



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

December 18, 2022 The Fourth Sunday in Advent

Taize Prayer Service

On the cross, Jesus assured one of the criminals at Calvary that “today you will be with me in Paradise.” Pray the criminal’s prayer “Jesus remember me, when you come into your kingdom” in a meditative service that can change your life. Open to people of all faiths, the Taize’ candlelight service opens the hearts of believers to experience the true presence of Jesus Christ. Touch, the cross of Jesus and ask for forgiveness, healing, strength, and power for every need. One hour may change your life!

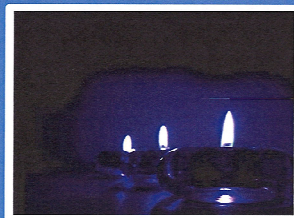
Experience this prayerful time in quiet prayer at St. Joseph’s beginning at **7 pm** on the third **Monday** of each month. **December 19th**, January 16th



BLUE CHRISTMAS

A Community Worship Service of Loss and Remembrance

Blue Christmas is a gentle, healing service for those who are mourning a loss during this season of celebration.



Wednesday, December 21, 2022, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Followed by a light meal and fellowship

Knights of Columbus Hall
1701 Pecan Ct.
Ponchatoula, LA
Doors open at 5:45 p.m.

We invite you to join our 4th Annual Blue Christmas.
SEATING IS LIMITED.

For more information or to reserve your seat,
please call 985-687-4458.

Sponsored by Stephen Ministers and Ponchatoula Knights of Columbus

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Staff

Rev. Paul A. McDuffie, *Pastor*
Larry J. Melancon, *Deacon*
Michael A. Agnello, *Deacon*
Ed Hanks, *Deacon*
Angela Perrin, *Business Manager*
Fernando Morales, *Director of Ministries*
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Rhonda Rossano, *Music Director*
Ramona Folse, *Receptionist/Child Protection Site Coordinator*
Kathleen Phillips, *Bookkeeper/Receptionist*
St. Joseph School
Mrs. Danette Ragusa, *Principal*
Phone Number, 985-386-6421
Website: www.sjscrusaders.org

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: 985-386-3749.
Cooking Ministry: Cook a plate of food for our Priest one day each month, call Linda Guagliardo 985-974-1775
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-5 Nicole Richard - 985-386-3749
Special Education PSR: 985-386-3749.
RCIA: Brad Poche 985-969-1475
Rooted: Ian Waller 985-507-0111
St. Joseph Bereavement Food Ministry: Cheryl Laiche, 985-386-2033 or Anne Phillips, 985-969-2700
Stephen Ministry: Anita or Ronnie Perrin, 985-687-4458 or 985-386-3016.
Ushers: Contact Barry Blackledge 985-510-5502.
Word & Worship Prayer Ministry: Fernando Morales: 985-662-2844.
Women's Ministry: Mary Vedeckis, 225-294-6631.
Youth Ministry:
Middle School 6th-8th: Nicole Richard: 985-386-3749
High School 9th-12th: Nicole Richard: 985-386-3749

Stephen Ministry

Do you have a friend, neighbor, co-worker, or relative who has been struggling with the loss of a loved one, loneliness, cancer, a layoff, relocation, divorce, a spiritual crisis, recuperation, single parenthood, or any of countless other life challenges? Our Stephen Ministers can provide them with the focused care, encouragement, and support they need to make it through the crisis. If you or someone you know is hurting, talk with one of our Stephen Leaders: Anita Perrin at 985-687-4458. She can talk with you about how we can connect the person you know with one of our Stephen Ministers.



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.

Organizations

Ancient Order of Hibernians: Ronnie Crimmins 985-773-8965
Kaycee Auxiliary: Barbara Martino : 985-386-3622
Knights of Columbus
(Application for new members) : Alex Joiner, 940-222-0690
(Hall Rentals): Wayne Melancon 985-377-3823
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, Ron Huguette, Lisa Kennedy, Rachael Perrin, Angela Pevey, Rodney Schmaltz, Monee Sheridan, Wayne Vedeckis, Tom Waller. Ad Hoc Council Members: Fr. McDuffie, Deacon Larry Melancon, Fernando Morales, Danette Ragusa.

