



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 24, 2022 Second Sunday of Easter Sunday of Divine Mercy

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



St. Joseph's School Spring Fair

Friday, April 29th: 6 pm - 10 pm
Saturday, April 30th: 10 am - 11 pm
Sunday, May 1st: 12 pm - 6 pm

Come out and join us for a fun-filled weekend at our SJS Spring Fair, April 29-May 1. We will have rides, games, a silent auction, live music, a fun run, jambalaya/pastalaya cookoff, lots of food, and drinks, as well as a huge cash prize raffle! Bring your family and friends and help us spread the word. We couldn't be more excited to have you! See you April 29th-May 1st :)

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Staff

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Mission Statement

St. Joseph's Parish is a rapidly growing faith community that serves the spiritual and temporal needs of Southernmost Tangipahoa Parish through its various ministries.

St. Joseph's develops, supports, nurtures and educates Catholic Christians while offering to this entire expanding community a caring environment and a welcoming spirit of Christ present.

Parish Ministries and Contact Persons

Altar Servers: Michele & Glen Ernst, 985-386-6618. sj_altar_server@bellsouth.net
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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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.
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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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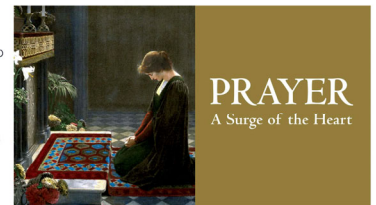
PICK OF THE WEEK

April 24, 2022

WATCH

PRAYER: A SURGE OF THE HEART

Now that Lent is over, finding time to pray can be difficult. Modern life is very busy with so many distractions at every turn, and there's always another job to be done. This inspiring presentation challenges us to make more time for God in our lives and highlights the importance of an ever-deepening life of prayer.



FORMED LIVE!

Who is St. Catherine of Siena?

April 29th, 2020



FORMED NOW! WHO IS ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA?

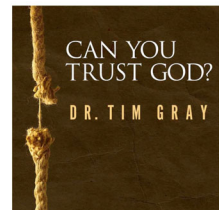
In light of St. Catherine of Siena's feast day, join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Elizabeth Klein as they celebrate this holy woman: a nurse and mystic with papal influence who became a doctor of the Church.

LEARN

LISTEN

CAN YOU TRUST GOD? BY DR. TIM GRAY

To be a saint, we must trust God wholeheartedly. Since the fall of our first parents, however, humanity has been tempted to mistrust the Father's love for us. Scripture scholar Dr. Tim Gray takes us on a journey that addresses the pervasive misconceptions about God, showing us that there is no reason not to follow him.



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



In Loving Memory of: Eddie & Ethel Adams by Shirley Adams * Melissa Adams by Shirley Adams * Robert & Helen Adams by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Nata * Jimmie & Rosemary C. Addison by Vance & Mary Jo Balado * Delmayne Aleman, Jr by Aleman Family * Philip E. Alexander by Victoria Alexander * Peter

