



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

Easter SUNDAY



APRIL
17
2022

On the first day of the week,
Mary of Magdala came to the tomb
early in the morning, while it was still dark,
and saw the stone removed from the tomb.
John 20:1

St. Joseph's Church invites you to join us
on Divine Mercy Sunday

April 24th

2:30 pm—3:30 pm
In the Church

Learn about Divine Mercy:

Why is the Second Sunday
of Easter Divine Mercy
Sunday ?

What does this picture
symbolize?

Sing the Chaplet of
Divine Mercy

Pray the Rosary

Fellowship in the St. Benedict Room



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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: 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
Parish School of Religion: Grades K-12; Paige Bacile 985-386-3749
Special Education PSR: 985-386-3749.
RCIA: Ed or Julie Hanks, 985-351-3143.
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.
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:
Middle School: Kayla Fletcher: 985-386-3749
High School: Nicole Richard: 985-386-3749

Download Our 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 or search your phone's app store for my parish.



Organizations

Ancient Order of Hibernians: Ronnie Crimmins 985-773-8965.
Kaycee Auxiliary: Carolyn Pugh : 985-320-5741
Knights of Columbus: Alex Joiner, 940-222-0690
(Application for new members)
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, Lisa Kennedy, Rachael Perrin, Angela Pevey, Brad Poche, Stephanie Reggio, Rodney Schmaltz, Wayne Vedeckis, Tom Waller. Ad Hoc Council Members: Fr. McDuffie, Deacon Larry Melancon, Fernando Morales, Danette Ragusa.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

April 17, 2022

WATCH

OCEAN OF MERCY

At the dawn of the twentieth century, three voices rose up from Poland to proclaim an urgent message, a message powerful enough to alter the course of an age plunging into spiritual darkness. This true story examines and chronicles the phenomenal lives and spiritual legacy of St. Faustina Kowalska, St. Maximilian Kolbe, and Pope St. John Paul II, modern day "Apostles of Mercy."



DIVINE MERCY: IN THE SECOND GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD

Learn the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II. The vast panorama of God's work of mercy in the world unfolds as a story to be experienced.

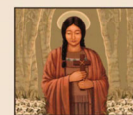
LEARN

LISTEN

ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA: LILY OF THE MOHAWKS


Young Kateri suffered misunderstanding and ridicule due to her counter-cultural choices as a Mohawk to remain an unwed virgin for the love of Jesus Christ. Experience our first Native American Saint's struggles to follow Our Lord within her tribe and through the teachings of some early Jesuit Missionaries.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Lily of the Mohawks



Our parish has a FORMED subscription. To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.




 Now that Covid restrictions have been lifted, Blessed be God, things are starting to return to normal. Since people are comfortable without having to social distance and wear face masks, there is no longer a need to broadcast the Masses on the outside speakers and to offer Holy Communion in the Narthex. These options will be discontinued the weekend after Easter (April 23rd & 24th).

School News

St. Joseph School is honored to announce this year's Mother Seton award winner, Mr. Jeremy Barado. Jeremy is a wonderful father and family man. He is always willing to help with school projects including our Spring Fair. Jeremy serves as the coordinator of our Crusader Dads and on our Home and School Board. He has a heart for service and offers his time and energy whenever possible. He is responsible for the maintenance and construction of the Spring Fair. Jeremy is a member of the Knights of Columbus and is a parishioner of St. Joseph Church where he serves as an usher. Congratulations Jeremy and thank you for your time and talents volunteering to our school. Pictured L to R is Joanne Harvey (Diocesan Home & School Board President), Dr. Melanie Palmisano (Superintendent of Schools), Jeremy, and Bishop Duca.



Join us at Jerusalem Marketplace VBS, where we'll explore what it was like to walk with Jesus during his last week on earth!

VBS REGISTRATION OPEN APRIL 1-30
WHAT: Vacation Bible School (Catholic Faith Camp)
THEME: Jerusalem Marketplace Holy Land Adventure
<https://www.group.com/childrens-ministry/vbs/jerusalem-marketplace/>
WHEN: June 6-10 8:30 am—11:30 am SJS Gym
WHO: Campers must be entering grades K-5 next Fall
COST: \$25 per camper, \$50 max per family

HOW: Online registration see Church home page stjosephsonline.com—scroll down to see the VBS buttons for

VBS CAMPER REGISTRATION and **VBS VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION**

OVERVIEW: Your child will join one of the 12 tribes of Israel and go back to Jesus's time while visiting the synagogue school, the marketplace shops and the village playground.