St. Vincent de Paul Society



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is dedicated to feeding, clothing, housing and healing individuals and families in our community who have no where else to turn for help.

If assistance is needed from the Society, please call (985) 370-5459. You will receive a recorded message. You will need to leave your name, phone number, and a brief message. A member of the SVDP will then get in touch with you to arrange for a home visit.

Angel Wings

Infant loss, Stillborn & Miscarriage Support Group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Ministry Building. For more information contact Julie 225-610-6975 or Lucy 985-320-4476.



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.

Mass Schedule for Christmas

Masses for Christmas:

Saturday, December 24th: 4 pm & 7 pm
Sunday, December 25th: 10 am

Masses for Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God:

Saturday, December 31st: 5 pm
Sunday, January 1st: 8 am & 11 am

The Church Office will be closed from 12/26/2022 through 1/2/2023
There will be **NO Weekday Masses or Communion Services** on 12/26 through 1/2.
There will be **NO Adoration** on 12/28.



FIRST BREAKFAST WITH SANTA WAS A HOLIDAY HIT!

Huge thanks to SANTA & MRS. MARY CHRISTMAS for making a special trip to Ponchatoula to check in all our good boys and girls. 🎅
To the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS for all the goodies they provided so we could have energy to visit with M&M Clause- donuts 🍪
To KC Ladies for their generous monetary donation that helped us to supply drinks. ☕
To COMMUNITY COFFEE for the warm delicious coffee and accessories that helped our grown ups have warmth and energy too ☕
To BOHNINGS for your support.
To the FAMILY & FORMATION COMMISSION for organizing our special day.
To SJS STUDENTS AND STAFF and their amazing banners that added a personal touch to the Christmas atmosphere. 🎵
TO THE BELL CHOIR AND CHILDREN'S CHOIR for the beautiful music and leading carols.
TO ABLAZE & THIRST YOUTH GROUPS who were Santa's helpers. 🚒
TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT (MR PAUL PEVEY who recruited our driver JEREMY PELTIER) who brought our special guests in from the North Pole when Santa landed in LA.
TO ALL THE EXTRA HANDS that helped set up & clean up .AND TO THE FAMILIES for your donations to the Sheriff's Toy Drive especially for sharing with us the smiles of your beautiful children 😊



**MARCH FOR LIFE CONTEST
& FAMILY EVENT OPPORTUNITY**

THIRST 9-12TH GRADE ...WE ARE USING OUR VINTAGE COMMUNION SHIRTS THAT ARE BROWN FOR A M4L CONTEST SPONSORED BY THE KC's. THIS YEAR you will need to get a shirt and spend some time over the break decorating ANYWHERE on this shirt to show that you are a supporter of ProLife!!!

NOW WHAT TO DO WITH THEM? Treat it like a poster contest but get creative. The TOP 5 BEST EFFORTS IN THIS SHIRT CONTEST will go to the KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS FOR THEM TO JUDGE 1ST, 2ND & 3RD PLACE WINNERS!!!

Shirts are due by January 6th, can be dropped off at the Church Office.
Please attach your name and grade.
nrichard@sjscrusaders.org



THIRST UGLY SWEATER PRE-MIDTERM EXAM HANGOUT was just what Santa ordered. Nothing like Cane's and sugar filled food to recharge your study habits!



ABLAZE & THIRST SPREADING HOLIDAY CHEER TO RETIRED & REFORMED VETERANS FOR CHRISTMAS BY SENDING CHRISTMAS CARDS.

A Prayer for the Fourth Sunday of ADVENT

Mother Mary, pray for us, that we might be inspired by the way you received your life and God's. Draw us close to your Son, that we might trust Him with our lives, as He learned to trust His Father by His trust in you. Amen.



6th-8th Grade youth group
KICKOFF WITH KAYCEE
Wednesday,
December 14
5-7 pm
Bring a Friend
In the St. Joseph's Ministry Building

ABLAZE YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER

DECEMBER 17 & 18

BEFORE AND AFTER ALL MASSES

THESE NEW ITEMS ARE HOT OFF THE PRESS AND WILL SELL FAST! WHAT A WONDERFUL WAY TO SUPPORT OUR YOUTH NEEDS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND TO SHOW OUR LOVE FOR OUR PRIEST AND CHURCH! ITEMS WILL BE POSTED SOON!

