



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

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 9:30-10:30 am
Ablaze-Gr. 6-8; Sun 9:30-10:30 am
High School Formation
Gr. 9-12; Sun. 5:00-7:00 pm

SAFETY GUIDELINES



Parishioners are required to bring and wear a mask while in the worship space. The faithful are encouraged to bring small bottles of hand sanitizer for their personal use.

August 2, 2020 The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Annual Back to School Family Prayer Kick Off!! Bring your rosaries!

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Mt 19:14

Calling all St. Joseph's Parish families

Sunday, **August 9th** @ 9:30a.m. (between morning Masses)
South side yard of church (school side)

Let's come together in prayer as one Catholic-Christian family to give our children a 'prayer-full' and **God-praising** start to their school year! Come together to bring our hurting world's concerns to our merciful and loving Father in prayer. We need prayer more than ever!

We will pray the rosary as a group with our life-size rosary while following social distancing protocols: mysteries spaced apart and prayer assignment cards for each prayer. To be extra careful, please wear your mask until you are settled in your place **6ft distant**.
(Rosary pamphlets available)

Pope Francis has said the family is the "greatest treasure of any country," and urged the faithful to protect and strengthen it.

Any questions or comments?

Text/call/email

Rachael Perrin 985-969-0151, rlbperrin@bellsouth.net

Stephanie Waguespack -985-981-9859, fgwaguespack@bellsouth.net

Monee' Sheridan 985-351-2047, msheridandt@gmail.com



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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: Monday at 6 p.m.—Stephanie Waguespack, 985-981-9859
Children's Liturgy Ministry: Paige Bacile 985-386-3749.
Cooking Ministry: Cook a plate of food for our Priest one day each month, call Linda Guagliardo 985-345-8409.
Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion: Angela Pevey (Call / text) 985-507-5757.
Readers: Larry Ernst, 985-386-5731. lernst1@bellsouth.net
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Special Education PSR: B. J. Nepveux, 985-370-7548.
RCIA: Ed or Julie Hanks, 985-351-3143.
Small Christian Community: Clay Nepveux at 985-634-8805.
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 Joseph Jason, 985-386-8639.
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Word & Worship Prayer Ministry: Fernando Morales: 985-662-2844.
Women's Ministry: Mary Vedeckis, 225-294-6631.
Youth Ministry: Sarah Stoehr, 504-270-3451.

Organizations

Ancient Order of Hibernians: Ronnie Crimmins 985-773-8965.
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Knights of Columbus: Buddy Williams, 504-252-2031 (Application for new members)
Rosary Altar Society: Evelyn Lavigne 985-386-6732
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
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Council of Ministries: Vance Balado, Melissa Henderson, Lisa Kennedy, Harry LeBlanc, Rachael Perrin, Stephanie Reggio, Rodney Schmaltz, Mary Threeton, Wayne Vedeckis, Stephanie Waguespack, Tom Waller, Bill Wheat. Ad Hoc Council Members: Fr. McDuffie, Deacon Larry Melancon, Danette Ragusa. Stacy Randazzo.

Download Our New Parish App!

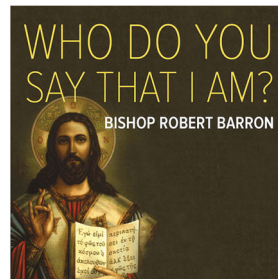
Our new St. Joseph's app is now available to download for iPhone and Android smart phones. Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications, an easy-to-access event calendar, and the ability to quickly reply to or share messages via Facebook or Twitter. Also enjoy a bunch of additional features like prayers, daily readings, helpful reminders to silence your phone before Mass or Confession, and much more.

Help foster a stronger parish life at St. Joseph's and better engage the New Evangelization.

Download our app today at myparishapp.com or search your phone's app store for my parish.



