



# 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](http://www.stjosephsonline.com)

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

**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

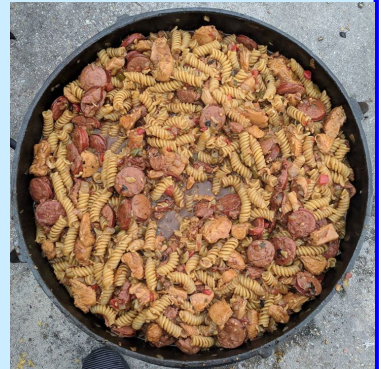
**High School Formation**

Gr. 9-12; Sun. 5:00-7:00 pm

*January 12, 2020 The Baptism of the Lord*

## GUMBO FOR LIFE

This weekend is the last "Gumbo Sale" before the March 4 Life. We are selling parishioner, Sean Benoit's famously delicious pastalaya! We will also have a small tree out for you to pick a teen's name that will be attending the March 4 Life. If you would, please pick a name and pray and sacrifice for this teen during the March. It can be very tiring, trying, and surrounded by spiritual attack. We need your prayers as much as we need to finish fundraising!



January 20th– January 25th



## St. Joseph Catholic School Open House Thursday, January 30, 2020 6:00pm in the cafeteria



175 N 8th St. Ponchatoula, LA 70454

985-386-6421

[www.sjscrusaders.org](http://www.sjscrusaders.org)

Open Registration will begin Monday, February 3, 2020

St. Joseph School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national, or ethnic origin.

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## Staff

Rev. Paul A. McDuffie, *Pastor*  
Larry J. Melancon, *Deacon*  
Michael A. Agnello, *Deacon*  
Angela Perrin, *Business Manager*  
Stacy Randazzo, *Director of Ministries*  
Paige Bacile, *PSR Coordinator*  
Sarah Stoehr, *Youth Minister*  
Rhonda Rossano, *Music Director*

Ramona Folsie, *Receptionist/Data Entry*  
Kathleen Phillips, *Bookkeeper/Receptionist*  
**St. Joseph School**  
Mrs. Danette Ragusa, *Principal*  
Phone Number, 985-386-6421  
Website: [www.sjscrusaders.org](http://www.sjscrusaders.org)

## 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, 985-386-3863  
**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.

## 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.  
**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.

## 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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Jesus came from Galilee  
to John at the Jordan  
to be baptized by him.

Matthew 3:13

## The Baptism of the Lord

It is fitting that on this final feast of the season of Christmas, we celebrate Jesus' baptism, and with it our own entry into Christ's life through the waters of baptism. During Christmas, we have reflected on the stunning recognition that God came to be one with us in Jesus Christ. Now, as we make the transition to Ordinary Time, we think about what it means to follow this same Christ, the Anointed One of God. In baptism, we too are anointed. Baptism plunges us into Christ's death and resurrection; in baptism, we receive the Holy Spirit. Baptism, which is available to all who believe, draws us to the very heart of God. In baptism, we become the servants of the Lord, chosen ones who are called for the victory of justice, a light for the nations.

## WHY ARE YOU COMING TO ME?

We can almost hear the amazement in John the Baptist's voice as he says to Jesus, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?" Throughout the time that John preached and baptized people in the desert, he had been preparing people for the coming of the Messiah. Now, Jesus approaches him for baptism! We might share in his wonder. Why would Jesus, who is sinless, come to John for a baptism of repentance? Jesus' response to John helps us understand. Jesus has come to fulfill all that is expected in the Messiah, and more. As he entered the waters of baptism, Jesus entered fully into our humanity, raising us toward God. Jesus sanctified the waters of baptism, making them holy, opening the heavens through his humble obedience to God's plan of love.

## CHRIST'S MISSION IS OUR MISSION

As Jesus came out of the baptismal waters, the Holy Spirit descended upon him and a voice from the heavens was heard saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." In joining himself to humanity, Jesus opened the heavens for us, and in doing so, was confirmed in his mission of mercy and love. In baptism, we are joined with Christ. Immersed into his life and love, his mission is our mission. It is still early in this new year. Today, reflect on your baptismal call to live as a member of Christ's body. In what ways do you love God and others? In what ways might you grow as a disciple of our Lord Jesus Christ? How are you living the mission of Christ, to make God's love and mercy known in the world? Is Christ's mission your mission?

