



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

December 26, 2021



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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

The Holy Family

OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

After three days Jesus' parents found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

Luke 2:46

We entrust our families to the Holy Family this Christmas Season. Special prayer cards will be handed out January 9th courtesy of our Knights of Columbus.

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Staff

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Nicole Richard, *High School & Young Adult Minister*

Rhonda Rossano, *Music Director*
Ramona Folse, *Receptionist/Data Entry*
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St. Joseph School
Mrs. Danette Ragusa, *Principal*
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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.



FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK

December 26, 2021

WATCH

FORGIVEN—SESSION 1: WHERE ARE YOU?

As we make resolutions for 2021, don't forget about your spiritual well-being! Through our Forgiven series, you can help guide friends and family to new spiritual beginnings!



FORGIVEN
THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF CONFESSION

FORMED Now!

FORMED NOW! WHO IS SAINT STEPHEN?

This past week, we celebrated the life of St. Stephen, heroic leader of the early Church. Join Dr. Gray and Dr. Barber as they discuss the first Christian martyr.

LEARN

LISTEN

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY: LOVE UNVEILED BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

The feast of the Holy Family reminds us to help our own families grow in holiness. With this in mind, join Scott Hahn as he shares his advice on how to bring sanctity into the home.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY DR. SCOTT HAHN



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Faith Sharing

COMMUNITY TESTIMONY SERVICE

ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN US

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9TH
5:45 PM

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
255 N. 8TH ST.
PONCHATOULA, LA 70454

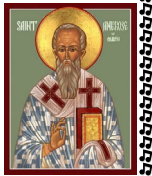
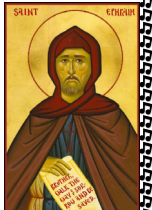
May they all be as one,
as you, Father,
are in me and I am in you."

John 17:21a, CSB



Guardians of the Sacred Treasure: Using Music to Defend and Preach the Faith

In speaking to the crowds during His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus instructs us, "For **where your treasure is, there your heart will be also**" (Mt 6:21). In the Vatican II document *Sacrosanctum Concilium* we find these words: "The **musical** tradition of the universal Church is a **treasure** of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art." This is so because music, an integral part of Catholic Liturgy, has always fulfilled a dual purpose - it is both formative and expressive. In other words, we sing what we believe **and** we believe what we sing. This 6-week course will delve into the lives of six saints and Doctors of the Church who defended and spread the Faith through hymnody and other musical forms. We will learn about Saints in the Early Church: St. Ambrose, St. Ephrem, St. Romanos, and St. Kassiani and in the medieval Church: St. Thomas and St. Hildegard of Bingen. By knowing how these Saints used music to influence the people and authorities of their times, perhaps we can sing with greater understanding the treasures of our Faith, evaluate what we sing and how it influences our thoughts with greater clarity, and discover new insights into our Faith through the treasure of sacred music.



As we continue to celebrate Christmas, I would like to thank all the many hands, hearts, and voices which worked so lovingly to create St. Joseph's beautiful Christmas Liturgies. I especially want to thank all the talented musicians who shared their gifts

with St. Joseph's community and helped us glimpse heaven this Christmas:

4:00 PM Mass:

Cantor-Julia Rossano

Choir Director-Morgan Dugas

Members of the St. Joseph School Choir and Voices of the Holy Innocents (St. Joseph's Church Youth Choir)

7:00 PM Mass:

Bell Choir/Choral Conductor-Jason Lane

Cantor-Cynthia Davidson

St. Joseph's Liturgical Choir

St. Dunstan's Ringers

Horn/Trumpet-Braden Eymard

Rhonda Sorg-Rossano

Music Director

You're Invited: 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 Taizé 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 7:00 p.m. on the third Monday of each month: Jan. 17, Feb. 21, & Mar. 21.



Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God 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

Save the Date

THIRST FAMILY EVENT

M4L Baton Rouge Jan. 22

We will represent St. Joseph's wearing vintaged brown communion shirts.



**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 an spend some time over the break decorating ANYWHERE on this shirt that you are a supporter of ProLife!!! You can also email me your size and I can place your name on it for quick pick up in the office.

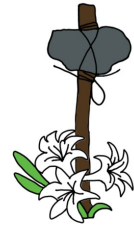
NOW WHAT TO DO WITH THEM? Treat it like a poster contest but get creative. The TOP 5 BEST EFFORTS IN THIS SHIRT CONTEST will go to the KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS FOR THEM TO JUDGE 1ST, 2ND & 3RD PLACE WINNERS!!!

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

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

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



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



Dumb Ox Ministries

Young adult ECHO alum...want to spend a summer with us sharing the gift of the Theology of the Body and building and hosting ECHO? We are now accepting applications for our ECHO Summer Missionary Program.

