



# St. Joseph's

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Founded 1875

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Church Office Hours: Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

## Suspension of Public Celebrations

Bishop Michael Duca of the Diocese of Baton Rouge has announced the suspension of public celebrations of Sunday and daily Masses in all parishes and Catholic institutions in the diocese effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020.

The suspension is in effect until further notice. There are over seventy church parishes and other Catholic institutions in the 12 civil parishes that comprise the boundaries of the diocese. Additional details on how this decision will affect the celebrations of sacraments and other aspects of parish life will be determined and communicated in the next few days. As always, priority consideration will be given to the directives of Governor Edwards and to public health officials who have our best interests in mind. The Bishop said, "Let us pray that the Holy Spirit gives us a spirit of Hope in the Lord, who will sustain us even in these unprecedented times."

## St. Joseph's Church is Open for Individual Prayer

Tuesday – Friday:  
9am– Noon & 5pm-7pm  
Saturday & Sunday: 9am –Noon  
**NO MORE THAN 10 PEOPLE AT A TIME**

### Church Office

**Closed for ALL OUTSIDE BUSINESS. Effective Tuesday, 3/24/2020**



## April 26, 2020 3rd Sunday of Easter

### KCs Feed the Heroes

On Friday, April 17, members of the Father Vander Heyden Knights of Columbus Council 4874 in Ponchatoula prepared more than 220 dinners and delivered them to the healthcare heroes working at North Oaks Hospital in Hammond.

A dedicated squad of six knights worked all morning to prepare the dinners that included a generous serving of jambalaya, white beans and mixed vegetables along with a slice of French bread.

Past Grand Knight Buddy Pugh organized the effort, ably assisted (and socially distanced) by Grand Knight Alex Joiner, Deputy Grand Knight Durald Pinion, Recorder Dean Perrerr, Mike Kimball and Francis Waguespack.

"We've been unable to hold our regular meetings or complete other projects due to the stay-at-home guidelines," commented Grand Knight Joiner. "But our Council remains committed to serving our community and these meals represent our way of giving back," he added.

"Our members like to cook and we wanted to express our appreciation to the healthcare workers dealing with the Coronavirus pandemic every day," noted Mr. Pugh.



Members of the Father Vander Heyden Knights of Columbus Council 4874 in Ponchatoula prepare jambalaya, white beans and vegetables. (L-R): Dean Perrerr, Mike Kimball and Francis Waguespack



Past Grand Knight Buddy Pugh slices French bread for more than 220 dinners, in appreciation for the work of dedicated healthcare workers at North Oaks Hospital in Hammond. Photos by Richard Wallace



Buddy Pugh and Francis Waguespack assemble meals of jambalaya, white beans, vegetables and a slice of French bread for delivery to workers at North Oaks Hospital.

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## Mission Statement

St. Joseph's Parish is a rapidly growing faith community that serves the spiritual and temporal needs of Southernmost Tangipahoa Parish through its various ministries.

St. Joseph's develops, supports, nurtures and educates Catholic Christians while offering to this entire expanding community a caring environment and a welcoming spirit of Christ present.

## Parish Ministries and Contact Persons

**Altar Servers:** Michele & Glen Ernst, 985-386-6618. [sj\\_altar\\_server@bellsouth.net](mailto:sj_altar_server@bellsouth.net)  
**Bible Studies:** Monday at 6 p.m.—Stephanie Waguespack, 985-981-9859  
**Children's Liturgy Ministry:** Paige Bacile 985-386-3749.  
**Cooking Ministry:** Cook a plate of food for our Priest one day each month, call Linda Guagliardo 985-345-8409.  
**Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion:** Angela Pevey (Call / text) 985-507-5757.  
**Readers:** Larry Ernst, 985-386-5731. [lernst1@bellsouth.net](mailto:lernst1@bellsouth.net)  
**Marriage Ministry:** Ed & Julie Hanks, 985-351-3143.  
**Mass Greeters:** Barbara Martino, 985-386-3622.  
**Music Ministry:** Rhonda Rossano 985-386-3749 - Choir Practice-Wednesday's at 6:30 pm.  
**Parish School of Religion:** Grades K-12; Paige Bacile 985-386-3749  
**Special Education PSR:** B. J. Nepveux, 985-370-7548.  
**RCIA:** Ed or Julie Hanks, 985-351-3143.  
**Small Christian Community:** Clay Nepveux at 985-634-8805.  
**St. Joseph Bereavement Food Ministry:** Cheryl Laiche, 985-386-2033 or Ann Phillips, 985-969-2700  
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**Ushers:** Contact Joseph Jason, 985-386-8639.  
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**Word & Worship Prayer Ministry:** Fernando Morales: 985-662-2844.  
**Women's Ministry:** Mary Vedeckis, 225-294-6631.  
**Youth Ministry:** Sarah Stoehr, 504-270-3451.

