



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

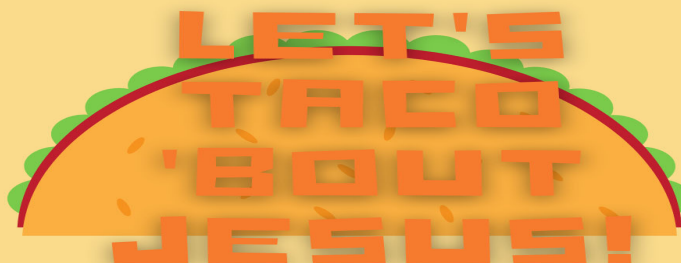
Catechetical Programs:

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

SAFETY GUIDELINES

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.

January 10, 2021 The Baptism of the Lord



TODAY!!!

**Jan 10
5-7 PM**

TODAY!!!

Drop off: St. Joseph's GYM

Pick up: 6-8 Grade St. Joseph's Room

9-11 Grade St. Joseph's GYM

Due to Diocesan Restrictions, we ask that the teens bring their own tacos/ Taco Bell

**HIGH SCHOOL 9-12TH
IT IS CONSIDERED A CLASS ON THE SCHEDULE**

Are You Called to Teach Theology of the Body?

Dates: Jan 13, 14, 15 2021

Where: St. Dominic Church (Siena Room)
775 Harrison Ave. New Orleans, LA

Presenter: Brian Butler of Dumb Ox Ministries

For more info visit: www.dumbboxministries.com/trainings

Catechists/Parents Seeking TOB Training

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Staff

Rev. Paul A. McDuffie, *Pastor*
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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: *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 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: 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.
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, Wayne Vedeckis, Stephanie Waguespack, Tom Waller, Bill Wheat. Ad Hoc Council Members: Fr. McDuffie, Deacon Larry Melancon, Fernando Morales, Danette Ragusa.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

January 10, 2021

WATCH

REBORN - EPISODE 1: A NEW CREATION

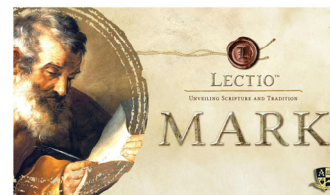
This week, as we contemplate Jesus' Baptism, dive into the mystery of the Sacrament of Baptism! Through our Reborn series, you will come to understand the deeper meaning behind your Baptism!



LEARN

LECTIO: MARK, EPISODE 2: PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

Jesus couldn't have been baptized without a baptizer. Join Dr. Tim Gray as he explains the opening verses of Mark's Gospel that depict the ministry of John the Baptist — the man who would baptize Jesus.



LISTEN

CHANGED FOREVER: THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM BY FR. MIKE SCHMITZ

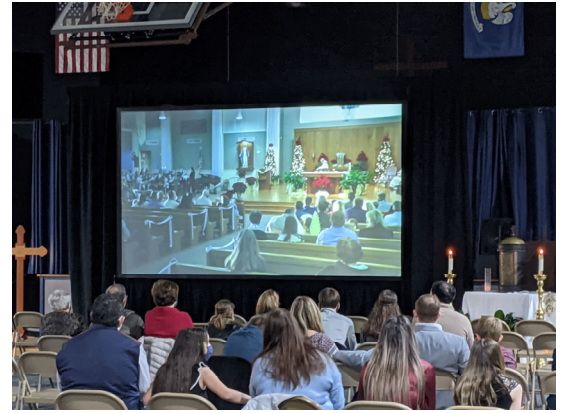
Renowned Catholic speaker and priest, Fr. Mike Schmitz, explores the beautiful gift of the Sacrament of Baptism. In this talk, Fr. Mike provides a wonderful presentation on the waters that give new life!



