



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



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 9, 2020 The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



St. Joseph's Confirmation

Sunday, August 16th

11:00 AM Mass

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

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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
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: 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.
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: 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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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

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

- 8/9 **Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross**
Watch: Edith Stein: The Seventh Chamber
Anniversary of the Bombing of Nagasaki
Watch: All that Remains: The Story of Takashi Nagai
Listen: A song fro Nagasaki: The Story of Takashi Nagai
- 8/11 **Saint Clare of Assisi**
Watch: Clare and Francis
- 8/14 **Saint Maximilian Kolbe**
Watch: Life for Life: Maximilian Kolbe
- 8/15 **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Study: Symbolon: Knowing the Faith, Season 9: Mary and the Saints: Our Spiritual Mother and the Communion of Saints
Watch: Mary of Nazareth



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

TODAY

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, msheridant@gmail.com

Feeling called to help with middle school & high school small group?



Come & See

August 12th
5:30pm-7pm

August 14th
6pm-7:30pm

Gathering in the St. Joseph Room

Pick one to attend!

Attending does not mean you are signing up. You may attend and discern not to volunteer.



ST. JOSEPH'S

2020-21 FAMILY FORMATION

Online Registration is OPEN!
stjosephsonline.com

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

How to Choose Godparents According to the Guidelines of the Catholic Church

The Godparent serves three important functions:

1. The child being baptized is welcomed into the Church community. The Godparents represents the Church community, the family of God.
2. The Godparent is to be a model of one who strives to live the Catholic Faith. Thus, the role of Godparent is not a one day, ceremonial role during the rite of Baptism. Throughout the child's life, the Godparent should offer an enriching spiritual relationship-guiding, advising, and nurturing the child in his faith development.
3. The Godparent acts as a loving support to the parents who are the primary religious educators of their child.

Guidelines for Godparents:

- Only one sponsor is necessary. There may be two, one of each sex.
- The Godparent you choose must be a member of the Catholic Church, canonically free to carry out this office. [*This would indicate that Catholics living in an invalid marriage (not according to the Church regulations) and those who are cohabiting (living together without marriage) are ineligible.*]
- The Godparent must know the fundamental truths of the Catholic faith, **be a practicing Catholic who attends Sunday Mass**, receives the Sacraments regularly, and sees to the religious instruction of his family.
- The Godparents you choose must be mature enough to undertake this role, at least 16 years of age.
- Must be fully initiated, having received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.
- Must not be the mother or father of the one to be baptized.
- Catholic sponsors must submit a **Godparent Certification** form at least two week prior to the baptismal date.
- Both parents and each sponsor must attend a one-hour seminar about the Sacrament of Baptism. This requirement may be waived for any parent or sponsor who has attended a similar seminar within a five year period before the Baptism. A letter or certificate must be presented as witness to having attended the seminar.

Please note that a non-Catholic Christian may be named as an official witness only if there is another sponsor who is Catholic.

Baptism Seminar

St. Joseph's Baptism Seminar for parents and godparents will be on Wednesday, **August 12th** at 7pm in the Ministry Building. Please call the church office to sign up for the seminar.



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.



VOCATION CHALICE

Take the Chalice home for a week

Put it in a place of honor in your home

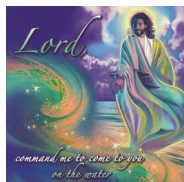
Pray for Vocations (prayers included)

Talk about Vocations with your family

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

The Presence of God

After the miracle of Jesus walking on water, the disciples exclaimed, “Truly, you are the Son of God” (Matthew 14:33). Most Christians will probably never experience such a dramatic miracle. Like Elijah, we await the manifestation of God in other moments. Perhaps the biggest challenge for the believer is to be constantly attuned to the possible presence of God in the everyday events of life. This is a stance that takes some people years to develop. Others seem to find the Lord easily in the simple things. As the week unfolds, let us look for the presence of God in the little things around us. Perhaps, like Elijah, we will be surprised at what we find. And, like the disciples, we can add our voice to the confession, “Truly you are the Son of God.”



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Today's Readings

First Reading — The LORD said to Elijah: “Stand on the mountain; the LORD will be passing by” (1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a).

Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — To the Israelites belong the covenants, the law, and the patriarchs; and from them comes the Christ (Romans 9:1-5).

Gospel — As Jesus walked on the sea, the disciples were terrified (Matthew 14:22-33).