Today's Readings: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

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### *Volunteers Needed*

We will be taking down all Christmas Decorations on **Friday, January 17th at 8:30 AM**. Volunteers will be needed, guys and dolls. If enough help comes, won't take long! Appreciate your time. Questions call Barbara or Francis at 386-3622 .God bless all of you. Thank you, Martino's



## Stewardship

### “A Contentious Curtain”

“Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: ‘Oh, that today you would hear his voice. Harden not your hearts as at the rebellion in the day of testing in the desert, where your ancestors tested and tried me and saw my works for forty years. Because of this I was provoked with that generation and I said, *They have always been of erring heart, and they do not know my ways.* Take care, brothers, that none of you may have an evil and unfaithful heart, so as to forsake the living God. Encourage yourselves daily while it is still *today*, so that none of you may grow hardened by the deceit of sin.’ ”

A curtain—drawn between residential rooms, corporate gathering spaces, or over a picture window—will separate you from simple sights and the vision of what lies just ahead. Like the children of Israel who wandered in the wilderness, their vision clouded by sin and disobedience, too often the way forward for each of us is obscured by the “deceit of our own sin.” Whether the burden of a bad habit, or the shame and guilt of a pattern offensive to a righteous God, we wisely listen, “hear the voice of God,” and determine to change, “while it is still today.”



### “LORD TEACH ME TO PRAY” - Spring 2020

Schedule, St Joseph Church

PART 1, Praying Christian Virtues

Wednesdays 6:30 – 8:00 PM, St Joseph Ministry Building

January 22 – April 8, 2020

Praying Christian Virtues teaches how to listen, how to further develop your prayer life, what to do for dryness and obstacles in prayer, as well as how to meditate and contemplate using the method of prayer devised by St Ignatius of Loyola. This will be done in a group experience, meeting once a week. (15 minutes daily prayer time is required)

#### Comments from the Lord Teach Me To Pray Facebook site:

*“A fabulous way through the scriptures to fully know and love our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

*“(I have learned) “Prayer is so much more than reciting memorized prayer” LA*

*“Lord Teach Me To Pray has given me a badly needed structure to my prayer life.” MS*

*“Lord Teach Me To Pray group faith sharing was a wonderful experience where everyone was able to talk and be listened to without judgment.” CA*

*“My prayer time was more in my head than in my heart. LTMTTP has given me the tools to have a more intimate relationship with our Lord.”*

*“I have never been so privileged in all my life to see souls being touched by God.” Facilitator, W VA*

*“The Holy Spirit is waiting for us to call upon Him in scripture and speaks to our soul through scripture and prayer.”*

*“This prayer series is life altering. Praying with scripture and faith sharing are grace-filled gifts of the program.”*

**To Register:** (Men) Ron Huguet 504-232-2484  
(Women) Terri Huguet 504-450-5459  
Paula Jarrell 985-429-8977  
Connie Triolo 985-507-7164

### Congratulations!

Congratulations to Navy Capt. Len Drude, Retired for his recent induction into LSU Ole War Skule Hall of Honor. Induction into the Hall of Honor for Distinguished LSU Military Alumni is the highest recognition conferred by LSU and Cadets of the Ole War Skule. Pictured L to R: John Milazzo, Jr. President, Cadets of the Ole War Skule, Navy Capt. Len Drude, Retired, Dr. F. King Alexander, President of LSU.



## Give the Gift of LIFE!

# BLOOD DRIVE

## YOU'RE SOMEBODY'S TYPE

St. Joseph's Parish

Sunday, February 9th | 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

The blood drive will be in the Gym.

**PLEASE SIGN UP TO DONATE!**

Email: [srandazzo@sjscrusaders.org](mailto:srandazzo@sjscrusaders.org)

Online: [stjosephs.ochsnerbloodbank.org](http://stjosephs.ochsnerbloodbank.org)

Phone: (985) 386-3749

[www.stjosephsonline.com](http://www.stjosephsonline.com)

Free: Awesome T-Shirt, Drinks, Snacks & Feeling Great for Saving Lives!

Eat a healthy meal before donating.

Drink LOTS of water before & after your donation.

Bring Photo ID.

\$10 for every blood donation will be contributed to your Church's Youth Group to help fund Missions, Charities, Church Camp, Youth Group Activities, Special Projects, etc.

16 years old must have written parental consent to donate.

