



# 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](http://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 4, 2022 The Second Sunday in Advent*

Faith Sharing

**COMMUNITY TESTIMONY SERVICE**

**ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN US**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH**

**5:45 PM**

**ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH  
PONCHATOULA, LA**



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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*  
Nicole Richard, *PSR Coordinator K-12*  
Kaycee Widmer, *Youth Minister Assistant & Web Coordinator*

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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.palgroup.org).

*St. Joseph's Catholic Church Presents*  
*1st Annual*

**BREAKFAST  
WITH  
SANTA**



**Date:** December 10, 2022

**Location:** St. Joseph's School Gym

**Time:** 9:00 am breakfast will begin (sponsored by Knights of Columbus)  
10:00 am Arrival of Santa and Mrs. Clause

**Please consider donating a new, unwrapped toy to support  
the Tangipahoa Sheriff's Toy Campaign.**

**Kids and parents are invited to join Santa and Mrs. Clause for  
free breakfast and one of Santa's elves will take pictures  
(be sure to bring your phone with you).**



*Solemnity of the Immaculate  
Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**MASS SCHEDULE**

Wednesday, December 7th  
**6 pm Vigil Mass**

Thursday, December 8th  
**8 am Mass**

*Adoration on Wednesday, Dec. 7th  
9 am- 5 pm Vespers*

*Live Nativity at the 4 pm Christmas Vigil Mass*

All children interested in participating in the live nativity for 4 pm Christmas Vigil Mass on December 24 should contact Leslie Settoon @985-351-5355. Limited availability with "costume starters", so please begin preparing outfits for your shepherds, angels, 3 wise men, 1 bright star, 1 Angel Gabrielle and some animals. Contact Leslie to claim bible characters. Mary & Joseph has been selected.

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







WITH THANKFUL HEARTS - THIRST SERVES THOSE IN NEED WITH ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



### THIRST 9th-12th

Sunday, December 11th

5:30pm - 7:30 pm

St. Joseph's Ministry Building

Bring a snack to share ( I'll have Cane's)  
Of course a Christmas sweater / sweatshirt / shirt

Movie n More



MAY ALL YOUR SWEATERS  
**BE UGLY & BRIGHT**

HIGH SCHOOL TEENS - JOIN US FOR AN UGLY SWEATER PARTY!

6th-8th grade youth group

**KICKOFF WITH KAYCEE**

Wednesday,  
December 14

Bring a Friend 5-7 pm  
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



# Children's Liturgy NEEDS help!!



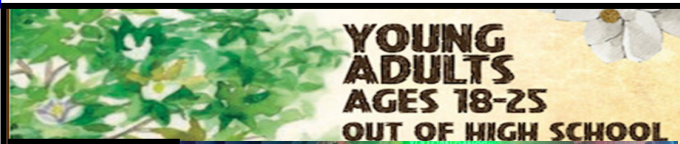
Join the Children's Liturgists for fun and fellowship as we sing, pray, and learn more about Jesus! Children's Liturgy takes place on Sundays during the 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 am Masses and is open to all children who are potty-trained ages 3 to 6 (1st grade.)

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 ...please click HERE for the required volunteer forms for the Protection of Youth & Young Adults. These forms must be completed as well as the other required paperwork and training prior to serving in this capacity.**

<https://www.stjosephsonline.com/safe-environment-training>

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



**For  
Upcoming  
Events  
Contact: Ian  
Waller  
985-507-  
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ian7waller@  
gmail.com**



Happy Holy Hour and food afterwards with our growing young adult ministry.



We all are aware that pain and suffering are a fact of life. We all know people who are hurting physically, emotionally, relationally, or perhaps, spiritually.

Are you someone who enjoys listening and helping others who simply need a kind ear to whom they can speak?

Are you, yourself, struggling with one of life's challenges and don't know to whom you can turn?

Have you heard about Stephen Ministry, but really don't know what it's all about? If you would like to learn more, please contact Anita Perrin at 985-687-4458.



## Please Pray for Sick and Shut-Ins

Jason Abernathy, Jack Addison, Stephanie Alexander, Laurie Allen, Ockie 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, Jeanette 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, Elaine Landry, 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, Sal Mulle, 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, Barbara Richter, MSC., 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

Sunday	Second Sunday of Advent
Tuesday	Memorial of Saint Nicholas, Bishop
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Thursday	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday	Memorial of Saint Juan Diego Cuahtlatatzin
Saturday	Memorial of Our Lady of Loreto

## 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*

## Vocation Awareness

John the Baptist was called to prepare the way of the Lord. Is God calling you to be a priest, brother, or sister to do the same? If you think God is calling you, call or email Rev. Joshua Johnson at (225) 336-8778, [jjohnson@diobr.org](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org).

