



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 3, 2021 The Epiphany of the Lord

Epiphany

Chalking the Doors

Epiphany (also known as Twelfth Night or Three Kings Day) marks the occasion of a time-honored Christian tradition of “chalking the doors.” The formula for the ritual — adapted for 2021 — is simple: take chalk of any color and write the following above the entrance of your home: 20 + C + M + B + 21 (current year).

The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi — **Caspar, Malchior, and Balthazar** — who came to visit Jesus in His first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, **Christus mansionem benedicat: May Christ bless the house.** The “+” signs represent the cross.

This inscription is performed as a request for Christ to bless those homes so marked and that He stay with those who dwell therein throughout the entire year. It is an easy tradition to adopt whereby we dedicate our year to God from its very onset, asking His blessing on our homes and on all who live, work, or visit them there.

Practicing traditions like the chalking of the doors helps us to live our Faith more concretely and serves as an outward sign of our dedication to Our Lord. Seeing the symbols over our doors while passing in and out on our daily routines, can help to remind us that our homes and all those who dwell there belong to Christ.

It also serves as a reminder to be welcoming to all who come to visit us as the Magi were welcoming to Jesus. Lastly, it brings to mind the Passover of the Jews during the final plague of Israel, when the marking with the blood of the lamb protected those within.

PSR students will receive blessed chalk with instructions for a home blessing this Sunday. Look for extras to be distributed after Mass in the Narthex.



20 + C + M + B + 21
MAY CHRIST BLESS THIS DWELLING PLACE

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Staff

Rev. Paul A. McDuffie, *Pastor*
Larry J. Melancon, *Deacon*
Michael A. Agnello, *Deacon*
Angela Perrin, *Business Manager*
Fernando Morales, *Director of Ministries*
Paige Bacile, *PSR Coordinator/Child Protection Site Coordinator*
Kayla Fletcher, *Middle School Youth Minister*
Nicole Richard, *High School & Young Adult Minister*

Rhonda Rossano, *Music Director*
Ramona Folse, *Receptionist/Data Entry*
Kathleen Phillips, *Bookkeeper/Receptionist*
St. Joseph School
Mrs. Danette Ragusa, *Principal*
Phone Number, 985-386-6421
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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, 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.



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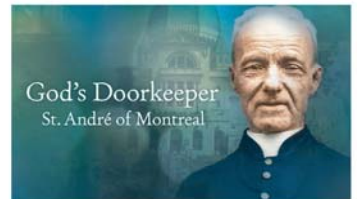
PICK OF THE WEEK

January 3, 2021

WATCH

GOD'S DOORKEEPER: ST. ANDRÉ OF MONTREAL

This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!



God's Doorkeeper
St. André of Montreal



FORMED NOW! HOW TO PRAY

Whether you are a veteran in the spiritual life or are just beginning, start this year off right by recommitting yourself to prayer! Join Drs. Tim Gray and Elizabeth Klein as they discuss ways to kickstart your prayer life this year!

LEARN

LISTEN

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE KING BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

As we celebrate the Epiphany, Dr. Scott Hahn explains how we should understand the three Magi and their gifts to the Lord!



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New Class Starting Soon

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.



Treasures From Our Tradition

Before long, people will be throwing Mardi Gras beads in the streets of New Orleans—purple, gold, and green. A few will be in on the secret: the colors of the beads are derived from the gifts of the magi. Gold for wealth, purple for power, green for good health. The gifts are also a key to the identity of the Christ Child: the incense for God; the gold for a king; the myrrh, fragrant burial ointment for one who comes to die.

Centuries ago, today's feast bore the heavy burden of celebrating all the manifestations of Christ's identity: the birth of Jesus, the coming of the magi, the baptism of the Lord, the wedding feast at Cana. It was too much for one day. Fortunately the one day has blossomed into a whole season of grateful celebration, stretching behind us into Advent, and ahead of us into the Baptism of the Lord and to Christ's coming again in glory. Tonight, be sure to light the Christmas lights, and gather at the crèche for a favorite carol and a prayer.