LOVE DONATIONS ACCEPTED

CASH OR CHECKS ACCEPTED

CONTACT NRICHARD@SJSCRUSADERS.ORG OR KWIDMER@SJSCRUSADERS.ORG

6th-8th grade youth group

ALL ABOUT THE HOLY FAMILY

Wednesday,
December 28
5-7 pm
Bring a Friend
In the ST. JOSEPH'S MINISTRY BUILDING

Children's Liturgy NEEDS help!!

Join the Children's Liturgists for fun and fellowship as we sing, pray, and learn more about Jesus! Children's Liturgy takes place on Sundays during the 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 am Masses and is open to all children who are potty-trained ages 3 to 6 (1st grade.)

We would like to see 2 adults in each time allotted. We offer this ministry at 8-10 masses each month. Even if you commit to 1 to 2 masses a month to help lead our little ones to Christ, that will be a huge help. Parents who encourage their children to attend - we ask that you discern this beautiful opportunity to serve as Children's Liturgist.

Adult Volunteers 18 & older ... For the required volunteer forms for the Protection of Youth & Young Adults go to <https://www.stjosephonline.com/safe-environment-training> These forms must be completed as well as the other required paperwork and training prior to serving in this capacity.

Please dress appropriately out of respect for the Eucharist.

Please contact Nicole Richard
nrichard@sjscruders.org Office Number 985-386-3749



There will be **NO** Childcare or Children's Liturgy on Sunday, December 25th or Sunday, January 1st.

Childcare Workers Needed! (18 years old & older)

Workers needed Sundays 7:45 am- 12:15 pm. If hired you can opt to work 2 or more Sundays a month. Must fill out employment application and complete online Safe Environment Certification. If interested please contact

Nicole Richard at the Church Office
985-386-3749
nrichard@sjscruders.org

**WE ARE
HIRING**

Live Nativity at the 4 pm Christmas Vigil Mass

A practice will be held on Sunday, December 18th at 1 pm in the Church. Grab lunch after 11 am Mass then to practice.



Stephen Ministry:
Care for Hurting People

Sometimes we don't want to burden our family or friends, but we just need a good listener - someone we can speak with in complete confidence. Please know that Stephen Ministers are here to help you through whatever it is that is impacting your life.

If you would like more information or have any questions about St. Joseph's Stephen Ministry, please contact Anita Perrin at 985-687-4458.

