



St. Joseph's

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Founded 1875

255 North 8th St. (P. O. Box 368) Ponchatoula, LA 70454

Church Phone Number: (985) 386-3749

Church Web site: www.stjosephsonline.com

Church Office Hours: Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sunday Mass Schedule:

Sat. Vigil 5:00 pm
Sun. 8:00 am & 11:00 am

Week Day Mass Schedule:

M-Th 8:00 am

Confession:

Sat. 4:00 PM
T & Th after Mass

Baptism:

Couples who would like their child baptized need to contact Ramona at the office, 985-386-3749 to register for baptism preparation.

Marriage:

Contact a priest or deacon of the parish at least 6 months before the wedding at 985-386-3749.

Anointing of the Sick:

Please notify the office as soon as a Catholic is seriously ill or is having surgery.

Adoration:

Wed. 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Divine Mercy: 3:00 pm
- Vespers & Benediction: 6:00 pm

Catechetical Programs:

PSR-Gr. K-5; Sun 9:30-10:30 am
Ablaze-Gr. 6-8; Sun 9:30-10:30 am
High School Formation
Gr. 9-12; Sun. 5:00-7:00 pm



Parishioners are required to bring and wear a mask while in the worship space. The faithful are encouraged to bring small bottles of hand sanitizer for their personal use.

December 6, 2020 Second Sunday of Advent

The Christ the King of the Universe procession on 11/21/20 was very inspirational. Over 50 people came out to give honor and glory to Jesus Christ our Sovereign King! Deacon Nat led our procession and brought us into a very holy event. We began in the church where the Eucharist was brought out and placed into the monstrance. Deacon Nat led the way with Scott Reggio in assistance waving the incense. Angela Dupre led us in the rosary and in song. We had two men David Acosta and Gordon Cotton also carrying the Mary statue behind Jesus. We all sang Jesus Christ our Sovereign King between each decade of the rosary. We processed to Main St. and then went around the property to Beech Street into the church again for Benediction. Several people expressed how inspiring the procession was and how proud they were to be a Catholic. I noticed many people stopped in the middle of Main Street and honk their horn showing a thumbs up. The procession was truly a spiritual up-lifting experience. Ms. Rhonda played the organ for us while we sang in church as a church family. Coming together as a church family is crucial in our growth as a community. Praying together is the basic formula for reaching heaven. Together we can help each other be the best of ourselves while praying and contributing to our church community. Can you feel the energy of St. Joseph's Church even amidst Covid-19? Let us continue to pray for one another as we move forward as a church family.



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Staff

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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: *Cancelled Until Further Notice.*
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 Joseph Jason, 985-386-8639.
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: 985-386-3749

Organizations

Ancient Order of Hibernians: Ronnie Crimmins 985-773-8965.
Kaycee Auxiliary: Maureen Felder 225-294-3092 or maureenfelder75@gmail.com
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, Melissa Henderson, Lisa Kennedy, Harry LeBlanc, Rachael Perrin, Stephanie Reggio, Rodney Schmaltz, Mary Threton, Wayne Vedeckis, Stephanie Waguespack, Tom Waller, Bill Wheat. Ad Hoc Council Members: Fr. McDuffie, Deacon Larry Melancon, 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.



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PICK OF THE WEEK

December 6, 2020

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.

GUADALUPE THE MIRACLE AND THE MESSAGE



FORMED Now!

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



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Welcome New Member of the Parish Staff

Hey y'all!

My name is Kayla Fletcher and I am so happy to have accepted the position to be this parish's Middle School Youth Minister! Before I truly start diving into this job, I believe that you should all know a little bit about me, my experiences in youth ministry and a glimpse of what my goals are for our middle schoolers.

I have been actively involved with St. Joseph's ever since our family moved back home here to Ponchatoula when I was in middle school. When I was in the 7th grade, I joined our St. Joseph's EDGE program that we had here, and it was through that program that I started to fall in love with my faith. After being in the EDGE program for two years, I couldn't wait to start being a part of the Lifeteen group in high school. While going through this program in high school, I also helped assist with PSR classes. And in my senior year, I was assisting with both 11th grade group and 2nd grade class. While in college my love of Youth Ministry really grew. I assisted with the middle school and high school groups my last two years there. Upon graduating, I left our small town to be a missionary in Texas, where I mainly ministered and taught kids from 5th-8th grade. My experience with that age group confirmed my desire to minister to them.

