



# 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 9:30-10:30 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.

**March 14, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Lent**

TENEBRAE SERVICE

SCRIPTURE

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A SERVICE OF SHADOWS

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH  
255 N. 8<sup>TH</sup> ST. PONCHATOULA  
MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2021  
7 - 8 PM

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## Staff

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Mrs. Danette Ragusa, *Principal*  
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## Mission Statement

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

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

## Parish Ministries and Contact Persons

**Altar Servers:** Michele & Glen Ernst, 985-386-6618. [sj\\_altar\\_server@bellsouth.net](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:** 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

## 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, 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](http://myparishapp.com) or search your phone's app store for my parish.

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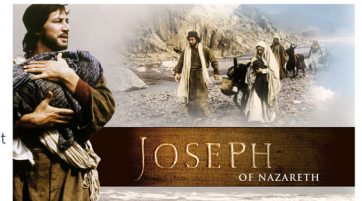
PICK OF THE WEEK

March 14, 2021

WATCH

### JOSEPH OF NAZARETH: THE STORY OF THE MAN CLOSEST TO CHRIST

With this year being consecrated to St. Joseph, we celebrate the feast day of Christ's foster father with even more joy and respect! Enter into the life of this great saint through the movie Joseph of Nazareth!



### BELOVED - SESSION 4: THE TOTAL GIFT OF SELF

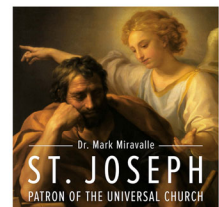
As foster father of Christ and virginal husband of Mary, St. Joseph fully gives himself to both his family and to God. Explore how we can emulate this gift of self in this episode of our Beloved series!

LEARN

LISTEN

### ST. JOSEPH: PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH BY MARK MIRAVELLE

St. Joseph, the holiest of the patriarchs, serves as a model of fatherhood, obedience, chastity, and so many other virtues. Join Dr. Mark Miravalle as he shares incredible lessons found in the hidden life of Joseph.



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## *Second Graders Make Their First Confession*

First Confessions are always a joy to watch as you can see the excitement on the faces of the children coming out of Church and some are even skipping! Our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders made their 1<sup>st</sup> Confessions Feb 22-24, with help from area priests, Fr. Mark Beard, Fr. Cayet and Fr. Brad Doyle.

Wednesday night I noticed some children going back to their pews, bringing their family members up front to kneel before the Blessed Mother and praying, part of a penance Fr Brad gave the children that evening. One extended family of 8 who gathered around their young one, Bryn Bourliea, was especially humbling to witness.

Megan Bourliea, the mother of Bryn, later shared with me: "That evening was a tough one for Bryn, having lost her Daddy this year, but her little sister Amelia, was being so sweet with her! She kept hugging Bryn in line, telling her that she would pray for her, and that she was gonna do great- it was the sweetest! As I stood there before Bryn went into the confessional, I was humbled by the love and support we had surrounding our little girl -her Nanny Becca, Aunt Karen and Uncle Aaron, siblings Braden and Amelia and grandmother were all there. Afterwards, praying before Mary, I remember feeling so blessed this strong brave little girl was mine! She conquered her little fears with love and God in her heart."

Another mother, Laura Drake, posted her excitement to social media: "I got to see the sweetest little kids make their first reconciliation tonight - precious! I could hear heaven rejoicing. Our Priest and church staff are the best. If you haven't been to reconciliation, I highly recommend it! Jesus is waiting there"

Another father who got to go to Confession along with his wife and daughter remarked upon leaving, "That was great!" Yes, isn't it great to receive this Sacrament of healing as a family! What keeps us from doing so on a regular basis throughout the year?

Please continue to keep our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade families in your prayers as they continue their Sacramental journey. May our students continue to infuse their parents and our Church community with the joy and healing Jesus brings us in the Sacraments.

More first Sacrament dates:

**March 17 or 24** 7pm seminar for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade parents on the Eucharist

**Sunday March 21** 9:30-10:30 am 1<sup>st</sup> Communion practice with Fr. McDuffie in Church

**April 24-25** First Holy Communion at all 3 Masses



Braden Bryn (2<sup>nd</sup> grader) Amelia and mom Megan Bourliea



Gabriel Drake and Emerson Felder.