255 N. 8th St. | Ponchatoula, LA | 70454



## This Is My Beloved Son

This Sunday's celebration of the Baptism of the Lord closes the Christmas season. In the scriptures we see one more epiphany, or manifestation, of the Spirit of God in Jesus—but this time it is as an adult, rather than as a child. Jesus' baptism also serves as the inauguration of his prophetic mission and the messianic age.

Today's reading from Isaiah describes God's chosen Messiah, upon whom God's spirit rests. In the Acts of the Apostles Peter says that "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power" (Acts 10:38). Finally, in the proclamation from Matthew's Gospel Jesus' baptism in water goes almost unnoticed. The crucial moment comes when the Spirit of God comes upon Jesus and a voice from heaven echoes the words of Isaiah: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17).

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### Today's Readings

**First Reading** — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the LORD upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7).

**Psalms** — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29).

**Second Reading** — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38).

**Gospel** — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Matthew 3:13-17).

### 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, Sr., Patrick Bailey, Gloria Bennett, Mildred Bittick, Ray Boihem, Michelle Bossier, Hazel Boudreaux, Larry Boudreaux, Ranice Bourg, Angel Braun, JoAnne Brisset, Baby David Burris, Eric Campos, Morgan Carel, Christine Castjohn, Carol Castle, Dennis Charbonnet, Rita Charbonnet, Julian Chiro, Gavin Cieutat, PJ Clause, Phillip Connelley, Tilly Cutrer, Ken Davidson, Lucille Davidson, 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, Lenny George, Malissa Gonzalez, Joan Gurganus, Brian Guichet, Myrthus Guichet, Anne Guidry, Sue Quave Guildner, Jean Guitreau, John Gullo, Diane Gunther, Katherine Harris, Warren Heckmann, Sherry Hill, Elaine Hoover, Tammy Perrin Horn, Peggy Howes, Jimmy Hubert, Tara Huguet, Grace Innerarity, Joseph Jason, Jennifer Jernigan, Ronnie Klug, Norma Kraemer, David Kraft, Charles Gregory Kraft, Sis Kyzar, Wayne Laurent, Doris Lavigne, Ruby Drude Lee, Sally LeJeune, Margie Liuzza, Hilton Lloyd, IV, Elsie Major, Mary Twickler Mann, Francis Martino, Amelia McCulla, Patricia McKigney, Cole McMillion, Morris Meyer, Barry Mince Sr., Rose Mitchell, Patricia Monteleone, Andrew Morales, Ed Murray, Betty Olsen. Dayna Bennett O'Neill, CJ Otilio, Carol Ott, Ruth Ourso, Wanda Pandarvis, George Peltier, Bert Perilloux, Fran Poche, Ann Prine, Mary Prine, Mike Raiford, Dale Roberts, Bryan Rodick, A. J. Roig, Jr., Linda Ryan, Rosa Maria Santos, Beverly Schatzle, Avery Shaw, Ruby Shaw, Joseph Shaw, Thomas Shaw, Bob Simoneaux, Bristol Rose Smith, Kayla Smith, Wylene Remy Taylor, Madeline Thibodeaux, Tracy Todd, Mike Tournillon, Nathan Vicknair, Sam Vilaro, Sam Viola, Carla Van Vrancken, June Villa, Glen Walker, Danny Wall, Francis Waguespack, Rodney Wempren, Peggy West. **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: The Baptism of the Lord  
 Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time; St. Hilary  
 Friday: St. Anthony  
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary;  
 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins



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 8<sup>th</sup> and Pine St. every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.palgroup.org). All inquiries are held in strict confidence. **You are not alone There is HOPE.**

## Readings for the Week of

January 13, 2020

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20  
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28  
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39  
 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45  
 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12  
 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17

### Next Sunday Readings ( January 19, 2020)

First Reading.....Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6  
 Second Reading.....1 Corinthians 1:1-3  
 Gospel.....John 1:29-34  
 Psalm.....40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, January 13, 2020

8:00 AM *Communion Service*

### Tuesday, January 14, 2020

8:00 AM *Communion Service*

### Wednesday, January 15, 2020

8:00 AM *Communion Service*

### Thursday, January 16, 2020

8:00 AM *Communion Service*

### Saturday, January 18, 2020

5:00 PM Patricia Albrecht  
 Dudley & Geraldine Berthelot  
 (L) Golda & Noel Buras  
 Edgar & Gladys Charbonnet  
 Geraldine Desplas  
 Ella Mae Melancon  
 Bill Perrin  
 Liz Sanderson  
 Lloyd Schoen, Sr.  
 Joy Steib  
 Ronald Steib  
 (L) Christine Vicknair  
 Stephane Vuljoin  
 (L) Abigail Waller

