



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

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.

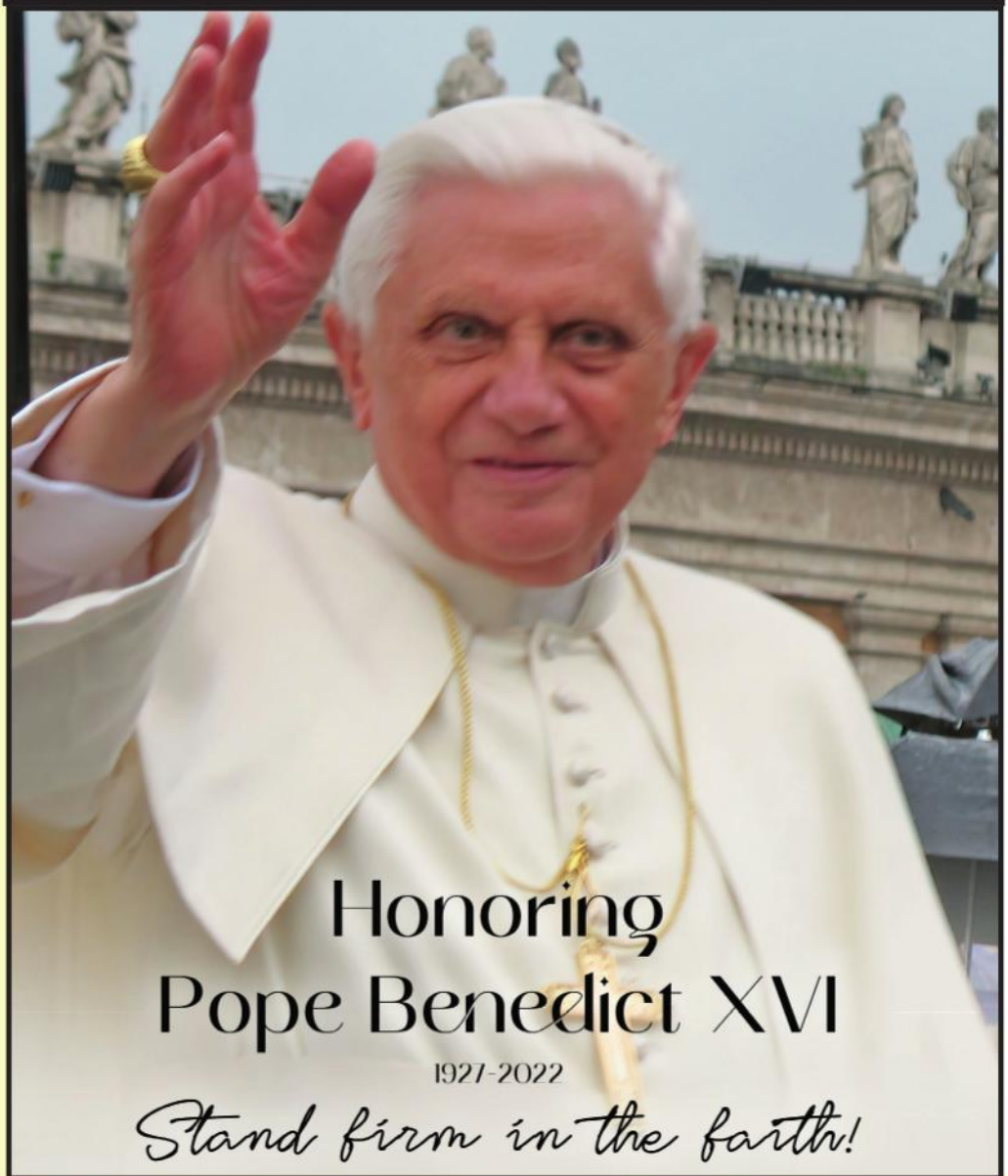
Adoration:

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

Catechetical Programs:

PSR-Gr. K-5; Sun 9:15-10:30 am
Ablaze-Gr. 6-8; Sun 9:15-10:30 am
High School Formation
Gr. 9-12; Sun. 9:15-10:30 am