Our parish has a FORMED subscription.
To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

Christmas Masses

What a Merry Christmas it was at St. Joseph's Church in 2020! Attendance was much more than expected at all the masses. The decorations were outstanding. The kids in the pageant were just beautiful. Our cantors at the 7:00pm Christmas Eve Mass were breathtakingly anointed. The overflow in the gym for the two Christmas Eve Masses was much needed. The live streaming event in the gym was the first time for us and it went off without a hitch. People were able to worship at a distance and feel comfortable. The congregation in the gym even waved back at Fr. McDuffie during his homily when he waved and said, "Hello everybody in TV land" if you remember. Our church community came together and we not only pulled it off, but were able to enjoy celebrating and offering ourselves and our families to Jesus, born into the world! Thank you especially to the ushers who not only increased by 8 persons just a couple of weeks before but was able to train and administer the reservation system and help keep everyone safe, distant and organized for the Christmas masses. All of you who participated in decorations; organization; switching light bulbs; cleaning and preparing the grounds, THANK YOU FOR MAKING OUR WORSHIP SPECIAL HERE AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH.



JANUARY
Month of the Holy Name

The month of January is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. After the Blessed Virgin Mary conceived by the Holy Spirit, the angel Gabriel appeared to St. Joseph and told him that the Child's name should be called Jesus, meaning "God Saves." According to Jewish law, on the 8th day after his birth a male child was to be circumcised, receive his name, and become a full member of God's covenant people. According to the old Roman liturgical calendar, the Feast of the Circumcision of Jesus was celebrated on January 1st, eight days after Christmas, the same day that He was given His sacred name. Currently we celebrate the Solemnity of the Mother of God on January 1st and honor the Holy Name of Jesus on January 3rd. For Catholics, Jesus' sacred name is the object of a special devotion symbolized by the monogram "IHS," (sometimes called a Christogram), which is the first three letters of the Greek spelling of His name.

Year of
ST. JOSEPH



With the Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from today, 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021.



*Dear Saint Joseph,
help me to learn,
from the example
of your holy life,
that I must do
the ordinary things
of life in an
extraordinary way.*