WHO ELSE? Volunteers grades 6-12 (service hour ops!) and adults are needed to make our program a success! Please sign up to help us plan and decorate beforehand or to be there that week!

We are looking for someone who can demonstrate a potters wheel, basket weaving, carpentry or wood carving, and for some Holy land items to display and discuss, especially how they relate to our Catholic faith today.

Note: If you are volunteering or have a need for discount code please call Paige at the office to obtain one. We NEVER want cost to keep our families from participating in Church activities.

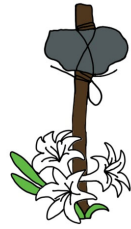


CONFIRMATION CORNER

May 1...SENT CONFIRMATION RETREAT -REQUIRED candidate/sponsor retreat. Begins with 11am Mass with lunch to follow. Ends at 7 pm.

May 2...7pm Confirmation Mass—actual Sacrament with Bishop Duca. Candidates arrive by 5:45 pm in St. Benedict Room Dress Code to come in details.

LADIES: NO SHORTS OR SHORT-LIKE ONSIES— DRESSES NO SHORTER THAN TIPS OF FINGERS OR PANTS. NO SPAGHETTI STRAPS OR STRAPLESS OR BACKS EXPOSED. SLEEVES CAN CAP AT SHOULDER CAPS. SHOES MUST BE ABLE TO WALK IN THOSE HIGH HEELS. GENTLEMEN: NO JEANS OR TENNIS SHOES. SUIT WITH TIE. JACKET OPTIONAL. NO HOLES IN PANTS. A BELT IS REQUIRED.



St. Joseph's Catholic Church

THIRST

Do Not Let ANYONE Look down on you Because YOU are young But Set an Example for BELIEVERS

- Timothy 4:12



Those helping with the confirmation SENT 22 Retreat will need to meet on the following dates, times and places for planning:

April 21— Thursday 6:30 pm— St. Benedict Room. Fine tuning.

April 28—Thursday 6:30 pm St. Joseph Ministry Building

Decorating and organizing May 1—Sunday 9:00 am St. Joseph Ministry Building Retreat Day

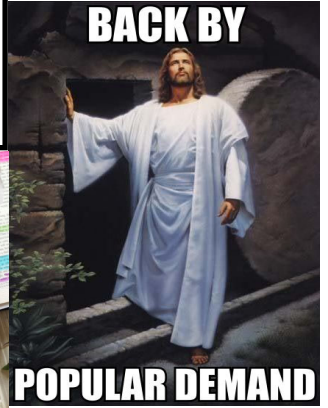
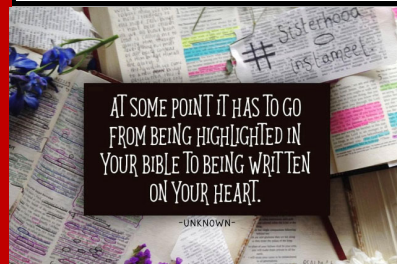
MANDATORY CONFIRMATION RETREAT

11-12TH GRADE WITH SPONSORS SUNDAY MAY 1, 2022

11:00 AM – 7:00 PM

CHECK IN BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 10:30 AM AT CHURCH. WE WILL ATTEND MASS TOGETHER WITH SPONSORS

NO SHORTS OR SHORT SKIRTS. BLUE JEANS, KHAKIS, SKIRTS TO KNEES ARE FINE. RETREAT SHIRTS REQUIRED. THEY WILL BE GIVEN OUT FOR PARKING WEEKEND AT STRAWBERRY



April 20, 2022 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Doors Open at 6:30 p.m.

Holy Family Catholic Church 155 Holy Family Lane, Luling, LA

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Join us at Holy Family Church in Luling on April 20th from 7-9pm (doors open at 6:30) for "Purified", featuring nationally renowned speaker Jason Evert.

This is a life-changing event offered to families (ages 13 and up), and is targeted for anyone who wants to better understand the Church's teachings on sexuality and chastity, particularly teens & parents. Tickets are available for \$20. Don't miss out on this opportunity!

COMING SOON TO LOUISIANA!

