



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.

First SUNDAY of Advent

November 29, 2020

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old.

Isaiah 63:19b; 64:2-3

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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
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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 Joseph Jason, 985-386-8639.
Widowed Friends of St. Joseph: Barbara Guy at 985-507-9966.
Word & Worship Prayer Ministry: Fernando Morales: 985-662-2844.
Women's Ministry: Mary Vedeckis, 225-294-6631.
Youth Ministry: 985-386-3749

Organizations

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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
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Council of Ministries: Vance Balado, Melissa Henderson, Lisa Kennedy, Harry LeBlanc, Rachael Perrin, Stephanie Reggio, Rodney Schmaltz, Mary Threton, Wayne Vedeckis, Stephanie Waguespack, Tom Waller, Bill Wheat. Ad Hoc Council Members: Fr. McDuffie, Deacon Larry Melancon, Danette Ragusa.

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Advent: The Joyful Anticipation

Just last week, we ended the Liturgical Year proclaiming “Jesus Christ is King of the Universe” now and forever. And now, this First Sunday of Advent, we begin the new year in great anticipation of the coming of our Lord, the King of the Universe, as an innocent child, God incarnate in human flesh.

The music for Mass last week reflected the grandeur of a king sitting on the throne of his kingdom. We were left with a sense of awe, majesty, and fulfillment. In contrast, the music of Advent fills us with anticipation; it causes us to hunger for the coming of the King and His kingdom in heaven. Let us be fully invested in this anticipation and appreciate the changes that our senses and intellects experience during the Mass this Advent.

The Advent antiphons and psalms sung during Mass are full of hope and longing. Through them we plead for comfort, salvation, and rescue. Hymns remind us of the promise of salvation made to Abraham and the Prophets that will soon be fulfilled in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. The musical accompaniment for these psalms, antiphons, and hymns is subdued emphasizing that something is missing from our lives now but is coming and will break forth amid joyous song in full resonance on Christmas Day.

This is why we sing “Lord have mercy,” but not “Gloria!” during Advent. The omission of the song of the angels heightens our anticipation and longing for the night of Christmas on which the song will ring out anew.

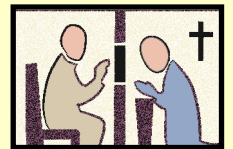
Certain music is distinctively associated with Advent, particularly, “O Come, O Come Emmanuel.” This melody will permeate our Advent Mass here at St. Joseph’s. We will sing its beautiful melody each week as our Gospel “Alleluia” and our Eucharistic “Amen.” In addition, each week, the exhortation “Wait for the Lord” will be the musical refrain that accompanies us as we carry this message of joyful anticipation into the world.

So let the worldly skip from Thanksgiving straight to Christmas, but let us pause and prepare for His coming. Let our hearts revel in the sweetness of the longing for his arrival. How much greater shall then be our joy!

Confession Schedule

Saturday - 4pm

Tuesday & Thursday after 8 am Mass (*Starting December 1st*)



Sheriff Edwards Christmas Crusade For Children

(Formally called Santa Bear)

Again this year we will be combining efforts with the Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff’s Dept. to provide Christmas toys for children in need.

By combining our efforts, the Sheriff’s Dept. can better check families and make sure that they are in legitimate need. Also, the Sheriff’s Dept. will take care of deliveries.

Please bring toys **unwrapped** to church on **December 5th & 6th**. Toys that indicate violence will not be accepted. Please **do not donate guns, bow & arrows, etc.**

Make an Advent sacrifice by helping a child in need. Any questions call Fay Murray at 985-386-8151.



Treasures From Our Tradition

Long ago in northern Europe, the growing dark and winter weather in Advent forced people to remove the wheels from their carts and replace them with snow runners. The wheels were hung high in the rafters of the house, fitted out with lanterns, and wound tightly with evergreen boughs. The first wreaths were windows into heaven, a source of light, a comforting sign of the victory of the light of Christ over our world's dark wildernesses, its mountainous obstacles, its valleys of need.

