



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

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



Fourth Sunday of

Advent

December 19, 2021

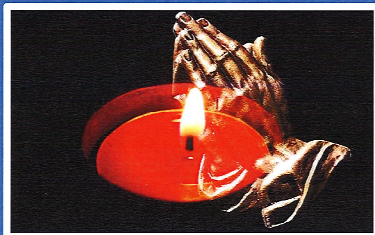
Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,
 cried out in a loud voice and said,
 "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."
 Luke 1:41-42

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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.



Tuesday, December 21, 2021, 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 3rd 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*
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Paige Bacile, *PSR Coordinator/Child Protection Site Coordinator*
Kayla Fletcher, *Middle School Youth Minister*
Nicole Richard, *High School & Young Adult Minister*

Rhonda Rossano, *Music Director*
Ramona Folse, *Receptionist/Data Entry*
Kathleen Phillips, *Bookkeeper/Receptionist*
St. Joseph School
Mrs. Danette Ragusa, *Principal*
Phone Number, 985-386-6421
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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.
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: 985-386-3749.
RCIA: Ed or Julie Hanks, 985-351-3143.
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.
Widowed Friends of St. Joseph: Barbara Guy at 985-507-9966.
Word & Worship Prayer Ministry: Fernando Morales: 985-662-2844.
Women's Ministry: Mary Vedeckis, 225-294-6631.
Youth Ministry:
Middle School: Kayla Fletcher: 985-386-3749
High School: Nicole Richard: 985-386-3749

Organizations

Ancient Order of Hibernians: Ronnie Crimmins 985-773-8965.
Kaycee Auxiliary: Carolyn Pugh : 985-320-5741
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
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, Harry LeBlanc, 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.

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.



Daily Advent Reflections

with Dr. Tim Gray

Grow closer to our Lord in the manger this Advent season with Dr. Gray as he leads you through the Mass readings every day during Advent and Christmas.

Sign up for free at DAILY.FORMED.ORG



What Is the True Meaning of Christmas?

with Dr. Michael Patrick Barber



Do you love Christmas traditions but don't know where they come from? Tune in for Dr. Michael Patrick Barber's Advent reflections called "The True Meaning of Christmas" and learn the meaning behind your favorite Christmas pastimes. To go deeper, be sure to get his accompanying book, *The True Meaning of Christmas*, available on CatholicMarket.

Featured on FORMED every day of Advent.

FORMED

Live Nativity at the 4 pm Christmas Vigil Mass

Children interested in participating in the live nativity for the 4pm Christmas Vigil Mass on December 24th should contact Erica Owens at 985-351-6079. Costumes will be provided. We are also seeking teens willing to read for the Mass.

A practice will be held on Sunday, **December 19th** after the 11am Mass in the Church.



School News

Some exciting 4-H news at St. Joseph School!

Two of our students entered the Tangipahoa Parish 4-H talent show. 5th grader Alyssa Jeanfreau received a 1st place ribbon and 6th grader Halle Stanga won Overall in Division 2! We are so proud of them!

Halle played guitar and sang the country song, "Things a Man Oughta Know" by Lainey Wilson, Alyssa played piano and sang the Christmas classics, "Angels We Have Heard on High" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas".



Alyssa Jeanfreau

Halle Stanga



SJS 8th Graders

Our 8th graders enjoyed a day in Baton Rouge for the first of their few 8th grade day trips this year. They visited the USS Kidd, the Louisiana Art and Science Museum, and the old state capitol. They ended their evening with dinner at Cracker Barrel and fun at The Main Event. Thank you God for a safe trip.

Mass Schedule for Christmas

Masses for Christmas:

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

There will be NO 5 pm Vigil Mass on Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25th

Sunday, December 26th: 8 am & 11 am

Solemnity of Mary falls on a Saturday this year and is not a holy day of obligation.

The Church Office will be closed from 12/24/2021 through 1/3/2021





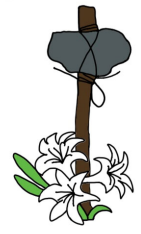
OH, WHAT FUN!

