



# St. Joseph's

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Founded 1875

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## 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

**CLOSED**

## May 10, 2020 5th Sunday of Easter

### Why is Mary called the New Eve?

In Genesis we read the story of Adam and Eve being tempted by the devil and submitting to him as they chose to disobey God and eat the apple. But the hope in that story arises from God's promise to save us in Genesis 3:15. This verse reads "I will put enmity between you and the woman, between your seed and her seed; he shall bruise your head and you shall bruise his heel."

In the New Testament we see that Mary fulfills this prophecy as the mother of Jesus, because it was her seed, Jesus, that crushed the head of Satan by conquering death on the cross through resurrection. The crucifixion can be seen as a mere bruising of Jesus's heel.

There are other correlations between Mary and Eve: both were virgins, pledged to a man, both were visited by an angel (in Eve's case, a fallen one), and both made an important decision in response to the angel which helped bring about the actions of the man: Eve listened to the serpent and led Adam into sin; Mary listened to the angel Gabriel and helped bring our Savior into the world.

Mary is also like Eve in that they were both gifts from God. God gave Eve to Adam to be his helper and she was so close to him that she was bone of his bone and flesh of his flesh. God gave Mary to John, to take into his home forever and in doing so God gave Mary to each one of us and she is so close to us that we can be a home she dwells in and she can be a dwelling place for us as well.

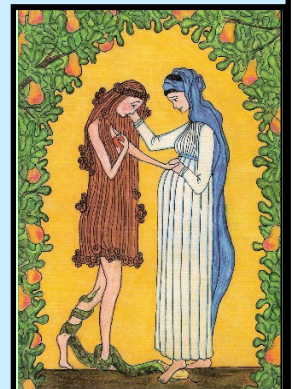
Mary in the New Testament is a fulfillment of the Old Testament. She is our new Eve, one who does follow God, saying yes to all that God asks and never giving in to the temptations of sin. Hence, in the book of Revelation, Mary is described as a woman in battle with the ancient dragon, which is another name for the serpent in Genesis.

St. Irenaeus of Lyon, one of our early Church Fathers, wrote "the knot of Eve's disobedience was loosed by the obedience of Mary. For what the virgin Eve had bound fast through unbelief, this did the virgin Mary set free through faith." (*Against Heresies*, III.22.4)

Mary, help me to have unwavering faith like you!

Paige Bacile, PSR Coordinator

Learn more: <https://watch.formed.org/lectio-mary-with-dr-brant-pitre>; <https://churchpop.com/2014/09/11/7-church-fathers-mary-new-eve/>



Eve and Mary by Sr. Grace Remington, O.C.S.O.

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## Staff

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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.  
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**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  
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**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  
**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](http://myparishapp.com) or search your phone's app store for my parish.



## Organizations

**Ancient Order of Hibernians:** Ronnie Crimmins 985-773-8965.  
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**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, Rebecca Smith, 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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## WHAT TO WATCH THIS WEEK

**5/13 Our Lady of Fatima**  
**Watch:** Fatima - Hope for the World  
**Listen:** Fatima - Living the Message  
**Kids:** Brother Francis - The Rosary

**5/14 Saint Matthias**  
**Listen:** Acts of the Apostles  
**Listen:** The Apostle's Creed

Visit [FORMED.org](http://FORMED.org) or search for "Formed" on your favorite app store

## Heavenly Revelations-I

Do revelations really come to people in these modern times?

The answer is **YES !!!**

WHAT???

Does God really speak to us NOW, like...TODAY???

*Well, of course **He Does !***

***He always Has and always Will !***

Do you “know, hear, or see things” that you can only tell **certain people** because the general population, especially your family, will think you are...you know...“cuckoo, strange, or weird”???

I’m not just talking about knowing it is going to rain because you watched the news or your knees or neck hurt from the barometric pressure change or your arthritis. I’m talking about **when you feel that LOVE from JESUS in a tangible way**. Our non-Catholic friends talk about it all the time. In fact, it’s all over the news and social media right now. “The Lord told me..., I feel Jesus healing your \_\_\_\_\_ right now, The Lord told me to pray for you...”. Some of these things may sound strange to a Catholic or any Christian for that matter, but the fact is...God in the Holy Trinity (God, The Father, Jesus, The Son, & The Holy Spirit, The Paraclete) DOES speak to us today! In these unprecedented times He is SO REAL and TANGIBLE to us all!

