



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.

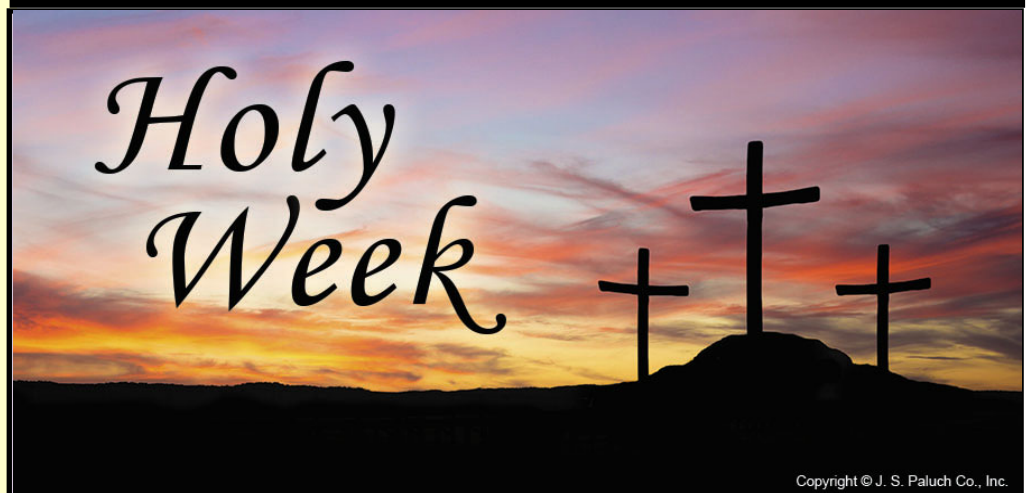
Adoration:

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

April 10, 2022 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



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Monday, April 11th	Tenebrae Service: 7 pm
Tuesday, April 12th	Word & Worship: 7 pm
Wednesday, April 13th	Adoration: 8:30 am—6 pm
	Vespers: 6 pm



Holy Thursday, April 14th	Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7 pm
Good Friday, April 15th	Confessions: 10 am— Noon
	Stations of the Cross: Noon
	Good Friday Service: 3 pm
Holy Saturday, April 16th	Easter Vigil Mass: 8 pm
Easter Sunday, April 17th	Masses: 8 am & 11 am

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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.
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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
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(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.

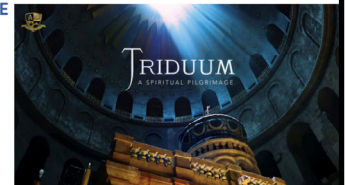
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PICK OF THE WEEK

April 10, 2022

WATCH

TRIDUUM: A SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE
This film cinematically walks through the locations of the Holy Week story, representing the most important days of human history. Immersed in the real and sacred places of the Holy Land, the pilgrim faithful is brought tangibly nearer to the story, the landscape, and the reality of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.



WATCH

FORMED LIVE!

Jesus' Descent into Hell

Holy Saturday
April 11th, 2020

JESUS' DESCENT INTO HELL

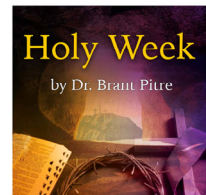
Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Michael Barber as they unpack the celebration of Holy Saturday, Jesus' descent into hell, which is often misunderstood.

LEARN

LISTEN

HOLY WEEK BY DR. BRANT PITRE

Dr. Brant Pitre takes listeners on a Scriptural walk from Palm Sunday to Holy Saturday. Learn about Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, why he cursed a fig tree, the importance of the "blood and water" that flowed out from Christ's side, and more.



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TENEBRAE SERVICE

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
255 N. 8th Street Ponchatoula
Monday April 11, 2022
7-8pm

Music

Meditation

Prayer

Reflection

Scripture

A Service of Darkness



The Way of the Cross

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The annual Way of the Cross, hosted by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Baton Rouge and St. Joseph Cathedral, is returning this year after a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic. Join Bishop Duca on Good Friday at 9am in front of the St. Joseph Cathedral in Baton Rouge. We will travel a 14-station route throughout the State Capitol grounds, and return to the steps of the Cathedral. Community advocates, church leaders, and representatives from local nonprofits will lead the crowd, read the mysteries of Christ and reflect upon them as they relate to our world today through the suffering of the poor, illiterate, sick, imprisoned and unborn. If you have any questions, please contact Catherine Weidert at cweidert@ccdior.org.



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).

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

April 9-10– Strawberry Festival happening now! Always room for help...parent/teen tag team

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.

SAVE HAVEN PARENT WATCH APP OF THE WEEK



Purpose: YouTube is a place to house and share your videos. You can control privacy settings. It's also a great resource for educational videos and entertainment.

Why Parents Should Be Worried: Inappropriate content has been sliced into both all-ages content and children's content. Also, comments on videos can be extremely inappropriate and hurtful. YouTube also has a **known pedophile problem** which is a major cause for concern.



