



SAINT JOSEPH

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MAY 10, 2020 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 Troy Boudreaux
Dan Guidry
Steve LeMaire

PARISH TRUSTEES

Linda Desormeaux
Robert Landry



Fifth Sunday of Easter

When earthly lives end, especially when the person is younger, we tend to focus upon and consider what was lost. We think of lost opportunities — things they won't be able to see, babies they won't be able to cradle, and adventures that now must go undiscovered. Our minds create this chasm between earth and heaven that sees the losses of this life as permanent ones, never possible to achieve again. This perception causes many folks to remain stuck in their grief as they ponder all of the missed opportunities and regrets.

This is not resurrection thinking. All of the love that we can give and receive, the joy and elation that can be experienced, the adventures that can be undertaken, and the possibilities to be discovered are all part of a continuous journey. They are not ends in and of themselves but are all part of the unfolding of a relationship we have with God, who not only makes all of these wonderful things possible now but sustains them and fulfills them into eternity. The perception and experience of loss is really an illusion, because in God's eternal kingdom and in God's time, nothing is ever lost. Even the most intimate and tender of moments we can conceive of sharing with another human being are only part of a journey toward perfect intimate and tender moments to be shared with God in our resurrected life. We become like God and see God as He is in eternity. What greater joy, love, and hope can ever be discovered as we walk down our often dimly lit paths in this world.

This is an awesome wonder and magnificent news to behold. Call to mind someone you have lost in death. How do you see them now? How do you see yourself in heaven? Remind yourself, again, that God is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Our happiness is not going to be fully realized in this world, and there is nothing we can find here that cannot be found one hundred fold in eternity. It's all about relationship, and not solely about the relationships we have with each other, ourselves, and the world in which we live. It's about our relationship with God. If we realize how special that one relationship really is, then there is only one particular of heaven and life eternal that really matters: namely, that we fall into love eternal and discover truth. For when we finally close our eyes in death, then all will be well as long as we are with God. There are no losses, only gains.

Our Gift Back to God

Offertory	\$ 4,449.00
Online/Mailed/Dropped in Office	+10,088.01
Total May 3rd	\$14,437.01
Weekly Goal	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus Our Goal	+\$2,437.01
Rice Bowl	\$ 274.12

Thank You!

This Week's Second Collection
Aid to Eastern Europe

Next Week's Second Collection
Funds For the Local Needy

"The one who has faith in me will do the works I do, and far greater than these," Jesus tells his disciples. That's quite an assignment for us as Christian stewards!

"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be." - Jn 14:2-3

Mass Intention

Weekend of May 9th & 10th, 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 Leody Boudreaux, Jeffrey Neil Ray, Melba Melancon, Zachary Hebert, Bradley J. Demette, Rita Toups Smith, Tina Simon, Jacob Theriot, Marion Hebert (Anniv. & Birthday), Lula Duhon, Rodolphe Fabre, Marie LeMaire, Pam McDonald, Mabel Hebert, Edith Denais, Adonna Duhon, Emily Kay Benoit, Lou & Francis Hebert, M/M Alton Broussard, Eustis & Beulah Toups, Ryan Viator, Cameron Bailey, Editha H. & Eura V. Simon, Preston Venable, Percy & Ophelia Rabalais, Ryan Rabalais, Katherine M. Fontenot, Beverly C. & Mildred B. Picard, Dot Collins, Etienne & Leona Clark, Evelyn Benoit, Jodie Crouch, Evelyn B. Landry

Weekday Masses

Monday 11	Vocations to the Priesthood
Tuesday 12	First Responders and Those Serving in Our Armed Forces
Wednesday 13	Previous Priests
Thursday 14	St. Joseph Community
Friday 15	Sick of the Parish

Sanctuary Candle

Previous Bishops

Please Pray For The Sick

Norval Knapp Brennen Albert Wilmer Landry
Susan Vincent Gunner Breaux Bernice Breaux
Joyce Comeaux James Benoit Diane Johnson
Dolores Benoit Kathryn Trahan Bobby Trahan
Charlie Harrington Kim Vincent Hunter Henry
Betty Thibodeaux Luby Landry Jeanette Gallet
Lilly Mae Romero Enola G. Bernard Gail Anslern
Mary Belle Broussard Mary Trahan Sara LaCroix
Guy McKeon III Robert Hebert

A Spiritual Communion - to be prayed daily O my divine Jesus, how great is my desire to receive your sacred body! Oh, come now into my soul, at least, by a spiritual communion! O Jesus, my divine Savior, save me.

O my God, hiding myself with a humble confidence in your dear wounds, I give up my soul into your divine hands, Oh, receive it into the bosom of your mercy. **Amen.**

Guardian Angel, go to St. Joseph Church for me O holy Angel at my side go to the Church for me. Kneel in my place at Holy Mass where I desire to be.

At Offertory in my stead take all I am and own And place it as a sacrifice upon the altar throne.

