



SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SEPTEMBER 20, 2020 - TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH MINISTERS

Rev. William Schambough*Pastor*
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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.

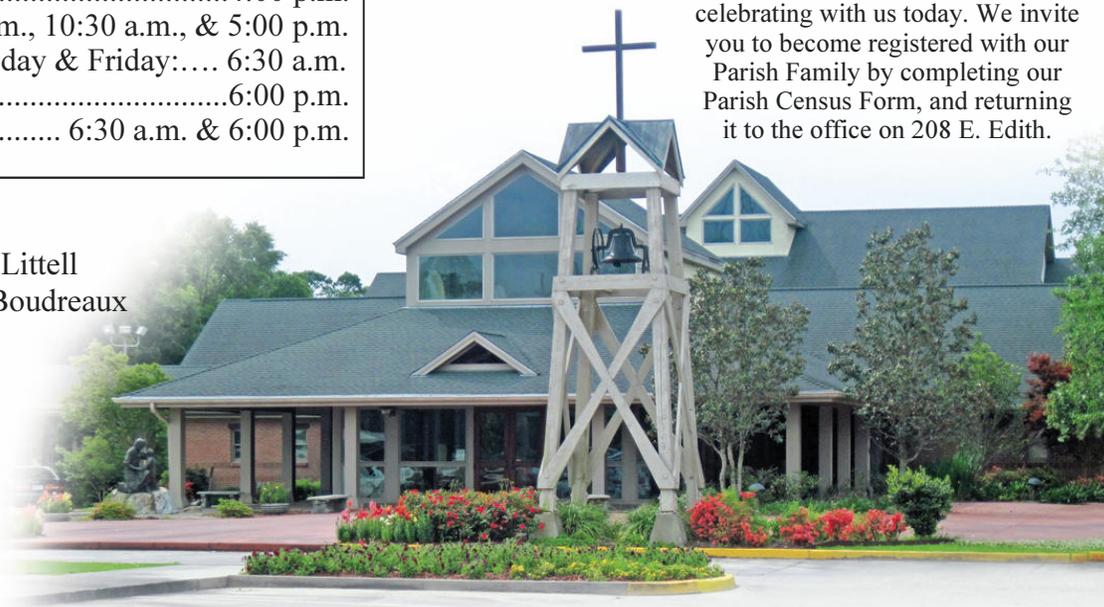
We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to become registered with our Parish Family by completing our Parish Census Form, and returning it to the office on 208 E. Edith.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

PARISH TRUSTEES

Linda Desormeaux
 Robert Landry



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

If I work for five hours, I expect to get paid for five hours. If I work for two, I expect to get paid for two. What if we worked for a company that paid everyone the same amount regardless of how long they worked? How would we feel going home with the same pay for working eight hours as my co-worker did for working only two hours? Secular wisdom would have a huge problem with this and a visit to the Labor Board would quickly pursue. But this is God’s wisdom and God’s ways.

We sometimes think that if we pray more, better, or more fervently and go over and above with the practice of our faith, God will somehow reward us and present us with some kind of merit badge. We are so wrong. Spiritual practices have only one true purpose: to deepen our love for God. In deepening our love for God, we also increase our ability to see God’s presence around us, living life more purposefully and contemplatively. What if God chooses to treat someone who has come on the scene of faith later in life the same as someone who has devoted their whole lives to it? Does it really matter? If we have the merit badge notion of faith, we can find ourselves feeling a little arrogant and even jealous of folks who have not followed the same path that we have. We can even see ourselves as the privileged few who have a corner on the faith and fully possess it.

That thinking doesn’t square with God. God is all about mercy in abundance and is ready to take anyone to himself regardless of when they come. He is only happy that they have come home and delights in their return. After all, if you really and truly love someone, does it matter what they will give you in return or what you receive as a benefit? If relationships were assessed based upon productivity, they would lack authentic love. We invest too much self interest in our prayer and neglect to see it as an opportunity to pursue our Lover and deepen the intimate bond we have with God.

When we breathe our last, all that is of consequence is union with God. If my love for God is real, I am going to want to live the Gospel, abide by the commandments, practice my faith, forgive and love my neighbor, and care for the environment, regardless of how much time it takes or benefits me. We want God to think and behave as we do, and in doing so, we set ourselves up for disappointment. God has a totally different agenda and that’s okay.

