



# 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

**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:**

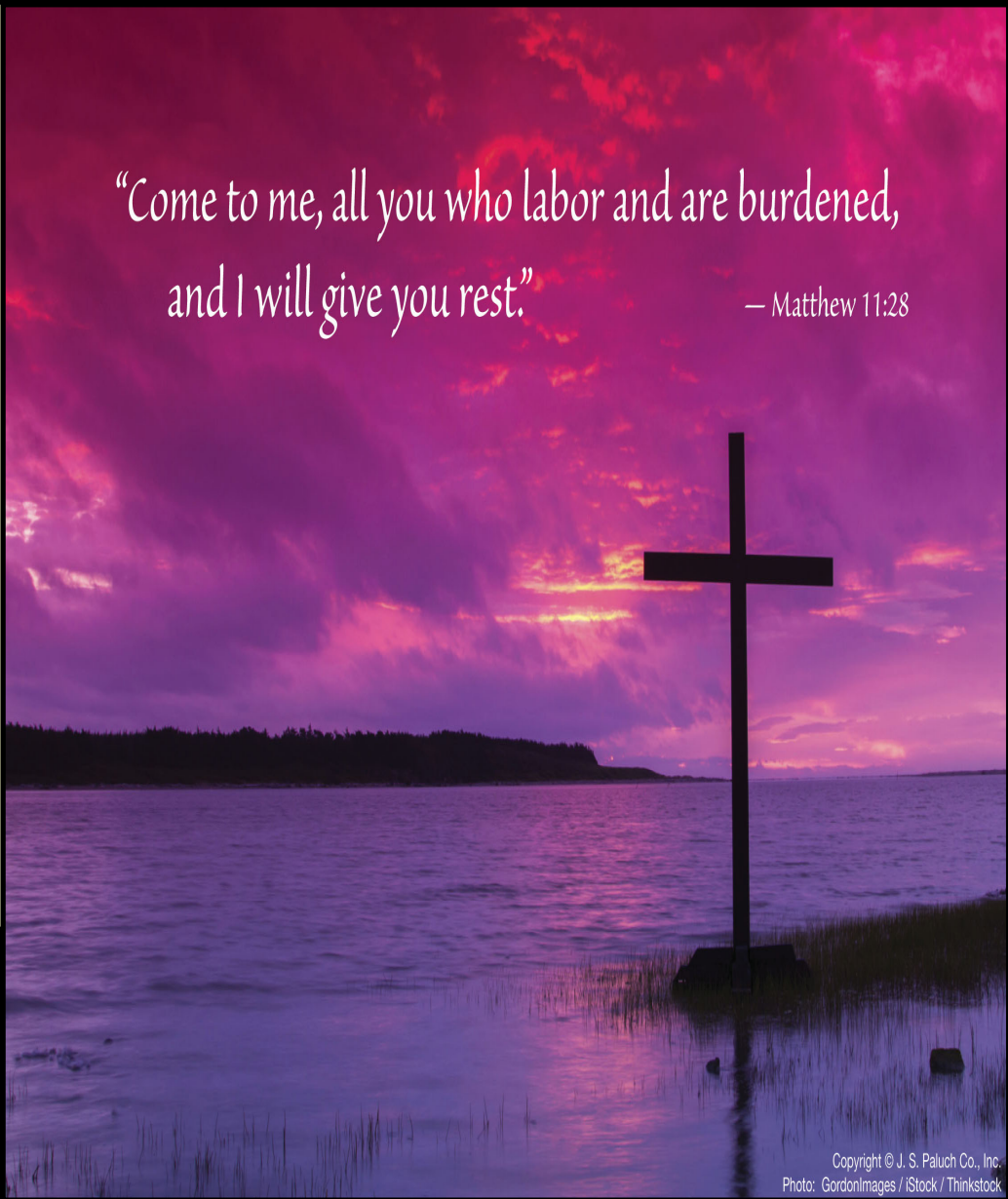
PSR-Gr. K-5; Sun 9:30-10:30 am  
Ablaze-Gr. 6-8; Sun 9:30-10:30 am  
High School Formation  
Gr. 9-12; Sun. 5:00-7:00 pm



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.