Applin by Linette Wylie * Deceased Members of the Balado/Johnson Family by Gary & Sandra Johnson * Irma (Sis) Rousseau Barsley by Francis & Barbara Martino * Adolph & Mary Beckendorf by Louise Steadman * Collins & Shirley Bonicard by Mike & Trudy Henderson * Lucy Braun * Delton Brooks by Bonnie Brooks * Vivian & Cosimier Bruce, Maxine Girard by Kathy & Rolly Bruce * Robert Mac Burris by Regina Burris * Al & Bernice Campos by Ron & Terri Huguet * Harold & Rosemary Chiasson by Michael & Karen Chiasson * Phillip & Robert Connelley by Roberta Connelley * Connelley & Rolufs Family by Roberta Connelley * Families of Cronk, Grieves, Douglas & Darbonne by Laura Douglas * Zachary Joseph Cutrer by Ricky & Jeanie Cutrer * Bobby & Tilly Cutrer by Robin St. Cyr * Maitus Denham by Marc Denham * Lawrence (Dude) Dominguez by Bertha Dominguez * Raymond Drude, Nella Mae Drude, Rodney Drude by Robin Berner * Raymond & Nell Drude * Rodney Drude * The C. J. "Buddy" Dufreche Family by Janet Dufreche * Julian Dufreche by Janet Dufreche * Alice & Arthur Eastman by Elaine, Harry & Marc LeBlanc * Living & Deceased Members of the Ernst & Dugas Family by Marie Ernst * Escarra & Latino Families by Michael Escarra * Jimmie & Dee Ethridge by Larry & Mary Ernst * Lillian Foret by Dad, Mom, Michael & Addison * Our Parents by Scott & Joelle Frischhertz * Francis & Connie Garaudy by Linette Wylie * Lilly & Sidney Garaudy * Bruce Gaudet, Sr., Eva Gaudet, Henry Joseph Gaudet, Howard Gaudet by Jeffrey Paul Gaudet * Jerry & Jean Gendron by Kathy Gendron Cambre * Juli Gaudet & Michael Gaudet by Jeffrey Gaudet * Green & Schenck Families * The Marjorie Eschenberg Hebert Family * Deceased Members of Cecil R. Hebert Family by Bonnie Brooks * Annette & Cecil Hebert * Rex & Oretha Henderson by Mike & Trudy Henderson * H P. & Agnes Hoover by Shirley Adams * Hurley & Celeste Huguet by Ron & Terri Huguet * Donald James, Sr., Donald James, Jr. * Stuart R. Kennedy by Mary T. Tournillon * All of our departed loved ones by Paul & Stephanie Kliebert * Virgil Krafft by Larry Roberts * Cotton & Louanna Kraft, D. D. Kraft, Lily Kraft, Pee Wee Kraft, Pam & Scoffer Kraft by Valley & Kenneth Kraft * Milton & Michael Landeche by Michael & Karen Chiasson * Donald Blackie Landry by Elaine Landry * Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Larsen by A.J. Pusey * Leslie & Tillie Lavigne by Lesley Palisi * Ben LeBoeuf by Valley & Kenneth Kraft * Kay & Bill Lundergan by Maureen Lundergan * Kelsey Martin by Valley & Kenneth Kraft * Ronnie McLin by Valley & Kenneth Kraft * George McWilliams, Joel McWilliams by Larry Roberts * Miller/Jaundot Families by Carol Ott * Dorothy S. Mitchell by Linette Wylie * Lindsay T. Muscarello by Vance & Mary Jo Balado * Sam Notariano by Sarah Taylor * Fr. Pat O'Brien Diocese of Houma-Thibodeaux * Russell J. Ortolano by Lisa O. Mince * Albert Ott by Carol Ott * Ernest Ourso by Ruth Ourso * Our son Bill Perrin by Ed & Fay Murray * Rita Perrin by Valley & Kenneth Kraft * Mr. & Mrs. W T. Pusey by A. J. Pusey * Ellery Raiford by Sissy Raiford & Family * Jan Ripberger by Family * Dale Roberts & Twins Janie & Catie Roberts by Cathy Roberts * Leola & Frank Roberts, Dale Roberts by Larry Roberts * Janet & Holden Robertson by Shirley Adams * Miles M. Roger, Jr. * Daniel & Norma Rojo by Mr. & Mrs. Brent Widmer * Mervin Lee Rousseau by Francis & Barbara Martino * Spansel family by Bill & Millie Spansel * Clyde & Mary St. Cyr by Robin St. Cyr * Buddy & Margaret Stall, Oscar & Ernestine Hastings by Jim & Peggy Hastings * Godfrey & Joy Steib, Deacon Dutch & Willie Schanzbach, Clara Tucker & Irene Steib, Ron Steib & Wanda Steib Castell by Michael & Debbie Schanzbach * Don Steadman by Louise Steadman * Ronald Steib * Donald Todd by Melanie & Tracy Todd * O.J. Tournillon, III by Mary T. Tournillon * Floyd & Barbara Troxler by Ramond & Rene' Folse * Deceased Members of the Waguespack & Salzer Families by Francis & Stephanie Waguespack * Valerie Watts by Robin Berner * Weaver & Rodriguez Families by Karen & David Weaver * Florence P. Wildey by Jenea' Deshotel * Ryan Widmer by Mr. & Mrs. Brent Widmer * Deceased Wood & Kurtz Families by Francis & Stephanie Waguespack * David Wichterich by Mary Reggio * William "Bill" Wright by Jeanie Cutrer * The Eunice Fannaly Wright Family * Katherine S. Yeargain by John Yeargain * Patricia Pugh Yeargain by John Yeargain

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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.

