



# SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## MARCH 15, 2020 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### 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



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

We give the definition of ourselves over to so many things. We allow our society, friends, family, work, social groups, ethnicity, and even institutions define, classify, and color how we perceive ourselves. When we listen predominantly to the voices of others, we lose touch with what is happening within our own inner voice. If we listen carefully within, we can easily discover that we are in want and need. We know our incompleteness and also know that loneliness, sadness, and self-images can propel us outward in attempts to fill those gaps. We can become not only victims of our own prejudices but can find ourselves overly self-indulgent in things that can only satisfy for a short time, if at all.

It is no wonder that money and power are things that are so fervently sought after. As long as we can keep a steady supply going, the illusion of fulfillment and satisfaction can falsely persuade us as craftily as a master magician's act. We live with illusions not truth. It is no wonder, then, that some of the wealthiest folks are also really the unhappiest. Whether we admit it, the lies we live and pursue will ultimately expose our superficiality. We all have to wrestle with who we are and what gives our lives purpose and meaning. Learn to listen more deeply, not to what others are saying about you, but to what God is echoing in your heart.

We can easily get confused and misunderstand, not only about who we are but who God is. Even the disciples and the Samaritan woman at the well missed the point Jesus was trying to make. There is only one Person who can satisfy the deepest yearnings and longings of our hearts — Jesus the Messiah. It is not the work of corporate America that will lead us to happiness or greatness but the work of the soul. We continue to resist acknowledging this and are happier in our world of misunderstanding and illusion. The life-giving water we truly need doesn't come from the source of a well but from the Source of Life. Only God can reveal the truth of our sinfulness, the superficiality of our pursuits, and the illusions we hold so dear. Only Jesus can save us from ourselves and give us what we really need. If only our heads can catch up with where our hearts know they need to be, then will we find real contentment and life!



### Our Gift Back to God

Offertory . . . . .	\$12,855.00
Mailed/Dropped in Office . . . . .	+ 1,865.00
Total March 8th	\$14,720.00
Weekly Goal . . . . .	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus Our Goal . . . . .	+\$2,720.00
Black & Indian Missions . . . . .	\$ 2,197.12

#### Thank You!

#### Next Week's Second Collection Catholic Relief Services

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 the Lord speaks to us and be prepared for it to change our lives!

The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:9a, 10

#### Mass Intention

**Weekend of March 14th & 15th, 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, Zachary Esters, Preston & Anna Mae Hebert & Family, Luke Tristani, Minos Collins, Michael Forrest Warren, Jr., Norris Guin, Jeffrey Neil Ray, Wilton & Fay Guillot, Jodie Crouch (Birthday), Wilda & Louis Theo Bares, Elmo & Lota Picard, Maude Picard, Zachary Hebert, Ryan Viator, Etienne & Leona Clark, Preston Venable, Willis & Geri Morvant

#### Weekday Masses

Monday 16	Vocations to the Priesthood
Tuesday 17	Melba Melancon, Ryan Viator, First Responders and Those Serving in our Armed Forces
Wednesday 18	Yenes & Elwood Baudoin (Yenes' Anniversary), Ga Fortier (Anniversary), Loyd Denais,
Thursday 19	Ernest Segura, Sr., Frank Richard (Birthday)
Friday 20	St. Joseph Community

#### 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 Anslem  
 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.

**Year of St. Joseph Kickoff**

**Events** Join us as we kick off the Year of St. Joseph on Thursday, **March 19th**. Bishop Deshotel will celebrate the year's Opening Mass at St. Joseph's in Patterson (1011 First Street, Patterson) at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 19th. That same day at 6:00 p.m., Bishop Deshotel will celebrate Adoration and Evening Prayer at St. John's Cathedral in Lafayette (515 Cathedral St.).

**Annual Hopefest** STM is hosting the 14th Annual Hopefest Music Festival on **March 21st**, 11:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m., at Parc International in Downtown Lafayette, benefitting the STM Options Program and The Boys & Girls Clubs of Acadiana. We are inviting all parishioners to enjoy a family-friendly day of live music, great food, and games for kids. Mason Ramsey, Brandon Heath, MacKenzie Bourg, Keith Frank, and more! Please support this cause. Tickets are at [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com).

**Ladies Altar Society Rosary Group** will meet on Tuesday, **March 17th**, at 9:30 a.m. in Church. All ladies of the community are invited to come and pray the rosary. Sue Duhon will serve as hostess.

**Adoration** Join us on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. for Adoration.

**Events This Week**

**Mon. (16th):** 3rd, 4th & 5th CCD

**Tues. (17th):** LAS Rosary Group

Choir Practice  
6:30 p.m.

**Wed. (18th):** 1st & 2nd Grade CCD  
Adoration 5:30-7:00 p.m.

**Thurs. (19th):** Way of the Cross  
6:30 p.m.

**Fri. (20th):** Parish Office Closed

**Sat. (21st):** No Events Scheduled

**Sun. (22nd):** 9th, 10th & 11th Grade  
CCD

**Book Fair with the Daughters of St. Paul**

The Daughters of St. Paul, religious women who communicate Christ using all forms of media, will be present at our Parish after all Masses on the weekend of **March 21st & 22nd**. The Sisters have a wide variety of Bibles, books, movies, music, rosaries and other gifts, for both children and adults. They have something for the whole family! Let this be the opportunity to grow in your faith and nourish yourself with good reading and viewing. Credit Cards accepted.