At holy Consecration's bell adore with Seraph's love, My Jesus hidden in the Host come down from heaven above. And when the Priest Communion takes,

O bring my Lord to me, That His sweet Heart may rest on mine And I His temple be. **Amen.**

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.



Events This Week

- Mon. (11th):** No Events Scheduled
- Tues. (12th):** No Events Scheduled
- Wed. (13th):** No Events Scheduled
- Thurs. (14th):** No Events Scheduled
- Fri. (15th):** Office Closed
- Sat. (16th):** No Events Scheduled
- Sun. (17th):** No Events Scheduled

The Next Baptism Seminar will be held at a later date. Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy in order to avoid delays.



St. Joseph Church Website
Please visit our Parish Website at www.stjo-milton.org. During this time of Masses being cancelled, you can give to St. Joseph Church on-line by clicking on <https://diolaf.org/online-parish-giving> (this link is found on the front page of our website, just scroll down once you log-in). Offerings can also be mailed to P. O. Box 299, Milton 70558.



Religious Ed Registration for 2020-21 for grades 1st-10th has ended. The deadline was **May 4th!** Confirmation registration information will be coming soon. For questions call Eva at 856-0800.



“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.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 [1ab]/Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17
- Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 [2a]/Jn 15:18-2

Next Sunday's Readings

- Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
- Psalms 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7
- 1 Peter 3:15-18
- John 14:23

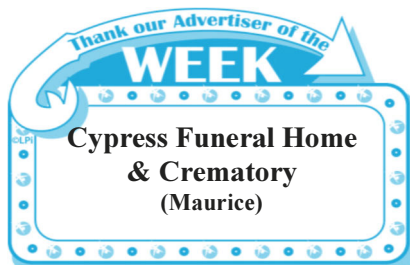


Word of Life “O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.” *For all mothers: May they be supported and encouraged as they fulfill their vocation, especially during this difficult time.*

Year of St. Joseph 150 years ago, Pope Pius IX declared St. Joseph as the Universal Patron of the Church. In light of this anniversary, Bishop Deshotel has established a year of St. Joseph in the Diocese of Lafayette from March 19th of this year until March 19th of 2021. During this year, we as a diocese will meditate on St. Joseph’s life, befriend him in prayer, and seek his protection. Be on the lookout for events celebrating this year in your parish, in one of the 13 Church parishes named for St. Joseph, and across the entire diocese.



Thought of the Week *The things that make life worth living should always be felt by the heart, and not purely a thought of the mind.*



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

Please Pray for Our Priest:

- Rev. Michael Luxbacher, LC
- Rev. Thomas Madden, SJ
- Very Rev. Msgr. W. Curtis Mallet, JCL, VG
- Rev. Msgr. Charles Mallet
- Rev. Donald Martin, SJ
- Rev. C. William Massie
- Rev. Kenneth Mayne

Faith Camp is an amazing Catholic summer camp for junior high students! It is an action packed week of making friends and growing in the Christian life. Consider registering your rising 7th, 8th, 9th, or 10th grader so that they don’t miss out on this awesome opportunity for fun, faith, and fellowship! Faith Camp is held in Abbeville, Louisiana. Week One: **July 6th-10th**, Week Two: **July 13th-17th**, Week Three: **July 20th-24th**. To learn more information about Faith Camp or to register visit www.bestweekofyourlife.com.



Saints or Sinners?

Question: Our prayer group has been reading the lives of some saints, and we were struck by how some of them thought they were such sinners. Why would someone so holy think they had such serious sin?

Answer: Professional athletes practice the fundamentals of their sport over and over again, reaching for better form, consistency, and performance. They focus on the basics, review past performances, and visualize greater success. Practice makes better, if not perfect!

Spiritual masters such as the saints also looked for perfection. They practiced their faith in the search for holiness, grace, and virtue. Through sacraments, prayer, study, good works, and penance, they raised their level of awareness and their sensitivity to the presence of God, the demands of the Gospel, and the workings of the Holy Spirit. They examined their consciences daily, reviewing the day for moments of failure and times that they could have been more virtuous in one way or another. They resolved to do better, be more attentive, and alert!

Therefore, anything that would distract them or interfere with their relationship with God would be like a small black spot on a bright white wall — you can’t miss it! The great saints were aware of sin and the presence of evil because they were so tuned into the struggle between good and evil that was fought in their own lives, hearts, and souls.

**Liturgical Ministers May 16th & 17th, 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, May 16th, 4:00 p.m.

- Sacristan:**
- Lectors:**
- Eucharistic Ministers:**
- Altar Servers:**

Sunday, May 17th, 8:00 a.m.

- Sacristan:**
- Lectors:**
- Eucharistic Ministers:**
- Altar Servers:**

Sunday, May 17th, 10:30 a.m.

- Sacristan:**
- Lectors:**
- Eucharistic Ministers:**
- Altar Servers:**

Sunday, May 17th, 5:00 p.m.

- Sacristan:**
- Lectors:**
- Eucharistic Ministers:**
- Altar Servers:**

NO MASSES