



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

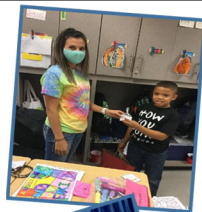
Catechetical Programs:

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 31, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time



St. Joseph School
will celebrate
Catholic Schools Week!
1/31/21 – 2/6/21



Thanks to everyone in our school and parish community who continue to support St. Joseph School. Your love and support throughout the years continues to help us flourish in our faith, academics, and extra-curricular activities.

**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.



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Staff

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Mission Statement

St. Joseph's Parish is a rapidly growing faith community that serves the spiritual and temporal needs of Southernmost Tangipahoa Parish through its various ministries.

St. Joseph's develops, supports, nurtures and educates Catholic Christians while offering to this entire expanding community a caring environment and a welcoming spirit of Christ present.

Parish Ministries and Contact Persons

Altar Servers: Michele & Glen Ernst, 985-386-6618. sj_altar_server@bellsouth.net
Bible Studies: *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
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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.



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PICK OF THE WEEK

January 31, 2021

WATCH

AN ORDINARY MARTYR: THE LIFE & DEATH OF BLESSED STANLEY ROTHER

As we celebrate the martyrdom of Paul Miki and his companions this week, we invite you to learn more about a modern martyr from the United States: Blessed Stanley Rother. Join us as we consider this ordinary man who loved extraordinarily.

AN
ORDINARY
MARTYR



LECTIO: MARY: EPISODE 1 THE NEW EVE

This week as we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord and Mary's role in it, join Dr. Brant Pitre, Professor of Sacred Scripture at the Augustine Institute Graduate School, as he examines what the Old Testament reveals about the life and identity of Mary, the Mother of God.

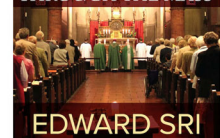
LEARN

LISTEN

A SCRIPTURAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS BY EDWARD SRI

Have you ever wondered about the meaning behind the Mass? Are you looking to stop going through the motions at Mass? Join Dr. Edward Sri as he dives into the Scriptural roots of the Mass that will help you to pray the Mass like never before.

A SCRIPTURAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS



Our parish has a FORMED subscription.

To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.

School News

SJS 7th graders had a special "staycation" field trip. They were visited by LIGO Science educators in a Zoom virtual learning field trip, participated in a "Who Done It" Mystery activity, and explored their gifts and talents through a "One Body in Christ" activity in Religion. It was a busy and fun day! Learning is always extra special when you can be active and enjoy hands-on activities!



Candlemas

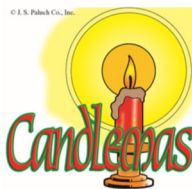
On February 2nd, Catholics mark the Presentation of Christ in the temple. According to the Mosaic law, a mother such as Mary who had given birth to a male child was considered unclean for seven days; moreover, she was to remain "in the blood of her purification" — i.e., outside the temple—for thirty-three days more. If the woman had borne a daughter, the time that she was excluded from the sanctuary was doubled.

When the time (forty or eighty days) was over, the mother was to "bring to the temple a lamb for a holocaust and a young pigeon or turtle dove for sin"; if she was not able to offer a lamb, she was to take two turtle doves or two pigeons; the priest prayed for her and so she was cleansed. (see Leviticus 12:2-8)

Forty days after the birth of Christ, Mary complied with this precept of the law. She redeemed her first-born from the temple and was purified by the prayer of Simeon the just in the presence of Anna the prophetess (see Luke 2:22).

This feast of the Presentation of the Lord was earlier known by other titles: The Purification of the Blessed Virgin, Candlemas, and in the Greek Church, *Hypapante*, meaning "meeting." The commemoration of this event can be traced back as far as the fourth century, where the ritually-important fortieth day after Christ's birth was celebrated with the procession of Mass.

Candles are traditionally blessed before Mass in a place apart from the nave, recalling the Gospel text of Simeon's canticle "A light for revelation to the Gentiles." A solemn procession then enters the church, all bearing candles, as the "Light of Christ" comes to his temple.



We invite you to bring candles to the 8 am Mass on Tuesday, **February 2nd** for a special blessing.

