

# SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## MAY 24, 2020 - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

### 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.

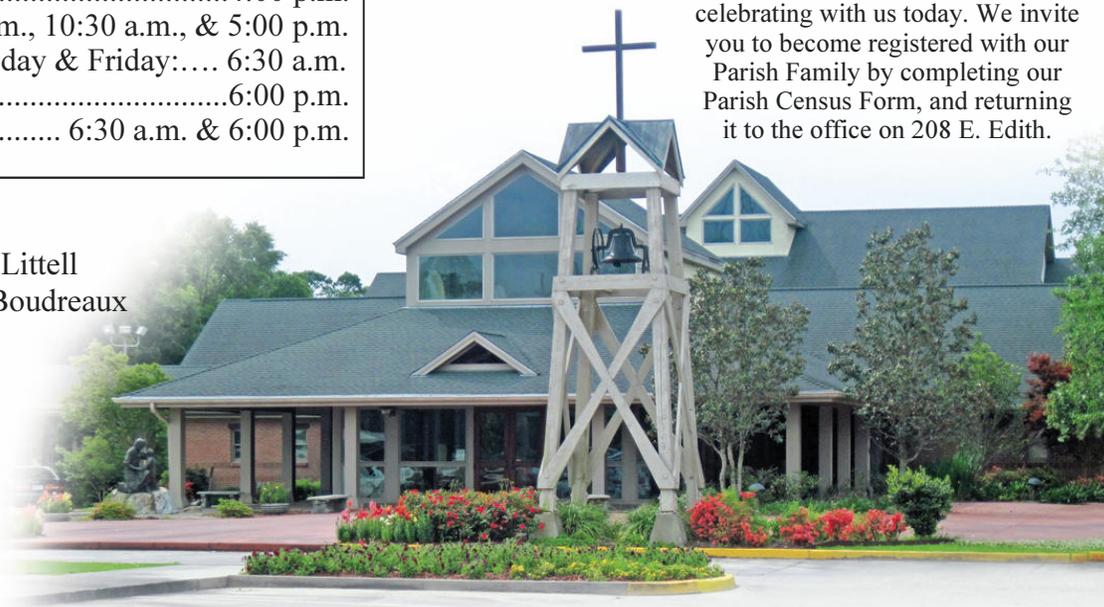
We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to become registered with our Parish Family by completing our Parish Census Form, and returning it to the office on 208 E. Edith.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Pam Begnaud                   Trista Littell  
Bob Cole                       Troy Boudreaux  
Dan Guidry  
Steve LeMaire

### PARISH TRUSTEES

Linda Desormeaux  
Robert Landry



**The Ascension of the Lord**

A pair of ducks found their way to the same little corner of the property year after year. Sheltered by a little grove of trees, they quickly made their preparations to build a nest, lay eggs, and welcome in a new family. Then one year, only one of the ducks came to that little corner. She went about the business of building a nest, but this time, she was clearly unsettled. She would wander around, sometimes seemingly without purpose, almost hoping perhaps that her mate might come along. But, she remained alone. There were many times when we could hear her “crying”, mourning her loneliness and lack of purpose, sitting on a batch of eggs that would never hatch. One day, she quietly left that little corner never to return again.

Many human beings approach life this way. We silently grieve our loneliness, lack of direction, and sense of purpose. Maybe life once had meaning for us, but nothing seems to claim us and settle our restlessness any longer. We wander around looking and hoping for someone or something to come our way. We may even sob at times, wailing as we sit with the misery of our pain. Will happiness ever come our way again? Or will we simply leave where we are never to return again? Many are lost, wandering souls who are not quite sure where to settle or where to make a home.

We are meant to be in Christ. This glorious feast of the Ascension shows us, with clear vision, who Jesus really is! Understanding ourselves in Christ really changes things up and reorients us to our greater purpose, mission, and meaning. We are part of the cosmic wonder of creation and part of a bigger plan and mystery, destined to be much more than what we now know ourselves to be. Could Jesus’ friends know who he would become? If we can find the Christ present within and see the Christ bursting forth in all creation and beyond, then we can come to know our truth and understand where our home and life is meant to be.

Advancing upon the blessing of each new day with the certain knowledge that you are an unconditionally loved child of God gives you the axis and the safe harbor to cope with whatever comes your way. The gift of joy will be yours, and you can discover your true meaning and purpose. Look within, look without, look above, and look below. You are not alone. Trust that God will lead you where you need to be and transform you into who you really are.

