



# 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

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## Church Office

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

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## May 3, 2020 4th Sunday of Easter

### Inviting Mary into your Heart, Home and Family

One of the last things Jesus did before he died was give us His mother Mary to be our mother. From the Gospel of John, "Woman, behold your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home" (19:26-27). Jesus' final words not only pertained to Mary and John, they also included me and you and all of humanity.

- 1. Pray.** If praying an entire Rosary seems overwhelming to you, start small. Consider praying one decade of the Rosary each day for five days. Reflect upon one mystery each day as well. By the end of the week, you will have prayed an entire Rosary!  
**(Note: St. Joseph's has copies of 33 Days to Morning Glory by Fr. Michael Gaitley in the Narthex which is used for a personal retreat and consecration to Mary.)**
- 2. Read.** Since Mary is often a mysterious part of our faith it is helpful to read what the Catholic Church truly teaches about the Blessed Mother. You can also read personal accounts of Our Blessed Mother's influence in the lives of the saints, as inspiration for our own relationship with her.
- 3. Decorate.** Find a beautiful statue or picture of the Blessed Mother to display in your home and maybe even your garden. If you have several statues or pictures consider highlighting one each week.
- 4. Honor.** Set up an extra-special space in your home to honor Our Lady. The altar does not have to be fancy. It can be a simple space on a bookshelf or mantel, made beautiful with a statue of Mary, a framed holy card and rosary. Your children can make little bouquets of flowers for the Blessed Mother. Light a candle and take time to pray there alone and as a family.
- 5. Celebrate.** The Catholic Church is very good about teaching us about the importance of fasting *and* feasting. Find a few Marian feast days, such as May 13 (Our lady of Fatima) or May 31 (the Visitation) and celebrate! Bake cupcakes with blue frosting, dress up and process to your garden statue, make a crown for Mary using flowers and ribbons.

This article is an excerpt of Sarah Damm <https://catholicmom.com/2014/05/13/five-simple-ways-to-invite-mary-into-your-heart-your-home-your-family/>

Paige Bacile, PSR Coordinator



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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.  
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**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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**Rosary Altar Society:** Evelyn Lavigne 985-386-6732  
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## Kaycee Ladies Deliver Treats to Heroes

On Friday, April 24, the Ponchatoula Kaycee Ladies Auxiliary prepared and delivered individual treats for the healthcare heroes at North Oaks Hospital. Some 800 cookies – pairs of chocolate chip and oatmeal – were bagged and brought to the temperature check station where all employees enter facility.

“Our members wanted to express our appreciation for all the things the doctors and nurses do, and continue to do, at North Oaks,” commented Auxiliary President Maureen Felder. “We learned many other organizations had delivered meals to the hospital, but the hospital staff mentioned they had not received any cookies or snacks in several weeks,” she added.

Lynell Duplechain, Mammography Department Supervisor, and Tracy Randazzo, Chief Strategy Outreach Officer, greeted the ladies to accept their generous donation. “We are very proud of the work our teams have done in caring for our community during these challenging weeks,”

Tracy noted. “Their hard work has made a difference. These cookies will be a welcoming treat,” she added.



(L-R): Pam Wallace, Auxiliary President Maureen Felder, Fay Murray and Cindy Perrera.



(L-R): Durald Pinion, Barbara Martino, Buddy and Carolyn Pugh. (L-R): Carolyn Pugh, Pam Wallace, Maureen Felder, Fay Murray, Mammography Department Supervisor Lynell Duplechain and Barbara Martino



L-R: Lynell Duplechain, Tracy Randazzo



## Treasures From Our Tradition

Not until the thirteenth century do we find a mention of a locked tabernacle. There's some evidence for eucharistic towers also, but often these were in an obscure corner of the church, or even in the off-limits sacristy. Many of us grew up “making visits” to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, but it's clear this would raise some medieval eyebrows in confusion! To the present day, the Eucharist is always reserved only in a side chapel in many cathedrals. The principal focus in a cathedral is always on the altar, symbol of Christ, and on the cathedra, symbol of the pastoral ministry of the bishop.

In your parish church there is probably a “sanctuary lamp,” a permanently lit candle or oil lamp indicating the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Sometimes it's in a red glass, not for any particular reason except that it's easy to find. There is a story of a bishop missioned to Papua New Guinea who was distressed to find no sanctuary lamps burning in his new diocese. The people patiently explained that their churches were woven of grass, and that they decided to place a chief's standard, a trident, in front of the tabernacle. That was a sign in their culture that the “chief” was at home, like raising the flag over Buckingham Palace. The bishop, an Irish import, didn't appreciate the British reference, so he ordered the candles back. The first church to burn to the ground was the cathedral, and after two more, the chief's tridents returned.

