



# 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](http://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

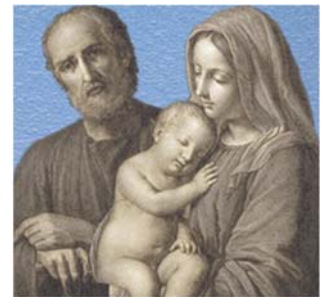
**Catechetical Programs:**

PSR-Gr. K-5; Sun 9:15-10:30 am  
Ablaze-Gr. 6-8; Sun 9:15-10:30 am  
High School Formation  
Gr. 9-12; Sun. 9:15-10:30 am

*January 9, 2022 The Baptism of the Lord*

*Consecration to the Holy Family*

An important mission of the Knights of Columbus organization is to revitalize our parishes by strengthening our families and parish life. As part of this mission, the Knights have a program of the Consecration to the Holy Family. Our local KC Council purchased prayer cards of Consecration which will be available after Masses the weekend of Jan 9<sup>th</sup> and also given out to PSR students that Sunday.



**Overview**

Families today face many struggles, both through cultural pressure and through the personal struggles that accompany family life. Despite these struggles — and partly as a result of conquering them — families have great capacity for love and joy, a joy that is strengthened through the peace and truth found in Christ. To assist families in living out this joy of Christ, Archbishop William Lori composed this card's prayer through which families may come together to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family.

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## Staff

Rev. Paul A. McDuffie, *Pastor*  
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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  
Website: [www.sjscrusaders.org](http://www.sjscrusaders.org)

## 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](mailto:sj_altar_server@bellsouth.net)  
**Bible Studies:** Stephanie Waguespack, 985-981-9859.  
**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](mailto: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:**  
Middle School: Kayla Fletcher: 985-386-3749  
High School: Nicole Richard: 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](http://myparishapp.com) or search your phone's app store for my parish.



## Organizations

**Ancient Order of Hibernians:** Ronnie Crimmins 985-773-8965.  
**Kaycee Auxiliary:** Carolyn Pugh : 985-320-5741  
**Knights of Columbus:** Alex Joiner, 940-222-0690  
(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, Stacy Ball, Gordon Cotton, Melisa Hedrick, Lisa Kennedy, Harry LeBlanc, Rachael Perrin, Angela Pevey, Brad Poche, Stephanie Reggio, Rodney Schmaltz, Wayne Vedeckis, Tom Waller.  
**Ad Hoc Council Members:** Fr. McDuffie, Deacon Larry Melancon, Fernando Morales, Danette Ragusa.

## FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK

January 9, 2022

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!



**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.

LEARN

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!



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To set up your free account visit [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup) and select our parish.

## Consecration to the Holy Family (Continued from page 1)

### Prepare

The word consecration literally means “association with the sacred”, and as such it requires a much larger commitment than simply reciting a prayer off of a card. The decision to consecrate your family needs to be intentional and a process through which you completely surrender to God through the Holy Family. You are accepting the truth that salvation history was changed forever by a family, and that through your domestic church, you are called to live their example.

### Suggested steps before praying the Consecration to the Holy Family:

- 1.) Discuss the importance of this consecration as a family and why you are doing it.
- 2.) Participate in the sacrament of reconciliation.
- 3.) As a family, choose something to fast from for at least a week. Refraining from a secular activity can help discipline our minds and hearts to be more focused on God.
- 4.) Prepare for the commitment you are making. Know that consecration to the Holy Family is not a single event. It is choosing a way of life for your family. You and your family are consciously choosing to be a beacon of light of God’s love through his Church.

We invite every family to engage in the Consecration to the Holy Family.

*“Faith grows when it is lived and shaped by love. That is why our families, our homes, are true domestic churches. They are the right place for faith to become life, and life to grow in faith.” — Pope Francis World Meeting of Families, Philadelphia, 2015*

## LORD, TEACH ME TO PRAY



### A Spiritual Journey with St. Ignatius of Loyola

*“Developing a deep, personal relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ through Ignatian prayer”*

2022 Spring Session Schedule—St. Joseph's Church Ponchatoula

Praying Christian Virtues (12 week program for Women)

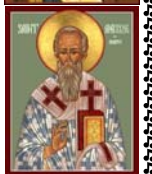
Praying Christian virtues teaches how to listen, how to further develop your prayer life, what to do for dryness and obstacles in prayer, as well as how to meditate and contemplate using the method of prayer devised by St. Ignatius of Loyola. This will be done in a group experience meeting for one and one-half hours, once a week. There is a fifteen minute required daily prayer time.

