



SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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JULY 12, 2020 - FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

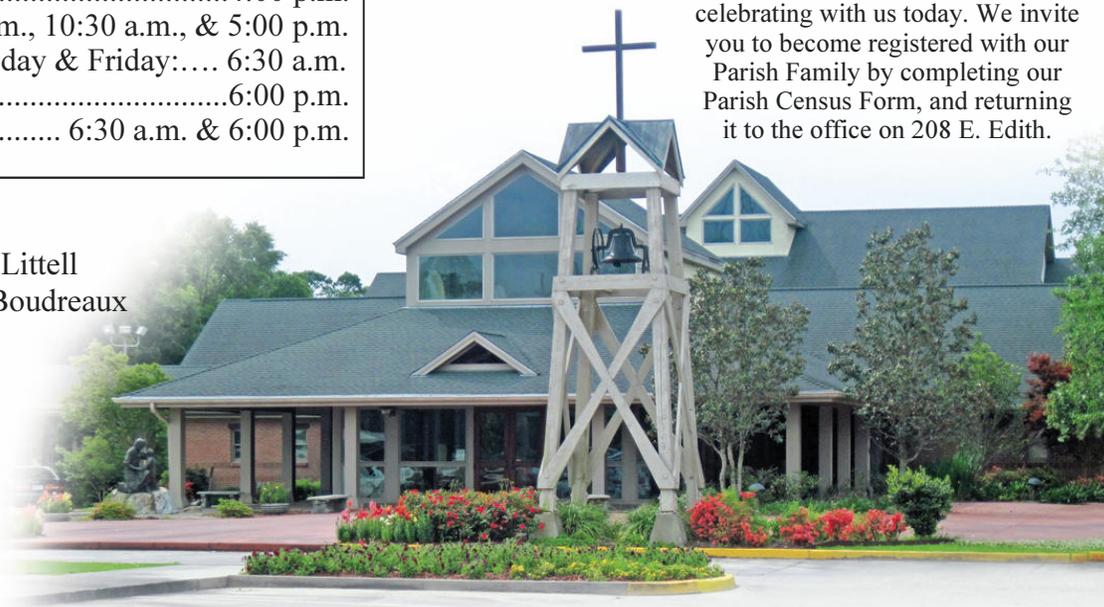
We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to become registered with our Parish Family by completing our Parish Census Form, and returning it to the office on 208 E. Edith.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

PARISH TRUSTEES

Linda Desormeaux
Robert Landry



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Using the best seeds doesn't always guarantee the best plants. An older Italian gentleman straight from Italy gave me these amazing tomato seeds that he claimed produced the best tomatoes ever grown. Without doubt, the fruit he shared with me was a testament to that fact. These tomatoes were amazing! I couldn't wait until the next growing season to plant these seeds and harvest my own tomatoes. The whole experiment ended up a failure. I did everything the gentleman said, but my fruit didn't even come close. What happened? At first I was perplexed, then some years later the light dawned. The problem wasn't the seeds, it was the soil!

You cannot sow seeds in any old place and in a haphazard way and expect them to be at their best. It doesn't work that way. Planting the seeds is the easiest part. Preparing the soil is the challenge. Tilling, mulching, enriching, and building up the nutrients are all required for good fruit. Then after the seeds are planted, more care is required in order to maintain that healthy, nutrient rich environment for those seeds to sprout, grow, and flourish. God happily sows the seeds of his Word. What do we do with them?

If we expect to be a passive bystander and have good fruit magically grow, we are mistaken. Bearing the good fruit of God's Word requires preparation and work. We have to cultivate the soil of our lives so that those seeds can find a proper home. This one thing alone takes a great deal of patience, time, and effort. What kind of preparation have we put into our lives so that we can be a recipient of God's seed? It takes a great deal of soul-searching and ego-checking to properly prepare. God is the ever faithful and persistent sower. If the seeds do not bear fruit the first time, God will come back time and time again, giving it another try.

If we have created a suitable bed for sowing, then once the seed is sown, we must properly maintain them. What is our maintenance plan for the seeds of God's Word? We need not only a source for water but a watering schedule. We need to weed, aerate the soil, nurture the young plants, protect them, and provide proper nutrients. What does our spiritual maintenance plan look like? If we have done all things well, imagine what the seeds of God's Word could produce in us!

Our Gift Back to God

Offertory	\$ 5,978.00
Online/Mailed/Dropped in Office	+ 5,910.38
Total (July 5th)	\$11,888.38
Weekly Goal	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus Our Goal	\$ (111.62)
June 28th (Collection)	\$10,152.00

Thank You!

This Weekend's Second Collection
Catholic Communications

May our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure show us to be among those who have heard the message of Christ and taken it in, yielding a hundred- or sixty- or thirty-fold!