New Adult Formation Class Starting Soon



"How to Give Your Testimony": Feb. 21st, 28th, 9:30am– 10:30 am - Sarah Fox—School Library

How to Give Your Testimony Part 1

1 Peter 3:15 says, "but in your hearts reverence Christ as Lord. *Always be prepared to make a defense to any one who calls you to account for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and reverence.*" If someone were to ask you why you're a Christian while in a check out line, could you do it? Whether you have a book's worth of how the Lord has worked in your life, or need help finding just one moment, I encourage you to come learn how to give your testimony in as little as 3 minutes. People can disagree with certain teachings you believe but can't disagree with an experience you've had. Come learn how to evangelize and "*always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who calls you to account for the hope that is in you.*"

How to Give Your Testimony Part 2

Now that we've learned how to give our testimony, we're going to workshop them to make sure you are confident in sharing your testimony for the glory of God.

YOUTH MINISTRY

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUTH MINISTRY
INVITES ALL TO OUR FIRST....

Valentine's Day

NEAREST & DEAREST SOCIAL

COME WITH YOUR FAM, FRIENDS, OR THOSE FOR WHICH YOU HAVE LOVE IN YOUR HEART!
GREAT FOR GAL-ENTINE'S

BRING YOUR OWN POPCORN/SNACKS, DRINKS AND STADIUM CHAIRS.
WE'VE GOT THE MOVIE

St Joseph's Grounds
Saturday, February 13th, 6:00 pm
RSVP: nrichard@sjscrusaders.org
kfletcher@sjscrusaders.org

CHALK 'BOUT LIFE

"Being ProLife means going beyond the babies"

God gives His whole life for you

That's how much your life means to Him

Rachel's Vineyard
1-877-HOPE4ME

John 10:10

Matthew 19:14

ADOPTION IS AN OPTION

Ask me about Sidewalk Counseling

Come As You Are

We're Back!

Who:
6th-8th grade youth

When:
Wednesdays, 5-7pm

Where:
Ministry Building,
St. Joseph's Room

Well, what do we do?

1st Wednesday

Spiritual Night

2nd Wednesday

Come as You are Night

3rd Wednesday

Spiritual Night

4th Wednesday

Game/Activity

St. Joseph Youth Ablaze

WE'RE LOOKING FOR...

Anyone who may be interested in working with Middle School Youth

For more information, call the church office (935) 386-3749 and ask for Kayla

"Ultimately my life, my will, my purpose, all comes down to answering these questions: What is God's plan for my life? What is God's will for my heart? What is God's purpose for my life?"

FR. MIKE SCHMITZ
How to Make Great Decisions



Dynamic Catholic



Confirmation Corner

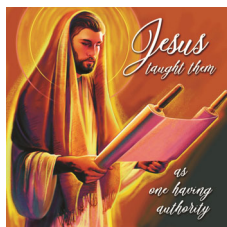
MONDAY, APRIL 19TH CONFIRMATION AT ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH WITH BISHOP DUCA.
DETAILS TO COME

False Prophets, True Prophets

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice, the Holy One of God.

The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. We also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. And today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.

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Today's Readings

First Reading — Moses spoke to all the people, saying: “A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you” (Deuteronomy 18:15-20).

Psalm — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties (1 Corinthians 7:32-35).

Gospel — The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching; he taught them as one having authority (Mark 1:21-28).

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, Sherri Brown, Baby David Burris, Eric Campos, Christy “KK” Cartaginense, Christine Castjohn, Carol Castle, Dennis Charbonnet, Rita Charbonnet, Julian Chiro, Eddie Cicardo, Gavin Cieutat, PJ Clause, Ken Davidson, Lucille Davidson, Pat Davis, Melissa Balado Dean, Kitty Derveloy, Larry Deslatte, Stacey Dolan, Beverly Dominique, Carol Dominguez, Danette Crovetto Drell, Joan Duplessis, 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 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., Heath Martin, Arthur & Tate Mashburn, Caitlyn Matherne, William Mathes, Melissa McCormick, Max McCray, Ginger McLin, Cole McMillion, Morris Meyer, Toni Meyer, 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, Lise Richard, 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 Tourmillon, 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, Katherine Yeargain. **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, Elijah Whittington. **Names submitted will be included for 4 weeks. Please call the Church office to renew.**

