



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 17, 2021 Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

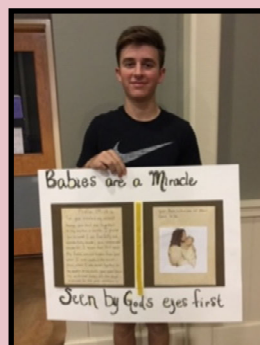


The month of January has been a Pro Life Month beginning with the legalization of abortion. Within our own parish, we have a very dedicated group of men who are always committed to the sanctity of human life, and that is The Knights of Columbus. Every year, these men host a pro-life poster contest for the children and youth of our parish to bring awareness to the Pro-Life issue.

Congratulations to our following winners from both SJS and our Ablaze/Thirst classes. 1st place: Lilah Schexnayder, Grace Duhon, Bailey Morgan, Annabelle Rodrique, Brodie Crouch, Jozee Bennett, Carly Berner, Angelle Morales, Michael Marshall, Brayden Perrin. 2nd place: Jada Hoffmann, Alia Louviere, Zachary Ventura, Cole Landry, Brenya Klee, Raymond Baham, Celina Sosa, Kinsley Dailey, Ryleigh Davis, Abby Foster. 3rd place: Kaylee Hoffmann, Emma Hoover, Hudson Delatte, Adysen Felder, Barrett Whittington, Zac Bagby, Layla Perrin, Avery Sale, Brody Smith.

Starting **January 21- January 29**, there is a nine-day novena that is being prayed for the sanctity of human life. Nine days for life is a multi-faceted novena that we pray for the protection and respect of human life. Each day of the novena has a different intention meant for different parts of being pro-life, from the end to abortion, that expectant mothers get the care that they need for themselves and their child, and for our civic leaders to protect all human life from every stage and circumstance. Check out the Novena and more on the www.usccb.org/prolife and www.respectlife.org/9-days-for-life websites.

We invite you to join us in praying this novena, or you and your family may come to our parish event on **January 23** from **10:30 am-12:30 pm** where we will be offering up our morning for all things pro-life (more details on page 3).



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Staff

Rev. Paul A. McDuffie, *Pastor*
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Angela Perrin, *Business Manager*
Fernando Morales, *Director of Ministries*
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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

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.

Download Our New Parish App!

Our new St. Joseph's app is now available to download for iPhone and Android smart phones. Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications, an easy-to-access event calendar, and the ability to quickly reply to or share messages via Facebook or Twitter. Also enjoy a bunch of additional features like prayers, daily readings, helpful reminders to silence your phone before Mass or Confession, and much more.

Help foster a stronger parish life at St. Joseph's and better engage the New Evangelization.

Download our app today at myparishapp.com or search your phone's app store for my parish.



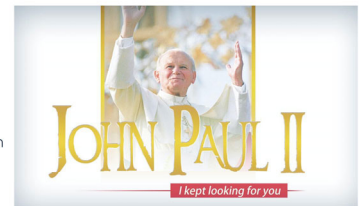
FORMED®

PICK OF THE WEEK

January 17, 2021

WATCH

JOHN PAUL II: I KEPT LOOKING FOR YOU
This incredible documentary traces Pope St. John Paul II's impact on the Church and the world. This film is a wonderful tribute to a man who inspired millions of people to deeper faith in Jesus Christ.

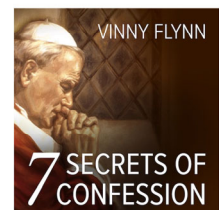


FORMED NOW! MISERY MEETS MERCY: SAINT FAUSTINA KOWALSKA
St. Faustina is known as the "secretary of Divine Mercy" because of the revelations of the Lord to her about His incredible mercy. Join Dr. Ben Akers and Fr. Mateusz Pitagazak as they discuss her proclamation of the message of Divine Mercy.

LEARN

LISTEN

7 SECRETS OF CONFESSION BY VINNY FLYNN
The Sacrament of Confession is the place where we get to encounter the Lord's mercy in a tangible way. In this talk, best selling author and Catholic speaker Vinny Flynn explores the incredible gift of mercy we encounter in Confession.