The Advent wreath started in the home, and only later appeared in church. Its four candles represent the four Sundays of our journey: typically three purple, one rose. Why not set a wreath in your own home as a place for Advent prayer? Don't let a shortage of purple candles discourage you: some use a deep blue, others have white candles and weave blue and purple flowers, seashells, and pine cones into the green. When the sun sets tonight, light a single candle, sing a verse of a well-loved Advent hymn, and name a mountain to be leveled, a valley to be filled.

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Get Ready to Welcome Jesus at Christmas!!

This Sunday begins the first week of Advent. Are you still looking for a way to prepare for Christ's coming at Christmas? Why not spend some time with Jesus in Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament? Jesus Christ is truly present – Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity – to prepare your heart to greet Him at Christmas. Spending an hour with Jesus at Adoration will also be His gift of peace to you and give you time to calm down and rest from all the hustle and bustle of the holiday preparations. We might think that we do not have time, but God always honors the time we give him by somehow letting us get more done than we thought we could. Remember what St. Francis de Sales said, "Each Christian needs half an hour of prayer each day, except when we are busy...then we need an hour!"



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is offered at St. Joseph's every Wednesday following the 8:00 am Mass until 6:00 pm. This is a peaceful setting in which to speak to Our Lord in prayer – to open our hearts to Him, to tell Him of our cares, and, most importantly, to listen to Him speak to us.

If you are wondering how you can grow spiritually in a deeper way this Advent, please consider spending some time at Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays. This peaceful time with our Lord will be a great Christmas present from Jesus to you.

Christmas Poinsettias

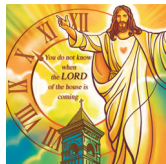
Join in the festive decoration of our church by donating \$15.00 to purchase a Christmas Poinsettia. The donations can be in honor of a living or deceased individual or family. To donate, place Christmas Poinsettia envelopes in the basket marked "Christmas Poinsettia" located on the counter inside the church by December 25th. Or, you can drop your envelope off at the Church Office. Make sure you list the names of the individual or family to be honored and how you want your name listed in the bulletin. Poinsettia's will NOT be available for pickup after Christmas. Any questions call Barbara Martino, 985-386-3622 or Roberta Connelley, 985-386-9711.

Mark's Jesus

Mark's Gospel is the shortest and tersest of all four. The discourses of Jesus tend to be terser as well. Mark's portrayal of Jesus has none of the poetry of the Sermon on the Mount or the Sermon on the Plain as in Matthew or Luke, nor the extensive, reflective "I Am" discourses as in John. Mark's Jesus "cuts to the chase," we would say today. This is reflected quite well in today's passage.

It is no accident that the dialogue of Jesus at this point in the Gospel according to Mark—the concluding words about the end of the world—immediately before his passion, is riddled with exclamation points and an overall sense of urgency.

We would do well to re-tool our own way of living this Advent, for we live in a world urgently in need of hearing the message of Jesus proclaimed. It's time for us to "wake up!" and get out into the world to do it. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Today's Readings

First Reading — We are the clay and you, O Lord, are the potter: we are the work of your hands (Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).

Gospel — Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).

Monica's Journey

"Monica's Journey" is a ministry of St. Joseph Catholic Church for women who struggle to find answers in the midst of difficult relationships or traumatic experiences in their lives. This ministry gives them a welcoming and non-judgmental place to find the hope and healing they need. Meetings are held in the evening during the week for 90 minutes. Members of other denominations are welcome. **This is a strictly confidential group and a confidentiality statement must be signed by all members.** The place and time of meetings will be disclosed after initial contact is made with the group facilitator. Voicemail: *Please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible. (985) 467-9520.*

Healing Hearts

Healing Hearts: A Catholic support group for WOMEN, whose relationships have been negatively impacted by the pornography addiction or sexual addiction of a loved one. This may include a spouse, boyfriend, family member or friend.