We were created by God to be with Him for ETERNITY IN HEAVEN! We are here on this EARTH for a temporary time. God has called each and every one of us to heed to HIS CALLING!!! He is always here for us, **we need only be still!** In order for us to HEAR our Lord, we must BE STILL!!! A wise and beautiful friend and co-worker of mine recently had a “locution”, a word, a message for ME, from GOD. It was a black and white picture, beautiful words that The Lord spoke to her for ME, and the Scripture, *“Be still and know that I am God!”*, *Psalms 46:10*. This word ended up meaning so much to **me especially**, then our whole staff, then our entire Parish.

She was willing to listen, to BE STILL, to hear the voice of The Lord. She trusted Him and delivered the “message” to me. I received this with so much love. Often these messages from The Lord are not heard or are discounted by those who are “TOO BUSY”. The Lord does speak to us, but do we always hear Him? Let us learn to stop being busy and just sit still in His beautiful presence. Imagine holding a newborn baby, a puppy, or even a kitten...How beautiful is this image and feeling. Feel the love and see that innocent and beautiful creation. Oh, the love that you feel in your mind, body, and spirit. Guess what???

God wants to look at YOU and HOLD you like that, and He LOVES you INFINITELY more!

When she presented me with this beautiful gift, I DID NOT REALIZE at the time that the words were specifically for ME from the Lord. I knew that my friend had Spiritual Gifts-Charisms-to hear and see the Lord; however, my friend did NOT know that my absolute favorite Scripture is PSALMS 46:10 (“Be still and know that I am God!”) So I knew the Lord had spoken to her. Another equally beautiful verse on stillness is EXODUS 14:14 (“The Lord will fight for you; you have only to keep still.”), which I learned to love from our beautiful Marian Servants in Hammond.

My prayer is for all Americans, the whole Earth, especially our St Joseph’s Parishioners to be opened to real “stillness” with our Lord. Not just silence, but for our hearts to be stilled, to be spiritually, physically, and mentally awakened and renewed in all aspects and attributes of our lives. Thank you Lord for wanting to be in communion with us 24/7. Let us humble ourselves to what God is CALLING us to do on our journey with Him! Speak, Lord, I’m (we’re) listening!

Stacy Randazzo  
Director of Ministries

MORE CATHOLIC TEACHING ABOUT **REVELATION** WILL FOLLOW IN UPCOMING ARTICLES.  
DID YOU EVER WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT **APPARITIONS**, ESPECIALLY **MARIAN APPARITIONS**,  
**CHRISTIAN MYSTICISM, LOCUTION**  
*(WEIRD “WORD”, I KNOW, BUT IT IS WHY MY WHOLE ARTICLE ABOUT “HEAVENLY REVELATIONS” CAME ABOUT...)?*



## How Music is Chosen for Mass



Throughout its history, the Church has sought to preserve the beauty of the Liturgy for the edification of her people. Church documents testify to this care and witness to the fact that the Church's regard for music has maintained a steady course, promoting new music that proceeds organically from existing forms and reigning in those musical practices which turn the minds of the faithful towards secular or profane themes and away from the Divine and Holy Sacrifice celebrated at Mass. These principles found in the official documents of the Church are reviewed here and are those followed when music is considered for use during Mass:

1. Sacred music is for the glory of God and the sanctification and edification of the faithful (*Sacrosanctum Concilium* 26)).
2. Sacred music should consequently possess, in the highest degree, the qualities proper to the liturgy, and in particular sanctity and goodness of form (*Tra Le Sollecitudini* 2).
3. It must be holy, and must, therefore, exclude all profanity [secular] not only in itself but in the manner in which it is presented by those who execute it (*Ibid.*).
4. The introduction into the celebration of anything that is merely secular, or which is hardly compatible with divine worship, under the guise of solemnity should be carefully avoided (*Musicam Sacram* 43).
5. Instruments that are generally associated and used only with worldly music are to be absolutely barred from liturgical services and religious devotions (*Ibid.*63).
6. Gregorian chant should be given pride of place in liturgical services (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*116).
7. There must be no innovations unless the good of the Church genuinely and certainly requires them, and care must be taken that any new forms adopted should in some way grow organically from forms already existing (*Ibid.*23).