## Download Our New Parish App!

Our new St. Joseph's app is now available to download for iPhone and Android smart phones. Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications, an easy-to-access event calendar, and the ability to quickly reply to or share messages via Facebook or Twitter. Also enjoy a bunch of additional features like prayers, daily readings, helpful reminders to silence your phone before Mass or Confession, and much more.

Help foster a stronger parish life at St. Joseph's and better engage the New Evangelization.

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## Organizations

**Ancient Order of Hibernians:** Ronnie Crimmins 985-773-8965.  
**Kaycee Auxiliary:** Maureen Felder 225-294-3092 or [maureenfelder75@gmail.com](mailto:maureenfelder75@gmail.com)  
**Knights of Columbus:** Buddy Williams, 504-252-2031 (Application for new members)  
**Rosary Altar Society:** Evelyn Lavigne 985-386-6732  
**St. Vincent de Paul Society:** For membership contact the church office, 985-386-3749. For assistance call 985-370-5459.  
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**Finance Committee:** Dennis James (Chairman) Michelle Ernst, Mike Fulmer, Larry Melancon, Brian Steib, Barbara Theriot .  
**Council of Ministries:** Vance Balado, Melissa Henderson, Lisa Kennedy, Harry LeBlanc, Rachael Perrin, Stephanie Reggio, Rodney Schmaltz, Mary Threton, Wayne Vedeckis, Stephanie Waguespack, Tom Waller, Bill Wheat. Ad Hoc Council Members: Fr. McDuffie, Deacon Larry Melancon, Danette Ragusa. Stacy Randazzo.



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## *An Invitation*

To Make or Renew a Total Consecration at Home

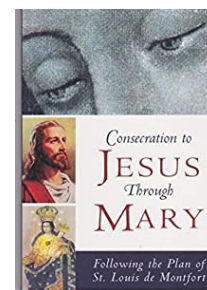
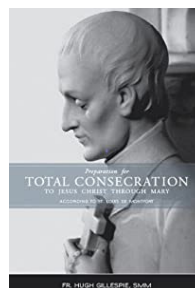
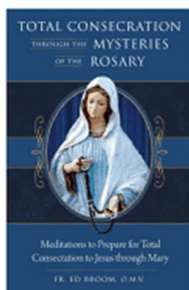
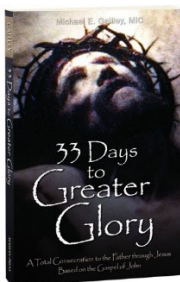
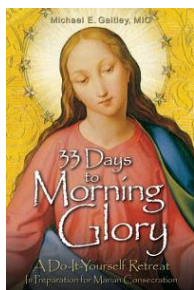
**Suggested Consecration Date:** Sunday, May 31, 2020 - Feast Day of Mary, Mother of the Church

**Preparation Dates:** April 26 - May 31

Consecrate means “to make holy.” St. Joseph’s Consecration ministry tries to offer consecration preparation during the Spring and Summer. With the uncertainty of social gatherings at this point, we are encouraging parish members to consider doing a consecration at home this year. The date shown above is only a suggestion. Timing is not nearly as important as the consecration itself. Now would be the perfect time for each of us to grow closer to Our Lord.

There are several books available that make the process very easy. For a few weeks you simply follow the short, daily readings, and upon completion you prayerfully make your consecration.