I am very honored and excited to work at my parish as your Middle School Youth Minister. My goal is that I'm looking forward to bringing our young teens and pre-teens closer to Christ and experiencing his love that he has for them.



Did you know? The Worship Aid/Song Sheet for each Sunday Mass is available on our parish website:

www.stjosephsonline.com. If you would like to follow the readings during Mass and see the words to the antiphons, psalms, and hymns, access these on your phone or mobile device on our website's home page. Just scroll down the page and click on "Worship Aid."

You can also listen to all of the music you will hear at each Mass. This is found on the website under the "Liturgical" tab. Click on "Mass Music" in the drop down menu and scroll to find the music for the upcoming weekend Mass.

CALLING ALL YOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL SAVE THE DATE

Sunday January 10th 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Kick off the New Year with a **YOUTH NIGHT SOCIAL & NEW YOUTH MINISTERS Kayla & Nicole**

Details to come !!!



The Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, December 8th

Mass Schedule

8:00 am & 6 pm



A Stephen Minister

Becoming a Stephen Minister has enriched my life more than I could have imagined. As a Stephen Minister, I have had several care receivers (a person I have contact with on a weekly basis). It is very hard to put into words the feeling you get by helping someone and knowing that you are doing God's work and bringing God's love to others.

My heart is so full when I talk to my care receiver and I can hear a change in her voice because I am giving her something to look forward to. I let her know that she is not by herself and I will be there for her. Have you ever looked at someone's face and all you saw was fear, loneliness and confusion? I have and that hurts. Becoming a Stephen Minister has given me the training to know that God is working through me to bring healing to my care receiver (how powerful is that). My care receiver will have hope and most important of all, she will know she is not alone. You have no idea how rewarding it is to be able to help someone with just an hour of your time. That's a small price for such a rewarding experience.

In our training, we gain insights that help us not only with our ministry but also in our everyday life. When I am faced with a problem, I try to handle it the "Stephen Ministry" way. I think "Ok, what has my training taught me". In this way, I have benefited in both ministry and my personal life. How rewarding is that!

I always knew I had a calling to help someone who was hurting. By becoming a Stephen Minister, I have learned more valuable lessons and better ways to help. Sometimes, the Holy Spirit takes over and gives me the words to say to a hurting person. (I'm still in the learning stages so I will take all the help I can get).

Stephen Ministry touched my heart from the very beginning and it continues to grow. This ministry has filled a spot in my heart that was missing something. Little did I know that Stephen Ministry was just what I was waiting for. Oh by the way, did I mention that Stephen Ministry has been a rewarding experience? I am glad I answered that call.

Anita Perrin
Stephen Ministry Leader

If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister contact Anita Perrin (985) 687-4458 or Ronnie Perrin (985) 507-9765.

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.

Monday, December 21, 2020, 6:00 p.m.– 7:00 p.m.

Followed by a light meal and fellowship

Ponchatoula Community Center

300 N. Fifth St.

Doors open at 5:45 p.m.

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

God's Delay

In times of great difficulties scoffers taunt us, "Where is God? Why hasn't your Lord come to save you now?"

And we of faith respond much in the same way as Peter did in today's second reading: the "delay" of the Lord's second coming is not any type of punishment or failure to keep the divine promise, but a loving sign of God's patience. God is giving *everyone* the chance to seek repentance.

God does not make life more difficult. Rather, God lessens our burdens as once before for the Jewish exiles returning home to Judea after captivity in Babylon. It was God who personally led them, making a "straight highway" for them across the desert.

We join with our ancestors of faith, who hoped that they might see God's Chosen One before them and who eventually realized that the Lord was also walking with them side by side.

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Today's Readings

First Reading — The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

Psalms — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

Gospel — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).

