



# SAINT JOSEPH

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## NOVEMBER 15, 2020 - THIRTY-THIRD 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.

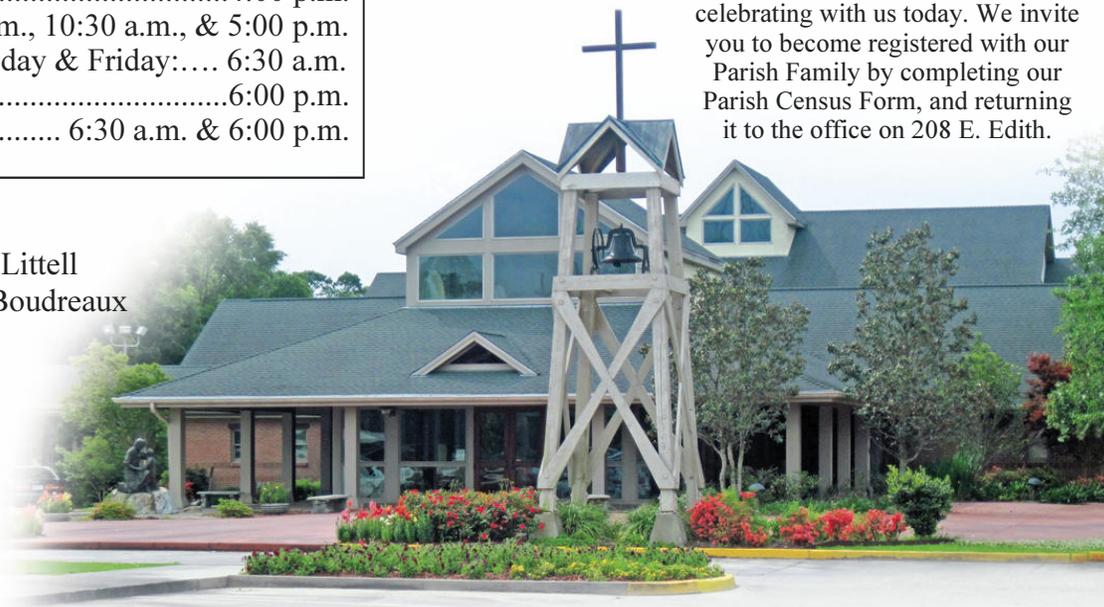
We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to become registered with our Parish Family by completing our Parish Census Form, and returning it to the office on 208 E. Edith.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

### PARISH TRUSTEES

Linda Desormeaux  
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### 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

God gives us the gift of His very self and asks us to invest it. Investing God’s greatest gift of Himself wisely, allows God’s kingdom to grow and flourish. God trusts us with this pearl of great price in hopes that it will produce abundant fruit. While God’s gift of self is realized in the gifts of faith, hope, and love, they are not meant to be solely for personal benefit. They are intended to be shared and are at the heart of Jesus’ blueprint for happiness, the Beatitudes.

When we properly invest God’s greatest gift, His most treasured possession, we invest in the wellbeing of all of our brothers and sisters and the world in which we live. We take up most seriously our call to be stewards and properly manage, not only our own affairs, but the affairs of those around and before us. God has put tremendous confidence in us. Do we have that same confidence in God?

We often go the extra mile and put in the additional effort when it comes to those concerns closest to us: our families, friends, careers, home and securities. But when it comes to things that are not as close to us, we can become lax and less conscientious. Tending to God’s treasure requires a great deal of focus and persistent hard work. It demands that I see the bigger picture, God’s picture, in which self-sacrifice is a given as we labor for the establishment of God’s kingdom, God’s vision. Fear and a lack of trust can loom large, however. We are afraid of letting go of what is “mine” and apprehensive of jeopardizing what we have in order to venture into something bigger and more promising.

Fear and a lack of trust serve no purpose in God’s kingdom. They benefit neither the person nor God. What is required is a courageous resolve that produces the fortitude necessary to stay the course and do what God is asking. Doing all in our power to cultivate the seeds of faith, hope, and love in our world, working diligently to put all of our relationships in proper order, becoming attentive to systems and ideologies that hurt and oppress people, being mindful of injustice, and laboring on behalf of the poor and the needy are at the core of what each of us is asked to do. It is how we invest God’s most precious gift wisely. If persistent, alert and attentive, then life will gradually improve around us, there will be greater peace and we will experience joy.

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### Our Gift Back to God

Offertory . . . . .	\$ 7,937.00
Mailed/Dropped in Office . . . . .	+2,143.00
Total (November 8th)	\$10,080.00
Online Donations (October) . . . . .	\$5,956.19
Weekly Goal . . . . .	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus Our Goal . . . . .	\$ -1,920.00

**Thank You!**

#### Next Sunday’s Second Collection Campaign For Human Development

Good stewards are like the industrious and reliable servants in today’s Gospel, prudently using and multiplying the gifts entrusted to them by God.