## Readings for the Week of

December 5, 2022

**Monday** Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26  
**Tuesday** Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 & 10ac, 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14  
**Wednesday** Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 & 10; Mt 11:28-30  
**Thursday** Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38  
**Friday** Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Mt 11:16-19  
**Saturday** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac & 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

### Next Sunday Readings

First Reading .....Isaiah 35: 1-6a, 10  
 Second Reading.....James 5: 7-10  
 Gospel .....Matthew 11:2-11  
 Psalm .....146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, December 5, 2022

8:00 AM (L) Reggie Pevey

### Tuesday, December 6, 2022

8:00 AM (L) Shepard Jenkins

### Wednesday, December 7, 2022

8:00 AM (L) Beck Waller

6:00 PM **Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**

Ernest Ourso

### Thursday, December 8, 2022- Immaculate Conception

8:00 AM (L) Christine Castjoh

Glenn Drude, Sr.

Joan & Dorothy Duplessis

Ernest Ourso

Lawrence Powell

6:00 PM Ernest Ourso

### Saturday, December 10, 2022

5:00 PM Ella Badon

Sandra Bates

Dudley & Geraldine Berthelot

(L) Ann Boudreaux

Delton Brooks

Edgar & Gladys Charbonnet

Glenn Drude, Sr.

Dana Fayard

Juanita Louque

Ernest Ourso

Bill Perrin

Angelo Phillips, III

Leroy Pinion

### Sunday, December 11, 2022

8:00 AM Mary, Sam & Ciro Agnello

(L) Christie Barado

Franklin Borgerson

Diane Candebat

Ronald Chapoton

(L) Collin Clark

Glenn Drude, Sr.

Mary Sue Drude

Richard & Clotilde Drude

Joan & Dorothy Duplessis

Owen "Tiger" Falcon

L/D Memb of the Ferrara Family

(L) Ed Hanks

L/M Memb of the Jesse R. Hutchinson Family

Eddie Joseph Jouty, Jr.

Virgil Ozment McWilliams Krafft

L/D Memb of the Nick Latino Family

11:00 AM For the People of the Parish

Ann Prine

Ava Rolufs

Belita Schilling

Sal Yenni

Lawrence Powell

Rufus Poche

EJ Raiford

(L) Katie Relan

Jan Ripberger

Liz Sanderson

Belita Schilling

Patricia Charbonnet Schmit

Glenn Snyder

Madeline Thibodeaux

(L) Beck Waller

Vincent Latino, Sr.

Doris Drude Lavigne

Elsie & Levon Major

Ginger McLin

(L) Kayla Oliphant

Ernest Ourso

Lawrence Powell

Ann Prine

L/D Members of Reggio/

Vuljoin Families

Dale Roberts

L/D Mem of Sansone Family

Glenn Snyder

Souls in Purgatory

Steve Vuljoin

Tommy Waguespack

(L) Kyle Wolfe

## Lady Kaycee's

JOIN US! The Lady Kaycee's would love to have Catholic ladies join our group. If you are interested, check us out at our covered dish social December 8 at 6 pm. Bring a covered dish and if you want to join our gift exchange, bring something baked, crafted or a White Elephant item - nothing bought. We love playing games, so bring dimes if you want to participate. Our group meets the second Thursday of each month at 5 pm. We help the Knights of Columbus with their fundraisers to help Catholic charities. Please add your smiling face to our group pf friends!



## Stewardship

Why is John the Baptist depicted as one of the most extreme personalities in all of Scripture? "John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey." Maybe that is why? John stuck out like a sore thumb. He dressed funny, ate funny things, and said things that were just not very funny. Yet, "At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins."

What did John have that we need as stewards? John was *all in!* We might say, "well, John was set apart by God to do great things." Guess what—so are we! If we are living as Catholics, we are living the extreme in this world. We feed on the Eucharist, talk to the Saints and stare for hours at a host in the monstrance—John the Baptist might have thought we were very extreme!

We can all join John as he proclaimed in today's Gospel, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"



## Financial News

<b>11/20/2022</b>	<b>\$ 356,978.31</b>	<b>\$ 380,000.00</b>	<b>\$ - 23,021.69</b>
Church Support	\$ 16,855.00		
Human Development	\$ 633.00		
Misc. Collections	\$ 672.00		
	<b>\$ 18,160.00</b>		
<b>11/27/2022</b>	<b>\$ 374,148.56</b>	<b>\$ 399,000.00</b>	<b>\$ -24,851.44</b>
Church Support	\$ 17,170.25		
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 1,571.00		
Misc. Collections	\$ 107.00		
	<b>\$ 18,848.25</b>		

