



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 5, 2021 Second Sunday of Advent

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.



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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.

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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

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Staff

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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

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.



Organizations

Ancient Order of Hibernians: Ronnie Crimmins 985-773-8965.
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Knights of Columbus: Buddy Williams, 504-252-2031
(Application for new members)
Rosary Altar Society: Evelyn Lavigne 985-386-6732
St. Vincent de Paul Society: For membership contact the church office, 985-386-3749. For assistance call 985-370-5459.
Core Group: Ronnie Perrin (Chairman), Lawton Hotard, Barbara Martino, Larry Melancon, Rebecca Smith, Larry Wilson
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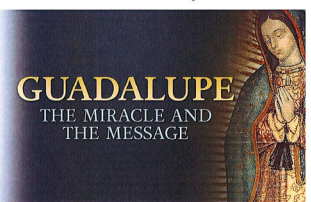
PICK OF THE WEEK

December 5, 2021

WATCH

GUADALUPE: THE MIRACLE AND THE MESSAGE

As we celebrate the patroness of the Americas this week, enjoy this film narrated by Jim Caviezel that walks us through our Mother's miraculous appearance to Juan Diego—an encounter that has converted millions.



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FORMED NOW! DO WE MAKE TOO MUCH OF MARY?

Throughout our Marian feast days, you might wonder why Catholics think so highly of Mary. Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn as they discuss our Lady's esteemed place among the saints.

LEARN

LISTEN

MARIAN DOGMAS WITH MATT FRADD & BRANT PITRE

Listen in as Matt Fradd and Dr. Brant Pitre explore the Church's understanding of Mary's role in the Church.

MARIAN DOGMAS WITH BRANT PITRE





The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, December 8th

Masses: 8:00 am & 6 pm

Holy Day of Obligation

★ Adoration will end with Vespers at 5pm on December 8th. ★

Sheriff Edward Christmas Crusade For Children

Again this year we will be combing efforts with the Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Dept. to provide Christmas toys for children in need.

By combing our efforts, the Sheriff's Dept. can better check families and make sure that they are in legitimate need. Also, the Sheriff's Dept. will take care of deliveries.

Please bring toys **unwrapped** to church on **December 11th & 12th**. Toys that indicate violence will not be accepted. Please **do not donate guns, bow & arrows, etc.**

Make an Advent sacrifice by helping a child in need. Any questions call Fay Murray at 985-386-8151.



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:

Children's Liturgy of the Word



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,

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

St. Joseph School would like to thank everyone who joined us for our celebration of 125 years of Catholic education in Ponchatoula! A special thanks to our Knights of Columbus who cooked and served a delicious gumbo and potato salad for our event. Bishop Duca celebrated a beautiful Mass filled with so many alumni, present students, and past and present faculty and staff. Please continue to keep SJS in your prayers as we look forward to many more years.



Save the Date

THIRST...December 19, Sunday
6 pm -9 pm
Christmas Caroling with Ugly Sweater party.
Details to come. Food, games and more!



Youth Ministry

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HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

XLT WAS SUCH A BLESSING

Thank you to Fernando & the band REIGN, guest speaker Kevin McCall, ROOTED help and prayer team, catechists, teens, Senior Peer Leaders & Deacon Larry for Benediction! And our parents for your continued support of Thirst!



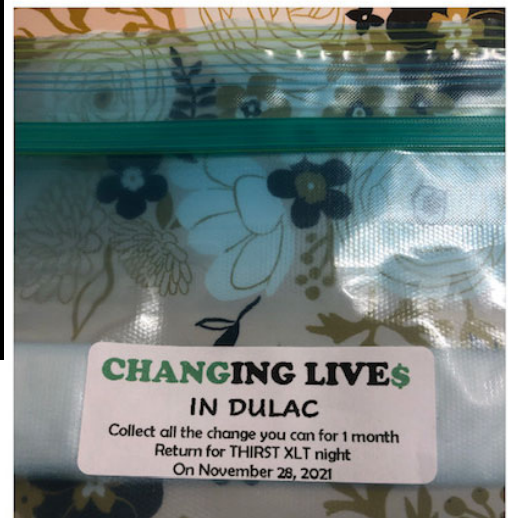
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THIRST HIGH SCHOOL 9-12 GRADE