VBS Volunteers
 Meeting on Monday, April 25th at 6 pm in the St. Benedict Room in the Church



Thank You!

Please join me in thanking our Liturgical Choir, Bell Choir, musicians, and cantors for their gift of music during Tenebrae and the Triduum. What a privilege it is to use our gifts for His glory!

Rhonda Rossano, Music Director



CONFIRMATION CORNER

May 1...SENT CONFIRMATION RETREAT -REQUIRED candidate/sponsor retreat. Begins at 10 am in Ministry Building with Mass and 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.



MANDATORY CONFIRMATION RETREAT

11-12TH GRADE WITH SPONSORS

SUNDAY MAY 1, 2022

10:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Sponsors & Candidates PARK and Meet at the St. Joseph Ministry Building at 10:00 AM for check-in. Candidates must wear Yellow THIRST shirts. If you did not receive a THIRST shirt—we will have some that morning. DRESS CODE WILL BE emailed. We will walk to church by 10:30 AM and attend Mass together as Retreat team, candidates and sponsors. **NO SHORTS OR SHORT SKIRTS. BLUE JEANS, KHAKIS, SKIRTS TO KNEES ARE FINE. RETREAT SHIRTS REQUIRED.**



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

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL THIRST BLESSINGS

Thanks to all parents and teens who committed to raising money in our parking adventure. Surely there were 400,000 people this beautiful weekend!

Thx to ABLAZE's Ms. Kayla Fletcher, Kelly "Mr. Nicole", Richard, Lenny George (who just appeared out of no where because of his love for the youth), The KC's sending Mrs. Stephanie to save us with DELICIOUS food, Ricky Howes and his "crawfish to go" bag, all prayer partners for safety over our teens and families, Fr. McDuffie for his support of our youth - ALL GLORY TO HIM! Until next year-SHINE ON Mrs. Nicole.



50th anniversary Strawberry Festival THIRST parking parent / teen tag team was a hit!

Thank you Carter Alston and Luke LaCroix for altar serving for Tenebrae.



St. Joseph's Catholic Church

THIRST

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

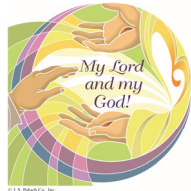
- Timothy 4:12



Difficulty, Survival and Glory

In Revelation, John the Evangelist tells us what we can expect as followers of the risen Jesus: distress, endurance, and a kingdom. Although we are only eight days into our fifty-day Easter feasting, we cannot ignore the distress weighing down our daily lives. Jesus' resurrection does not erase individual suffering, but his glorious triumph over death cultivates endurance in our hearts. We remember that Jesus did not spare himself, and we ask for the strength to endure as he did. Imitating Christ helps us grow as members of God's royal family. As beloved citizens of the Kingdom of God, we recognize our kinship with all people. Peter demonstrates his care for others as he heals multitudes of broken, suffering people. In the Gospel, Thomas accepts his own spiritual healing when Jesus helps him to believe. In times of difficulty, survival, and glory, we borrow Thomas' declaration of faith: "My Lord and my God!"

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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, Thadd Fayard, 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 Larriou, Wayne Laurent, Ruby Drude Lee, Liz LeSaichere, 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., Vera Richoux, Bryan Roddick, A. J. Roig, Jr., Brooklyne Sansone, Ernest Schenck, C.J. 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.**

Today's Readings

First Reading — The apostles perform many signs and wonders among the people. Many are added to their numbers (Acts 5:12-16).

Psalms — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — John, caught up in the spirit, envisions the glorified Lord, the first and the last, the one who lives (Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19).

Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

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.