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



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

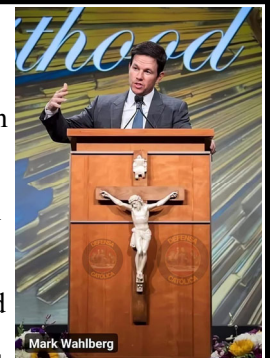
April 23 ... SLU high school junior and senior retreat
Please visit the site if interested in attending.



<https://form.jotform.com/70525983913160>

“Being Catholic is the most important thing in my life” All the good things that have happened in my life has been because of my faith, it goes hand in hand with my reunion with God through the Eucharist, if necessary I interrupt the filming, but I don't stop going to Mass. It's much more important than work.”

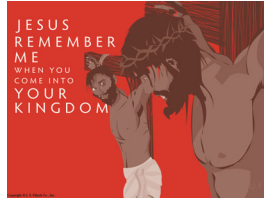
-Mark Wahlberg-



The Message of Christ's Love

From the proclamation of the Gospel at the beginning of the liturgy, we know that today is different, not only because we hear two Gospel passages, or because we hold palms and move in procession. Today begins Holy Week, a time set apart, a week in which to listen, pray, reflect, and take to heart the truth of Christ's passion, crucifixion, death, and ultimately, resurrection. It takes a week, and a lifetime, to truly hear the message of Christ's love. It is difficult for us to comprehend that Jesus willingly sacrificed himself, so we must hear the story again and again. Let this week be for us a new moment of faith in which we, together with the criminal who was crucified with Christ, cry out, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

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Today's Readings

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Luke 19:28-40).

First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel — The account of Christ's passion according to Luke (Luke 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]).

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 Bumbera, 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, 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 Larriau, 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 Monteleone, 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., 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: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Monday: Monday of Holy Week
Tuesday: Tuesday of Holy Week
Wednesday: Wednesday of Holy Week
Thursday: Holy Thursday; Paschal Triduum begins
Friday: Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday); Fast and Abstinence
Holy Saturday: Vigil 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

Blessed are they who come in the Name of the Lord! Am I being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister? If you feel God is giving you the blessing of a call to a Church vocation, call or email Fr. Joshua Johnson at (225) 336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

Readings for the Week of

April 11, 2022

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
 Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
 Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
 Thursday: Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18;
 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
 Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25;
 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
 Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10,
 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;
 b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11;
 c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;
 d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;
 f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11;
 g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or
 Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;
 h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Lk 24:1-12

Next Sunday Readings (April 17, 2022)

First ReadingActs of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43
 Second Reading.....Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
 GospelJohn 20:1-9
 Psalm118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 11, 2022

8:00 AM (L) Rosalie Waller

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

8:00 AM (L) Joseph Waller

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

8:00 AM **Communion Service**

Thursday, April 14, 2022— Holy Thursday

7:00 PM (L) Laura & Daniel Waller

Saturday, April 16, 2022— Easter Vigil

8:00 PM Alvin J. Adam, Jr.
 Dudley & Geraldine Berthelot
 Delton Brooks
 Diane Candebat
 Robert Connelley
 Alice & Arthur Eastman
 L/D Memb. of Ernst & Ethridge Family
 (L) Larry Ernst
 (L) John Michael Gardner
 Ernest Ourso

Bill Perrin
 Rufus Poche
 Steve Pugh
 EJ Raiford
 Liz Sanderson
 Jim Sledge
 Glenn Snyder
 Resley & Lily Soirez
 Antoinette Strickland

Sunday, April 17, 2022

8:00 AM Lucy Braun
 Jonathan Burch
 (L) Deacons, Wives & Families
 Mary Sue Drude
 Richard & Clotilde Drude
 Joan Duplessis
 Liv. Memb. of the Ferrara Family
 James Gibson
 Sandra Guidry
 L/D Memb. of the Jesse
 R. Hutchinson Family
 Larry Kemp
 Virgil Ozment McWilliams Krafft
 L/D Memb. of Nick Latino Family
 Vincent Latino, Sr.
 Doris Drude Lavigne
 Stella Lobell
 Horace Marceaux
 Ernest Ourso
 Mary L. Prine
 Stephen Pugh

Alonzo, Frances & Mike
 Raiford
 E J Raiford
 L/D Memb. of the Reggio/
 Vuljoin Families
 Dale Roberts
 Rolufs & Connelley Family
 Charles "Buddy" Rogers
 Liv. Memb of Sansone
 Family
 Edgar Sanders
 Frederic Schilling, Sr.
 Patricia Charbonnet Schmit
 Glenn Snyder
 Souls in Purgatory
 Don Steadman
 Walt Tate
 Madeline Thibodeaux
 Joey Verneuil
 Tommy Waguespack, Sr.

11:00 AM For the People of the Parish

Easter Decoration Setup!!!

Volunteers needed SATURDAY, APRIL 16th at 8:30 am. We will be decorating for the Easter season, your help will be greatly appreciated. We have banners, drapes, wreaths, and all the Easter Lilies to set out. Questions call Francis & Barbara at 985-386-3622. God bless and see you Easter Vigil morning.



