



St. Joseph's

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Founded 1875

255 North 8th St. (P. O. Box 368) Ponchatoula, LA 70454

Church Phone Number: (985) 386-3749

Church Web site: www.stjosephsonline.com

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

February 23, 2020 The Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday Mass Schedule:

Sat. Vigil 5:00 pm
Sun. 8:00 am & 11:00 am

Week Day Mass Schedule:

M-Th 8:00 am

Confession:

Sat. 4:00 pm
T & Th after Mass or by appointment.

Baptism:

Couples who would like their child baptized need to contact Ramona at the office, 985-386-3749 to register for baptism preparation.

Marriage:

Contact a priest or deacon of the parish at least 6 months before the wedding at 985-386-3749.

Anointing of the Sick:

Please notify the office as soon as a Catholic is seriously ill or is having surgery.

Adoration:

Wed. 9:00 am to 10:00 pm
- Divine Mercy: 3:00 pm
- Vespers & Benediction: 6:00 pm

Catechetical Programs:

PSR-Gr. K-5; Sun 9:30-10:30 am
Ablaze-Gr. 6-8; Sun 9:30-10:30 am
High School Formation
Gr. 9-12; Sun. 5:00-7:00 pm



St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Ponchatoula

Old Testament • Jerusalem Temple • Tour

Do you find Mass boring? Do you know why we ring the bells at Mass? Are you willing to come out to have these and other questions about the Mass answered?

**Friday, Feb 28th
6:30pm-8:30pm
Beginning outside the church**

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Mrs. Danette Ragusa, *Principal*
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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
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
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, 985-386-3863
Stephen Ministry: Anita or Ronnie Perrin, 985-687-4458 or 985-386-3016.
Ushers: Contact Joseph Jason, 985-386-8639.
Widowed Friends of St. Joseph: Barbara Guy at 985-507-9966.
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.

Download our app today at myparishapp.com or search your phone's app store for my parish.



Organizations

Ancient Order of Hibernians: Ronnie Crimmins 985-773-8965.
Kaycee Auxiliary: Maureen Felder 225-294-3092 or 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.
Core Group: Ronnie Perrin (Chairman), Lawton Hotard, Barbara Martino, Larry Melancon, Angelique Richardson, Larry Wilson
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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Ash Wednesday

Mass Schedule

8 am & 6 pm

Ashes will be distributed at all Masses.

Adoration will end at 5:30 pm on Ash Wednesday.

Stations of the Cross

Friday's during Lent

1:45 pm & 6 pm

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Ash Wednesday

Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: these disciplines, prescribed by Jesus himself in the Sermon on the Mount, along with strict instructions not to flaunt them in public to win recognition and praise (Matthew 6:1-18), have been embraced by all the saints at the beginning of every Lent for almost two thousand years. But mention Lent, and many react with a grimace or slight shudder—even now, years after official obligations have been reduced to a minimum! No wonder the Eastern Rite's "Lenten Announcement" sounds surprising: "Let us receive with joy, O faithful people, the divinely inspired announcement of Lent! The Lenten Spring shines forth! Begin the fast with joy! Let us fast from passions as well as food, taking pleasure in the good works of the Spirit, and accomplishing them in love!" Saint John Chrysostom, whose feast is September 13, elaborates: "Do you fast? Give proof by your works. If you see a poor person, take pity. An enemy, be reconciled. A friend gaining honor, don't be jealous." A positive approach! May the saints help us keep such a Lent!

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The Propers of the Mass (the Antiphons)

Throughout the season of Lent, we will be singing the Entrance Antiphons during the procession to the Altar.

The following attempts to answer some questions regarding this.

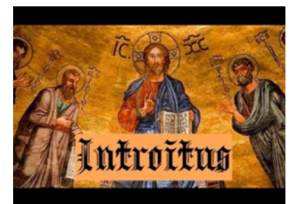


What are the Antiphons?

The Introit (entrance antiphon), Offertory, and Communion Antiphons are **propers** of the Mass which match the Gospel/Feast of the day. Proper texts of the Mass change every day. In addition to the Antiphons, the Responsorial Psalm and the prayers said by the priest are also proper texts. Proper texts differ from the **ordinary** texts of the Mass which never change: Gloria, Kyrie, Agnus Dei, Credo, etc. Most parishes in the United States still use the Proper Antiphons during weekday Masses (which are spoken instead of using hymns). Up until Vatican II the antiphons were sung in Latin by the choir *instead* of an opening, offertory, and communion hymn. The congregation joined in singing the Creed, Gloria, and chanted Mass responses (which they still do).