*July 5, 2020 The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,  
and I will give you rest."  
— Matthew 11:28*



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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](mailto:sj_altar_server@bellsouth.net)  
**Bible Studies:** Monday at 6 p.m.—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:** B. J. Nepveux, 985-370-7548.  
**RCIA:** Ed or Julie Hanks, 985-351-3143.  
**Small Christian Community:** Clay Nepveux at 985-634-8805.  
**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:** Sarah Stoehr, 504-270-3451.

## Organizations

**Ancient Order of Hibernians:** Ronnie Crimmins 985-773-8965.  
**Kaycee Auxiliary:** Maureen Felder 225-294-3092 or [maureenfelder75@gmail.com](mailto: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, Mary Threeton, Wayne Vedeckis, Stephanie Waguespack, Tom Waller, Bill Wheat. Ad Hoc Council Members: Fr. McDuffie, Deacon Larry Melancon, Danette Ragusa. Stacy Randazzo.

## 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.

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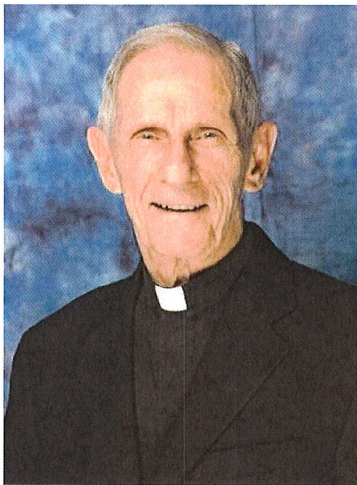
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## Maryknoll Fathers & Brothers Mission Appeal

Fr. David Kelly, M.M., a Maryknoll missionary priest will conduct a mission appeal at all Masses on the weekend of July 18/19. Fr. Kelly will share his experience serving in the missions of Latin America. You will be invited to participate spiritually and financially in the Church's mission that brings the Good News of Jesus to all people.

### *Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Many years ago, there was a very popular Christian poster that did nothing but list names for God from the scriptures. While it included powerful names like "Lion of Judah" and "Wonderful Counselor," as a whole it was a sharp contrast to the simple and beautiful images present in our scriptures today. The prophet Zechariah prefigures the Christ coming in meekly and mildly on an ass—the vision we might have of Palm Sunday. In Romans Saint Paul reveals to us our truer selves, calling us to embrace the Spirit of Christ, put aside our fleshly beings, and live more fully in Christ. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus bypasses the learned, and God reveals things to the childlike. We are presented with a simple, straightforward approach to God, and to finding God.

### *Our Complicated Lives*

We live in an age and a society that has never been more educated or had a higher standard of living, yet never have we carried as much debt. Many are living beyond their means. We have so many resources and time-saving devices at our hands, yet our lives are more complex than ever. While many people may not engage in extreme manual labor we rarely escape our jobs. Many are connected through phones and constantly receive calls, texts, and emails. Others spend hours in traffic on their daily commutes or pack on the frequent flyer miles.

We spend hours binge-watching our favorite shows. Many children are accustomed to being in front of a screen all the time and no longer know how to play creatively. The statistics for those who continue to leave the Church and all forms of organized religion also continue to rise.

While there is no such thing as a "good old days" to return to, there was something to be said for sleeping soundly after putting in a good day's work, and for a family gathering around the table for a shared meal. For many, this model for eucharist rarely exists. Jesus knows and feels our pains, and calls out, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

### *It's Not Rocket Science*

So how do we declutter? Downsize? Devote ourselves again to Christ and live out our gospel calling? Sign up for a liturgical ministry, or volunteer to help with a religion program. Join a small faith group. Volunteer at a food pantry or Habitat for Humanity. Become involved as an individual, or a family. Meanwhile, back at the house, make a commitment to go through one drawer a day, and take things to your local St. Vinnie's or secondhand store. Remember meal and bedtime prayers. Find a minute to read the daily scriptures. Take many baby steps. It's not rocket science. It is a continual commitment to bring ourselves as we are, and to respond to Jesus' call to "Come."