WHAT TO WATCH THIS MONTH



August 2nd
Who Do You Say That I Am?
The Four Great Expectations of the Messiah by Bishop Robert Barron

Visit FORMED.org or search for "Formed" on your favorite app store



ST. JOSEPH'S
2020-21 FAMILY FORMATION

Online Registration is OPEN!
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PSR: K-5
ABLAZE: 6-8
THIRST CONFIRMATION PREP: 9-11TH

Catechists and Volunteers Needed



*Please contact
Paige or Sarah
at the Church Office.
985-386-3749*

St. Joseph's Confirmation



Sunday, August 16th

11:00 AM Mass

Most Reverend
Michael G. Duca
Bishop of Baton Rouge,
Celebrant

WHAT'S GOING ON THIS YEAR?!

Ablaze Orientation

Who: Parents
When: Sun, August 30th, 9:30-10:30am
Where: St. Joseph's Room

Thirst Orientation

Who: Parents AND teens
When: Sun, August 16th, 5-7pm
Where: SJS Gym
(across from Ministry Building)



ST. JOSEPH
Thirst & Ablaze



 **MUST WEAR MASK** 



VOCATION CHALICE

Take the Chalice home for a week

Put it in a place of honor in your home

Pray for Vocations (prayers included)

Talk about Vocations with your family

If you would like to participate in this ministry, call Linette Wylie at 985-981-1154.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our readings today remind us of our hunger and thirst, and how God works within us. We human beings are created dependent on food and water, and much more. And God deeply desires that our needs be met. Our physical hunger and thirst point to our deeper hungers: our need for meaning, purpose, and belonging; and most of all, for unity with God. In Matthew's Gospel passage today, Jesus' heart is moved with compassion for the people. Jesus not only cures the sick and feeds the multitude, he also establishes bonds of community through the shared meal. Saint Paul shows us that nothing can ultimately separate us from God. Isaiah reminds us of God's ongoing invitation to us to come and receive. God's gifts cannot be earned or purchased. God's grace is offered in abundance. God's nourishment is the very best possible, and we should accept no substitutes.

Nothing Can Separate Us

Today's passage from Saint Paul's letter to the Romans concludes Chapter 8 with a flourish. It is the exclamation point of Paul's teaching on the presence of the Spirit within them and among them. The church in Rome faced great suffering as they were marginalized and persecuted for their faith. Paul names both social and cosmic forces that oppress them, over which they have no control. Their trials likely provoked questions that led them to wonder, "Where is God?"

Paul teaches that God is so deeply present within us that nothing can separate us from God. This includes our own forms of resistance. Even when we find myriad ways to avoid and run away, God is waiting patiently. Even when God seems distant or absent, God continues to invite, to welcome, and to speak to us.

Imagining God's Abundance

When reflecting upon today's Gospel passage from Matthew, the story of the feeding of the multitude, we might consider the role of Jesus' disciples. Unlike the very similar story in Matthew 15, Jesus responds to the disciples by saying, "Give them some food yourselves". Jesus is pushing his disciples to think beyond the apparent scarcity, and to open their imaginations to God's abundance. They are to join in with what God is doing. Jesus then takes, blesses, breaks, and shares the bread (anticipating his action at the Last Supper), and the disciples share the loaves with the crowd.

The stories of the feeding of the multitudes also point ahead to the practice of Eucharist in the Church. The Eucharist itself points ahead to God's banquet at the consummation of the reign of God, when all will share God's abundance. We the Church are called to open our imaginations to God present and active, who continually works toward God's promised future. We are to share in God's passionate desire to feed the people, and join in what God is doing here and now.