“After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, ‘Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.’” - Mt 25:19-20

#### Mass Intention

**Weekend of November 14th & 15th, 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)

Willis & Geri Morvant, Jeffrey Neil Ray, Ruby Baudoin (Birthday), Wilda & Louis Theo Bares, Preston Venable, Rudy Greenley, Bryan Joseph Schambough, Ryan Viator, Zachary Hebert, Jodie Crouch, M/M Wilmer Landry, Minus Romero (1st Anniv.), Diane Foret Stevens, Jacob Theriot

#### Weekday Masses

Monday 16	Judith Gill (1st Anniversary)
Tuesday 17	First Responders & Those Serving in Our Armed Forces
Wednesday 18	Vocations to the Priesthood
Thursday 19	Annie Sonnier (Birthday)
Friday 20	Sick of the Community

#### Sanctuary Candle

Gayle James Stoute

#### Please Pray For The Sick

Norval Knapp Brennen Albert  
Susan Vincent Gunner Breaux Bernice Breaux  
Joyce Comeaux James Benoit  
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. Thomas More Catholic High School** is offering personal tours to 8th grade students and their parents who would like to visit our campus. To schedule your tour, contact Robyn Alfonso at [robyn.alfonso@stmcougars.net](mailto:robyn.alfonso@stmcougars.net) or visit [stmcougars.net/admissions](http://stmcougars.net/admissions).

**Middle School Cheerleading Intensives (Grades 5th-8th) and Cheer Clinic (Grades K-4th)** Will be held on Saturday, **November 21st**, from 9:00 a.m. till 12:00 p.m. Register online at [www.stmcougars.net/cheer](http://www.stmcougars.net/cheer) \$75.00 per day. Deadline to register is Wednesday, **November 18th**. Each camper will receive an STM tank. All safety precautions and phase 3 guidelines will be followed. Please contact Crissy Campo for more information at [crissycampo@yahoo.com](mailto:crissycampo@yahoo.com). Hosted by *St. Thomas More Cheerleaders*.

**Events This Week**

**Mon. (16th):** 1st Grade CCD

**Tues. (17th):** Mass 8:30 a.m.  
Third Grade CCD

**Wed. (18th):** Mass 8:30 a.m.  
4th Grade CCD  
Adoration 5:30-7:00 p.m.

**Thurs. (19th):** Mass 8:30 a.m.

**Fri. (20th):** Mass 6:30 a.m.  
Parish Office Closed

**Sat. (21st):** No Events Scheduled

**Sun. (22nd):** No Events Scheduled

**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** 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.

**A Special Mass of Remembrance (For those lost their lives to suicide)** will be held at the Cathedral of St. John on Saturday, **November 21st** at 10:00 a.m. All those who attend are invited to bring a tabletop framed photo to the Mass so it can be displayed. Due to COVID, please pre-register as there is limited seating. Please call the Office of Marriage and Family life at 261-5653 or visit [www.diolaf.org/suicide-survivors](http://www.diolaf.org/suicide-survivors).



**Annual Child Smile Project Diocese of Lafayette** One mission of the Office of Justice and Peace is to be sensitive and generous to those in most need, especially during the holiday season. For many years, the Office has coordinated the Prison Ministry program, and organized the collection of gifts for children whose parent (s) are incarcerated and children who struggle with special circumstances. You and your family can take part in this heart warming project. For more information call 261-5545 or email [SBernard@diolaf.org](mailto:SBernard@diolaf.org).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Rev 2:17]/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [Rev 3:21]/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [Rev 5:10]/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/Lk 20:27-40

**Next Sunday's Readings**

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Psalm 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Matthew 25:31-46

**Can Catholics Gamble?**

**Question:** The Bible says that Jesus condemned gambling, but I notice that so many parishes have them at festivals and other events. What's correct?

**Answer:** Although Jesus speaks of our relationship with material wealth and the very human struggle with greed, the gospels do not include any specific instructions related to gambling. At the same time, the Church is very sensitive to the needs of those who might struggle with an addiction to gambling, and pastoral care should always be offered to those who struggle with this reality in their life.

While it is true that many parish or school communities include gambling or games of chance in festivals and fundraisers (e.g. bingo, roulette, ring tossing, dunking booths, etc.), there is nothing inherently wrong with these sorts of events, given they are played fairly and within the limits of reason are not morally objectionable. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* reminds us: "Games of chance (card games, etc.) or wagers are not in themselves contrary to justice. They become morally unacceptable when they deprive someone of what is necessary to provide for his needs and those of others" (no. 2413).

As in all things, moderation and a sense of healthy limits should be applied to gambling and games of chance. For those who find themselves living with addiction to gambling, help is available in various 12-step and addiction recovery programs.

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

**Please Pray for Our Priest:**

- Rev. Joel Faulk
- Rev. Emmanuel Fernandez
- Rev. Thomas Finley
- Rev. Sam Fontana
- Rev. Aberlardo Gabriel, SVD
- Rev. William Gearheard
- Rev. Taj Glodd

**Word of Life** "We can't imagine loving a child whom we conceived more than we love Andrew. It is amazing how he fits our personalities so well... 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 married couples considering adoption: May the Holy Spirit guide their discernment, grant them peace, and bring to fruition his holy will.*

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**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 **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* Faith does not eliminate questions. But faith knows where to take them.

**Liturgical Ministers November 21st & 22nd, 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 21st, 4:00 p.m.**

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

**Sunday, November 22nd, 8:00 a.m.**

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

**Sunday, November 22nd, 10:30 a.m.**

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

**Sunday, November 22nd, 5:00 p.m.**

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

***No Schedule at this time***