Tuesdays: January 18– April 19, 8:30– 10 am—St. Joseph's Church Conference Room  
Wednesdays: January 19– April 20, 6:30-8:00 pm—St. Joseph's Church Conference Room  
Facilitators: Terri Huguet, Paula Jarrell, Donna Clause, Connie Triolo, Cynthia Pinion  
To register: Terri 504-450-5459 or Connie 985-507-7164

For more information on the Program please visit: [lordteachmetoprayer.com](http://lordteachmetoprayer.com) (A \$10 donation for material is appreciated by not required)

## Guardians of the Sacred Treasure: Using Music to Defend and Preach the Faith

In speaking to the crowds during His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus instructs us, "For **where your treasure is, there your heart will be also**" (Mt 6:21). In the Vatican II document *Sacrosanctum Concilium* we find these words: "The **musical** tradition of the universal Church is a **treasure** of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art." This is so because music, an integral part of Catholic Liturgy, has always fulfilled a dual purpose - it is both formative and expressive. In other words, we sing what we believe **and** we believe what we sing. This 6-week course will delve into the lives of six saints and Doctors of the Church who defended and spread the Faith through hymnody and other musical forms. We will learn about Saints in the Early Church: St. Ambrose, St. Ephrem, St. Romanos, and St. Kassiani and in the medieval Church: St. Thomas and St. Hildegard of Bingen. By knowing how these Saints used music to influence the people and authorities of their times, perhaps we can sing with greater understanding the treasures of our Faith, evaluate what we sing and how it influences our thoughts with greater clarity, and discover new insights into our Faith through the treasure of sacred music. The class will be held on 1/9, 1/23, 1/20, 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 9:30 am—10:15 am in the choir room in the Church presented by Rhonda Rossano. Childcare is available.





# Confirmation Corner

- Jan 9—Thirst classes resume 9:15-10:30 ish
- Jan 9—Vintaged brown Communion shirts decorated for KC M4L contest **due** at am class OR to Faith Sharing evening)
- Jan 9—6pm **THIS IS A FAMILY EVENT CREDIT** (If you have not met the requirements for your Family event) see bulletin for info
- Jan 15—KC M4L judging in gym (**ALL SHIRTS MUST BE IN BEFORE THIS**)
- Jan 22— **FAMILY CARAVAN TO BATON ROUGE M4L**—this will meet the needs of your family event requirement. RSVP to nrichard@sjscrusaders.org
- Jan 30 —Immediate Confirmation 11th-12th grade first essay due



St. Joseph's Catholic Church

## THIRST

**Do Not Let ANYONE**  
 Look down on you  
 Because YOU  
 are young BUT  
 Set an Example  
 for BELIEVERS

— Timothy 4:12



## THIRST FAMILY EVENT

M4L Baton Rouge **JANUARY 22nd**

We will represent St. Joseph's wearing vintaged brown communion shirts.

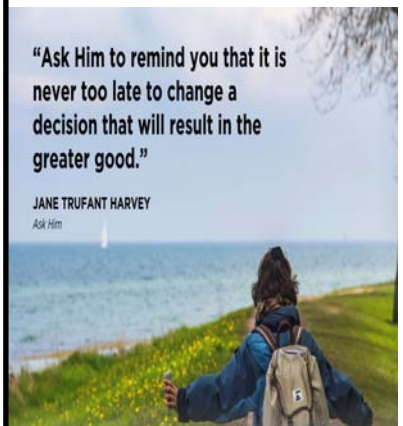


**JANUARY**  
 Month of the Holy Name



THIS JANUARY START THE YEAR WITH AN EMPTY JAR. EACH WEEK ADD A NOTE WITH A GOOD THING THAT HAPPENED.

ON NEW YEAR'S EVE EMPTY THE JAR AND READ ABOUT THE AMAZING YEAR YOU HAD.



"Ask Him to remind you that it is never too late to change a decision that will result in the greater good."