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



CHANGING LIVES IN DULAC

Collect all the change you can for 1 month
Return for THIRST XLT night
On November 28, 2021



Advent Prayer of Light

Son of God, You are the light of the world. Shine your light on all our choices this day. Create in us the ability to let your light shine forth for others. We ask this in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

A Deep Change of Heart

When John proclaimed a baptism of repentance, as today's Gospel relates, he called people to a deep change of heart. For John the Baptist, repentance was not simply regret for past failings, but a commitment to orient life around God's desires and purposes. What might living in alignment with God's desires look like? Our readings offer some clues. Baruch indicates that when mercy and justice are embraced like a royal garment, we may see the fruits of repentance. Paul notes how the Holy Spirit has been active within the church in Philippi, forming them to live in a loving and united community of faith, so they may witness to the love of God. And John himself suggests that a repentant heart clears a path for God to enter, leveling the mountains and valleys of our resistance, so that God might dwell within.

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Today's Readings

First Reading — Stand on the heights, Jerusalem; see your children rejoicing that they are remembered by God. A merciful and just God leads Israel in joy (Baruch 5:1-9).

Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

Second Reading — May your love increase in knowledge to discern what is valuable that you may be blameless for the day of Christ (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

Gospel — John proclaims a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All flesh shall see the salvation of God (Luke 3:1-6).

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 Hearts

Healing Hearts: A Catholic support group for WOMEN, whose relationships have been negatively impacted by the pornography addiction or sexual addiction of a loved one. This may include a spouse, boyfriend, family member or friend. Strict confidentiality is observed by all members. Meetings are held on a weekly basis. Contact 985-401-2010 for more information and respond to the prompting.



Healing from Divorce Group

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

Please Pray for Sick and Shut-Ins

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, Tarez Clark, Steve Coates, Barbara Cravata, Ken Davidson, Lucille Davidson, Pat Davis, Melissa Balado Dean, Kitty Derveloy, Edward Diesler, Beverly Dominique, Carol Dominguez, Danette Crovetto Drell, Kenneth Paul Drude, Juanita Dugar, Joan Duplessis, 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, Melissa Gonzalez, Brian Guichet, Myrthus "Twinkle" Guichet, Anne Guidry, Pat Gullo, Bob Hackney, Katherine Harris, Baby Heaven, Sedia Hebert, 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 Larriue, 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, Anna Mae Mixon, Patricia Monteleone, Dr. Joseph Mirrando, Andrew Morales, Ed Murray, Aliyah Naquin, Cindy Newton, Ruth Ourso, Wanda Pandarvis, Eric Peltier, George Peltier, Diane Pepitone, Wayne Pepitone, Bert Perilloux, Marisa Perrin, Anne Phillips, Camilla Phillips, Fran Poche, Ann Prine, Mary Prine, Lise Richard, Sr. 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 Vilaro, Ronald Vining, Sam Viola, Stone Viola, Carla Van Vrancken, June Villa, Mary Vuljoin, 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:	Second Sunday of Advent
Monday:	St. Nicholas
Tuesday:	St. Ambrose
Wednesday:	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday:	St. Juan Diego
Friday:	Our Lady of Loreto
Saturday:	St. Damasus I

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.



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.

Readings for the Week of

December 6, 2021

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
 Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
 Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 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 (December 12, 2021)

First Reading.....Zephaniah 3:14-18a
 Second Reading.....Philippians 4:7-7
 Gospel..... Luke 3:10-18
 Psalm.....12:2-3, 4, 5-6

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 6, 2021

8:00 AM Ernest Ourso

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

8:00 AM Stephen Vuljoin.