April 23 SLU high school junior and senior retreat Please visit the site if interested in attending.



https://form.jotform.com/70525983913160

Come As You Are

6-7:30 PM IN THE MINISTRY BUILDING'S ST. JOSEPH ROOM 6TH, 7TH, 8TH GRADE WELCOME FOOD, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP

April 20th May 4th & May 18th

For more information or if interested, please text or call the Middle School Youth Minister, Kayla Fletcher, at 985-401-2530

Everything Is Changed

Easter changes everything. Having been raised from the dead, Jesus shatters the frightful images that haunt humanity. Betrayal, torture, crucifixion, death, burial—these terrors pale in the brilliant glory of Jesus resurrected. Today’s psalm guides our response to God’s power: “it is wonderful in our eyes.” Today is indeed a day for wonder, for gasping in astonishment at Jesus’ resurrection. For all of human history, death had been final. In the Acts of the Apostles, though, Peter testifies that Jesus, who was publicly executed, was raised to life by God. John’s Gospel admits that the disciples “did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.” Even Jesus’ closest friends were not expecting this innovation: life after death. In response to the Easter miracle, Paul tells us to become “a fresh batch of dough.” Everything, even our very selves, must become new. Easter changes everything.



Today's Readings

First Reading — Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalm — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

(1) Second Reading — All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) or **(2) Second Reading** — Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel — Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) or Luke 24:1-12 (or, at an

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.

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.

Please Pray for Sick and Shut-Ins

Jason Abernathy, Jack Addison, Stephanie Alexander, Laurie Allen, Oekie Baldassoro, Sr., Jay Barbier, Mark Bear, Farley Bennett, Gloria Bennett, Mildred Bittick, David Blake, Michelle Bossier, Ann Boudreaux, Hazel Boudreaux, Larry Boudreaux, Ranice Bourg, Barbara Bourgeois, Angel Braun, Amy Brennan, JoAnne Brisset, Sister Anna Louise Chumbera, R.S.M. , Christine Castjohn, Elaine Charbonnet, Rita Charbonnet, Julian Chiro, Eddie Cicardo, Gavin Cieutat, Steve Coates, Barbara Cravata, Ken Davidson, Lucille Davidson, Pat Davis, Melissa Balado Dean, Kitty Derveloy, Edward Dieser, Beverly Dominique, Carol Dominguez, Danette Crovetto Drell, Debra Drude, Kenneth Paul Drude, Juanita Dugar, Pam Durio, Andrew Dzuryachko, Pam Guichet Elder, Nicholas Eirich, Jay Ernst, Jeanette Ernst, Veronica Fannaly, Sam & Alice Ferraro, Joey Fortenberry, Marge Frahm, Eva Francois, Clint Gagliano, Lenny George, Nittie Gilliland, Carolyn Gillingham, Molly Gladney, Malissa Gonzalez, John Guzzardo, Clifford Green, Brian Guichet, Myrthus “Twinkle” Guichet, Anne Guidry, Glenn Guillot, Robert Hamberger, IV, Sadie Hebert, Tommy Hebert, Kalee Henderson, Cyndi Hoover, Darrell Hoover, Lois Hoover, Tammy Perrin Horn, Peggy Howes, Jimmy Hubert, Harold Hungerford, Ashley Ingolia, Betty Ingolia, Ray Ingolia, Joycelyn James, Jennifer Jernigan, Lawrence Joiner, Rosie Kelly, Carol Kinchen, Beulah Kluka, David Kraft, Sis Kyzar, Cheryl Laiche, Baby Callie Lakes, Norma Larrieu, Wayne Laurent, Ruby Drude Lee, Liz LeSaicherre, Gary Lewing, Miceli Family, Brian Lousteau, Henry Lumino, Sr., Caitlyn Matherne, William Mathes, Melissa McCormick, John & Susan McKinney, Ginger McLin, Cole McMillion, Senit Miller, Barry Mince, Sr., Lisa Mince, Anna Mae Mixon, Patricia Monte Leone, Andrew Morales, Scott Morton, Ed Murray, Fay Murray, Aliyah Naquin, Cindy Newton, Wanda Pandarvis, George Peltier, Wayne Pepitone, Marisa Perrin, Anne Phillips, Camilla Phillips, Larry Pittman, Fran Poche, Ann Prine, Sr. Barbara Richter, MSC., Vera Richoux, Bryan Roddick, A. J. Roig, Jr., Brooklyne Sansone, Ernest Schenck, CJ Schiro, Bob Simoneaux, Kayla Smith, Ronald Springer, Sr., Rose Stahl, Jackie Stanga, Lynette Stanga, Maddox Steadman, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Tartamelia, Wylene Remy Taylor, Earl Theriot, Tracy Todd, Carlo Triolo, Jean Troxler, Travis Troxler, Sam Vilardo, Ronald Vining, Sam Viola, Stone Viola, Carla Van Vrancken, Charles Van Vrancken, June Villa, Mary Vuljoin, Glen Walker, Adelle Wall, Danny Wall, Danni Waugh, Rodney Wempren, Dorothy Whitaker, Regi White, 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:

