



SAINT JOSEPH

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FEBRUARY 2, 2020 - THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

PARISH MINISTERS

Rev. William Schambough*Pastor*
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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 Troy Boudreaux
Dan Guidry
Steve LeMaire

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Linda Desormeaux
Robert Landry



Presentation of the Lord

“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.” Very often, having more light is not something we desire as it forces us to confront something we really do not want to see. There can be comfort found in darkness. It has an eerie sense of security to it. We do not have to challenge ourselves or be challenged and can simply exist in some fabricated state of self-fabricated blissfulness. Jesus came to bring light, and it is a light that is resisted by many and hated by some. It is a light that causes us to see things as they really are and not as we would want or need them to be.

It is no wonder then that Simeon boldly and honestly proclaims to Mary, “Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted and you yourself a sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” We have to take the Gospel message as it is and not just use those parts that are useful to us or more palatable. Taking Jesus at face value can and will lead to turmoil and dissention. Hearts will be pierced. Whether we like it, Jesus’ proclamation of what the world God created really ought to look like has real and absolute social implications.

It has a lot to say about how we treat our brothers and sisters: spiritually, personally, economically, and globally. It has everything to do with the poor, the immigrant, the scared, the unborn, the vulnerable, the sick, and the broken. The light opens us to a challenging, table-turning experience that may not be something we want to see but shows us where we need to be.

Please Pray For The Sick

- Norval Knapp Brennen Albert
- Susan Vincent Gunner Breaux Wilmer Landry
- Joyce Comeaux James Benoit Diane Johnson
- Dolores Benoit Kathryn Trahan Bobby Trahan
- Charlie Harrington Kim Vincent Hunter Henry
- Betty Thibodeaux Rudolph Fabre Luby Landry
- Lilly Mae Romero Enola G. Bernard Bernice Breaux
- Mary Belle Broussard Mary Trahan Sara LaCroix
- Virginia Lynn Burroughs Gail Anslem
- Guy McKeon III Jeanette Gallet
- Jenee Brune Jerome Decuir

Our Gift Back to God

Offertory	\$12,511.85
Mailed/Dropped in Office	+ 1,202.00
Total January 26th	\$13,713.85
Weekly Goal	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus Our Goal	+\$1,713.85
Church in Latin America	\$ 1,836.32
Building & Maintenance (January)	\$ 4,134.84

Thank You!

This Week’s Second Collection
Building & Maintenance Fund

When Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple, they offered a sacrificial gift “in accord with the dictate in the law of the Lord.” An offering of a specific size or kind is not “dictated” when we bring our gifts to the altar at Mass. Is my gift reflective of the many blessing I have received?

Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted --and you yourself a sword will pierce--so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” - Lk 2:34-35

Mass Intention

Weekend of February 1st & 2nd, 2020
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)

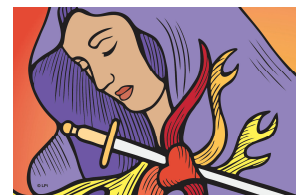
M/M Earl Sinitiere, Jeffrey Neil Ray, Patsy Sovie, Earless Romero, Preston Venable, Wilda & Louis Theo Bares, Donald Schlotterbeck, Zachary Esters, Leona Hebert, Mike Rickard, Cameron Bailey, Willis & Geri Morvant, Barbara Hebert, Judith Gill, Jacob Theriot, Michael Forrest Warren, Jr., Michelle Smith, Donna Richardson, Pierre Long Hebert, Becky Landry, Charles E. Stickney, Zachary Hebert, Linda Christian, Jodie Crouch, Preston & Anna Mae Hebert & Family

Weekday Masses

- Monday 3 Sick of the Parish
- Tuesday 4 First Responders and Those Serving in our Armed Forces
- Wednesday 5 Vocations to the Priesthood
- Thursday 6 St. Joseph Community
- Friday 7 Joseph Harmon, Dr. Larry & Barbara Hebert, Ruby Baudoin (Anniversary)

Sanctuary Candle

Previous Bishops



Troop 365 Sponsored by our Parish will be selling tickets for their 5th Annual Po Boy sale after each mass this weekend, **February 1st-2nd**. Tickets for a meal in a bag are \$8 each and include a sausage Po Boy, Chips, Sweet and Soda, with Troop 365's special BBQ sauce. Pick up will be at Picard Park on Sunday, *February 16th* from 11:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. Please help support a great organization that helps create tomorrow's leaders.