January 8, 2023 The Epiphany of the Lord



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Staff

Rev. Paul A. McDuffie, *Pastor*
Larry J. Melancon, *Deacon*
Michael A. Agnello, *Deacon*
Ed Hanks, *Deacon*
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Nicole Richard, *PSR Coordinator K-12*
Kaycee Widmer, *Youth Minister Assistant & Web Coordinator*

Rhonda Rossano, *Music Director*
Ramona Folse, *Receptionist/Child Protection Site Coordinator*
Kathleen Phillips, *Bookkeeper/Receptionist*
St. Joseph School
Mrs. Danette Ragusa, *Principal*
Phone Number, 985-386-6421
Website: 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
Bible Studies: Stephanie Waguespack, 985-981-9859.
Children's Liturgy Ministry: 985-386-3749.
Cooking Ministry: Cook a plate of food for our Priest one day each month, call Linda Guagliardo 985-974-1775
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
Parish School of Religion: Grades K-5 Nicole Richard - 985-386-3749
Special Education PSR: 985-386-3749.
RCIA: Brad Poche 985-969-1475
Rooted: Ian Waller 985-507-0111
St. Joseph Bereavement Food Ministry: Cheryl Laiche, 985-386-2033 or Anne Phillips, 985-969-2700
Stephen Ministry: Anita or Ronnie Perrin, 985-687-4458 or 985-386-3016.
Ushers: Contact Barry Blackledge 985-510-5502.
Word & Worship Prayer Ministry: Fernando Morales: 985-662-2844.
Women's Ministry: Mary Vedeckis, 225-294-6631.
Youth Ministry:
Middle School 6th-8th: Nicole Richard: 985-386-3749
High School 9th-12th: Nicole Richard: 985-386-3749

Stephen Ministry

Do you have a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or relative who has been struggling with the loss of a loved one, loneliness, cancer, a layoff, relocation, divorce, a spiritual crisis, recuperation, single parenthood, or any of countless other life challenges? Our Stephen Ministers can provide them with the focused care, encouragement, and support they need to make it through the crisis. If you or someone you know is hurting, talk with one of our Stephen Leaders: Anita Perrin at 985-687-4458, She can talk with you about how we can connect the person you know with one of our Stephen Ministers.



Monica's Journey

Monica's Journey is a ministry of St. Joseph's Catholic Church for women who struggle from the brokenness of difficult relationships, abuse, 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. Please leave a voicemail or send a text message to (985) 467-9520 for further information. "Wait for the Lord; Be strong and let your heart take courage: Yes, wait for the Lord!" Psalm 27:14.

Organizations

Ancient Order of Hibernians: Ronnie Crimmins 985-773-8965
Kaycee Auxiliary: Barbara Martino : 985-386-3622
Knights of Columbus
(Application for new members) : Alex Joiner, 940-222-0690
(Hall Rentals): Wayne Melancon 985-377-3823
Rosary Altar Society: Melissa Hedrick 504-491-3130
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, Stacy Ball, Gordon Cotton, Melisa Hedrick, Ron Huguette, Lisa Kennedy, Rachael Perrin, Angela Pevey, Rodney Schmaltz, Monee Sheridan, Wayne Vedeckis, Tom Waller. Ad Hoc Council Members: Fr. McDuffie, Deacon Larry Melancon, Fernando Morales, Danette Ragusa.

St. Vincent de Paul Society



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is dedicated to feeding, clothing, housing and healing individuals and families in our community who have no where else to turn for help.

If assistance is needed from the Society, please call (985) 370-5459. You will receive a recorded message. You will need to leave your name, phone number, and a brief message. A member of the SVDP will then get in touch with you to arrange for a home visit.

Angel Wings

Infant loss, Stillborn & Miscarriage Support Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Ministry Building. For more information contact Julie 225-610-6975 or Lucy 985-320-4476.



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 ministry for this purpose. For more information please contact Angela Perrin at 985-318-4927.



PAL (Parents of Addicted Loved-ones) is a support group open to parents and other adult family members who have a loved one struggling with addiction.

We meet every 2nd & 4th Thursday from 6-7:30 pm in the Ministry Building (St. Catherine Room).

For more information contact Mary Jo B. at 985-320-3010 or Paige B. 985-981-8010 . www.palgroup.org.

