

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

Parish founded in 1819 and Existing Church built in 1879

Christ the King Mission

The foreigners who join themselves to the Lord . . .

*I will bring to my
holy mountain . . .*

for my house shall be called a
house of prayer for all peoples.

ISAIAH 56:6, 7

August 16, 2020

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Mass Schedule:

Saturday: St. Charles Church:

Reconciliation 3:15-3:45 PM; Vigil Mass 4:00 PM

Sunday: St. Charles Church : 7:30 AM, 10:30 AM

Christ the King Mission in Bellevue: 9:00 AM

Weekdays: St. Charles Church: Mon thru Sat 8:00 AM

Tues/Thurs 5:00 PM

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Sacrament of Baptism: Parents or guardians of infants or children to be baptized should call the church and schedule a meeting with a priest or deacon at least one month prior to baptism date. Instruction class is on the first Sunday of the month. Baptisms are celebrated on the following Saturday.

Sacrament of Marriage: Call the church office at least six months prior to the anticipated date of the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick: Anytime during office hours. Call for an appointment.

Communion to the Sick: Please call the church office when someone is unable to attend Mass and wishes to receive Communion.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:15-3:45 PM and any time during office hours. Please call the office for an appointment.



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 16, 2020

Observe what is right, do what is just, for my salvation is about to come, my justice about to be revealed.

— *Isaiah 56:1*

We are a Sacrificial Giving Parish, Giving of our Time, Talent and Treasure.

Offertory contributions from August 2nd for St. Charles Church were \$3,544.00.

Contributions from August 2nd toward the Building Fund were \$210.00.

Offertory contributions from August 2nd for Christ the King Mission were \$878.00.

Bulletin Sponsor: In Loving Memory of Buddy Bowles

By: Mr. & Mrs. Harry Bowles

Altar Flowers: By David & Vicki Fruge, in Memory of their Parents
Dr. Jimmy and Mary Mhoon Ball & Dr. Johnny and Clara Dyson Fruge



Welcome to Amber Sims, our new Director of Youth Ministry!

Currently a 30-year-old resident of Lafayette, Amber Sims has been volunteering in youth ministry since her conversion to Catholicism in 2009. She was raised by her grandparents in Erath, La. and received her Bachelor's Degree for the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Amber also participates in a weekly Young Adult Bible Study and speaks for various Pro-Life events throughout the state. We are excited for her to join the St. Charles Borromeo Community and help us build a program for the youth of our parish! If you have any questions, feel free to contact her at sims@st-charles-borromeo.org.

Thanks to the **Ladies Altar Society** and **Mrs. Denese Copeland** for preparing our **St. Joseph's Altar** for the "Year of St. Joseph".

Thank You to all of you who give your offertory through online giving! Many of you are not yet able to attend Mass, but continue to support our ministry through your gifts. **Online gifts for the month of July were \$3,555.00.**

Liturgy of the Hours

Join us for Morning Prayer in the Church, Monday-Friday at **7:30 AM** (or livestream on Youtube)

St Charles Church Offices will be temporarily **CLOSED** on **Wednesday Mornings until 1:00 PM** and for now **OPEN** on **Monday Mornings**.

*Welcome to Visitors and/or
New Parishioners*

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH AUGUST 16, 2020-MAY 1, 2021

A **Votive Mass of St. Joseph** will be celebrated at the Vigil Mass on August 15th and all Sunday Masses on August 16th.

To celebrate the **Year of St. Joseph**, a **Novena** will be prayed for **9 days** in St. Charles Borromeo Church, beginning **Friday, August 7th at 7 PM** and continue each evening through **Saturday, August 15th at 7 PM**. Please join us in the church or via the internet on our YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCX0ByffdT0vPmF4v9BnOROA>

Check the bulletin for updates to our St. Joseph Celebrations.

Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be celebrated each **Wednesday, from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM** during the year of St. Joseph, beginning **August 19th**.

A Sign-up book will be located at the entrance of church. We need **2** parishioners for each hour. You may also sign up by calling Deacon David Menard at 692-1035 to sign up online on our website st-charles-borromeo.org

Confessional Room

We have rearranged the Confessional Room at the entrance of the church. It is now available to be used for Confessions while keeping a social distance. We will no longer use the south transept.