Monica's Journey

"Monica's Journey" is a ministry of St. Joseph Catholic Church for women who struggle to find answers in the midst of difficult relationships 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. Voicemail: *Please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible. (985) 467-9520.*

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

Jack Addison, Deacon Mike Agnello, Stephanie Alexander, Victoria "Vickie" Alexander, Ray Aleman, Phyllis Aymond, Ockie Baldassoro, Sr., Patrick Bailey, Mark Bear, Gloria Bennett, Mildred Bittick, David Blake, Michelle Bossier, Hazel Boudreaux, Larry Boudreaux, Ranice Bourg, Barbara Bourgeois, Angel Braun, Amy Brennan, JoAnne Brisset, Jeanette Brown, Carrie Burch, Jonathan Burch, Baby David Burris, Eric Campos, Christine Castjohn, Carol Castle, Dennis Charbonnet, Rita Charbonnet, Julian Chiro, Gavin Cieutat, PJ Clause, Ken Davidson, Lucille Davidson, Melissa Balado Dean, Kitty Derveloy, Larry Deslatte, Stacey Dolan, Beverly Dominique, Carol Dominguez, Danette Crovotto Drell, Andrew Dzuryachko, Pam Guichet Elder, Nicholas Eirich, Veronica Fannally, Joey Fortenberry, Marge Frahm, Eva Francois, Geraldine Freeman, Timmy Gates, Lenny George, Nittie Gilliland, Carolyn Gillingham, Malissa Gonzalez, Joan Gurganus, Brian Guichet, Myrthus "Twinkle" Guichet, Anne Guidry, Sue Quave Guildner, John Gullo, Rami Falgout Harkcom, Katherine Harris, Tommy Hebert, Kalee Henderson, Sherry Hill, Tammy Perrin Horn, Peggy Howes, Jimmy Hubert, Tara Huguet, Ashley Ingolia, Betty Ingolia, Grace Innerarity, Jennifer Jernigan, Lawrence Joiner, Alan Klein, David Kraft, Charles Gregory Kraft, Greg Kraft, Sis Kyzar, Debra Lanus, Norma Larrieu, Dwayne Lato, Diane Lavigne, Wayne Laurent, Ruby Drude Lee, Sally LeJeune, Liz LeSaicherre, Hilton Lloyd, IV, Nathan deLord, Elsie Major, Fr. Cayet Mangiaracina, O.P., Arthur & Tate Mashburn, Caitlyn Matherne, Melissa McCormick, Max McCray, Ginger McLin, Cole McMillion, Morris Meyer, Barry Mince Sr., Anna Mae Mixon, Patricia Monteleone, Andrew Morales, Ed Murray, Aliyah Naquin, Judy Nicholas, CJ Otilio, Ruth Ourso, Wanda Pandarvis, George Peltier, Wayne Pepitone, Bert Perilloux, Marisa Perrin, Camilla Phillips, Fran Poche, Ann Prine, Mary Prine, Krystal Raulerson, Baby Damon Reggio, Kayla Reggio, Bryan Roddick, A. J. Roig, Jr., Stacy Sanders, Brooklyne Sansone, Ernest Schenck, Bob Simoneaux, Bristol Rose Smith, Kayla Smith, Scott Stanga, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Tartamelia, Wylene Remy Taylor, Earl Theriot, Madeline Thibodeaux, Tracy Todd, Mike Tournillon, Travis Troxler, Sam Vilardo, Sam Viola, Carla Van Vrancken, June Villa, Glen Walker, Adelle Wall, Danny Wall, Danni Waugh, Rodney Wempren, Peggy West, Faith Rose Wiltz. **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:

CM Sgt Christopher Castle, Col. Brad Duplessis, Col. Brian Duplessis, Col. David, Duplessis- Commander, Mason Joiner Sgt Major in Army, Capt. Kathleen Keller, Jacob Milton, Commander Eric Olsen, US Navy. **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. Ambrose
Tuesday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday: St. Juan Diego
Friday: St. Damasus I
Saturday: Our Lady of Guadalupe



PAL (Parents of Addicted Loved-ones) is a support group of parents helping parents. PAL is also open to spouses and other family members and friends (18 or older) who have a loved one struggling with addiction.

