



SAINT JOSEPH

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FEBRUARY 23, 2020 - SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 Troy Boudreaux
 Dan Guidry
 Steve LeMaire

PARISH TRUSTEES

Linda Desormeaux
 Robert Landry



7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gospels continue to challenge us to the core. This is especially true in the way our social relationships have developed. Feeling safe and secure in the world are not things that come easily these days. Actually, we may find ourselves feeling more reservation, caution, reluctance, and fear than ever before. In a moment’s notice, life can drastically change. When someone has been intentionally and violently hurt, especially someone we love, we can all too easily find ourselves very attracted to the Old Testament philosophy of “an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.”

Intellectually, we know this is not what Jesus wants us to do. But on some level it just seems to make practical or even political sense. After all, why should we allow someone to get away with a heinously violent act? Yet, Jesus cannot be any clearer than he is with this! Offer no resistance to one who is evil. Turn the other cheek as well. When pressed into service, go two miles. Do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow. Love your enemies. Now, take a moment to reflect on all of this. Consider a horrible act of violence committed against someone you love. Listen. Think. Be honest. Can you do as Jesus directs?

We want to be holy. But we are more comfortable with a definition of holiness that can keep us saying our prayers and on our knees in church. We are not comfortable with a definition of holiness that has something to say about to how we react to and negotiate life. We like to keep a sharp and strong line between the secular and the sacred. In fact, we would prefer that the doors between them be kept closed. God wants us to be holy as He is holy. If God sees this one way and we see it another, then where does this leave us on our journey to God?

Our minds like the practical, worldly, and secular answers to things. They are more black and white and at first glance appear to make more sense. Holiness wells up from our souls and is beyond reason. It cannot be explained. It is something we just simply know comes as a result of deep prayer. The truly contemplative eye knows inwardly that what Jesus asks is true and then willingly does it. It may not be easy.

Our Gift Back to God

Offertory	\$12,562.12
Mailed/Dropped in Office	+ 1,400.00
Total February 16th	\$13,962.12
Weekly Goal	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus Our Goal	+\$1,962.12

Thank You!

This Week’s Second Collection

Local Seminarian Support

Ash Wednesday Collection

Catholic Charities of Acadiana

Next Week’s Second Collection

Building & Maintenance Fund

In today’s first reading, the Israelites are urged to love their neighbor as themselves. In the Gospel, Jesus spells out how we are to do that - to give generously to those who ask of us and not to turn our backs on those who seek to borrow.

“You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father.” - Mt 5:43-45a

Mass Intention

Weekend of February 22nd & 23rd, 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)

Jacob Theriot, Wilda & Louis Theo Bares, Kay Fortier (10th Anniv.), Michael Forrest Warren, Jr., Charles E. Stickney, Clifford J. Viator & Family, Zachary Hebert, Roland A. Smith, Andrea T. Hebert (Birthday), Russell Toups (Anniv.), Preston Venable, Steven Dupont (Birthday), Jeffrey Neil Ray, Zachary Esters, Jodie Crouch, Ryan Viator, Willis & Geri Morvant, Don Gallet (10th Anniv.)

Weekday Masses

Monday 24	Vocations to the Priesthood
Tuesday 25	First Responders and Those Serving in our Armed Forces
Wednesday 26	Ryan Viator, Mona Menard
Thursday 27	Leonard Stevens (Birthday)
Friday 28	Sick of the Parish

Sanctuary Candle

Previous Bishops

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 Anslern
 Guy McKeon III Jeanette Gallet

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.

Parish Office Closed on Monday, **February 24th** and Tuesday, **February 25th** for the Mardi Gras Holiday.

Ash Wednesday Masses will be celebrated at 6:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, **February 26th**.

Word on Fire Digital We now have a subscription to Word on Fire digital media. This requires a user name and password that you can create by going to <https://stjosephmilton.flocknote.com> and follow instructions to connect. Word on Fire digital gives us instant access to catholic films and study programs. Published by Bishop Robert Barron. Experience the beauty, truth and goodness of the faith.

2020 Bishop's Services Appeal

The Mission of the Diocese of Lafayette involves the total restoration of humanity, the salvation of the whole person. Our response to this mission finds expression in the programs, ministries, and services supported by the Bishop's Services Appeal. The charity of God urges us, encourages us, and impels us to seek the needs of others, rather than self: This is the purpose of the Bishop's Services Appeal. Please prayerfully consider making a sacrificial gift or pledge to the Bishop's Services Appeal.

Events This Week

- Mon. (24th):** Office Closed
- Tues. (25th):** "Mardi Gras"
Office Closed
- Wed. (26th):** Ash Wednesday Masses
6:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
- Thurs. (27th):** Way of the Cross
6:30 p.m.
Knights of Columbus
Meeting 6:30 p.m. (Life Center)
- Fri. (28th):** Parish Office Closed
- Sat. (29th):** No Events Scheduled
- Sun. (1st):** 6th, 7th & 8th Grade CCD

Baby Bottle Campaign Thank you the parishioners who donated to the Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit the DesOrmeaux Foundation. St. Joseph's Church collected \$13,474.00!!

The Knights of Columbus will have their next meeting on Thursday, **February 27th** at 6:30 p.m. in the Life Center.