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, David Blake, Michelle Bossier, Ann Boudreaux, Hazel Boudreaux, Larry Boudreaux, Ranice Bourg, Rodney Bourg, Barbara Bourgeois, Johnny Bracy, Angel Braun, Amy Brennan, JoAnne Brisset, Nancy Brown, Shirley Bruno, Sister Anna Louise Bumbera, R.S.M., Kristine Castillio, Christine Castjohn, Elaine Charbonnet, Chris Chiasson, Julian Chiro, Eddie Cicardo, Gavin Cieutat, Steve Coates, Tamika Coleman, Ken Davidson, Lucille Davidson, Pat Davis, Melissa Balado Dean, Kitty Derveloy, William Desplas, Edward Dieser, Carol Dominguez, Kenneth Paul Drude, Pam Durio, Andrew Dzuryachko, Pam Guichet Elder, Nicholas Eirich, Jay Ernst, Marie Ernst, Michael Ernst, Veronica Fannaly, Sam & Alice Ferraro, Brett Kelly Fitzgerald, Joey Fortenberry, Marge Frahm, Eva Francois, Clint Gagliano, Lenny George, Nittie Gilliland, Carolyn Gillingham, Molly Gladney, Malissa Gonzalez, Irvin Gros, John Guzzardo, Clifford Green, Cynthia Gregoire, Brian Guichet, Myrthus "Twinkle" Guichet, Anne Guidry, Glenn Guillot, Robert Hamberger, IV, Johnny B. Harris, Sadie Hebert, Thomas W. Hebert, Tommy Helg, Kalee Henderson, Cyndi Hoover, Darrell Hoover, Lois Hoover, Tammy Perrin Horn, Peggy Howes, Jimmy Hubert, Joycelyn James, Jennifer Jernigan, Lawrence Joiner, Rosie Sparacello Kelly, Beckham King, Patricia Kirsch, Beulah Kluka, David Kraft, Sis Kyzar, Donna Laciura, Norma Larriue, Wayne Laurent, Ruby Drude Lee, Liz LeSaicherre, Gary Lewing, Brian Lousteau, Angelo Macaluso, Flo Marceaux, Caitlyn Matherne, William Mathes, Melissa McCormick, John & Susan McKinney, Cole McMillion, Senit Miller, Barry Mince, Sr., Lisa Mince, Anna Mae Mixon, Patricia Monteleone, Andrew Morales, Dustin Morales, Charles A. Morse, Ed Murray, Fay Murray, Cindy Newton, Ruth Ourso, Wanda Pandarvis, George Peltier, Wayne Pepitone, Marisa Perrin, Anne Phillips, Camilla Phillips, Kyle Picou, Larry Pittman, Fran Poche, Rachel Pope, Charlotte Reso, Bryan Roddick, A. J. Roig, Jr., Brooklyn Sansone, Ernest Schenck, CJ Schiro, Bob Simoneaux, JoAnn Smith, Kayla Smith, Ronald Springer, Sr., Rose Stahl, Lynette Stanga, Phyllis McIntyre Stanga, Maddox Steadman, Ernest Stephens, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Tartamelia, Wylene Remy Taylor, Earl Theriot, Tracy Todd, Cheryl Tribou, Carlo Triolo, Jean Troxler, Travis Troxler, Ronald Vining, Sam Viola, Stone Viola, Carla Van Vrancken, Charles Van Vrancken, June Villa, Mary Vuljoin, Glen Walker, Adelle Wall, Danny Wall, Martha Warden, Travis Warden, Danni Waugh, Mary Brooks Weiss, Rodney Wempren, Regi White, Jimmy Williamson Family, Harold Wright. *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:

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

Wednesday Memorial of Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Friday Memorial of Saint John of Kanty, Priest
Sunday The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Intentions of the Holy Father- December 2022

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

CASA Volunteers Needed

Child Advocacy Services in Hammond is looking for volunteers to serve in the Court Appointed Advocate (CASA) program. This program allows caring citizens of the community to advocate for the best interest of children who are navigating through the court system due to cases of abuse and neglect. The role of a CASA only takes about 6-8 hours of an individual's time each month, but is proven to result in more services and aid for the child as well as a 50% less likelihood of that child re-entering the child welfare system. It is something that may interest you, call Morgan Malone, CASA Recruiter@985-902-9583.

Readings for the Week of
December 9, 2022

Monday Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Tuesday Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday Sg 2:8-14; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Thursday 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Friday Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 & 14; Lk 1:57-66
Saturday 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14 a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29; Lk1:67-79
Sunday Vigil Mass: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
 Mass during the Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
 Mass at Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
 Mass during the Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 19, 2022

8:00 AM Henrietta & Buddy Joiner

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

8:00 AM (L) Addison Foret

Saturday, December 24, 2022 - Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Sandra Bates
 Dudley & Geraldine Berthelot
 L/D Memb of the Bleakley & Robichaux Family
 Ashlyn Bravata
 Robert Connelley
 Timmy Deslatte
 Frances & Dave Guillot
 Liv Members of the Ralph Guillot Family
 Pam & Scoffer Kraft
 Red Kraft
 Teddy Kraft
 7:00 PM Ella Badon
 Delmas Baham
 Delton Brooks
 Janet Cieutat
 Ann & Larry Deslatte
 Glenn Drude, Sr.
 Joyce Ernst
 (L) Ron & Terri Huguet
 DD Kraft
 Lily Kraft
 Louanna & Cotton Kraft
 Peewee Kraft
 Juanita Louque
 Henry Lumino, Sr.
 Joe Lumino
 (L) Gerline Melancon
 Rose Pompeo Mitchell