**Ladies Enrichment Group**

**Book Study** "The Innkeeper's Wife" by Joan T. Broussard. Tuesday, **March 24th** at St. Joseph Life Center from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Light lunch included. Joan will talk with us about her book and lead us in a discussion.

**Religious Ed Registration** for 2020-21 for grades 1st-10th is now ongoing. Registration forms may be found on the website [www.stjo-milton.org](http://www.stjo-milton.org). The deadline to register is **May 4, 2020**. For questions call Eva at 856-0800.

**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.

**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 Next Baptism Seminar** will be held on Thursday, **April 16th** at 6:30 p.m. in the Church. Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy in order to avoid delays.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf. Ps 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30

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: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/  
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

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**

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

**Fish Fry Dinners** will be sold at St. Joseph in Maurice on Friday, **March 20th** and Friday, **April 3rd**. Dinners include fried fish, jambalaya, coleslaw and sweet peas. Serving lunch from 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. and supper at 5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. Dinners are \$8.00.

**“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](http://www.stjo-milton.formed.org) and click on REGISTER NOW button.

**St. Joseph Altar Festivities** St. Anne Catholic Church, 201 Church Street, Youngsville: Thursday, **March 19th**, Mass at 8:30 a.m. followed by the tupa-tupa ritual (a re-enactment of the journey to Bethlehem.) The traditional meatless spaghetti dinner, along with other treats, will be served to the general public beginning at 10:30 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. Italian treats and pastries will be served throughout the day, concluding at 2:00 p.m.

**Word of Life** “To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life... In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God’s glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ.” *May all who have been wounded by abortion be filled with the hope that does not disappoint, and be healed by Christ.*

**Thought of the Week** *He who is wise learns from everybody.*

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

**Please Pray for Our Priest:**

Rev. Thomas Finley  
 Rev. Sam Fontana  
 Rev. William Gearheard  
 Rev. Taj Glodd  
 Rev. Msgr. Richard Greene  
 Rev. Mitchell Guidry  
 Rev. Brad Guillory, Ch. Capt.,  
 USAF

**Vocation Weekend Retreat** If you are a Catholic Young man who has wondered about the priesthood, this retreat is a perfect opportunity to check out seminary life and discern the vocation God desires for you. Men, 16 years and older, this weekend is about how to discern God’s call for your life. There is no cost. All meals are provided. Free transportation is provided from Lafayette. Held **April 3rd-5th**. To register, contact Fr. Patrick Broussard, Director, Office of Vocations. Call 261-5690 or email [vocations@diolaf.org](mailto:vocations@diolaf.org) or visit [lafayettevocations.org](http://lafayettevocations.org).



**Why Kneel?**

**Question:** Why do we kneel at Mass?

**Answer:** Since the beginnings of the Church, kneeling has been a key posture of prayer. We see Sts. Peter and Paul in the Acts of the Apostles kneeling in prayer. Early in the 4th century, the Council of Nicea prohibited kneeling on Sundays and special feasts. Kneeling began more as a posture of penance for our sins, but in the history of the Church, it has become more a posture of reverence and solemn prayer.

You will notice that the times we kneel at Mass are tied to the consecration of the holy Eucharist. We kneel in both anticipation of what will occur and then in awe of what has taken place: Jesus Christ becomes truly present to us under the guise of bread and wine. The profoundness of this event has over time led the Church to mandate in the current General Instruction of the Roman Missal that kneeling is the only posture allowed during this time. The sheer awesomeness of the holy Eucharist leads us to fall to our knees in wonder and thanksgiving.



**Liturgical Ministers March 21st-22nd, 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, March 21st, 4:00 p.m.**

**Sacristan:** Linda Desormeaux  
**Lectors:** Shelly Broussard, Linda Desormeaux  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Gene Mouton, Ashton Mouton, Eadie Slimbach  
**Altar Servers:** Tucker Styles

**Sunday, March 22nd, 8:00 a.m.**

**Sacristan:** Kat Trahan  
**Lectors:** Ali Picard, Joyce Broussard  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Janice Bourque, Stacey Picard, Noah Bourque, Kat Trahan, Jed Bourque, Monica Bourque, Grant Bourque  
**Altar Servers:** John Luke Bourque, Luke Blanchard

**Sunday, March 22nd, 10:30 a.m.**

**Sacristan:** Leslie Breaux  
**Lectors:** Leslie Breaux, Lisa McCowen  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Keith Duhon, Lisa LeBlanc, Emily Day, Cindy LeBlanc, Suzie Trappey, Nathan Champagne, Kim Sonnier  
**Altar Servers:** Elizabeth Roy, Alayna LaFleur

**Sunday, March 22nd, 5:00 p.m.**

**Sacristan:** Steve & Sharon Moore  
**Lectors:** Sharon Moore, Steve Moore  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Keith Duhon, Ouida Roy, Bubba LaFleur  
**Altar Servers:** Cooper Poff, Noah Poff