

SAINT JOSEPH

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SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 - TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH MINISTERS

Rev. William Schambough*Pastor*
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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.

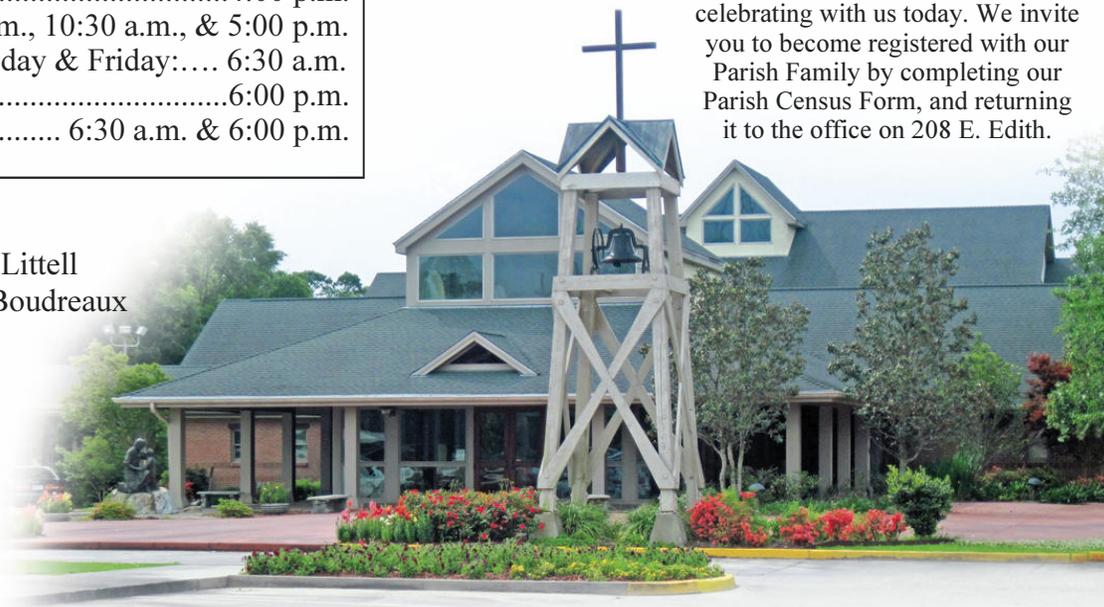
We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to become registered with our Parish Family by completing our Parish Census Form, and returning it to the office on 208 E. Edith.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

PARISH TRUSTEES

Linda Desormeaux
Robert Landry



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What right do we have to limit the amount and degree of forgiveness we show to others when we are so desperately in need of it ourselves? In not wanting someone who hurt us to downplay or forget the gravity of their wrong, we cling to anger, resentment, and wrath as a way of maintaining control. It is a way to acknowledge and express our deep hurt. We fail to realize that in doing so we hold ourselves hostage to these destructive feelings and actually become mired in the bondage of sin. All we gain is further alienation from ourselves, others, and especially God. We are no longer free but tethered to all of this unresolved negativity. Don't we really want to let it go? The fact is that we need to.

A good self-reflective posture will quickly show us that when the shoe is on the other foot and we are the ones in need of forgiveness, we desire it above anything else. This is especially true with our relationship with God. It is hypocritical to want one thing for ourselves and something else for another. Yet, many act in precisely this way.

Perhaps we think that in offering forgiveness, even for the most grievous of wrongs, somehow excuses the person of their wrong and makes it almost acceptable. This is what makes revenge, retaliation, and punishment so attractive. We see forgiveness as being an eraser that easily wipes away the offense without consequence. Or, we may believe that in offering forgiveness I must somehow forget the wrong and open myself as a victim of even greater possible hurts in the future. In fact, forgiving my sister or brother of their wrongful actions or attitudes involves none of this. It does not erase anything or position me vulnerably as a doormat to be walked on.

Forgiveness is an act of freedom that restores honest dialogue, shares true, and heartfelt feelings and acknowledges the consequences of an action. It admits that the wrong has caused a hurt that must be healed and squarely positions responsibility on the offender. The act of forgiveness recognizes our sinfulness and brokenness. It also admits that the most saintly among us is capable of doing very grave and deep harm to another person. It sees that we all can be victims of our passions and works in progress that deserve unlimited chances to get it right. With forgiveness, I release myself from the bonds of negativity and pursue a path of restoration, wholeness, and healing. I do not forget the wrong nor do I dismiss it. Sometimes, we have to stay far away from the one who hurt us. But we can still heal internally and be free.

For the one who wants to be forgiven and the one who needs offer forgiveness, the journey can be an adventure in learning what brought us to this place and what is needed to move forward. This is exactly how God treats us. Why would we not want to do the same for others?

Our Gift Back to God

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

Thank You!

This Sunday's Second Collection
Catholic University

Stewardship is not optional! "None of us lives as his own master and none of us dies as his own master," says St. Paul. "While we live we are responsible to the Lord, and when we die we die as his servants."