A local PAL group meets in the St. Dominic room of St. Joseph's Ministry Building on the corner of 8th and Pine St. every 2nd & 4th Thursday from 6-7:30 pm. **However, during the Pandemic we are hosting ZOOM meetings on those nights instead.**

We look forward to sharing this program of hope and support with you. For more information contact Mary Jo B. at 985-320-3010 or Paige B. 985-981-8010 or review the website www.palgroup.org. All inquiries are held in strict confidence. **You are not alone There is HOPE.**

Readings for the Week of

December 7, 2020

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
 Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9, 10-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
 Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4; Mt 11:16-19
 Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Next Sunday Readings (December 13, 2020)

First Reading.....Isaiah 61: 1-2a, 10-11
 Second Reading..... 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24
 Gospel.....John 1: 6-8, 19-28
 Psalm.....Luke: 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 7, 2020

8:00 AM Dec. Members of the Galatas Family

Wednesday, December 8, 2020— The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM Delton Brooks
 Ted & Nancy Dupont
 Living & Deceased Members of the Jesse R. Hutchinson Family
 Wayne Kraemer
 Virgil Krafft
 (L) Isabella LaMarca
 Living & Deceased Members of the Nick Latino Family
 Kay & Bill Lundergan
 Living & Deceased Members of the Reggio & Vuljoin Families
 Dale Roberts
 Liz Sanderson
 Audrey Scamardo
 All Servite's Throughout the World Living and Deceased
 Glenn Snyder
 Souls in Purgatory
 Godfrey Steib

6:00 PM For the People of the Parish

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

8:00 AM Lillian Foret

Saturday, December 12, 2020

5:00 PM Philip Alexander
 Dudley & Geraldine Berthelot
 Delton Brooks
 Edgar & Gladys Charbonnet
 Phillip Connelley
 (L) Addison Foret
 (L) Deacon Nat Garafola
 Dub Gibbens
 Wayne Kraemer
 Elias Ordandidis
 Bill Perrin
 Rufus Poche
 Vincent Poche
 Michael Robert Raiford

Sunday, December 13, 2020

8:00 AM (L) Dr. Lon F. Alexander
 Jude Alford
 Bonnie Boudreaux
 Liv. & Dec. Members of Braun Family
 Jackie Himel Carr
 (L) Deacons & Wives & Families
 Ann Deslatte
 Mary Sue Drude
 Richard & Clotilde Drude
 Lt. Edward Dufreche
 Lt. Commander John Dufreche
 Rudolph Ellenberger, Sr.
 Everage Family
 (L) Addison Foret
 Edwin Gonzales
 Huey Paul Harrell, Jr.
 Ann & Bill Hayles
 Diana Mary Hoover
 Beverly Rose Ingolia
 Terry Jacob
 Virgil Krafft
 Dickie Lamp
 Vincent Latino, Sr.
 Raoul Laurent, Jr.
 Doris Lavigne
 Joseph Ralph LeSaicherre
 (L) Liz LeSaicherre
 11:00 AM For the People of the Parish
 (L) indicates Living

Thursday, December 10, 2020

8:00 AM (L) Beck Waller

Dale Roberts
 Alva Rolufs.
 Liz Sanderson
 Frank Schilling, Sr.
 Glenn Snyder
 Souls in Purgatory
 (L) Donald J. Trump
 Bobby Vitter
 Stephen Vuljoin
 (L) Daniel Waller Family
 (L) Laura & Daniel Waller
 Nettie Watts & Fred Tucker
 Tommy Wintz
 (L) Kyle Wolfe

(L) Ernest Ourso Family
 (L) Richard & Lydia Palisi
 Nancy & Kim Penton
 Pfister Family
 Ragan Family
 Vera Ragan
 Michael Robert Raiford
 Mallory Grace Reggio
 Liv. & Dec. Members of the Reggio & Vuljoin
 Lester Richoux, Jr.
 Dale Roberts
 Rosemary B. Roux
 Lloyd "Happy" Sance
 Liz Sanderson
 Audrey Scamardo
 Frank Schilling, Sr.
 Snyder Family
 Souls in Purgatory
 (L) President Donald J. Trump
 (L) Baby Danni Waugh
 (L) Laura & Daniel Waller
 (L) Sydney & Nathan Waller
 (L) Anthony & Jannette Zuppardo

Confession Schedule

Saturday - 4pm
 Tues. & Thurs.—after 8 am Mass
 (Starting December 1st)

Stewardship

“Earthy Record, Heavenly Writ”

How many Bible students open the Gospel of Matthew and turn the page? So-and-so begat so-and-so, and so on, and so on, and so on. Well, failing to invest a few minutes in the familial record of Jesus Christ is to ignore the stunning heritage of the heir of God. Perhaps, in an age of DNA tests and online genealogical searches, more of us stop and take notice. Matthew makes it easy, telling us who Jesus was, providing his family details. Searches for kin answer many personal questions. Sometimes, we discover an unknown relation, family connection, or country of origin. In Christ, we note our relation to the King of kings. Children of the living God, we are his beloved.

