



St. Joseph's

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Founded 1875

255 North 8th St. (P. O. Box 368) Ponchatoula, LA 70454

Church Phone Number: (985) 386-3749

Church Web site: www.stjosephsonline.com

Church Office Hours: Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sunday Mass Schedule:

Sat. Vigil 5:00 pm
Sun. 8:00 am & 11:00 am

Week Day Mass Schedule:

M-Th 8:00 am

Confession:

Sat. 4:00 pm
T & Th after Mass

Baptism:

Couples who would like their child baptized need to contact Ramona at the office, 985-386-3749 to register for baptism preparation.

Marriage:

Contact a priest or deacon of the parish at least 6 months before the wedding at 985-386-3749.

Anointing of the Sick:

Please notify the office as soon as a Catholic is seriously ill or is having surgery.

Adoration:

Wed. 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
- **Divine Mercy:** 3:00 pm
- **Vespers & Benediction:** 6:00 pm

Catechetical Programs:

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

SAFETY GUIDELINES

Parishioners are required to bring and wear a mask while in the worship space. The faithful are encouraged to bring small bottles of hand sanitizer for their personal use.

March 28, 2021 Palm Sunday, of the Passion of the Lord

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 sang 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.



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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
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
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
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.

Download Our New Parish App!

Our new St. Joseph's app is now available to download for iPhone and Android smart phones. Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications, an easy-to-access event calendar, and the ability to quickly reply to or share messages via Facebook or Twitter. Also enjoy a bunch of additional features like prayers, daily readings, helpful reminders to silence your phone before Mass or Confession, and much more.

Help foster a stronger parish life at St. Joseph's and better engage the New Evangelization.

Download our app today at myparishapp.com or search your phone's app store for my parish.

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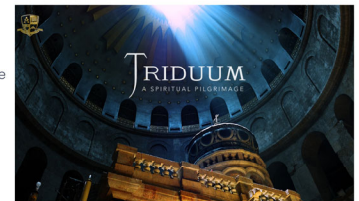
PICK OF THE WEEK

March 28, 2021

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TRIDUUM: A SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE

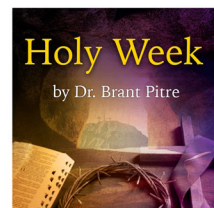
In Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage, the viewer is brought deeper into the story, landscape, and reality of Holy Week. It draws those with open hearts and minds toward a deeper understanding of Christ's victory while offering rich meditations for the pilgrimage of daily life.



LISTEN

HOLY WEEK BY DR. BRANT PITRE

Join Dr. Brant Pitre, author and Scripture scholar, as he walks us through the events of Holy Week. Pitre's insights and clarity allow the listener to enter into a deeper appreciation of the most important events of Christ's earthly ministry.



FORMED NOW! HOLY SATURDAY— JESUS' DESCENT INTO HELL

What do we mean when we profess that Jesus descended into Hell? Join Drs. Tim Gray and Michael Barber as they discuss this mysterious event of Holy Saturday.

LEARN

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.
To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish.



Monday of Holy Week (March 29th) Tenebrae Service— 7 pm

Tuesday of Holy Week (March 30th) Word & Worship — 7 pm

Wednesday of Holy Week (March 31st) Vespers — 6 pm

NO Mass or Communion Service— Adoration will begin at 9 am



Holy Thursday (April 1st)

Mass — 7 pm

Adoration — 8 pm—12 am

NO 8 am Mass—NO Confessions



Good Friday (April 2nd)

Confessions — 10 am– Noon

Stations of the Cross — Noon

Good Friday Service — 3 pm

(Start Divine Mercy Novena)



Easter Vigil (April 3rd)

Mass—8 pm



Easter Sunday (April 4th)

Masses: 8 am & 11 am



Sorrowful Mysteries Reflection

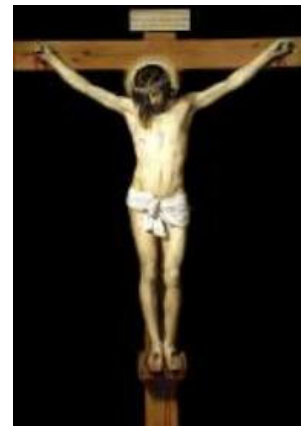
CARRYING OF THE CROSS

Jesus carried each and every one of us to Calvary, the burden of all of our sins on a heavy piece of wood stained with His blood. Jesus in the greatest of pain of being beaten and mocked, the pain of His destiny, realized while carrying each and every one of us. Jesus embraced His cross so tightly. Even when he fell from the weight, He got up and embraced all of us to Calvary. The Lord knew all of us by name during His journey. No pain can keep us out of his grasp. No weakness can make Jesus succumb. Jesus wanted all of us to be His and with Him for all of eternity through all of our brokenness and sin. Jesus desired fully to embrace all of us forever and to protect us from evil. He desired nothing more than to save us totally for Himself all the way in His arms. He did not fail. He carried each and every one of us. He carries each and every one of us through our pain and suffering united with His.



CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS

When I reflect on the death of our Lord on the cross, I think of that moment of suffering at the time He gave up His spirit. To last as long as our Lord did from the moment of the scourging, until the moment He gave up His Spirit is extremely remarkable. This act says a lot about the Will of Jesus. Jesus acted in the Will of the Father and the Holy Spirit all the way up to the release of His earthly life. The pain, emotional hurt and the agony of staying alive, were part of His will. He was obedient until death. Moreover, what kept Him alive through all of His agony had to be what He wanted. In my opinion, it could only be a combination of Jesus' Will and obedience to the Father that would see Him through to the end. It is so comforting knowing that Jesus loves me that much. Minus the gory details, it is so comforting knowing how much Jesus wants to be with me in a true love relationship forever!



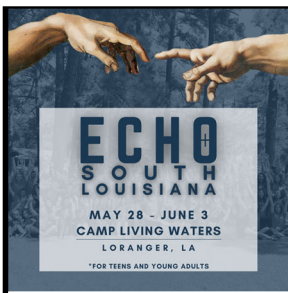
- Fernando Morales, Director of Ministries



NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31ST

NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE ON MONDAY, APRIL 5TH

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURES— Good Friday, April 2nd & Monday, April 5th



* 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)

PALM LEAF DOOR CHALLENGE



PALM LEAF CHALLENGE ACCEPTED...
 Kelly and Nicole Richard
 please send in your pics to
nrichard@sjscrusaders.org
 WE'D LOVE TO SHARE AND POST!!!

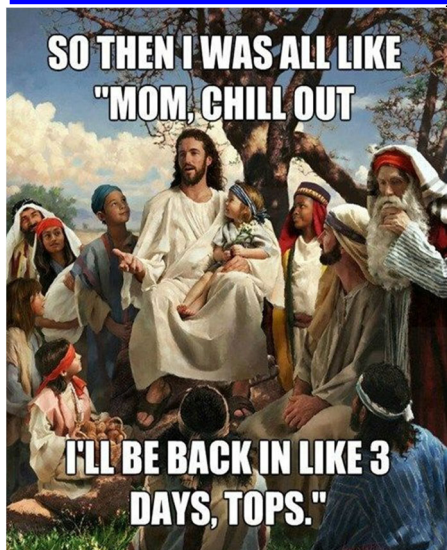
SAFE HAVEN PARENT WATCH APP OF THE WEEK



Bigo Live

PURPOSE: Bigo is a live streaming app. It is rated for teens 17 and up. Users can vlog about their lives, live stream video game play, and host their own shows.

WHY PARENTS SHOULD WORRY: There is no age verification and users have to provide personal info like their age and location. This is a place where bullying, nudity, violence, and profanity is common.



ADO
 (short for Adoration)
 ...FOR TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS
 5-6 PM
 WEDNESDAYS

Bring your 7 steps to talking with Jesus.



Confirmation Corner
 WHAT'S UP NEXT CANDIDATES?

MANDARY ESSAY DUE ON MARCH 31

(BTW you've had two month +; so now is not the time to freak out)

TOPIC... "WHY I WISH TO BE CONFIRMED"
 500 words
 Typed and emailed to
nrichard@sjscrusaders.org
 PS...LOVED the saint papers. Excellent job!



Sunday April 18th, 2021

SPONSORS AND CANDIDATES

11 am-7 pm
 Begin with 11 am Mass. Candidates will provide a blessing lunch for self and sponsor (utensils, drinks and food, napkins) as a thank you to the one who will walk this faith journey with you. Candidates will also bring snacks for the rest of the day.

THERE WILL ALSO BE PRACTICE FOR THE ACTUAL MASS. THE AFTERNOON IS SPENT WITH YOUNG ADULTS, MUSIC, SKITS, & ACTIVITIES WITH THE SPONSOR.

Questions? nrichard@sjscrusaders.org

PS. .NO SHORTS OR SHORT SKIRTS OR SWEATS (please dress with respect for Mass and the remainder of the day:)

ABLAZE

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



Bring clothes you don't mind getting messy in.

White T-shirt preferred.

