheduled for Tuesday, **February 7th**. Information on the February session will be forthcoming. Thank you for your understanding!



**Icon Workshop/Retreat** The Diocese of Lafayette Office of Worship is sponsoring a week-long residential icon painting workshop at the Jesuit Spirituality Center in Grand Coteau, from **January 30th** through **February 5th**. Instructor is Dmitri Andreyev of the Porsopon School of Iconology. Participants will leave with a completed icon of St. Michael the Archangel, Leader of the Heavenly Hosts. Cost is \$1,230.00 and includes room and board for the week, 36 hours of painting instruction, and all art supplies. For more information, please contact Faye Drobnic at [fdrobnic@diolaf.org](mailto:fdrobnic@diolaf.org) or call 261-5554.



*Thought of the Week* Those whose hearts are pure are the temples of the Holy Spirit.

**Liturgical Ministers December 24th & 25th, 2016**  
**Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, & Servers**  
 We ask all ministers to please be there **15 minutes before Mass**. Sacristans, please be there 30 to 45 minutes before Mass. Please call for a replacement if unable to make your scheduled time.

**Saturday, December 24, 4:00 p.m.**  
**Sacristan:** Cyndi Miller  
**Lectors:** Cyndi Miller, Dan LaPointe  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Tanya Wilson, Lisa LeBlanc, Ricky Broussard, Natalie Hildago, Wally Broussard, Sylvia Broussard, Sarah Gary  
**Altar Servers:** Tucker Styles, Sarah Styles, Kyle Wiget

**Saturday, December 24th, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Sacristan:** Mary Landry  
**Lectors:** Emilie Boudreaux, Tarrah Davis  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Darlene Russell, Victoria Fouquier, Ali Zeringue, Ouida Roy, Mary Landry, Kenney Darbonne, Renee Darbonne  
**Altar Servers:** Tyler Boudreaux, Kennedy Davis, William Davis

**Sunday, December 25th, 8:00 a.m.**  
**Sacristan:** Sue & Doug Duhon  
**Lectors:** Robert Cole, Judy Cole  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Liz Lanier, Vance Lanier, Gwen Miller, Sue Duhon, Doug Duhon, Jeron Lafarque, Trista Littell  
**Altar Servers:** Madison Marullo, Morgan Marullo, Emily Landry

**Sunday, December 25th, 10:30 a.m.**  
**Sacristan:** Dan Guidry  
**Lectors:** Dina Segura, Randy Blanchard  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Dan Guidry, Bubba LaFleur, Missy Francois, Angeliq Latiolais, Earline Blanchard, Pam Begnaud, Wayne Begnaud  
**Altar Servers:** Joseph Creamer, Elizabeth Roy, Austin Ward