



# 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:

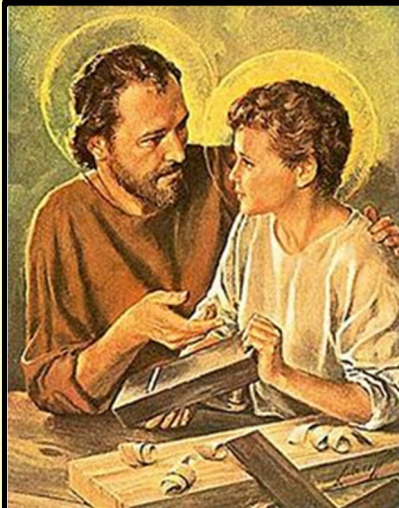
PSR-Gr. K-5; Sun 9:30-10:30 am  
Ablaze-Gr. 6-8; Sun 9:30-10:30 am  
High School Formation  
Gr. 9-12; Sun. 5:00-7:00 pm

**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 21, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Lent



*“Without exaggeration, the Church has done more to promote St. Joseph in the last 150 years than in the previous 1,800 years of Christianity!” - Fr. Donald Calloway*

To this question you might ask “why now?” Well, one reason is the need of the spiritual fatherhood of St. Joseph to help us in the protection of marriage and the family. As Fr. Calloway states in his book – *“Marriage and the family have always been under attack, but in modern times, the threats have reached extraordinary heights.”* Fr. Calloway goes on to say – *“To combat and overcome Satan’s deceptions, the Church needs St. Joseph. His example and protection are the only way out of the confusing mess we are in. Who else can we turn to who can help us understand what marriage and the family are all about if not the Head of the Holy Family and the Terror of Demons?”*

Another reason for “why now” is that this is **The Year of St. Joseph** as proclaimed by Pope Francis. So why not now! Are you ready to learn more about our Patron Saint/our Spiritual Father/the Foster Father of Jesus? Using the book, “Consecration to St. Joseph” by Fr. Donald Calloway, two groups will be offered:

**Sunday morning sessions after the 8:00 mass, starting on March 21<sup>st</sup> in SJS Classroom ( Ms. Misty Sceroler’s )**  
*These are open to everyone.*

**Wednesday evening sessions at 6:30 p.m., starting on March 31<sup>st</sup> in the Church Conference Room**  
*The evening meetings will be for the men of our parish.*

For more information, or to register, please contact either Ron or Terri Huguet:  
Ron – [ronh1954@hotmail.com](mailto:ronh1954@hotmail.com) or 504-232-2484  
Terri – [terrih123@hotmail.com](mailto:terrih123@hotmail.com) or 504-450-5459



To get a copy of the book, please visit our friends at Heavenly Gifts.

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## Staff

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

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

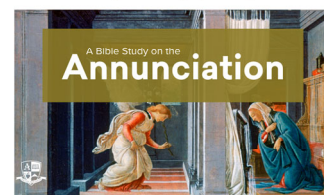
## FORMED®

PICK OF THE WEEK

March 21, 2021

**WATCH**

**THE SANCTUARY COURSE FOR CATHOLICS**  
Misconceptions surrounding mental illness can prevent us from responding well to those suffering. This eight-session course explores the realities of mental illness, as well as the need for faith-based conversations about this topic. Featuring stories of Catholics living with mental health challenges, along with the insights of archbishops, theologians, and psychologists.

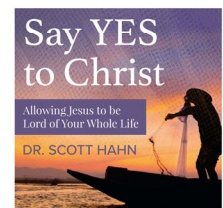


**LEARN**

**A BIBLE STUDY ON THE ANNUCIATION**  
In this video, Dr. Ben Akers leads us through a brief study of Luke 1:26-38, highlighting some of the key Old Testament passages evoked by Gabriel's words. The reflection concludes with some thoughts on how we can imitate Mary's Yes in our own life, especially in this time of suffering.

**LISTEN**

**SAY YES TO CHRIST: ALLOWING JESUS TO BE THE LORD OF YOUR WHOLE LIFE BY SCOTT HAHN**  
Mary conformed the entirety of her life to the Divine Will. In doing so, she became the model of perfect discipleship. In this talk, Dr. Scott Hahn discusses why we too should surrender our lives to the Lord.