Holy Week

For the Palm Sunday Gospel, we return to the Gospel according to Mark. The account of the Passion takes up nearly one-third of Mark's entire Gospel and, of all the evangelists, he is the one who presents the details most graphically. He depicts the humanity of Jesus most intensely, describing his sufferings thoroughly. Mark portrays Jesus as a complete fulfillment of the "Suffering Servant" of Isaiah, the obedient, humble slave dying on a cross of whom Paul speaks in Philippians. But it is important to remember that we call this "Holy Week" and not "sad week" or "suffering week," for each of the readings today, even the lamentations of the psalm, end in the promise of the strength and hope that is granted by God to those who faithfully give of themselves in love. As we enter into this week through these readings, we must reflect deeply on the sufferings of Jesus, but still be confident in the joy of risen, eternal life that awaits all of us who faithfully walk with him through these days.

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Today's Readings

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16).

First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

Gospel — The account of Christ's passion according to Mark (Mark 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]).

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 Lanus, 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: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord; Passover begins at sunset
Monday: Monday of Holy Week
Tuesday: Tuesday of Holy Week
Wednesday: Wednesday of Holy Week
Thursday: Holy Thursday; Paschal Triduum begins
Friday: Good Friday of the Lord's Passion; Fast and Abstinence
Saturday: Holy Saturday; Vigil of Easter



PAL (Parents of Addicted Loved-ones) is a support group of parents helping parents. PAL is also open to spouses and other family members and friends (18 or older) who have a loved one struggling with addiction.

A local PAL group meets at the St. Joseph's Church every 2nd & 4th Thursday from 6-7:30 pm. We meet every 2nd & 4th Thursday at a new location inside the St. Benedict Room at Church.

We look forward to sharing this program of hope and support with you. For more information contact Mary Jo B. at 985-320-3010 or Paige B. 985-981-8010 or review the website www.palgroup.org. All inquiries are held in strict confidence. **You are not alone There is HOPE.**

Readings for the Week of

March 29, 2021

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
 Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
 Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
 Thursday: **Chrism Mass:** Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
 Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
 Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22;
 b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11;
 c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;
 d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;
 f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11;
 g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;
 h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mk 16:1-7

Next Sunday Readings (April 4, 2021)

First Reading.....Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43
 Second Reading.....Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5: 6b-8
 Gospel.....John 20:1-9
 Psalm.....118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 29, 2021

8:00 AM Norman & Geraldine Desplas

Tuesday, March 30, 2021

8:00 AM Art Emery, Jr.

Wednesday, March 31, 2021

8:00 AM **No Mass/No Communion Service**

Thursday, April 1, 2021 – Holy Thursday

7:00 AM Phillip & Robert Connelley

Saturday, April 3, 2021

8:00 PM Edward A. Amar	Bill Perrin	Robert Poche
Earl Baudin	Rufus Poche	Vincent Poche
Dudley & Geraldine Berthelot	Liz Sanderson	Glenn Snyder
Delton Brooks	Jeanette Taylor	(L) President Donald J. Trump
John L. Champange, Sr.	(L) Darrell Hoover	Stephen Vuljoin
Phillip Connelley	Donnie Wilson	Katherine Yeargain
(L) Theresa Derenbecker		
Ted & Nancy Dupont		
(L) Darrell Hoover		
Wayne Kraemer		
Vincent Latino, Sr.		
Ralph LeSaicherre, Sr..		

Sunday, April 4, 2021

8:00 AM Philip Alexander	Jan Ripberger	Dale Roberts
Marguerite & Barry Bleakley, Sr.	Ashlyn Bravata	Audrey Scamardo
Franklin Borgerson	Philli & Robert Connelley	Lowell Simon
Mary Sue Drude	Richard & Clotilde Drude	Glenn Snyder
Carolyn Carr Johnson	Virgil Krafft	Souls in Purgatory
Doris Drude Lavigne	(L) Fr. John Nhan Tran	(L) President Donald J. Trump
	(L) Stephen Vuljoin	
11:00 AM For the People of the Parish		

(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.



Stewardship

“Watching Over Us”

Every time we leave to go on a trip, we stop and pray before we leave the driveway. We ask for God’s protection in our travel and invite him to watch over all he’s entrusted to us and any family members that stay behind. We ask his watch care for us and for those on the road with us, that all would reach their destinations. We recognize that our loving God does this even if we fail to ask. He lovingly holds us in his hands.

“Keep me safe, O God; in you I take refuge. I say to the Lord, you are my Lord, you are my only good. Lord, my allotted portion and my cup, you have made my destiny secure. I bless the Lord who counsels me; even at night my heart exhorts me. I keep the Lord always before me; with him at my right hand, I shall never be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad, my soul rejoices; my body also dwells secure, for you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, nor let your devout one see the pit. You will show me the path to life, abounding joy in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever.”

