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NOVEMBER 29, 2020 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PARISH MINISTERS

Rev. William Schambough*Pastor*
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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.

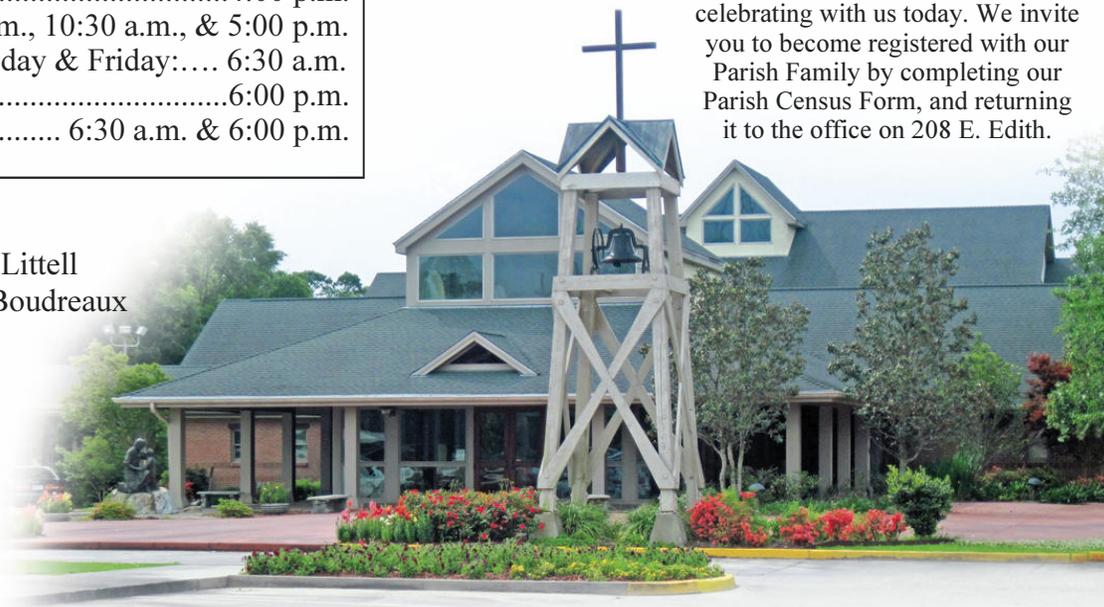
We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to become registered with our Parish Family by completing our Parish Census Form, and returning it to the office on 208 E. Edith.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

PARISH TRUSTEES

Linda Desormeaux
Robert Landry



1st Sunday of Advent

You are at the eye doctor and it's time for the peripheral vision test. You know the one. It's where you put your head up to a contraption and have to click a switch every time you see a squiggly line. If you don't concentrate and maintain optimal focus, you will miss them and skew the outcome of the test. You can easily find yourself with a diagnosis that really isn't accurate! Concentration and focus are key to succeeding with this evaluation. They are also key to developing a healthy, vibrant spiritual life. If we do not bring our full consciousness to the task, concentrate with all our might, be watchful and vigilant, we are not going to see God's loving presence flashing before our eyes!

That's why we need Advent. Let's face it. We can easily get distracted, focus on nonessential and superficial things and lose touch with what really matters. Our attentions wander. We daydream and even become a bit overwhelmed and tired. All of the stresses and demands of life consume us and we find ourselves constantly trying to play catch up rather than relishing the moment of the now. "Now" moments are so fleeting. They flash before us like those squiggly lines on a screen. Present moments go as quickly as they come but it is important to discover them and rest in them as often as we can. Though gone in a flash, these now moments of encounter with God teach powerful lessons and offer a grounding in truth that can be found nowhere else. It's the grace of Advent to become watchful and attentive because we are never sure when God will surprise us.

God loves surprises and love thrives on them! God's now moments of surprises come as tender instants of intimate connection where I find profound peace, experience joy, and rest in love. These are Advent times reflective of the now moments when Christ first was born, when God surprises us during every time we care to watch and when the great surprise of Christ's second coming dawns upon us all. But, to discover the grandeur and experience the awe of these now times, we have to be ready. We have to want to be there. We have to believe. And, we have to have the desire to soak in as much as we can in the time we have before us.

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Our Gift Back to God

Offertory *(Due to early printing, not available)* . . \$
 Weekly Goal \$12,000.00
 Plus/Minus Our Goal \$
 Offerings (November 15th) \$ 6,554.17

Thank You!

Next Sunday's Second Collection
 Building & Maintenance Fund

We are the servants of God, each with his or her own task. We will be judged good stewards if, at His coming, He finds us ready and conscientiously pursuing the tasks to which we have been called.

"Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping." - Mk 13:35-36

Mass Intention

Weekend of November 28th & 29th, 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)

Doris Comeaux, M/M Wilmer Landry, Louis Guidry (Birthday), Bryan Joseph Schambough, Ryan Viator, Willis & Geri Morvant, Mabel & Romain Hebert (Her Birthday), Wilda & Louis Theo Bares (His Anniv.), Dalfred John Guidry (Birthday), Clifford J. Viator & Family (8th Anniv.), Jeffrey Neil Ray, Diane Foret Stevens, Jodie Crouch, Preston Venable, Lindsey Burley (Birthday), Jacob Theriot, Joseph Burley (Anniv.), Zachary Hebert, Mabry, Tina Simon & Children (His Anniv.)

Weekday Masses

Monday 30	Sick of the Parish
Tuesday 1	First Responders & Those Serving in Our Armed Forces
Wednesday 2	Mrs. Edelweiss Kasiske Hempel (Anniversary)
Thursday 3	Vocations to the Priesthood
Friday 4	Frank & Viola Martin, Edvard & Lydia Hebert & Family

Sanctuary Candle

Mabel & Romain Hebert

Please Pray For The Sick

Norval Knapp Brennen Albert
 Susan Vincent Gunner Breaux Bernice Breaux
 Marla Francois Joyce Comeaux James Benoit
 Dolores Benoit Kathryn Trahan Bobby Trahan
 Charlie Harrington Kim Vincent Hunter Henry
 Luby Landry Jeanette Gallet Guy McKeon
 Lilly Mae Romero Enola G. Bernard Gail Anslem
 Mary Belle Broussard Mary Trahan Sara LaCroix
 Jackie Albert 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.**

The Light Is On For You Beginning on Wednesdays during Advent, **December 2nd, 9th and 16th**, from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. St. Joseph Church and all the parishes of the Diocese of Lafayette will be open for individual confession. Please make plans to come on Advent Wednesdays and spread the word of this special outreach of mercy to those you know.

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

The Giving Tree has been set up. The Angels on the Giving Tree are for our financially poor who need help. If the Angel you choose has a request, try and purchase that item or purchase a gift card if you are unable to locate the item. If there is no request, please give from the heart. Gifts should be returned under the Christmas Tree in the Gathering Area by Sunday, **December 13th**, with the angel attached to the outside of the gift. On behalf of St. Joseph Church, thank you for giving to the least fortunate.

Events This Week

Mon. (30th): 1st Grade CCD

Tues. (1st): Mass 8:30 a.m.
3rd Grade CCD

Wed. (2nd): Mass 8:30 a.m.
4th Grade CCD
Adoration 5:30-7:00 p.m.
"The Light Is On"
6:30-8:00 p.m.

Thurs. (3rd): Mass 8:30 a.m.

Fri. (4th): Mass 6:30 a.m.
Parish Office Closed

Sat. (5th): No Events Scheduled

Sun. (6th): 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.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9 [Rev 15:3b]/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [Rev 19:9a]/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a [Rev 21:3b]/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab [1 Cor 16:22b]/Lk 21:34-36

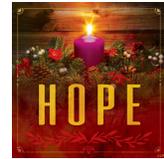
Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14

2 Peter 3:8-14

Mark 1:1-8



Word of Life "Having received the gift of the Gospel of Life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society." *For all the faithful: May the Lord help us build a culture of life in vigilant expectation of His return.*

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 or visit stmcougars.net/admissions.

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.



Strike our Chest: Penitential Act

Question: When we say the Penitential Act at Mass, why do we strike our chest three times?

Answer: Our rituals and liturgical celebrations are filled with a variety of symbols, some of which also relate to our gestures and physical postures (e.g. kneeling, sitting, processing, making the Sign of the Cross). The custom of striking our breast three times during the “I Confess” of the Penitential Act of the Mass is one of those gestures that is loaded with symbolism.

The tradition of Christian’s striking the breast (above the heart) is rooted in the image of Sacred Scripture, especially texts like Psalm 51 which speak of a “humbled contrite heart” or how God heals broken hearts, binding up our wounds (see Psalm 147:3). Early Christian writers like Saint Augustine of Hippo and Saint Jerome also refer to this custom in their writings.

Ultimately, this practice is an expression of our sorrow for those times when we have been guilty of faults and a sign that we are willing to take responsibility for our sins and failings. That we all perform this gesture together is also an act of solidarity, recognizing that none of us, regardless of where we are on our journey of faith, is without fault and the need for grace and forgiveness.

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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. David Hebert
- Rev. Matthew Hebert
- Pope Francis
- Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
- Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel
- Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell
- Rev. T. J. Hebert

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.



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 or contact Paul & Carolyn Trahan at 254-8947 or cee.trahan@gmail.com.



**Liturgical Ministers December 5th & 6th, 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, December 5th, 4:00 p.m.

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

Sunday, December 6th, 8:00 a.m.

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

Sunday, December 6th, 10:30 a.m.

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

Sunday, December 6th, 5:00 p.m.

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

No Schedule at this time