### Sunday, January 19, 2020

8:00 AM Mary Sue Drude  
 Richard & Clotilde Drude  
 Kathlyn Duplan  
 Dorothy Hotard  
 Edna Landry  
 Vincent Latino, Sr.  
 Ella Mae Melancon  
 Darryl Pinion, Sr.  
 Ronald Joseph Steib  
 Shirley Taylor  
 (L) Abigail Waller  
 For the People of the Parish

11:00 AM  
 (L) Indicates Living

## Feel the Warmth

Sometimes it takes more than a jacket or a blanket to keep another person warm. Sometimes it takes the presence of a caring Christian friend. Stephen Ministers share the warmth of God's love with those who need it most: the lonely, the depressed and the grieving. Is God calling you to reach out to those who are hurting? Do you want the satisfaction of knowing you are doing God's work? Consider serving as a Stephen Minister. For more information contact Anita Perrin (985) 687-4458 or Ronnie Perrin (985) 507-9765.

## Ministry Schedules

### Saturday, January 18th & Sunday January 19th

	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
5PM	Barbara Martino 7b Barbara Guy 8b	Jesse Bergeron Elaine Schatzle Chris Marmillion Durald Pinion Vincent Poche John Yeargain Michael Chiasson
8AM	Danette Ragusa 7b Karen Braun 8b	Joseph Jason Jacob Schmaltz Ronnie Reggio Peter Peterson William Mathes Sidney Alexander Randy Bennett Earl Hoover Joseph Ragan Jeff Ryan Buddy Williams
11AM	Mike Fulmer 7b Becky Roberts 8b	<u>Greeters</u> 5 PM Elaine Schatzle 8AM Jacquelyn Jacobs 11 AM Barbara Wall
	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
5PM	Janae Feimster Rylan Mauterer Seth Swanner	5PM Matt Rossano 8AM Harold Thibodeaux 11 AM T. Guagliardo, III
8AM	Abby Foster Anna Foster Addelyn Wolfe	
11AM	Nicholas Guagliardo John-Michael Heroman Joshua Heroman	

## Financial News

YTD	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Difference</u>
12/29/2019	\$524,982.47	\$494,000.00	\$ +30,982.47
Church Support	\$22,267.11		
Christmas	\$16,888.03		
Misc. Collections	\$ 540.00		
	\$39,695.14		
1/5/2020	\$ 553,396.51	\$513,000.00	\$ +40,396.51
Church Support	\$ 25,105.77		
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 3,308.27		
Misc. Collections	\$ 704.00		
	\$29,118.04		
	<u>Second Collections</u>		
January 12th		St. Joseph School	
January 26th		Church in Latin America	

## Widowed Friends

Lunch at Applebee's was a fun outing. The food was great and tons of choices on the menu. Friends gathered were Marge, Theresa, Clyde, Vicky, Kathleen, Evelyn, Carolyn, Barbara, Vic, and Jean. All received the Lectio Divina for the next two Sundays, as well as the Novena to St. Perrigne, patron saint of cancer patients. These are the next four outings. January 21st, Isabella, 300 Hewitt Rd, Hammond. February 4th, Chookie's Seafood and Oyster Bar, 45654 University Park Dr, Hammond. February 18th, El Jimador, [265 S Morrison Blvd](#), Hammond. March 3rd, B&J Seafood, [2504 W Church St](#), Hammond. March 17th, Salty Joe's, [2504 W Church St](#), Hammond. March 31st, Murphy's Seafood, [1700 N Morrison Blvd](#), Hammond. So, mark your calendar! All events begin at 11:30 am. God bless to all!