The St. Joseph Bell Choir will be having an informal meeting this Monday, **February 3rd** at 6:30 p.m. for those interested in learning how to play and perform with a bell choir. All instruments and music are provided. We would need a minimum of 8 players to perform for the Easter service. Contact Renee Hebert at 319-6392 for more information.

2020 Bishop's Services Appeal 2020 marks the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph as patron of the Universal Church. The Diocese will kick off a several months of activities in his honor, starting with the Bishop's Services Appeal that launches next weekend. Pope Pius IX declared Joseph as "God's greatest treasure." Our BSA theme and use of the image of Joseph, invites us all to open our hearts to giving to our treasure just as Joseph opened his heart and home to Mary and Jesus.

The St. Joseph Ladies Enrichment Group will be serving a light lunch to women and children, as they meet for parenting workshops at the St. Mary Magdalene Christian Service Center, 701 Chevis St., Abbeville, on Thursday, **February 6th** at 11:30 a.m. This will be an ongoing ministry on the first Thursday of each month. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please contact the office at 856-5997. Please prayerfully consider supporting this ministry with your time, talent or resources.

The Elderberries Next Social will be held on Tuesday, **February 11th**, at 9:30 a.m. till 12:00 noon. Bring your favorite covered dish and a friend!

The Next Baptism Seminar will be held on Thursday, **February 13th** at 6:30 p.m. in the Church. Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy in order to avoid any delays.

Events This Week

- Mon. (3rd):** 3rd, 4th & 5th CCD
- Tues. (4th):** Rosary Making 1:00 p.m. (Church)
Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.
Bible Study 6:30 p.m. (Life Center)
- Wed. (5th):** 1st & 2nd Grade CCD
Adoration 5:30-7:00 p.m. (Church)
- Thurs. (6th):** No Events Scheduled
- Fri. (7th):** Parish Office Closed
- Sat. (8th):** No Events Scheduled
- Sun. (9th):** 6th, 7th & 8th CCD

The Enrichment Group will travel to "The Louisiana Orphan Train Museum" in Opelousas on Thursday, **February 13th**. We will meet in the St. Joseph Church parking lot at 9:30 a.m. On the return to Milton, we will have lunch at Café Josephine in Sunset. Afterwards we will visit St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Grand Coteau. Please contact the office at 856-5997 if you would like to attend.

Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life Study Program is a 10-week video study program and book. Anchored in the life of Christ as presented in the Gospels, this study explores the entirety of Jesus' life—who he is, what he is really like, what he taught, what he did for our salvation, and what all of this means for us as Catholics today. The start date for this study program is scheduled for Wednesday, **February 19th**, from 9:30 a.m. –11:00 a.m. Please call the office at 856-5997 for more information.

Adoration Join us at St. Joseph Church on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. for Adoration.

Contribution Statement If you are in need of a 2019 Contribution Statement, please call the office at 856-5997 to request one.

Welcome New Parishioners! We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following Parishioners who registered with St. Joseph during the month of January: M/M Todd Landry, M/M William LeBlanc, M/M Trace Ledet, M/M Eric Fauchaux, Cole Gauthier, M/M Wayne Lacombe, & M/M Zachary Freeze. We would also like to remind parishioners who have not registered with us, to consider this also. Registration forms can be found in the gathering area of church or online at stjo-milton.org. If you should have any questions, please call the office.