Pope St. John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI, and Pope Francis have all reaffirmed upholding the treasury of the sacred music of the Church alongside contemporary compositions, using Gregorian Chant as the "first model" (Clark, 2019). In his recent address to the Scholae Cantorum of the Italian Santa Cecilia Association, Pope Francis confirmed the music suited to the Liturgy:

Not just any music, but holy music, because rituals are holy; endowed with the nobility of art, because God must be given the best; universal, so that everyone can understand and celebrate. Above all, clearly **distinct and different from that used for other purposes.**

Most importantly, Pope Francis urged musicians to remember that the liturgy is the "first teacher of catechism." As such musicians must take great care in choosing music for the Liturgy and ask these questions of each hymn considered:

- 1 • Is the theology in our music truly Roman Catholic?
- 2 • Are we singing scripture or personal thoughts and impressions? (Singing Scripture is the priority.)
- 3 • Are we singing the Mass or singing songs at Mass? (Singing the Mass is the goal.)
- 4 • Regardless of style, is the music and its presentation reverent and prayerful? (Does it orient us to God?)
- 5 • Are we preparing adequately and giving God our best as Pope Francis asks? (Or do we gratify ourselves?)

Musical compositions appropriate for Mass may, therefore, be traditional or contemporary provided they "have the qualities proper to genuine sacred music" (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*121).

## 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



## Vocation

Roman Catholics in the United States spend a good deal of time speaking of “vocation” and the manner in which each of us discerns our vocation for life. In today’s apostolic letter, however, Peter gives us the “cornerstone” of our vocation, the description of what each of us is called to first and foremost by our baptism. He describes our vocation as “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of [God’s] own, so that you may announce the praises” of Christ, who called us out of darkness into light (1 Peter 2:9). All of us, no matter what path our life’s vocation may take us down, have been chosen by God, made holy, and anointed as priests in the high priesthood of Christ through baptism. All of this, so that we may announce the praises of Christ.

Vocation is given for proclamation at home, in the workplace—wherever life takes us—in service, in word, and in sacrament.

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## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — To meet their growing needs, the community chooses seven reputable men to serve the new Greek believers (Acts 6:1-7).

**Psalms** — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

**Second Reading** — We, like living stones, let ourselves be built into a spiritual house (1 Peter 2:4-9).

**Gospel** — “Show us the Father,” Philip asks Jesus. To which Jesus replies: “Whoever sees me, sees the Father” (John 14:1-12).

## 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, 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, Amy Brennan, 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 Larrieu, 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, Earl Theriot, 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: Fifth Sunday of Easter; Mother’s Day  
Tuesday: Ss. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras  
Wednesday: Our Lady of Fatima  
Thursday: St. Matthias  
Friday: St. Isidore the Farmer  
Saturday: Armed Forces Day



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  
May 11, 2020*

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26  
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a  
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8  
 Thursday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17  
 Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17  
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21  
**Next Sunday Readings (May 17, 2020)**  
 First Reading.....Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17  
 Second Reading.....1 Peter 3:15-18  
 Gospel.....John 14-15:21  
 Psalm.....66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

*Mass Intentions*

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

**Monday, May 11, 2020**

(L) Callie Bacile

**Tuesday, May 12, 2020**

For the People of the Parish

**Wednesday, May 13, 2020**

(L) Brady Smith

**Thursday, May 14, 2020**

Joe Liuzza

**Saturday, May 16, 2020**

Dudley & Geraldine Berthelot  
 Leon Boudreaux  
 Robert Connelley  
 Dominick DiCarlo  
 Lawrence Dominguez  
 (L) Joseph N. Foret  
 (L) Ian Hoffmann  
 (L) Fr. Paul McDuffie  
 Ella Mae Melancon  
 (L) Sarah Nepveux  
 Bill Perrin  
 Leroy Pinion  
 Rufus Poche  
 (L) Danette Ragusa  
 Liz Sanderson  
 (L) Pattie Schoen  
 (L) Renee Travis  
 (L) Stephanie Waguespack

