



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

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 5, 2020 The Epiphany of the Lord



St. Joseph School students did an amazing job at the Christmas program. Students perform on the last day before Christmas break singing songs, playing instruments, and it always ends with a beautiful live nativity by our 8th grade students.



Behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

Matthew 2:9

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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.

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.

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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Starts TODAY!

The Armchair Mystic-Being a Pray-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.

So...How Are Your New Year's Resolutions Going?

At the beginning of a New Year, many people make New Year’s Resolutions. Often, the resolutions are attempts to improve our well-being. We begin a new diet, develop an exercise program, decide to quit smoking, etc. Unfortunately, many of these resolutions are broken just days after they are made. How are you doing with your New Year’s Resolutions? Have you “blown it” already? Did you forget to make any? Could you not think of a good resolution to make?

Here is some GREAT news!!! You still have time to make a New Year’s Resolution that will **really** change your life and be of the greatest possible benefit to you. This resolution will give you peace and comfort and help you to become closer to God. Why not commit to one hour of Eucharistic Adoration each week! And becoming a regular, committed adorer will allow you to spend peaceful quiet, and prayerful time in the presence of Jesus. Eucharistic Adoration offered at St. Joseph’s Church on Wednesdays following the 8 am Mass and continuing to 10 pm. If you have any questions or need more information, phone Donna Clause (985)-502-0309. Jesus is calling for you. Resolve to spend some time with him in adoration each week. You will be blessed.



Stewardship

"The Latest Update"

"Herod sent the Magi to Bethlehem and said, 'Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage.' After their audience with the king, they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way."

How often have you used a GPS app to make your way to a new destination, only to discover the program suggests a different way home? At times, the journey includes a stop for fuel or a meal. At other times, the way forward is a bit outside your control—an unanticipated accident or heavier than expected traffic directs you elsewhere. For the Magi, the ultimate planner led them directly to the Christ-child, and that same loving Lord led them home—to their greatest joy and the chance to safely tell the tale.



Thank You!

Under the direction of Francis and Barbara Martino, more than two dozen volunteers—from the Parish Altar Society, the Knights of Columbus, along with other volunteer parishioners—worked for several hours Saturday December 21 to decorate the Church in time for Christmas celebrations.

Prayer Power

James tells us that the prayers of righteous people are powerful and effective (James 5:16). We ask you to pray about our congregation's Stephen Ministry. Specifically, please pray for those God is calling to serve as caregivers in this ministry. If you are interested in joining Stephen Ministry or if you have any questions, please call Anita Perrin (985) 687-4458 or Ronnie Perrin (985) 507-9765.



Widowed Friends

Our next outing is on **January 7th** at Applebee's in Hammond. All events begin at 11:30am. God bless to all!



And, a Word from the Saints of the Church:

"How astonished I am that there is laid before me a Child who is older than all things!"

St. Ephraem the Syrian

Light of the World

Epiphany can be understood as an extension of the Nativity of the Lord that we celebrate on December 25. While at Christmas we celebrate Jesus' coming as the long-awaited king and Messiah of the Jewish people, on Epiphany we celebrate the revelation that Jesus is the Savior and Light of all nations—Jews, Gentiles, and all people.

The star shines so brightly that it attracts magi who come from far distant countries to worship Jesus. They are not Jews, yet they are drawn to the Light of the world. The letter to the Ephesians reveals that the Light of the world was for the Gentiles as well as the Jews—Christ gathers all people into the light of his love. The reading from Isaiah also describes a gathering of diverse peoples, but this time it is to the light that emanates from the people of God.

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Today's Readings

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalms — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:1-12).

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, Oekie Baldassoro, Mark Bear, 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, Aurelie Costanza, Morgan Carel, Tilly Cutrer, Ken Davidson, Lucille Davidson, Stan 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, 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, Jackie Jacobs, Joseph Jason, Jennifer Jernigan, Ronnie Klug, Norma Kraemer, David Kraft, Charles Gregory Kraft, Sis Kyzar, Wayne Laurent, Doris Lavigne, Ruby Drude Lee, Hilton Lloyd, IV, Larry Macaluso, Sr., 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, Bob Simoneaux, Bristol Rose Smith, Kayla Smith, Millie Spansel, Wylene Remy Taylor, Madeline Thibodeaux, Tracy Todd, Mike Toumillon, Nathan Vicknair, Sam Vilardo, 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 Epiphany of the Lord
Monday: St. André Bessette
Tuesday: St. Raymond of Penyafort



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

January 6, 2020

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday Readings (January 12, 2020)

First Reading.....Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
 Second Reading.....Acts of Apostles 10:34-38
 Gospel.....Matthew 3:13-17
 Psalm.....29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 6, 2020

8:00 AM Joy Steib

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

8:00 AM (L) Paul & Angela Pevey

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

8:00 AM Joe Liuzza

Thursday, January 9, 2020

8:00 AM Lillian Foret

Saturday, January 11, 2020

5:00 PM Patricia Albrecht
 Dudley & Geraldine Berthelot
 (L) Golda & Noel Buras
 Geraldine Desplas
 (L) Fr. Paul McDuffie
 Ella Mae Melancon
 Bill Perrin
 Liz Sanderson
 Fred Tucker
 Nettie & Wesley Watts

Sunday, January 12, 2020

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish
 11:00 AM Wayne Aymond
 Earl Baudin, Sr.
 Ella Mae Melancon
 Ronald Steib

Intentions of the Holy Father

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

Vocation Awareness

Wise Men brought gifts of old, frankincense and myrrh. The gift of self is far more precious than these. If you think God is calling you to His priesthood or religious life, call Fr. Andrew Merrick at (225) 336-8778, amerrick@diobr.org.