Wednesday, December 8, 2021—Immaculate Conception

8:00 AM	Lucy Braun	(L) Bertha Ourso
	Delton Brooks	Ernest Ourso
	(L) Christine Castjohn	(L) George Peltier
	Kay & Bill Lundergan	Rita Perrin
	Charles Dominguez	Steve Pugh
	(L) Joseph Jason	Audrey Scamardo
	(L) Carol Kinchen	Debbie Sirisophon
	Lynnen Lambert, Jr.	Glenn Snyder
	Cecile Duplessis Lea	Godfrey Steib
	Kay & Bill Lundergan	All Servites Living & Deceased
	Albert Majeau, Sr.	Throughout the World
	Erin Mauterer	Floyd Troxler, Sr.
	(L) Patricia Montelone	(L) Phiney Yenni
	(L) Sheila Murphy	Sal Yenni

6:00 PM For the People of the Parish

Thursday, December 9, 2021

8:00 AM Alva Rolufs

Saturday, December 11, 2021

5:00 PM	Earl Baudin	Rufus Poche
	Dudley & Geraldine Berthelot	Steve Pugh
	Delton Brooks	Jan Ripberger
	Edgar & Gladys Charbonnet	Liz Sanderson
	Charles Dominguez	Glenn Snyder
	Wayne Kraemer	Madeline Thibodeaux
	(L) Isabella LaMarca	(L) Beck Waller
	Raoul Laurent, Jr.	(L) Wells Family
	(L) Andrew Morales	Katherine Yeargain
	Ernest Ourso	Patricia Pugh Yeargain
	Bill Perrin	Sal Yenni

Sunday, December 12, 2021

8:00 AM	Mary, Sam, & Ciro Agnello	Linda McGough
	Ramon & Gregoira Augusto	(L) Patricia Monteleone
	Larry Borgstede	(L) Andrew Morales
	Lucy Braun	Connie Morales
	Ronnie Braun	(L) Sheila Murphy
	(L) Christine Castjohn	(L) Bertha Ourso
	Joseph Clavier	Ernest Ourso
	Charles Dominguez	(L) George Peltier
	Mary Sue Drude	Rita Mae Perrin
	Richard & Clotilde Drude	Steve Pugh
	Marie & Paul Ferrara	Dale Roberts
	Sandra Guidry	(L) Katie & Sammy Sabella
	(L) Joseph Jason	Audrey Scamardo
	(L) Carol Kinchen	Glenn Snyder
	Virgil Ozment McWilliam Krafft	Debbie Sirisophon
	Cotton & Louanna Kraft	Floyd Troxler, Sr.
	DD Kraft	L/D Memb. of Vuljoin & Reggio
	Lily Kraft	(L) Laura & Daniel Waller
	Lynnen Lambert, Jr.	Conchetta Yenni
	Vincent Latino, Sr.	(L) Phiney Yenni
	Doris Drude Lavigne	Sal Yenni
	Cecile Duplessis Lea	Kathryn Zitzmann
	Elise & Levon Major	
11:00 AM	For the People of the Parish	

(L) Indicates Living

Stewardship

In the coming weeks, we will initiate the Stewardship of Prayer portion of our annual Total Stewardship effort. Committed to be a Total Stewardship parish we invite everyone's involvement--each individual and every family--certainly each parishioner can share in the privilege of praying for God's blessing, each other and the opportunity to serve through the ministries of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. In gratitude, we commit to pray, sharing our personal and purposeful love on behalf of all who need the Lord and the love he offers building A Future Full of Hope.



