



SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MAY 17, 2020 - SIXTH 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



Sixth Sunday of Easter

We hope for many things: passing an exam, finding our true love, securing sustainable work, or surviving an illness. We often seek to have God be a part of what we hope for and desire, almost trying to convince Him that our agenda is what is ultimately important. While our particular hopes may appear to be what needs to be achieved in order for us to be happy, they really are not. Our lesser, more personal hopes can distract us from true hope.

When God became a human being, a powerful message was sent: all that is authentically human is found in the divine. As the human Jesus lived and died in order to show us that he truly is the universal Christ, we have to keep our sight focused on our eternal truth and destiny and who we truly are. We have to be careful when we allow our earthly concerns to distract us. True hope is found when we place our trust in Christ’s promises and don’t rely on our own strength. True hope focuses on striving toward the fulfillment of God’s promises and not simply on achieving what we think we need in this life. Hope always travels with two friends — faith and love. In this trio of virtues, we find the very presence of God born in every human being. These are God’s greatest gifts, and they lead us to the fullness of His presence.

As with faith and love, we cannot see hope with just our human eyes. We don’t carry this virtue within us to use solely for our own personal agenda. Hope is not something that simply comes with the human package. As with faith and love, hope is a gift that is given to us to draw us closer to our eternal truth. Faith, hope, and love are signs that there is something far greater going on in us and something greater to persevere in obtaining. The true divine gift of hope is what will endure any hardship we encounter, especially those that will come from authentically living the Gospel. With all that is happening in our lives, in our church, and in our world, what is the reason for our hope? Ask God for the fortitude to see His eternal gift as the reason we get up in the morning and do the things we do.



Our Gift Back to God

Offertory	\$ 6,063.00
Online/Mailed/Dropped in Office	+ 4,701.74
Total May 10th	\$10,764.74
Weekly Goal	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus Our Goal	\$(1,235.26)
Aid to Eastern Europe	\$ 430.00

Thank You!

This Week’s Second Collection
Funds For the Local Needy

Those who obey the commandments, Jesus says in today’s Gospel, are the ones who really love Him. Does my stewardship reveal my love for Jesus?

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you.” - Jn 14:15-17

Mass Intention

Weekend of May 16th & 17th, 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)

Mary Helen Hundley, Jodie Crouch, Preston Venable, Rodolphe Fabre, Evelyn Benoit, Eugene Broussard, Jacob Theriot, Zachary Hebert, Ryan Viator, Jeffrey Neil Ray, Eura V. Simon (Anniversary), Zachary Esters

Weekday Masses

Monday 18	Sick of the Parish
Tuesday 19	Harry Baudoin (Anniversary)
Wednesday 20	First Responders and Those Serving In Our Armed Forces
Thursday 21	Vocations to the Priesthood
Friday 22	Mary Helen Hundley

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 Anslem
- Mary Belle Broussard Mary Trahan Sara LaCroix
- Guy McKeon III

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. (18th):** No Events Scheduled
- Tues. (19th):** No Events Scheduled
- Wed. (20th):** No Events Scheduled
- Thurs. (21st):** No Events Scheduled
- Fri. (22nd):** Office Closed
- Sat. (23rd):** No Events Scheduled
- Sun. (24th):** 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.



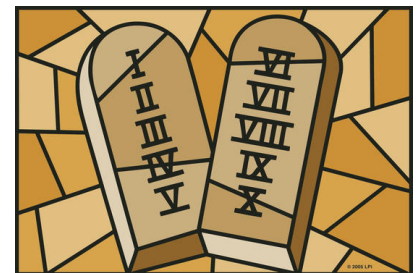
St. Joseph Church Website

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 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26—16:4a
- Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11
- Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20
- Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-
- Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Jn 16:20-23
- Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-20

Next Sunday's Readings

- Acts 1:12-14
- Psalms 27:1, 4, 7-8
- 1 Peter 4:13-16
- John 11:1-11a



Word of Life “As Americans, as Catholics and as pastors of our people, we write therefore today to call our fellow citizens back to our country’s founding principles, and most especially to renew our national respect for the rights of those who are unborn, weak, disabled and terminally ill. Real freedom rests on the inviolability of every person as a child of God.” May our elected officials always strive to keep the Lord’s Commandments and work for the protection of human life, from conception to natural death.

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 Prayer is bringing your wishes and worries to God, faith is leaving them there.



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

Please Pray for Our Priest:
 Rev. Louis McCabe, SJ
 Rev. Richard McGowan, SJ
 Rev. Garrett McIntyre
 Rev. Bert Mead, SJ
 Rev. Glenn Meaux, SOLT
 Rev. Aaron Melancon
 Rev. Bill John Melancon

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.



Sign Before the Gospel
Question: I have been going to Mass for years and have always wondered: why do we make the three signs of the cross before the Gospel?
Answer: Certainly, many people go to Mass or other devotions, doing and saying things out of habit or reverence and not really understanding the reasons behind some of these things. But everything we do has a meaning or purpose that helps us to worship better, proclaim our beliefs, or focus the attention of the people on something that has a greater importance or significance. A review of the meaning of various gestures and practices can help us have a deeper appreciation for what we do.
 There is a little prayer that goes with the three crosses before the Gospel: “May the words of the Holy Gospel be on my mind, on my lips and in my heart.” In standing to hear the Gospel, we acknowledge that Jesus is present, and the words of the Gospel are addressed to us. All of the gestures and special postures we adopt before the Gospel are intended to help us prepare for hearing the Word as well as act on it. The incense, the Alleluia, the deacon or priest, and the special dialogue and announcement that introduces the Gospel help us focus our attention on the Good News we are about to hear. The three signs of the cross show our desire and good intention to hear and live the Gospel.

Liturgical Ministers May 23rd & 24th, 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 23rd, 4:00 p.m.
 Sacristan:
 Lectors:
 Eucharistic Ministers:
 Altar Servers:

Sunday, May 24th, 8:00 a.m.
 Sacristan:
 Lectors:
 Eucharistic Ministers:
 Altar Servers:

Sunday, May 24th, 10:30 a.m.
 Sacristan:
 Lectors:
 Eucharistic Ministers:
 Altar Servers:

Sunday, May 24th, 5:00 p.m.
 Sacristan:
 Lectors:
 Eucharistic Ministers:
 Altar Servers:

No Schedule