Stewardship

The Master Has Need of It

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/ Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/Phil 2:6-11/

Lk 22:14-23:56

"Ok, hand it over." "Hand what over?" "The thing the Master needs." "What Master and what thing?" "You know, *THE* Master and *THE* thing. He said you would have something that he needs for the thing he is doing." "Ohhh, well, I'm going to use it for something else, sorry. The master can have it when I'm done with it." Brothers and sisters, what is the thing the Master has need of from you? Jesus didn't ask Simon of Cyrene to help carry his cross, but he carried it anyway. Jesus didn't ask Joseph of Arimathea for his tomb, but he provided a proper burial anyway. Jesus wasn't the one that asked for the donkey or colt to ride on into Jerusalem, but the owners gave it anyway. We needn't wait for Jesus to ask us personally for the gifts God has given us to use for his kingdom—the Church is asking, and the Church needs what you have to give! Let's pray we are never put to the test as Jesus commanded his Apostles, instead, let us pray that we can test out our gifts for God's kingdom because *the* Master has need of *them*.



Financial News

3/27/2022	\$ 747,772.48	\$741,000.00	\$ +6,772.48
Church Support	\$ 14,825.50		
Misc. Collections	\$ 559.00		
	\$ 15,384.50		

Second Collections

Catholic Relief Services	April 3, 2022
St. Joseph School	April 10, 2022

Collection Totals for 4/3/2022 will be in the April 17th bulletin.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, April 16th & Sunday, April 17th

	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	
8 PM	Mary Ernst 7b Harry LeBlanc 8b Barbara Martino 9b		
8 AM	Russ Wood 7b Rose Harper 8b Mary Jo Balado		
11 AM	Deborah Vogel 7b Veronica Pierson 8b Mary Threeton 9b	<u>Lectors</u>	
	<u>Altar Servers</u>	8 PM	Larry Ernst Ed Hanks
		8 AM	Dennis James
		11 AM	Wayne Vedeckis



We will have a Communion Service on **Wednesday, April 13th, NO** 8am Mass. **NO** Mass or Communion Service on **Monday, April 18th.**

Church Office Closures

Good Friday, April 15th & 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. **Starting this weekend.** 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.



Easter Lilies

Join in the decorating of the church by donating \$10.00 to purchase an Easter Lily. The donation can be in honor of a living or deceased individual or family. To donate, place your donation and intention in the flower offering envelope, and place in the collection box. Make sure you list the name of the individual or family to be honored and how you want your name listed in the bulletin. The Easter Lilies will NOT be available for pickup after the Easter Season. Questions call Barbara Martino at 386-3622 or Roberta Connelley at 386-9711. Thank you for your generosity.



School News



SAVE THE DATE

St. Joseph School's Spring Fair will be April 29th, 30th and May 1st. We will have rides, games, silent auction, lots of food drinks, and family fun! Live bands and performances through the weekend, and our annual jambalaya/pastalaya cookoff! Hope to see you there!

Congratulations to 2nd grader Addison Verdin and 6th grader Sarah McKinney. They are our March Crusaders of the Month. They were recognized during morning assembly, given a certificate, and presented with a basket of goodies donated by Berrytown Produce. We are so proud of these sweet Crusaders!



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.



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Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, April 10th

PSR K-5 - 9:15 am Stations of the Cross- Church

Monday, April 11th

Youth Choir Practice—4:00 pm in the Church Choir Room

Monday, April 11th

Adult Choir Practice—6:00 pm in the Choir Room

Monday, April 11th

Bible Study—6pm in the St. Joseph Room

Monday, April 11th

Tenebrae Service—7pm

Tuesday, April 12th

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

Tuesday, April 12th

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

Tuesday, April 12th

Word & Worship—7:00 pm in the Church

Wednesday, April 13th

Communion Service—8am

Adoration— 8:30 am—6:00 pm

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

Wednesday, April 13th

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

Wednesday, April 13th

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

Thursday, April 14th

Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper— 7 pm

Friday, April 15th

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

Friday, April 15th

Diocese -Way on the Cross in Downtown Baton Rouge—9am St. Joseph Cathedral in Baton Rouge

Friday, April 15th

Good Friday

Confessions— 10 am—Noon

Stations of the Cross—Noon

Good Friday Service—3 pm

Friday, April 15th

Church Office Closed

Saturday, April 16th

Decorating Church for Easter—8:30 am

Saturday, April 16th

Holy Saturday—Easter Vigil Mass—8 pm

Sunday, April 17th

Easter Sunday—Masses - 8 am & 11 am

Monday, April 18th

Church & Church Office Closed—**NO** 8 am Mass/

NO Communion Service

Tuesday, April 19th

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

Wednesday, April 20th

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

Mary's Mantle Consecration

If you have done the at home Mary's Mantle Consecration Retreat please contact Paula Jarrell at (985) 517-9492 and let her know.



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