



SAINT JOSEPH

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MARCH 24, 2019 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

PARISH MINISTERS

- Rev. William Schambough*Pastor*
- Deacon Keith Duhon*Deacon*
- Chenell Privat*Secretary to the Pastor*
- 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.

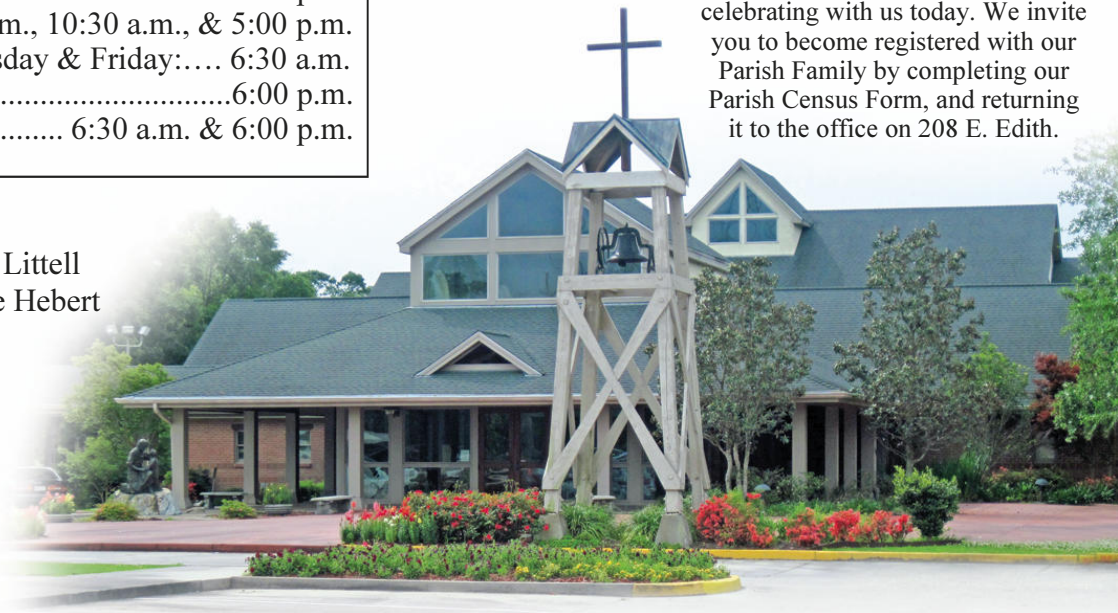
We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to become registered with our Parish Family by completing our Parish Census Form, and returning it to the office on 208 E. Edith.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

PARISH TRUSTEES

- Linda Desormeaux
- Robert Landry

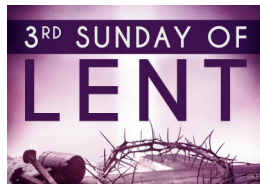


3rd Sunday of Lent

"There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it [he] found none." We live in a results-driven society. It can be easy to put pressure on ourselves to succeed. If we're not keeping up with the perceived "good life" of those around us, we feel anxious and disappointed. Some of the Gospel stories about fruitfulness can seem to play out in this fashion. "For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down." The message seems to be clear. Abide in God and bear fruit! Stand apart from God and be barren. But what happens when we're trying, but the growth we wanted doesn't seem to be coming our way? What if it feels like life just isn't bearing fruit?

This Sunday, Jesus gives us a sign of hope. "[The gardener] said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also it may bear fruit in the future.'" How quick we can be to judge! Perhaps you started out Lent with high hopes and big ideas for getting closer to God. Maybe things haven't gone exactly like you thought. It can be easy to lose patience with our failures or slow growth. We shouldn't be too quick to assume that God has given up on us. He hasn't.

The same ideas apply to those around us. Perhaps we're the planter of the fig tree. We expect a certain amount of growth from someone in our life, and they just aren't measuring up. Let today's Gospel be a gentle nudge for mercy. As Lent continues to unfold, be patient with yourself and those around you. Wait for God to provide the growth.



Please Pray For The Sick

- Norval Knapp Brennen Albert Joe Daigle
- Susan Vincent Gunner Breaux Wilmer Landry
- Joyce Comeaux James Benoit Diane Johnson
- Dolores Benoit Kathryn Trahan Bobby Trahan
- Charlie Harrington Kathleen Blanco Kim Vincent
- Betty Thibodeaux Rudolph Fabre Luby Landry
- Lilly Mae Romero Enola G. Bernard Bernice Breaux
- Mary Belle Broussard Raywood Decou Mary Trahan
- Virginia Lynn Burroughs

Our Gift Back to God

Offertory	\$12,380.44
Mailed/Dropped in Office	+ 508.00
Total (March 17th)	\$12,888.44
Weekly Goal	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus our Goal	\$ + 888.44
March 10th Collection	\$12,680.03
Ash Wednesday	\$ 2,282.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 974.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$ 2,073.00
Aid to Eastern Europe	\$ 1,737.97

Thank You!