Christmas Poinsettia's

In Loving Memory Of:

Peter Accardo, Lester & Lucille Achee', Eddie & Ethel Adams, Helen & Bob Adams, Melissa Adams, Lionel Aucoin, Ramon & Gregoria Augusto, Olive & Dennis Autin, Balado & Johnson Family, Bea & Stanley Beck, Berthelot & Wempren Family, Collins & Shirley Bonicard, Delton Brooks, John P. Brooks Family, Casmier & Vivian Bruce, Al & Bernie Campos, Wanda Steib Castell, Ronald Chapoton, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Chiasson, Jr., Henry & Gwen Chiles, Ruth Clement, Charles Cobb, Phillip & Robert Connelley, Connelley & Rolufs Family, Felix & Helen Delatte, Lawrence Dominguez, Mary Sue Drude, Raymond & Nell Drude, John Dufreche, Lawrence Ernst, Alice & Arthur Eastman, Jimmie & Dolores Ethridge, Falcon Family, Patricia Falk, Forbes Family, Lillian Foret, Galatas Family, Paul & Maxine Girard, Rose & Rene Gonzales, Cecil R. Hebert Family, Lua Hebert parents, sisters & brothers, Rex & Oretta Henderson, H.P. & Agnes Hoover, Edmond & Delora Hotard, Hurley & Celeste Huguet, Judi Hungerford, Donald James, Sr., Donald James, Jr., David LeJeune, Milton & Michael Landeche, Corky Larsen & Larsen Family, Latour Family, Doris Drude Lavigne, Denise Mayeaux, Chris Mays, Virgil & George McWilliams, Miller & Ott Families, Johnnie, Marie, Shirley Morgan, Joseph Nata, III, Monroe & Madeline Poche', Kwak No yoon, Ozment Family, Our Son Bill Perrin, Darryl Pinion, Sr., Rufus Poche, Pusey & Roussel Families, Antony & Nita Rando, Jan Ripberger, Frances Richard, Lester Richoux, Jr., Frank Roberts, Leola Roberts, Janet & Holden Robertson, Miles Rogers, Jr., Norma & Daniel Rojo, Mae, John & Gregg Salemi, Bob & Annie Schaff, Deacon Dutch & Willie Schanzbach, Schmaltz Family, Hazel Simon, Spansel Family, Jodi Kinchen Spiers, Ernest & Aurora Steadman, Godfrey & Joy Steib, Irene Steib, Ronald Steib, Donald Todd, Floyd & Barbara Troxler, Clara Tucker, HJ Walker, Jr., Buddy & Rosalie Waller, Frank & Mary Waring, Weaver & Rodriguez Families, Ryan Widmer, Flossie Wildey, Eddie & Christine Neihaus Wilson, Russ "Chip" Wood, George & Wilberta Wunderlich, Mae & Harold Zimmerman, All Souls in Purgatory

In Honor Of:

Balado & Johnson Family, John P. Brooks Family, Marie Ernst, Cecil R. Hebert Family, Latour Family, Murray's - Our Children Denise, Tammy & Patrick, Murray's- Our Grandchildren Christopher, Sarah, Taylor, Alyssa, Jack & Julie, Schmaltz Family, Waller's - our children & grandchildren



THE LIVE NATIVITY CHILDREN'S MASS CHRISTMAS EVE

We can see God's light shining in these children and how they used their gifts and talents to bring Him glory! (Ephesian 5:1-2) Thank you to Mrs.



Leslie Settoon for organizing and all the other parents who helped, made outfits, guided and supported our precious angels. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR: Marcus Connolly (Joseph) Katherine Hanks (Mary), Abigail Douglas (star), Davis Settoon (Gabriel), Mason Kirsch, Duke Jenkins, & Myles Barado (wise men), Dixie Jenkins, Eli Eppes & Wyatt King (shepherds), Abigail Waller (donkey), Christian Wood (sheep). ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH: Addison Verdin, Ryan Kay Hedrick, CeCe McCartney, Adeline Buras, Brooklyn Blackwell, Fiona Waller, Loxley Waller, Sage Waller, Rosalie Waller, Molly LeSaicherre, Emma LeSaicherre, Avery Norman, Palmer Eppes, & Amelia Norman.

LORD, TEACH ME TO PRAY

(for women)



Would you like to fall in love with Jesus all over again? Would you like to better discern what message He wants to give you as you pray Scripture? Do you want to know the peace that comes from feeling His presence as you pray? If your answer is 'yes' to any of these questions, then "Lord, Teach Me To Pray" may be just what you need. It only requires 15 minutes of daily prayer time.