Strict confidentiality is observed by all members. Meetings are held on a weekly basis. Contact 985-401-2010 for more information and respond to the prompting.



Healing from Divorce Group

If you are separated or divorced, the Church cares about you. The loss of a relationship through separation or divorce poses one of the most difficult transitions a person can face. As people journey through a divorce, they face the stress of emotions, life changes, and developing a way to live a new life. As a Church, we are called to imitate Jesus Christ, who always sought to heal the brokenhearted. St. Joseph now has a new ministry for this purpose. For more information please contact Angela Perrin at 985-318-4927.

Please Pray for Sick and Shut-Ins

Jack Addison, Deacon Mike Agnello, Stephanie Alexander, Victoria "Vickie" Alexander, Ray Aleman, Phyllis Aymond, Ockie Baldassoro, Sr., Patrick Bailey, Mark Bear, Gloria Bennett, Mildred Bittick, David Blake, Michelle Bossier, Hazel Boudreaux, Larry Boudreaux, Ranice Bourg, Barbara Bourgeois, Angel Braun, Amy Brennan, JoAnne Brisset, Jeanette Brown, Carrie Burch, Jonathan Burch, Baby David Burris, Eric Campos, Christine Castjohn, Carol Castle, Dennis Charbonnet, Rita Charbonnet, Julian Chiro, Gavin Cieutat, PJ Clause, Ken Davidson, Lucille Davidson, Melissa Balado Dean, Kitty Derveloy, Larry Deslatte, Stacey Dolan, Beverly Dominique, Carol Dominguez, Danette Croveto Drell, Andrew Dzuryachko, Pam Guichet Elder, Nicholas Eirich, Veronica Fannally, Joey Fortenberry, Marge Frhm, Eva Francois, Geraldine Freeman, Timmy Gates, Lenny George, Nittie Gilliland, Carolyn Gillingham, Malissa Gonzalez, Joan Gurganus, Brian Guichet, Myrthus "Twinkle" Guichet, Anne Guidry, Sue Quave Guildner, Jean Guitreau, John Gullo, Rami Falgout Harkcom, Katherine Harris, Tommy Hebert, Kalee Henderson, Sherry Hill, Tammy Perrin Horn, Peggy Howes, Jimmy Hubert, Tara Huguet, Ashley Ingolia, Betty Ingolia, Grace Innerarity, Jennifer Jernigan, Lawrence Joiner, Alan Klein, David Kraft, Charles Gregory Kraft, Greg Kraft, Sis Kyzar, Debra Lanuiet, 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., Arthur & Tate Mashburn, Caitlyn Matherne, Melissa McCormick, Max McCray, Ginger McLin, Cole McMillion, Morris Meyer, Barry Mince Sr., Anna Mae Mixon, Patricia Monteleone, Andrew Morales, Ed Murray, Aliyah Naquin, 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, Bryan Roddick, A. J. Roig, Jr., Linda Ryan, 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. **Names submitted will be included for 4 weeks. Please call the Church office to renew.**

Saints and Special Observations

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. Andrew, Apostle
Thursday: St. Francis Xavier
Friday: St. John Damascene
Friday: First Friday
Saturday: First Saturday



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

A local PAL group meets in the St. Dominic room of St. Joseph's Ministry Building on the corner of 8th and Pine St. every 2nd & 4th Thursday from 6-7:30 pm. *However, during the Pandemic we are hosting ZOOM meetings on those nights instead.*

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

November 30, 2020

Monday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday Readings (December 6, 2020)

First Reading.....Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
 Second Reading..... 2 Peter 3:8-14
 Gospel.....Mark 1:1-8
 Psalm.....85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 30, 2020