Financial News

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

Second Collections

St. Vincent de Paul—April 1, 2021
 Holy Land—April 2, 2021
 Retirement Fund for Diocesan Priests—April 4, 2021
Collection Totals for 3/21/2021 will be listed in the 4/4/2021 bulletin

Ministry Schedule

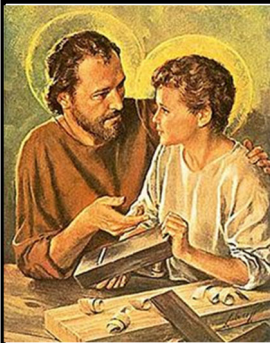
Saturday, April 3rd & Sunday April 4th

	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
5PM	Barbara Martino 7b NOT FILLED 8b Fay Murray 9b	Francis Martino
8AM	Cheryl Laiche 7b Harold Thibodeaux 8b NOT FILLED 9b	Michael Chiasson Rene’ Folse Frank Glass John Laiche Pete Peterson Roland Terrebbonne
11 AM	Donna Clause 7b NOT FILLED 8b NOT FILLED 9b	Jeff Ryan Barry Blackledge Marcial Gomez Robert McNabb Christopher McNabb Kelly Richard
	Lectors	
5PM	Larry Ernst & Ed Hanks	
8AM	NOT FILLED	
11 AM	Deborah Vogel	

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.





Consecration to St. Joseph

“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 21st in SJS Classroom (Ms. Misty Sceroler’s)
These are open to everyone.

Wednesday evening sessions at 6:30 p.m., starting on March 31st 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
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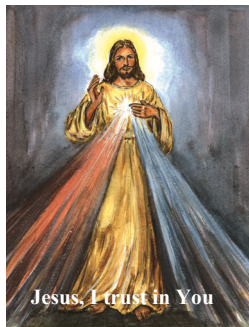
Divine Mercy Sunday

On April 30, 2000, Pope St. John Paul II, in response to the wishes of the Christian faithful, declared that “the Second Sunday of Easter henceforth throughout the Church will also be called Divine Mercy Sunday.” The desire for the celebration was spoken by Jesus to St. Faustina and can be found in her Diary.

...My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls and especially for poor sinners.

The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to My Mercy. (Diary #699)*

The Divine Mercy Novena is typically said starting on **Good Friday** and finishing on the Saturday just before Divine Mercy Sunday. However, it may be said at any time during the year. The Divine Mercy Chaplet may be recited at anytime and only takes 7-9 minutes to recite. Pamphlets on how to recite the chaplet and Novena are available in the Narthex of the church. The Chaplet is recited every Wednesday during adoration in the chapel at 3 pm, the Hour of Mercy. Please join us whenever possible.



Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, March 28th

Parish School of Religion 9:30 am in the School

Sunday, March 28th

Ablaze—9:30 am

Sunday, March 28th

Called & Gifted—9:30am –School Classroom

Sunday, March 28th

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

Sunday, March 28th New Adult Formation Class-

“Veritatis Splendor” 9:30 am –School Library

Sunday, March 28th

Thirst—5pm

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

Divine Mercy-Church-3:00 pm

Vespers—6pm

Wednesday, March 31st

Come As You Are—Ablaze –COLOR WARS 5pm

St. Joseph Room/Field

Wednesday, March 31st

Consecration to St. Joseph Class—6:30 pm in the Church Conference Room

Thursday, April 1st— Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7:00 pm

Adoration— 8:00 pm—12:00 am



Friday, April 2nd - Good Friday

Confessions- 10:00 am—Noon

Stations of the Cross— Noon

Good Friday Service— 3:00 pm

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED



Saturday, April 3rd

Easter Vigil—8:00 pm



Sunday, April 4th—Easter Sunday

Masses: 8:00 am—11:00 am

Monday, April 5th

Church & Church Office Closed

No Mass/ No Communion Service

CLOSED

Tuesday, April 6th

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

Life in the Spirit Seminar

Zoom Presentation

April 7, 14, 21, 28

May 5, 12, 19

6:00—7:30 pm



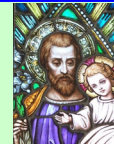
Come be a part of the building up of the body of Christ making a difference in this time of division. Be encouraged and empowered to fan the spark of the Resurrection life into flame. Receive and be renewed in the breath, the fruits and the charisms of the Holy Spirit.

For more information and to register, please email paulettewalkweitz@yahoo.com

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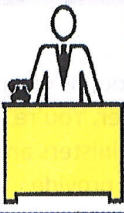
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