This Week's Second Collection
Catholic Relief Services

Next Week's Second Collection
Religious Education

When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, He opened the door for a life-changing relationship with Him. Scripture says her testimony drew many others to Him as well. We, too, must be ready to respond whenever and wherever the Lord speaks to us and be prepared for it to change our lives!

The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people, "Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?" - Jn 4:28-29

Mass Intention

Weekend of March 23rd & 24th, 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)

Frank Richard, Eugene Broussard, John Carroll Richard, Parker Lavern McLean (Birthday), Frank L. & Lavern McLean Boudreaux (Her Birthday), George O. Viator, Felix & Ronnie Begnaud (Living), Zachary Esters (Birthday), Ron Bourque (Anniv.), Pray for all Priests, Ryan Viator, M/M Rawley Bernard (Her Anniv.), Evelyn B. Landry, Pierre Long Hebert, Zelda Fromenthal, M/M Deussard Baudoin, Shawn Romero, Zachary Hebert, John The Baptist, Preston Venable, Willis & Geri Morvant, Mary P. Meche, Jacob Theriot, Wilda & Louis Theo Bares

Weekday Masses

- Monday 25 Leonard Stevens (Three Months)
- Tuesday 26 First Responders and Those Serving in our Armed Forces
- Wednesday 27 Ryan Rabalais (Birthday)
- Thursday 28 Drew Anthony Boudreaux (Birthday), Sostane & Stanley Broussard & Family (Stanley's Anniversary)
- Friday 29 St. Joseph Community

Sanctuary Candle

Mary P. Meche (Birthday)

Lent

Way of the Cross

(Every Thursday during Lent)
6:30 p.m.

Consider Daily Mass as part of your Lenten observance. Mass times are as follows:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday:
6:30 a.m.

Thursday:
6:00 p.m.

Confessions: 20 minutes before daily Mass, Saturday from 3:00 -3:50 p.m. as well as by appointment.

The Knights of Columbus will have their next meeting on Thursday, **March 28th**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Life Center.

First Saturday Adoration Please join us for the Rosary beginning at 8:00 a.m. with Mass at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, **April 6th**.

“Hit the Road with Hospice of Acadiana” Raffle Hospice of Acadiana, Acadiana’s ONLY non-profit hospice, is holding its Annual “Hit the Road with Hospice” Raffle. Your \$20 ticket purchase gives you a chance to win a car, travel camper or trip and will assist us in providing the best in care for our patients and their families, continuing to provide care for the indigent, serve those in need and offer services such as FREE individual and group Grief Counseling, Mission Moments and much more. To learn more about our services, or to purchase a ticket, please call 232-1234 or visit www.hospiceacadiana.com.

St. Anne’s Knights of Columbus will sell fried fish dinners during Lent though the Friday before Good Friday (April 12th). Dinners are \$8.00 each. Pick up at the K. C. Hall on Hwy. 92 on Fridays from 5:00-7:00 p.m.



Events This Week

- Mon. (25th):** 3rd, 4th & 5th CCD (Last Class)
- Tues. (26th):** Rosary Making 1:00 p.m. (Church)
Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.
- Wed. (27th):** 1st & 2nd CCD
Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
- Thurs. (28th):** **Way of the Cross** 6:30 p.m.
Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- Fri. (29th):** Parish Office Closed
- Sat. (30th):** First Communion Retreat 9:00-12:00 (Life Center)
- Sun. (31st):** No Events Scheduled

The Next Baptism Seminar will be held on Thursday, **April 11th**, at 6:30 p.m. in Church. Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy to avoid undue delays.

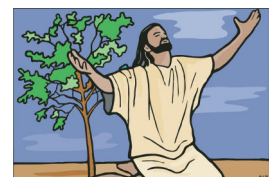
Word of Life “Ira Byock, a hospice medical director, illustrates in his book *The 4 Most Important Things* how saying ‘I love you,’ ‘I’m sorry,’ ‘I forgive you,’ and ‘Thank you’ can promote much-needed healing during the dying process. You can help ensure a peaceful transition for your loved one by facilitating opportunities for reconciliation with others and for mutual expressions of love and gratitude.” *For all Christians: May we live out our baptismal call to proclaim the Gospel and be messengers of God’s love for every human life.*



The First Communion Retreat will be held on Saturday, **March 30th** from 9:00-12:00 noon in the Life Center.

First Communion will be celebrated on Saturday, **April 6th** at 10:00 a.m. at the Church.