Today's Readings: Zec 9:9–10; Ps 145:1–2, 8–9, 10–11, 13–14; Rom 8:9, 11–13; Mt 11:25–30

## *Down in adoration falling, this great Sacrament we hail!*



How often have we sung or heard these words sung? Each Wednesday morning during the school year, the angelic voices of the St. Joseph School students intone this expression of adoration as the Body of Christ is processed from the church to the Altar of Repose in the chapel. This phrase ushers in the last two verses of St. Thomas Aquinas' (1225-1274) hymn, *Pange lingua gloriosi* (*Sing my tongue, the Savior's glory*) composed for the Vespers of the feast of Corpus Christi. Through this and other Eucharistic hymns, *Adoro te Devote* (Humbly I Adore Thee), *Lauda Sion Salvatorem* (Sion lift thy voice and sing), *Sacris Solemnis* (Sacred Solemnity), and *O Salutaris Hostia* (O Saving Victim), St. Thomas has led generations of believers to praise our Lord in His Eucharistic Presence and to understand more deeply the mysteries of our faith.

Undoubtedly these sacred lyrics were an overflow of St. Thomas' intense and ardent devotion to the Blessed Sacrament added with his deep contemplation on the Divine mysteries of Christ. We are told that most of his ecstasies would occur during the sacrifice of the Mass. Often the server or one of the Dominicans had to tug at his vestments to get him to finish the sacrifice of the Mass. He would remain immobile, in tears before the consecrated host in a state of mystical contemplation. While writing on the topic of the Eucharist, St. Thomas took greatest care. On one occasion he was heard anxiously asking Christ in prayer whether he had written correctly about him in the sacrament, for which the Lord answered, "as far as it is possible for anyone in this life." The Eucharistic hymns of St. Thomas are an eloquent synthesis of the profound and insightful theology found in his Summa. In his theology, St. Thomas mentions that the sacrifices of the Old Law signified the passion of Christ, but the Eucharist is a sacrifice that represents the passion of Christ. He calls it an *imago representativa* (a re-presenting image) of the passion, i.e. to make it present again. He notes of the other two names commonly given to the Eucharist, they are: 'Communion', because it signifies the unity of the church and 'Viaticum', because it is a spiritual food for us travelers on our way in this life, showing us the way to come to the enjoyment of God in our heavenly homeland.

It was in the year 1264, Pope Urban, through his papal bull *Transiturus* extended the feast of Corpus Christi to the Universal Church. Until then, this feast was quite popular in many of the dioceses around Europe. But prior to the universal declaration of this feast the Pope had entrusted St. Thomas with the task of composing the liturgical texts, the Mass and the Divine Office for the same. As a fruit of the saint's efforts some of his most beautiful compositions were gifted to the Church's liturgical treasury... These hymns have also been the subject of renowned musical maestros in setting music to these sacred verses as they are a perfect convergence of theology and poetry.

...What can we gain in our spiritual life through these compositions? I believe that Saint John Paul II's encyclical on the Holy Eucharist, *Ecclesia de Eucharista* has an answer in it. The Pope exhorts us, "Let us make our own the words of Saint Thomas Aquinas, an eminent theologian and an impassioned poet of Christ in the Eucharist, and turn in hope to the contemplation of that goal to which our hearts aspire in their thirst for joy and peace."