The deadline to apply is January 21, 2022.

Visit www.dumbministries.com/missionary-program for more information!



Thank You!

Many thanks to our donors for the THIRST FUNDRAISER...Stephanie Reggio & "Madame Anonymous"...both beautiful ladies with beautiful hearts. Thanks to all of you who gave a love donation to our teens.

Shine on, Nicole.



Family Life

Christmas celebrates the Incarnation, the “en-flesh-ment” of God as a human person. In Jesus, God is bodily present in the human story. Today we honor the Holy Family, helping us to see that God is active in daily family life. God is near at hand, amidst the tensions, joys, and uncertainties of family life. As our Gospel passage describes, even with family miscommunications and with limited understanding of Jesus’ mission, the Holy Family persevered in their life together. Like many family conflicts, there was no immediate or clear resolution of the issues raised by Jesus and by Mary. God’s intentions for the family, and for Jesus, were still unfolding. They continued to stay connected with each other and with God. Within the turbulence of family life, they trusted God to actively sustain and guide them into an uncertain future. We are invited to follow their example.

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Today's Readings

First Reading — Hannah gives her son Samuel back to the LORD, leaving him in the temple at Shiloh: “As long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD” (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) or *Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14*.

Psalm — Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (Psalm 84) or *Psalm 128*.

Second Reading — We are children of God when we believe in the name of God’s Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us (1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24) or *Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]*.

Gospel — Joseph and Mary find the lost Jesus in the temple in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking questions (Luke 2:41-52).

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, Myrthur “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, 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, Maddox Steadman, 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, Dorothy Whitaker, 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:	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Monday:	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
Tuesday:	The Holy Innocents
Wednesday:	Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket
Thursday:	Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Friday:	Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I; New Year’s Eve
Saturday:	The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace;

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

By Baptism we are God’s holy family today. Pray for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If God is calling you, call or email Fr. Joshua Johnson at (225) 336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit diobr.org/vocations

Readings for the Week of

December 27, 2021

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
 Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
 Saturday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday Readings (January 2, 2022)

First Reading..... Isaiah 60:1-6
 Second Reading..... Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
 Gospel..... Matthew 2:1-12
 Psalm..... 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-18

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 27, 2021

No Mass/ No Communion Service

Tuesday, December 28, 2021

No Mass/ No Communion Service

Wednesday, December 29, 2021

No Mass/ No Communion Service

Thursday, December 30, 2021

No Mass/ No Communion Service

Saturday, January 1, 2022

5:00 PM Jimmy Bankston
 Earl Baudin
 Dudley & Geraldine Berthelot
 Gerard Brady
 Delton Brooks
 Connelley & Rolufs Family
 Joan Duplessis
 (L) Andrew Morales
 Ernst Ourso
 Bill Perrin
 Rufus Poche
 Steve Pugh
 Joseph Radosti, Jr.
 Glenn Snyder
 Madeline Thibodeaux
 Sal Yenni

Sunday, January 2, 2022

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish
 11:00 AM Robert Curtis Bennett
 Dudley & Geraldine Berthelot
 Frances & George Capadona
 Mary Sue Drude
 Richard & Clotilde Drude
 (L) Mrs. Shelly Ernst & Family
 Rudy Gagneaux.
 Doris Drude Lavigne
 (L) Jeff LeSaicherre
 Johnathan Miceli
 (L) Andrew Morales
 Ernest Ourso
 Steve Pugh
 Mrs. Danette Ragusa & Family
 Audrey Scamardo
 Glenn Snyder
 Madeline "Mandy" Thibodeaux
 Sal Yenni

(L) Indicates Living

The Church and Church Office will be Closed **12/27/21—12/31/21** and **1/3/22**. There will be **NO** weekday Masses, **NO** Communion Services, **NO** Confessions on Tuesday or Thursday, **NO** Adoration on Wednesday.

CLOSED

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>

Stewardship

My Father's House

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/ Col 3:12-21/ Lk 2:41-52

Notice the slight shift created in today's Gospel, stemming from the use of one capital letter. We can only imagine the fear and frustration Mary must have felt when she finally found Jesus after being separated from Him for three days. She says: "Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." The 12-year-old Jesus responds with: "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" The slight shift from *father* to *Father* speaks volumes here. Jesus acknowledges Joseph and Mary as His earthly parents, and He is obedient to them. However, He seems quite aware that He is not "of this world" and must make His way to His Father's house. May we all remember that we should not allow ourselves to get lost or attached to things in this world and that we should, instead, make our way to our Father's house. Like the child Jesus, we are called to obedience in this temporary world, but we were created for holiness in the Kingdom of God! Stewardship of Prayer is about connecting with Jesus on a level that is not of this world. Scripture tells us to be in the world but not of the world.