"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:22-23

Mass Intention

Weekend of July 11th & 12th, 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)

Jodie Crouch, Lucy Woods Benoit, Ryan Viator, Preston Venable, Orena B. Viator (Birthday), Rodolphe Fabre, Jeffrey Neil Ray, Percy & Ophelia Rabalais, Eura V. Simon (Birthday), Jacob Theriot, Gerhard & Sophie Cramer, Del Goodson, Margaret McCowen Parkhill, Zachary Esters, Ryan Rabalais, Irvin Arceneaux, Trent Meche, Zachary Hebert, Elie J. Prejean, Daniel Seidel, Francis Hebert (Anniv.), Joseph Burley (Birthday), Wilda & Louis Theo Bares, Willis & Geri Morvant (Her Birthday)

Weekday Masses

Monday 13	Vocations to the Priesthood
Tuesday 14	First Responders and Those Serving in Our Armed Forces
Wednesday 15	Mona Menard (Birthday), Beverly C. & Mildred B. Picard (His Birthday), Cameron Bailey (Anniversary)
Thursday 16	Mona Menard (Baptism)
Friday 17	Emily Kay Benoit (15th Birthday)

Sanctuary Candle

Previous Priests

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 Lynne Burroughs
Jeremy Broussard Jamie Jennings



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.**

Adoration Join us for Adoration every Wednesday at Church from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

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.

Baptism Seminar 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.

Events This Week

- Mon. (13th):** No Events Scheduled
- Tues. (14th):** No Events Scheduled
- Wed. (15th):** Adoration 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Thurs. (16th):** No Events Scheduled
- Fri. (17th):** Parish Office Closed
- Sat. (18th):** First Communion Practice 9:00 a.m. (Church)
- Sun. (19th):** First Communion (All Masses)

Year of St. Joseph On Wednesday, **November 4th**, St. Joseph Church here in Milton will present *"The Grace of a Happy Death: Holy Hour and Teaching."* The Holy Hour begins at 5:30 p.m. with a teaching starting at 6:00 p.m. One hundred fifty 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. Be on the lookout for events celebrating this year in one of the 13 Church parishes named for St. Joseph, and across the entire diocese. Wednesday, November 4th is our scheduled event for the Year of St. Joseph.

Word of Life "Adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God's power and of his love for us. We realize that he always has a perfect plan for our lives." *For families considering adoption: May the Lord guide and bless their journey, and grant them peace along the way.*

First Communion There will be First Communion Practice on **July 18th** in Church at 9:00 a.m. First Communion will be held on **July 19th** at all Masses on those days. Please call Eva Green (856-0800) with any questions or concerns you may have regarding this information.

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 2020. Please call Eva Green at 856-0800 for any questions you may have.



Confirmation Registration for 2020-21 has started. Please visit stjo-milton.org for registration forms. The deadline to register is **September 11th!** For questions call Eva Green at 856-0800.

Our Families *We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance. St. Joseph Knights of Columbus*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 10:34—11:1
- Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 9d]/Mt 11:20-24
- Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 11:25-27
- Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21 [20b]/Mt 11:28-30
- Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 12:1-8
- Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14 [12b]/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday's Readings

- Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
- Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16
- Romans 8:26-27
- Matthew 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Why Do Catholics Baptize Babies?

Question: Why do Catholics baptize babies?

Answer: For adults who want to be baptized, the celebration only takes place after a long, guided, and thoughtful process through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. This is also true for many Protestant Christians, who are baptized later in life, often after a personal, transforming religious experience. So, it seems fair to ask why our Catholic tradition includes infant baptism. After all, if we make adults who want to become Catholic wait months and even years as they grow in their understanding of Christ and his teachings, why should babies — who “do nothing” — be baptized?

Our custom of infant baptism dates back to the earliest days of the Church, when St. Paul baptized entire households, including, we presume, children (see Acts 16:15, 33; 18:8). That had become common practice by the second century. When Christianity was legalized 200 years later, infant baptism became the normal practice throughout the Church.

We recognize that in Baptism, we are given the grace to overcome original sin — the human tendency to choose ourselves and our own wills over God — and to become members of the Church. This is the gift we give to infants in Baptism.

In its essence, the baptism of infants also reminds us adult Christians that the gift of salvation and membership in the Church (i.e., the Body of Christ) is God’s initiative. It is freely offered to us, regardless of where we might be in life’s journey. Salvation isn’t something we earn. Instead, we see that Baptism is the beginning of a lifelong process of growing into the kind of disciples that Jesus wants us to be.

Thought of the Week No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of it to anyone else.



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

Please Pray for Our Priest:

- Rev. Clinton Sensat
- Rev. Bryce Sibley
- Rev. Gregory Simien
- Rev. Brent Smith
- Rev. William Snyders, SJ
- Rev. Cedric Sonnier
- Rev. John Stacer, SJ

Engaged Couples Spend a weekend away from the cares and distractions of everyday living. Attend a Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend. The weekend is open to any engaged couple wanting to prepare for a deeper more meaningful life together in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church according to its Church law. Upcoming dates are **August 7th-9th, September 18th-20th, November 13th-15th, January 8th-10th**. For cost of weekends, other dates, and to learn more, visit our website at www.ceelafayette.org or contact Paul & Carolyn Trahan at 254-8947 or cee.trahan@gmail.com.



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.

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**Liturgical Ministers July 18th & 19th, 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, July 18th, 4:00 p.m.

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

Sunday, July 19th, 8:00 a.m.

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

Sunday, July 19th, 10:30 a.m.

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

Sunday, July 19th, 5:00 p.m.

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

No Schedule at this time