## *Sorrowful Mysteries Reflection*

### **1<sup>ST</sup> Sorrowful Mystery (Agony in the Garden)**

After our Lord had His last powerful meal with His disciples in which He left them His last will and testament of His life in which He desired that they wash each other's feet, He gave them the parable of the Vine. The Lord knew that this was the last night He would spend with the bearers of His legacy, His closest friends. Jesus approached this evening of prayer with the desperation of man as well as the obedient Son of a loving Father. Alone, Jesus was face to face with God the Father knowing in full what He was about to undertake. He had the beauty of the last supper behind Him and the agony of the pain He was about to fulfill ahead of Him. As a man, He pleaded with God to see if there was another way. As an obedient Son, He accepted His fate. However, as the loving Savior He was able to embrace our sins knowing how much each of us would desperately need His sacrifice. Jesus faced the pain of our sins to the point of sweating blood and His yes represented His love for each and every one of us as a man and as God. He knew He had a choice. The Father showed Him everything. Jesus chose to Love each of us without holding anything back. His choice explains everything about who He is. Nothing will hold Him back from each and every one of us choosing Him. "His Choice" bears all that we need to know about Him. What is our move?



## *Center of Hope of Tangipahoa*

Center of Hope of Tangipahoa is a 501c nonprofit organization that opened a thrift store in Hammond this past September. All profits above operating expenses are used to serve the poor and homeless of Tangipahoa. The store is located at 1111 W Morris Ave. in Hammond, and open Tues-Sat 10am-5pm. Pickup of large furniture items can be arranged by calling the store 985-402-3422. An associate will be present in the Narthex after each Mass this weekend. **March 13th-14th**. Please pick up a brochure and see if your family can help the Center of Hope serve the needy in our area.

## HIGH SCHOOL 9-12TH REQUIRED FAITH FORMATION CLASS

THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 5-7 PM GYM

LENTEN HALF TIME SHOW

### WHAT TO BRING:

1 BOTTLE OF WATER & 1 SLICE OF BREAD OR 1 TORTILLA IN A ZIPLOCK

PLEASE DRESS WITH RESPECT :) ( aka: no shorts )



## PALM LEAF DOOR CHALLENGE



In two weeks it's Palm Sunday. It's that time again to create a door masterpiece from palms, sticks, ribbons, whatever you can find to celebrate and remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. You will gather your own materials, decorate, snap a pic and email [nrichard@sjscrusaders.org](mailto:nrichard@sjscrusaders.org)

**THIS IS A FAMILY PROJECT  
YOU CAN BE IN THE PIC TOO!!!**

*We will be posting on media all amazing creations.*

**WHAT IS ADO?**  
ADORATION FOR TEENS  
AND YOUNG ADULTS  
5-6PM WEDNESDAYS



... pray ...  
Talk to God.  
He will listen to you.  
This is a time for just you and  
God.  
Tell Him what is on your mind.  
And remember, to hear God...  
you must listen first.

## SAFE HAVEN PARENT WATCH APP OF THE WEEK



**PURPOSE:** YouTube is a place to house and share your videos. You can control privacy settings. It's also a great resource for educational videos and entertainment.

**WHY PARENTS SHOULD WORRY:** Inappropriate content has been sliced into both all-ages content and children's content. Also, comments on videos can be extremely inappropriate and hurtful. YouTube also has a **known pedophile problem** which is a major cause for concern.



**A TE BACON FOR BREAKFAST**



# ABLAZE

March 31, 6-7:30 pm  
St. Joseph Room/Field

## COLOR WARS

Bring clothes you don't  
mind getting messy in.  
White T-shirt preferred.

## Confirmation Corner

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS PLEASE:

April 19th

Confirmation Mass with Bishop Duca

CANDIDATES ARRIVE dressed with respect by 5:45 PM

Sponsors arrive dressed with respect by 6:30 pm

April 18th

Confirmation retreat (my oops on the date at meeting. ACT test day)

11:00 am—7:00 pm

Includes lunch time, Mass practice, small group, talks, music, confession and quality time with sponsor :)

Candidates AND Sponsors attend 11:00 am Mass to kick off the day

Details to come

### MANDATORY ESSAYS DUE:

To be typed with teen name please. Can be mailed to office,

dropped off or emailed to

[nrichard@sjscrusaders.org](mailto:nrichard@sjscrusaders.org)

Essay # 2—WHY I WISH TO BE CONFIRMED— DUE **MARCH 31**

## God's Mercy

Today's reading from the second book of Chronicles contains a sort of "mini-history" of Israel. It highlights God's mercies in choosing Cyrus the Persian to be an instrument of deliverance when the people were in captivity in Babylon. Despite their sinfulness and the deserved punishment they were undergoing, God's mercy was lavished on the people in the form of a miraculous act of liberation.