Here are a few recommended consecration preparation books, most of which are available through [heavenlygiftsonline.com](http://heavenlygiftsonline.com), or by calling 985-386-3558:



(Note: If you’re using 33 Days to Morning Glory, accompanying videos are available in the Formed app.)

**For more information:** Call Ron or Terri at 504-450-5459 or Connie at 985-507-7164.

## *Treasures From Our Tradition*

“Mystagogy,” reflection on the Easter mysteries, is the chief task of these great fifty days, a “pentecost,” in other words, of grace and renewal. Every Sunday we have accounts of Resurrection appearances of the Lord, and sketches of the earliest efforts at being church.

Lent is described as a journey to the font, and Easter may be described in similar terms, since at the very beginning an angel tells the apostles that the Risen Lord “has gone before you into Galilee.” Galilee, of course, was the place where Jesus did his finest work, his preaching, his healing, his gathering the lost and the marginalized to the table. At Easter, we hurry to catch up, putting our renewed baptismal promises to work in our own personal Galilees, our little worlds waiting for a word of grace, a healing, an act of pardon, an invitation to share a meal. The water often splashed on our Sunday assemblies in Eastertide reminds us: these are the golden, shining days of grace, days to nurture the heart, to speak to one another about things that really matter.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Join St. Joseph’s on Facebook Live Streaming the following:

<b>Lectio Divina</b>	Monday– Friday at 10 am
<b>Adoration</b>	Wednesday at 1pm-2pm
<b>Divine Mercy Chaplet</b>	Wednesday at 3pm
<b>Vespers</b>	Wednesday at 6pm

## *Chanting Vespers 4: Reading, Responsory, Intercessions*

In our learning to pray the Liturgy of the Hours, specifically Evening Prayer/Vespers, we have discussed the Introduction, the antiphons, and the Psalms and Canticles. In your prayer aid, whether a book or an app, you may have found a Psalm Prayer after each Psalm. This prayer is optional, and when we omit this prayer during evening Prayer at St. Joseph's. We will now review the remaining prayers.



The third Antiphon introduces a Cantic. Most often this is Colossians 1:12-20, but not always. This Cantic is followed by a Reading. The Reading is either an Epistle or passage from Revelations. The reading may be chanted. At St. Joseph's, however, the Reading, Responsory, Intercessions, Lord's Prayer, and Concluding Prayer are spoken.

During the **Responsory**, the leader prays the first line, everyone responds with the second line. The third stanza of the Responsory is always the initial words of the *Glory Be*.

The Gospel Cantic follows the Responsory. At evening Prayer, this cantic is the *Magnificat*. During Morning Prayer, this Cantic is the *Cantic of Zechariah*. These canticles are chanted at St. Joseph's.

The Prayers of Intercession are prayed after the Gospel Cantic. In the Intercessions, those assembled pray for the needs of the Church and the world. These Intercessions often include a prayer for those who have died. These may be chanted, but at St. Joseph's, they are spoken. These are prayed in the same manner as the Prayers of the Faithful during Mass. The leader offers the petitions and the people respond to each one as indicated.

Evening Prayer concludes with the Lord's Prayer, a Concluding Prayer, and the Dismissal. These prayers may be chanted or spoken. When Father McDuffie or a deacon prays Evening Prayer at St. Joseph's, the Concluding Prayer and Dismissal is replaced with Benediction.

Recall that the Liturgy of the Hours, particularly Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer were frequently prayed by the people in a time when it was more difficult to attend Mass. How fortunate for us that we may continue this tradition during this time when we are unable to celebrate Mass together in our churches.

### *St. Joseph's Family Rosary*

Let us join in prayer as a community and Church family during this time we cannot gather together. We are asking that each **Sunday at 8pm** families and individuals pray the Rosary in their own homes. Together we will storm the heavens with our prayers, as we offer intentions for our families, protection from the Coronavirus and all illnesses, healing of those affected and restoration of our Holy Mass.