**CHRISTMAS COMES BUT
ONCE A YEAR, LET'S GET
TOGETHER FOR SOME
CAROLS IN UGLY SWEATERS
CHEER!**

**THIRST CHRISTMAS PARTY
DECEMBER 19, 2021 6-8:30 pm
ST JOSEPH MINISTRY BUILDING**

THERE WILL BE CAROLING, FOOD & GAMES

**WEAR YOUR CLEAN UGLY SWEATER/SHIRT OR
GOOFY NON-OFFENSIVE HOLIDAY ATTIRE**
contact nrichard@sjscrusaders.org



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



**THEY'RE BAAAACK!
AND THIRST IS USING THEM FOR A MARCH FOR
LIFE CONTEST & FAMILY EVENT OPPORTUNITY**

THIRST 9-12TH GRADE ...WE ARE USING OUR VINTAGED COMMUNION BROWN SHIRTS FOR A M4L CONTEST. IN the past we've done posters . THIS YEAR you will need to get a shirt BEFORE THE HOLIDAYS (December 22) an spend some time over the break decorating ANYWHERE on this shirt that you are a supporter of ProLife!!! I will have them at the fundraiser weekend Dec 18-19, Caroling in Ugly Sweater Party (Dec 19 evening) and in my office until the 22. You can also email me your size and I can place your name on it for quick pick up in the office.

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!!!

After all of this-don't throw them away ...We will wear them on Jan 22 to m4l in Baton Rouge- WHICH IS A FAMILY EVENT OPPORTUNITY


RECAP

Get your shirt between Dec 12 -Dec 22.

MAKE SURE YOUR NAME IS ON THE INSIDE BY THE TAG AND GRADE

Email nrichard@sjscrusaders.org your size

**Due NO LATER THAN JAN 9 (turn in at class or bring by office)
KC judging Jan 15**

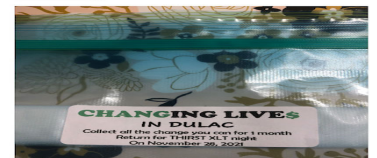


**St. Joseph's Catholic Church
ALL MASSES DECEMBER 18-19**

**ACCEPTING MONETARY LOVE DONATIONS FOR A CHANCE TO
WIN 1 OF 2 BEAUTIFUL HOLY FAMILY STATUES**

**With the cancellation of events the last two years ; we are thankful for your support to help replenish our youth group funds for High School spiritual opportunities .
GOD BLESS**

HEY THIRST TEENS...If you didn't get your ziplock in - you still can drop them off at office or bring to class on Sunday morning



Luke 11:33-36 "be careful little eyes what you see" Jesus tells us that we will become what we watch with our eyes. If we view good things, this will help us to be good. But if we view evil things, this will encourage us to be evil.

SANTA SAW ALL YOUR FACEBOOK PHOTOS



YOU'RE GETTING CLOTHES AND A DICTIONARY FOR CHRISTMAS

Audacity

There is a spirit of audacity in our readings today. During a time of injustice and threat of invasion, the prophet Micah boldly announces that the God of insignificant Israel will raise up a leader from backwater Bethlehem, and this leader will bring justice and peace to the whole world. In the Gospel, Elizabeth and Mary, marginalized women, brazenly celebrate that their sons will be world-changing instruments of God. We further learn that this audacity is rooted in trust in God. The author of Hebrews describes the faithful obedience of Jesus. Mary is shown as the exemplar of faithful trust in God. This is the way God often seems to work, in the ordinary and marginalized in our world. Those who seem weak have learned to trust in God's strength. These have the audacity to become instruments of God's peace and justice.

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Today's Readings

First Reading — From Bethlehem-Ephrathah shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel (Micah 5:1-4a).

Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Christ once for all (Hebrews 10:5-10).

Monica's Journey

Monica's Journey is a ministry of St. Joseph's Catholic Church for women who struggle from the brokenness of difficult relationships, abuse, or traumatic experiences in their lives. This ministry gives them a welcoming and non-judgmental place to find the hope and healing they need. Meetings are held in the evening during the week for 90 minutes. Members of other denominations are welcome. **This is a strictly confidential group and a confidentiality statement must be signed by all members.** The place and time of meetings will be disclosed after initial contact is made with the group facilitator. Please leave a voicemail or send a text message to (985) 467-9520 for further information. "Wait for the Lord; Be strong and let your heart take courage: Yes, wait for the Lord!" Psalm 27:14.

Healing from Divorce Group

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



PAL (Parents of Addicted Loved-ones) is a support group open to parents and other adult family members who have a loved one struggling with addiction.

We meet every 2nd & 4th Thursday from 6-7:30 pm in the Ministry Building (St. Catherine Room).