Why do we use hymns instead of the Antiphons now?

After Vatican II, because it was never intended for the entirety of the Mass to be prayed in the vernacular, translating the Antiphons into English was not at the top of the Pope's priority list. So, church musicians looked for an English alternative. The only readily available English alternatives at the time were **Protestant hymns**. The tradition of singing hymns in the vernacular instead of the antiphons has continued to the present day.



Why are we using them at St. Joseph's?

The revised translation of the English Mass caused many Catholics to re-discover the Proper Antiphons, **which were a part of our Mass tradition for roughly 1,950 years**. Since Vatican II did not suggest that the Proper Antiphons be removed, many contemporary Catholic composers have been looking for ways to incorporate them back into the Mass.

We have been singing the Communion Antiphon for some time now and have occasionally sung the Entrance Antiphons (most recently during Advent). We will sing the Entrance Antiphon each week during Lent as the priestly procession approaches the altar. The cantor will sing the Antiphon and the people will respond with a Congregational Refrain printed in the worship aid. A complementary psalm verse may be sung followed by the people singing the refrain. I hope the incorporation of the daily text enhances your worship and is another reminder of the Gospel message for the day.

Please feel free to email me with any further questions or comments you may have! Most of all, please prayerfully open your heart to these antiphons as the cantor/choir sings them for the aid of your worship. We will be sure to proceed in the direction of beauty and wisdom if we consult the Holy Spirit as we prayerfully make decisions regarding the music of the Liturgy. Amen!

Rhonda Rossano, rossano@sjscrusaders.org

Stewardship

"I Know Exactly What's Happening"

The last weekend of every month, Anthony and Bev are responsible for small group snacks. Everyone looks forward to their contributions—always tasty, always creatively arranged. And their daughter Addie is grateful for whatever comes home. She knows it will be good, and she alone knows why. In the hours before each gathering, the Whole Foods bags are unpacked, and the goodies are transferred from labeled containers to the family's serving trays. Branded lids are evidence Mom and Dad are headed out, and any leftovers might be headed home, the clues of what's to come.

"At the end of forty days Noah opened the hatch of the ark that he had made, and he released a raven. It flew back and forth until the waters dried off from the earth. Then he released a dove, to see if the waters had lessened on the earth. But the dove could find no place to perch, and it returned to him in the ark, for there was water over all the earth. Putting out his hand, he caught the dove and drew it back to him inside the ark. He waited yet seven days more and again released the dove from the ark. In the evening the dove came back to him, and there in its bill was a plucked-off olive leaf! So Noah knew that the waters had diminished on the earth. He waited yet another seven days and then released the dove; but this time it did not come back."

St. Joseph's 2020 Lenten Parish Challenge

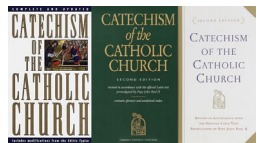
We want to challenge our parish family to dive deeper into Scripture this Lent. You can find many more resources on our website's [Lent Resource page](#) but we want to do something together as a parish community.

Challenge #1: Everywhere Your Cell Phone Goes, So Does Your Bible



What would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phones? What if we carried it around? Turned back if we forgot it? Flipped through it several times a day? Use it to receive messages? Treat it like we couldn't live without it? Gave it to our kids as gifts? Used it as we traveled? Used it in case of emergency? Upgraded it to include 24/7 tech service from the Holy Spirit? This is something to make you go...hmmm...where is my Bible? Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our cell phone, we don't ever have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill!

Challenge #2: Read Your Catechism Along With Your Bible



What came first? The Bible or the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)? Jesus didn't leave a newly printed copy of the Bible behind as He ascended into Heaven. It took about 400 years for the Bible to be put together! So, how did the early Church know how to live? *Tradition*. The Catechism may have been published hundreds of years after the Bible, but Catholics have been living by that tradition *alongside* the Sacred Scripture. Crack open your Catechism and read the Scripture it references. When you read your Bible, check the footnotes and look up the Catechism references!

Challenge #3: Share Your Daily Prayer



Whether you are giving up social media for Lent or not, whether you're on social media or not, share your daily prayer with someone. Post something on your feed, text a friend, or share with the person next to you. We'll be posting scripture each day you can use, you can follow the daily Mass readings, or randomly stroll with the Holy Spirit through scripture until something pops out. Just meditate on the Word, ask the Lord what He has to tell you, and share it.