Part I - "Praying Christian Virtues"

Tuesday Mornings - 8:45-10:00 a.m.

Church Conference Room

January 10 - March 28, 2023

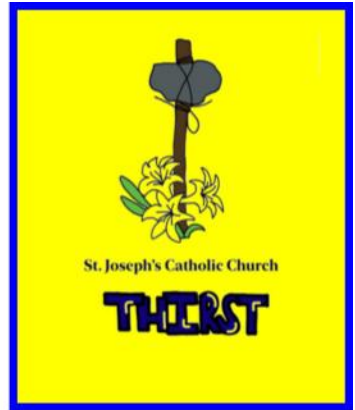
For more details or to sign up, please call or text Terri Huguet at 504-450-5459.



THIRST CONFIRMATION CORNER

Immediate Confirmation 11th

Sponsor Forms and Eligibility Certificates are due this month BY JANUARY 29- NO LATER PLEASE & THANK YOU. Forms are in parent packets distributed at beginning of year parent meeting and in class and also found in parent packet on web. If the sponsor is from another parish, certificate of eligibility from that parish is required. Can be turned in at class times to Mrs. Bonnie or Mrs. Tara



JANUARY 21, 2023

10 AM - Noon

Louisiana State Capitol

900 N. 3rd St., Baton Rouge, LA

MEET IN ST. JOSEPH'S PARKING LOT BY 7:30 AM January 21

FOR 3RD ANNUAL "CHALK ABOUT LIFE".

WE HAVE THE CHALK TO DECORATE EACH PARKING SPACE.

BY 8:30 AM WE BEGIN OUR CARAVAN AS FAMILIES TO BATON ROUGE.

NO RELIGION CLASS ON



JANUARY 15

PSR, ABLAZE & THIRST

Classes this month are January 8, 22, 29

6TH-8TH GRADE YOUTH GROUP

SOCKS & SACRAMENTS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11
5-7 PM

WEAR FUN SOCKS

IN THE ST. JOSEPH'S MINISTRY BUILDING

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Ablaze

December 21
Kickoff with Kaycee was a galloping good time!

3rd 1st 2nd

Ablaze

December 28
All About the Holy Family!
Nativity Escape Room

Children's Liturgy NEEDS help!!

Join the Children's Liturgists for fun and fellowship as we sing, pray, and learn more about Jesus! Children's Liturgy takes place on Sundays during the 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 am Masses and is open to all children who are potty-trained ages 3 to 6 (1st grade.)

We would like to see 2 adults in each time allotted. We offer this ministry at 8-10 masses each month. Even if you commit to 1 to 2 masses a month to help lead our little ones to Christ, that will be a huge help. Parents who encourage their children to attend - we ask that you discern this beautiful opportunity to serve as Children's Liturgist.

Adult Volunteers 18 & older ... For the required volunteer forms for the Protection of Youth & Young Adults go to <https://www.stjosephsonline.com/safe-environment-training> These forms must be completed as well as the other required paperwork and training prior to serving in this capacity.

Please dress appropriately out of respect for the Eucharist.

*Please contact Nicole Richard
nrichard@sjscrusaders.org Office Number 985-386-3749*



Childcare Workers Needed! (18 years old & older)

Workers needed Sundays 7:45 am- 12:15 pm. If hired you can opt to work 2 or more Sundays a month. Must fill out employment application and complete online Safe Environment Certification.

**If interested please contact Nicole Richard at the Church Office
985-386-3749
nrichard@sjscrusaders.org**



Grief doesn't always need a lot of time, but it does require dedicated time. Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? Perhaps you are not happy with your job, or maybe you're having financial concerns. Do you find yourself hurting in some way, but you can't discuss it with family or friends, because they simply wouldn't understand?

If you are experiencing one of these or any other hurt in your life and need a safe, compassionate, confidential place to turn, please contact Anita Perrin to learn more about St. Joseph's Stephen Ministry. She can be reached at 985-687-4458.

Attention: Ladies

Lady Kaycee's invites you to attend our monthly meeting on Thursday, January 12th at 5 pm at the KC Hall. We would like you to visit with hopes you might join our friendly group.