The Letter to the Ephesians, in much more theological terms, gives a similar account of a God "who brought us to life with Christ—by grace you have been saved." The author stresses that it was when we were "dead in our transgressions" that God saved us, an act of pure grace. He emphasizes that it is not our own efforts that freed us from sin ("this is not from you"); rather, "it is the gift of God." This, of course, is the heart of the entire Pauline corpus, that salvation comes to us by faith in God's mercy, revealed in the death of Jesus. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of the chosen people (2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23) or 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

**Psalm** — Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137) or Psalm 23.

**Second Reading** — By grace you have been saved (Ephesians 2:4-10) or Ephesians 5:8-14.

**Gospel** — The Son was sent by God so that the world might be saved through him (John 3:14-21) or John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

## 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 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, Ann Boudreaux, Hazel Boudreaux, Larry Boudreaux, Ranice Bourg, Barbara Bourgeois, Angel Braun, Amy Brennan, JoAnne Brisset, Jeanette Brown, Sherri Brown, Baby David Burris, Christy "KK" Cartaginense, Paul Cashio, Christine Castjohn, Carol Castle, Dennis Charbonnet, Rita Charbonnet, Julian Chiro, Eddie Cicardo, Gavin Cieutat, 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, Darrell Hoover, Tammy Perrin Horn, Peggy Howes, Jimmy Hubert, Harold Hungerford, Ashley Ingolia, Betty Ingolia, Grace Innerarity, Jennifer Jernigan, Lawrence Joiner, Mindy Kershenstine, Alan Klein, Beulah Kluka, David Kraft, Charles Gregory Kraft, Greg Kraft, Sis Kyzar, Baby Callie Lake, 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., Heath Martin, Andie Mashburn, 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, Cindy Newton, Judy Nicholas, CJ Otilio, Ruth Ourso, Wanda Pandarvis, George Peltier, Wayne Pepitone, Bert Perilloux, Marisa Perrin, Camilla Phillips, Fran Poche, Ann Prine, Mary Prine, Krystal Raulerson, Baby Damon Reggio, Kayla Reggio, 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 Tournillon, 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. **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 of Lent; Second Scrutiny  
 Wednesday: St. Patrick  
 Thursday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem  
 Friday: St. Joseph; Abstinence



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

## Readings for the Week of

**March 15, 2021**

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54  
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16  
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30  
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47  
 Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;  
 Rm 4:13:16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a  
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

### Next Sunday Readings (March 21, 2021)

First Reading.....Jeremiah 31: 31-34  
 Second Reading.....Hebrews 5:7-9  
 Gospel.....John 12:20-33  
 Psalm.....51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, March 15, 2021

8:00 AM Lynda Walker

### Tuesday, March 16, 2021

8:00 AM Ann & Bill Hayles

### Wednesday, March 17, 2021

8:00 AM Austin Boedinheimer

### Thursday, March 18, 2021

8:00 AM P. J. Clause

### Saturday, March 20, 2021

5:00 PM (L) Ella Badon

Earl Baudin

Dudley & Geraldine Berthelot

Delton Brooks

John L. Champange, Sr.

Phillip Connelley

(L) Roberta Connelley

Robert Connelley

Lea Nora David

Dotsy Eleser

(L) Darrell Hoover

L/D Members of the Jesse R. Hutchinson Family

Wayne Kraemer

L/D Members of the Nick Latino Family

Vincent Latino, Sr.

Jane Marengo

Bill Perrin

Rufus Poche

Vincent Poche

Joe Provenzano, Sr.

Mike Raiford

(L) Judy Rathburn

Liz Sanderson

Frank & Denise Schilling

Glenn Snyder

Jeanette Taylor

(L) President Donald Trump

Mary Ruffin Wellman

Donnie Wilson

Katherine Yeargain

### Sunday, March 21, 2021

8:00 AM Wayne Bourliea, Jr.

Mary Sue Drude

Richard & Clotilde Drude

Dotsy Eleser

Joseph Norman Foret

Virgil Krafft

Cotton & Louanna Kraft

Lily Kraft

Doris Drude Lavigne

Michael Locicero

11:00 AM For the People of the Parish

(L) Indicates Living

(L) George Peltier

Poor Souls in Purgatory

Raymond Quick

Mallory Grace Reggio

Dale Roberts

Gianni Vito Sabella

Raphael Vito Sabella

Audrey Scamardo

Glenn Snyder

## Easter Lilies

Join in the decorating of the church by donating \$8.00 to purchase an Easter Lily. The donation can be in honor of a living or deceased individual or family. To donate, place your donation and intention in the flower offering envelope, and place in the collection box. Make sure you list the name of the individual or family to be honored and how you want your name listed in the bulletin. The Easter Lilies will NOT be available for pickup after the Easter Season. Questions call Barbara Martino at 386-3622 or Roberta Connelley at 386-9711. Thank you for your generosity.