For more information contact Mary Jo B. at 985-320-3010 or Paige B. 985-981-8010 . www.palgroup.org.

Please Pray for Sick and Shut-Ins

Jason Abernathy, Jack Addison, Stephanie Alexander, Victoria "Vickie" Alexander, Laurie Allen, Ockie Baldassoro, Sr., Patrick Bailey, 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, Baby David Burris, Christine Castjohn, 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, Andrew Dzuryachko, Pam Guichet Elder, Nicholas Eirich, Jay Ernst, Jeanette Ernst, Veronica Fannaly, Sam & Alice Ferraro, Joey Fortenberry, Marge Frahm, Eva Francois, Clint Gagliano, Lenny George, Nittie Gilliland, Carolyn Gillingham, Molly Gladney, Malissa Gonzalez, Brian Guichet, Myrthus "Twinkle" Guichet, Anne Guidry, Pat Gullo, Bob Hackney, Katherine Harris, Baby Heaven, Tommy Hebert, Kalee Henderson, Jane Hextall, Darrell Hoover, Lois Hoover, Tammy Perrin Horn, Peggy Howes, Jimmy Hubert, Harold Hungerford, Ashley Ingolia, Betty Ingolia, Ray Ingolia, Jennifer Jernigan, Lawrence Joiner, Victoria Keys and baby Natalie Keys, Nora Keys, Carol Kinchen, Alan Klein, Beulah Kluka, David Kraft, Pam Kraft, Scoffer Kraft, Sis Kyzar, Cheryl Laiche, Baby Callie Lakes, Norma Larrieu, Wayne Laurent, Ruby Drude Lee, Liz LeSaicherre, Miceli Family, Henry Lumino, Sr., Nora Lumino, Caitlyn Matherne, William Mathes, Melissa McCormick, John & Susan McKinney, Ginger McLin, Cole McMillion, Barry Mince, Sr., James Mince, Lisa Mince, Joseph Miranda, Anna Mae Mixon, Patricia Monte Leone, Dr. Joseph Mirrando, Andrew Morales, Ed Murray, Aliyah Naquin, Cindy Newton, Ruth Ourso, Wanda Pandarvis, Eric Peltier, George Peltier, Wayne Pepitone, Bert Perilloux, Marisa Perrin, Anne Phillips, Camilla Phillips, Fran Poche, Ann Prine, Mary Prine, Barbara Richter, MSC., Bryan Roddick, A. J. Roig, Jr., Brooklyne Sansone, Ernest Schenck, CJ Schiro, Patricia Charbonnet Schmit, Bob Simoneaux, Kayla Smith, Ronald Springer, Sr., Rose Stahl, Jackie Stanga, Lynette Stanga, Robin St. Cyr, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Tartamelia, Wylene Remy Taylor, Earl Theriot, Tracy Todd, Mike Tournillon, Carlo Triolo, Jean Troxler, Travis Troxler, Sam Vilardo, Ronald Vining, Sam Viola, Stone Viola, Carla Van Vrancken, June Villa, Mary Vuljoin, Terri Waguespack, Tommy Waguespack, Glen Walker, Adelle Wall, Danny Wall, Danni Waugh, Rodney Wempren, Regi White, Faith Rose Wiltz, Phiney Yenni, *Names submitted will be included for 4 weeks. Please call the Church office to renew.*

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

Col. Brian Duplessis, Cole Gunham, US Navy, Commander, Mason Joiner Sgt Major in Army, Navy Petty Officer HM2 Kegan Keller, 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: Fourth Sunday of Advent
Tuesday: St. Peter Canisius
Thursday: St. John of Kanty
Friday: The Vigil of Christmas
Saturday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Intentions of the Holy Father- December 2021

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Vocation Awareness

Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest or religious to carry the Good News of God's great Love? If God is calling you, call or email Father Joshua Johnson at (225) 336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

Readings for the Week of

December 20, 2021

Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
 Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
 Friday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
 Saturday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Next Sunday Readings (December 26, 2021)
 First Reading.....Sirach 3: 2-7, 12-14
 Second Reading.....Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17
 Gospel..... Luke 2:41-52
 Psalm.....128:1-2, 3, 4-5