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 in Abbeville on Thursday, **March 5th** at 11:30 a.m. This will be an ongoing ministry on the first Thursday of the month. If you are interested in participating, please call the office at 856-5997.

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

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 are on-line. 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.

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

St. Joseph's Choir needs your help, and your voice! Please consider becoming a part of our music liturgy team by joining your Choir. Rehearsals are on Tuesday nights from 6:30-8:00 p.m. No experience necessary. Call John at 255-6983 (or drop by the organ bench after mass) for more information.

The Ash Wednesday Collection Envelopes There are two envelopes in February's envelope package for Catholic Charities of Acadiana. Please use either envelope. All monies will go to Catholic Charities of Acadiana.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [9a]/Mk 9:14-29
- Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23 [23a]/Mk 9:30-37
- Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25
- Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday's Readings

- Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
- Psalms 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17
- Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19
- Matthew 4:1-11

CRS Rice Bowl We are called
Join our faith community—and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the US—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family’s CRS Rice Bowl in the gathering area of church. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on the challenge of global hunger and how it affects our human family.

“FORMED” A revolutionary online platform that provides access to the best Catholic audio talks, movies, ebooks, and video-based studies. FORMED presents a tremendous opportunity to help the overwhelming majority of Catholics change the way they consume media and develop a daily habit of faith formation and prayer. Please visit our website www.stjo-milton.formed.org and click on REGISTER NOW button.

Word of Life “The essence of our identity is that we are created in God’s image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is **cherished.**” *May every human person, from conception to natural death, be recognized as a temple of God, in whom the Spirit dwells.*

Jubilee of the Word Marathon
100 hours for 100 years and 300 Lectors for 300 years! To commemorate the 100th anniversary of Holy Ghost Catholic Church and the 300th anniversary of Opelousas, the Bible will be read non-stop for 100 hours by 300 readers in front of Holy Ghost Church, 747 N. Union Street, beginning on Ash Wednesday, **February 26th** at 12:30 p.m. and ending on Sunday, **March 1st** at 4:30 p.m. To sign up as a Reader, call the rectory at 942-2732. Visit fetedi-euduteche@gmail.com.

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

Please Pray for Our Priest:
Rev. Gregory Downs
Rev. Blake Dubroc
Rev. Wayne Duet
Rev. Willard Dugas
Rev. Edward Duhon
Rev. Jacob DuMont, LX
Rev. Nicholas DuPre

A Day of Prayer for Women at Our Lady of the Oaks Retreat House in Grand Coteau. *“Lent: Fasting, Almsgiving, Prayer”* presented by Fr. Lou McCabe, SJ on Tuesday, **March 3rd** from 8:30 a.m. and concluding with Mass at 2:15 p.m. The cost is \$25.00 and Pre-registration is required. To register, fill out a registration form and mail with the fee. Visit us online at www.ourladyoftheoaks.com and click on “retreats” to print a form. For more information, please call 662-5410.

Thought of the Week Turn your worries into prayers.



Red Bird Ministries Presents A workshop for couples of child loss (miscarriage, stillbirth, infant). Couples are encouraged to come together. Presenters will be presenting as couples, and sharing as couples. Small group, same loss. It will be held at St. Bernard Church, Breaux Bridge, on **March 14th** from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Registration is \$75.00 per couple and includes lunch and materials. Online registration can be found on our website at www.redbird.ove/workshops. Childcare available at \$10/child. Lunch not provided for children.



Liturgical Ministers February 26th, 29th & March 1st, 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.

Wednesday, February 26th, 6:00 p.m. (Ash Wednesday)
Sacristan: Kat Trahan
Lectors: Robert Cole, Judy Cole
Eucharistic Ministers: Cally Lege, Bubba LaFleur, Pam Begnaud, Wayne Begnaud, Denise Hebert, Terry Smith, Bailey LeBlanc
Altar Servers: Konnor Benoit, Tyler Boudreaux

Saturday, February 29th, 4:00 p.m.
Sacristan: Linda Desormeaux
Lectors: Chenell Privat, Dan LaPointe
Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Keith Duhon, Gene Mouton, Ashton Mouton
Altar Servers: Tucker Styles

Sunday, March 1st, 8:00 a.m.
Sacristan: Robert & Angie Landry
Lectors: Joyce Broussard, Ali Picard
Eucharistic Ministers: Becky Prejean, Robert Landry, Angie Landry, Noah Bourque, Jed Bourque, Grant Bourque, Monica Bourque
Altar Servers: Emma Begnaud, John Luke Bourque

Sunday, March 1st, 10:30 a.m.
Sacristan: Leurline Norris
Lectors: Cindy Fontenot, Lisa McCowen
Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Keith Duhon, Raymond Romero, Mary Ann Romero, Vickie Jacques, Emily Day, Nathan Champagne, Leurline Norris
Altar Servers: Alayna LaFleur, Elizabeth Roy

Sunday, March 1st, 5:00 p.m.
Sacristan: Mary Landry
Lectors: Velma Cheramie, Dennis Dumas
Eucharistic Ministers: Sarah Gary, Abby Knickerbocher, Sara Blady
Altar Servers: Alyssa LaFleur, Meghan Tavares