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Financial News

YTD	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
11/21/2021	\$ 376,742.97	\$399,000.00	\$ -22,257.33
Church Support	\$ 20,072.50		
Collection for Dulac	\$ 425.00		
Misc. Collections	\$ 693.00		
	\$ 21,190.50		
11/28/2021	\$ 392,210.92	\$418,00.00	\$ -25,789.08
Church Support	\$ 15,467.95		
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 946.00		
Misc. Collections	\$ 144.00		
	\$ 16,557.95		

Second Collections

Retired Religious Fund December 12, 2021
 St. Joseph School December 19, 2021

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, December 11th & Sunday, December 12th

	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
5PM	Stephanie Willie 7b Mary Ernst 8b Larry Ernst 9b	John Howes Alex Joiner John Laiche Chris Marmillion Francis Martino Durald Pinion John Yeargain
8AM	Jason Hotard 7b Merle Ozment 8b Kerry Balado 9b	Jeremy Barado Gordon Cotton Michael Chiasson Rene' Folse Rodney Schmaltz Roland Terrebonne
11 AM	Barbara Wall 7b Nicole Richard 8b Ronald Perrin 9b	Barry Blackledge Marcial Gomez Christopher McNabb Robert McNabb Kelly Richard Jeff Ryan Bob Zimmerman
5PM	<u>Altar Servers</u> Travis Turner, II	<u>Lectors</u> 5PM Janice Radosti 8AM Dennis James 11 AM Wayne Vedeckis
8AM	Ed Hanks Justin Hanks Paul Hanks	
11AM	Aiden Ryan John Patrick Ryan	

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.

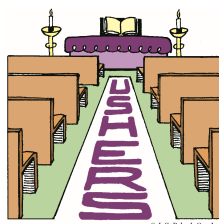
Sponsored by Stephen Ministers and Ponchatoula Knights of Columbus

Ushers Meeting

Thursday, December 16th

7 pm

in the Church



Volunteers Needed

Christmas Decorations Going Up

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17TH AT 8AM

Needed: Men and Women

Man-power needed to place trees EVERYTHING going up on this Friday. Our trees need extra attention. We are replacing all tree toppers, tree lights need attention, and all trees really need fluffing. Ladies please come and pitch in. The poinsettias will be added to the decorations on **Tuesday, December 21st** at noon.

May God continue to bless all St. Joseph Parish great volunteers. We want to thank all of you in advance for making St. Joseph Church ready for the coming of Our Lord. Questions call, Francis & Barbara 386-3622.

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.

Poinsettia's will NOT be available for pickup after Christmas. Any questions call Barbara Martino, 985-386-3622 or Roberta Connelley, 985-386-9711.

Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, December 5th- 9:15-10:30 am
PSR—Ablaze—Thirst

Sunday, December 5th
RCIA—9:30 am—St. Benedict Room

Monday, December 6th
Youth Choir Practice—4:00 pm in the Church Choir Room

Monday, December 6th
Monday Night Bible Study—6:00 pm in the St. Joseph Room

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

Tuesday, December 7th
Rosary Altar Society Christmas Party—10:30 am in the St. Benedict Room

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

Wednesday, December 8th
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Masses at 8:00 am & 6:00 pm

Wednesday, December 8th
Adoration—8:30 am—5:00 pm
Divine Mercy Chaplet—3:00 pm Vespers—6:00 pm

Wednesday, December 8th
Consecration to St. Joseph—7 pm in the St. Joseph Room in the Ministry Building

Friday, December 10th
Men's Bible Study—6:30 am—Benedict Room

Saturday, December 11th
Men's Morning Prayer Group—6:30 am in the Church

December 11th & 12th
Christmas Crusade for Children—Toy Drive

Tuesday, December 14th
St. Vincent de Paul Meeting—6:30 pm in the St. Joseph Room

Wednesday, December 15th
Baptism Class for Parents & Godparents—7:00 pm in the St. Benedict Room

Thursday, December 16th
Rooted—Cajun Christmas—6:30 pm

Thursday, December 16th
Ushers Meeting—7:00 pm in the Church

Friday, December 17th
Christmas Decorations Going Up in the Church—Volunteers Needed at 8:00 am.

Tuesday, December 21st
Finish Christmas Decorations—Noon

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

Rosary Altar Society Christmas Social

Tuesday, December 7th

10:30 AM

St. Benedict Room

All Ladies of the parish are Invited

Questions: Evelyn Lavigne 386-6732

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