



SAINT JOSEPH

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JANUARY 24, 2021 - 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.

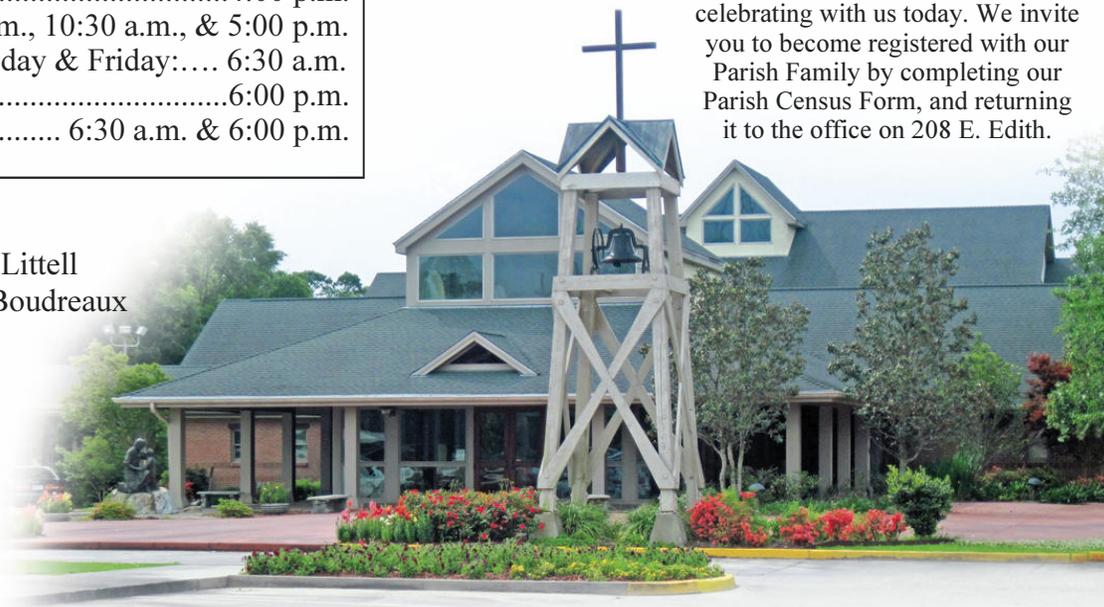
We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to become registered with our Parish Family by completing our Parish Census Form, and returning it to the office on 208 E. Edith.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

PARISH TRUSTEES

Linda Desormeaux
Robert Landry



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn't feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts and certainly not himself. Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the Emergency Department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that call us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our ego needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help!

We spin our wheels naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we have to leave our ego-self behind and follow. When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All of the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well.

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Our Gift Back to God

Offertory	\$ 9,340.00
Mailed/Dropped in Office	+ 2,695.00
Total January 17th	\$12,035.00
Weekly Goal	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus Our Goal	\$ +35.00
Online Donations (December 15-31, 2020) . .	\$ 3,435.70

Thank You!

This Week's Second Collection
Latin America

There is a certain urgency in today's Gospel as Jesus calls His first disciples - Andrew and Simon, James and John. Each one follows Jesus *immediately*, unhesitatingly abandoning nets and boats and father and fellow-workers. To what is Jesus calling me—at *this* moment, in *these* circumstances? What will I need to abandon in order to follow Him?

As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." - Mk 1:16-17

Mass Intention

Weekend of January 23 & 24, 2021
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, John Ivy & Hazel Broussard & Family (Her Anniv), Gertrude Boudreaux, Garrett Baudoin (Birthday), Ernest & Laura Hebert, Wilda & Louis Theo Bares, Bryan Joseph Schambough, Ken Miller, M/M Gabriel Denais (Her Birthday), Harold & Gloria Simon (His Anniv.), Clifford J. Viator (Wedding Anniv.), M/M Douglas Duhon, Sr. (His Anniv.), Jodie Crouch, Ryan Viator

Weekday Masses

Monday 25	Wilmer Landry (Birthday), Rev. Jean Marie Jammes
Tuesday 26	First Responders and Those Serving in Our Armed Forces
Wednesday 27	Sick of the Parish
Thursday 28	Joyce Bodet (Anniversary)
Friday 29	Vocations to the Priesthood

Sanctuary Candle

Previous Priests

Please Pray For The Sick

Susan Vincent Gunner Breaux Brennen Albert
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
Lynne Burroughs Bethany Touchet
Phillip LaCour, Sr. Norval Knapp Heather Herrick
Ardly Kern Bernice Blanchard Richard
Chris Boudreaux

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.**



Bishop's Services Appeal Given the physical, emotional and spiritual challenges of the past year, hope is the focus of the 2021 Bishop's Services Appeal. We naturally long for hope in times of difficulty and struggle, and we seek healing and restoration when burdened and hurting. And so, as caring Catholics, we understand the needs others express, and we welcome God's call to be His hands and feet, **Bringing Hope and Healing** to our families, our fellow Catholics, and all those who are hurting. Our God is a God of hope. Follow Him and heal our world. Give to the 2021 BSA.