2019/20 Religious Education Registration is now being accepted for all grades for this coming year’s CCD classes. Forms were sent home with students currently attending religious ed. For those students beginning 1st grade in the fall, or if you are a new student, you may print out a form online at www.stjo-milton.org or you may pick one up at the Rectory. Limited spaces are available and we have a new deadline this year which will be **MAY 31, 2019!!**

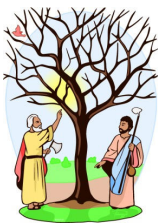


READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8b-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23
- Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday’s Readings

- Joshua 5:9a, 10-12
- Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
- 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
- Luke 15:1-2, 11-32



Our Personal Conversation with God A Three-night Lenten Mission on Prayer will feature Bishop Provost preaching on “Our Personal Conversation with God.” It will be held at St. Peter Catholic Church in New Iberia, 108 E. St. Peter Street, beginning on Sunday, **March 31st** through Tuesday, **April 2nd** at 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Mission with Fr. Dave Pivonka What happens to your life when peace, clarity, and truth are hard to find? Could prayer make a difference? What would it look like if we prayed with the Holy Spirit? Join us **April 1st, 2nd & 3rd** at Sacred Heart in Broussard at 5:30 p.m.: meal and community in the Parish Life Center 6:00-7:30 p.m.: presentation in the Church. Childcare provided for children under six.

A Day of Prayer for Women at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House. “From Adam to Christ to The People of God”. Presented by Fr. Joe Tetlow on Tuesday, **April 2nd** beginning at 8:30 a.m. and concluding with Mass at 2:15 p.m. Cost is \$25.00 and pre-registration is required. Visit us online at www.ourladyoftheoaks.com. Call 662-5410 for more information.

Thought of the Week *Anyone can become angry - that is easy; but to be angry with the right person, to the right degree, at the right time, for the right purpose, and in the right way - that is not easy.*



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

Please Pray for Our Priest:
 Rev. Harold Trahan
 Rev. Joseph Sai Tran, SVD
 Rev. Eugene Tremie
 Rev. Stephen Ugwu
 Rev. Gregory Usselmann, LC
 Rev. Jason Vidrine
 Rev. Richard Vidrine

Mass For The Homebound
 Every Sunday St. Mary Parish in Lafayette is “streaming” 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. St. Mary is one of the few parishes in our Deanery which can both record a high definition video of the Sunday Mass and show it “live” on their website.



“Come and See” Weekend at St. Bens Thought about the priesthood lately? Been on your mind? Come and see what God has to say about it. St. Joseph Seminary College in St. Benedict, Louisiana is hosting a “Come and See” weekend vocation retreat, **April 12th-14th**. The weekend, open to young men, high school juniors and older, is about how to discern God’s call for your life. No cost to you. Meals, accommodations, transportation, and prayer are all provided. Contact Fr. Patrick Broussard (Vocations Director) at 261-5690, email vocations@diolaf.org, or visit lafayettevocations.org.



Third Sunday of Lent For the Dhathcroos family, whom we encounter through CRS Rice Bowl, and all refugees who are returning or have returned home, that they find abundant resources with which to rebuild their lives. We pray to the Lord.

Liturgical Ministers March 30th & 31st, 2019
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, March 30th, 4:00 p.m.
Sacristan: Linda Desormeaux
Lectors: Beth Viator, Linda Desormeaux
Eucharistic Ministers: Anna Bernard, Michelle Bayard, Sherry Kenner
Altar Servers: Tucker Styles, Abigail Stacks

Sunday, March 31st, 8:00 a.m.
Sacristan: Robert & Angie Landry
Lectors: Bob Cole, Judy Cole
Eucharistic Ministers: Donna Pitre, Angie Landry, Robert Landry, Becky Prejean, Grant Bourque, Jed Bourque, Monica Bourque
Altar Servers: John Luke Bourque, Noah Bourque

Sunday, March 31st, 10:30 a.m.
Sacristan: Lurline Norris
Lectors: Cindy Fontenot, Randy Blanchard
Eucharistic Ministers: Chrissy Smith, Lurline Norris, Suzie Trappey, Nathan Champagne, Joan Morvant, Jake Duplechin, Earline Blanchard
Altar Servers: Gavin Duplechin, Jarret Duplechin

Sunday, March 31st, 5:00 p.m.
Sacristan: Steve & Sharon Moore
Lectors: Sharon Moore, Steve Moore
Eucharistic Ministers: Pam Begnaud, Wayne Begnaud, Felix Begnaud, Ronnie Begnaud, Jerry Besson, Kristie Besson, Bailey LeBlanc
Altar Servers: Noah Poff, Cooper Poff