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Serving Our Youngest Parishioners

Here at St. Joseph's before Covid, we were used to serving the entire family on Sunday mornings. We had Childcare for babies thru age 3, Children's Liturgy for ages 3-6 and PSR for grades K-8, as well as RCIA and adult formation open to all. Currently, childcare during Mass and Children's Liturgy are both still suspended.

Our Children's Liturgy Ministry hopes to be able to resume in person within Covid guidelines, once parents feel comfortable having their children participate again. (Children's Liturgy is when those age 4-6 gather in a room off the Narthex for the Liturgy of the Word.)

Meanwhile, look for our ministry members in the Narthex handing out the Children's Bulletins after Mass, and know that we are seeking new ways or modified ways we can serve our very young parishioners and their families. Please take time to stop and visit with us or call the office. We would love to hear your suggestions and learn about your needs.





Catechists/Parents Seeking TOB Training

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

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY FOR TEENS ANSWERS QUESTIONS SUCH AS:

- Who am I?
- What is the purpose of the Theology of the Body?
- What is the difference between love & lust?
- What if I've already "messed up"?
- How can I discover my vocation?
- How can I remain pure in our oversexed culture?
- Any many more!

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

PRINCIPALS, TEACHERS, PRIESTS, CATECHISTS, YOUTH/CAMPUS MINISTERS, PARENTS, ANYONE WHO WORKS WITH PRETEENS (6TH-8TH GRADERS) & TEENS (9TH-12TH GRADERS.)



Contact Dumb Ox Ministries at (985) 951-2215 or info@dumboxministries.com

For more info, visit www.dumboxministries.com/trainings

We are unable to accept registrations after Tuesday, January 5, 2021.



LET'S TACO 'BOUT JESUS!

**Jan 10
5-7 PM**

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

Summer Missionary Program



YOUNG adults

If you are 19 years of age or older, have been to a full ECHO experience as a teen or young adult, and want to experience life—consider asking the Lord if He is inviting you to apply to be a 2021 Dumb Ox Summer Missionary! Applications Due by January 15, 2021. For more info visit www.dumboxministries.com

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Promise Fulfilled

Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.

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Today's Readings

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalms — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

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, 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 Daveloy, 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, John Gullo, Rami Falgout Harkout, 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 Lanus, Norma Larriue, 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, 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 Otillio, 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 Epiphany of the Lord
Monday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Tuesday: St. John Neumann
Wednesday: St. André Bessette
Thursday: St. Raymond of Penyafort



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 4, 2021

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72: 1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
 Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday Readings (January 17, 2021)

First Reading.....Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7
 Second Reading..... Acts of the Apostles 10: 34-38
 Gospel.....Mark 1: 7-10
 Psalm.....29: 1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 4, 2021

8:00 AM Phillip & Robert Connelley

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

8:00 AM D. D. Kraft

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

8:00 AM Michael Robert Raiford

Thursday, January 7, 2021

8:00 AM Geraldine Berthelot

Saturday, January 9, 2021

5:00 PM Pat Albrecht
 Phillip Alexander
 Earl Baudin
 Dudley & Geraldine Berthelot
 Delton Brooks
 Golda Buras
 Phillip Connelley
 John Dufreche
 Living & Deceased Members of the Ethridge & Ernst Family
 Mamie Heiring
 Henrietta & Buddy Joiner
 Wayne Kraemer
 (L) Katelyn LaMarca
 (L) Deacon Larry Melancon
 Living & Deceased Members of the J. C. Peltier Family
 Bill Perrin
 Rufus Poche
 Vincent Poche
 Vera Ragan
 Michael Robert Raiford
 Dale Roberts
 Alva Rolufs
 Liz Sanderson
 Glenn Snyder
 (L) Tom & Julie Waller
 Nettie Watts & Fred Tucker, Jr.
 Tommy Wintz

Sunday, January 10, 2021

8:00 AM Franklin Borgerson
 Mary Sue Drude
 Richard & Clotilde Drude
 John Dufreche
 Rudolph Ellenberger, Sr.
 Lillian Foret
 Kearney Foster
 Wayne Kraemer
 Virgil McWilliams Kraft
 Cotton & Louanna Kraft
 (L) David Kraft
 Vincent Latino, Sr.,
 Doris Drude Lavigne
 (L) Rosmary Novak
 Nancy & Kim Penton
 Vincent Poche
 Vera Ragan
 Dale Roberts
 Glenn Snyder
 Stephen Vuljoin
 Donnie Wilson
 11:00 AM For the People of the Parish
 (L) Indicates Living

