



SAINT JOSEPH

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DECEMBER 16, 2018 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PARISH MINISTERS

Rev. William Schambough*Pastor*
Deacon Keith Duhon*Deacon*
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Sandra Smith*Bookkeeper*
Eva Green*Coordinator of 1st-11th Grade Religion*
Celeste Fortier.....*Safe Environment Coordinator*
John Buroker*Choir 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.

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.

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.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

PARISH TRUSTEES

Linda Desormeaux
Robert Landry



3rd Sunday of Advent

In Christianity, we hear often about the "Good News." We might often associate it with Jesus' compassion to the poor, his healings and miracles, and the salvation he won for us. In today's Gospel, we read of John the Baptist. "Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people." Yet as we examine the rest of the reading, we see examples of John's preaching. If you have two cloaks, give one away. Don't cheat others out of their money, extort, or lie. And, of course, the warning that the Messiah is on the move and "his winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Merry Christmas?

Not only do John's listeners enjoy his message, but they seem to think he might be the awaited Messiah! To understand today's Gospel, it's important to understand the Jewish people. For most of their history, God's chosen people had been under someone else's heel. They were slaves in Egypt. Their kingdoms were ravaged first by the Assyrians, then the Babylonians. Now they were under the yoke of the Roman Empire. Familiar with being strangers in a strange land, welcoming the stranger, caring for the vulnerable, and enacting justice was incredibly important to them as a people. While John's words may seem odd or strong to our modern ears, this call to justice was welcome, even if it was directed at the hearer.

The truth is, no one is exempt from John's call to repentance. We all have further to go in the Christian life. We can all grow in virtue and love our neighbors more generously. The Church gives us the Advent season to examine our own hearts. Did any of John's warnings resonate with you? That could be a great thing to bring to Jesus this week!

Please Pray For The Sick

- Gracie Broussard Meyer Moore Wilmer Landry
- Lucy Broussard Chase Conway Stoute Trisha Doucet
- Norval Knapp Brennen Albert Dina Broussard
- Susan Vincent Gunner Breaux Hunter Henry
- Joyce Comeaux James Benoit Joe Daigle
- Diane Johnson Dolores Benoit Kathryn Trahan
- Bobby Trahan Charlie Harrington Kathleen Blanco
- Betty Thibodeaux Rudolph Fabre Kim Vincent
- Luby Landry Lilly Mae Romero Enola G. Bernard
- Mary Belle Broussard Judy Touchet Karen Hebert
- Bernice Breaux Mary Trahan Raywood Decou

Our Gift Back to God

Offertory	\$11,842.11
Mailed/Dropped in Office	+ 1,550.00
Total (December 9th)	\$13,392.11
Weekly Goal	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus our Goal	\$+1,392.11
Immaculate Conception	\$ 1,729.00
Retirement for Religious	\$ 2,349.75

Thank You!

Today's Gospel provides a blueprint for good stewardship: "Let the man who has two coats give to him who has none. The man who has food should do the same."

The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus." - Lk 1:30-31

Mass Intention

Weekend of December 15th & 16th, 2018
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)

Garrett Baudoin, Zachary Tucker, Ryan Viator, Lewis & Maude Picard, Drew Eschete, Mary P. Meche, Eugene Broussard, Grace B. Credeur, Wilda & Louis Theo Bares, Jacob Theriot, Norris & Leline Gerard & Family, Preston Venable, Pierre Long Hebert, Lindsey Burley, Willis Morvant, Carla Hebert Leger, M/M Lee Begnaud (Living), M/M William Miller, Loyd & Tessie Viator, Ronald Joseph Romero (Birthday), Percy & Ophelia Rabalais (Her Birthday)

Weekday Masses

- Monday 17 Roland Louviere (Anniversary)
- Tuesday 18 First Responders and those Serving in our Armed Forces
- Wednesday 19 Vocations to the Priesthood
- Thursday 20 Lester David (2nd Anniversary)
- Friday 21 St. Joseph Community

Sanctuary Candle

Curtis J. Decou & Family
 M/M J. M. Delcambre
 Gayle Stoute





Holiday Mass Schedule

The Feast of Christmas

Christmas Eve

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

Christmas Day

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

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

Merry Christmas!!

The Ladies Altar Society Rosary Group will have their Christmas Social on Monday, **December 17th** at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Judy Cole.

The Light is On For You On Wednesday, **December 19th**, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. St. Joseph Church and all the parishes of the Diocese of Lafayette will be open for individual confession. Please make plans to come on Advent Wednesdays and spread the word of this special outreach of mercy to those you know.

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Events This Week

- Mon. (10th):** 3rd, 4th & 5th CCD
- Tues. (11th):** Rosary Making Ministry
1-2:00 p.m. (Church)
Elderberries Social
9:30-12:00 Noon
Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.
- Wed. (12th):** 1st & 2nd Grade CCD
- Thurs. (13th):** Pro-Life Rosary
6:30 p.m.
- Fri. (14th):** Parish Office Closed
- Sat. (15th):** No Events Scheduled
- Sun. (16th):** 9th, 10th & 11th Grade
CCD

The Knights of Columbus will have their Christmas Social on Friday, **December 28th** in the Life Center at 7:00 p.m.