The **Cry Room/South Transept** is now open for parishioners during weekend Masses.

Thensted Center will no longer be a drop off site for recyclables. Thensted Center will no longer accept used clothing.

Ite ad Joseph (Go to Joseph) Pastoral Letter Inaugurating the Year of St. Joseph

To the Priests and Deacons, Members of Consecrated Life,
And Lay Faithful of the Diocese of Lafayette

“Ite ad Joseph” (Gen. 41:55). In time of trial and distress, when all of Egypt and the entire world became hungry and cried out for food, Pharaoh told the Egyptians, “Go to Joseph, and do whatever he tells you” (Gen. 41:55). The Old Testament Joseph, the beloved son of the patriarch, is a type of St. Joseph. Exiled to Egypt, Joseph was entrusted with the king’s treasures and under his apt administration they were protected and increased. When famine struck, the whole world came to Joseph to receive food. In a much more sublime and supernatural way, St. Joseph found favor with his heavenly Father and was entrusted with the Father’s greatest treasures, Jesus and Mary (cf. *Quamquam pluries*). During turbulent times in the Church and world, this truth inspired Pope Pius IX to “go to Joseph” by proclaiming St. Joseph Patron of the Universal Church (*Quemadmodum Deus*). As we enter the 150th anniversary of that declaration, I too would like to “go to Joseph” by inaugurating a Year of St. Joseph in the Diocese of Lafayette, beginning March 19, 2020 and concluding March 19, 2021. It is my desire that in the difficult times we find ourselves today, we might go to St. Joseph for his help and protection and learn from his example how to become better disciples.

St. Matthew attests to the holiness of St. Joseph when he describes him as “a righteous man” (Mt. 1:19). This holiness accrues from the marriage of Joseph to Mary, the Immaculate Mother of God. Joseph is told “do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her” (Mt. 1:20). By “taking into his home” Mary and the divine child, Joseph embraced the mystery of Mary’s divine maternity and with it the mystery of the Incarnation. In freely assuming his dignity as husband of Mary, foster father of the Incarnate Word, and head of the holy family, Joseph was truly sanctified. St. Joseph’s unique share in the mystery of holiness was recognized by the Church and a greater devotion to St. Joseph developed with the passage of time. St. Teresa of Avila in the 16th century boasted never to have been refused anything through the intercession of St. Joseph. St. John XXIII inserted the name of St. Joseph in the Roman Canon immediately following the Blessed Virgin Mary and before the apostles Peter and Paul. Pope Francis did the same for the other Eucharistic Prayers. St. John Paul II affirms the unique holiness of St. Joseph stating that he participated in the mystery of the Incarnation “like no other human being except Mary, the Mother of the Incarnate Word” (*Redemptoris Custos*, 1). We can thus have great confidence and “go to Joseph” with our needs and concerns.

The Year of St. Joseph will offer many opportunities for beseeching St. Joseph’s intercession and entrusting ourselves to his protection. There will be pilgrimages to the 13 churches of St. Joseph in our diocese. I am also asking these parishes to host conferences on the various titles and virtues of St. Joseph in order to increase our devotion. Various activities will be held at the level of the Diocese, deanery, parish, and family. The Year of St. Joseph will afford a wealth of reflection, Pastoral Letter Inaugurating the Year of St. Joseph prayer and study. Nonetheless, I would like to briefly highlight some qualities of St. Joseph’s life which I believe are relevant for our times.

St. Joseph is a man of deep prayer. As head of the Holy Family it would have been St. Joseph’s responsibility to lead common prayers in the family and before meals. He gathered the family for the Sabbath synagogue services and led the frequent pilgrimages on feasts to the temple in Jerusalem (Lk. 2:41). It was Joseph’s duty to name the child on the occasion of its circumcision and to redeem the first-born son 40 days after birth (Lk. 2:21-22). In addition to his liturgical and family prayer, Joseph is a model of personal prayer. His complete surrender to the will of God in silence can only be explained from a deep interior life. St. Joseph prayed in darkness as he contemplated a course of action when learning of Mary’s pregnancy (Mt. 1:19), when unable to find room in the inn for her to give birth (Lk. 2:7), when leaving by night for Egypt to escape Herod’s attempt on the child’s life (Mt. 2:14), and when searching helplessly for the lost child (Lk. 2:44-45). In this Year of St. Joseph, we go to Joseph to learn commitment to daily personal and family prayer. I would ask that if possible, we could all offer a daily prayer to St. Joseph. And let us ask St. Joseph to help all Catholics to return to Sunday Mass and the Sacraments.