---Pratik Ryan Reginald Pereira OP

**Reference:** H. PETITOT OP, *The Life and Spirit of Thomas Aquinas*, Illinois: Priory Press, 1966.

## Share the Burden

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28). These words of our Savior seem to be in stark contrast to the previous chapter from the same Gospel, when we were told that if we do not take up our crosses, we are not worthy of Christ. Connecting these two messages might help us on our faith journeys. Being a follower of Christ surely means that we must embrace the cross, in its mystery of both suffering and triumph. This is something that we need not do alone, for the burden is often too heavy for us to carry by ourselves. Who, then, do we turn to? We can turn to the Body of Christ—the community of disciples gathered for worship. When we find the burden too heavy, let us remember that we can share that burden with our Christian sisters and brothers, who can help bring us rest.

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### Today's Readings

**First Reading** — Rejoice heartily, O Jerusalem! For see, your savior comes (Zechariah 9:9-10).

**Psalm** — I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).

**Second Reading** — The one who raised Christ from death will give life to your mortal bodies also (Romans 8:9, 11-13).

**Gospel** — Come, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest (Matthew 11:25-30).

### 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

Darci-Lyn Abad, Jason Abernaghy, Deacon Mike Agnello, Stephanie Alexander, Ray Aleman, Ockie Baldassoro, Sr., Patrick Bailey, Gloria Bennett, Mildred Bittick, Ray Boihem, 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 Derveloy, Larry Deslatte, Alexis Dionne, David Dionne, Stacey Dolan, Beverly Dominique, Carol Dominguez, Andrew Dzuryachko, Pam Guichet Elder, Veronica Fannally, Joey Fortenberry, Marge Frahm, Eva Francois, Geraldine Freeman, Lenny George, Nittie Gilliland, Malissa Gonzalez, Joan Gurganus, Brian Guichet, Myrthus “Twinkle” Guichet, Anne Guidry, Sue Quave Guildner, Jean Guitreau, John Gullo, Katherine Harris, Kalee Henderson, Sherry Hill, Tammy Perrin Horn, Peggy Howes, Jimmy Hubert, Tara Huguet, Ashley Ingolia, Grace Innerarity, Joseph Jason, Jennifer Jernigan, Lawrence Joiner, Carol Kinchen, Alan Klein, Wayne Kraemer, David Kraft, Charles Gregory Kraft, Sis Kyzar, Norma Larrieu, Wayne Laurent, Doris Lavigne, Ruby Drude Lee, Sally LeJeune, Hilton Lloyd, IV, Nathan deLord, Elsie Major, Aliyah Naquin, Mary Twickler Mann, Caitlyn Matherne, Max McCray, Cole McMillion, Morris Meyer, Barry Mince Sr., Anna Mae Mixon, Patricia Montealeone, Andrew Morales, Ed Murray, CJ Otilio, Carol Ott, Ruth Ourso, Wanda Pandarvis, George Peltier, Bert Perilloux, Marisa Perrin, Fran Poche, Ann Prine, Mary Prine, Mike Raiford, Vera Ragan, Dale Roberts, Bryan Roddick, A. J. Roig, Jr., Linda Ryan, Ernest Schenck, Red Schwab, Bob Simoneaux, Bristol Rose Smith, Kayla Smith, Wylene Remy Taylor, Madeline Thibodeaux, Tracy Todd, Mike Tournillon, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Tartamelia, Earl Theriot, Sam Vilardo, Sam Viola, Carla Van Vrancken, June Villa, Glen Walker, Adelle Wall, Danny Wall, Danni Waugh, Rodney Wempren, Peggy West, Stanley Williams, 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: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: St. Maria Goretti  
Thursday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions  
Saturday: St. Benedict



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 in the St. Dominic room of St. Joseph’s Ministry Building on the corner of 8<sup>th</sup> and Pine St. every Thursday from 6-7:30 pm.