### Second Collections

Religious Retirement Fund December 11th

## Ministry Schedule

### Saturday, December 10th, Sunday, December 11th

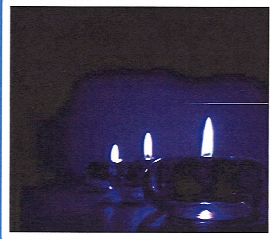
	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
<b>5 PM</b>	<b>Veronica Pierson 7b John Albrecht 8b Merle Ozment 9b Ronald Perrin 2c</b>	<b>John Howes Alex Joiner Chris Marmillion Durald Pinion Frank Schilling John Yeargain Barry Blackledge</b>
<b>8 AM</b>	<b>Harold Thibodeaux 7b Katie Holmes 8b Kerry Balado 9b Bonnie Duhon 2c</b>	<b>Jeremy Barado Michael Chiasson Gordon Cotton Rene' Folse Pete Peterson Rodney Schmaltz Roland Terrebonne</b>
<b>11 AM</b>	<b>Deborah Vogel 7b Nicole Richard 8b Andy Wheat 9b Mary Threeton 2c</b>	<b>Barry Blackledge Marcial Gomez Christopher McNabb Robert McNabb Russ Wood</b>
<b>5 PM</b>	<b>Madilyn Acosta Noelle Deshotel Mya Raiford</b>	<b>Lectors</b>
<b>8AM</b>	<b>Cambre Boudreaux Ella Boudreaux Sarah Hanks</b>	<b>5PM Tony Guagliardo, Jr. 8AM S. Waguespack 11 AM Phyllis Aymond</b>
<b>11 AM</b>	<b>Aubree Barnes Janae Feimster Braylee Summers</b>	<b>11 AM Phyllis Aymond Children's Liturgist 8 AM Christie Barado 11 AM Amy Pereira</b>



# 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

## School News

St. Joseph School 4th graders have been participating in a 10-week Litter Education Program coordinated and taught by Mrs. Ginger Tastet with the Tangipahoa Parish Government. The course teaches them how to eliminate litter by changing everyday behaviors through education, beautification, and enforcement. The students also participated in a Litter Awareness Poster Contest and the winners are pictured.

4A Class- Pictured L to R is Calise Henry, Makayla Plauche, Lincoln Wolfe, and Brett Fayard.

4B Class- Aaron Patterson, Sutton Gilcrease, Arabella Mussall, and Addisyn Williams.



## 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.

## 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.



## Mark Your Calendar



Saturday, December 3rd & Sunday  
December 4th Toy Drive - At all Masses

Sunday, December 4th  
PSR Classes K - 5th - 9:15 am - 10:30 am  
ALAZE - 6th-8th - 9:15 am - 10:30 am  
THIRST - 9th - 12th - 9:15 am - 10:30 am

Sunday, December 4th  
RCIA - 9 am in the St. Benedict Room

Sunday, December 4th  
Faith Sharing - 5:45 pm - St. Joseph's Church

Sunday, December 4th  
Liturgical Choir Practice - 9:30 am in the Choir Room

Monday, December 5th Voice of the Holy Innocents  
Youth Choir Practice - 4pm in the Choir Room

Monday, December 5th  
St. Dustan's Ringers (Bell Choir Practice) 6:30 pm  
in the Choir Room

Tuesday, December 6th  
Rosary Altar Society Meeting/Christmas Party -  
10:30 am in the St. Benedict Room

Tuesday, December 6th  
Word & Worship—7:00 pm in the Church

Wednesday, December 7th  
Adoration— 9:00 am—5:00 pm  
Divine Mercy Chaplet—3:00 pm Vespers—5:00 pm

Wednesday, December 7th  
Women's Ministry - 2:30 pm in the St. Dominic Room

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary Mass Schedule  
Wednesday, December 7th- 6 pm Vigil  
Thursday- December 8th - 8 am Mass



Friday, December 9th  
Men's Morning Bible Study—6:30 am—Church

Saturday, December 10th  
Men's Morning Prayer—6:30 am—Church

Saturday, December 10th  
Breakfast with Santa - 9 am SJS Gym



Sunday, December 11th  
THIRST- Ugly Sweater Party - 5:30 pm in the  
St. Joseph Room

Tuesday, December 13th  
Surviving Divorce - 6 pm

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

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

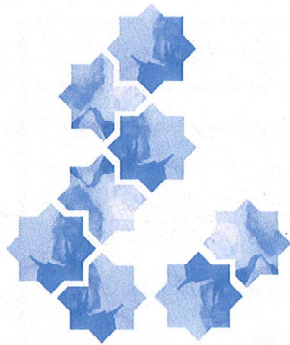
Wednesday, December 14th  
Baptism Class for Parents and Godparents - 7 pm in  
the St. Benedict Room

## Rosary Altar Society Meeting/Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 6th  
10:30 am  
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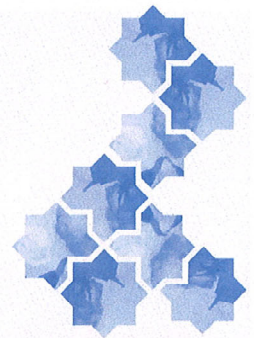


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