“The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham became the father of Isaac; Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers.” Generations later, “Boaz became the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth. Obed became the father of Jesse, Jesse the father of David the king. David became the father of Solomon whose mother had been the wife of Uriah.” Then, generations after the Babylonian exile, “Eleazar became the father of Matthan, Matthan the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary. Of her was born Jesus who is called the Messiah. The total number of generations from Abraham to David is fourteen generations; from David to the Babylonian exile, fourteen generations; from the Babylonian exile to the Messiah, fourteen generations.”

Financial News

YTD	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
11/22//2020	\$377,846.02	\$399,000.00	\$ -21,153.98
Church Support	\$ 16,911.00		
Human Develop. Camp.	\$ 325.00		
Misc. Collections	\$ 842.00		
	\$ 17,853.07		
11/29//2020	\$393,328.97	\$418,000.00	\$ -24,671.03
Church Support	\$ 15,482.95		
St. Vincent de Paul.	\$ 1,678.00		
Misc. Collections	\$ 296.00		
	\$ 17,8456.95		

Second Collections

Retired Religious Fund: December 13th
 St. Joseph School: December 20th

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, December 12th Sunday December 13th

	Eucharistic Ministers	Ushers
5PM	Stephanie Willie 7b John Albrecht 8b Barbara Martino 9b	Francis Martino Chris Marmillion Durald Pinion
8AM	Katie Holmes 7b Rachel Perrin 8b Rose Harper 9b	Michael Chiasson Jacob Schmaltz Roland Terrebonne Ronnie Reggio
11 AM	Mary Threeton (7b) Veronica Pierson (8b) Danette Ragusa (9b)	Randy Bennett Joseph Ragan Sidney Alexander Barry Blackledge Jeff Ryan
5PM	Janice Radosti	
8AM	Ed Hanks	
11 AM	Peggy Hastings	

Intentions of the Holy Father

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.



Mass Schedule for Christmas

December 24th: 4 pm & 7 pm

December 25th: 10 am

The Church Office will be closed from 12/24/2020 through 1/1/2021



Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, Dec. 5th & Sunday, Dec. 6th Christmas Crusade for Children— Bring unwrapped toys to all Masses.



Sunday, December 6th
Parish School of Religion 9:30 am in the School

Sunday, December 6th
Ablaze—9:30 am

Sunday, December 6th
The Sacraments—9:30 am in SJS Library

Sunday, December 6th
Called & Gifted—9:30am –School Classroom

Sunday, December 6th
Thirst— 5:00 pm

Monday, December 7th
Youth Choir Practice— 4:00 pm in the Choir Room

Tuesday, December 8th
The Feast of the Immaculate Conception -
Masses: 8:00 am & 6:00 pm



Tuesday, December 8th
Word & Worship—Church-7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 9th
Adoration—Church 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Wednesday, December 9th
Divine Mercy—Church-3:00 pm

Wednesday, December 9th
Vespers—Church - 6:00 pm

Wednesday, December 9th
Baptism Preparation Class for Parents & Godparents—7pm in the St. Benedict Room in the Church.



Saturday, December 12th
Confession—4:00 pm

Tuesday, December 15th
St. Vincent de Paul Meeting— 6:30pm in the Ministry Building

Monday, December 21st
Blue Christmas—6pm Community Center

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

Friday, December 25th
The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Mass: 10 am

Sunday, January 10th
Youth Night Social—5pm

Volunteers Needed

Christmas Decorations Going Up

Friday, December 18th at 8:30 am

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 added to the decorations on **Tuesday, December 22** at 9am

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 envelopes in the basket marked "Christmas Poinsettia" located on the counter inside the church 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.



Sadly, in light of the current COVID pandemic, we will NOT be collecting Christmas Cards and postage for prisoners this year.

Thank You!


The Tangi Shockers Traveling Softball team collected non perishable items to donate to the St Joseph Conference SVDP Food Bank. Thank you ladies for caring about those in need at this time of Thanksgiving.





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