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

## An Invitation

To Make or Renew a Total Consecration at Home

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

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

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

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



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

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

## World Day of Prayer for Vocations



World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be observed on Sunday, May 3, 2020, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publically fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

### Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, religious, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help us respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



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

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

## The Church Organ-What's the Big Deal?

Ask a hundred people their opinion of hearing the organ used during Mass, and you will probably get a hundred different answers. The Church, however, has a long history of extolling the merits of the organ's use in Mass. By reviewing this history, perhaps one may begin to understand why the organ is "accorded pride of place" ("Sing to the Lord," USCCB, 2007) within the Liturgy.

The first organ-like instrument appeared around 246 BC in Alexandria. Not until about 900 AD does the organ first appear to be used for church worship, and this was probably for ceremonial purposes only. By the 1400's the organ was regularly used in monastic churches and cathedrals across Europe. Why did the organ, not other instruments, gain such prominence in churches? The answers to this question are both practical and spiritual/philosophical.

Practically speaking, the organ may support the singing of the faithful better than other instruments. The sound of the organ's principal stops are closely related to the timbre of the human voice and so blend with and magnify the sound of voices raised in song. The range of tones produced by an organ may help make sense of a hymn text. In "Sing to the Lord," the USCCB, echoing sentiments expressed by Pope Benedict XVI, stated that the organ, among all other instruments, has the "capacity to sustain the singing of a large gathered assembly, due to both its size and its ability to give 'resonance to the fullness of human sentiments from joy to sadness, from praise to lamentation.'"

Because of its ability to produce sounds that closely resemble the multitude of instruments found in an orchestra, the organ provides the grandeur of sound to accompany the magnificence of Christmas and Easter celebrations, weddings, and other monumental occasions.

From a spiritual/philosophical perspectives, the organ can be seen to represent the uniting of heaven and earth, the earthly and celestial choirs. Pope Benedict XVI emphasized this when dedicating the organ in the Regensberg Basilica in 2006:

Solemn sacred music, with choir, organ, orchestra and the singing of the people, is not an addition of sorts that frames the liturgy and makes it more pleasing, but an important means of active participation in worship. The organ has always been considered, and rightly so, the king of musical instruments, **because it takes up all the sounds of creation and gives resonance to the fullness of human sentiments. By transcending the merely human sphere, as all music of quality does, it evokes the divine.** [Emphasis added] The organ's great range of timbre, from *piano* [soft] through to a thundering *fortissimo* [loud], makes it an instrument superior to all others. It is capable of echoing and expressing all the experiences of human life. The manifold possibilities of the organ in some way remind us of the immensity and the magnificence of God.

As with so many objects we see, words we hear and speak, and gestures we perform during Mass, the music we sing and hear is more than a collection of sensory titillations; it is also symbolic of our faith in the Divine nature of God, as Pope Benedict XVI so eloquently stated. This is the beginning of understanding the Church's elevation of the organ to accompany the Liturgy, and that is a big deal.



## St. Joseph's Family Rosary

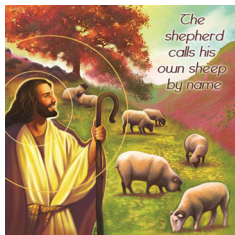
Let us join in prayer as a community and Church family during this time we cannot gather together. We are asking that each **Sunday at 8pm** families and individuals pray the Rosary in their own homes. Together we will storm the heavens with our prayers, as we offer intentions for our families, protection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



## In Need of a Shepherd

For a while it was very fashionable to own pigs as pets. The publicity surrounding these creatures informed us that they were—contrary to their popular image—very clean animals, and also quite smart. Sad to say, sheep will most likely never enjoy this sort of domestic vogue. They are neither clean nor smart and are largely defenseless when left on their own, even in large numbers. The biblical image of us as the flock of sheep is not a particularly flattering one. Sheep without a shepherd are truly sad, because they most likely will perish either from their inability to fend for themselves or from their lack of defenses against predators. Placing ourselves in the heart of this unflattering image can reinforce our faith. Until we come to a profound realization of how much we need a shepherd, we cannot appreciate how deeply blessed we are to have been given a Shepherd, one who laid down his life for us and was raised to life eternal in the Spirit, so he might guide us and we might follow him in faith forever. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — All peoples called by God will receive the gift of the Spirit if they repent and are baptized (Acts 2:14a, 36-41).

**Psalm** — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

**Second Reading** — Once we were like straying sheep; but now we have been returned to the shepherd, our guardian (1 Peter 2:20b-25).

**Gospel** — The shepherd leads the sheep out into pastures of abundant life (John 10:1-10).

## 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, 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: Fourth Sunday of Easter;  
World Day of Prayer for Vocations  
Thursday: National Day of Prayer



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 4, 2020**

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18  
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30  
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50  
 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20  
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6  
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

### Next Sunday Readings (May 10, 2020)

First Reading.....Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7  
 Second Reading.....1 Peter 2:4-9  
 Gospel.....John 14:1-12  
 Psalm.....33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