St. Joseph is a “doer of the word” (cf. James 1:23). Three times in Sacred Scripture we hear that Joseph heard the word of the Lord in a dream (Mt. 1:20, 2: 13, 22) and each time Joseph arose and “did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him” (Mt. 1:24). Despite his own plans and the difficulty that the will of God entailed, Joseph surrendered his entire life to God’s will and fully embraced his privileged but arduous role as husband of Mary and foster father of Jesus. No words of Joseph are recorded in the Bible. We are simply told that Joseph heard, rose, and did what God asked. The way of Joseph is the way of listening in prayer and doing in action. St. Joseph harmonized the life of prayer and action (cf. *Redemptoris Custos*, 26). During the Year of St. Joseph, let us go to Joseph and learn how to surrender ourselves to God’s loving plan for us. Let us, like him, listen attentively in prayer and then with God’s grace rise and become doers of the word.

St. Joseph is the provider for the Holy Family. Jesus and Mary needed housing, food, and clothing and it was Joseph who provided for these necessities. The Gospel of Matthew identifies Joseph’s trade when it recounts Jesus’ return to his native place and the offense that his own people took at him: “Is he not the carpenter’s son?” (Mt. 13:55). We can rightly assume that many of Jesus’ hidden years in Nazareth were spent at St. Joseph’s side in his carpenter shop. Joseph taught Jesus his trade and Jesus himself was referred to as a carpenter, “Is this not the carpenter, the son of Mary?” (Mk. 6:3). The Son of God labored alongside St. Joseph with hammer and chisel. In such fashion work was redeemed and its dignity elevated. With confidence then we can go to Joseph for help in finding work to obtain an honest living. Like St. Joseph let us spend time with our young, teaching them how to work, and giving them an appreciation for its redemptive value.

St. Joseph is protector of Mary and the Child Jesus. When the angry Herod ordered the massacre of all male children two years old and younger, it was to St. Joseph that the angel of the Lord was sent. Joseph took the child and His mother and fled into Egypt and thus thwarted the attempt on Jesus’ life (Mt. 2:13-15). We too go to Joseph for protection for our families and for our Diocese. Additionally, let us imitate St. Joseph in our efforts to protect the vulnerable, the unborn, the young, the sick and the elderly from all harm – physical, spiritual, and emotional. Jesus was safe under the protection of St. Joseph. May all those entrusted to our care be safe as well.

St. Joseph is a model of chastity. The Church invokes St. Joseph in the Litany of St. Joseph as “Joseph Most Chaste” and in the Divine Praises as Mary’s “Most Chaste Spouse.” Joseph was called to give Mary a husband’s tender love and yet to be the guardian of her divine maternity and virginity. Through the grace of the Holy Spirit he was able to surrender his life and place it at the service of a love that was both spousal and virginal. He “took Mary into his home, while respecting the fact that she belonged exclusively to God” (*Redemptoris Custos*, 20). This was possible because of the purity of his love. In our present time of sexual promiscuity and unchastity, addiction to pornography and marital infidelity, let us go to Joseph to learn and obtain the courage to be chaste. I encourage all to turn to Joseph in their struggles. During this Year of St. Joseph, let us pray to him for a return of the great Christian virtue of chastity.

Our situation in the Church and world today is not unlike the situation of God’s people during the great famine in Egypt. We need heavenly power to safeguard and steer us through the many trials of our day. It is my fervent hope that during this Year of St. Joseph every Catholic in the Diocese of Lafayette may fervently and confidently “Go to Joseph” for his intercession, his protection, and his example.

O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. O St. Joseph, assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me all spiritual blessings through your foster Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord, so that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer you my thanksgiving and homage.

O St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me, and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. Amen

(Ancient Prayer to St. Joseph).