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](http://www.palgroup.org). All inquiries are held in strict confidence. **You are not alone There is HOPE.**

## Readings for the Week of July 6, 2020

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9; Mt 9:18-26  
 Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Mt 9:32-38  
 Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7  
 Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15  
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17; Mt 10:16-23  
 Saturday: Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33

### Next Sunday Readings ( July 12, 2020)

First Reading.....Isaiah 55:10-11  
 Second Reading.....Romans 8:18-23  
 Gospel.....Matthew 13:1-23, or 13:1-9  
 Psalm.....65:10,11,12-13, 14

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, July 6, 2020

8:00 AM Ella Mae Melancon

### Tuesday, July 7, 2020

8:00 AM Deceased Members of LM Bourgeois Family

### Wednesday, July 8, 2020

8:00 AM Devon Brock Phillips

### Thursday, July 9, 2020

8:00 AM Sena Sicard

### Saturday, July 11, 2020

5:00 PM Irving Aucoin  
 Dudley & Geraldine Berthelot  
 Phillip Wyatt Connelley  
 (L) Penny Poche Carter  
 Richard Eleser  
 Grace Guichet  
 Buddy & Henrietta Joiner  
 May Kinler  
 Vincent Latino, Sr.  
 Randy LeCompte  
 Joseph Ralph LeSaicherre  
 (L) Lauren O Murphy  
 Bill Perrin  
 Beverly Pinion  
 Leroy Pinion  
 Liz Sanderson  
 Frederic Schilling & Alonzo Raiford  
 Souls in Purgatory  
 Fred Tucker  
 Chris Wagner

### Sunday, July 12, 2020

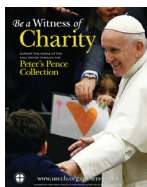
8:00 AM For the People of the Parish

11:00 AM Phillip Alexander  
 Living & Deceased Members of the Bates and Gregoire Family  
 Marilyn Carter  
 Phillip Connelley  
 Vivian Dale  
 (L) Deacons & Wives & Families  
 Mary Sue Drude  
 Richard & Clotilde Drude  
 John Dufreche  
 Rudy Gagneaux  
 Frank Giannobile  
 Dorothy Hotard  
 Terry Jacob  
 Albert Jaundot  
 Patricia Kimbrough  
 Killian & Lucille Kupper  
 DD Kraft  
 Lily Kraft  
 Louanna & Cotton Kraft  
 (L) Shawn Michael Landry  
 Souls in Purgatory

(L) Indicates Living

## Peter's Pence

Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection. Our contributions will be combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections).



## Stewardship

### "Never by Yourself"

"Did I make a mistake when I humbled myself so that you might be exalted, because I preached the gospel of God to you without charge? I plundered other churches by accepting from them in order to minister to you. And when I was with you and in need, I did not burden anyone, for the brothers who came from Macedonia supplied my needs. So I refrained and will refrain from burdening you in any way. By the truth of Christ in me, this boast of mine shall not be silenced in the regions of Achaia. And why? Because I do not love you? God knows I do!"

Perhaps you know this story: At the wall of a church being raised on a large construction site, one stonemason was asked what he was doing. "Just hammering this worthless rock." Another was asked the same question. He responded, "I am building a wall." Then, a third was asked what he was building, and he said proudly, "I am humbled to be building a great cathedral." Such a project requires the handiwork of many, just as in every effort of ministry and service. Some accept the call. Others do not. The wisest among us understands that the contributions of many—at times over the course of generations—are needed to fully address the purposes of God. Together.

## Financial News

YTD	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
6/21/2020	\$ 988,447.57	\$969,000.00	\$ +19,447.57
Church Support	\$ 16,695.00		
Misc. Collections	\$ 542.00		
	\$ 17,237.00		

(COLLECTION TOTALS FOR 6/28/2020 WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE JULY 12TH BULLETIN)