Saints and Special Observations



Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week
 Tuesday: The Presentation of the Lord; Blessing of Candles
 Wednesday: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; Blessing of Throats
 Friday: St. Agatha; First Friday
 Saturday: St. Paul Miki and companions; First Saturday



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. We meet 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

February 1, 2021

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
 Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
 Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11; Mk 6:7-13
 Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29
 Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday Readings (February 7, 2021)

First Reading.....Job 7:1-4, 6-7
 Second Reading..... 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23
 Gospel.....Mark 1:29-39
 Psalm.....147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 1, 2021

8:00 AM Donnie Wilson

Tuesday, February 2, 2021

8:00 AM (L) Scott Bagby

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

8:00 AM Rose Mitchell

Thursday, February 4, 2021

8:00 AM (L) Austin Bodingheimer

Saturday, February 6, 2021

5:00 PM Clara Aucoin
 (L) Ella Badon
 Earl Baudin
 Dudley & Geraldine Berthelot
 Delton Brooks
 Phillip Connelley
 (L) Roberta Connelley
 Dotsy Eleser
 Mamie Heiring
 Wayne Kraemer
 Dickie Lamp
 Ralf LeSaicherre, Sr.
 Bill Perrin
 Monroe & Madeline Poche
 Rufus Poche
 Vincent Poche
 Mike Raiford
 Liz Sanderson
 Adolph & Doris Schilling
 Glenn Snyder
 (L) President Donald Trump
 (L) Clara & Ryan Tucker
 Stephen Vuljoin
 Donnie Wilson

Sunday, February 7, 2021

8:00 AM Franklin Borgerson
 Calvin Boudreaux
 Lawrence "Dude" Dominguez
 Mary Sue Drude
 Richard & Clotilde Drude
 John Dufreche
 Dotsy Eleser
 Wayne Kraemer
 Virgil McWilliams Kraft
 Cotton & Louanna Kraft
 D.D. Kraft
 Vincent Latino, Sr.
 Doris Drude Lavigne
 Kelsey Martin
 (L) Rosmary Novack
 Nancy & Kim Penton
 Raymond Quick
 Living & Deceased Members of the Reggio & Vuljoin Families
 Dale Roberts
 Audrey Scamardo
 Glenn Snyder
 (L) President Donald Trump
 Stephen Vuljoin
 Donnie Wilson
 Marion Wilson

11:00 AM For the People of the Parish

(L) Indicates Living

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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.

Stewardship

"An Extension of Trust in God"

For contemporary youthworkers, trust exercises are a regular part of many special events, an excellent way to teach teens the importance of trusting God. One of the more popular exercises requires a teen to climb an eight-foot ladder, standing on a rung even with the outstretched arms of his or her peers. Free falling while facing the ladder, arms crossed and legs stiff, the climber is altogether vulnerable. Eight peers or so, with their arms interlocked, stand ready to catch their falling friend. They believe they'll catch their friend, and that friend trusts they will.

"Thus says the Lord: Cursed is the man who trusts in human beings, who makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the Lord. He is like a barren bush in the wasteland that enjoys no change of season, but stands in lava beds in the wilderness, a land, salty and uninhabited. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord; the Lord will be their trust. They are like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: It does not fear heat when it comes, its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress, but still produces fruit."

Financial News

YTD	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
1/24/2021	\$573,784.05	\$570,000.00	\$ +3,784.05
Church Support	\$ 15, 505.95		
Latin America	\$ 442.00		
Misc. Collections	\$ 127.00		
	\$ 16,074.95		

Second Collections

St. Vincent de Paul: January 31st
 Church in Eastern Europe: February 7th
 St. Joseph School: February 14th
 Black & Indian Missions: February 21st

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, February 6th & Sunday February 7th

	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
5PM	Angela Pevey 7b Stephanie Willie 8b Barbara Martino 9b	Durald Pinion Chris Marmillion Frank Glass Francis Martino
8AM	Cheryl Laiche 7b Dennis James 8b Alice James 9b	Roland Terrebonne Michael Chiasson John Laiche Rene' Folse Pete Peterson Francis Waguespack
11 AM	Mary Threeton 7b Donna Clause 8b Ronald Perrin 9b	Jeff Ryan Barry Blackledge Marcial Gomez Robert McNabb Christopher McNabb Kelly Richard

Lectors

5PM James Wittenberg
 8AM Stephanie Waguespack
 11 AM Peggy Hastings

Vocation Awareness

If you are willing to respond to a religious vocation, do not be afraid that you will not know what to do or what to say. The LORD promised that He will put His words into your mouth, but you must be open to His speaking to and through you. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Josh Johnson at (225) 336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org.