*"We cannot underestimate the power of prayer and the difference it will make in our world"* Mother Theresa



## God's Plan

Saint Peter speaks to us twice today. In the first reading, we hear an excerpt from his sermon on Pentecost; in the second, part of his first letter. Once a frightened, uneducated fisherman who often said just the wrong thing, now Peter is speaking what he knows to be true. Everything Jesus had said now makes sense. His death and rising were all part of God's plan, and our faith and hope can be centered on God.

Today's Gospel tells the story of Jesus' walk to Emmaus with two of the disciples. Frightened, sad, and confused, the two of them don't recognize Jesus, who tells them what we heard Peter say above: All this had to happen as part of God's plan. In the end, these disciples recognize Jesus as we are to recognize him—in the breaking of the bread.



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## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — God has raised the crucified Jesus, who now pours forth the Holy Spirit upon us (Acts 2:14, 22-33).

**Psalm** — Lord, you will show us the path of life (Psalm 16).

**Second Reading** — Our faith and hope are in God, who raised Jesus from the dead (1 Peter 1:17-21).

**Gospel** — Through his words and in the breaking of the bread, the risen Christ made himself known to two disciples on their way to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35).

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## Monica's Journey

“Monica’s Journey” is a ministry of St. Joseph Catholic Church for women who struggle to find answers in the midst of difficult relationships or traumatic experiences in their lives. This ministry gives them a welcoming and non-judgmental place to find the hope and healing they need. Meetings are held in the evening during the week for 90 minutes. Members of other denominations are welcome. **This is a strictly confidential group and a confidentiality statement must be signed by all members.** The place and time of meetings will be disclosed after initial contact is made with the group facilitator. Voicemail: *Please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible.* (985) 467-9520.

## Healing Hearts

Healing Hearts: A Catholic support group for WOMEN, whose relationships have been negatively impacted by the pornography addiction or sexual addiction of a loved one. This may include a spouse, boyfriend, family member or friend. Strict confidentiality is observed by all members. Meetings are held on a weekly basis. Contact 985-401-2010 for more information and respond to the prompting.



## Healing from Divorce Group

If you are separated or divorced, the Church cares about you. The loss of a relationship through separation or divorce poses one of the most difficult transitions a person can face. As people journey through a divorce, they face the stress of emotions, life changes, and developing a way to live a new life. As a Church, we are called to imitate Jesus Christ, who always sought to heal the brokenhearted. St. Joseph now has a new ministry for this purpose. For more information please contact Angela Perrin at 985-318-4927.

## Please Pray for Sick and Shut-Ins

Jason Abernaghy, Deacon Mike Agnello, Stephanie Alexander, Ray Aleman, Ockie Baldassoro, Sr., Patrick Bailey, Gloria Bennett, Mildred Bittick, Ray Boihem, Michelle Bossier, Hazel Boudreaux, Larry Boudreaux, Ranice Bourg, Barbara Bourgeois, Angel Braun, JoAnne Brisset, Jeanette Brown, Baby David Burris, Eric Campos, Christine Castjohn, Carol Castle, Dennis Charbonnet, Rita Charbonnet, Julian Chiro, Gavin Cieutat, PJ Clause, Phillip Connelley, Ken Davidson, Lucille Davidson, Melissa Balado Dean, Kitty Dervely, Larry Deslatte, Alexis Dionne, David Dionne, Stacey Dolan, Beverly Dominique, Carol Dominguez, Andrew Dzuraychko, Pam Guichet Elder, Veronica Fannally, Joey Fortenberry, Marge Frahm, Eva Francois, Geraldine Freeman, Lenny George, Nittie Gilliland, Malissa Gonzalez, Joan Gurganus, Brian Guichet, Myrthus “Twinkle” Guichet, Anne Guidry, Sue Quave Guildner, Jean Guitreau, Katherine Harris, Warren Heckmann, Kalee Henderson, Sherry Hill, Elaine Hoover, Tammy Perrin Horn, Peggy Howes, Jimmy Hubert, Tara Huguet, Ashley Ingolia, Grace Innerarity, Joseph Jason, Jennifer Jernigan, Alan Klein, Ronnie Klug, Norma Kraemer, David Kraft, Charles Gregory Kraft, Sis Kyzar, Norma Larriue, Wayne Laurent, Doris Lavigne, Ruby Drude Lee, Sally LeJeune, Hilton Lloyd, IV, Nathan deLord, Elsie Major, Mary Twickler Mann, Francis Martino, Caitlyn Matherne, Max McCray, Cole McMillion, Morris Meyer, Barry Mince Sr., Anna Mae Mixon, Patricia Monteleone, Andrew Morales, Ed Murray, CJ Otilio, Carol Ott, Ruth Ourso, Wanda Pandarvis, George Peltier, Bert Perilloux, Fran Poche, Ann Prine, Mary Prine, Mike Raiford, Dale Roberts, Bryan Roddick, A. J. Roig, Jr., Linda Ryan, Rosa Maria Santos, Ernest Schenck, Bob Simoneaux, Bristol Rose Smith, Dale Allen Smith, Kayla Smith, Wylene Remy Taylor, Madeline Thibodeaux, Tracy Todd, Mike Tournillon, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Tartamelia, Sam Vilardo, Sam Viola, Carla Van Vrancken, June Villa, Glen Walker, Danny Wall, Francis Waguespack, Rodney Wempren, Peggy West, Stanley Williams, Faith Rose Wiltz. **Names submitted will be included for 4 weeks. Please call the Church office to renew.**