## Mass Intentions

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

### Monday, May 4, 2020

Franklin Borgerson

### Tuesday, May 5, 2020

Oresta Pevey

### Wednesday, May 6, 2020

Lelia Pellichino

### Thursday, May 7, 2020

Poor Souls in Purgatory

### Saturday, May 9, 2020

Dudley & Geraldine Berthelot  
 Geraldine & Norman Desplas  
 Lawrence "Dude" Dominguez  
 Nancy Dupont  
 Living & Deceased Members of Ethridge & Ernst Family  
 (L) Michele Ernst  
 (L) Aaron Foret  
 Inez Hughes  
 Buddy & Henrietta Joiner  
 Ella Mae Melancon  
 Bill Perrin  
 Rufus Poche  
 Alva Rolufs  
 Liz Sanderson  
 (L) Marie Williams

### Sunday, May 10, 2020

Mary Agnello  
 Earl Baudin, Sr.  
 Franklin Borgerson  
 Deceased Members of L.M. Bourgeois Family  
 (L) Deacons, & Wives & Families  
 Mary Sue Drude  
 Richard & Clotilde Drude  
 Mary Dubic  
 John Dufreche  
 Kevin Dufrene  
 Kathlyn Duplan  
 Lillian Foret  
 Ann Hayles  
 Dorothy Hotard  
 (L) Elsie Major  
 Ella Mae Melancon  
 Poor Souls in Purgatory  
 Lester Richoux, Jr.  
 Julie Powell Rozeman  
 Liz Sanderson  
 Barbara Troxler

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

Monday – Friday: 9am– Noon, 5pm-7pm

Saturday & Sunday: 9am –Noon

**NO MORE THAN 10 PEOPLE AT A TIME**



## Stewardship

### "Come and See"

"You've got to see this! Hey, you guys?" "What is it?" "Well, you'll need to see it for yourselves." After the heaviest rainfall you'd experienced in months, you see a multi-hued sunset through the trees across from your office parking lot, with the echo of a rainbow running across the leading edge. Not only do your coworkers want to see for themselves, they all but push you out of the way. What else could encourage such a response? You could make a list. At least one thing would be on it.

"After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, approached, rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing was white as snow. The guards were shaken with fear of him and became like dead men. Then the angel said to the women in reply, 'Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, *He has been raised from the dead, and he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him.* Behold, I have told you.' Then they went away quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed, and ran to announce this to his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them on their way and greeted them. They approached, embraced his feet, and did him homage. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.' "

## Financial News

YTD	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
4/26/2020	\$ 836,017.77	\$817,000.00	\$ +19,017.77
Church Support	\$ 15,057.50		
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 885.00		
Mis. Collections	\$ 690.00		
	\$ 16,632.50		

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## School News

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

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

WHAT TO WATCH THIS MONTH

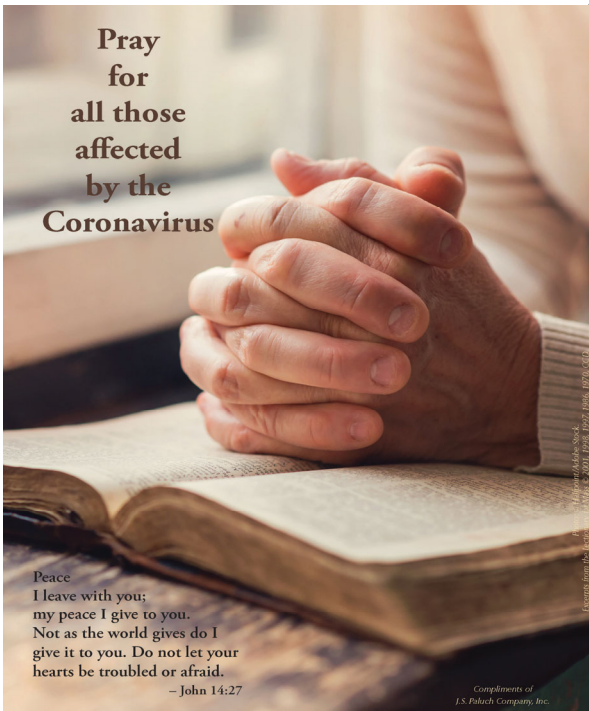


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May 2020 Liturgical Calendar

- 5/1 **Saint Joseph the Worker**  
 Watch: On Pilgrimage with Father Emil Kapaun  
 Listen: Saint Joseph - Patron of the Universal Church
- 5/2 **Saint Athanasius**  
 Listen: Lessons from the Early Church Fathers  
 Listen: Holiness is Always in Season
- 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
- 5/22 **Saint Rita**  
 Watch: Saint Rita of Cascia - A True Story  
 Pray: Novena of Surrender (Start today to finish on Pentecost!)
- 5/24 **Ascension of the Lord**  
 Pray: Sunday Mass  
 Watch: Shade the Series  
 Study: Why Believe? - Volume 2, Chapter 15
- 5/26 **Saint Philip Neri**  
 Watch: True Reformers - Saint Philip Neri  
 Read: The Life of Saint Philip Neri
- 5/31 **Pentecost**  
 Pray: Sunday Mass  
 Watch: The Wild Goose with Father Dave Pivonka  
 Study: Lectio: Evangelization



Pray for all those affected by the Coronavirus

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

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