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## *Tenebrae- A Service of Shadows*

On March 29, the Monday evening of Holy Week, St. Joseph's Church will celebrate Tenebrae at 7pm. Tenebrae, a service of shadows commemorating Christ's Passion, has a long history in the Catholic Church and is also often celebrated in some form in other Christian faiths during Holy Week.

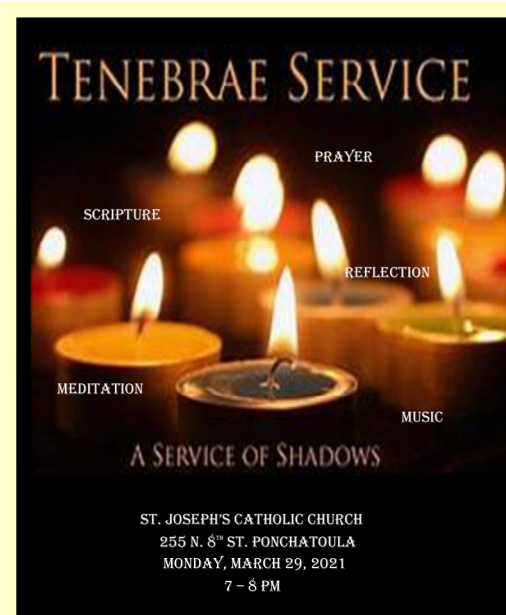
Nearly 1000 years ago, Tenebrae was originally held after midnight but later held at a variety of times. Tenebrae would be sung each day of the Triduum in a church lit only by 15 candles. These were extinguished one by one until the church was left in darkness.

At that point, a loud noise ("strepitus") would be produced – sometimes by slamming a hymnal or other book shut, sometimes by stomping on the floor – symbolizing the earthquake after Christ's death. Following the strepitus, all would depart in silence.

Like the "lessons and carols" services familiar at Christmas, Tenebrae consists of hymns and readings, the ones proper to Morning and Evening prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours for the days of the Triduum. Until the mid-1950s, nearly every parish in the United States sung Tenebrae on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Today, churches with Tenebrae services usually sing them once, on a Lenten evening – not necessarily during the Triduum.

In addition to singing select Psalms of the Liturgy of the Hours, our Tenebrae Service will include the reading of Scripture and selections from a sermon by St. John Chrysostom, as well as, choral responses that invite reflection on these readings.

All are invited to celebrate this evening and continue the meditation on the Passion of our Most Beautiful Savior that begins with His triumphant entrance into Jerusalem and quickly turns to the depth of his suffering in the reading of the Passion on Palm Sunday. Enter into the darkness with Jesus. Let this be a new tradition that enhances your Holy Week.



## *PSR Stations of the Cross*

Our K-1 PSR disciples experience Stations of the Cross led by Kevin Spansel. Our 3rd-5th grade classes will meet in church **March 28** at 9:30 am on Palm Sunday for Stations of the Cross and will be joined by RCIC students. Parents are encouraged to join us.

## *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 this weekend **March 20 & 21** to answer any questions.



## *Ushers Meeting*

The Ushers will meet on Wednesday, **March 24th** at 6:30 pm in the St. Benedict Room in the Church. Anyone interested in serving in this Ministry is welcomed to attend this meeting.





**CHECK OUT OUR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH NIGHT..DESERT -ed- THE LENTEN 1/2 TIME SHOW!**  
 Skits were created on the spot with popular Lenten themes like:  
 'purple's not really my color but I'll work with it.'  
 'going to confession makes my armpits sweat'  
 'no meat? Well what do we do with the eggs?'  
 Please visit the St. Joseph YouTube to see the videos of all skits:)

**SAFE HAVEN PARENT WATCH APP OF THE WEEK**



**PURPOSE:** This is an anonymous messenger app. It calls itself "the most honest place on the internet." This app is extremely popular in middle schools and high schools and it allows kids to ask and answer questions anonymously.