8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

8:00 AM (L) Ann Boudreaux

Saturday, December 5, 2020

5:00 PM (L) Christie Barado
 Dudley & Geraldine Berthelot
 Delton Brooks
 Living & Deceased Members of the Louis Costanza Family
 Connelley & Rolfus Family
 Phillip Connelley
 Dominick DiCarlo
 Noelle Galatas
 Dub Gibbens
 (L) Paula Jarrell
 Wayne Kraemer
 Virgil McWilliams Kraft
 Frank Joseph Nodier
 Elias Ordandidis
 Bill Perrin
 Rufus Poche
 Vincent Poche
 Michael Robert Raiford
 Dale Roberts
 Liz Sanderson
 Glenn Snyder
 Souls in Purgatory
 (L) St. Joseph Church Office Staff & Family
 (L) Rachel Todd
 (L) Donald Trump
 Stephen Vuljoin
 Tommy Wintz

Sunday, December 6, 2020

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish
 11:00 AM Louis & Flo Aymond
 Wayne Aymond, Sr.
 Living & Deceased Members of the Bates & Gregoire Family
 Mary Susan Boles
 Wavel Braud
 Danny Lee Caldwell, III
 Phillip Wyatt Connelley
 Ann Deslatte
 (L) Larry Deslatte
 Mike Digby
 Mary Sue Drude
 Richard & Clotilde Drude
 A. B. Harris
 Wayne Kraemer
 Virgil Kraft
 Dickie Lamp
 Vincent Latino, Sr.
 Doris Lavigne
 (L) Liz LeSaicherre
 Martin Muller
 (L) Richard & Lydia Palisi
 Durald Pinion, Sr.
 Dale Roberts
 Sansone Family
 Audrey Scamardo
 Snyder Family
 Souls in Purgatory
 (L) St. Joseph Church Office Staff & Families
 Steadman Brothers: Ernest Jr., Donald, Michael & Richard Caleb
 (L) Donald Trump
 Bobby Vitter
 Stephen Vuljoin

(L) indicates Living

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

8:00 AM (L) Barry Kenneth Hoover

Thursday, December 3, 2020

8:00 AM Dec. Memb. of the L. A. Charbonnet Family

Stewardship

“On That Prophetic Day”

“On that day the deaf shall hear the words of a scroll; and out of the gloom and darkness, the eyes of the blind shall see. The lowly shall again find joy in the Lord, the poorest rejoice in the Holy One of Israel. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of the house of Jacob, who redeemed Abraham: No longer shall Jacob be ashamed, no longer shall his face grow pale. For when his children see the work of my hands in his midst, they shall sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, be in awe of the God of Israel.”

As much as any Old Testament messenger, Isaiah is identified as a Messianic prophet, pointing readers to Christ’s miraculous birth and his glorious return. Unrolling his scroll unveiled the legacy of generations—from Abraham to Isaac, Jacob to Joseph and his brothers, and more. Their children became the ancestral cast for all daughters and sons of God, offspring of the beliefs first identified with Abraham, “the father of all faithful.” As they looked for the Lord’s arrival in David’s city, we await his return from Glory, as “the Holy One of Israel.”

Financial News

YTD	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
11/15/2020	\$360,935.02	\$380,000.00	\$ -19,063.98
Church Support	\$ 15,724.07		
Misc. Collections	\$ 962.00		
	\$ 16,686.07		

Second Collections

Campaign for Human Development November 22, 2020
 St. Vincent de Paul November 29, 2020

Totals for 11/22/2020 will be in the December 6, 2020 bulletin.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, December 5th Sunday December 6th

	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
5PM	Angela Pevey 7b Merle Ozment 8b Harry LeBlanc 9b	Francis Martino Chris Marmillion Durald Pinion
8AM	Stephanie Waguespack 7b Mary Jo Balado 8b Harold Thibodeaux 9b	Michael Chiasson Jacob Schmaltz Roland Terrebbonne William Mathes Pete Peterson
11 AM	Stacy Randazzo (7b) Pat Alexander (8b) Tony Guagliardo, III (9b)	Randy Bennett Joseph Ragan Sidney Alexander Barry Blackledge Jeff Ryan
	<u>Lectors</u>	
5PM	Matt Rossano	
8AM	Dennis James	
11 AM	Deborah Vogel	

*The Feast of the
 Immaculate Conception*
Tuesday, December 8th
Mass Schedule
 8:00 am & 6 pm



Are You Working?