St. Joseph Website Please visit our Parish Website at www.stjo-milton.org. You will find lots of great information from calendars of current and upcoming events, religious ed registration forms, census forms, bulletins, and much more. This is a great way to stay informed!

The Next Baptism Seminar will be held on Thursday, **January 10th, 2019** at 6:30 p.m. in Church. Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy in order to avoid delays.

Word of Life “In 1531, when the indigenous peoples of Mexico were subjugated and the practice of human sacrifice was still a recent memory, the Mother of God appeared to St. Juan Diego as a pregnant native woman, now known as Our Lady of Guadalupe. She sent him with miraculous flowers in his cloak to tell the bishop to build a church where people could receive her Son and her loving, tender care. When St. Juan Diego opened the cloak before the bishop, an image of Our Lady was revealed that remains to this day. The chapel was quickly built, millions embraced Christianity, and the Church increased its protection of the indigenous people.” *For unborn children: That by the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, their human dignity will be recognized, respected, and protected by all from the moment of conception.*



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
- Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
- Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
- Thursday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38
- Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
- Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56

Next Sunday's Readings

- Micah 5:1-4a
- Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
- Hebrews 10:5-10
- Luke 1:39-45

Runnin' Revs vs. Slammin' Sems Basketball Game Tuesday, **December 18th.** Join us as the Runnin' Revs take on the Slammin' Sems in the 13th Annual basketball game between the Lafayette Diocese priests and seminarians. This popular, fun-filled, family event helps promote and support priestly and religious vocations. Tip-off is at 6:30 p.m. at Cathedral-Carmel School Gymnasium, 848 St. John Street, Lafayette. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children. Concessions will be available for sale. Join us to see who will win this year! Hope to see you there!

Mass For The Homebound Every Sunday St. Mary Parish in Lafayette is "steaming" their Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass. The homebound, as well as residents in assisted living facilities and nursing homes can watch the Mass "live" at 8:00 a.m. on Sundays or watch the video recording of the Mass any time on Sunday or during the rest of the week. Go to www.stmarych.com/live. Please help pass the word to those who might benefit by this ministry.

March for Life The Knights of Columbus Council 7557 will sponsor a Pro-Life Walk on Saturday, **January 12th** at 8:30 a.m. We will begin with a presentation inside Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Broussard by Sarah Bergeron followed by a blessing from Fr. Kyle White. We will march through Broussard to St. Joseph Church and then return to the Parish Life Center. The Rosary for life will be prayed. Refreshments will be served after the walk.



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

Please Pray for Our Priest:
 Rev. Oneil Landry
 Rev. Charles Langlois
 Rev. Msgr. H. A. Larroque, JCD
 Rev. Korey LaVergne
 Rev. Bernard Lebiez, OSB
 Rev. Clyde LeBlanc, SJ
 Rev. Steven LeBlanc

Religious give thanks "This money is pure gift," writes a religious sister of the support made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. "It enables us to continue providing care for our elderly sisters." Your gift to last week's collection helps hundreds of religious communities meet pressing retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Thank you for your generosity!



Bearing Our Sacred Mysteries: A Journey with our Mother with Robin Hebert Our own joyful, sorrowful and glorious mysteries have much to teach us about our spiritual journey, about bearing tenderly our unanswered questions, our deepfelt sufferings, our call to witness Christ's love in the world. Let us look to Mary, our Mother, for the clarity, wisdom and courage we need as women to ponder our lives and explore the new life to which the Lord is calling us. This is a deeply contemplative retreat. It will be held at the Jesuit Spirituality Center, Grand Coteau, **January 17th-20th.** The fee is \$290.00. For more information or to register call 662-5251 or visit JesuitspiritualityCenter.org/2019-Retreat.

Thought of the Week The greater your knowledge of the goodness and grace of God on your life, the more likely you are to praise Him in the storm.

Liturgical Ministers December 22nd & 23rd 2018
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 22nd, 4:00 p.m.
Sacristan: Judy Touchet
Lectors: Beth Viator, Dana Carter
Eucharistic Ministers: Ashton Mouton, Gene Mouton, Sherry Kenner
Altar Servers: Tucker Styles, Abigail Stacks

Sunday, December 23rd, 8:00 a.m.
Sacristan: Morgan & Curlis Savoy
Lectors: Toddy Guidry, Trish Marullo
Eucharistic Ministers: Janice Bourque, Liz Lanier, Vance Lanier, Morgan Savoy, Curlis Savoy, Mable Chaisson, Dale Kelly
Altar Servers: Emma Begnaud, Karly Segura

Sunday, December 23rd, 10:30 a.m.
Sacristan: Dan Guidry
Lectors: Pam Burley, Mary Ann Hebert
Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Keith Duhon, Raymond Romero, Mary Ann Romero, Kim Sonnier, Vickie Jacques, Lisa LeBlanc, Dan Guidry
Altar Servers: Jaylon Etienne, Javon Etienne, Jayden Etienne

Sunday, December 23rd, 5:00 p.m.
Sacristan: Natalie Hidalgo
Lectors: Natalie Hidalgo, Margaret Greene
Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Keith Duhon, Mary Richard, Victoria Fouquier, Troy Boudreaux, Abby Knickerbocker, Paul Guillot, Michelle Guillot
Altar Servers: Randall Greene, Konnor Benoit