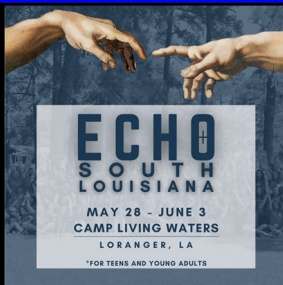
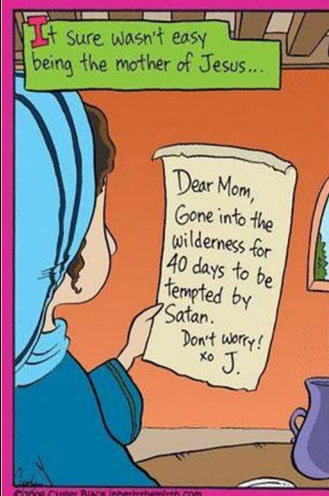
**WHY PARENTS SHOULD WORRY:** It is a regular occurrence to see cyber bullying, violent threats, and sexual content. It also offers unmonitored access to the internet. The age restrictions are inconsistent ranging from 12 to 16, but this app is inappropriate for anyone younger than being in their late teens.

**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.*

**ADO**  
 (short for Adoration)  
**..FOR TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS**  
 5-6 PM  
**WEDNESDAYS**  
*Bring your 7 steps to talking with Jesus.*



- \* Young Adults: May 28-June 3
- \* Young Adults (Weekend Only): May-28-30
- \* Teens: May 31-June 3

Cost:  
**\$349 (Through March 22nd)**  
**\$399 (After March 22nd)**



**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**

## The New Covenant

Today's first reading is an enormously important passage, not only in the history of the Jewish people, but also for us as disciples of Jesus, who see in it a foreshadowing of the Christian dispensation. The prophet announces that God has chosen to forgive the people, and that as a sign of divine forgiveness a new covenant will be established. Contrasting the new covenant with the one made with Moses on Mount Sinai, Jeremiah says that the new covenant will be written on the people's hearts rather than on tablets of stone. No longer will the community's tradition be the sole bearer of the covenant; henceforth, God will speak directly and personally to each individual, forgiving sin and calling for a return to God in faithfulness. No longer will mere outward compliance with the dictates of the Law suffice; henceforth, God asks for an obedience that springs from the depths of one's heart.

Precisely that kind of obedience is highlighted in today's second reading, where the author of the Letter to the Hebrews describes Jesus as the mediator of the new covenant whose obedience has made him the source of salvation for all who, in turn, obey him. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — I will make a new covenant; I will write my law upon their hearts (Jeremiah 31:31-34) or *Ezekiel 37:12-14*.

**Psalm** — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51) or *Psalm 130*.

**Second Reading** — Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation (Hebrews 5:7-9) or *Romans 8:8-11*.

**Gospel** — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33) or *John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]*.

## 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, Gasper Corpora's Grandsons— Dominic & Osais, Ken Davidson, Lucille Davidson, Pat Davis, Melissa Balado Dean, Kitty Derveloy, Larry Deslatte, Stacey Dolan, Beverly Dominique, Carol Dominguez, Danette Crovetto Drell, Kernneth Paul Drude, 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 Lanius, Norma Larrieu, Dwayne Lato, Diane Lavigne, Wayne Laurent, Ruby Drude Lee, Sally LeJeune, Liz LeSaichere, 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: Fifth Sunday of Lent; Third Scrutiny  
Tuesday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo  
Thursday: The Annunciation of the Lord  
Friday: 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 22, 2021**

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11  
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30  
 Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42  
 Thursday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38  
 Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42  
 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

### Next Sunday Readings (March 28, 2021)

First Reading.....Isaiah 50:4-7  
 Second Reading.....Philippians 2:6-11  
 Gospel.....Mark 14:1-15:47 pr 15:1-39  
 Psalm.....22: 8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, March 22, 2021

8:00 AM (L) President Donald J. Trump

### Tuesday, March 23, 2021

8:00 AM Lawrence "Dude" Dominguez

### Wednesday, March 24, 2021

8:00 AM (L) President Donald J. Trump

### Thursday, March 25, 2021

8:00 AM Evelyn Mathis

### Saturday, March 27, 2021

5:00 PM Earl Baudin  
 Dudley & Geraldine Berthelot  
 Delton Brooks  
 Phillip Connelley  
 (L) Roberta Connelley  
 Florance Desplas  
 Rudolph & Cecile Ellenberger  
 Joe Foret  
 (L) Darrell Hoover  
 Wayne Kraemer  
 Loyd Krieger  
 Dickie Lamp  
 Ralph LeSaicherre, Sr..