## Women's Ministry

On March 4th, members of Women's Ministry gathered at Mike Fulmer's house to experience the outdoor Stations of the Cross. Mike shared details on the history of the Stations and imparted many interesting facts, such as the origin of Veronica's name, as we walked and prayed through the Stations. Afterwards, we gathered at a local restaurant for brunch. Women's ministry gathers to pray the Rosary each Wednesday evening and also enjoys fellowship for special occasions throughout the liturgical year. For more information call Mary Vedeckis at 225-294-6631. Currently we meet by Zoom, but hope to be in person soon.



## Stewardship

### "Please, Listen to This!"

Some hazards leave us breathless, quaking in our boots and unable to focus. With a desire to warn those we care about, others direct us to an electronics store and the purchase of a microphone and loud speaker. As Jesus frequently said, "We have ears to hear and eyes to see the truth of God's word, as it often appears right in front of us. Pointing a finger at someone else never removes our own responsibility to listen, to read, and to respond in obedience.

"There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores. When the poor man died, he was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried, and from the netherworld he cried out, "Father Abraham, have pity on me. Send Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established to prevent anyone from crossing who might wish to go from our side to yours or from your side to ours.' He said, "Then I beg you, father, send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they too come to this place of torment.' Then Abraham said, "If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.'"

## Financial News

| YTD               | Actual             | Budgeted     | Difference    |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------|
| 3/7/2021          | \$ 694,346.35      | \$684,000.00 | \$ +10,346.35 |
| Church Support    | \$ 28,376.95       |              |               |
| Misc. Collections | \$ 965.00          |              |               |
|                   | <b>\$29,341.95</b> |              |               |

### Second Collections

Catholic Relief Services—March 14, 2021  
 St. Joseph School—March 21, 2021

## Ministry Schedule

### Saturday, March 20th & Sunday March 21st

|       | <u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>                            | <u>Ushers</u>                                                                                                                                                             |
|-------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 5PM   | Barbara Martino 7b<br>Fay Murray 8b<br>Ronald Perrin 9b | John Howes<br>Chris Marmillion<br>John Howes<br>John Yeargain<br>Michael Chiasson<br>Jeremy Barado<br>Frank Glass<br>Gordon Cotton<br>Peter Peterson<br>Roland Terrebonne |
| 8AM   | Dennis James 7b<br>Alice James 8b<br>Mary Jo Balado 9b  | Jeff Ryan<br>Barry Blackledge<br>Marcial Gomez<br>Robert McNabb<br>Christopher McNabb<br>Kelly Richard                                                                    |
| 11 AM | Carl Kinchen 7b<br>Donna Clause 8b<br>Stacy Randazzo 9b |                                                                                                                                                                           |
|       | <u>Lectors</u>                                          |                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 5PM   | James Wittenberg                                        |                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 8AM   | Harold Thibodeaux                                       |                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 11 AM | Barbara Guy                                             |                                                                                                                                                                           |

## Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father- March 2021

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.



## Love Moved First

Love Moved First is a non-denominational, Christ centered, non-profit home dedicated to empowering women in crisis by extending the love of Christ.

We aspire to lift up women in need who are overcoming incarceration, addiction, abuse, or homelessness. We want to provide these women throughout our 12-month program job readiness, life skills and mental health wellness, while also ministering to them the word of God.

Love Moved First is located at 2369 Faith Rd, Ponchatoula. A representative from Love Moved First will be available in the Narthex after all Masses next weekend **March 20 & 21** to answer any questions.



## School News

Congratulations to the new Jr. Beta Club inductees who received their pin and certificate and are now official members of the SJS Jr. Beta Club. Student must have a 3.8 GPA to be invited in to the club. Congrats to these hard-working students! They are: (Bottom L to R) Evan Garcia, Wyatt



Deslatte, Brock Guidry, Parker Butler, and Breck Remondet. (2nd row) Caleb Holliday, Joshua Heroman, Jackson Enmon, Carter Ellzey. (3rd row) Jonathan Hoang, Kyle Fagan, Madeline Bradley, Aubrey Alston, Gracie LaBorde. (4th row) Annabelle Owen, Aubrey Speights, Brenya Klee, Brooklyn Sosa, Olivia Boudreaux, Brody Bridges (Top Row) Jasmine Boudreaux, Dylan Gatlin