Today's Readings: Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

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Coping With the COVID Crisis

Turning Trauma Into Growth

The Diocese of Baton Rouge is offering an on-line workshop to provide some insights and recommendations for dealing with the current COVID crisis. Social Workers from Catholic Charities and the Office of Marriage and Family Life have teamed up with Catholic Life Television to help the faithful of the Diocese understand how they might use the opportunity of this pandemic to actually grow through this experience by focusing on what psychologists call Post-Traumatic Growth. The workshop will outline the factors that hinder such growth as well as the factors that facilitate this growth. This free workshop can be accessed on-line anytime through the following link: <https://youtube/R-qUMJZ2LVA>

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Fr. David Kelly, M.M.-Maryknoll & Deacon Larry Melancon

Our Deepest Needs

The word of God serves up a tremendous feast for us today. Isaiah beckons all who hunger and thirst to come to the Lord for satisfaction. The psalmist cries out, "The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs" (Psalm 145:16). Saint Paul tells us that nothing can separate us from the love of God. Finally, in the Gospel, we hear the story of the miraculous feeding of over five thousand people from a mere five loaves and two fish. Most of us have our material needs met on a day-to-day basis. These scriptures, nevertheless, have much to say to the contemporary believer. We must ask ourselves, "Where are my deepest hungers? Where are my thirsts?" After material needs are satisfied and, in some cases, over-satisfied, many people still experience a deep longing for spiritual balance and well-being. As the loaves and fish are multiplied in today's Gospel, perhaps our prayer can be a longing for the satisfaction of the deepest needs that only God can fill.

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Today's Readings

First Reading — All you who thirst, come to the water! You without money, come to the feast! (Isaiah 55:1-3).

Psalm — The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ (Romans 8:35, 37-39).

Gospel — All ate until satisfied; they collected twelve baskets of what was left over (Matthew 14:13-21).

Monica's Journey

"Monica's Journey" is a ministry of St. Joseph Catholic Church for women who struggle to find answers in the midst of difficult relationships or traumatic experiences in their lives. This ministry gives them a welcoming and non-judgmental place to find the hope and healing they need. Meetings are held in the evening during the week for 90 minutes. Members of other denominations are welcome. **This is a strictly confidential group and a confidentiality statement must be signed by all members.** The place and time of meetings will be disclosed after initial contact is made with the group facilitator. Voicemail: *Please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible. (985) 467-9520.*

Healing Hearts

Healing Hearts: A Catholic support group for WOMEN, whose relationships have been negatively impacted by the pornography addiction or sexual addiction of a loved one. This may include a spouse, boyfriend, family member or friend. Strict confidentiality is observed by all members. Meetings are held on a weekly basis. Contact 985-401-2010 for more information and respond to the prompting.



Healing from Divorce Group

If you are separated or divorced, the Church cares about you. The loss of a relationship through separation or divorce poses one of the most difficult transitions a person can face. As people journey through a divorce, they face the stress of emotions, life changes, and developing a way to live a new life. As a Church, we are called to imitate Jesus Christ, who always sought to heal the brokenhearted. St. Joseph now has a new ministry for this purpose. For more information please contact Angela Perrin at 985-318-4927.