Please Pray for Sick and Shut-Ins

Jason Abernathy, Jack Addison, Stephanie Alexander, Laurie Allen, Ockie Baldassoro, Sr., Jay Barbier, Mark Bear, Farley Bennett, Gloria Bennett, David Blake, Michelle Bossier, Ann Boudreaux, Hazel Boudreaux, Larry Boudreaux, Ranice Bourg, Rodney Bourg, Barbara Bourgeois, Johnny Bracy, Angel Braun, Amy Brennan, JoAnne Brisset, Nancy Brown, Shirley Bruno, Sister Anna Louise Bumbera, R.S.M., Kristine Castillio, Christine Castjohn, Elaine Charbonnet, Chris Chiasson, Julian Chiro, Eddie Cicardo, Gavin Cieutat, Steve Coates, Tamika Coleman, Dennis Crocker, Ken Davidson, Lucille Davidson, Pat Davis, Melissa Balado Dean, Kitty Derveloy, William Desplas, Edward Dieser, Carol Dominguez, Kenneth Paul Drude, Pam Durio, Andrew Dzuryachko, Pam Guichet Elder, Nicholas Eirich, Jay Ernst, Marie Ernst, Michael Ernst, Veronica Fannaly, Sam & Alice Ferraro, Brett Kelly Fitzgerald, Joey Fortenberry, Marge Frahm, Eva Francois, Clint Gagliano, Lenny George, Nittie Gilliland, Carolyn Gillingham, Molly Gladney, Malissa Gonzalez, Irvin Gros, John Guzzardo, Clifford Green, Cynthia Gregoire, Brian Guichet, Myrthus "Twinkle" Guichet, Anne Guidry, Glenn Guillot, Robert Hamberger, IV, Johnny B. Harris, Sadie Hebert, Thomas W. Hebert, Tommy Helg, Kalee Henderson, Cyndi Hoover, Darrell Hoover, Lois Hoover, Tammy Perrin Horn, Peggy Howes, Jimmy Hubert, Joycelyn James, Jennifer Jernigan, Lawrence Joiner, Rosie Sparacello Kelly, Beckham King, Patricia Kirsch, Beulah Kluka, David Kraft, Sis Kyzar, Donna Laciura, Norma Larriau, Wayne Laurent, Ruby Drude Lee, Liz LeSaicherre, Gary Lewing, Brian Lousteau, Angelo Macaluso, Caitlyn Matherne, William Mathes, Melissa McCormick, John & Susan McKinney, Cole McMillion, Senit Miller, Barry Mince, Sr., Lisa Mince, Anna Mae Mixon, Patricia Monteleone, Dustin Morales, Charles A. Morse, Ed Murray, Fay Murray, Cindy Newton, Ruth Ourso, Wanda Pandarvis, George Peltier, Wayne Pepitone, Marisa Perrin, Anne Phillips, Camilla Phillips, Kyle Picou, Larry Pittman, Fran Poche, Rachel Pope, Charlotte Reso, Bryan Roddick, A. J. Roig, Jr., Brooklyn Sansone, Ernest Schenck, CJ Schiro, Bob Simoneaux, JoAnn Smith, Kayla Smith, Ronald Springer, Sr., Rose Stahl, Lynette Stanga, Phyllis McIntyre Stanga, Maddox Steadman, Ernest Stephens., Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Tartamelia, Wylene Remy Taylor, Earl Theriot, Tracy Todd, Cheryl Tribou, Carlo Triolo, Jean Troxler, Travis Troxler, Ronald Vining, Sam Viola, Stone Viola, Carla Van Vrancken, Charles Van Vrancken, June Villa, Mary Vuljoin, Glen Walker, Adelle Wall, Danny Wall, Martha Warden, Travis Warden, Danni Waugh, Mary Brooks Weiss, Rodney Wempren, Regi White, Jimmy Williamson Family, Harold Wright. *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:

Cole Gunham, US Navy, Commander, Mason Joiner Sgt Major in Army, Jacob Milton, Commander Eric Olsen, US Navy. Elijah Whittington, Clyde Williamson, IV-Army, *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	The Baptism of the Lord
Sunday	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intentions of the Holy Father-

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

Vocation Awareness

In Baptism we are called to live a holy life. Could it be that you are being called to fulfill that responsibility as a priest, sister, or brother. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call or email. Rev. Joshua Johnson at (225) 336-8778.