JANE TRUFANT HARVEY  
 Ask Him

All families meet at St. Joseph's Catholic Church parking lot at 8:00 am. THIRST teens must wear the Vintaged Communion Shirts (brown) that have been decorated for the March. Please RSVP to nrichard@sjscrusaders.org.

**THIS IS A FAMILY EVENT OPPORTUNITY THAT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS NEEDED**



**THIRST 9-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ...WE ARE USING OUR VINTAGED COMMUNION BROWN SHIRTS FOR A M4L CONTEST. IN the past we've done posters.**

**NOW WHAT TO DO WITH THEM? Treat it like a poster contest but get creative. The TOP 5 BEST EFFORTS IN THIS SHIRT CONTEST will go to the KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS FOR THEM TO JUDGE 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE WINNERS!!!**

**After all of this-don't throw them away ... We will wear them on Jan 22 to m4l in Baton Rouge- WHICH IS A FAMILY EVENT OPPORTUNITY MAKE SURE YOUR NAME IS ON THE INSIDE BY THE TAG AND GRADE**

**Due NO LATER THAN JAN 9 ( turn in at class or bring by office ) KC judging Jan 15**



**TOGETHER FOR LIFE**

LOUISIANA LIFE MARCH  
 BATON ROUGE  
 JAN. 22, 2022 10 AM  
 LALIFEMARCH.COM

## BACKPACKS FOR BELIZE

During the month of January, THIRST will be collecting school supplies and backpacks for children in Belize as another mission opportunity for us to be the hands and feet of Christ. ALL PARISHIONERS, PSR families and ABLAZE middle school families are INVITED TO HELP. Drop off supplies in the big yellow trash can in the Church narthex starting on January 15th.



Any THIRST HIGH SCHOOL questions, please contact nrichard@sjscrusaders.org.

## Baptismal Death and Resurrection

As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, we also honor our own baptism as our initiation into the Christian life and community. In the Gospel, the baptism of Jesus, with his immersion and then emergence from the water, points to his later submission to God at his death, and his emergence from the grave at his resurrection. This pattern of death and resurrection is our path too, as followers of Jesus. Throughout life, often in small ways, we learn to surrender our limited and self-centered agendas. This surrender often feels like death. The sacrament of Baptism ritually enacts this pattern to remind us of Jesus' death and resurrection, so that we too might embrace the deaths and resurrections of our own lives. As Jesus emerged from the water, he encountered his Father and the Holy Spirit. Like Jesus, we can know we are God's beloved, empowered by the Spirit.

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### Today's Readings

**First Reading** — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) or *Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11*.

**Psalm** — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) or *Psalm 104*.

**Second Reading** — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38) or *Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7*.

**Gospel** — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased

### Monica's Journey

Monica's Journey is a ministry of St. Joseph's Catholic Church for women who struggle from the brokenness of difficult relationships, abuse, 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. Please leave a voicemail or send a text message to (985) 467-9520 for further information. "Wait for the Lord; Be strong and let your heart take courage: Yes, wait for the Lord!" Psalm 27:14.

### 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 ministry for this purpose. For more information please contact Angela Perrin at 985-318-4927.



PAL (Parents of Addicted Loved-ones) is a support group open to parents and other adult family members who have a loved one struggling with addiction.

We meet every 2nd & 4th Thursday from 6-7:30 pm in the Ministry Building (St. Catherine Room).

For more information contact Mary Jo B. at 985-320-3010 or Paige B. 985-981-8010 . [www.palgroup.org](http://www.palgroup.org).