### Second Collections

St. Joseph School: July 12th  
 Mary Knoll Mission Appeal July 19th

## Ministry Schedule

### Saturday, July 11th & Sunday July 12th

	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
5PM	Angela Pevey 7b Tom Waller 8b May Ernst 9b	Jesse Bergeron Chris Marmillion Durald Pinion Vincent Poche John Yeargain
8AM	Melisa Hedrick 7b Katie Holmes 8b Merle Ozment 9b	Michael Chiasson Roland Terrebonne Ronnie Reggio Francis Waguespack Jacob Schmaltz
11AM	Pat Alexander 7b Stacy Randazzo 8b Betty Nepveux 9b	Sidney Alexander Randy Bennett Joseph Ragan Jeff Ryan
	<u>Lectors</u>	
5PM	Larry Ernst	
8AM	Harold Thibodeaux	
11 AM	Wayne Vedeckis	

## *When The Crisis Never Ends*

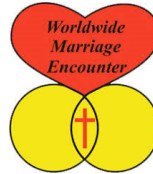
Many people face a tough time every day of their lives. Whether they are caring for a sick family member, going through a long period of unemployment, or experiencing incurable pain. They and their families may benefit from the support and care of a Stephen Minister. Our congregation is committed to providing care to those who need it. If you or someone you know could use a Stephen Minister. Please get in touch with Anita Perrin (985) 687-4458 or Ronnie Perrin (985) 507-9765 or You are not alone. A Stephen Minister will be with you to hold your hand and walk with you.

## *Marriage Encounter Weekend?*

Have you ever thought about attending a Marriage Encounter Weekend? Would you like to rekindle the romance and passion in your marriage and improve your communication skills? Well, now is the time. And, you can do it from the comfort of your own home!

Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, the July 17-19 Weekend will be presented virtually. Registration will be limited to 10 couples. So dust off the computer, charge up the Ipad, tablet or phone and sign up.

You can register online at [www.LAMS-wwme.org](http://www.LAMS-wwme.org) or get more information by calling Gary & Susie Munoz at 225-439-3384.



## *Coping With the COVID Crisis* **Turning Trauma Into Growth**

The Diocese of Baton Rouge is offering an on-line workshop to provide some insights and recommendations for dealing with the current COVID crisis. Social Workers from Catholic Charities and the Office of Marriage and Family Life have teamed up with Catholic Life Television to help the faithful of the Diocese understand how they might use the opportunity of this pandemic to actually grow through this experience by focusing on what psychologists call Post-Traumatic Growth. The workshop will outline the factors that hinder such growth as well as the factors that facilitate this growth. This free workshop can be accessed on-line anytime through the following link: <https://youtube/R-qUMJZ2LVA>

## *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.



## *Vocation Awareness*

Jesus said, "If you love Me, you will obey the commands I give you." If God is calling you to consider the priesthood or the religious live, give Fr. Andrew Merrick a call at (225)336-8778 or [amerrick@diobr.org](mailto:amerrick@diobr.org).

## *Mark Your Calendar*

### **Tuesday, July 7th**

*Word & Worship*—Church-7:00 pm

### **Wednesday, July 8th**

*Adoration*—Church 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

### **Wednesday, July 8th**

*Divine Mercy*—Church-3:00 pm

### **Wednesday, July 8th**

*Vespers*—Church - 6:00 pm

### **Wednesday, July 8th**

*Baptism Class for Parents & Godparents*—7pm in the Ministry Building

### **Saturday, July 11th**

*Confession*—4:00 pm

### **Tuesday, July 14th**

*St. Vincent de Paul Meeting*— 6:30pm in the Ministry Building

### **July 17th-19th**

*Marriage Encounter Weekend*

### **Sat. July 18th & Sun. July 19th**

*Maryknoll Mission Appeal*

## *Eucharistic Adoration*

Adoration is on **Wednesday's** from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. it concludes with Vespers at 6 p.m. Volunteers are needed for each hour to be present with the Lord in order to continue this ministry. Can you keep watch for an hour? Interested parishioners who would like to sign up are invited to call Donna Clause at 985-502-0309. We will inform you when the time for Adoration reverts back to the normal schedule of 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.





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