



SAINT JOSEPH

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DECEMBER 6, 2020 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PARISH MINISTERS

Rev. William Schambough*Pastor*
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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



2nd Sunday of Advent

People knew over a year in advance that the Pope was coming for a visit to America and the preparations began. Security, space limitations and requirements, protocols, crowd management, itineraries, invitations, regulations, and so much more was necessary to pull this event off effectively. It's not every day that we get a visit from such a prominent dignitary. Thought, effort, meticulous attention to detail and vision all are necessary to make this thing work. After all, he can't just show up in the ordinary and normal daily routines of life and catch people unprepared! Tickets have to be purchased, buses rented, hotel rooms reserved, and travel arrangements made early because it will be impossible to see him if we wait too long!

We do this kind of preparing not only for prominent religious figures but for political dignitaries, notable sports figures, people of fame, and even actors. If an individual intrigues us, we are going to want to do all we have to do to get a "good seat" in the house. Does Jesus Christ captivate this much of our attention? We are asked to prepare the way of the Lord and to do so not with frantic frenzy but patient enthusiasm. We do not have to stand on a street corner making profound announcements about God's coming or become overly zealous in our embrace of the Good News. Our task is quieter, more interior, captivating, and consuming. We are asked to change. We have to conduct our lives with holy devotion.

Is the cost of that ticket too much for you? Don't you want the "best seat" in the house? You don't want to miss Our Lord's arrival when he comes, do you? After all, if he comes while you are going about your daily routines without you even knowing, he may catch you off guard. Or, he may come in disguise looking like a beggar, a prisoner, migrant, refugee, or someone who is lost. Would you be ready to recognize him then? Preparing for the coming of Christ requires a change of mind, heart, and behavior. It is not adequate to simply do the things we always do. We want our lives to speak of the exciting news of Christ's coming and the joy that the Gospel brings. It has to do with our demeanor, values, priorities, choices, and how we structure daily routines. Of course, it involves sacrifice. All anticipations do! Are you excited, captivated, enthusiastic, and sitting on the edge of your seat eager to celebrate his coming among us at Christmas, and waiting for him to come again? If not, why not?

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Our Gift Back to God

Offertory	\$ 5,880.49
Mailed/Dropped in Office	+ 3,100.00
Total (November 29th)	\$ 8,980.49
Weekly Goal	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus Our Goal	\$ -3,019.51
Local Needy	\$ 596.00
Offerings (November 22nd)	\$10,158.67
Campaign For Human Development . . .	\$ 1,068.00
Building & Maintenance (November) . .	\$ 3,696.33

Thank You!

This Sunday's Second Collection
Building & Maintenance Fund

Next Sunday's Second Collection
Retired Religious Fund

John the Baptist's call to repentance is echoed in the US bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship: "Christians must beg God for the grace of conversion: the grace to know who they are, to whom they belong, how they live - the grace to repent and change and grow, the grace to become good disciples and stewards".

Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."- Mk 1:2b-3

Mass Intention

Weekend of December 5th & 6th, 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, Jacob Theriot, Wilda & Louis Theo Bares, Diane Foret Stevens, Bryan Joseph Schambough, Preston Venable, Harold & Gloria Simon (His Anniv.), Zachary Hebert, Jeanne Simon (Birthday), Derald (Hap) Long, Avery Broussard, Robert "Tully" Landry, Jeffrey Neil Ray, Pierre Long Hebert, M/M Earl Sinitiere, Jodie Crouch, Vern Marshall (18th Anniv.), Thomas Privat, Sr. (Birthday), Ryan Viator, M/M Wilmer Landry, Douglas & Lula Lantier Duhon, Sr. (Her Birthday)

Weekday Masses

Monday 7	Sick of the Parish
Tuesday 8	Beverly C. & Mildred B. Picard (His Anniversary)
Wednesday 9	St. Joseph Community
Thursday 10	Vocations to the Priesthood
Friday 11	Previous Priests

Sanctuary Candle

Beverly C. Picard (Anniversary)

Please Pray For The Sick

Norval Knapp Brennen Albert Phillip LaCour, Sr.
Susan Vincent Gunner Breaux Bernice Breaux
Joyce Comeaux James Benoit Marla Francois
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.**

Immaculate Conception An Anticipated Mass will be held on Monday, **December 7th** at 6:00 p.m. Masses on Tuesday, **December 8th**, will be celebrated at 6:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

The Light Is On For You Beginning on Wednesdays during Advent, **December 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.