**Our Gift Back to God**

Offertory . . . . .	\$ 6,160.31
Online/Mailed/Dropped in Office . . . . .	<u>+2,760.05</u>
Total May 17th	\$8,920.36
Weekly Goal . . . . .	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus Our Goal . . . . .	\$(3,079.64)
Funds For the Local Needy. . . . .	\$ 681.00

**Thank You!**

In today’s Gospel, Jesus prays, “I have given You glory on earth by finishing the work You gave Me to do.” Good stewards follow His example by using their time and talents for the glory of God.

“All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” - Mt 28:18b-19

*Mass Intention*

**Weekend of May 23rd & 24th, 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)**

Zachary Esters (Birthday), Jacob Theriot, Preston Venable, Edwin & Editha H. Simon (Anniv.), Dalfred John Guidry (Anniv.), Jodie Crouch, Rodolphe Fabre, Ryan Viator, Jeffrey Neil Ray, Evelyn Benoit, Alice Guzzetta, Zachary Hebert

*Weekday Masses*

Monday 25	M/M Harry Hempel
Tuesday 26	First Responders and Those Serving in Our Armed Forces
Wednesday 27	Vocations to the Priesthood
Thursday 28	Sick of the Parish
Friday 29	St. Joseph Community

*Sanctuary Candle*

Leona “To Toot” Broussard (Anniversary)

*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. (25th):** Memorial Day  
Parish Office Closed
- Tues. (26th):** No Events Scheduled
- Wed. (27th):** No Events Scheduled
- Thurs. (28th):** No Events Scheduled
- Fri. (29th):** Office Closed
- Sat. (30th):** No Events Scheduled
- Sun. (31st):** 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](http://www.stjo-milton.org). Online Giving has also been set up through the Diocese for those who unable to attend Mass at this time but would like to continue to tithe. 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.



**Confirmation** will be held on Sunday, **August 23rd** at St. Joseph Church at 5:00 p.m. This is the new date for those who were making their confirmation in May. Please call Eva Green at 856-0800 for any questions you may have.

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

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33
- Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a
- Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19
- Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26
- Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19
- Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [cf. 7b]/Jn 21:20-25

**Next Sunday's Readings**

- Acts 2:1-11
- Psalms 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34
- 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
- John 20:19-23

**Cremation and The Church**

**Question:** Can Catholics be cremated?

**Answer:** As the practice of cremation becomes more and more common, it's important to know what the Church asks of families who have chosen this for a loved one who has died.

As the US Bishops observe on their website, "Ideally, if a family chooses cremation, the cremation would take place some time after the Funeral Mass, so that there can be an opportunity for the Vigil for the Deceased in the presence of the body." However, if cremation takes place before the Funeral Mass, the cremated remains can be present at the Funeral Mass and the appendix to the Order of Christian Funerals provides adaptations for the texts and rituals that are part of the Funeral Mass and the Committal. The primary concern is that the cremated remains should be treated with the same respect given to any human remains. The Order of Christian Funerals instructs, "This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, and the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition. The cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains on the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires" (no. 417). It is becoming more and more common for parishes or diocese-sponsored cemeteries to include columbaria to house cremated remains in a way that respects Church teaching, allowing family and friends the opportunity to honor the remains of the one they have lost with dignity, reverence, and care.

*"A priest is not a priest for himself, he is a priest for you." - Cure' of Ars*

**Please Pray for Our Priest:**

- Rev. Andre Metrejean
- Rev. Mark Miley
- Rev. Thomas Montelaro
- Rev. Michael Moody, SVD
- Rev. Randall Moreau
- Rev. Jason Mouton
- Rev. Joseph Nasser, SJ

**Faith Camp (not sure if this is still scheduled)** 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](http://www.bestweekofyourlife.com).



**Word of Life** "Everyone is in need of reassurance, and if we, who have touched 'the Word of life' do not give it, who will? How beautiful it is to be Christians who offer consolation, who bear the burdens of others and who offer encouragement: messengers of life in a time of death!" *For all Christians: That our example may give witness to the precious gift of human life in this world and the invitation to eternal life in the next.*

**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.

**Liturgical Ministers May 30th & 31st, 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 30th, 4:00 p.m.**

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

**Sunday, May 31st, 8:00 a.m.**

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

**Sunday, May 31st, 10:30 a.m.**

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

**Sunday, May 31st, 5:00 p.m.**

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

*No Schedule at this time*