## Please Pray for Sick and Shut-Ins

Jason Abernathy, Jack Addison, Stephanie Alexander, Victoria "Vickie" Alexander, Laurie Allen, Ockie Baldassoro, Sr., Patrick Bailey, Jay Barbier, Mark Bear, Farley Bennett, Gloria Bennett, Mildred Bittick, David Blake, Michelle Bossier, Ann Boudreaux, Hazel Boudreaux, Larry Boudreaux, Ranice Bourg, Barbara Bourgeois, Angel Braun, Amy Brennan, JoAnne Brisset, Baby David Burris, Christine Castjohn, Elaine Charbonnet, Rita Charbonnet, Julian Chiro, Eddie Cicardo, Gavin Cieutat, Steve Coates, Barbara Cravata, Ken Davidson, Lucille Davidson, Pat Davis, Melissa Balado Dean, Kitty Derveloy, Edward Dieser, Beverly Dominique, Carol Dominguez, Danette Crovetto Drell, Debra Drude, Kenneth Paul Drude, Juanita Dugar, Andrew Dzuraychko, Pam Guichet Elder, Nicholas Eirich, Jay Ernst, Jeanette Ernst, Veronica Fannaly, Sam & Alice Ferraro, Joey Fortenberry, Marge Frahm, Eva Francois, Clint Gagliano, Lenny George, Nittie Gilliland, Carolyn Gillingham, Molly Gladney, Malissa Gonzalez, Brian Guichet, Myrthus "Twinkle" Guichet, Anne Guidry, Pat Gullo, Bob Hackney, Robert Hamberger, IV, Sadie Hebert, Tommy Hebert, Kalee Henderson, Jane Hextall, Darrell Hoover, Lois Hoover, Tammy Perrin Horn, Peggy Howes, Jimmy Hubert, Harold Hungerford, Ashley Ingolia, Betty Ingolia, Ray Ingolia, Jennifer Jernigan, Lawrence Joiner, Marty & Kay Jolly, Victoria Keys and baby Natalie Keys, Nora Keys, Carol Kinchen, Alan Klein, Beulah Kluka, David Kraft, Pam Kraft, Scoffer Kraft, Sis Kyzar, Cheryl Laiche, Baby Callie Lakes, Norma Larriou, Wayne Laurent, Ruby Drude Lee, Liz LeSaicherre, Miceli Family, Henry Lumino, Sr., Nora Lumino, Caitlyn Matherne, William Mathes, Melissa McCormick, John & Susan McKinney, Ginger McLin, Cole McMillion, Senit Miller, Barry Mince, Sr., Lisa Mince, Joseph Mirando, Anna Mae Mixon, Patricia Monteleone, Andrew Morales, Ed Murray, Aliyah Naquin, Cindy Newton, Ruth Ourso, Wanda Pandarvis, Eric Peltier, George Peltier, Wayne Pepitone, Bert Perilloux, Marisa Perrin, Anne Phillips, Camilla Phillips, Fran Poche, Ann Prine, Barbara Richter, MSC., Bryan Roddick, A. J. Roig, Jr., Brooklyne Sansone, Ernest Schenck, CJ Schiro, Patricia Charbonnet Schmit, Bob Simoneaux, Kayla Smith, Ronald Springer, Sr., Rose Stahl, Jackie Stanga, Lynette Stanga, Maddox Steadman, Robin St. Cyr, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Tartamelia, Wylene Remy Taylor, Earl Theriot, Tracy Todd, Mike Tournillon, Carlo Triolo, Jean Troxler, Travis Troxler, Sam Vilaro, Ronald Vining, Sam Viola, Stone Viola, Carla Van Vrancken, June Villa, Mary Vuljoin, Terri Waguespack, Glen Walker, Adelle Wall, Danny Wall, Danni Waugh, Rodney Wempren, Dorothy Whitaker, Regi White, Faith Rose Wiltz, Phiney Yenni, *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:

Col. Brian Duplessis, Cole Gunham, US Navy, Commander, Mason Joiner Sgt Major in Army, Navy Petty Officer HM2 Kegan Keller, Jacob Milton, Commander Eric Olsen, US Navy. Elijah Whittington, Clyde Williamson, IV-Army, *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  
Thursday: St. Hilary  
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

### Intentions of the Holy Father- January 2022

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brother and sisters in the human family.

### Vocation Awareness

Jesus' identity is revealed as "The Son of God" through His baptism in the Jordan. Our identity as "children of God" is revealed through our baptism. Our lives, then, must constantly witness Jesus as Lord. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call or email Fr. Joshua Johnson at (225) 336-8778, [jjohnson@diobr.org](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org) or visit [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations).