Sunday, December 25, 2022 - Christmas Day

10:00 AM Ella Badon
 (L) Donna Clause
 Connelley & Rolufs Family
 James Kent Daigre, Sr.
 Louis Long & Margie DeCarpenter
 Mary Sue Drude
 Richard & Clotilde Drude
 Rodney Drude
 Edward Eichaker
 Owen "Tiger" Falcon
 Joy Gregersen
 (L) Mary Hanks
 (L) Ron & Terri Huguet
 (L) Paul & Brad Jarrell
 Eddie Joseph Jouty, Jr.
 (L) David Kraft
 Vincent Latino, Sr.
 Doris Drude Lavigne

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

8:00 AM (L) Laura Waller

Thursday, December 22, 2022

8:00 AM (L) Brent & Renee Faurie

Ernest Ourso
 Dale Roberts
 Genevieve & Issac
 Robichaux
 Glenn Snyder
 Marcy Sonnier
 Samuel Vilardo, Sr.
 Bernard & Rosalie Waller
 Verna & O.C. Zeringue

(L) Anna Mae Mixon &
 Florence Peltier

Ernest Ourso
 Bill Perrin
 Rita Perrin
 Angelo Phillips
 Rufus Poche
 Lawrence Powell
 Liz Sanderson
 Belita Schilling
 Patricia Charbonnet
 Schmit
 Madeline Thibodeaux

Anthony Massari
 (L) Christy Messmer
 Ernest Ourso
 (L) Craig Novack
 Dustin Novack
 (L) Rosemary Novack
 Ernest Ourso
 Bill Perrin
 (L) Reggie Pevey
 (L) Camilla Phillips
 Rufus Poche
 (L) Cynthia Pinion
 Ann Prine
 Liz Sanderson
 Glenn Snyder
 Don Steadman
 Joey Vassil

Stewardship

"This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about." Today's opening line in Matthew's Gospel is mind-boggling. Just sit and think about what that means. Those ten words lead Christians from the beginning, to the end, of time. It is a story we should all know and should be able to share with anyone. It is a story that is so amazing, it is almost unbelievable, and, without faith, it is hard to believe. Yet, it makes so much sense! Then, there is the story of how each of us came to know Jesus, an actual encounter, in our hearts, in our minds, and in our souls. It is a story that is so hard to keep to ourselves, yet, it is a story not told nearly enough. What is your story? Write it down, read it, meditate on it and last but not least, share it!



"Let the Lord enter (your story), he is king of glory!"

Financial News

12/11//2022	\$ 433,303.81	\$ 437,000.00	\$ -3,696.19
Church Support	\$ 18,126.25		
Religious Retirement	\$ 1,915.00		
Misc. Collections	\$ 762.00		
	\$ 20,803.25		

Second Collections

St. Joseph School December 18th

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, December 24th, Sunday, December 25th

	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
4 PM	Barbara Martino Stephanie Willie Jason Hotard Melisa Hedrick Harold Thibodeaux Larry Ernst	Sergio Alvarado Jeremy Barado Barry Blackledge John Howes Francis Martino Pete Peterson Durald Pinion Roland Terrebonne Barry Blackledge Michael Chiasson Rene' Folse John Laiche Durald Pinion Francis Waguespack Russ Wood Barry Blackledge Alex Joiner Christopher McNabb Robert McNabb Russ Wood Bob Zimmerman
7 PM	Mary Jo Balado 7b SUB NEEDED 9b	
10 AM	Harold Thibodeaux 7b Mary Threeton 8b	
	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
4 PM	Travis Turner Daphne Turner Khai Guillot	4PM Deborah Vogel
7PM	Cambre Boudreaux Ella Boudreaux Johnathan Hoang	7 PM Stephanie Waguespack 10 AM Nicole Richard
10 AM		

The Church and Church Office will be **CLOSED 12/26/22 - 1/2/23**. There will be **NO** weekday Masses, **NO** Communion Services, **NO** Confessions on Tuesday or Thursday, **NO** Adoration on Wednesday.