Events This Week

Mon. (25th): 1st Grade CCD

Tues. (26th): Mass 8:30 a.m.
3rd Grade CCD

Wed. (27th): Mass 8:30 a.m.
4th Grade CCD
Adoration 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Thurs. (28th): Mass 8:30 a.m.

Fri. (29th): Mass 6:30 a.m.
Parish Office Closed

Sat. (30th): No Events Scheduled

Sun. (31st): 2nd Grade CCD
5th Grade CCD
6th, 7th & 8th CCD



Word of Life “Many people know someone personally who is suffering because of an abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing?...Even a woman who doesn't go to church or think of herself as religious can be afraid that God will never forgive her for having an abortion. She should know that God loves and forgives those who are sorrowful. He wants to comfort them and give them his peace.” *For those suffering after abortion: May they know that the Lord desires to bring healing, and turn to Him for His mercy and peace.*

Word on Fire Digital We 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.

2020 Contribution Statement If you are in need of a 2020 Contribution Statement, please call the office at 856-5997.

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

The Next Baptism Seminar will be held on Thursday, **February 11th**, at 6:30 p.m. in Church. Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy in order to avoid any delays.

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18

Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday's Readings

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Mark 1:21-28

Communion Wafer

Question: Do Catholics always need to receive communion in wafer form, or can it be different kinds of bread?

Answer: In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the most common form for the eucharistic bread is the small white communion “wafer” that is a ubiquitous part of the Catholic Mass. The instructions of the Church have been very specific regarding the make-up of the bread used in the Mass: “The bread used in the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharistic Sacrifice must be unleavened, purely of wheat, and recently made ... it follows therefore that bread made from another substance, even if it is grain, or if it is mixed with another substance different from wheat to such an extent that it would not commonly be considered wheat bread, does not constitute valid matter for confecting the Sacrifice and the Eucharistic Sacrament” (see Redemptionis Sacramentum by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, no. 48).

The Church’s tradition of using a wheat-based bread is based on the bread that Jesus would have used at the Last Supper and is considered to be an essential part of the “matter” of the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

As we consider the question of whether a “wafer” — which is properly called a “host” — should be used, we also must keep in mind that in the Eastern Rites of the Catholic Church, leavened (i.e. “raised”) bread is more often used. And so, while the thin, white “wafer” is most commonly used in the Roman Rite of the Church, the full expression of the Catholic tradition does allow for a more substantial form of bread to be used, but the tradition of using a simple wheat bread with no other additions or additives is considered essential.



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

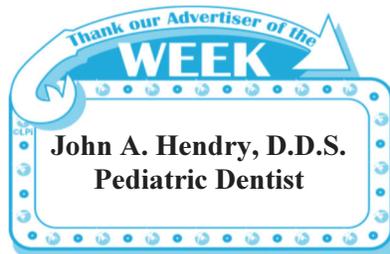
Please Pray for Our Priest:

- Rev. Aaron Melancon
- Rev. Bill John Melancon
- Rev. Andre Metrejean
- Rev. Mark Miley
- Rev. Thomas Montelaro
- Rev. Michael Moody, SVD
- Rev. Randall Moreau

Lourdes Foundation Jeep-Mazda Giveaway 2021

Purchase your \$50 ticket(s) online at www.LourdesFoundation.com or text “21RAFFLE” to 71777 or call 593-4780. For more information visit Lourdescarraffle@famolhs.org.

Thought of the Week When we live as true children of God, we become little lilies in our Father’s garden.



Give Until It Hurts

One of the characteristics of Everyday Stewardship is to be committed — to persevere daily in a way of life acknowledging that everything belongs to God.

I know, I know. Easier said than done.

Just ask Zebedee. It’s quite an image we get from the Gospel, after all. “So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.”

There was Zebedee, about his business, mending nets with his two sons, who were undoubtedly his best workers — they had to have been more dedicated than the hired men, who worked for wages rather than for family. And in an instant off they go, following this strange man.

I don’t know about you, but if my kids left me on a hot summer day to finish the lawn by myself, I wouldn’t be too happy.

But Zebedee must have been someone quite special. Perhaps he realized that his sons didn’t belong to him — not really. They belonged to God, and from the beginning of time, it had been appointed that they would be among the first disciples of Christ. He passed, he called, they followed, and Zebedee obliged. He simply went back to mending his nets, I imagine.

Zebedee already understood what St. Teresa of Calcutta would say millennia later: “Give until it hurts.”

“You’re wasting my time.” “I’ve done so much for her; she owes me this.” How often do we think things, and even people and relationships, belong to us? The truth is none of them do. We must be ready, as Zebedee was, to surrender them to God when He comes walking past.

**Liturgical Ministers January 30th & 31st, 2021
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, January 30th, 4:00 p.m.

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

Sunday, January 31st, 8:00 a.m.

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

Sunday, January 31st, 10:30 a.m.

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

Sunday, January 31st, 5:00 p.m.

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

No Schedule at this time