Jane Marengo  
 Horace Marceaux, Sr.  
 L/D Members of the Felix Peltier Family  
 Bill Perrin  
 Rufus Poche  
 Vincent Poche  
 Joe Provenzano, Sr.  
 Liz Sanderson  
 Glenn Snyder  
 (L) President Donald Trump  
 Donnie Wilson  
 (L) John Yeargain Family  
 Katherine Yeargain

### Sunday, March 28, 2021

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish

11:00 AM Louis & Floretta Aymond

P J Clause

Mary Sue Drude

Richard & Clotilde Drude

Pearl Hebert

Virgil Krafft

(L) Wayne C. Laurent

Doris Drude Lavigne

Henry Novack

(L) Rosmary Novack  
 Mike Raiford  
 Dale Roberts  
 Audrey Scamardo  
 Glenn Snyder  
 (L) President Donald Trump  
 Donnie Wilson  
 Marion Wilson

(L) Indicates Living

## 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.



## "Let Me Care For You!!!"

Those words can bring a sigh of relief to people going through a difficult time in life. No one should have to face a crisis alone. That is why our congregation has Stephen Ministry. Our Ministers will help you carry your burden by listening to you, praying for you, and being there while you work through this difference. No one should face a crisis alone. Please get in touch with one of our Stephen leaders to find out how you can get a Stephen Minister: Anita Perrin (985) 8687-4458 or Ronnie Perrin (985) 507-9765.

## Stewardship

### "So, What Did He Mean?"

"At that time some people who were present there told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with the blood of their sacrifices. He said to them in reply, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did! Or those eighteen people who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than everyone else who lived in Jerusalem? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!'" And he told them this parable: 'There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener, *For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none, [So] cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil? He said to him in reply, Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.*'"

The main characters in a recent film entitled "Words and Pictures," one a writer and the other a painter, wrestle with the inherent value in each of their artistic crafts. Their exchanges are fruitful. Words paint pictures, and images promote emotional engagement expressed in language. Jesus, the great Teacher, was the Master, often choosing to teach in parables. He painted word pictures for us that are challenging and unforgettable.

## Financial News

YTD	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
<b>3/14/2021</b>	<b>\$ 708,069.35</b>	<b>\$703,000.00</b>	<b>\$ +5,069.35</b>
Church Support	\$ 13,723.00		
Catholic Relief	\$ 653.00		
Misc. Collections	\$ 282.00		
	<b>\$14,658.00</b>		

### Second Collections

St. Joseph School—March 21, 2021

St. Vincent de Paul—April 1, 2021

Holy Land—April 2, 2021

Retirement Fund for Diocesan Priests—April 4, 2021

## Ministry Schedule

### Saturday, March 27th & Sunday March 28th

	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
<b>5PM</b>	<b>Merle Ozment 7b Angela Pevey 8b John Albrecht 9b</b>	<b>John Howes Chris Marmillion Durald Pinion John Yeargain James Wittenberg Earl Hoover</b>
<b>8AM</b>	<b>Jason Hotard 7b S. Waguespack 8b Harry LeBlanc 9b</b>	<b>Michael Chiasson Rene' Folse Frank Glass Gordon Cotton Rodney Schmaltz Francis Waguespack</b>
<b>11 AM</b>	<b>Andy Wheat 7b Bill Wheat 8b Deborah Vogel 9b</b>	<b>Jeff Ryan Barry Blackledge Marcial Gomez Robert McNabb Christopher McNabb Kelly Richard</b>

### Lectors

<b>5PM</b>	<b>Barbara Guy</b>
<b>8AM</b>	<b>Dennis James</b>
<b>11 AM</b>	<b>Janice Radosti</b>

## 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.



## Sorrowful Mysteries Reflection

### SCOURGING AT THE PILLAR

When I reflect on Christ's scourging, I think of the moment that Christ became unrecognizable as the Bible states. By definition alone it is a severe and devastating punishment. Pilate wanted to punish Jesus to show the elite's that his just punishment was served without having to go any further. The Romans went too far in their punishment and they nearly killed Jesus. Even after the beatings and the scourging, the elites believed it was not enough. There was so much jealousy, anger and fear from the Pharisees, that they wanted more. They wanted to destroy Jesus. The pain of the scourging had to be unbearable for any human being because of the way they scourged Jesus. Much of his flesh was torn away from his body. There had to be a tremendous blood loss. Jesus embraced every moment of pain without complaint. He embraced each and every one of us as each lashing struck him. Only the strength of His Father and the embrace of each of us, kept Jesus alive to see the scriptures fulfilled and the will of the Father attained.