Music Ministry
 Christmas Lunch



Congratulations to Our New Stephen Ministers

On December 11th, these two dedicated people: Gerylne Trahan and John Stovall were commissioned as new Stephen Ministers. They answered God's calling, completed the required 50 hours of training and made a 2 year commitment. They are now ready to join our current ministers to reach out and help anyone going through a crisis. We give thanks for our new Stephen Ministers as well as our current Ministers. We thank God that He is touching hearts at St. Joseph's Catholic Church and people are answering his calling. As our ministry continues to grow, we can reach out to more people to bring God's love. We ask that the congregation continue to pray for all of our Ministers and also pray that we will continue to grow so that no one will have to face a crisis alone.



School News

7th grade students had their class retreat last week. With the theme "The Church is Alive: through our Gifts, our Liturgy and our Actions.." Students dove deep into their God given gifts, the special meanings of various parts of the liturgy, and how their actions can influence the world around them for good. Thanks to Religion teacher Jessica Lee for coordinating this experience, and to Mr. Mike Fulmer and Mrs. Nicole Richard for sharing their time and spiritual blessings with them.



Congratulations to 3rd grader Claire Daigre and 5th grader Madalynn Guillot for being chosen as our November Crusaders of the Month! They were recognized at morning assembly, and presented with a certificate and basket of goodies donated by Berrytown Produce. We are so proud of these two super sweet Crusaders!

Mark Your Calendar

Saturday Dec 17th & Sunday Dec. 18th

Ablaze Fundraise at all Masses

Sunday, December 18th

RCIA - 9 am in the St. Benedict Room

Sunday, December 18th

Liturgical Choir Practice - 9:30 am in the Choir Room

Sunday, December 18th

Practice for Live Nativity - 1 pm in the Church

Monday, December 19th

Voice of the Holy Innocents Youth Choir Practice - 4pm in the Choir Room

Monday, December 19th

St. Dusan's Ringers (Bell Choir Practice) 6:30 pm in the Choir Room

Monday, December 19th

Taize Prayer Service - 7 pm in the Church

Tuesday, December 20th

Christmas Decorations Going Up - Volunteers Needed - 10:30 am in the Church

Tuesday, December 20th

Surviving Divorce - 6 pm

Tuesday, December 20th

Word & Worship—7:00 pm in the Church

Wednesday, December 21st

Adoration— 9:00 am—5:00 pm

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

Wednesday, December 21st

Women's Ministry - 2:30 pm in the St. Dominic Room

Wednesday, December 21st

Ablaze - Journals & Jesus- 5 pm in the St. Joseph Room

Wednesday, December 21st

Blue Christmas - KC Hall 6pm

Friday, December 23rd

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

Saturday, December 24th

Men's Morning Prayer—6:30 am—Church

Saturday, December 24th - Christmas Eve

Masses: 4 pm & 7 pm

Sunday, December 25th - Christmas Day

Mass- 10:00 am

December 26th thru January 2nd

Church & Church Office Closed

Tuesday, December 27th

Angel Wings - 6:30 pm in the St. Joseph Room

Tuesday, December 27th

St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting - 6:30 pm in the St. Dominic Room

Christmas Poinsettias

Join in the festive decoration of our church by donating \$15.00 or more to help offset the cost of Christmas Poinsettias. The donations can be in honor of a living or deceased individual or family. To donate, place Christmas Poinsettia envelope in the collection box by December 25th. Or you can drop your envelope off at the Church Office. Make sure you list the names of the individual or family to be honored.

Volunteers Needed

ALL CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS GOING UP
Tuesday, December 20th at 10:30 am



Ladies and gentlemen, both are needed to lend a helping hand. Man-power needed to help with trees. Everything going up on Tuesday. Ladies also needed to help with sprucing up the trees and checking out the lights on trees. Poinsettias will also need to be added, to finish the decorations. Please come help us, with more people volunteering, it won't take us long to get the trees looking great.

May God continue to bless all of our great St. Joseph Parish volunteers. We want to thank all of you in advance for making St. Joseph's Church ready for the coming of OUR LORD. Questions call, Francis & Barbara Martino 985-386-3622.


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