Financial News

YTD	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Difference</u>
12/12/2021	\$ 452,273.62	\$456,00.00	\$ -3,726.38
Church Support	\$ 33,735.70		
Religious Retirement	\$ 1,617.50		
Dulac Fund	\$ 1,100.00		
Misc. Collections	<u>\$ 501.00</u>		
	\$ 36,954.20		

Totals for 12/19/2021 will be listed in the 1/2/2022 bulletin

Second Collections

St. Joseph School January 9, 2022

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 1st & Sunday, January 2nd

	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
5PM	Tom Waller (7b) Stephanie Willie (8b) Angela Pevey (9b)	John Howes Alex Joiner John Laiche Chris Marmillion Durald Pinion John Yeargau
8AM	Melisa Hedrick 7b Harry LeBlanc 8b Kerry Balado 9b	Jeremy Barado Michael Chasson Gordon Cotton Rene' Folse Pete Peterson Rodney Schmaltz Roland Terrebonne
11 AM	Nicole Richard 7b Danette Ragusa 8b Mary Threeton 9b	Barry Blackledge Marcial Gomez Christopher McNabb Robert McNabb Jeff Ryan Bob Zimmerman
	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
5PM	Sophie LaCroix Luke LaCroix	5PM Janice Radosti 8AM Sam Morse 11AM Phyllis Aymond
8AM	Janae Feimster Anna Hanks Justin Hanks	
11AM	Travis Turner, II Aiden Ryan John Paul Ryan	

School News



St. Joseph School enjoyed entertaining the crowds at the Ponchatoula Christmas Lighting. Our 2nd graders played the bells and our choir sang some songs. It was a beautiful night!

Mrs. Abby's 2nd grade class read *The Legend of the Poinsettia* which tells the story of a little girl who hopes to weave a blanket for Baby Jesus to be used in a Christmas procession but she learns any gift is beautiful when it's given. Her gift of weeds turn into beautiful red flowers shaped like stars...Poinsettia!



Merry Christmas From Our Stephen Ministers!!!

We would like to say "thank you" to the congregation for all of your support and prayers for Stephen Ministry. As we continue to grow, we know God has heard and answered your prayers. With more ministers, we can reach out and help more people that are going through a crisis. No one should have to walk alone. If you need someone to walk with you on your rocky road, please call one of our Stephen Leaders: . Anita Perrin (985) 687-4458, Ronnie Perrin (985) 507-9765, Terri Huguet (504) 450-5459, or Ron Huguet (504) 232-2484.

Thank You!

A big thank you to everyone who brought toys to church for Sheriff Edwards Toy Crusade. It was very successful. Because of your generosity a few more kids had a Merry Christmas.



Mark Your Calendar

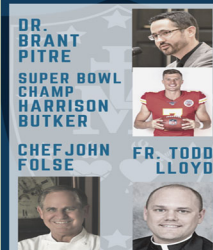
- Friday, December 24th—January 3rd**
Church Office Closed
- Monday, December 27th—Thursday, December 30th**—No Masses/ No Communion Services
- Tuesday, December 28th**
Word & Worship—7:00 pm in the Church
- Tuesday, December 28th**
St. Vincent de Paul Meeting—6:30 pm in the St. Joseph Room
- Wednesday, December 29th**
Adoration—8:30 am—6:00 pm
Divine Mercy Chaplet—3:00 pm Vespers—6:00 pm
- Sunday, January 2nd**
RCIA—9:30 am—St. Benedict Room
- Monday, January 3rd**
No Mass/No Communion Service
- Tuesday, January 4th**
Rosary Altar Society Meeting—10:30 am—Church Conference Room
- Tuesday, January 4th**
Bereavement Quilting Ministry—5:30 pm in the St. Benedict Room
- Sunday, January 9th- 9:15-10:30 am**
PSR—Ablaze—Thirst
- Sunday, January 9th**
Guardians of the Sacred Treasure—9:30 am in the Choir Room
- Sunday, January 9th**
Faith Sharing—5:45 pm at St. Joseph's
- Monday, January 10th**
Youth Choir Practice—4:00 pm in the Church Choir Room
- Monday, January 10th**
Adult Choir Practice—6:00 pm in the Choir Room
- Monday, January 17th**
Taize Prayer Service—7 pm in the Church



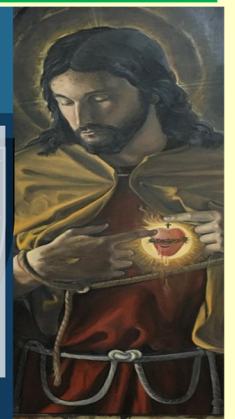
Rosary Altar Society Meeting

Tuesday, January 4th at 10:30 am in the Church Conference Room. All Ladies of the Parish are Invited to Attend.

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