Christmas Poinsettias

In Loving Memory Of: *Eddie & Ethel Adams* By Darrell & Shirley Adams * *Jimmy & Rosemary C. Addison* by Mary Jo Balado * *Pat Albrecht* by John Albrecht * *Wayne Aymond, Sr.* by Phyliss Aymond * *Members of the Barado/Matherne Family* * *Irma Rousseau Barsley* by Francis Martino Family * *Deceased Family & Friends of Bea & Stanley Beck* * *Ernest Bonaccorso, Jr.* by Katie Bonaccorso * *Braun & Pfister Families* by Kevlin Braun * *Delton Brooks* by Bonnie H. Brooks * *Delton Brooks* by Kenneth Kraft Family * *Vivian & Casmier Bruce* by Kathy & Rolly Bruce * *Wanda Steib Castell* by Michael & Debbie Schanzbach * *Harold & Rosemary Chiasson* by Michael & Karen Chiasson * *Phillip & Robert Connelley* by Roberta Connelley * *Connelley & Rolufs Family* by Roberta Connelley * *Bobby & Tilly Cutrer* by Robin St. Cyr * *Deceased Members of the Dufreche Family* * *Deceased Members of the Duplessis Family* * *Alice & Arthur Eastman* by Elaine, Harry & Marc LeBlanc * *Deceased Members of the Ernest Family* * *Ernst Family* by Mary E. Threton * *Jimmie & Dolores Ethridge* by Larry & Mary Ernst * *Alice Ferniz* by Heroman's * *Dustin Galadora* * *Jessica Galatas* by Barry & Jodi Bleakley * *Francis & Connie Garaudy* by Mary Hoover * *Ed Garro, II* by Lauren Adams * *Paul & Maxine Girard* by Kathy & Rolly Bruce * *Deceased Members of the Gonzales Family* by Cheryln & Bob Zimmerman * *Green & Schenck Families* by Patricia Schenck * *Grieves, Cronk & Darbonne Families* by Laura Douglas * *Kitty Guagliardo* by Tony Guagliardo, III * *Ernestine & Oscar Hastings* by Jim & Peggy Hastings * *My parents, sister & brother* by Lisa Hebert * *Cecil R. Hebert Family* by Bonnie H. Brooks * *The Marjorie Eschenberg Hebert Family* by Dianne & Ronnie * *H.P. & Agnes Hoover* by Darrell & Shirley Adams * *Donald James, Sr. & Donald James, Jr.* by Joycelyn James * *Members of the James/Heck Family* * *Henrietta Joiner* by Tony Guagliardo, III * *Becky Kraft* by Kenneth Kraft Family * *Cotton & Louanna Kraft* by Valley Kraft Family * *Cotton & Louanna Kraft* by Kenneth Kraft Family * *D.D. Kraft* by Kenneth Kraft Family * *Infant Son of Valley Kraft* by Valley Kraft Family * *Lily Kraft* by Kenneth Kraft Family * *Veronika LaCroix* by David LaCroix * *Milton & Michael Landeche* by Michael & Karen Chiasson * *Leslie & Tillie Lavigne* by Lesley Palisi * *Ben LeBoeuf* by Valley Kraft Family * *Kelsey Martin* by Valley Kraft Family * *Marilyn McConnell* by Lisa Mince * *Mc Daniel, Nuss, Oalmann Families* by Pam McDaniel * *Johnny S. McGary, Sr.* by Barbara McGary & Family * *Jennifer McKneely* by Valley Kraft Family * *The Miller, & Jaundot Families* by Carol Ott * *Lindsay T. Muscarello* by Vance & Mary Jo Balado * *Russell Ortolano* by Lisa Mince * *Albert Ott* by Carol Ott * *Henry Novack* by Valley Kraft Family * *Joe & Evelyn Pepitone* by Terry & Diane Pepitone * *Our Son Bill Perrin* by Ed & Fay Murray * *Andrea Piper* * *Alonzo, Frances & Mike Raiford* by Dudley & Eva Simmons * *Dale Roberts* by Catherine Roberts * *Holden & Janet Robertson* by Darrell & Shirley Adams * *Daniel & Norma Rojo* by M/M Brent Widmer * *Mervin Lee Rousseau* by Francis Martino Family * *Liz Sanderson* by Paul Sanderson & Family * *Paul Sr. & Theresa Sanderson* by Paul Sanderson, Jr. & Family * *Deacon Dutch & Willie Schanzbach* by Michael & Debbie Schanzbach * *Clyde & Mary St. Cyr* by Robin St. Cyr * *Margaret & Buddy Stall* by Jim & Peggy Hastings * *Godfrey & Joy Steib* by Michael & Debbie Schanzbach * *Ron Steib* by Michael & Debbie Schanzbach * *Lester & Marie Toups* by Paul Sanderson & Family * *Barbara Troxler* by Ramona & Rene' Folse * *Deceased Members of the Waguespack & Salzer Families* by Mr. & Mrs. F. Waguespack * *Howard J Walker, Jr. & Lisa Marie Lewing* by Veronica Lewing * *Wempren & Berthelot Families* by Rodney & Gina Wempren * *Ryan Widmer* by M/M Brent Widmer * *Deceased Members of the Wood & Kurtz Family* by Mr. & Mrs. F. Waguespack * *The Eunice Fannaly Wright Family* by Dianne & Ronnie * *Deceased Members of the Zimmerman Family* by Cheryln & Bob Zimmerman

In Loving Memory and In Honor of Living & Deceased Members of: *Balado & Johnson Families* * *Bleakley Family* by Barry & Jodi Bleakley * *Dugas & Ernst Family* by Marie Ernst * *Latour Family* * *Family of Alonzo Raiford, Sr.* by David & Dianne Raiford * *Robichaux Family* by Barry & Jodi Bleakley * *Family of Freddie Schilling, Sr.* by David & Dianne Raiford * *Schmaltz Family*

In Honor of: *Our Grandchildren: Christopher, Sarah, Tyler, Alyssa, Jack & Julie* by Ed & Fay Murray * *Our Children: Denise, Tammy & Patrick* by Ed & Fay Murray * *David Kraft* by Kenneth Kraft Family



A special thank you for your donations for poinsettias for living and deceased family members. The Christmas poinsettia drive really makes the church come alive, with you donations, we are able to put the finishing touch on our church for a very beautiful look. God bless and may you continue to share in God's love.