EASTER GIVEAWAY! You can enter to win our Easter giveaway in the Narthex. Put your name, contact info (*to contact you if you win!*), and which challenge you're doing. *Check out next week's bulletin, our website, or social media, to see the prize!*

Stephen Ministry



In **The Day Chapel**, **Following all Masses**, there will be a short video and overview of Stephen Ministry. A **question & answer session** about Stephen Ministry will also take place.

If God is calling you to be involved in a ministry, please plan to attend our gathering. Being a *Stephen Minister* is not only helping others during their time of need and healing, **it is a rewarding and fulfilling experience** for the Minister. *We are blessed to have our current Ministers and look forward to commissioning new ministers for our 3rd Class.*

This Weekend- Feb. 22nd & 23rd

VBS 2020
Planning
Gathering

For Parents
Adult Volunteers
High School Volunteers

Set ABLAZE Retreat

Saturday, February 29th, 2020
10am-6pm in Ministry Building
All families are invited to join us for
5pm Mass

Be who you're meant to be and you will set the world
ABLAZE! - St. Catherine of Siena



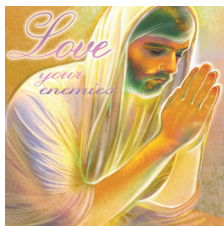
Foolishness

Sometimes the idea of repentance seems old-fashioned, naive, even foolish. But if you're looking for real foolishness, you'll find it in today's readings.

We begin with Leviticus and the admonition, "Take no revenge and cherish no grudge" (Leviticus 19:18). We've heard that message before, of course, so we might forget how far it is from the so-called "practical realities of life." Saint Paul warns us about being practical, though. Whoever considers oneself wise had better "become a fool," because "the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God" (1 Corinthians 3:18, 19).

This "foolishness" continues in the Gospel: "Offer no resistance to one who is evil" (Matthew 5:39). In fact, offer the other cheek when you've been slapped. Hand over your coat as well as your shirt. Be like God, who sends sunshine and rain on the bad as well as the good. "So be perfect," says Jesus, "just as your heavenly Father is perfect" (5:48).

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Today's Readings

First Reading — Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself (Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18).

Psalms — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — You are the temple of God, and holy (1 Corinthians 3:16-23).

Gospel — Offer no resistance; love your enemies (Matthew 5:38-48).

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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, Joseph Agnello, 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 Davis Bourgeois, Angel Braun, JoAnne Brisset, Janet 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, Stan & Joyce Dell, Kitty Derveloy, Larry Deslatte, Alexis Dionne, Stacey Dolan, Lawrence Dominguez, Beverly Dominique, Carol Dominguez, John Dufreche, Andrew Dzuryachko, 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, Grace Innerarity, Joseph Jason, Jennifer Jernigan, Sena Kilbert, Ronnie Klug, Norma Kraemer, David Kraft, Charles Gregory Kraft, Sis Kyzar, Wayne Laurent, Doris Lavigne, Ruby Drude Lee, Sally LeJeune, Hilton Lloyd, IV, Elsie Major, Mary Twickler Mann, Francis Martino, Patricia McKigney, Cole McMillion, Morris Meyer, Barry Mince Sr., Anna Mae Mixon, Rose Mitchell, Patricia Monteleone, Andrew Morales, Ed Murray, Betty Olsen, CJ Otilio, Carol Ott, Ruth Ourso, Wanda Pandarvis, George Peltier, Bert Perilloux, Fran Poche, Ann Prine, Mary Prine, Mike Raiford, Dale Roberts, A. J. Roig, Jr., Linda Ryan, Rosa Maria Santos, Beverly Schatzle, Judy Schilling, Bob Simoneaux, Bristol Rose Smith, Dale Allen Smith, Kayla Smith, Wylene Remy Taylor, Madeline Thibodeaux, Tracy Todd, Mike Tournillon, Sam Vilardo, Sam Viola, Carla Van Vrancken, June Villa, Glen Walker, Danny Wall, Francis Waguespack, Rodney Wempren, Peggy West, Stanley Williams. **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: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence



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. .

A local PAL group meets in the St. Dominic room of St. Joseph's Ministry Building on the corner of 8th and Pine St. every 2nd and 4th Thursday from 6-7:30 pm.