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As Jesus is baptized and begins his public ministry, the Christmas season comes to a close and we enter the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time. The glow of our beautiful Christmas Mass celebrations, however, are still fairly fresh. The Lord worked through many hands, hearts, and voices to create these beautiful celebrations. I especially want to thank all of the talented musicians who shared their gifts with St. Joseph's community and helped us glimpse heaven this Christmas:

4:00 PM Mass:

Cantor-Julia Rossano

Choir Director-Morgan Dugas

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

7:00 PM Mass:

Cantor-Cynthia Davidson

Vocalists-Cheyenne Moore, Emily Guagliardo, Alyssa Hernandez, Jason Lane, & Terelle Bibbins

Horn/Trumpet-Braden Eymard

Rhonda Sorg-Rossano

Music Director

Coming Soon: Viewing of the Christmas Eve Masses on our You Tube Channel (St. Joseph's in Ponchatoula)

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH
MINISTRY INVITES ALL FAMILIES &
FRIENDS TO THE FIRST ANNUAL
PRO-LIFE MINI PARKING LOT RALLY
Saturday Jan 23, 2021 10:30 am -12:30 pm
St. Joseph Catholic Church Parking Lot
(if rain- please meet in school gym)
We have the chalk. You bring a picnic style
lunch, blanket OR stadium chairs , your
rosaries & masks.

CHALK ABOUT LIFE

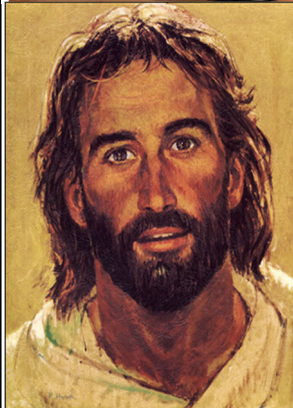
YOUTH MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL “TACO” BOUT JESUS YOUTH NIGHT!!

“LETTUCE “ GIVE A HUGE SHOUT OUT TO: THE 50 + YOUTH AND THE YOUNG AND “NOT QUITE SO YOUNG ANYMORE” ADULTS WHO HELPED MAKE THE NIGHT RUN SMOOTHLY...

Enjoy some snapshot memories of the evening.

(& while you're at it...grab a high school teen and ask them what The Name Jesus mean?)



HAVE
YOU
TALKED
WITH
“SURFER”
JESUS
TODAY?

PRAYED 46 TIMES TODAY



NEW HIGHSCORE EWITN

Confirmation Corner

MANDATORY CONFIRMATION MEETING

PARENTS, HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES,
SPONSORS (if local & available) & CATECHISTS

Monday– January 25, 2021

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

St. Joseph Room in the Ministry Building

Topic: Confirmation Journey requirements and details

Please bring a copy of your teen’s Baptism Certificate (if you were baptized in another church), and a pen with which to write. Thank you.

QUESTIONS? Please email nrichard@sjscrusaders.org

Speak, Lord, We Are Listening

In today's first reading God keeps calling out in the night to a sleeping boy. Neither the boy, Samuel, nor his teacher, Eli, understands who is calling. But God's persistence convinces them. Samuel is then ready—not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen. "Speak, for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:10).

In the Gospel Jesus is out teaching. Various people notice him and begin to gather around. They soon become disciples and, like the young Samuel, are ready—not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen. "Speak," they say, "we are listening."

God's voice is always with us, awake or asleep. It swirls around us like fog on a waterfront, enveloping us, gently urging us to wake up, to listen. Awareness of the voice comes first; then willingness to listen; then, in time, the decision to act, to live according to God's word. Let's ask today for the ability to keep our ears open so we don't miss God's voice.

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Today's Readings

First Reading — Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening (1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19).

Psalms — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — Your bodies are members of Christ; glorify God in your body (1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20).

Gospel — The first disciples saw where Jesus was staying and they stayed with him (John 1:35-42).