Be Seen With Your Mother

Dates: Jan. 3rd, 10th, 24th, 31st, Feb. 7th

Time: 9:30 am in the School Library

Leader: Savanna Balado

Ever pondered the fact that we share a Mother with the God of the universe? If you think about it, it's truly amazing! Many of us know that the life of Jesus is foreshadowed all throughout the Old Testament, and just how Jesus is the "New Adam," so Mary is the "New Eve" and plays a crucial role in our redemption. Throughout these classes, we will TOGETHER begin to unveil the Marian mystery present throughout sacred scripture while also deepening our love and affection for our Immaculate Mother. She is always there for us, ready to walk with us, willing to be seen with us.



Pray!!! Listen!!! Be Alert!!! Answer the Call!!!

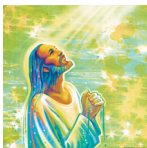
A Stephen Minister makes a difference in the lives of those going through difficult times. They have a heart for bringing Christ's healing love to hurting people. Serving as a Stephen Minister is an opportunity to put your spiritual gifts into action and touch people's lives in powerful ways, not only will the skills you learn be helpful in Stephen Ministry but also deepen and enhance all the relationships in your life. We need more ministers so that anyone going through a crisis will never have to ravel that rocky road alone.

Please pray about the opportunity to serve as a Stephen Minister. Seek the Holy Spirit's guidance and consider how God might be calling you to this ministry. Maybe the time wasn't right before but situations have changed and now you are ready to become involved with Stephen Ministry. A class will be starting soon, so we ask the congregation to pray that the Holy Spirit will touch the heart of those considering serving as Stephen Ministers. For more information contact Anita Perrin (985) 687-4458 or Ronnie Perrin (985) 507-9765.



The Waters of Baptism

When new sod is put in, it needs constant saturation with water. Landscapers say that this “knits” the sod to the soil. The same when a branch is grafted onto a tree: the poultice that joins them at the splice must be kept wet at all times. Water is the stuff that binds the very cells of our bodies together. No wonder religions throughout all times and cultures have used it so prominently. When Jesus stepped into the Jordan for baptism, he “knot” himself to what had come before him. By going to the Jordan, he made himself one with the people of Israel who had crossed it into their Promised Land. With John the Baptist, Christ wove himself into the prophetic tradition that heralded the coming reign of God. He had become fully human in the waters of Mary’s womb, and by partaking in the rite of the baptism of repentance, Jesus identified himself with our sinful, frail humanity. It is through the waters of baptism that Christ continues to graft new members onto his Body, the Church; through these waters we are cleansed from sin and filled with the promise of grace, given our destiny for eternal life. For us, as for Jesus, it is also the waters of baptism that inaugurate our mission to proclaim the Good News. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Today's Readings

First Reading — Behold my servant with whom I am pleased; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) or *Isaiah 55:1-11*.

Psalms — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) or *Isaiah 12:2-6*.

Second Reading — God anointed him with the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:34-38) or *1 John 5:1-9*.

Gospel — You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased (Mark 1:7-11).

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

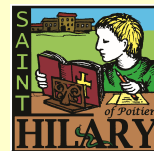
Jack Addison, Stephanie Alexander, Victoria “Vickie” Alexander, Ray Aleman, Oekie Baldassoro, Sr., Patrick Bailey, Mark Bear, Gloria Bennett, Mildred Bittick, David Blake, Michelle Bossier, Hazel Boudreaux, Larry Boudreaux, Ranice Bourg, Barbara Bourgeois, Angel Braun, Amy Brennan, JoAnne Brisset, Jeanette Brown, Carrie Burch, Jonathan Burch, Baby David Burris, Eric Campos, Christy “KK” Cartaginense, 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 Crovetto 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, Linda Guagliardo, Joan Gurganus, Brian Guichet, Myrthus “Twinkle” Guichet, Anne Guidry, Sue Quave Guildner, Pat Gullo, Rami Falgout Harkcom, Katherine Harris, Tommy Hebert, Kalee Henderson, Sherry Hill, Tammy Perrin Horn, Peggy Howes, Jimmy Hubert, Tara Hugueta, Harold Hungerford, Ashley Ingolia, Betty Ingolia, Grace Innerarity, Jennifer Jernigan, Lawrence Joiner, Mindy Kershenstine, Alan Klein, David Kraft, Charles Gregory Kraft, Greg Kraft, Sis Kyzar, Debra Lanius, Norma Larrieu, Dwayne Lato, Diane Lavigne, Wayne Laurent, Ruby Drude Lee, Sally LeJeune, Liz LeSaichere, Hilton Lloyd, IV, Nathan deLord, Elsie Major, Fr. Cayet Mangiaracina, O.P., Heath Martin, Arthur & Tate Mashburn, Caitlyn Matherne, William Mathes, 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., Emile Sanchez & Family, 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 Vilaro, 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: The Baptism of the Lord
Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins
Wednesday: St. Hilary
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary



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 at the St. Joseph’s Church every 2nd & 4th Thursday from 6-7:30 pm. *However, during the Pandemic we are hosting ZOOM meetings on those nights instead. Beginning January 14th we will resume in person meetings, every 2nd & 4th Thursday at a new location inside the St. Benedict Room at Church.*

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 January 11, 2021

Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20
 Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28
 Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6e-8; Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday Readings (January 17, 2021)

First Reading.....1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19
 Second Reading.....1 Corinthians 6: 13c-15a, 17-20
 Gospel.....John 1: 35-42
 Psalm.....40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 11, 2021

8:00 AM Devon Phillips

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

8:00 AM (L) Abigail Waller

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

8:00 AM (L) Christine Vicknair

Thursday, January 14, 2021

8:00 AM Dale Roberts

Saturday, January 16, 2021

5:00 PM Pat Albrecht
 Susan Barbe
 Earl Baudin
 Dudley & Geraldine Berthelot
 (L) Keith Boudreaux
 Delton Brooks
 Golda Buras
 Phillip Connelley
 John Dufreche
 Dotsy Eleser
 Mamie Heiring
 Wayne Kraemer
 Dickie Lamp
 Bill Perrin
 (L) Anne Phillips
 Rufus Poche
 Vincent Poche
 Mike Raiford
 Dale Roberts
 Liz Sanderson
 Glenn Snyder
 (L) All Employees of Springfield Elementary School
 Nettie Watts & Fred Tucker, Jr.
 Donald Wilson

Sunday, January 17, 2021

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish

11:00 AM Melissa Bass Adams
 Mary Sue Drude
 Richard & Clotilde Drude
 Kearney Foster
 Dorothy Hotard
 Virgil McWilliams Krafft
 Doris Drude Lavigne
 Ben LeBoeuf
 Kelsey Martin
 Martin Muller
 (L) Rosmary Novak
 Patsy Olivier
 (L) Ben Perrin & Family
 (L) Stephen Perrin & Family
 (L) Cory Pinion
 Dale Roberts
 Ryan Joseph Schexnayder, Sr.
 (L) Dale Alan Smith
 Glenn Snyder
 Colin Vivien
 Donnie Wilson
 (L) Ann Wood
 Russell Wood

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Ushers Meeting

The next Ushers Meeting will be on **Wednesday January 27th** at 6:30 pm in the St. Benedict Room. Anyone interested in serving in this ministry is invited to attend. For more information contact Barry Blackledge at 985-510-5502.



Stewardship

“The Latest Update”

“Herod sent the Magi to Bethlehem and said, ‘Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage.’ After their audience with the king, they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.”

How often have you used a GPS app to make your way to a new destination, only to discover the program suggests a different way home? At times, the journey includes a stop for fuel or a meal. At other times, the way forward is a bit outside your control—an unanticipated accident or heavier than expected traffic directs you elsewhere. For the Magi, the ultimate planner led them directly to the Christ-child, and that same loving Lord led them home—to their greatest joy and the chance to safely tell the tale.

