

SAINT JOSEPH

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MAY 31, 2020 - PENTECOST SUNDAY

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.

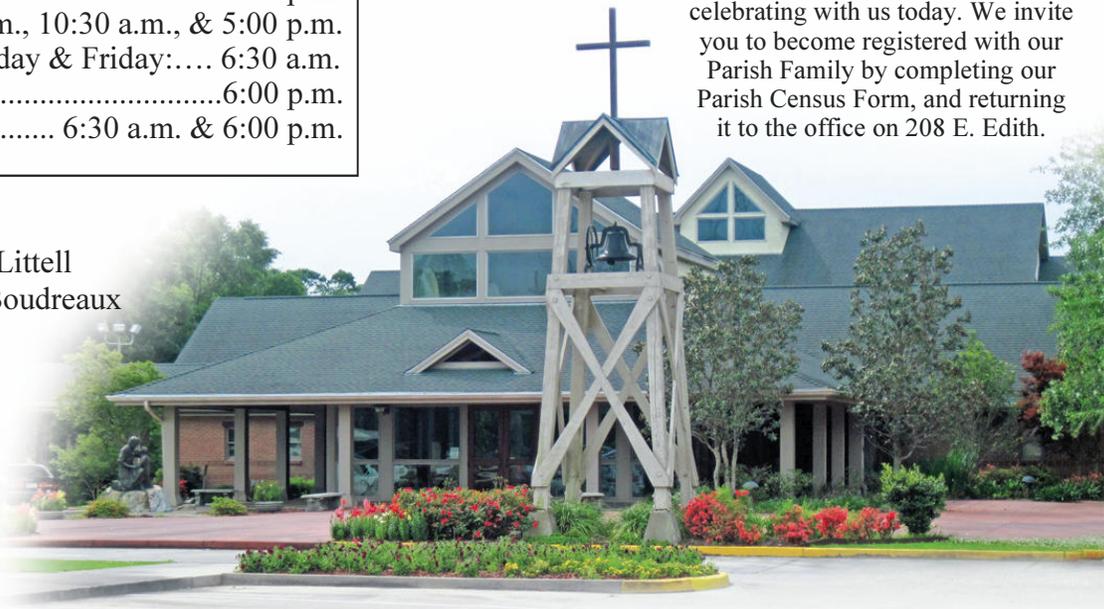
We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to become registered with our Parish Family by completing our Parish Census Form, and returning it to the office on 208 E. Edith.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

PARISH TRUSTEES

- Linda Desormeaux
- Robert Landry



Pentecost Sunday

You can feel so small standing by the seashore. The vastness of all that is before you expands much farther than your eye can see. What is happening on the other side? As tides continue to ebb and flow, what occurs as they come and go remains largely a mystery and the effects of their presence unknown in your sight. Yet, things are moving and changing as you gaze upon the water, as the thumbprint of their presence is left behind. The greater the wind and wave, the greater the effect. But even a gentle breeze leaves its humble mark upon the seashore on which you stand. The smallest pebble still makes a ripple in the great blue expanse of ocean waters. It doesn't need to be big.

You never know the full impact of your smallest gesture or simplest of words. A yes or no, agree or disagree, here or there, this or that can influence time and history in ways you may never know. The Holy Spirit is like that: fierce and torrential, and then almost still and silent, creating and recreating nonetheless. Coming as a gentle breeze or a gusty wind, God's Holy Spirit continues to move over, around, and into the waters of our lives. The Spirit brings fruit and unknown possibilities to what we humbly bring with us and that same Spirit eventually brings all to fulfillment in Christ.

The first disciples didn't have much. They possessed simple faith and a willingness to go into uncharted territory with a love of their friend-God, humble offerings, and a knowledge that they were not alone. This allowed them to do amazing things with very little. Do you believe that you are being led and that you have a purposeful life? We often do not realize our value because we do not think that the little we have is good enough. How wrong we are! A little flour mixed with water and embraced by a prayer of blessing transforms simple offerings into the magnificent Eucharistic presence of God. If the Holy Spirit can do such amazing things with these humble gifts of the earth, even more can happen with you. Don't underestimate the value of the smile you gave a stranger, the door held open for an elderly widow, the listening ear offered to one who was lonely, the tolerance given to the wounded soul who is angry, and the loving shoulder you offered as a cradle under the head of someone in pain. Modest gifts offered with love can be transformed by the Spirit into wondrous blessings you may never know. It's Pentecost. Trust. You are not alone.

Our Gift Back to God

Offertory *(Due to early printing, not available)* \$

Thank You!