KC Members Tackle Spring Cleaning... Early

Taking advantage of perfect springtime weather recently, members of the Father Vander Heyden Knights of Columbus Council 4874 in Ponchatoula pressure-washed the walls, walkways and parking spaces of our church.

“A lot of debris had collected on the entry sidewalks and on the parking spaces for handicapped parishioners,” noted crew chief Ronnie Perrin. “Some exterior walls in some shady areas of the church also needed cleaning,” he added.

The council members are keeping busy with community service projects while the pandemic has restricted their public functions. Once again this year, their popular Lenten Fish Fries will not take place. “When our activities can safely resume, our council will honor any Fish Fry tickets purchased last year when we also had to cancel the event,” explained the council’s Grand Knight Alex Joiner. “In the meantime, our knights are committed to serving the community whenever we can do it safely,” he added.



Ricky Howes cleans the exterior walls.



John Howes cleans the entry sidewalks.



Ronnie Perrin pressure-washes parking spaces near the entrance.

Photos by Richard Wallace

Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, January 31st
Parish School of Religion 9:30 am in the School

Sunday, January 31st
Ablaze—9:30 am

Sunday, January 31st
Be Seen With Your Mother—9:30 am in SJS Library

Sunday, January 31st
Called & Gifted—9:30am –School Classroom

Sunday, January 31st
Thirst—5pm

Monday, February 1st
Adult Choir Practice— 6:30 pm in the Church

Tuesday, February 2nd
Word & Worship-Church-7:00 pm

Wednesday, February 3rd
Adoration—Church 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Wednesday, February 3rd
Divine Mercy-Church-3:00 pm

Wednesday, February 3rd
Come As You Are—Ablaze -5pm St. Joseph Room

Wednesday, February 3rd
Vespers—Church - 6:00 pm

Saturday, February 6th
Men’s Morning Prayer—6am I the St. Benedict Room.

Saturday, February 6th
Confession—4:00 pm

Tuesday, February 9th
St. Vincent de Paul Meeting—6:30 pm in the Ministry Building

Wednesday, February 10th
Baptism Class for Parents & Godparents
7pm in the St. Benedict Room.

Right to Life

“One of the pillars of the Knights of Columbus is to respect all life from inception to grave and to bring visibility to the horrific consequences of abortion. Since Roe v. Wade (49 years ago), it is estimated that over 63 million abortions have occurred. Just think: perhaps many of those aborted babies would now be grandparents with children and grandchildren. How many lives have those abortions eliminated over the span of 49 years? I can't answer that question but it's definitely in the hundreds of millions.”

Alex Joiner
Grand Knight, Father Vander Heyden Knights of Columbus Council 4874



Men's Morning Prayer

Men's Morning Prayer Group will meet on **Saturday, February 6th** at 6am in the St. Benedict Room of the church. All men of the parish are invited.



Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are donated:

In Loving Memory of Troy & Allen Duplessis

By: Ruth & Ernest Ourso



Stephen Ministry

Covid-19 has touched each of our lives in one way or another. It has also touched Stephen Ministry. We were hoping to start a new class in January, but it does not seem possible now. Until things settle down and we can meet in person and everyone feels comfortable with it, we will be postponing class. We will keep you updated as soon as we have a projected date. If you are interested and have questions, contact Anita Perrin (985) 687-4458 or Ronnie Perrin (985) 507-9765. Please continue to pray about becoming involved in this ministry so that we can continue to grow. Open your ears and your heart to God's calling. God needs you to work for his kingdom. God Bless.



St. Joseph Gem:

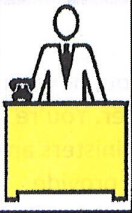
“Some Saints are privileged to extend to us their patronage with particular efficacy in certain needs, but not in others; but our holy patron St. Joseph has the power to assist us in all cases, in every necessity, in every undertaking.”

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