## Readings for the Week of

January 10, 2022

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20  
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28  
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39  
 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45  
 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12  
 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17

### Next Sunday Readings (January 16, 2022)

First Reading.....Isaiah 62:1-5  
 Second Reading.....1 Corinthians 12:4-11  
 Gospel.....John 2:1-11  
 Psalm.....96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, January 10, 2022

8:00 AM Madeline Thibodeaux

### Tuesday, January 11, 2022

8:00 AM Lelia Pellicino

### Wednesday, January 12, 2022

8:00 AM Katy Variscot

### Thursday, January 13, 2022

8:00 AM Ernest Ourso

### Saturday, January 15, 2022

5:00 PM (L) Gary Albrecht  
 Patricia Albrecht  
 Jimmy Bankston  
 Robert Curtis Bennett  
 Dudley & Geraldine Berthelot  
 Lucy Braun  
 Delton Brooks  
 Jeanette Brown  
 (L) Laney Derenbecker  
 Joan Duplessis  
 (L) Andrew Morales  
 Bertha Ourso

Ernst Ourso  
 Bill Perrin  
 Rufus Poche  
 Mary L. Prine  
 Steve Pugh  
 Liz Sanderson  
 Myrtle A. Sellier  
 Glenn Snyder  
 Madeline Thibodeaux  
 (L) Christie & Matt Vicknair  
 Sal Yenni

### Sunday, January 16, 2022

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish  
 11:00 AM Mary Sue Drude  
 Richard & Clotilde Drude  
 Doris Drude Lavigne  
 (L) Andrew Morales  
 Ernest Ourso  
 (L) Anne Phillips  
 Steve Pugh

Audrey Scamardo  
 (L) Dale Allen Smith  
 Glenn Snyder  
 Madeline Thibodeaux  
 (L) Baby Tucker & Lindsey  
 Sal Yenni

(L) Indicates Living

## Volunteers Needed

We will be taking down all Christmas Decorations on **Friday, January 14th** at 8:30 am. Volunteers will be needed. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Questions call Barbara or Francis at 386-3622.



## We Can Help!!!!

There comes a time when we all face a crisis in our life. In today's world there are crisis all around us and sometime, we have no one to talk to or to help us. Our Stephen Ministers can be the answer you are looking for. Our ministers will be there to listen to you, to let you know you are not by yourself, and they will walk your rocky road with you. You might need a Stephen Minister for several months or maybe a year. It does not matter how long it takes, your Stephen Minister will be with you as long as they are needed. You can talk to your Stephen Minister about anything on your mind because everything is confidential. Our Stephen Ministers know the importance of listening, showing compassion, and being present. Sometimes men think it is a sign of weakness to ask for help. But men have crisis also. We have men Stephen Ministers that are ready to help. Don't try and handle your crisis alone. Call one of our Stephen Leaders so you can get a Stephen Minister to help walk your road with you. Anita Perrin (985) 687-4458, Ronnie Perrin (985) 507-9765, Terri Huguet (504) 450-5459 or Ron Huguet (504) 232-2484.

## Stewardship

### Given in Baptism

*Is 42:1-4, 6-7 / Acts 10:34-38 / Lk 3:15-16, 21-22*

In baptism, Jesus is given his public mission and ultimately, his destiny on the cross. Today's Gospel should lead us to ask, then, what were you and I given in baptism? The most important answer is redemption, but there is much more. We were given our identity in Jesus Christ. We were given a place to belong in God's Kingdom. We were given an indelible mark, making us members of the Body of Christ. We were given the Holy Spirit, and the gifts that He blesses us with. We were given grace! Some people approach baptism for their children out of obligation, but if they understood all that it meant, they might approach this sacrament with more enthusiasm! Jesus' baptism signifies his deep devotion to God and His plan for Salvation. Take some time today to reflect on your own baptism and all that it means to you! God has blessed you with many gifts to build the kingdom. Please reflect on how you can give what has already been gifted to you.

## Financial News

YTD	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<b>12/19/2021</b>	<b>\$ 478,775.68</b>	<b>\$475,000.00</b>	<b>\$ +3,775.68</b>
Church Support	\$ 26,502.06		
St. Joseph School	\$ 682.00		
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 2,601.63		
Misc. Collections	\$ 477.00		
	<b>\$ 30,262.69</b>		

*Totals for 12/25/2021 & 12/26/2021, 1/2/22 will be listed in the 1/16/2022 bulletin*