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 20, 2021

8:00 AM Mozzella & Frank Brescher, Sr.
Tuesday, December 21, 2021
 8:00 AM Ernest Ourso
Friday, December 24, 2021—Christmas Eve
 4:00 PM L/D Members Bleakley & Robichaux Family
 Gerard Brady
 Ashlyn Bravata
 Phillip & Robert Connelley
 Vincent Latino, Sr.
 Ernest Ourso
 (L) Paul & Angela Pevey
 Dudley & Geraldine Berthelot
 7:00 PM Delton Brooks
 Charles Dominguez
 Ted & Nancy Dupont
 Joseph Norman Foret
 Shirley, H.D. & Mark Johnson
 Wayne Kraemer
 Lynnen Lambert, Jr.
 Rose Pompeo Mitchell
 Ernst Ourso

Wednesday, December 22, 2021

8:00 AM (L) Brent & Renee Faurie
Thursday, December 23, 2021
 8:00 AM Madeline Thibodeaux

Saturday, December 25, 2021

10:00 AM Earl Baudin
 Bobby & Tilly Cutrer
 Norman & Geraldine Desplas
 Tony Castjohn
 Connelley & Rolufs Family
 Zach Cutrer
 Joan Duplessis
 Edward Eichaker
 Rudy Gagneaux
 Carolyn Carr Johnson
 Wayne Kraemer
 Lynnen Lambert, Jr.
 Joe Liuzza
 (L) Andrew Morales
 Ernest Ourso
 (L) Reggie Pevey
 Steve Pugh
 Dale Roberts
 Liz Sanderson
 Audrey Scamardo
 Glenn Snyder
 Don Steadman
 Madeline Thibodeaux
 Katy Varisco
 Katherine Yeargain
 Conchetta Yenni
 Sal Yenni

Sunday, December 26, 2021

8:00 AM Ramon & Gregoira Augusto
 Lucy Braun
 P. J. Clause
 Louis Long & Margi DeCarpentier
 Mary Sue Drude
 Richard & Clotilde Drude
 Joan Duplessis
 Sandra Guidry
 Ann & Bill Hayles
 Dorothy Hotard
 Virgil Ozment McWilliams Krafft
 (L) Joyce & Killian Kupper
 Lynnen Lambert, Jr.
 Vincent Latino, Sr.
 Doris Drude Lavigne
 (L) Andrew Morales
 Connie Morales
 Ernest Ourso
 Bill Perrin
 (L) Camilla Ann Phillips
 Steve Pugh
 Mallory Reggio
 Dale Roberts
 Raphael, Gianni & Valentina Sabella
 Liz Sanderson
 11:00 AM For the People of the Parish

(L) Indicates Living

Stewardship

Mi 5:1-4a / Heb 10:5-10 / Lk 1:39-45

The astonishment of Elizabeth in today's Gospel is easily understood when we know that the visitor in Mary's womb was the Son of God Incarnate. So great was Elizabeth's joy that the child in her own womb, John the Baptist, leaped at the sound of Mary's voice. Our own hearts should be aflutter as the Nativity of Our Lord approaches. Just as Elizabeth and the infant John were blessed by the visit of their Lord and Redeemer, we too have been blessed by the gift of Our Savior. Let us leap with joy and receive Him. In Stewardship of Prayer season we are learning to meet Jesus every time we pray with scripture and allow Him and his ways to fill our hearts. Please go to daily.formed.org for your daily scripture to meet Jesus.

Financial News

| YTD | Actual | Budgeted | Difference |
|-------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| 12/5/2021 | \$ 418,537.92 | \$437,00.00 | \$ -18,462.08 |
| Church Support | \$ 26,327.00 | | |
| Misc. Collections | \$ 1,240.00 | | |
| | \$ 27,567.00 | | |

Totals for 12/12/2021 will be listed in the 12/26/2021 bulletin

Second Collections

St. Joseph School December 19, 2021

Ministry Schedule

Sunday, December 26th

| | <u>Eucharistic Ministers</u> | <u>Ushers</u> |
|-------|--|--|
| 8AM | Harold Thibodeaux 7b Mary Jo Balado 8b Katie Holmes 9b | Barry Blackledge Jeremy Barado Michael Chiasson Gordon Cotton Rene' Folse Rodney Schmaltz Roland Terrebbonne |
| 11 AM | Tony Guagliardo, III 7b Ronald Perrin 8b Andy Wheat 9b | Barry Blackledge Marcial Gomez Christopher McNabb Robert McNabb Jeff Ryan Bob Zimmerman |
| 8AM | <u>Altar Servers</u> Justin Hanks Lanie Perrin Paul Hanks | <u>Lectors</u> 8AM Nicole Dillon 11 AM Catherine Rodriguez |
| 11AM | Aiden Ryan John Patrick Ryan Janae Feimster | |

We Can Help!!!!

