

# SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## NOVEMBER 8, 2020 - THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### 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.

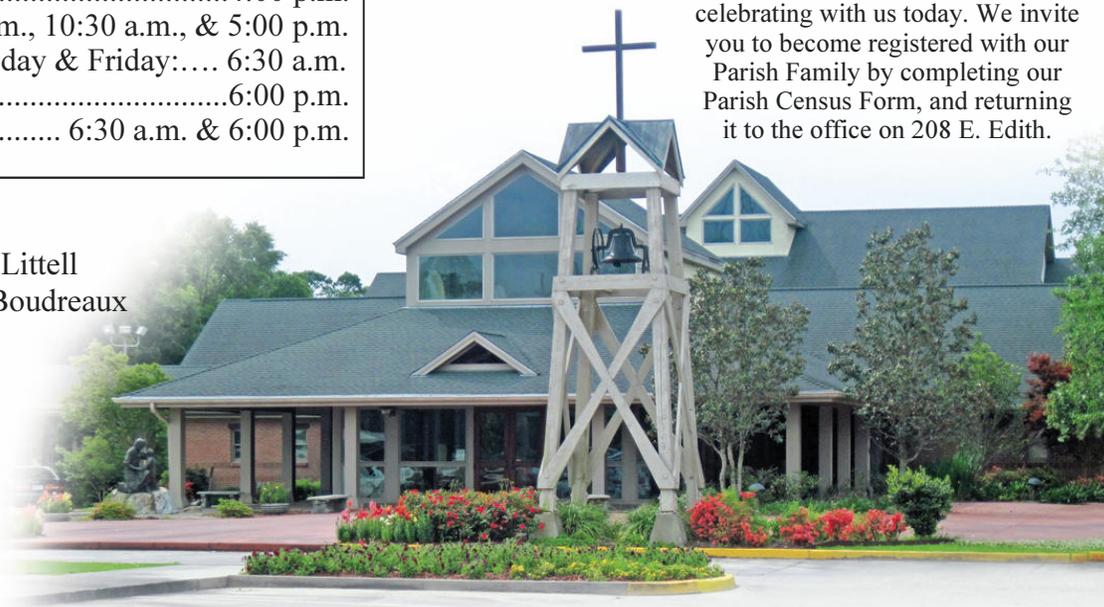
We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to become registered with our Parish Family by completing our Parish Census Form, and returning it to the office on 208 E. Edith.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

### PARISH TRUSTEES

Linda Desormeaux  
 Robert Landry



**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

When doing student report cards, there was a comment the teacher could choose that read: inattentive and easily distracted. Could that comment describe your spiritual life? We can become so consumed with myriad distractions and preoccupations and lose our connection to what is really significant and important. We can become dull. This happens in our human relationships, too. We can easily take the love of others for granted, whether it be a parent, spouse, friend, or a child. We assume and presume that their love will always be there and do very little to cultivate, rejuvenate, and deepen it. Presumption can become a great sin.

We do the same thing with God and our spiritual lives. We presume that God will be merciful. Because we believe that in the end God is going to forgive us anyway, then why put a lot of effort into things now? What's the point? It's far easier to find a comfortable spot, curl up and take a nap! There is no immediate urgency to staying awake and attentive, so we think, and we simply fly by the seat of our pants. Assuming and presuming too much about our relationships, especially our relationship with God, can lead to neglect and abuse. It can even lead to a sense of entitlement, where we actually believe that something is due us without much effort on our part.

Folks who are distracted and preoccupied can find their relationships, especially the primary ones, drifting away. You can actually be married to someone for many years and wake up one morning realizing that you really do not know them or truly recognize them. We have to desire God in order to recognize God. We have to open our hearts, minds, and souls to His Presence so that we can be rejuvenated and refreshed. But we cannot do this if we are distracted or napping. We have to be awake and alert! As a young child eagerly watches for and anticipates that arrival of their parent home, so too we must watch for God's presence. If the anticipation of God's arrival does not excite us and rouse us, then we need to ask why. The wise person keeps vigilant watch, knowing that in the end they will not be disappointed.

**Our Gift Back to God**

Offertory . . . . .	\$10,734.15
Online/Mailed/Dropped in Office . . . . .	+ 2,210.00
<b>Total (November 1st)</b>	<b>\$12,944.15</b>
 Weekly Goal . . . . .	 \$12,000.00
Plus/Minus Our Goal . . . . .	\$ + 944.15

**Thank You!**

Like the sensible bridesmaids in today's parable, good stewards make sure that they, and whatever gifts are theirs to share, are ready to serve when the Master calls.

“Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise ones replied, ‘No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.’” - Mt 25:7-9

*Mass Intention*

**Weekend of November 7th & 8th, 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)**

Rudy Greenley, Jacob Theriot, M/M Surville Girard, Pierre Long Hebert, Steven Gael Broussard, Ryan Viator, Clifford J. Viator & Family, Sarah & Azamia Hanks, Jeffrey Neil Ray, Allen Anslem, Diane Foret Stevens, M/M Wilmer Landry, Preston Venable, Jodie Crouch, Zachary Hebert, Joseph Minus Romero (1 year Anniv.), Wilda & Louis Theo Bares, Willis & Geri Morvant

*Weekday Masses*

Monday 9	Sick of the Parish
Tuesday 10	Russell Toups (Birthday)
Wednesday 11	First Responders & Those Serving in our Armed Forces
Thursday 12	Vocations to the Priesthood
Friday 13	Percy & Ophelia Rabalais (His Anniversary), M/M Leody Boudreaux (His 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  
 Luby Landry Jeanette Gallet  
 Lilly Mae Romero Enola G. Bernard Gail Anslem  
 Mary Belle Broussard Mary Trahan Sara LaCroix  
 Guy McKeon III Lynne Burroughs Bethany Touchet

**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.

**St. Joseph Church Website**

Please visit our Parish Website at [www.stjo-milton.org](http://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.

**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.

**Events This Week**

- Mon. (9th):** 1st Grade CCD
- Tues. (10th):** Mass 8:30 a.m.  
Third Grade CCD
- Wed. (11th):** Mass 8:30 a.m.  
4th Grade CCD  
Adoration 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Thurs. (12th):** Mass 8:30 a.m.  
Baptism Seminar  
Call Office for Time
- Fri. (13th):** Mass 6:30 a.m.  
Parish Office Closed
- Sat. (14th):** No Events Scheduled
- Sun. (15th):** 2nd Grade CCD 9:15 a.m.  
5th Grade CCD 3:30 p.m.  
6th, 7th & 8th Grade CCD 6:00 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.



**Come to the Well** will not be held this year due to COVID 19.

**Please Pray for Seminarians**

**November**

- Rev. Patrick Broussard, Director of Seminarians
- Rev. Blake Dubroc, Director of Vocations
- Seminary Faculty, Parents and Benefactors of Seminarians
- Bret Lee
- Calvin LeMaire
- Rev. Mr. Seth Lemaire
- Joseph Marcantel
- Riley Maturin
- Stephen Melancon
- Brian Nguyen
- Rev. Mr. Connor Poirrier
- Michael Vidrine
- Nicholas Ware
- Cole Zaunbrecher
- Pier Zeringue
- Dylan Allen
- Reed Bellingham
- Haden Coleman
- Myles Creek
- Gabe Dowden
- Rev. Mr. Casey Dugas
- John Dugas
- Tre Fontenot
- Andrew Furka
- David Furka
- Jace Gyles
- James Hamilton
- Evan Hebert
- Caleb Henry
- Eric Hernandez

**Word of Life** “We know earthly death is not the end, but rather the door through which we must pass to gain eternal life. Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation...We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions.” *For all public officials, especially those newly elected: May they strive to govern with the wisdom of God, and protect life from conception to natural death.*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
- Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29 [39a]/Lk 17:7-10
- Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6 [1]/Lk 17:11-19
- Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [5a]/Lk 17:20-25
- Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18 [1b]/Lk 17:26-37
- Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8

**Next Sunday's Readings**

- Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
- Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
- 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
- Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

**Church Teaching About suicide**

**Question:** What does the Church say about suicide?

**Answer:** Unfortunately, despite the Church’s clear teachings in resources like the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*, there are still many people who are confused about what the Church teaches regarding the tragic reality of suicide.

While we hold that all life is sacred, we are also all-too aware that psychological, emotional and even physical illness — as well as extreme anxiety, fear, and abuse — can lead individuals to take their own lives. Speaking to this, the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults* reflects, “Although suicide is always objectively sinful, one should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives” (pg. 294). The text also states the reality of illness or other extreme influences can “diminish the responsibility of one committing suicide” (pg. 293).

Parishes and grief support groups should show special care and concern for those families that have lost a loved one to suicide. And, communities should always try to be mindful of those who might be at risk of suicide or self-harm.

If someone is contemplating suicide, please know that help is available, including the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (1-800-273-8255). ©LPi

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

**Please Pray for Our Priest:**

- Rev. Gilbert Dutel
- Rev. Dan Edwards
- Rev. Darren Eldridge
- Rev. Peter Emusa
- Rev. Cyprian Eze
- Rev. Richard Fabre
- Rev. James Fallon, SSJ

**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.



**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 13th-15th, January 8th-10th**. For cost of weekends, other dates, and to learn more, visit our website at [www.ceelafayette.org](http://www.ceelafayette.org) or contact Paul & Carolyn Trahan at 254-8947 or [cee.trahan@gmail.com](mailto:cee.trahan@gmail.com).

*Thought of the Week* The greater your knowledge of the goodness and grace of God on your life, the more likely you are to praise Him in the storm.

**Liturgical Ministers November 14th & 15th, 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, November 14th, 4:00 p.m.**

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

**Sunday, November 15th, 8:00 a.m.**

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

**Sunday, November 15th, 10:30 a.m.**

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

**Sunday, November 15th, 5:00 p.m.**

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

***No Schedule at this time***