Please Pray for Sick and Shut-Ins

Darci-Lyn Abad, Jason Abernaghy, Deacon Mike Agnello, Stephanie Alexander, Ray Aleman, Ockie Baldassoro, Sr., Patrick Bailey, Gloria Bennett, Mildred Bittick, Ray Boihem, Michelle Bossier, Hazel Boudreaux, Larry Boudreaux, Ranice Bourg, Barbara Bourgeois, Angel Braun, Amy Brennan, JoAnne Brisset, Jeanette Brown, Carrie Burch, Jonathan Burch, Baby David Burris, Eric Campos, Christine Castjohn, Carol Castle, Dennis Charbonnet, Rita Charbonnet, Julian Chiro, Gavin Cieutat, PJ Clause, Ken Davidson, Lucille Davidson, Melissa Balado Dean, Kitty Derveloy, Larry Deslatte, Alexis Dionne, David Dionne, Stacey Dolan, Beverly Dominique, Carol Dominguez, Andrew Dzuryachko, Pam Guichet Elder, Veronica Fannally, Joey Fortenberry, Marge Frahm, Eva Francois, Geraldine Freeman, Lenny George, Nittie Gilliland, Malissa Gonzalez, Joan Gurganus, Brian Guichet, Myrthus "Twinkle" Guichet, Anne Guidry, Sue Quave Guildner, Jean Guitreau, John Gullo, Katherine Harris, Kalee Henderson, Sherry Hill, Tammy Perrin Horn, Peggy Howes, Jimmy Hubert, Tara Huguet, Ashley Ingolia, Grace Innerarity, Joseph Jason, Jennifer Jernigan, Lawrence Joiner, Carol Kinchen, Alan Klein, David Kraft, Charles Gregory Kraft, Sis Kyzar, Debra Lanisus, Norma Larrieu, Wayne Laurent, Ruby Drude Lee, Sally LeJeune, Hilton Lloyd, IV, Nathan deLord, Elsie Major, Aliyah Naquin, Mary Twickler Mann, Caitlyn Matherne, Max McCray, Cole McMillion, Morris Meyer, Barry Mince Sr., Anna Mae Mixon, Patricia Monteleone, Andrew Morales, Ed Murray, CJ Otilio, Carol Ott, Ruth Ourso, Wanda Pandarvis, George Peltier, Bert Perilloux, Marisa Perrin, Fran Poche, Ann Prine, Mary Prine, Mike Raiford, Dale Roberts, Bryan Roddick, A. J. Roig, Jr., Linda Ryan, Ernest Schenck, Red Schwab, Bob Simoneaux, Bristol Rose Smi Kayla Smith, Wylene Remy Taylor, Madeline Thibodeaux, Tracy Todd, Mike Tournillon, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Tartamelia, Earl Theriot, Sam Vilardo, Sam Viola, Carla Van Vrancken, June Villa, Glen Walker, Adelle Wall, Danny Wall, Danni Waugh, Rodney Wempren, Peggy West, Stanley Williams, Faith Rose Wiltz. **Names submitted will be included for 4 weeks. Please call the Church office to renew.**

Please pray for members of our parish family serving our country in the armed forces and remember also their families:

CM Sgt Christopher Castle, Col. Brad Duplessis, Col. Brian Duplessis, Col. David, Duplessis- Commander, Mason Joiner Sgt Major in Army, Capt. Kathleen Keller, Jacob Milton, Commander Eric Olsen, US Navy, Master Sergeant Scott Price. **Names submitted will be included for 4 weeks. Please call the Church office to renew.**

Saints and Special Observations

Sunday: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: St. John Vianney
Wednesday: Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
Thursday: The Transfiguration of the Lord
Friday: St. Sixtus II and Companions; St. Cajetan; First Friday
Saturday: St. Dominic



PAL (Parents of Addicted Loved-ones) is a support group of parents helping parents. PAL is also open to spouses and other family members and friends (18 or older) who have a loved one struggling with addiction.

A local PAL group meets in the St. Dominic room of St. Joseph's Ministry Building on the corner of 8th and Pine St. every 2nd & 4th Thursday from 6-7:30 pm. *However, during the Pandemic we are hosting ZOOM meetings every Thursday night instead.*

We look forward to sharing this program of hope and support with you. For more information contact Mary Jo B. at 985-320-3010 or Paige B. 985-981-8010 or review the website www.palgroup.org. All inquiries are held in strict confidence. **You are not alone There is HOPE.**

Readings for the Week of

August 3, 2020

Monday: Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:22-36
 Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
 Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28
 Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9
 Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28
 Saturday: Hb 1:12 — 2:4; Ps 9:8-13; Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday Readings (August 9, 2020)

First Reading.....1 Kings 19:91, 11-13a
 Second Reading.....Romans 9:1-5
 Gospel.....Matthew 14:22-33
 Psalm.....85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 3, 2020