*The Lenten Season St. Joseph School is partnering with Faith Sharing Ministries for a school-wide service project. Through this organization, we will connect with another St. Joseph School family in India. Our goal is to send a donation from our SJS family to their SJS family to help with their facility repairs and improvements. Students are making donations through "jeans/spirit dress" events a few days in March, and we would love for our SJS church community to join us in supporting our service project. You can either send a donation to the St. Joseph School office with "service project" in the memo section or go online to [www.faithsharing.international](http://www.faithsharing.international) and make a donation there. Again, we thank you for your continued support of our school!*



### Society of St. Vincent de Paul Report: February 2021

We made **10** home visits serving **26** people

**Delivered 15 bags of food from our Parish Food Pantry**

Paid utility bills totaling \$1,187.17 and \$508.66 in other assistance including 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.

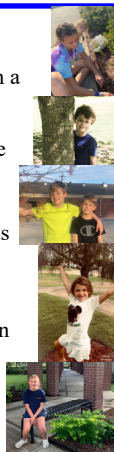
We are in need of new members due to the fact that some of our members have moved, and others have health issues that are preventing them from going on home visits. If you feel called to this ministry please consider becoming a Vincentian. **As Jesus said to his disciples in John 1:35-42, "Come, and you will see."** Our next scheduled meetings are March 23<sup>rd</sup> and April 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Gardening Angels

SO APPRECIATED! Even with no service time required the following angels along with a parent/grandparent have adopted a garden plot and committed to regular maintenance of the St. Joseph Gardens: Aubrey & Nora Alston with mom Tara \* Connor Prescia with mom, Shelly \* Jack McLain with mom, Robin \* Jonah, Josh & Juliana Heroman with Me Maw Wanda Allen \* Landen & Nathan Bourlet with mom Lindy \* Libby Rabalais with Me Maw, Sandi Daniels.

Appreciate having the following archangels for gardening maintenance and miscellaneous beautification projects: Gary Johnson \* Kelly Wolfe \* Ron Huguet \* Sheila Allen

Also, last but not least, I want to thank Ronnie Perrin and the Knights of Columbus Council 4874 for pressure washing around the church. Enjoy gardening and beautification projects? Still have plots waiting to be adopted for ongoing maintenance and we never run out of special beautification projects! All parishioners and all ages are welcome. Please contact me at [marielordwill@gmail.com](mailto:marielordwill@gmail.com)



## Mark Your Calendar

**Sunday, March 14th**

Parish School of Religion 9:30 am in the School

**Sunday, March 14th**

Ablaze—9:30 am

**Sunday, March 14th**

Called & Gifted—9:30am—School Classroom

**Sunday, March 14th New Adult Formation Class—**  
"Veritatis Splendor" 9:30 am—School Library

**Sunday, March 14th**

Youth Ministry— Desert-Ed— Mid Lent Check 5pm in the Gym

**Monday, March 15th**

Adult Choir Practice— 6:30 pm in the Church

**Tuesday, March 16th**

Word & Worship—Church-7:00 pm

**Wednesday, March 17th**

Adoration—Church 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

**Wednesday, March 17th**

Divine Mercy—Church-3:00 pm

**Wednesday, March 17th**

Come As You Are— Ablaze -5pm St. Joseph Room

**Wednesday, March 17th**

Vespers—Church - 6:00 pm

**Friday, March 19th**

Stations of the Cross: 1:45 pm & 6 pm

**Saturday, March 20th**

Confession—4:00 pm

**Sunday, March 21st**

Consecration to St. Joseph Class— 9:30 am School Classroom

**Tuesday, March 23rd**

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting— 6:30 pm—St. Joseph Room



**Monday, March 29th**

Tenebrae Service : 7:00 pm

**Tuesday, March 30th**

Word & Worship: 7:00 pm

**Wednesday, March 31st**

Vespers: 6:00 pm—Adoration : 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

**Holy Thursday, April 1st**

Mass: 7:00 pm - Adoration: 8:00 pm—12:00 am

**Good Friday, April 2nd**

Confessions: 10:00 am—Noon

Stations of the Cross: Noon

Good Friday Service: 3:00 pm

**Easter Vigil, April 3rd**

Mass: 8:00 pm

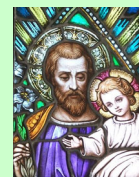
**Easter Sunday, April 4th**

Masses: 8:00 am & 11:00 am

## St. Joseph Gem:

"Be in good spirits under the fatherly mantle of St. Joseph, a place of safest refuge in trials and tribulations."

- St. Joseph Marelllo





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