Rosary Altar Society

The Rosary Altar Society will meet on Monday, January 6th at 1:30 pm in the Ministry Building. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.



Ministry Schedules

Saturday, January 11th & Sunday January 12th

	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
5PM	Fay Murray 7b Veronica Pierson 8b	Jesse Bergeron Philip LeCompte Chris Marmillion Durald Pinion Vincent Poche John Yeargain Michael Chiasson
8AM	Stephanie Reggio 7b Dennis James 8b	Joseph Jason Jacob Schmaltz Ronnie Reggio Roland Terrebonne Sidney Alexander Randy Bennett Earl Hoover Joseph Ragan Jeff Ryan Buddy Williams
11AM	Kerry Balado 7b Carol Kinchen 8b	
	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
5PM	Camryn Ernst Chloe Ernst Brooke Spears	5 PM Belita Schilling 8AM Ellen Pusey 11 AM Mary Threeton
8AM	Anna Hanks Justin Hanks Paul Hanks	
11AM	Dax Dupuy Marianna Fulks Elly Gatilin	<u>Lectors</u>
		5PM Larry Ernst 8AM Gabby Reggio 11 AM Shirley Adams

Financial News

YTD	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Difference</u>
12/22/2019	\$485,826.93	\$475,000.00	\$ +10,826.93
Church Support	\$20,012.07		
Misc. Collections	\$ 1,403.00		
	\$21,415.07		

Collection Totals for 12/25 & 12/29, 1/1 will be included in the 1/12/20 bulletin.

Second Collections

January 12th St. Joseph School
 January 26th Church in Latin America

VOCATION CHALICE

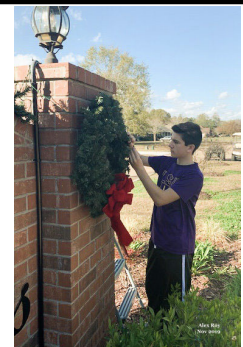
- Take** the Chalice home for a week
- Put** it in a place of honor in your home
- Pray** for Vocations (prayers included)
- Talk** about Vocations with your family

If you would like to participate in this ministry, call Linette Wylie at 985-981-1154.

Gardening Angels

Alex Roy putting up Christmas decorations at our neighborhood entrance garden. Fought with lights but was persistent and won! Thanks Alex!

Thanks Barrett Whittington and Luke Owens for weeding a much neglected garden. Sorry, no photo available. My fault, had another Senior moment! Come back for a photo!





Welcome the following newly registered members to our parish family:
*David & Billie Benoit * Justin & Braia Blanchard * Catherine & Daniel Chalk * Stephanie Gunning * Pete & Anna Pfeil * Allissa & Darrin Pratt * Matthew & Kalli Richard * Thomas & Nathalie Sumner.* Welcome!!!



The following children were recently baptized at St. Joseph's:
November: *Rexton Romeo Gonzalez-Burch* child of Jose Gonzalez & Jennifer Burch * *Charlotte Harper Catalanatto* child of Anthony & Lauren Catalanatto * *Matthew Gage Ciuzio* child of Richard Ciuzio, Sr. * *Violet Elizabeth Notariano* child of Matthew & Kristen Notariano * *Sarah Elizabeth Savarino* child of Anthony & Wendy Savarino * *Sidney Paul Stevens* child of Jacob & Rachel Stevens * *Gracyn Layne White* child of John & April White * *Maverick Charles Wickham* child of Keith & Stephanie Wickham *
December: *Piper Vale Daniel* child of Zachary & Brooke Daniel * *Isabelle Rose Gill* child of Justin & Emily Gill * *Raegan Faith Rose Sumner* child of Thomas & Nathalie Sumner * *Loni Rae Thibodeaux* child of Joshua & Kasie Thibodeaux. Congratulations!!!



Please remember in your prayers all of our St. Joseph Parish family and friends who mourn the loss of a loved one:

- Geraldine Desplas*
- Ella Mae Melancon*
- Joseph Pepitone*
- Kristen Rosendale*
- Mary Elizabeth Sanderson*
- Ronald Steib*

Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, January 5th
PSR, Ablaze 9:30am –10:30 am

Sunday, January 5th
RCIA– 9:30 am in the Ministry Building

Sunday, January 5th
Teen/Young Adult Choir Practice– 9:30 am

Monday, January 6th
Rosary Altar Society Meeting– 1:30 pm in the Ministry Building

Tuesday, January 7th
Widowed Friends– 11:30 am at Applebee's

Tuesday, January 7th
St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting–6pm in the Ministry Building

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

Wednesday, January 8th
Divine Mercy Chaplet –3pm in the Chapel

Wednesday, January 8th
Baptism Class for Parents & Godparents—7pm in the Ministry Building

Wednesday, January 8th
Choir Practice— 6:30 pm in the Choir Room.

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

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

Respect Life Mass
 Celebrated by
 Most Rev. Michael G. Duca

JANUARY 25, 2020 // 8:30 AM
ST. JOSEPH CATHEDRAL
412 NORTH STREET, BATON ROUGE

Join us immediately following Mass,
 as we walk to the State Capitol
 for the beginning of
 the Louisiana Life March at 10 am.