8:00 AM Eula Lee "Tullie" Cain Dean

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

8:00 AM Ann Hayles

Wednesday, August 5, 2020

8:00 AM Ronnie Braun

Thursday, August 6, 2020

8:00 AM Theresa Hubert Miller

Saturday, August 8, 2020

5:00 PM Patricia Albrecht
 Irving Aucoin
 (L) Vance Balado
 Dudley & Geraldine Berthelot
 Carolyn D. Charbonnet
 Phillip Connelley
 Tilly Cutrer
 Lawrence "Dude" Dominguez
 Living & Deceased Members of Ethridge & Ernst Families
 (L) Ramona Folse
 Wayne Kraemer
 Vincent Latino, Sr.
 Elma Rose Lavergne
 Doris Lavigne
 (L) Harry LeBlanc
 Joseph Ralf LeSaicherre
 Betty Olsen
 Bill Perrin
 (L) Kathy-Jo Phillips
 Beverly Pinion
 Pearl Robertson Prestridge
 Vera Ragan
 Liz Sanderson
 Judy Schilling
 Sena Sicard
 Glenn Snyder
 Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, August 9, 2020

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish
 11:00 AM Philip Eugene Alexander
 Bonnie Boudreaux
 Marilyn Carter
 Phillip Connelley
 (L) Deacons & Wives & Families
 Mary Sue Drude
 Richard & Clotilde Drude
 Rudy Gagneaux
 Frank Giannobile
 Dorothy Hotard
 Patricia Kimbrough
 Stanley & Helen Laurent
 Karis Paul Motichek
 Oresta Pevey
 Vera Ragan
 Alonzo & Frances Raiford
 Glenn Snyder
 Snyder Family
 Souls in Purgatory
 Ron Steib
 In Thanksgiving
 Tommy Wells

(L) Indicates Living

Stewardship

"Faith Enough to Wait a Long, Long Time"

"On one occasion, after Moses had grown up, when he had gone out to his kinsmen and witnessed their forced labor, he saw an Egyptian striking a Hebrew, one of his own kinsmen. Looking about and seeing no one, he struck down the Egyptian and hid him in the sand. The next day he went out again, and now two Hebrews were fighting! So he asked the culprit, 'Why are you striking your companion?' But he replied, 'Who has appointed you ruler and judge over us? Are you thinking of killing me as you killed the Egyptian?' Then Moses became afraid and thought, 'The affair must certainly be known.' When Pharaoh heard of the affair, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from Pharaoh and went to the land of Midian."

One comedian says you know things are going badly for you when, "A fortune teller at the carnival looks at your palm and offers to refund your money," or when "the worst player at the country club challenges you to a round of golf and offers to play for cash." What happened to Moses cost him. All but adopted by the Egyptian Pharaoh, he was still loyal to his Hebrew heritage and defended one of his kin, killing an Egyptian who attacked that man. In God's providence, he didn't get away with it and had to flee. Arguably, only someone with such intimate knowledge of Pharaoh's court was prepared to challenge him to free the nation of Israel. Good plan. It was a good plan, but it was to take Moses four decades—forty years shepherding Midianite sheep—before God's will would be revealed and he would return. That takes patience, and that takes faith.

Financial News

| YTD | Actual | Budgeted | Difference |
|-------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| 7/26/2020 | \$ 68,445.90 | \$76,000.00 | \$ - 7,554.10 |
| Church Support | \$ 16,351.95 | | |
| Misc. Collections | \$ 247.00 | | |
| | \$ 16,598.95 | | |

Second Collections

St. Joseph School: August 9th
 St. Vincent de Paul: August 30th

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, August 8th & Sunday August 9th

| | <u>Eucharistic Ministers</u> | <u>Ushers</u> |
|-------|--|---|
| 5PM | Stephanie Willie 7b Fay Murray 8b John Albrecht 9b | Jesse Bergeron Chris Marmillion Durald Pinion Vincent Poche John Yeargain |
| 8AM | Jason Hotard 7b Stephanie Waguespack 8b Mary Jo Balado 9b | Michael Chiasson Ronnie Reggio Roland Terrebbonne Jacob Schmaltz Francis Waguespack |
| 11AM | Mary Threeton 7b Danette Ragusa 8b Tony Guagliardo, III 9b | Sidney Alexander Randy Bennett Joseph Ragan Jeff Ryan |
| | <u>Lectors</u> | |
| 5PM | Shenna Candies | |
| 8AM | Sam Morse | |
| 11 AM | Deborah Vogel | |

School News

**HELP
WANTED**

St. Joseph School is looking for high school juniors, seniors, or college age students who would like to work with children in our After-School Care. Our After School Care hours are from 2:30-5:30 each day after school. Please contact or come by the school office for more information (985) 386-6421.