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

Readings for the Week of

February 24, 2020

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29
 Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37
 Wednesday: J1 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;
 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday Readings (March 1, 2020)

First Reading.....Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7
 Second Reading.....Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19
 Gospel.....Matthew 4:1-11
 Psalm.....51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 24, 2020

8:00 AM **No Mass/No Communion Service**

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

8:00 AM **No Mass/No Communion Service**

Wednesday, February 26, 2020—ASH WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM Deceased Members of L. A. Charbonnet Family
 (L) Bristol Rose Smith
 Lillian Foret

6:00 PM For the People of the Parish

Thursday, February 27, 2020

8:00 AM (L) Shelly Bagby

Saturday, February 29, 2020

5:00 PM Dudley & Geraldine Berthelot
 Mathilda "Tilly" Cutrer
 Ella Mae Melancon
 Laura Mae Morse
 Bill Perrin
 Rufus Poche
 Jan Ripberger
 Liz Sanderson
 Joy Steib

Sunday, March 1, 2020

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish

11:00 AM Wayne Aymond, Sr.

Phyllis Begault
 Mary Sue Drude
 Richard & Clotilde Drude
 Noel Dzuryachko
 Anna Jaundot
 Ella Mae Melancon
 Joseph Pepitone
 Ronald Steib
 (L) Geraldine Wright

(L) Indicates Living

**The Church and Church Office will be CLOSED on
 Monday, Feb. 24th & Tuesday, Feb. 25th**

No Mass/No Communion Service/No Confessions

Altar Flowers

The Flowers on the Altar are donated:

In Loving Memory of

Barbara Troxler

By: Office Staff & John



St. Thomas Aquinas Raffle Ticket Fundraiser



Buy a ticket for your chance to win 1 year of Free Tuition at St. Thomas Aquinas or \$5,000 Cash. You can purchase ticket in STA school office. \$50 a ticket.

Ministry Schedules

Saturday, February 29th & Sunday March 1st

	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
5PM	Angela Pevey 7b Stephanie Willie 8b	Jesse Bergeron Philip LeCompte Chris Marmillion Durald Pinion Vincent Poche John Yeargain Michael Chiasson
8AM	Benjamin Perrin 7b Mary Jo Balado 8b	Joseph Jason William Mathes Peter Peterson Roland Terrebonne Ronnie Reggio Sidney Alexander Randy Bennett Earl Hoover Buddy Williams Joseph Ragan Jeff Ryan
11AM	SUB REQUESTED 7b Veronica Pierson 8b	<u>Greeters</u> 5 PM Linda Guagliardo 8AM Ellen Pusey 11 AM Marie Williams
5PM	<u>Altar Servers</u> Camryn Ernst Chloe Ernst Brooke Spears	<u>Lectors</u> 5PM Tony Guagliardo, Jr. 8AM Gabby Reggio 11 AM Savannah Phillips
8AM	Nathan Palisi Lanie Perrin Addelyn Wolfe	
11AM	Dax Dupuy Jonah Nepveux Travis Turner, II	

Financial News

YTD	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Difference</u>
2/16/2020	\$ 687,168.32	\$627,000.00	\$ +60,277.32
Church Support	\$ 20,303.25		
Eastern Europe	\$ 890.00		
Misc. Collections	\$ 232.00		
	\$ 21,425.25		

Second Collections

Black & Indian Mission: March 8th
 St. Joseph School March 15th

Ecumenical Lenten Lunches

During the season of Lent, area churches will be coming together each Wednesday to offer a brief worship service, followed immediately by lunch. All are welcome, no need to RSVP. Suggested donation of \$5 for lunch.

March 4— Hosted by First Baptist Church, 325 E. Pine St.

March 11— Hosted by First United Methodist Church, 201 E. Pine St.

March 18— Hosted by First United Methodist Church (Deacon Larry from St. Joseph's) leading worship.

March 25— Hosted by First Presbyterian Church, 197 S. 4th St.

April 1—Hosted by All Saints Episcopal Church, 250 W. Hickory St.



Lent: One Day at a Time for Catholic Teens

“Walk through the Lenten desert with purpose, focus, and a real desire to meet Jesus and be changed by him.”

Meetings will be **February 16, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, and April 5.**

Where: St. Catherine Room

When: Sunday Mornings 9:30 – 10:30

If you would like to participate please contact
 Mary Hanks (985) 507-4868 ASAP.



Parish Survey



- Go to stjosephsonline.com
- Click the button that says "PARISH SURVEY"
- Survey will be available on the website until *Feb. 26th, Ash Wednesday*

Parish Surveys will also be available in the Narthex and at the Church Office.



Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, Feb. 22nd & Sunday Feb. 23rd
Stephen Ministry— *Question & Answers*—Chapel after all Masses

Saturday, Feb. 22nd & Sunday, Feb. 23rd
KC's Selling Fish Fry Tickets— Before & After all Masses

Monday, Feb. 24th & Tuesday, Feb 25th
Church and Church Office Closed

Tuesday, February 25th
St Vincent de Paul Society Meeting—Ministry Building-6:30 pm

Tuesday, February 25th
Word & Worship—Chapel-7:00 pm

Wednesday, February 26th
Ash Wednesday- Masses: 8am & 6pm



Wednesday, February 26th
Divine Mercy—Chapel-3:00 pm

Wednesday, February 26th
Lord Teach Me To Pray—Ministry Building-7:30pm

Friday, February 28th
Stations of the Cross— 1:45 pm & 6 pm



Friday, February 28th
KC's Fish Fry 4:30-7pm



Friday, February 28th
Old Testament Jerusalem Temple Tour— 6:30pm in the Church.

Saturday, February 29th
Set Ablaze Retreat— 10am-6pm in the Ministry Building

Sunday, March 1st
Lent: One Day at a Time for Catholic Teens— 9:30 am in St. Catherine Room

Sunday, March 1st
PSR, Ablaze 9:30-10:30 am

Sunday, March 1st
8 Encounters with Jesus—School Library 9:30-10:30

Sunday, March 1st
RCIA—Ministry Building-9:30-10:30 am

Sunday, March 1st
Teen/Young Adult Choir Practice-9:30 am

Sunday, March 1st
VBS Planning Meeting— After the 11am Mass in the Church Conference Room

Monday, March 2nd
Rosary Altar Society Meeting—1:30 pm in the Ministry Building

Tuesday, March 3rd
Widowed Friends— B& J Seafood— 11:30 am



Wednesday, March 4th
Choir Practice—Choir Room-6:30 pm

Saturday, March 7th
Men's Morning Prayer—6 am in the Chapel



Saturday, March 7th
1st Saturday Rosary—10 am in the Chapel

Intentions of the Holy Father

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.



School News

Some of our SJS students attended Mass at St. Gerard Catholic Church in Baton Rouge during Catholic Schools Week. Bishop Duca celebrated Mass with students and principals from all of the schools in the Diocese of Baton Rouge. Pictured: Starting at the bottom L to R: Evan Garcia, Parker Secrease, Giselle Miranda, Addelyn Wolfe, Colin Quigley, Christina Curtis, Tori Thompson, Marley Richard, and Emma Hoover.



The SJS Angels competed in the American All-Star 2020 Mardi Gras competition where they competed against 8 other teams in the jazz competition. The girls took home 1st place and were recognized for Best Overall Awards for Technique and for Choreography against all other schools including high schools! Way to go Angels!!



So proud of our SJS cheerleaders! They had a great weekend at the Champions League cheer competition in Biloxi. They took home the school champions banner as well as the Division Champions banner. In addition,

jackets were given to the Divisions' winners!! We are blessed for this great weekend.

Kaycee Ladies Auxiliary

The Kaycee Ladies Auxiliary recently hosted their February Social. The theme was "Sweet 16". Members were asked to display mementos of the year they turned 16. "Everyone enjoyed a buffet dinner and a fun game while viewing photos of our younger selves," commented Committee Chair Fay Murray.



L-R: Fay Murray, Barbara Martino, Carol McGough & Shirley Adams look over Sweet 16 memories.



Ruby Lee, 96, shows off a photo of herself at age 16 during the Kaycee Ladies Auxiliary Social.

Day of Reflection

The Rosary Altar Society of Holy Ghost Parish will sponsor its annual Day of Reflection on Thursday, March 12, 2020 from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at Holy Ghost Catholic Church. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. in the church gathering area. Fr. Ryan Hallford, Parochial Vicar, of St. Aloysius Parish will conduct the Day of Reflection. The day will begin with Mass at 8:30 a.m. followed by Fr. Ryan's talk on "Lent-Growing in Holiness". Our Day will conclude with the rosary and lunch. The offering for the day is \$20.00 which includes lunch. Please call Bridget Fugarino at 985-320-8498 to RSVP no later than March 9th.

Widowed Friends

The next outing will be **March 3rd** at B & J Seafood, 2504 W. Church St. Hammond. All events start at 11:30 am.

