



SAINT JOSEPH

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SEPTEMBER 8, 2019 - TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's said that upon reading the Gospels, Gandhi commented that he very much liked Jesus Christ. It was Christ's followers he found troublesome. One wonders who Gandhi had met and if these Christians had truly counted the cost of their faith. Following Jesus, really following Jesus, is much more challenging than we may think. He emphasizes this with strong language in this Sunday's Gospel. He compares discipleship to the carrying of one's own execution device - "his own cross" - and for the need even to "hate" what could disrupt one's commitment. Some of this is standard hyperbole, exaggeration for effect common to the time period. Some of this should make us wonder how deep our discipleship goes.

"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost?" Jesus imagines this construction project gone wrong. Someone may lay the foundation but not have enough resources to finish. We've received the firm foundation of the sacraments - our baptism, for one, along with weekly Mass attendance and regular confession. Yet how often do we find ourselves too distracted, exhausted, or uninterested to truly build our lives on our faith? We have all met such Christians. Some days, we may be those Christians ourselves. We become the incomplete tower that confuses and baffles the onlookers. "This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish!"

For some of us, our cross may feel heavier than we expected upon the first lift. Building a tower means laying stone upon stone. It's a process. We don't arrive at completion overnight. Grace is always sufficient to provide the resources, but we need to keep saying yes to the task. This week, consider your own discipleship. What is one area where you've become distracted or discouraged? How can that improve this week? Let God lay another brick on the tower.

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 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 Hunter Henry
- Carla Randazzo

Our Gift Back to God

Offertory *(Due to early printing not available)*. . . . \$

Weekly Goal \$12,000.00

Thank You!

This Week's Second Collection
Catholic University

Jesus tells the crowd that only those who renounce all of their possessions can be His disciples. Is He truly asking us to give up *everything*? Perhaps instead He is trying to help us see that everything we think we own is really a gift from God. Good stewards know that and strive to use those gifts accountably.

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:25-27

Mass Intention

Weekend of September 7th & 8th, 2019
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)

Pierre Long Hebert, Zachary Hebert, Evelyn B. Landry, Ryan Viator, Eugene Broussard, John Chaisson, Jacob Theriot, Gary Boudreaux (Birthday), Marcel & Agnes Rubin & Family, Kalaya St. Julien, Will Venice Christian, Preston Venable, Willis Morvant, Loyd Denais, Linda Christian, Earless Romero, Russell Toups, Mabry and Tina Simon and Children (Her Birthday), Anna Mae Hebert Bourque, Yenes & Elwood Baudoin, Zachary Esters

Weekday Masses

- Monday 9 Clifford Bud Broussard & Family
- Tuesday 10 Ga Fortier (Birthday)
- Wednesday 11 Darrell & Jackie LeBlanc
- Thursday 12 Vocations to the Priesthood
- Friday 13 St. Joseph Community

Sanctuary Candle

Previous Bishops





Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Friday evening from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

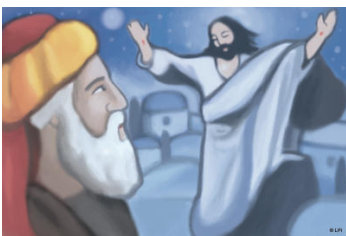
The Next Elderberries Social will be held on Tuesday, **September 10th**, at 9:30 a.m. in the Life Center. Bring your favorite dish and a friend!

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



The Pro-Life Group will be praying the Rosary following the 6:00 p.m. Mass on Thursday, **September 12th**. All are invited!

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Events This Week

- Mon. (9th):** First Day of Class
3rd, 4th & 5th CCD
- Tues. (10th):** Elderberries Social
9:30 a.m. (Life Center)
Rosary Making
1:00 p.m. (Church)
Choir Practice
- Wed. (11th):** First Day of Class
1st & 2nd Grade CCD
Ladies Enrichment
Bible Study (Life Center)
9:30-11:00 a.m.
- Thurs. (12th):** Baptism Seminar
6:30 p.m. (Church)
Pro-Life Rosary
6:30 p.m.
- Fri. (13th):** Adoration 5:30 p.m. -
7:00 p.m.
Parish Office Closed
- Sat. (14th):** No Events Scheduled
- Sun. (15th):** First Day of Class for
6th, 7th & 8th Grade

St. Joseph Catholic Church Blood Drive Please invite you family and friends to come out and donate with you on, Sunday, **September 22nd** from 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Lourdes Blood Mobile will be on location here at St. Joseph. Free T-shirt to all donors. Donors should eat first, bring picture ID, be 17 or above (16 with parent consent). One Pint can save three lives!



Pope Francis Prayer Intentions
Universal: That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.



Elementary School Parents you will be receiving an email from Eva Green, our Religious Ed Coordinator, letting you know what time and what class your student will be in. Please be on the lookout for this.