### CROWNING OF THORNS

After the scourging at the pillar, The Romans had time to play games with Jesus, not recognizing the fact that they were showing the world the truth about the Kingship of Jesus. They mocked Him by putting on Him a crown with 3-inch thorns penetrating into his skull. They mocked him and beat Him as though he was a common criminal. The Lord is showing the world the way to sanctity. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. The enemy only sees defeat but God is revealing glory. There is sanctification in suffering over the littlest things to the life changing things. Our Lord is teaching us that although the world may believe that what we believe or who we are has no value, but He has all the value. Jesus shows the entire truth and way to sanctification and union with Him. In suffering there is glory. In Humility there is sanctification.



Fernando Morales, Director of Ministries

## School News

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!



<b>Monday of Holy Week (March 29th)</b>	Tenebrae Service— 7 pm
<b>Tuesday of Holy Week (March 30th)</b>	Word & Worship — 7 pm
<b>Wednesday of Holy Week (March 31st)</b>	Vespers — 6 pm <i><b>NO Mass or Communion Service— Adoration will begin at 9 am</b></i>
<b>Holy Thursday (April 1st)</b>	Mass — 7 pm Adoration — 8 pm—12 am <i><b>NO 8 am Mass—NO Confessions</b></i>
<b>Good Friday (April 2nd)</b>	Confessions — 10 am— Noon Stations of the Cross — Noon Good Friday Service — 3 pm <i><b>(Start Divine Mercy Novena)</b></i>
<b>Easter Vigil (April 3rd)</b>	Mass—8 pm
<b>Easter Sunday (April 4th)</b>	Masses: 8 am & 11 am

## Mark Your Calendar

**Sunday, March 21st**  
Parish School of Religion 9:30 am in the School

**Sunday, March 21st**  
Ablaze—9:30 am

**Sunday, March 21st**  
Called & Gifted—9:30am –School Classroom

**Sunday, March 21st**  
Consecration to St. Joseph Class— 9:30 am School Classroom

**Sunday, March 21st** *New Adult Formation Class—*  
"Veritatis Splendor" 9:30 am –School Library

**Sunday, March 21st**  
Thirst—5pm

**Monday, March 22nd**  
Adult Choir Practice— 6:30 pm in the Church

**Tuesday, March 23rd**  
Word & Worship-Church-7:00 pm

**Tuesday, March 23rd**  
St. Vincent de Paul Meeting— 6:30 pm—St. Joseph Room

**Wednesday, March 24th**  
Adoration—Church 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

**Wednesday, March 24th**  
Divine Mercy-Church-3:00 pm

**Wednesday, March 24th**  
Come As You Are— Ablaze -5pm St. Joseph Room

**Wednesday, March 24th**  
Vespers—Church - 6:00 pm

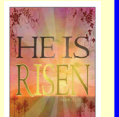
**Friday, March 26th**  
Stations of the Cross: 1:45 pm & 6 pm

**Saturday, March 27th**  
Confession—4:00 pm

**Monday, March 29th**  
Tenebrae Service- 7:00 pm

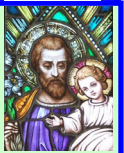
**Tuesday, March 30th**  
Word & Worship—7:00 pm

**Wednesday, March 31st**  
**No Mass/ No Communion Service**  
Adoration begins at 9:00 am—6:00 pm  
Vespers— 6pm



## St. Joseph Gem:

Joseph obeyed the explicit command of the angel and took Mary into his home, while respecting the fact that she belonged exclusively to God - St. John Paul II



## Lost & Found

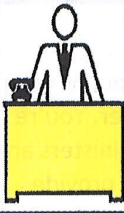
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