**Please pray for members of our parish family serving our country in the armed forces and remember also their families:**

CM Sgt Christopher Castle, Col. Brad Duplessis, Col. Brian Duplessis, Col. David, Duplessis- Commander, Mason Joiner Sgt Major in Army, Capt. Kathleen Keller, Jacob Milton, Commander Eric Olsen, US Navy. **Names submitted will be included for 4 weeks. Please call the Church office to renew.**

## Saints and Special Observations

Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter  
Tuesday: St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort  
Wednesday: St. Catherine of Siena  
Thursday: St. Pius V  
Friday: St. Joseph the Worker; First Friday  
Saturday: St. Athanasius; First Saturday



PAL (Parents of Addicted Loved-ones) is a support group of parents helping parents. PAL is also open to spouses and other family members and friends (18 or older) who have a loved one struggling with addiction.

Usually, A local PAL group meets in the St. Dominic room of St. Joseph's Ministry Building on the corner of 8<sup>th</sup> and Pine St. every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday from 6-7:30 pm. **However, during the Pandemic we are hosting ZOOM meetings every Thursday night instead.**

We look forward to sharing this program of hope and support with you. For more information contact Mary Jo B. at 985-320-3010 or Paige B. 985-981-8010 or review the website [www.palgroup.org](http://www.palgroup.org). All inquiries are held in strict confidence. **You are not alone There is HOPE.**

### Readings for the Week of

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29  
 Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35  
 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40  
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51  
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59, or, for the memorial, Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58  
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

#### Next Sunday Readings ( May 3, 2020)

First Reading.....Acts of the Apostles 2:14a, 36-41  
 Second Reading.....1 Peter 2:20n-25  
 Gospel.....John 10:1-10  
 Psalm.....123:1-31a, 3b-4, 5, 6

### Mass Intentions

**Fr. McDuffie will offer his private daily Mass for the following Intentions:**

#### Monday, April 27, 2020

(L) Winston Derenbecker

#### Tuesday, April 28, 2020

(L) Jeremy & Ashley Russell

#### Wednesday, April 29, 2020

Joe Liuzza

#### Thursday, April 30, 2020

Cathy Marie Wagner Phillips

#### Saturday, May 2, 2020

Dudley & Geraldine Berthelot  
 Living & Deceased Members of Louis Costanza Family  
 Geraldine Desplas  
 Dominick DiCarlo  
 Lawrence "Dude" Dominguez  
 John Dufreche  
 Jessica Galatas  
 Ella Mae Melancon  
 Bill Perrin  
 Rufus Poche  
 Liz Sanderson  
 Sena Sicard  
 Nettie Tucker Watts & Fred Tucker  
 Jeanette Hayman Taylor  
 (L) Daniel Waller