A Parent/Student Orientation for Confirmation will be held on Sunday, **September 22nd** (first day of class) following the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

Religious Ed Start Dates

- 1st & 2nd - Sept. 11, 2019
- 3rd, 4th, & 5th - Sept. 9, 2019
- 6th, 7th & 8th - Sept. 15, 2019
- 9th & 10th - Sept. 8, 2019
- 11th Grade - Sept. 22, 2019

Word of Life “By our baptism, we are members of Christ’s body and sharers in his mission. Imitating Christ, we must care for all members of our communities, honoring each person as unique, sacred, and created in the image of God. *For solidarity and peace in our global human family: that we may work together to protect the lives of those who are most vulnerable.*”

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Col 1:24--2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11
- Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19
- Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab [9]/Lk 6:20-26
- Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38
- Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42
- Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Next Sunday’s Readings

- Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14
- Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19
- 1 Timothy 1:12-17
- Luke 15:1-32 or 15:1-10



Food For the Journey The Central Deanery of the Diocese of Lafayette will host its monthly “Food for the Journey” presentation on Tuesday, **September 10th** at River Oaks Catering and Event Center, 520 E. Kaliste Saloom. The optional buffet lunch is available beginning at 11:30 a.m. for a cost of \$14, which includes meal, drink and tip. The presentation begins at 12:10 p.m. The speaker for September’s presentation is to be announced, watch your parish bulletin for further details. Please join us for this lunchtime speaker series designed to help us live out our faith in our daily lives, to give us “food for the journey.”

VITA (Volunteer Instructors Teaching Adults) will have a Tutor Training Workshop on Thursday, **September 12th** and **September 19th** at 905 Jefferson St., Ste. 404, Lafayette, beginning at 5:00 p.m. till 7:30 p.m. Both sessions are required for tutors. To learn more about VITA please visit vitalaf.org.



Thought of the Week *Laughing at our mistakes can lengthen our own lives. Laughing at someone else’s can shorten it.*



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

Please Pray for Our Priest:
 Very Rev. Msgr. W. Curtis Mallet, VG
 Rev. Msgr. Charles Mallet
 Rev. C. William Massie
 Rev. Kenneth Mayne
 Rev. Louis McCabe, SJ
 Rev. Richard McGowan, SJ
 Rev. Garrett McIntyre

Grieving Fathers Retreat Red Bird Ministries is offering an overnight weekend retreat at The Lodge in Butte La Rose (1031 La Salle St., Breaux Bridge) for grieving fathers to experience hope, healing, and fellowship. Follow Me, will be held on Friday, **September 20th-September 22nd**. Check in will be held on Friday from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Retreat concludes on Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Men who have experienced any form of child loss are invited (including miscarriage, still birth, and the loss of an infant, child, adolescent, or adult child). Early registration \$125 by 8/15. Late Registration \$150 by 9/8. Register now at redbird.love/dadsretreat.

A Day of Prayer for Women struggling with Infertility So often women carrying the cross of infertility carry it in silence and alone. Join us for a Women’s Day of Prayer and Reflection for women of faith struggling with infertility. The date is **October 5th** from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., so mark your calendars and invite others! More information coming soon! Contact itiswellcommunity@gmail.com with any questions.

Adult Cancer Survivors: Register for 2019 Camp Bluebird All adult cancer survivors are invited for this three day, two night retreat held at the Wesley Center in Woodworth, LA on **November 8th-10th**. A “survivor” is considered anyone living with a history of cancer-from the moment of diagnosis through the remainder of life. Campers do not need to be a patient of Our Lady of Lourdes. For more information about Camp and/or registration, contact Kristy Thomasse, RN, OCN, Camp Director, at 470-2696.

**Liturgical Ministers September 14th & 15th, 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, September 14th, 4:00 p.m.
Sacristan: Judy Touchet
Lectors: Shelly Broussard, Beth Viator
Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Keith Duhon, Eileen Massie, Angelique Latiolais
Altar Servers: Abigail Stacks, Morgan Massie

Sunday, September 15th, 8:00 a.m.
Sacristan: Robert & Angie Landry
Lectors: Ali Picard, Joyce Broussard
Eucharistic Ministers: Becky Prejean, John Landry, Paula Landry, Robert Landry, Angie Landry, Stacy Picard, Emily Landry
Altar Servers: Logan Broussard, Parker Broussard, Luke Blanchard

Sunday, September 15th, 10:30 a.m.
Sacristan: Leurline Norris
Lectors: Dina Segura, Lisa McCowen
Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Keith Duhon, Paige Gary, Cindy LeBlanc, Leurline Norris, Amy Dupuis, Mary Ann Romero, Raymond Romero
Altar Servers: Graham Snodgrass, Joseph Kreamer

Sunday, September 15th, 5:00 p.m.
Sacristan: Mary Landry
Lectors: Emilie Boudreaux, Dennis Dumas
Eucharistic Ministers: Debbie Dumas, Troy Boudreaux, Ruby Boudreaux, Mary Landry, Jerry Besson, Kristie Besson, Bailey LeBlanc
Altar Servers: Tyler Boudreaux, Meghan Tavares