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: Second Sunday of Easter; (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)
 Monday: St. Mark
 Thursday: St. Peter Chanel;
 St. Louis Grignion de Montfort;
 Friday: St. Catherine of Siena;
 Saturday: St. Pius V

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.

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

Thomas believed because he saw Jesus. What will it take for you to respond to God's Call to priesthood or consecrated life? If God is calling you, call or email Fr. Joshua Johnson at (225) 336-8778 jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.



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.

Readings for the Week of

April 25, 2022

Monday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday Readings (May 1, 2022)

First ReadingActs of Apostles 5: 27-32, 40b-41
 Second Reading...Revelation 5:11-14
 GospelJohn 21: 1-19 or 21:1-14
 Psalm30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 25 2022

8:00 AM Ernest Ourso

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

8:00 AM Ted & Nancy Dupont

Wednesday, April 27, 2022

8:00 AM (L) Winston Derenbecker

Thursday, April 28, 2022

8:00 AM (L) Isaac Waller

Saturday, April 30, 2022

5:00 PM Dudley & Geraldine Berthelot

Delton Brooks
 (L) Rolly Bruce
 (L) Derenbecker
 Ellis Ernest
 L/D Members of Jesse R. Hutchinson Family
 Danny Keen
 L/D Members of Nick Latino Family
 Vincent Latino, Sr.
 Horace Marceaux
 Ernest Ourso
 Bill Perrin
 (L) Cathy Marie Phillips
 Belinda Pinion
 Troy Pinion

Rufus Poche
 Steve Pugh
 Earl "Buster" Reid
 Charles "Buddy" Rogers
 Liz Sanderson
 Myrtle A. Sellier
 Glenn Snyder
 Madeline Thibodeaux
 (L) Isaac Waller

Sunday, May 1, 2022

8:00 AM Mary, Sam & Ciro Agnello

Henry Ann Bailey
 (L) Diane Bankston
 Dara Dee Bennett
 Franklin Borgerson
 Buzzy & Delores Brabham
 Lucy Braun
 (L) Robert Robie Braun
 William Bobbie Braun
 Jonathan Burch
 (L) Linda & Bruce Davis
 Dale Francis DePaula
 Mary Sue Drude
 Richard & Clotilde Drude
 Joan Duplessis
 (L) Bridgette Hyde
 (L) Lisa Jackson & Family
 Larry Kemp
 Virgil Ozment McWilliams Krafft
 Doris Drude Lavigne
 11:00 AM For the People of the Parish

Glenn Louche
 Elsie & Levon Major
 Ernest Ourso
 E. J. Raiford
 Dale Roberts
 Glenn Snyder
 Madeline Thibodeaux
 (L) Donna Townsend
 Floyd & Barbara Troxler
 Joey Verneuil
 Tommy Waguespack, Sr.
 (L) Daniel Waller

(L) Indicates Living



Congratulations to all of our First Communicants!

Stewardship

Second Sunday of Easter - Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/ Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

The Fear of Missing Out has been around longer than Methuselah. The Fear of Missing Out can bring good and/or undesirable consequences. Adam and Eve learned that the hard way. In today's first reading we read there were those that would do anything to get to the apostles, even settling for the shadow of Peter to cast upon them, they did not want to miss out on the opportunity of a lifetime! Then, in today's gospel, there is Thomas, the doubting one. Can you imagine what he felt after hearing Jesus showed up while he was gone? Where was he anyway? Obviously, Jesus being God and all, knew Thomas was not going to be present, and he also knew Thomas was going to be doubtful about his appearance. God's timing is not our timing. Divine Mercy Sunday is a good reminder we needn't be here or there or doing this or that, we just need to be open and believe.