November

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

Maximilian Thien Nguyen

Events This Week

- Mon. (7th):** 1st Grade CCD
Anticipated Mass
Immaculate Conception
6:00 p.m.
- Tues. (8th): Immaculate Conception**
Masses: 6:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
3rd Grade CCD
- Wed. (9th):** Mass 8:30 a.m.
4th Grade CCD
The Light Is On
6:30-8:00 p.m.
Adoration 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Thurs. (10th):** Mass 8:00 a.m.
- Fri. (11th):** Mass 6:30 a.m.
Parish Office Closed
- Sat. (12th):** No Events Scheduled
- Sun. (13th):** 9th, 10th & 11th Grade
CCD 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 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.

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 “Jesus calls each of us to ‘care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible’. The encyclical *The Gospel of Life* recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. Particular emphasis, however, is placed on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers’ wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the ‘least of these’ in our world’s estimation.” *May God move us to prepare the way of the Lord by acting with tenderness and compassion, especially toward the most vulnerable among us.*



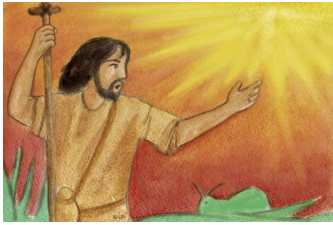
Welcome New Parishioners! We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following Parishioners who registered with St. Joseph during the month of November: Bret Holloway and M/M Justin Miller. We would also like to remind parishioners who have not registered with us, to consider this also. Registration 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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
- Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15
- Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Next Sunday's Readings

- Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11
- Psalm 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54
- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
- John 1:6-8, 19-28



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

Please Pray for Our Priest:

- Rev. Gregory Heslip, LC
- Rev. Matthew Higginbotham
- Rev. Godwin Imoru
- Rev. Sal Istre
- Very Rev. Thomas James, SVD
- Rev. Johnathan Janise
- Rev. Rofinus Jas, SVD



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.

Thought of the Week
Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.

Can Divorced Catholics Take Communion?

Question: Can a divorced Catholic receive holy Communion?

Answer: Unfortunately, too many people today — Catholics and non-Catholics alike — mistakenly believe that divorce separates one from the Communion of the Church and that divorced persons may not receive Communion. However, as the Church has communicated in a number of places, the issue at hand is not the reality of divorce, but is more often the reality of re-marriage outside of the Church (such as in the case of a Catholic who was previously married within the Church, divorced, and remarried without receiving an annulment).

Divorced persons are called to live chastely as single people and to observe the same call to avoid sin as anyone else who desires to receive the Eucharist. Beyond this, however, Pope Francis has reminded us that the healing power of the Eucharist can be especially significant for those who have “endured separation, divorce, or abandonment ... divorced people who have not remarried, and often bear witness to marital fidelity, ought to be encouraged to find in the Eucharist the nourishment they need to sustain them in their present state of life.” (*Amoris Laetitia*, no. 242) Moreover, he continues, “The local community and pastors should accompany these people with solicitude, particularly when children are involved or when they are in serious financial difficulty.” (*AL*, no 242)

As Pope Francis has also reminded us, the Eucharist is “not a prize for the perfect,” but “a powerful medicine and nourishment” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 47). Because we all stand in need of healing and wholeness, the Church invites all who seek to live their faith in integrity and devotion to come and receive the grace offered in the Eucharist.

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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.



Liturgical Ministers December 12th & 13th, 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 12th, 4:00 p.m.

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

Sunday, December 13th, 8:00 a.m.

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

Sunday, December 13th, 10:30 a.m.

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

Sunday, December 13th, 5:00 p.m.

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

No Schedule at this time