Our Gift Back to God

Offertory	\$ 7,876.00
Mailed/Dropped in Office	+3,350.09
Total (September 13th)	\$11,226.09
Weekly Goal	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus Our Goal	\$ -773.91
September 6th Collection	\$14,564.00
Online Giving (July/August)	\$12,174.76
Hurricane Laura Relief	\$19,519.00
Catholic University	\$ 812.00

Thank You!

In today’s Gospel, the vineyard owner says, “I am free to do as I please with my money, am I not?” We are likewise free. Is a generous return to the Lord in thanksgiving for His many blessings among the choices we have made?

"He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." - Mt 20:13-16

Mass Intention

Weekend of September 19th & 20th, 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)

Preston Venable, Evelyn B. Landry, Zachary Hebert, Emily Kay Benoit, Jodie Crouch, Purvis Picard, Jacob Theriot, David Luke, Jr., Sheila Homes, M/M Wilmer Landry, Ryan Viator, Jeffrey Neil Ray, Margaret McCowen Parkhill, Rudy Greenley, Rodolphe Fabre

Weekday Masses

Monday 21	Sick of the Parish
Tuesday 22	First Responders and Those Serving in Our Armed Forces
Wednesday 23	St. Joseph Community
Thursday 24	Previous Priests
Friday 25	Vocations to the Priesthood

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
 Noelle McBride Otero Vickie Galligan

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. (21st): No Events Scheduled

Tues. (22nd): No Events Scheduled

Wed. (23rd): No Events Scheduled
Adoration
5:30-7:00 p.m.

Thurs. (24th): No Events Scheduled

Fri. (25th): Mass 6:30 a.m.
Parish Office Closed

Sat. (26th): No Events Scheduled

Sun. (27th): No Events Scheduled

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.

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions: Respect for the Planet's Resources We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

Our Lady of Lourdes Blood Drive

St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus #12163 annual blood drive will not take place at church this year due to COVID-19. Instead we ask that you make time to go in person and donate. We thank you for your continued support and prayers during this time. Our Lady of Lourdes Blood Donor Center is taking blood donations from people who are healthy while respecting the need to socially distance. To donate, please call to schedule an appointment for blood or platelets donations at 470-GIVE (4483). We are taking every precaution to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our donors and our team members.

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 "Suicidal individuals—with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die... The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, 'Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?'" *For all who are forgotten or cast off, especially the unborn, the poor, the sick, and the aged: may they be treated according to the dignity with which God creates them.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 [35]/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 [105]/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc [1]/Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 [1]/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 [1]/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday's Readings

Ezekiel 18:25-28
Psalm: 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5
Matthew 21:28-32



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.

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.

Thought of the Week
We win by tenderness. We conquer by forgiveness.

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

Please Pray for Our Priest:
 Rev. Patrick Broussard
 Rev. Paul Broussard
 Rev. Richard Dale Broussard
 Rev. Msgr. Ronald Broussard
 Rev. Theodore Broussard
 Rev. Keenan Brown
 Rev. Wilbur "Sonny" Brown

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 **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.



Good and Evil

Question: If God is good, why is there evil in the world?

Answer: The problem of evil is perplexing. If God is all-powerful and all-good, why doesn't He stop bad things from happening? He must either not be all-powerful, or perhaps He's not very good after all. Human beings have faced the possibility of evil since the very beginning of our existence. In granting us free will, God gives us the ability to make free choices. God does not force us into moral perfection. We are not forced to love Him or to love our neighbor. We must make the decision ourselves. This means, of course, that we have the ability to choose against love.

One small decision of selfishness, jealousy, or pride may not seem so bad. But every decision — good or bad — is like a stone dropped into a still pond. The ripples extend much farther than the original stone. When decisions against love begin to compound, they affect families, neighborhoods, and nations. This is all the more reason for Christians to be faithful to our baptismal call to love one another as Christ has loved us!

Liturgical Ministers September 26th & 27th, 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 26th, 4:00 p.m.
 Sacristan:
 Lectors:
 Eucharistic Ministers:
 Altar Servers:

Sunday, September 27th, 8:00 a.m.
 Sacristan:
 Lectors:
 Eucharistic Ministers:
 Altar Servers:

Sunday, September 27th, 10:30 a.m.
 Sacristan:
 Lectors:
 Eucharistic Ministers:
 Altar Servers:

Sunday, September 27th, 5:00 p.m.
 Sacristan:
 Lectors:
 Eucharistic Ministers:
 Altar Servers:

No Schedule at this time