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, Phyllis Aymond, Oekie 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, avin 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 Dzuraychko, 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 Hugueta, Ashley Ingolia, Grace Innerarity, Joseph Jason, Jennifer Jernigan, Lawrence Joiner, Carol Kinchen, Alan Klein, Virgil Krafft, David Kraft, Charles Gregory Kraft, Sis Kyzar, Debra Lanus, 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 Vilaro, 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:	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Lawrence
Tuesday:	St. Clare
Wednesday:	St. Jane Frances de Chantal
Thursday:	Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus
Friday:	St. Maximilian Kolbe
Saturday:	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



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 10, 2020

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
 Tuesday: Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
 Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Ps 113:1-6; Mt 18:15-20
 Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 — 19:1
 Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 [59-63]; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12
 Saturday: Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Next Sunday Readings (August 16, 2020)

First Reading.....Is 56: 1, 6-7
 Second Reading.....Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
 Gospel.....Mt 15: 21-28
 Psalm.....67: 2-3, 5, 6, 8

Mass Intentions

Monday, August 10, 2020

8:00 AM Barbara Troxler
Wednesday, August 12, 2020
 8:00 AM (L) Cora Grace Derenbecker

Saturday, August 15, 2020

5:00 PM Patricia Albrecht
 (L) Becki Alford
 Dudley & Geraldine Berthelot
 Bonnie Boudreaux
 Carolyn D. Charbonnet
 Edgar & Gladys Charbonnet
 Phillip Connelley
 Robert Connelley
 Lawrence "Dude" Dominguez
 Dominick DiCarlo
 Buddy & Henrietta Joiner
 (L) James Kinchen
 Wayne Kraemer
 Vincent Latino, Sr.
 Randy LeCompte
 Joseph Ralf LeSaicherre
 Betty Olsen
 Bill Perrin
 (L) Angela Pevey
 (L) Vincent Poche
 Vera Ragan
 Liz Sanderson
 Sena Sicard
 Glenn Snyder
 Souls in Purgatory
 Joyce Spagna
 Lester Toups
 Fred Tucker
 Leslie & Ione Watts
 Nettie T. Watts

Sunday, August 16, 2020

8:00 AM (L) Deacon Mike Agnello
 Joseph Agnello
 Mary, Sam & Ciro Agnello
 Lois & Floretta Aymond
 Monica Ballard
 Living & Deceased Members of the Bates and Gregoire Family
 Living & Deceased Members of the Braun Family
 Jackie Himel Carr
 Marilyn Carter
 Phillip Connelley
 (L) Andrew & Hannah Cowen
 Mary Sue Drude
 Richard & Clotilde Drude
 John Dufreche
 Richard Eleser
 Guy Erwin
 Everage Family
 Terry Jacob
 Doris Drude Lavigne
 Levon Major
 Gary McLin
 Karis Paul Motichek
 Deceased Members of the Pfister Family
 Henry Novack
 Stephen Peterson
 Living & Deceased Members of the Ragan Family
 Vera Ragan
 Mallory Grace Reggio
 Raphael Vito Reggio
 Living & Deceased Members of the Reggio & Vuljoin Families
 Lindsey Richard
 Lester Richoux, Jr.
 (L) Cathy & Dale Roberts
 James Ryan
 Glenn Snyder
 Snyder Family
 Souls in Purgatory
 Barbara Troxler
 (L) Michael, Carla & Baby Waguespack
 11:00 AM For the People of the Parish



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Stewardship

"Death of the Innocent"

Executions of the guilty have never involved humankind's best answers to problems. A study of the history of our methods is nightmarish and horrific. Some techniques were intentionally slow, painful and deliberately cruel. Others were quick, reflective of imperial power. So, what of the innocent? To be innocent of a capital crime is to suffer unbearable psychological pain, simply waiting to be delivered. Is that what John the Baptist was thinking as he awaited his fate? When guards entered his cell, what did he believe was about to happen? So quick, so sudden, the guests of Herod's court were still at their table of excess. So quick, so cruel, word reached Jesus almost immediately. John did not deserve his death. The innocent never do.

"Herod arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip, for John had said to him, 'It is not lawful for you to have her.' Although he wanted to kill him, he feared the people, for they regarded him as a prophet. But at a birthday celebration for Herod, the daughter of Herodias performed a dance before the guests and delighted Herod so much that he swore to give her whatever she might ask for. Prompted by her mother, she said, 'Give me here on a platter the head of John the Baptist.' The king was distressed, but because of his oaths and the guests who were present, he ordered that it be given, and he had John beheaded in the prison. His head was brought in on a platter and given to the girl, who took it to her mother. His disciples came and took away the corpse and buried him; and they went and told Jesus."