Next Weekend's Second Collection
Building & Maintenance Fund

In the second reading today, St. Paul reminds the Corinthians, "There are different gifts, but the same Spirit; there are different ministries but the same Lord." How am I using my gifts "for the common good"?

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." - Jn 20:21-23

Mass Intention

Weekend of May 30th & 31st, 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)

Eugene Broussard, Jodie Crouch, Rodolphe Fabre, Preston Venable, Bobby Ewell, Mabel & Romain Hebert (His Anniv.), Jacob Theriot, Zachary Esters, Zachary Hebert, Jeffrey Neil Ray, Ryan Viator, Orena B. Viator, Emilie S. Smith Families, Didier Smith (Birthday), Clifford J. Viator & Family

Weekday Masses

Monday 1	Vocations to the Priesthood
Tuesday 2	Glenn L. DeLaune, Sr., Jeffrey Neil Ray
Wednesday 3	Mona Menard (1st Anniversary)
Thursday 4	Robert "Tully" Landry (Wedding Anniversary)
Friday 5	Joseph Harmon, Dr. Larry & Barbara Hebert, Frank & Viola Martin, Edward & Lydia Hebert & Family

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. (1st):** No Events Scheduled
- Tues. (2nd):** No Events Scheduled
- Wed. (3rd):** No Events Scheduled
- Thurs. (4th):** No Events Scheduled
- Fri. (5th):** Office Closed
- Sat. (6th):** No Events Scheduled
- Sun. (7th):** No Events Scheduled

The Next Baptism Seminar will begin in **June**. At this time, we ask that you call to make an appointment by calling the Parish Office at 856-5997. Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy in order to avoid any delays.



St. Joseph Church Website

Please visit our Parish Website at 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.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34
- Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16 [1]/Mk 12:13-17
- Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef [1b]/Mk 12:18-27
- Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15/Ps 4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [4]/Mk 12:28-34
- Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17/Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168 [165a]/Mk 12:35-37
- Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8/Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22 [cf. 15ab]/Mk 12:38-4

Next Sunday's Readings

- Acts 2:1-14a, 36-41
- Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
- 1 Peter 2:20b-25
- John 10:14

Calling Priests Father

Question: Why do Catholics call priests Father?

Answer: One of the common objections evangelical Christians have to Catholics is our practice of calling priests by the title Father. They will often cite a passage in Matthew's Gospel in which Jesus tells his followers: "Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven" (23:19). It seems pretty straightforward, but when we put this verse in context, we see that Jesus is speaking out against religious leaders who had forgotten what their proper role was and who were bad examples through their own hypocrisy and elitist attitudes.

In other Gospels, we find Jesus himself using the title father for different characters, such as in the Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man (Luke 16:19-31) and the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). If we put the verse from Matthew into the full scope of Jesus' teachings, he isn't saying that we can't use words like "father," "rabbi," or "master." Rather, he is telling us that we should be mindful of the full meaning of those titles and not to misuse them.

To call a priest "Father" is more than a sign of respect for the office of the priesthood. It goes all the way back to the way St. Paul understood his own work as a missionary and evangelizer. Paul wrote, "I am writing you in this way not to shame you but to admonish you as my beloved children ... It was I who begot you in Christ Jesus through my preaching of the Gospel. I beg you, then, be imitators of me. This is why I have sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful son in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 4:14-17).

Yes, we have God alone as our heavenly Father, but there are also those here with us who nurture and nourish our faith through their teaching and care. This is why the title of Father has been applied to the church's pastors in different ways since the earliest days of the Church, including monks and nuns using the title "abbot" and "abbess" (from abba) for their spiritual leaders and Christians around the world recognizing the "Holy Father" or "pope" (from papa) as the head of the family that is the Church. The title Father is a reminder that priests have a special responsibility to care for, protect, feed, listen to, and nourish those who have been entrusted to them, all after the example of our Father in heaven who never ceases to give us what we truly need.

Thought of the Week In God's presence there is comfort...there is peace.

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

Please Pray for Our Priest:

- Rev. James Bam Nguyen
- Pope Francis
- Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
- Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel
- Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell
- Rev. A. Gayle Nunez
- Rev. Godwin Nzeh, CMF

Faith Camp (Check with this camp, not sure if this is still happening due to COVID-19)

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.



Word of Life "God creates us in his image and likeness, which means we are made to be in loving relationship with him. The essence of our identity and worth, the source of our dignity, is that we are loved by God." *May the Holy Spirit strengthen God's people to embrace and protect the precious gift of human life.*

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 June 6th & 7th, 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, June 6th, 4:00 p.m.

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

Sunday, June 7th, 8:00 a.m.

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

Sunday, June 7th, 10:30 a.m.

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

Sunday, June 7th, 5:00 p.m.

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

No Schedule at this time