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, Laurie Allen, 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, 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, Catherine Farlouis, 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 Huguet, 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 Larriou, 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., 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: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day;
 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
 Wednesday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian
 Thursday: St. Agnes
 Friday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
 Saturday: St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope



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 18, 2021

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
 Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28
 Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
 Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
 Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer
 Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday Readings (January 23, 2021)
 First Reading.....Jonah 3:1-5, 10
 Second Reading..... 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
 Gospel.....Mark 1:14-20
 Psalm.....25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 18, 2021

8:00 AM **NO MASS/NO COMMUNION SERVICE**

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

8:00 AM **COMMUNION SERVICE**

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

8:00 AM **COMMUNION SERVICE**

Thursday, January 21, 2021

8:00 AM **COMMUNION SERVICE**

Saturday, January 23, 2021

5:00 PM Pat Albrecht
 Wayne Aymond, Sr.
 Earl Baudin
 Dudley & Geraldine Berthelot
 (L) Ann Boudreaux
 Delton Brooks
 Golda Buras
 Edgar & Gladys Charbonnet
 Phillip Connelley
 Robert Connelley
 Kearney Foster
 Mamie Heiring
 Brady Johnson, Jr.
 Dr. Jerry & Joan Keller
 Wayne Kraemer
 Dickie Lamp
 Living & Deceased Members of the Felix Peltier Family
 Bill Perrin
 Rufus Poche
 Vincent Poche
 Mike Raiford
 Dale Roberts
 Liz Sanderson
 Theresa Sanderson
 Frank & Denise Schilling
 Glenn Snyder
 (L) All Employees of Springfield Elementary School
 Nettie Watts & Fred Tucker, Jr.
 Tommy Wintz
 Donnie Wilson

Sunday, January 24, 2021

8:00 AM (L) Rob Derenbecker
 Mary Sue Drude
 Richard & Clotilde Drude
 John Dufreche
 Wilton Dugas
 Dotsy Eleser
 (L) Greg Fletcher
 Ann & Bill Hayles
 Wayne Kraemer
 Virgil McWilliams Kraft
 Cotton & Louanna Kraft
 D.D. Kraft
 Doris Drude Lavigne
 Henry Novak
 Nancy & Kim Penton
 Poor Souls in Purgatory
 Vera Ragan
 Mallory Grace Reggio
 Dale Roberts
 Gianni Vito Sabella
 Raphael Vito Sabella
 Audrey Scarmardo
 Glenn Snyder
 Colin Vivien
 Stephen Vuljoin
 Russell Wood

(L) Indicates Living

PLEASE NOTE: NO WEEKDAY MASSES NEXT WEEK 1/18-1/21. NO CONFESSIONS ON 1/19 OR 1/21. THERE WILL BE COMMUNION SERVICES ON 1/19—1/21.

Stewardship

“A Contentious Curtain”

“Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: ‘Oh, that today you would hear his voice. Harden not your hearts as at the rebellion in the day of testing in the desert, where your ancestors tested and tried me and saw my works for forty years. Because of this I was provoked with that generation and I said, *They have always been of erring heart, and they do not know my ways.* Take care, brothers, that none of you may have an evil and unfaithful heart, so as to forsake the living God. Encourage yourselves daily while it is still today, so that none of you may grow hardened by the deceit of sin.’ ”

A curtain—drawn between residential rooms, corporate gathering spaces, or over a picture window—will separate you from simple sights and the vision of what lies just ahead. Like the children of Israel who wandered in the wilderness, their vision clouded by sin and disobedience, too often the way forward for each of us is obscured by the “deceit of our own sin.” Whether the burden of a bad habit, or the shame and guilt of a pattern offensive to a righteous God, we wisely listen, “hear the voice of God,” and determine to change, “while it is still today.”