### Second Collections

St. Joseph School                      January 9, 2022

## Ministry Schedule

**Saturday, January 15th & Sunday, January 16th**

	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
5PM	Fay Murray (7b) Angela Pevey (8b) Merle Ozment (9b)	John Howes Alex Joiner Chris Marmillion Durald Pinion John Yeargaiu Barry Blackledge Michael Chiasson Gordon Cotton Rene' Folse Pete Peterson Rodney Schmaltz Roland Terrebbonne Barry Blackledge Marcial Gomez Christopher McNabb Robert McNabb Jeff Ryan Bob Zimmerman
	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
5PM	Janae Feimster	5PM Tony Guagliardo, Jr. 8AM Ed Hanks 11AM Nicole Richard
8AM	Justin Hanks Luke LaCroix Paul Hanks	
11AM	Aiden Ryan John Patrick Ryan	



## Christmas Poinsettias

**In Loving Memory of:** Eddie & Ethel Adams by Darrell & Shirley Adams \* Helen & Robert Adams by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Nata \* Melissa Adams by Darrell & Shirley Adams \* Philip Alexander by Victoria Alexander \* Ray & Clara Aucoin by Cheryl Kuhn \* Family by Phyllis Aymond \* Living & Deceased Members of the Balado & Johnson Family by Gary & Sandra Johnson \* Katie Barado & Baby Barado by Jeremy & Christie Barado \* All Deceased Loved Ones by Bea & Stanley Beck \* Berthelot & Wempren Family by Rodney & Gina Wempren \* Collins & Shirley Bonicard by Mike & Trudy Henderson \* The Braun & Everage Family by Kevlin B. Braun \* The Braun Family by Kevlin B. Bruan \* Delton Brooks by Bonnie Brooks \* Timothy & Florence Brown \* James A. & Georgia Byers by Lawrence Byers Family \* Lawrence H. 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## Mark Your Calendar

**Sunday, January 9th**  
RCIA—9:30 am—St. Benedict Room

**Sunday, January 9th**  
PSR- Ablaze-Thirst—9:15-10:30 am

**Sunday, January 9th**  
Guardians of the Sacred Treasure—9:30 am in the Choir Room

**Sunday, January 9th**  
Faith Sharing—5:45 pm at St. Joseph's

**Monday, January 10th**  
Youth Choir Practice—4:00 pm in the Church Choir Room

**Monday, January 10th**  
Adult Choir Practice—6:00 pm in the Choir Room

**Tuesday, January 11th & 25th**  
St. Vincent de Paul Meeting—6:30 pm in the St. Joseph Room

**Tuesday, January 11th**  
Word & Worship—7:00 pm in the Church

**Wednesday, January 12th**  
Adoration—8:30 am—6:00 pm  
Divine Mercy Chapel—3:00 pm Vespers—6:00 pm

**Wednesday, January 12th**  
Baptism Class for Parents & Godparents—7:00 pm in the St. Benedict Room in the Church

**Friday, January 14th**  
Men's Morning Bible Study—6:30 am—Church

**Saturday, January 15th**  
Men's Morning Prayer Group—6:30 am—Church

**Monday, January 17th**  
Taize Prayer Service—7:00 pm in the Church

**Tuesday, January 18th**  
Lord, Teach Me to Pray—8:30 am in the Church Conference Room

**Wednesday, January 19th**  
Lord, Teach Me to Pray—6:30 pm in the Church Conference Room

## VBS Volunteers for Summer 2022

We need many volunteers to make our VBS successful; including teen group leaders, junior high helpers, young adult emcees, and adult chaperones. The first planning meeting will be **Sunday, January 30 after the 11 am Mass in the St. Benedict Room of the Church.** This meeting is to discuss themes and times for this summer's VBS. Please come and pray and plan with us as we share ideas on how to make this an event that glorifies God and evangelizes the hearts of our young ones. If you want to help with VBS but cannot make the first meeting please call the office at 985-386-3749 to talk with Paige. We will open an online volunteer and participant registration page after this initial meeting.



### Society of St Vincent de Paul Report: November 2021

We made 21 home visits serving 71 people

Delivered 30 bags of food from our Parish Food Pantry

Paid utility bills totaling \$2,832.27 and \$1,963.81 in other assistance including Hurricane

Ida relief, 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 those in need possible.

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 consider becoming a Vincentian. **As Jesus said to his disciples in John 1:35-42, "Come, and you will see."** Our next scheduled meetings are January 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.



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