## Christmas Poinsettias

**In Loving Memory Of:** Eddie & Ethel Adams\* Helen & Robert Adams by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Nata\* Eddie & Ethel Adams by Helen Muller \* Deceased Members of Balado & Johnson Families by Gary & Sandra Johnson \* Sis (Rousseau) Barsley by Francis & Barbara Martino \* Kelly Baxley by The Baxley & Gatlin Families \* Bethelot & Wempren Family by Rodney & Gina Wempren \* John P. Brooks by Delton & Bonnie Brooks\* Canio & Mary Lavieri by Wayne & Mary Vedeckis \* Vivian & Casimere Bruce by Kathy & Rolly Bruce\* Stephen Burckel by Keith & Stephanie Wickham \* Robert Mac Burris by David & Dianne Raiford \* Deceased Members of Byers & Ciruti Families by Marian & Rodney Byers \* Tony Castjohn by Christine Castjohn \* Warren Charbonnet by Elaine Charbonnet \* Beverly Cheek by Lee R. Cheek \* Harold Clement, Sr. By Ruth Clement \* Ned & Tina Comeaux by Michele Berthelot \* Robert Connelley by Phillip & Roberta Connelley \* Connelley & Rolufs Family by Phillip & Roberta Connelley \* Jerry Cording by Glenda & Bill Dufreche\* Robert "Bobby" Cutrer & Mary St. Cyr by Robin & Andrew St. Cyr \* Geraldine Desplas by Family \* James Duncan Doles by wife Rose & Family, Adelette & Richard "Buddy" Drude by Doris Lavigne\* Mary Sue Drude by Len Drude \* Raymond & Nell Drude by Family \* Richard & Clotilde Drude by Len Drude\* Patty, Buddy, Edward, Julian Dufreche by Glenda & Bill Dufreche\* Deceased Members of Alexander Duplessis Family by Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Ourso \* Deceased Members of Dugas & Ernst Family by Marie Ernst \* Alice & Arthur Eastman by Elaine, Harry & Marc LeBlanc \* Zilda, Barbara, Ottie, Oscar Ernest by Glenda & Bill Dufreche\* Barbara Eschete by Earl & Debbie Hoover\* Jimmie & Dolores Ethridge by Larry & Mary Ernst\* Bill, Steve & Ken Frahm by Margaret Frahm Rudy Gagneaux\* Mr. & Mrs. O. 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## Mark Your Calendar

**Saturday, Jan 11th & Sunday Jan 12th**  
Pastalaya for March For Life Fundraiser after all Masses.

**Sunday, January 12th**  
PSR, Ablaze 9:30am –10:30 am

**Sunday, January 12th**  
RCIA– 9:30 am in the Ministry Building

**Sunday, January 12th**  
Teen/Young Adult Choir Practice– 9:30 am

**Tuesday, January 14th**  
Word & Worship 7pm in the Chapel

**Wednesday, January 15th**  
Divine Mercy Chaplet –3pm in the Chapel

**Wednesday, January 15th**  
Choir Practice— 6:30 pm in the Choir Room.

**Friday, January 17th**  
Christmas Decorations Take Down—  
8:30 am in the Church

**Saturday, Jan. 18th & Sunday, Jan. 19th SJS Beta Club Bake Sale** –after all Masses.

**Monday, January 20th**  
Church & Office Closed

**Tuesday, January 21st**  
Widowed Friends– 11:30 am at Isabella's

**Saturday Jan 25th & Sunday Jan 26th**  
KC Selling Fish Fry Tickets after all Masses

**Tuesday, January 28th**  
St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting–6pm in the Ministry Building

## The Armchair Mystic-Being a Prayer-er: Jan 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

Wayne Vedeckis—School Library– 9:30 am-10:30 am

This course is based upon the book, The Armchair Mystic, written by Mark Thibodeaux, SJ. The style is light, engaging, and sometimes whimsical. The maturation of a person in levels of prayer is described as: 1) "talking at" God, 2) "talking with" God, 3) "listening to" God, and 4) "being with" God. Included are discussions of formula prayers, spontaneous prayer, meditation, contemplation, Lectio Divina, and how to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thes 5:17). Also included are suggestions on how to improve one's prayer life by eliminating obstacles and distractions that inhibit effective prayer.

## Wedding Anniversary Celebration

25th, 50th, 65th & Over  
Sunday, February 23, 2020 at 2pm  
St. Thomas More Church, 1441 Goodwood Blvd. Baton Rouge

Bishop Duca will celebrate a liturgy honoring couples on their 25th, 50th & 65th or greater wedding anniversary. The families of honored couples are also invited to attend the liturgy and reception afterwards at STM Activity Center. Please call the Church Office to register. Deadline is **February 6th**.