St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, pray for us and pray for the Diocese of Lafayette!

With every good wish, I am
Faithfully yours in Christ

J. Douglas Deshotel

Most Reverend J. Douglas Deshotel, D.D.



Minister Schedule for August 22-23

Vigil-Lector **Melissa Stoute**

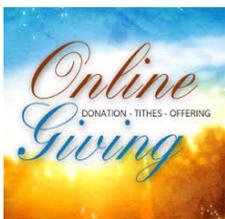
7:30-Lector **Darrell Burleigh**

10:30-Lector **Marvin Schwartzenburg**

Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel is pleased to announce that **Reverend Monsignor Jefferson J. DeBlanc**, Pastor of Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Lafayette, has been appointed by the Holy See as a **Missionary of Mercy (Special Confessor)** with the special mandate to preach and teach about the Mercy of God and of absolving penalties attached to certain sins normally reserved to the Holy See. For more information, please visit diolaf.org.

St. Charles Borromeo Parish has a page on **Facebook** which has been created as a means of communicating with our church parish members as well as a way to share information with others. Please "Like" our page!

Sacrament of BAPTISM is scheduled for **September 19th**. The Instruction Class is scheduled for **September 12th**. Please call the office by **August 28th** if you wish to sign up for September Baptisms. As a reminder, parents and godparents are required to attend an instruction class.



Online Giving-St. Charles has set up an online giving account for anyone wishing to make offertory payments online. Please visit our website@ www.st-charles-borromeo.org.

View the Catholic Mass:

Daily at Noon and Sunday at 11 AM from St. John Cathedral, Lafayette, LA.

<https://video.ibm.com/channel/catholic-diocese-of-lafayette-la>

St. Michael the Archangel, Shrewbury, MO at 7:00 a.m.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4-yjOdZmvRtejiLZz36JcQ/live>

EWTN Daily Mass: Live at 7:00 AM

WHY PRAY?

The "foreigners" as Isaiah calls them, the "Gentiles" as Paul calls them, or the "Canaanites" as Matthew calls them are called to worship the one true God in prayer. As we listen to today's readings, perhaps we are tempted to ask: Why pray? The question is rhetorical; it is tantamount to asking why should friends talk to one another or people in love kiss one another. Prayer is a way of relating to God, a way of talking to God. The apostles had the opportunity to talk to Jesus in the flesh. We have the opportunity to talk to Jesus Christ in prayer. Our relationship with him must be enthusiastic; it cannot be faint-hearted. John Donne, a fifteenth-century poet, knew what the qualities of good prayer were. Donne asks God to treat him differently from most Christians. The poet does not want God to merely "knock, breathe, shine, and seek to mend," but also to "break, blow, burn, and make me new" (Holy Sonnets, XIV).

It takes a dynamic faith on our part to come to God in prayer. As Jesus once said, "Knock and the door will be opened to you" (Matthew 7:7). It may take pounding the door down, but if we are as persistent as the woman in today's Gospel, the results will follow.

Annual Calf Raffle

Christ the King Mission in Bellevue will **NOT** host their Annual Labor Day Fair, but will hold its **Annual Calf Raffle**.

First prize is the Calf; 2nd Prize is a TV; 3rd prize is a Handmade Quilt, 4th Prize is a Gas Card for \$100.

Tickets are being sold now and are available from any CTK Family.

Love Life Amendment: On the November 3rd ballot, you will have the opportunity to vote for a pro-life constitutional amendment called the "**Love Life Amendment**." The ballot will state: "Do you support an amendment declaring that, to protect human life, a right to abortion and funding of abortion shall not be found in the Louisiana Constitution?" **If passed**, the Love Life Amendment would place this language in the Louisiana Constitution ensuring the judges **could never** declare a "right to abortion: in Louisiana. This is necessary because the supreme courts of 13 states, including New York and even Kansas, have "found" a right to abortion in their constitutions, reinforcing an abortion-on-demand policy.

Where life is involved; the service of Charity must be profoundly consistent. Together we are involved in God's work to build a culture of life—to promote a consistent ethic of life. To witness to the sanctity and value of every human life. To respect, protect, love and serve life from fertilization to natural death.