



SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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OCTOBER 4, 2020 - TWENTY-SEVENTH 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



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do you ever wonder why things never seem to come together? We see glimpses of consistency, equity, justice, peace, harmony, and wellbeing, but it always falls short. Human life is still expendable and manipulated, people are used for personal advancement, countries are at war, the economy continues to face turbulence, anger and frustration are widespread, and happiness is the possession of just a few and not the many. Could it be that we are serving the wrong kingdom? We keep trying to make our kingdom work and find ourselves still scratching our heads after repeatedly failed attempts to do so. It is almost as if people are saying, "we'll get it right this time if we do ...," as if some new and secret innovation has yet to be tried.

We serve God's kingdom. We may not like hearing that, but it is true. God did not make only a few of us. God made all of humanity and all of humanity is called into service. How often do we defer any of our decision making to God? Secular leaders enjoy winking at the Sacred Scriptures and using them when they advance a cause, but are they really listened to? Even those who consider themselves believers tend to sift through God's Word, taking what seems to fit and apply and discarding the rest. After all, if we were really serving God's kingdom, we would see an abundance of fruit testifying to this fact. But what's growing on the vine is anything other than good Gospel-centered fruit.

Nothing in this world or the next belongs to us. We have such a hard time believing this and live our lives as if everything belongs to us. And, the fruit does not lie. Trees that are neglected and not properly fertilized reveal that fact. They cannot keep these deep secrets from being discovered. If God's kingdom was really being served, then life would have looked much differently after the crucifixion. By now, there would be plenty of fantastic fruit to harvest in abundance: faith, hope, love, prudence, temperance, justice, and fortitude. Do we see these in abundance around us? Why not?

Still we grapple with ownership, privilege, status, and the protection of our rights. It's all about us and what we want, think we need, and expect to acquire. When did this change of focus occur? We may be struggling with this since humanity's day in the garden and have never understood that the focus cannot be on us and the apple but on God and God's justice. Maybe the only answer is that the Kingdom be taken from us and given to someone who is willing to do a better job. Is that the fate we really want?



Our Gift Back to God

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| Offertory | \$ 8,835.17 |
| Mailed/Dropped in Office | +3,160.00 |
| Total (September 27th) | \$11,995.17 |
| Weekly Goal | \$12,000.00 |
| Plus/Minus Our Goal | \$ -4.83 |
| Building & Maintenance (September) . . | \$ 4,347.00 |

Thank You!

This Week's Second Collection
Building & Maintenance Fund

In the Gospel today, the owner of the vineyard sent messengers to collect his share of the harvest from the tenant farmers; but there was not a single good steward on the property! God is the owner, we are the tenants. What sort of stewards are we?

"But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" - Mt 21:38-40

Mass Intention

Weekend of October 3rd & 4th, 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)

Yenes & Elwood Baudoin, Bobby Ewell, Harold & Gloria Simon (Her Anniv.), Zachary Hebert, M/M Wilmer Landry, David Luke, Jr., Etienne & Leona Clark (Her Birthday), Jodie Crouch (Anniv.), Rudy Greenley, M/M Earl Sinitiere, Shawn Romero (Birthday), Ryan Viator, Robert "Tully" Landry, Pierre Long Hebert (93rd Birthday), Preston Venable, Nolan Begnaud, Jacob Theriot, Margaret McCowen Parkhill, Wilda & Louis Theo Bares (Her Birthday), Loyd Denais, Earless Romero, Willis & Geri Morvant (His 2nd Anniv.), Jeffrey Neil Ray, Eustis & Beulah Touts (Her Birthday), Rodolphe Fabre, Louis Guidry (Anniv.), William L. Horne

Weekday Masses

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| Monday 5 | St. Joseph Community |
| Tuesday 6 | First Responders and Those Serving in Our Armed Forces |
| Wednesday 7 | Ernest Segura, Sr. (Birthday) |
| Thursday 8 | Vocations to the Priesthood |
| Friday 9 | M/M Leody Boudreaux (Her Birthday) |

Sanctuary Candle

Gayle James Stoute

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 Bethany Touchet



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 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.

Welcome New Parishioners! We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following Parishioners who registered with St. Joseph during the month of September: Amber LeBlanc, M/M Rodney LeBlanc, Kayla Romero, and M/M Daniel Raggette. We would also like to remind parishioners who have not registered with us, to consider this also. Registration forms can be found in the gathering area of church or online at stjo-milton.org. If you should have any questions, please call the office.