Financial News

YTD	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
12/27//2020	\$485,789.56	\$494,000.00	\$ -8,210.44
Church Support	\$ 20,105.95		
Christmas Masses	\$ 6,724.25		
Misc. Collections	\$ 721.00		
	\$ 27,551.20		
1/3//2021	\$514,564.56	\$513,000.00	\$ +1,564.56
Church Support	\$ 25,967.00		
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 2,808.00		
Misc. Collections	\$ 1,279.00		
	\$ 30,054.00		

Second Collections

St. Joseph School: January 10th
 Church in Latin America: January 24th
 St. Vincent de Paul: January 31st

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 16th & Sunday January 17th

	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
5PM	Harry LeBlanc 7b Stephanie Willie 8b Fay Murray 9b	Durald Pinion Chris Marmillion John Howes
8AM	Merle Ozment 7b Rachel Perrin 8b Stephanie Waguespack 9b	Roland Terrebonne Michael Chiasson Peter Peterson Gordon Cotton
11 AM	Tony Guagliardo, III 7b Deborah Vogel 8b Stacy Randazzo 9b	Jeff Ryan Barry Blackledge Marcial Gomez Robert McNabb Christopher McNabb

Lectors

5PM James Wittenberg
 8AM Nicole Dillon
 11 AM Nicole Richard

Vocation Awareness

The Son of God is manifested to the world first through the visit of the magi. Today God’s Son is brought into the world and is present to the world through His Church. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Josh Johnson at (225) 336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org.



Society of St Vincent de Paul Report: December 2020

We made **34** home visits serving **111** people

Delivered 33 bags of food from our Parish Food Pantry

Paid utility bills totaling \$2,420.50 and \$4,243.33 in other assistance including rent, shelter, clothing, fresh food, transportation needs, and other necessary household needs.

As always, we are grateful for your generosity that makes our work with the poor possible. At this time we are low on toiletries in our pantry, such as **toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, paper towels, and shampoo.** Donations of these items would be greatly appreciated!!!!

We are in need of new members due to the fact that some of our members have moved, and others have health issues that are preventing them from going on home visits. If you feel called to this ministry please come to a meeting and see what we do. Our next scheduled meetings are **January 12th** and **26th**.

St. Joseph Catholic School Virtual Open House Beginning Thursday, January 28, 2021

Visit our website for the link to our virtual tour -
www.sjscrusaders.org
Prospective Families may also sign up for an individual
tour/meeting via our website.



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Open Registration will begin Monday, February 1, 2021

St. Joseph School does not discriminate on the
basis of race, color, national, or ethnic origin.

Volunteers Needed for Christmas- Take Down

We will be taking down all Christmas decorations on Friday, January 15th at 8:30 am. Volunteers will be needed, guys, and dolls. If enough help comes, won't take long! Appreciate any and all help Questions call Barbara at 386-3622.



Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father—January 2021

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, January 10th
Parish School of Religion 9:30 am in the School

Sunday, January 10th
Ablaze—9:30 am

Sunday, January 10th
Be Seen With Your Mother—9:30 am in SJS Library

Sunday, January 10th
Called & Gifted—9:30am –School Classroom

Sunday, January 10th
Youth Night Social—5pm

Tuesday, January 12th
St. Vincent de Paul Meeting—6:30 pm in the Ministry Building

Tuesday, January 12th
Word & Worship-Church-7:00 pm

Wednesday, January 13th
Adoration—Church 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Wednesday, January 13th
Divine Mercy-Church-3:00 pm

Wednesday, January 13th
Vespers—Church - 6:00 pm

Wednesday, January 13th
Baptism Class for Parents and Godparents—7pm in the St. Benedict Room in the Church.

Friday, January 15th
Taking Down Christmas Decorations in the Church—8:30 am

Saturday, January 16th
Confession—4:00 pm

Monday, January 18th
Church Office Closed

Wednesday, January 27th
Ushers Meeting—6:30 pm in the St. Benedict Room.

Altar Flowers


If you would like to donate the flowers placed before the altar in Loving Honor of a Special Parishioner deceased or living please call the Church Office (985 -386-3749) to notify them of your wish. A check made out to Carolyn Gillingham for \$50 will secure your request. A dedication will be listed in that weekends bulletin. Thank you for your interest.





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
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