Financial News

4/10/2022	\$ 784,277.43	\$779,000.00	\$ +5,277.43
Church Support	\$ 14,823.00		
Misc. Collections	\$ 945.00		
	\$ 15,768.00		

Second Collections

		Catholic Home Missions	April 24
		St. Joseph School	May 8
4/17/2022	\$ 806,788.88	\$798,000.00	\$ +8,788.88
Church Support	\$ 22,511.45		
Priest Retirement	\$ 2,221.50		
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 1,622.00		
Holy Land	\$ 822.00		
Misc. Collections	\$ 349.50		
	\$ 27,526.45		

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, April 30th & Sunday, May 1st

	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
5 PM	Merle Ozment 7b Barbara Martino 9b	John Howes Alex Joiner Chris Marmillion John Yeagain Michael Chiasson Gordon Cotton Rene' Folse Jonah Nepveux Peter Peterson Francis Waguespack Barry Blackledge Marcial Gomez Christopher McNabb Robert McNabb Bob Zimmerman
8 AM	Alice James 7b Dennis James 9b	<u>Lectors</u> 5 PM Janice Radosti 8 AM Nicole Dillon 11 AM Phyllis Aymond
11 AM	Peggy Hastings 7b Tony Guagliardo, III 9b	
	<u>Altar Servers</u>	



In Honor of: Living Balado/Johnson Family by Gary & Sandra Johnson * Our children Denise, Tammy & Patrick by Ed & Fay Murray * Our grandchildren Sarah, Tyler, Alyssa, Jack, Julie & Christopher by Ed & Fay Murray * Wahl Family by Patricia Kirsch * Weaver & Rodriguez Family by Karen & David Weaver

Mark Your Calendar



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

Saturday, April 23rd & Sunday, April 24th *Rosary Altar Society—Selling Jambalaya Dinner Tickets*

Sunday, April 24th *Divine Mercy Sunday—Join us in the Church at 2:30 pm. Please see bulletin cover for more information.*

Monday, April 25th *Bible Study—6 pm in the St. Joseph Room*

Monday, April 25th *VBS Volunteers Meeting - 6pm in the St. Benedict Room in the Church*

Monday, April 25th *Adult Choir Practice - 6 pm*

Tuesday, April 26th *Lord, Teach Me to Pray—8:30 am in the Church Conference Room*

Tuesday, April 26th *Consecration to St. Joseph—6:30 pm—in the Church Conference Room*

Tuesday, April 26th *Word & Worship—7:00 pm in the Church*

Wednesday, April 27th *Adoration— 8:30 am—6:00 pm
Divine Mercy Chaplet—3:00 pm Vespers—6:00 pm*

Wednesday, April 27th *Bell Choir Practice—6:30 pm in the Choir Room*

Friday, April 29th *Men's Morning Bible Study—6:30 am-Church*

Saturday, April 30th *Men's Morning Prayer—6:30 am—Church*

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

Sunday, May 1st *Confirmation—Sent Retreat*

Monday, May 2nd *Confirmation at St. Joseph's- 7 pm*

Tuesday, May 3rd *Rosary Altar Society Meeting - 10: 30 am in the Church Conference Room*

Tuesday, May 3rd *St. Joseph's Bereavement Quilting Ministry - 5:30 pm in the St. Benedict Room in the Church*

Tuesday, May 3rd *St. Vincent de Paul Meeting—6:30 pm in the St. Joseph Room*

Wednesday, May 4th *Come As You Are- Ablaze—6 pm St. Joseph Room*

Wednesday, May 4th *Baptism Class for Parents and Godparents- 7 pm in the St. Benedict Room in the Church*

Pray!!! Listen!!! Be Alert!!! Answer the Call!!!

A Stephen Minister can make a difference in the life of someone going through a difficult time. A Stephen Minister can bring Christ's healing love to hurting people. Serving as a Stephen Minister is an opportunity to put your spiritual gifts into action and touch people's lives in powerful ways. Not only will the skills you learn be helpful in Stephen Ministry, but also deepen and enhance all the relationships in your life. We need more ministers so that anyone going through a crisis will never have to travel that rocky road alone.

Please pray about the opportunity to serve as a Stephen Minister, seek the Holy Spirit's guidance and consider how God might be calling you to this ministry. Maybe the time wasn't right before but situations have changed and now you are ready to become involved with Stephen Ministry. We ask that congregation to pray that the Holy Spirit will touch the heart of those considering serving as Stephen Ministers. You can talk to any of our current Stephen Ministers and ask them how their lives have been touched through Stephen Ministry.



SERVE GOD HELP Others GROW Spiritually

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.



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

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