Readings for the Week of
January 9, 2022

Monday Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17
Tuesday Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab & 5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3 & 4bc, 6c-7, 8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday Readings (January 15, 2023)

First Reading.....Is 49:3, 5-6
 Second Reading.....1 Cor 1:1-3
 Gospel.....Jn 1:29-34
 Psalm.....Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 9, 2023

8:00 AM (L) Paul & Angela Pevey

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

8:00 AM (L) Paul Pevey

Saturday, January 14, 2023

5:00 PM Lucille Achee
 Pat Albrecht
 Delmas Baham
 Deceased of the Berthelot Family
 Delton Brooks
 Glenn Drude, Sr.
 Mariano "Sonny" Garofalo
 (L) Nick & Amanda Guillot
 (L) Travis & Becca Hynes
 (L) Anthony & Tori Keys
 Henry Lumino, Sr.
 Joe Lumino
 Flo Marceaux
 Andrew Morales
 Bill Perrin
 Angelo Phillips
 Rufus Poche
 Lawrence Powell
 (L) Matt & Kathrine Reggio
 (L) Ian & Kayla Reggio
 Liz Sanderson
 Belita Schilling
 Glenn Snyder

Sunday, January 15, 2023

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish

11:00 AM Lucille Achee
 (L) Robin Berner
 Mary Sue Drude
 Richard & Clotilde Drude
 Joyce Ernst
 (L) Michaela & Adam Fink
 (L) Terri Huguet
 Lily Kraft
 Louanna & Cotton Kraft
 (L) Bella Laitano
 Doris Drude Lavigne
 Joey Mantia
 Flo Marceaux
 (L) Stephanie Perrin
 (L) Reggie Pevey
 Ann Prine
 (L) Gabby Reggio
 (L) Luke Reggio
 (L) Mary Rose
 Glenn Snyder
 Erin Tamporella & Living/Deceased Members of her Family
 (L) Tommy & Melissa Waguespack

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

8:00 AM Lillian Foret

Thursday, January 12, 2023

8:00 AM (L) Ed Hanks

Stewardship

Rise up in splendor," Ponchatoula! "Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you!"

Isaiah's words in today's first reading are meant for Jerusalem, but the Word of God is meant for all, yet, it remains hidden to so many. Our town is very unique, seemingly hidden. We are one of the only, perhaps the absolute singular town that lives out the Stewardship model in its current form. Like the Magi, we bring our gifts to the King— our time, talent and treasure, not on camels, but in our hearts.

The Herods of the world seek to reroute our gifts, so we must be mindful, intentional and generous with them. Let's be that star guiding the unexpected souls to the epiphany of Christ!

Financial News

12/25/2022	\$ 487,155.08	\$ 475,000.00	\$ +12,155.08
Church Support	\$ 29,635.25		
St. Joseph School	\$ 587.00		
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 1,140.00		
Misc. Collections	\$ 81.00		
	\$ 31,443.25		

Collections Totals for 1/1/2023 will be listed in the 1/15/2023 bulletin.

Second Collections

St. Joseph School January 8th
 Church in Latin America January 22nd

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 14th & Sunday, January 15th

	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
4 PM	Brittany Acosta (7b) Barbara Martino (8b) Dane Acosta (9b) Merle Ozment (2c)	Alex Joiner John Laiche Chris Marmillion Durald Pinion Frank Schilling Russ Wood John Yeargain
8 AM	Alice James (7b) Kerry Balado (8b) Dennis James (9b) Chad Troxclair (2c)	Barry Blackledge Jeremy Barado Michael Chiasson Gordon Cotton Rene' Folse Jonah Nepveux Rodney Schmaltz Roland Terrebonne
11 AM	Tony Guagliardo, III 7b Andy Wheat 8b Carol Kinchen (9b) Ronald Perrin (2c)	Barry Blackledge Sergio Alvarado Marcial Gomez Christopher McNabb Robert McNabb Bob Zimmerman
5 PM	<u>Altar Servers</u> Grant Burris Madilyn Acosta Chloe McKinney Anna Hanks Katherine Hanks Walker Richardson	<u>Lectors</u> 5 PM Janice Radosti 8 AM Sheena Candies 11 AM Shirley Adams
8AM	Braylee Summers Janae Feimster Lily Perrin	<u>Children's Liturgist</u> 8 AM Angelique Richardson 11AM Veronica Pierson

A Great Big Thank You to Our Decorating Volunteers!