Financial News

YTD	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Difference</u>
8/2/2020	\$ 88,200.90	\$95,000.00	\$ - 6,799.10
Church Support	\$ 19,755.00		
Misc. Collections	\$ 640.00		
	\$ 20,395.00		

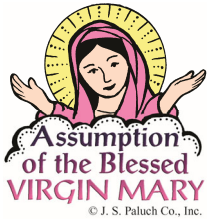
Second Collections

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

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, August 15th & Sunday August 16th

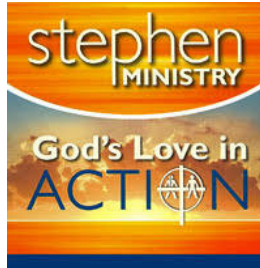
	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
5PM	Millie Spansel 7b Bill Spansel 8b James Wittenberg 9b	Jesse Bergeron Chris Marmillion Durald Pinion Vincent Poche John Yeargain
8AM	Ashley Hotard 7b Rachel Perrin 8b Dennis James 9b	Michael Chiasson William Mathes Roland Terrebbonne Jacob Schmaltz Pete Peterson Ronnie Reggio
11AM	Stacy Randazzo 7b Veronica Pierson 8b Donna Clause 9b	Sidney Alexander Randy Bennett Joseph Ragan Jeff Ryan
	<u>Lectors</u>	
5PM	Larry Ernst	
8AM	Nicole Dillon	
11 AM	Savannah Phillips	



The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is **NOT** a Holyday of obligation this year since the Feast Day Falls on a Saturday.

Let Me Care For You!!!

Those words can bring a sigh of relief to people going through a difficult time in life. No one should have to face a crisis alone. That is why our congregation has Stephen Ministry. Our ministers will help you carry your burden by listening to you, praying for you, and being there while you work through this difficult time. Just knowing that you are not alone and you have someone you can talk to, can make a big difference. No one should face a crisis alone. Please get in touch with one of our Stephen Leaders to find out how you can get a Stephen Minister: Anita Perrin (985) 687-4458 or Ronnie Perrin (985) 507-9765.



Treasures From Our Tradition

In many church buildings constructed in the early twentieth century, there is a window or statue of Pope St. Pius X. Often, these windows were purchased with coins collected by grateful children, since in 1910 a decree admitted much younger children to First Communion. Before then, only teenagers were customarily confirmed and then admitted to the Eucharist. What we often think is ancient practice in fact sometimes has fairly shallow roots, in this case only ten decades. For centuries, Communion had marked the end of formal religious education, but a hundred years ago, Pius X located it at the point at which a child could express a desire for the sacrament and receive it with understanding. In 1917 a new code of canon law determined that age to be about seven, and this practice was observed almost everywhere until the beginning of the Second Vatican Council forty years ago.

In a growing number of dioceses, recent practice has restored the sacramental order that Pius X's generous decree upset, and increasingly confirmation is celebrated before First Communion. But the gift Pius gave to the children of the Roman Church remains firm: everywhere we admit children to the Lord's table. Where the traditional order has been restored, seven-year-old children are confirmed before First Communion.

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Intentions of the Holy Father

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.



Altar Flowers

The Flowers on the Altar are donated:

In Loving Memory of

Deacon Dutch & Willie Schanzbach

By: Michael & Debbie Schanzbach



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.

Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, August 9th **TODAY**
Back to School Family Prayer
Kickoff 9:30am –outside of the Church

Tuesday, August 11th & August 25th
St. Vincent de Paul Meeting– 6:30pm in the Ministry Building

Tuesday, August 11th
Word & Worship–Church-7:00 pm

Wednesday, August 12th
Adoration—Church 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Wednesday, August 12th
Divine Mercy–Church-3:00 pm

Wednesday, August 12th
Vespers—Church - 6:00 pm

Wednesday, August 12th
Come & See– 5:30 pm in the St. Joseph Room, see page 3 for more information.

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



Friday, August 14th
Come & See– 6 pm in the St. Joseph Room, see page 3 for more information

Saturday, August 15th
Confession—4:00 pm

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.



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