January

We welcome into the family of St. Joseph's the newly Baptized. Welcome:

- Sawyer Kate Bourgeois*
- Olivia Ann Babineaux*
- Eli Michael Foux*
- Jack James Olivier*

St. Jo 5k Jog/Walk 2020 Our annual one mile run/walk and 5K Jog will be held on Saturday, **March 14th**. Registration and Sponsor Forms will be on-line soon. Any business or persons interested in contributing items for door prizes can drop these off at the Rectory or if you would like to volunteer to help with this event call the Rectory at 856-5997. Come cheer on Milton's best! Walkers and strollers are welcome to participate. We will have a pancake and sausage breakfast following the race and door prizes. The one mile run/walk begins at 9:00 a.m. followed by the 5K at 9:30 a.m.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1a]/Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [cf. 5c]/Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd [12b]/Mk 6:7-13
- Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51 [cf. 47b]/Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 [12b]/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday's Readings

- Isaiah 58:7-10
- Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
- 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
- Matthew 5:13-16



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Word of Life “When parents say ‘yes’ to life for their child, they are saying ‘yes’ to the most loving and healing path for all involved. When God invites us to draw close to him by following his commandments (Jn 14:15), he does so because he wants what is best for us. By saying ‘yes’ to life for their child, which is morally good and right, parents are placing their trust in God and embracing their child and the life their child has been given for as long as it is given. *May all expectant parents joyfully welcome their children as gifts from God, as Mary and Joseph welcomed the Christ Child.*”

CASA of SoLA is seeking volunteers to become a voice for abused and neglected children that are in the foster care system. For more information please visit www.casaofsola.org.



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

Please Pray for Our Priest:
 Pope Emeritus Benedict, XVI
 Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel
 Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell
 Rev. Nathan Comeaux
 Rev. Gregory Cormier
 Rev. Msgr. J. Douglas Courville,
 JCL
 Rev. Randy Courville

Learn the Ancient Art of Icon Painting in the Russian-Byzantine Style Sponsored by St. Joseph Church (Cecilia) and Saint Luke Studio. St. Luke Studio is now accepting applications for 2020. The class objective is completion of one icon, provided attendance for the full five weekends. Class begins in **February 2020**, at St. Joseph Church in Cecilia and meets monthly. Prior art experience not required, and class size is limited. For more information and a registration brochure, please contact Christine Daunis at christinedaunis@yahoo.com or (225) 252-3090.

Thought of the Week
 Contentment is a virtue. Learn to be content.

Strengthening Faith

Question: Our prayer group is discussing ways we can change and strengthen our faith. What one thing could we change that would have the greatest impact on our faith?

Answer: A famous coach once said that when the team is in trouble and things aren’t going well, go back to the basics; when the team is winning and things are going well, go back to the basics! Any renewal program, faith development, or spiritual growth effort has to start with the basic core of what it means to believe. If the foundation is not strong, the house will not stand.

So if you work on one thing, begin with the idea that God is love, who loves us and calls us to love one another. If we really take that belief to heart, it changes how we see God, ourselves, and one another. It would change how we pray, how we treat others, and how we understand and live our own life. Our sense of mission and purpose will be more focused on God’s plan and our role in it. Love is the core of faith, the goal of life, and the hope of heaven. Whatever we do to strengthen and deepen our faith will begin and end with love.

CONSECRATED LIFE

Liturgical Ministers February 8th & 9th 2020
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, February 8th, 4:00 p.m.
Sacristan: Cyndi Miller
Lectors: Cyndi Miller, Dan LaPointe
Eucharistic Ministers: Anna Bernard, Sherry Kenner, Ricky Broussard
Altar Servers: Tucker Styles

Sunday, February 9th, 8:00 a.m.
Sacristan: Robert & Angie Landry
Lectors: Robert Cole, Judy Cole
Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Keith Duhon, Jed Bourque, Monica Bourque, Grant Bourque, Robert Landry, Angie Landry, Mary Adams
Altar Servers: Noah Bourque, John Luke Bourque

Sunday, February 9th, 10:30 a.m.
Sacristan: Dan Guidry
Lectors: Cindy Fontenot, Dina Segura
Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Keith Duhon, Emily Day, Dan Guidry, Chrissy Smith, Suzie Trappey, Raymond Romero, Mary Ann Romero
Altar Servers: Graham Snodgrass, Joseph Kreamer

Sunday, February 9th, 5:00 p.m.
Sacristan: Mary Landry
Lectors: Emilié Boudreaux, Margaret Greene
Eucharistic Ministers: Troy Boudreaux, Paul Guillot, Michelle Guillot
Altar Servers: Randall Greene, Tyler Boudreaux