We appreciate all the continued help we have from the Knights of Columbus and other volunteers from our parish. All these decorations would not be possible without your continued support!! Sometimes, I get a little nervous, but I should know by now - things always come out great! Thanks for "hanging in" with me and Francis. God bless all of you.



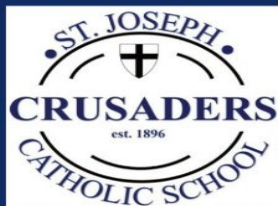
Taize Prayer Service

On the cross, Jesus assured one of the criminals at Calvary that "today you will be with me in Paradise." Pray the criminal's prayer "Jesus remember me, when you come into your kingdom" in a meditative service that can change your life. Open to people of all faiths, the Taize' candlelight service opens the hearts of believers to experience the true presence of Jesus Christ. Touch, the cross of Jesus and ask for forgiveness, healing, strength, and power for every need. One hour may change your life!

Experience this prayerful time in quiet prayer at St. Joseph's beginning at 7 pm on the third **Monday** of each month. **January 16th.**



St. Joseph Catholic School Open House



Thursday, January 26, 2023
6:00PM in the school gym

175 N 8th Street, Ponchatoula, LA 70454
Phone Number: 985-386-6421 Website: www.sjscrusaders.org
Open Registration will begin Monday, January 30, 2023

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

Volunteers Needed

We will be taking down all Christmas decorations on **Friday, January 13th** at 8:30 am. Volunteers will be needed, guys and dolls. If enough help comes, won't take long! Appreciate any and all help. Questions call Barbara at 386-3622.



Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, January 8th

RCIA - 9 am in the St. Benedict Room

Sunday, January 8th

PSR, ABLAZE, THIRST- 9:15-10:30 am

Tuesday, January 10th

Surviving Divorce - 6 pm

Tuesday, January 10th

Angel Wings - 6:30 pm in the St. Joseph Room

Tuesday, January 10th

St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting - 6:30 pm in the St. Dominic Room

Wednesday, January 11th

Adoration- 9:00 am—6:00 pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet—3:00 pm Vespers—6:00 pm

Wednesday, January 11th

Women's Ministry - 2:30 pm in the St. Dominic Room

Wednesday, January 11th

Ablaze -Socks & Sacraments - 5 pm in the St. Joseph Room

Wednesday, January 11th

Baptism Class for Parents & Godparents - 7pm in the St. Benedict Room

Friday, January 13th

Men's Morning Bible Study—6:30 am—Church

Saturday, January 14th

Men's Morning Prayer—6:30 am—Church

Sunday, January 15th

Liturgical Choir Practice - 9:30 am in the Choir Room

Monday, January 16th Voice of the Holy Innocents

Youth Choir Practice - 4pm in the Choir Room

Monday, January 16th

St. Dustan's Ringers (Bell Choir Practice) 6:30 pm in the Choir Room

Monday, January 16th

Taize Prayer Service - 7 pm in the Church

Tuesday, January 17th

Lord, Teach Me to Pray - 8:45 am in the Church Conference Room

Saturday, January 21st

Chalk About Life - 7:30 am in Church Parking Lot, 8:30 am - Caravan to Louisiana March for Life in Baton Rouge

Thursday, January 26th

SJS Open House - 6pm in the Gym

Epiphany Chalking the Doors

Epiphany (also known as Twelfth Night or Three Kings Day) marks the occasion of a time-honored Christian tradition of "chalking the doors." The formula for the ritual — is simple: take chalk of any color and write the following above the entrance of your home: 20 + C + M + B + 23 (current year).

The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi — Caspar, Malchior, and Balthazar — who came to visit Jesus in His first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, **Christus mansionem benedicat: May Christ bless the house.** The "+" signs represent the cross.

This inscription is performed as a request for Christ to bless those homes so marked and that He stay with those who dwell therein throughout the entire year. It is an easy tradition to adopt whereby we dedicate our year to God from its very onset, asking His blessing on our homes and on all who live, work, or visit them there.



20 + C + M + B + 23
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