Col. Brian Duplessis, 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: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
 Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter
 Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
 Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
 Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter
 Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter
 Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter

Intentions of the Holy Father- April 2022

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

Vocation Awareness

The Lord is risen it is true! Through our baptism, He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, brother and sisters. If God is calling you to minister in His Church as a priest or religious, call or email Fr. Joshua Johnson at (225) 336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org or visit www.diobr.org/



Readings for the Week of

April 18, 2022

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
 Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
 Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
 Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
 Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14
 Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday Readings (April 24, 2022)

First ReadingActs of the Apostles 5:12-26
 Second Reading.....Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
 GospelJohn 20:19-31
 Psalm118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 18, 2022

No Mass/ No Communion Service

Tuesday, April 19, 2022

8:00 AM (L) Theresa & Rob Derenbecker

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

8:00 AM Delton & (L) Bonnie Brooks

Thursday, April 21, 2022

8:00 AM (L) Jennifer Morales

Saturday, April 23, 2022

5:00 PM Alvin J. Adam, Jr.
 Tracy Bass
 Dudley & Geraldine Berthelot
 Minerva Blackwell
 Delton Brooks
 (L) Rolly Bruce
 (L) Theresa & Rob Derenbecker
 Allen Dugas
 Ellis Ernest
 Vincent Latino, Sr.
 Anthony Massarini
 Ernest Ourso

Bill Perrin
 Rufus Poche
 Steve Pugh
 EJ Raiford
 Jan Ripberger
 Charles "Buddy" Rogers
 Liz Sanderson
 Patricia Schmit
 Myrtle A. Sellier
 Glenn Snyder
 Madeline Thibodeaux

Sunday, April 24, 2022

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish

11:00 AM (L) Paige Bacile
 Jonathan Burch
 (L) Elaine Charbonnet
 Tally & Nita Coates
 Mary Sue Drude
 Richard & Clotilde Drude
 Hunter Durham
 Ellis Ernest
 Elia Fuselier
 (L) Missy Henderson
 Dorothy Hotard
 (L) Terri Huguet
 Cotton & Louanna Kraft
 DD Kraft
 (L) David Kraft
 Lily Kraft
 Peewee Kraft

Doris Drude Lavigne
 Herman McLendon
 Anna Mae & Fritz Miller, Sr
 (L) Rosemary Norack
 Ernest Ourso
 (L) George Peltier
 Gloria Billiott Pepiton
 Poor Souls in Purgatory
 Steve Pugh
 Ellery Joseph Raiford
 Glenn Snyder
 Joey Verneuil
 Tommy Waguespack, Sr.



NO Mass or Communion Service on
Monday, April 18th.

Church Office Closed
Monday, April 18th.

Fill a Prescription for the Needy

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul invites you to participate in their *Annual Fill a Prescription for the Needy* program. You can participate by removing the label from an empty prescription bottle at home and bringing it to church with a gift inside. This bottle should be placed in the container in the Narthex. Extra empty bottles will be available in the Narthex. Thank you for your support.



Stewardship

The Mass of Easter Day

*Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4/
 Jn 20:1-9*

Poor Peter. What a week. Followed Jesus for three years. Chased him across a sea and sank. Gave up his fishing gig just when he caught the motherload. He fell asleep in Gethsemane. Said goodbye to Jesus by pretending he didn't even know him, not once, but three times. He watches Jesus die, be buried and then disappear. Poor Peter...Yet, who does Mary of Magdala run to when she finds the tomb empty, Peter, Despite all of Peter's frailties and inadequacies, Peter is the go-to guy. Why? Apparently, the other disciples saw what Jesus saw, a rock. Not the rock that guarded an empty tomb, but the rock that would guard and defend the truth, even unto death. What kind of rocks are we? As missionary disciples we aren't idle stones guarding empty tombs, but Easter rocks, fully alive sent to be witnesses of the amazing Good News of the Gospel! Saint Peter-you rock! In stewardship, we are called to be a rock as well. We keep the faith and keep the works of Peter going in our church today. How can we rock St. Joseph's church? How can we use our time, talents and treasures to be Easter rocks?