There comes a time when we all face a crisis in our life. In today's world there are crises all around us, and sometimes we have no one to talk to or to help us. Our Stephen Ministers can be the answer you are looking for. Our ministers will be there to listen to you, to let you know you are not by yourself, and they will walk your rocky road with you. You might need a Stephen Minister for several months or maybe a year. It does not matter how long it takes, your Stephen Minister will be with you as long as they are needed. You can talk to your Stephen Minister about anything on your mind because everything is confidential. Our Stephen Ministers know the importance of listening, showing compassion, and being present. Sometimes men think it is a sign of weakness to ask for help, but men have crises also. We have men Stephen Ministers that are ready to help. Don't try and handle your crisis alone. Call one of our Stephen Leaders so you can get you a Stephen Minister to help walk your road with you. Anita Perrin (985) 687-4458, Ronnie Perrin (985) 507-9765, Terri Huguet (504) 450-5459, or Ron Huguet (504) 232-2484.



Christmas Poinsettias

Join in the festive decoration of our church by donating \$15.00 to purchase a Christmas Poinsettia. 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 and how you want your name listed in the bulletin. Poinsettias will NOT be available for pickup after Christmas. Any questions call Barbara Martino, 985-386-3622 or Roberta Connelley, 985-386-9711.



Roots of Faith—Exploring our Parishes

A wonderful television program chronicling the history of the Catholic Church parishes in the Diocese of Baton Rouge is available online at www.catholiclifetv.com. You can view St. Joseph's Roots of Faith using the following link:
<https://youtu.be/LVS7rpfXRzw>

Volunteers and Participants Needed For Young Family Ministries!

In the past we have been fortunate to provide something for children of all ages on Sunday morning to help our parents and families come together for meaningful worship and participation in the Mass: *Childcare for ages 0-3 during Mass, Children's Liturgy for ages 4-7, Religion Classes for grades K-12.*

Now that Covid restrictions are lifting we are anxious to bring back Childcare and Children's liturgy as a service to our young families. If you are interested in helping with either of these ministries, or if you have children these ages who would like to participate in these Sunday morning events, please call the Church office at 985-386-3749 and ask for Paige.

Building & Project Manager Needed

Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge—Catholic Life Center

For more information on the requirements of this position, please see the diocesan website at <https://diobr.org/employment-opportunities>. Please submit letter of interest, resume, and references to hr@diobr.org; applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, December 19th- 9:15-10:30 am
PSR—Ablaze

Sunday, December 19th
RCLA—9:30 am—St. Benedict Room

Sunday, December 19th
Practice for Live Nativity—after the 11 am Mass

Sunday, December 19th
Thirst Christmas Party—6:00 pm in the St. Joseph Room

Monday, December 20th
Youth Choir Practice—4:00 pm in the Church Choir Room

Tuesday, December 21st
Finish Christmas Decorations—Noon

Tuesday, December 21st
Blue Christmas 6pm—KC Hall

Monday, December 21st
Adult Choir Practice—6:30 pm in the Choir Room

Tuesday, December 22nd
Word & Worship—7:00 pm in the Church

Wednesday, December 23rd
Adoration—8:30 am—6:00 pm
Divine Mercy Chaplet—3:00 pm Vespers—6:00 pm

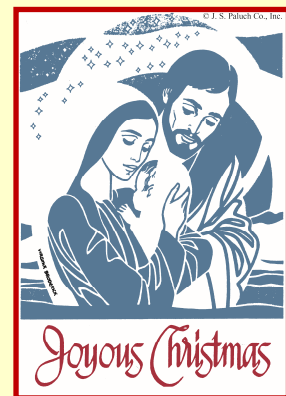
Friday, December 24th
Men's Bible Study—6:30 am—St. Benedict Room

Friday, December 24th—January 3rd
Church Office Closed

Friday, December 24th
Christmas Eve Masses: 4 pm & 7 pm

Saturday, December 25th
Christmas Day Mass: 10 am
NO Saturday Vigil Mass on Christmas Day

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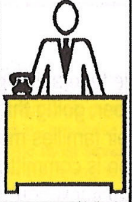
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