St. Joseph School will begin on August 6th. We would like to ask everyone to please keep our students and their families in your prayers. Also, please pray for our teachers and staff as we navigate through this school year.



Mark Your Calendar

- Tuesday, August 4th**
Word & Worship—Church-7:00 pm
- Wednesday, August 5th**
Adoration—Church 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, August 5th**
Divine Mercy—Church-3:00 pm
- Wednesday, August 5th**
Vespers—Church - 6:00 pm
- Saturday, August 8th**
Confession—4:00 pm
- Sunday, August 9th**
Back to School Family Prayer Kickoff
9:30am –outside of the Church

Tuesday, August 11th
St. Vincent de Paul Meeting— 6:30pm in the Ministry Building

Wednesday, August 12th
Baptism Class for Parents & Godparents 7pm in the Ministry Building



Sunday, August 16th
Confirmation—at the 11am Mass



Sunday, August 16th
Thirst Orientation—For Parents & Teens
5pm in SJS Gym

Sunday, August 30th
Ablaze Orientation—For Parents— 9:30am in the St. Joseph' Room, Ministry Building.

Treasures From Our Tradition

Over the last several weeks, the history of confirmation has been set out as a rite following baptism and preceding First Communion. Eucharist was a sacrament of spiritual maturity, attuned to the legal age of majority, which was considered to be fourteen years or so. Medieval bishops were often generous, if not especially pious, in seeing to it that children were confirmed before adulthood.

A pattern more familiar to us surfaced in the Diocese of Toulon in France in 1748, where it was decreed that “children are to be confirmed only after receiving First Communion.” This was an amazing shift in practice that undermined centuries of theology and tradition by which confirmation was seen as a bridge between font and table. The innovation swept through France and across Europe, despite constant complaints from Rome. French-trained bishops like Cheverus of Boston and Carroll of Baltimore, founders of the American church, established the practice here. The order of the sacraments was thus disrupted in France and in the United States, and remained an eccentric exception to the rule until big developments in 1910.

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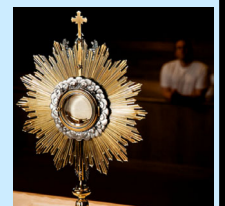
Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministry is a one to one confidential grief ministry. Grief can be anything from a death, sickness, loss of a job, overwhelmed with life, or anything that causes a crisis in your life. The Covid-19 is raising the level of stress and anxiety in our lives. When you have a crisis in your life, everything changes. You are overwhelmed, depressed and feel that you have no where to turn. If you are going through a crisis, whatever it may be a Stephen Minister will walk the rocky road with you. They will listen, give you encouragement and pray for you. If you need a Stephen Minister, please get in touch with one of our Stephen Leaders: Anita Perrin (985) 887-4458 or Ronnie Perrin (985) 507-6765. You don't have to feel alone.



Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration is on **Wednesdays** from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. it concludes with Vespers at 6 p.m. Volunteers are needed for each hour to be present with the Lord in order to continue this ministry. Can you keep watch for an hour? Interested parishioners who would like to sign up are invited to call Donna Clause at 985-502-0309. We will inform you when the time for Adoration reverts back to the normal schedule of 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.



Altar Flowers

If you would like to donate the flowers placed before the altar in Loving Honor of a Special Parishioner deceased or living please call the Church Office (985-386-3749) to notify them of your wish. A check made out to Carolyn Gillingham for \$50 will secure your request. A dedication will be listed in that weekends bulletin. Thank you for your interest.





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