**Sunday, May 17, 2020**

Mary, Sam, & Ciro Agnello  
 Living & Deceased Members of the Bates & Gregoire Family  
 Mary Sue Drue  
 Richard & Clotilde Drude  
 (L) Vicki Fannaly  
 Levon Major  
 (L) Paul McDuffie  
 Durald Pinion, Sr.  
 (L) Mary & Wayne Vedeckis

(L) Indicates Living

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*Stewardship*

**“Where Else Could We Go?”**

Jesus said, “It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe.” Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father.” As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, “Do you also want to leave?” Simon Peter answered him, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.”

A free event, the community theater performance nevertheless requires a ticket. Seating is limited, the printed flyer states. And so, with a phone call, you secure a couple of printed tickets, reserving your seats. Free, but still requiring a ticket. Our salvation is free. With an invitation. The answer of faith as a gift. Where else might we go, to receive so wondrous an offer.

*Financial News*

YTD	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
5/3/2020	\$ 854,105.22	\$836,000.00	\$ +18,105.00
Church Support	\$ 18,087.45		
St. Joseph School	\$ 480.00		
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 395.00		
Mis. Collections	\$ 100.00		
	\$ 19,062.45		

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- Lectio Divina** Monday– Friday at 10 am
- Divine Mercy Chaplet** Wednesday at 3pm
- Vespers** Wednesday at 6pm & Sunday at 5pm



## A Mother's Day Blessing

Blessed is the Mother  
Who lets the Lord  
be her guiding hand,  
Whose faith brings  
her family courage,  
Whose wisdom comes from  
God,  
And whose children still  
Stand and honor her.



*May our Divine Lord  
and His Blessed Mother  
Reward you with the  
love, joy and contentment  
you so richly deserve.*

**Happy Mother's Day**

## School News

Our SJS teachers enjoyed a virtual Teachers' Appreciation week, with many students sharing prayers, pictures, emails, gifts, etc. through different social media outlets. We truly appreciate their continued hard work through the remainder of our school year!

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.



## 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:

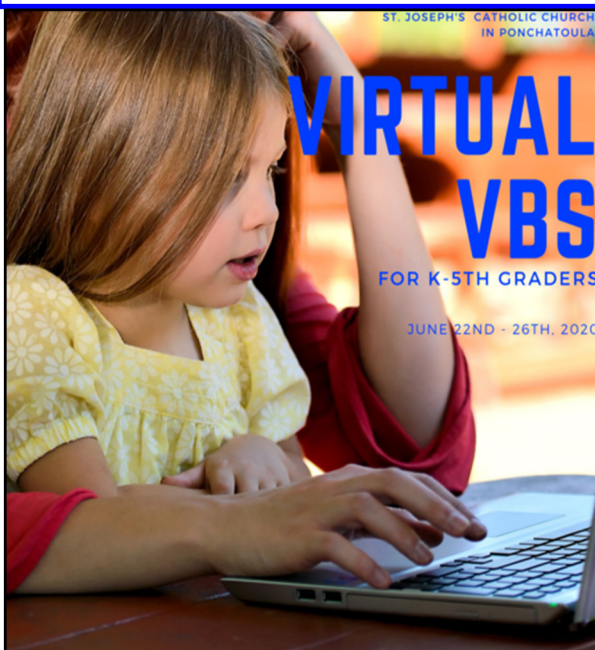


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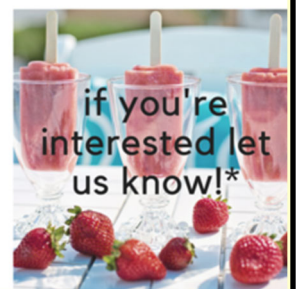
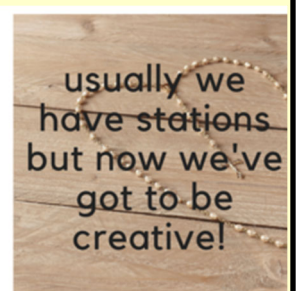
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