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22

Mass Intention

Weekend of September 12th & 13th, 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)

David Luke, Jr., Jeffrey Neil Ray, Gayle James Stoute, Etienne & Leona Clark, Preston Venable, Joyce & Pressley Maturin (Her Birthday), Jodie Crouch, Rodolphe Fabre, M/M Damas Viator & Family, Clifford J. Viator & Family, Jacob Theriot, Percy & Ophelia Rabalais, St. Jude (In Honor), Rudy Greenley, Ryan Rabalais, Zachary Esters, M/M Wilmer Landry, Ryan Viator, Margaret McCowen Parkhill

Weekday Masses

Monday 14	St. Joseph Community
Tuesday 15	First Responders and Those Serving in Our Armed Forces
Wednesday 16	Vocations to the Priesthood
Thursday 17	Michael Forrest Warren, Jr. (Anniversary), Tanya Wilson (41st Birthday)
Friday 18	Sick of the Parish

Sanctuary Candle

Previous Bishops



Please Pray For The Sick

Norval Knapp Brennen Albert
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.**

Hurricane Laura Response

Catholic Charities of Acadiana is currently working to assess damage from Hurricane Laura, working in coordination with our local disaster response partners from the Acadiana VOAD. We are currently deploying volunteer crews to assist in muck outs, roof tarping, damage assessment and debris removal, as well as providing food through St. Joseph Diner. Catholic Charities of Acadiana is also coordinating relief efforts with Sister Miriam Maclean and Catholic Charities in Lake Charles, assisting them in their response to those who are in need. Those with storm damage with the Diocese of Lafayette should text the word **DISASTER** to **797979** to report to Catholic Charities of Acadiana for assessment and response. **HOW TO HELP:** To make monetary gift to assist in disaster relief, text **RELIEF** to **797979** or visit: <https://give.classy.org/disaster>.

Purchase in-kind donations to assist in our local disaster response teams through the Hurricane Laura response Amazon Wishlist: <https://amzn.to/34zUmxA>. Volunteer your time for disaster food preparation through St. Joseph Diner:

www.catholiccharitiesacadiana.org.

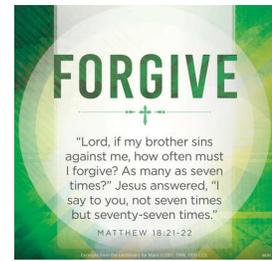
Events This Week

- Mon. (14th):** No Events Scheduled
- Tues. (15th):** Mass 8:30 a.m.
- Wed. (16th):** Mass 8:30 a.m.
Adoration
5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Thurs. (17th):** Mass 8:30 a.m.
- Fri. (18th):** Mass 6:30 a.m.
Parish Office Closed
- Sat. (19th):** No Events Scheduled
- Sun. (20th):** No Events Scheduled

Additional Mass We added an additional Mass every Friday beginning on September 11th at 6:30 a.m. The Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Masses will remain at 8:30 a.m. for the time being.

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

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.



Baptism Seminar Please call the office at 856-5997 to make an appointment for Baptism Prep. Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy in order to avoid any delays.

Word of Life "Throughout salvation history, God has welcomed repentant sinners with special joy. Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep with these words: 'there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.'" *For all whose hearts ache from participating in abortion: may they be strengthened to seek the Lord's compassion, mercy, and healing in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.*



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
- Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 31:2 and 3b, 3cd-4, 5-6, 15-16, 20 [17]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
- Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22 [12]/Lk 7:31-35
- Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 [1]/Lk 7:36-50
- Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 8:1-3
- Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14 [14]/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday's Readings

- Isaiah 55:6-9
- Psalm: 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18
- Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a
- Matthew 20:1-16a

Should I Stay or Should I Go?

Life is not always easy on us and it can be hard to figure out the next step to take in our journey. We can even become immobilized by indecisiveness and fear about making the wrong move or choosing the incorrect path. I think of the song, *Should I Stay, or Should I Go*, as a mantra for many times in my life. Should I stay in this house, this job, or this car? Should I go here or there? When those times of decision surface, I usually turn to my wife, my friends, or even my children. Talking it out can help, and their perspectives give me more data to consider. When I lean on others to help me make a decision, it helps me become more confident in my choices.

Discerning the will of God is not easy either. Rarely do we understand God’s calling clearly at first. God’s calling is always more easily discerned within a community of faithful disciples. Our stewardship way of life can suffer greatly if we refuse to allow others to assist us in the process of discernment. What gifts or talents are needed for the task at hand? Where do I fit best into God’s plan? Where is God leading me? No one should have to decide the answers to these questions alone. We need to always lean on the Body of Christ to help us see the path that God has laid before us. Without a little help along the journey, over time we might find ourselves stuck in the same place where we started.

Abide Women’s Conference February 5th-7th, 2021! Mark your calendars. With your participation, hundreds of Catholic Women will experience Christ’s forgiveness in the Sacraments of Reconciliation, further enabling them to rest and renew. Additionally, we will be blessed to celebrate Mass with Bishop Deshotel once again! More information will follow in the coming months.

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

Please Pray for Our Priest:

- Rev. Joseph Brasseaux, OSB
- Rev. John “Buddy” Breaux
- Rev. Louis Allen Breaux
- Rev. Francis Brou, SJ
- Rev. A. Rex Broussard
- Rev. Henry Broussard
- Rev. Ken Broussard, JCL

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 weekend dates are **September 18-20, November 13-15, January 8-10**. For cost of weekends, other dates, and to learn more, visit www.ceelafayette.org or call Paul or Carolyn Trahan at 254-8947.



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.

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.

Thought of the Week

Forgiveness is the giving, and so the receiving of life.

**Liturgical Ministers September 19th & 20th, 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, September 19th, 4:00 p.m.

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

Sunday, September 20th, 8:00 a.m.

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

Sunday, September 20th, 10:30 a.m.

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

Sunday, September 20th, 5:00 p.m.

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

No Schedule at this time