Financial News

YTD	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Difference</u>
1/10/2021	\$536,103.15	\$532,000.00	\$ +4,103.15
Church Support	\$ 21,538.59		
St. Joseph School	\$ 986.00		
Misc. Collections	\$ 873.00		
	\$ 23,307.50		

Second Collections

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

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 23rd & Sunday January 24th

	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
5PM	Tom Waller 7b Millie Spansel 8b Bill Spansel 9b	Durald Pinion Chris Marmillion John Howes
8AM	Dennis James 7b Alice James 8b Jason Hotard 9b	Roland Terrebonne Michael Chiasson Jeremy Barado Rene' Folse Rodney Schmaltz Francis Waguespack Jeff Ryan
11 AM	Andy Wheat 7b Bill Wheat 8b Ronald Perrin 9b	Barry Blackledge Marcial Gomez Robert McNabb Christopher McNabb

Lectors

5PM Tony Guagliardo, Jr.
 8AM Ed Hanks
 11 AM Wayne Vedeckis

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are donated:

In Loving Memory of John Dufreche

By: Michele Dufreche



Family Resources

Hello church family,

I wanted to bring your attention to the insert in this week's bulletin regarding the information of resources for those in need of particular services. It's very important that we are aware of the services around us. Each of us have unique and special needs and it's important that we share information. This information was gathered by ministry leaders in an attempt to serve our church family. This information may not be of use to you today however, you never know in the future where you may need a community service listed in the insert in this week's bulletin. Please review and keep somewhere in your home for reference. Thank you for being a part of our St. Joseph family. We always want to be of help in any way we can. Thank you and God Bless you.

Treasures From Our Tradition

Every year, close to the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul on January 25, and before the feast of the Chair of St. Peter on February 22, the cause of Church unity is commended to Christians everywhere. Sadly, Protestants, Orthodox, and Catholics have settled to a status quo of separation. When baptizants become Catholic, we speak of them as being received into "full communion." That means we already share a communion in faith in many ways, including the Word of God. Many Protestant denominations have received and revised the three-year cycle of readings first arranged by Catholics in the early 1970s. Therefore, many of your neighbors who are not Catholic are celebrating and reflecting on the same readings we are savoring on most Sundays of the year. This makes for a new spirit of cooperation among preachers of the gospel, and gives hope that the cause of reunion, desired by Christ, has great vitality at the table of God's Word, and will one day lead to unity at the table of the Lord's Body and Blood.

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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.



175 N 8th St. Ponchatoula, LA 70454
985-386-6421

Open Registration will begin Monday, February 1, 2021

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

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.



Mark Your Calendar

Monday, January 18th
Church & Church Office Closed—No Mass/No
Communion Service

Tuesday, January 19th
Word & Worship—Church—7:00 pm

Wednesday, January 20th
Adoration—Church 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Wednesday, January 20th
Divine Mercy—Church—3:00 pm

Wednesday, January 20th
Vespers—Church - 6:00 pm

Saturday, January 23rd
Chalk About Life -10:30 am—Please see page 3 for
more information.

Saturday, January 23rd
Confession—4:00 pm

Sunday, January 24th
Parish School of Religion 9:30 am in the School

Sunday, January 24th
Ablaze—9:30 am

Sunday, January 24th
Be Seen With Your Mother—9:30 am in SJS Library

Sunday, January 24th
Called & Gifted—9:30am—School Classroom

Sunday, January 24th
Thirst—5pm

Monday, January 25th
Confirmation Meeting—6:30 pm in the St. Joseph
Room of Ministry Building

Tuesday, January 26th
St. Vincent de Paul Meeting—6:30 pm in the
Ministry Building

Tuesday, January 26th
Young Adults Meeting—Grace n Gumbeaux

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

Thursday, January 28th
St. Joseph School—Virtual Open House



St. Joseph Gem:

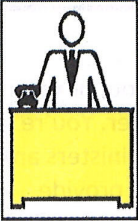
Wisdom on our
Spiritual Father

The Catholic Church rightly honors with its highest *cultus* [honor] and venerates with a feeling of deep reverence the illustrious patriarch blessed Joseph, now crowned with glory and honor in heaven, whom Almighty God, in preference to all his saints, willed on earth to be the chaste and true spouse of the Immaculate Virgin Mary as well as the putative father of his only-begotten Son.

- Blessed Pope Pius IX



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