#### Sunday, May 3, 2020

Lawrence Allen Dominguez  
 Mary Sue Drude  
 Richard & Clotilde Drude  
 John Dufreche  
 Kevin Dufrene  
 Patricia D. Kimbbrough  
 Anna Mae Miller  
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### St. Joseph's Church is Open for Individual Prayer

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### Stewardship

#### "Chosen of God"

Kids often pick teams in the most publicly hurtful way possible. The most talented players are chosen first, the very least gifted reminded of their shortcomings and failures as they're picked last. God has an equal and equally valuable purpose for each of our lives, never assessing us in that fashion with no thought to such a hierarchy or the extent of our abilities. He simply chooses us for the tasks for which we've been created. In that way, the Spirit chose Barnabas. In that way, God chose Paul. He chose each one, and he has chosen you.

"There were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Symeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen who was a close friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.' Then, completing their fasting and prayer, they laid hands on them and sent them off. So they, sent forth by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and from there sailed to Cyprus. When they arrived in Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues."

### Financial News

YTD	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
4/19/2020	\$ 820,960.27	\$798,000.00	\$ +22,960.27
Church Support	\$ 18,107.45		
Priest Retirement	\$ 772.00		
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 491.00		
Mis. Collections	\$ 327.00		
	\$ 19,697.45		

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### School News

We are praying for all our St. Joseph community families and ask that you keep our students, faculty, and staff in your prayers as well.

Our Spring Fair has been cancelled for this school year. However the raffle and silent auction will take place in the Fall. More information will be shared in the future! You can still mail in your raffle tickets or drop them off at the church office drop slot.



## Gardening Angels

No gardening angels since COVID 19 so Buddy and I are gardening by ourselves. 😞 Since we are not having masses on Sunday most of you have not seen the Easter lilies at church. So I wanted to share our beautiful Easter lilies under the Vitex trees. What a beautiful background this would have been for our gardening angels! Miss you guys! Stay safe and hopefully we will see everyone soon!  
*Buddy & Marie Williams*

## Saint Catherine of Siena (1347-1380)

**April 29**

Imagine the pope receiving a young woman still in her twenties who addresses him as “my sweet Christ on earth,” then orders: “Get back to Rome where you belong!” Amazingly, Gregory XI complied! Yet this was but one astonishing incident in the extraordinary life of Catherine of Siena, a truly unique medieval woman. Youngest of twenty-five children, Catherine refused marriage and became a Dominican Tertiary at sixteen, cloistering herself at home in contemplative prayer, austere penances, and mystical experiences, culminating in “spiritual espousal” to Christ. Then, incarnating the Dominican ideal of “passing on to others the fruits of contemplation,” Catherine left her solitude to care for the poor, nurse the sick, comfort the dying, and bury the dead. Increasingly renowned for converting souls and healing bodies, she was sought after to broker peace during civil wars and Church schisms. All this, and like Jesus, whom she called “my Divine Spouse,” she died at thirty-three! Four hundred letters and her spiritual classic *The Dialogue* inspired Paul VI to name her, together with Teresa of Ávila, the first women Doctors of the Church.

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**Pray  
for  
all those  
affected  
by the  
Coronavirus**

Peace  
I leave with you;  
my peace I give to you.  
Not as the world gives do I  
give it to you. Do not let your  
hearts be troubled or afraid.  
— John 14:27

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## Stressed? Discouraged? Lonely? Sad? Don't Suffer Alone. Help is Available.

Sometimes we fall into a trap where we think it's a sign of weakness to ask for help. So when we're stressed, discouraged, lonely, or sad, we try to keep our struggles hidden and are reluctant to ask for help. However, that's not God's plan. Galatians 6:2 says, “Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” God wants us to care for others and allow others to care for us in our time of need.

If you're sad or struggling inside, don't suffer alone. Ask for help. We've got a team of Stephens Ministers who are ready to provide confidential one to one care, encouragement, and support to help you through a tough time. Find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with one of our Stephen Leaders: Anita Perrin (985) 687-4458 or Ronnie Perrin (985) 507-9765. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to bring God's love and care into your life.





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