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Vocation Awareness

“They made know what had been told them about this Child.” If you may be one of those called to make the Christ Child known to others as a priest or consecrated religious contact Fr. Josh Johnson at (225) 336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

Stewardship

“Best Buds”

Polishing off a latte, you’re enjoying the relative quiet of your coffee shop’s corner booth, when someone’s cellphone hums just beyond the partition. An expectant young woman whispers hello then, with a squeal of laughter, pushes away from the table and rises from her chair. “Are you kidding me? Are you kidding me? Unbelievable! When? When are you due? I can’t believe it.” Though you don’t know her, the news is obvious. A friend or relative of this young mother-to-be has called with news of her own. She, too, is expecting a baby. Great news for anyone, it must be especially true for close friends who anticipate such blessing at exactly the same time—like the lady at the coffee shop and her caller, and like the mothers of Jesus and John.

“During those days Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, ‘Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.’

Financial News

YTD 12/20/2020	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
Church Support	\$458,959.36	\$475,000.00	\$ -16,040.64
Misc. Collections	\$ 19,954.00		
	\$ 1,642.00		
	\$ 21,596.00		

Second Collections

St. Joseph School: January 10th

Totals for December 27th will be listed in the January 9th bulletin.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 9th & Sunday January 10th

	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
5PM	Sub Requested 7b Tom Waller 8b Sub Requested 9b	Durald Pinion Blaine Anderson Chris Marmillion Francis Martino John Howes Ian Hoffman
8AM	Katie Holmes 7b Danette Ragusa 8b Rose Harper 9b	Roland Terrebonne Michael Chiasson Peter Peterson Ronnie Reggio Rodney Schmaltz Jeremy Barado Rene’ Folse Francis Waguespack Gordon Cotton
11 AM	Peggy Hastings (7b) Pat Alexander (8b) Mary Threeton	Jeff Ryan Sidney Alexander Marcial Gomez Robert McNabb Christopher McNabb Barry Blackledge

Lectors

5PM Blaine Anderson
 8AM Sam Morse
 11 AM Shirley Adams



Decorating for Christmas

photo by Richard Wallace

Members of the Father Vander Heyden Knights of Columbus Council 4874 of Ponchatoula and the Kaycee Ladies Auxiliary joined parishioners to decorate the Church for our Christmas services. Under the direction of Francis and Barbara Martino, the group lighted and decorated more than a dozen Christmas trees and arranged the display of a large nativity scene.

Decorating crew: (Front row, L-R) Fay Murray, Barbara Martino, Evelyn Lavigne, Denise Armondin, Larry Ernst; (Middle row, L-R) Rodney Wempren, Gina Wempren, Francis Martino, Carolyn Pinion, Phyllis Beyl, John Albrecht; (Top row, L-R) Durald Pinion, Brandon Perrin, Richard Broom, Alex Joiner, Harry Leblanc, Roberta Connellley, Pete Peterson.



We would like to thank everyone who came out and generously gave of their time and talents to help decorate St. Joseph's. We appreciate all of you. May you all have a blessed New Year and God Bless all of you.
Francis & Barbara Martino

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 3rd**
Parish School of Religion 9:30 am in the School
- Sunday, January 3rd**
Ablaze—9:30 am
- Sunday, January 3rd**
Be Seen With Your Mother—9:30 am in SJS Library
- Sunday, January 3rd**
Called & Gifted—9:30am –School Classroom
- Sunday, January 3rd**
Thirst— 5:00 pm
- Tuesday, January 5th**
Word & Worship-Church-7:00 pm
- Wednesday, January 6th**
Adoration—Church 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, January 6th**
Divine Mercy-Church-3:00 pm
- Wednesday, January 6th**
Vespers—Church - 6:00 pm
- Saturday, January 9th**
Confession—4:00 pm
- Sunday, January 10th**
Youth Night Social—5pm
- Tuesday, January 12th**
St. Vincent de Paul Meeting—6:30 pm in the Ministry Building
- 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
- Monday, January 18th**
Church Office Closed

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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