Financial News

4/3/2022	\$ 769,454.43	\$760,000.00	\$ +9,454.43
Church Support	\$ 21,681.95		
Catholic Relief	\$ 963.00		
Misc. Collections	\$ 921.00		
	\$ 23,565.95		

Second Collections

St. Vincent de Paul	April 14, 2022
Holy Land	April 15, 2022
Retirement Fund for Diocesan Priests	April 17, 2022

Collection Totals for 4/10/2022 will be in the April 24th bulletin.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, April 23rd & Sunday, April 24th

	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
5 PM	Millie Spansel 7b Bill Spansel 9b	John Howes Alex Joiner Chris Marmillion Durald Pinion John Yeagain
8 AM	Jason Hotard 7b Katie Holmes 9b	Jeremy Barado Michael Chiasson Gordon Cotton Rene' Folse Jonah Nepveux Rodney Schmaltz
11 AM	Ronnie Perrin 7b Barbara Wall 9b	Barry Blackledge Marcial Gomez Christopher McNabb Robert McNabb Kelly Richard Bob Zimmerman
	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
		5 PM Sheena Candies 8 AM Ed Hanks 11 AM Shirley Adams



First Communion
Next Weekend - At ALL Masses
April 23rd & 24th



MARIAN SERVANTS® of THE VISITATION

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24

3pm-4:30 pm

Holy Ghost Church

Sing the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Pray the Litany of Healing,

Pray the Rosary, Venerate relic of St. Faustina

Receive individual intercessory prayer from the Marian Servants prayer teams



Society of St Vincent de Paul Report: March 2022

We made 8 home visits serving 29 people

Delivered 11 bags of food from our Parish Food Pantry

Paid utility bills totaling \$1,102.02 and \$873.18 in other assistance including rent, fresh food, clothing, transportation needs, temporary lodging, and other necessary household needs.

As always we are grateful for your generosity that makes our work with those in need possible.

We are in need of new members due to the fact that some of our members have moved, and others have health issues that are preventing them from going on home visits. If you feel called to this ministry please consider becoming a Vincentian. As Jesus said to his disciples in John 1:35-42, "Come, and you will see." Our next scheduled meetings are April 19th, and May 3rd.

Help Keep Our Church Clean!

Please take Kleenex, candy wrappers and papers out with you, so our sanctuary can be a holy, healthy environment for our next Mass- goers



Stressed? Discouraged? Lonely? Sad? Don't Suffer Alone. Help Is Available

Sometimes we fall into a trap where we think it's a sign of weakness to ask for help. So when we're stressed, discouraged, lonely, or sad, we try to keep our struggles hidden and are reluctant to ask for help. However, that's not God's plan. Galatians 6:2 says, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." God wants us to care to allow others to care for us in our time of need.

If you're sad or struggling inside, don't suffer alone. Ask for help. We've got a team of Stephen Ministers who are ready to provide confidential one-to-one care, encouragement, and support to help you through a tough time. Find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with one of our Stephen Leaders: Anita Perrin (985) 687-4458, Ronnie Perrin (985) 507-9765 Terri Huguet (504) 450-5459 or Ron Huguet (504) 232-2484. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to bring God's love and care into your life.

Rosary Altar Society Jambalaya Dinner

The Rosary Altar Society will have a Jambalaya Dinner on Sunday, May 15th. The ladies will be selling tickets for their Jambalaya Dinner after all Masses on April 23rd & 24th. All proceeds go toward St. Joseph's Chapel.



Mark Your Calendar

Monday, April 18th

Church & Church Office Closed—NO 8 am Mass/ NO Communion Service

Monday, April 18th

Bible Study—6pm in the St. Joseph Room

Tuesday, April 19th

Lord, Teach Me to Pray—8:30 am in the Church Conference Room

Tuesday, April 19th

Consecration to St. Joseph—6:30 pm—in the Church Conference Room

Tuesday, April 19th

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting—6:30 pm in the St. Joseph Room

Tuesday, April 19th

Word & Worship—7:00 pm in the Church

Wednesday, April 20th

Adoration— 8:30 am—6:00 pm
Divine Mercy Chaplet—3:00 pm Vespers—6:00 pm

Wednesday, April 20th

Come As You Are—Ablaze—6 pm St. Joseph Room

Wednesday, April 20th

Bell Choir Practice—6:30 pm in the Choir Room

Wednesday, April 20th

Lord, Teach Me to Pray—7 pm in the Church Conference Room

Friday, April 22nd

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

Saturday, April 23rd

Men's Morning Prayer—6:30 am—Church

Saturday, April 23rd & Sunday, April 24th

Rosary Altar Society—Selling Jambalaya Dinner Tickets

Saturday, April 23rd & Sunday, April 24th First Communion at all Masses this weekend.



Sunday, April 24th

Divine Mercy Sunday—Join us in the Church at 2:30 pm. Please see bulletin cover for more information.

Friday, April 29, Saturday, April 30, Sunday, May 1—St. Joseph School Spring Fair

Sunday, May 1st

Confirmation—Sent Retreat

Monday, May 2nd

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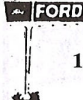
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