Events This Week

- Mon. (5th):** No Events Scheduled
- Tues. (6th):** Mass 8:30 a.m.
- Wed. (7th):** Mass 8:30 a.m.
Adoration
5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Thurs. (8th):** Mass 8:30 a.m.
Baptism Seminar
(Call office for appt.)
- Fri. (9th):** Mass 6:30 a.m.
Parish Office Closed
- Sat. (10th):** No Events Scheduled
- Sun. (11th):** 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.

A 1st Grade Parent Meeting will be held on Monday, **October 12th**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Church.

A 2nd Grade Parent Meeting will be held on Tuesday, **October 13th**, in the Church at 6:30 p.m.

Religious Ed Start Dates:

- 5th Grade - Sunday, October 18th (3:30-4:30 p.m.)
- 6th Grade - Sunday, October 18th (6:00-7:00 p.m.)
- 7th Grade - Sunday, October 18th (6:00-7:00 p.m.)
- 8th Grade - Sunday, October 18th (6:00-7:00 p.m.)
- 1st Grade - Monday, October 19th
- 3rd Grade - Tuesday, October 20th
- 4th Grade - Wednesday, October 21st
- 9th Grade - Sunday, October 25th (6:00-7:00 p.m.)
- 10th Grade - Sunday, October 25th (6:00-7:00 p.m.)

Word of Life “When the seas of life swell and we are battered by the waves, hope allows us to remain anchored in the heart of God. May we hold fast to Christ our hope, from the beginning of life to its very end.” *For all Catholics: That on this Respect Life Sunday we may recommit ourselves to upholding the dignity of every human life.*



September

We welcome into the family of St. Joseph’s the newly Baptized. Welcome:

- Thomas Bernard Hotard
- Eleanor Jean LeJeune
- Caroline Shirley Landry
- Benjamin Trax Landry
- Hudson Joseph Dugas
- Bowen James Dugas

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c [5]/Lk 10:25-37
- Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 [24b]/Lk 10:38-42
- Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4
- Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [68]/Lk 11:5-13
- Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [5]/Lk 11:15-26
- Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday’s Readings

- Isaiah 25:6-10a
- Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
- Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
- Matthew 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

St. Landry Cemetery Tours

“TriCentennial Spirited Celebration” is the theme of the St. Landry Cemetery Tours held in Opelousas. The dates of the tours are **October 10th, 11th, 17th & 18th** with Saturday tours at 6:00, 6:30, 7:00, 7:30 & 8:00 p.m. and the Sunday tours at 2:00 & 3:00 p.m. Travel back in time to a place where the voices from our past will give you a reflection of times gone by. The tour of St. Landry Cemetery gives one a perspective of how our past has shaped our present and reflects into the future generations of community. The Spirits joining in the “Spirited” celebration in our 2020 Cemetery Tours will be our historic Jim Bowie, an Alamo figure, Madame Baldwin, a woman of color businesswoman, Rev. CB Anderson, first ordained Catholic priest from Opelousas, Rev. Hyland, the first pastor of Holy Ghost, which is celebrating 100 years and an Orphan train rider agent will be on board to let us know of the family displacement of the children in the homes of local residents plus few more spirits will be brought to life for patrons to enjoy their legends. Tours are \$10/person, will be limited to groups of 15 (walking shoes), conducted hourly, are not handicapped accessible and children under 10 not suitable (safety). For more information call 942-6552 or 308-3474. Proceeds used for historical grave restoration. This year we are planning handicapped tours for Sunday, **October 11th & 18th** at 3:00 p.m.

Thought of the Week Your mind will always believe everything you tell it. Feed it faith. Feed it truth. Feed it with love.

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

Please Pray for Our Priest:
 Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell
 Rev. Joseph Campion, SSJ
 Rev. Michael Champagne, CJC, STD
 Rev. Gregory Chauvin
 Rev. Michael Chesney, SJ
 Rev. Blaine Clement
 Rev. Ugochukwu Cletus, SSJ

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.



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.



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.

Liturgical Ministers October 10th & 11th, 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, October 10th, 4:00 p.m.
 Sacristan:
 Lectors:
 Eucharistic Ministers:
 Altar Servers:

Sunday, October 11th, 8:00 a.m.
 Sacristan:
 Lectors:
 Eucharistic Ministers:
 Altar Servers:

Sunday, October 11th, 10:30 a.m.
 Sacristan:
 Lectors:
 Eucharistic Ministers:
 Altar Servers:

Sunday, October 11th, 5:00 p.m.
 Sacristan:
 Lectors:
 Eucharistic Ministers:
 Altar Servers:

No Schedule at this time