There's a lot of work to do in God's kingdom. Caregiving is one of the most important jobs God calls us to do. To love others in his name. Our congregation's Stephen Ministry is one way we accomplish God's caring work. Perhaps God has blessed you richly and you're at a place where you can give something back by serving and bringing Christ's love to others. Roll up your sleeves and explore your role in Stephen Ministry by contacting Anita Perrin (985) 687-4458 or Ronnie Perrin (985) 507-9765. You can also talk to our other two leaders or any of our Stephen Ministers. Be a working Christian.



Mark Your Calendar

Monday, November 30th

Youth Choir Practice— 4:00 pm in the Choir Room

Tuesday, December 1st

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

Tuesday, December 1st

Word & Worship—Church-7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 2nd

Adoration—Church 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Wednesday, December 2nd

Divine Mercy—Church-3:00 pm

Wednesday, December 2nd

Vespers—Church - 6:00 pm

Saturday, December 5th

Men's Morning Prayer Group— 6:00 am in the St. Benedict Room.



Saturday, December 5th

Confession—4:00 pm

Saturday, Dec. 5th & Sunday, Dec. 6th

Christmas Crusade for Children— Bring unwrapped toys to all Masses.



Sunday, December 6th

Parish School of Religion 9:30 am in the School

Sunday, December 6th

Ablaze—9:30 am

Sunday, December 6th

The Sacraments—9:30 am in SJS Library

Sunday, December 6th

Called & Gifted—9:30am –School Classroom

Sunday, December 6th

Thirst— 5:00 pm

Tuesday, December 8th

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception -

Masses: 8:00 am & 6:00 pm



Wednesday, December 9th

Baptism Preparation Class for Parents & Godparents—7pm in the St. Benedict Room in the Church.

Men's Morning Prayer Group

Men's Morning Prayer Group will meet on **Saturday, December 5th** at 6am in the St. Benedict Room of the church. All men of the parish are invited.



We welcome the following newly registered members to our parish family: *Sergio & Edith Alvarado * Donald Bernos * Rodney & Jennifer Boudoin * Brittany Cortezie * David & Joan Diaz * Blake & Maggie Duhon * Jolie Fortenberry * Elizabeth Fox * Dawn Gainey * Cynthia Higgins * Drena Hutchinson * John & Cheryl Janise * Matthew Jerome * Kolby Kraft * Daniel Landry * Ryan & Sarah Landry * Johnathan & Ashley Miceli * Justin Robert * Jeanne Rodrigue * Emilio & Rae Rodriguez * Adrienne Roques * Cayce Schneider * Jared Smith * Ryan & Krista Welch .*
Welcome!!!



The following children were baptized at St. Joseph's during the month of **September**: *Colby Robert Schwartz* child of Jacob Schwartz & Jeanne Rodrigue * *Hailey Marie Pennington* child of Blake & Lindsey Pennington **October**: *Abbey Elizabeth Bernos* child of Brandon & Brittany Bernos * *Amaris Hope Burch* child of Jonathan & Carmen Burch * *Meon Avae Ladner* child of Matthew Ladner * *Drew Robert Lawrence* child of Daniel & Catherine Lawrence * *Case Andrew Martin* child of Brett & Christina Martin **November**: *Nathan Jude Dempster & Noah James Dempster* children of Blake & Raelyn Dempster * *Ian James Landry* child of Ryan & Sarah Landry * *Dominic Perrin Robert* child of Garrick & Casey Robert **Congratulations!!!**



Congratulations to the following couples who were recently married at St. Joseph's:

*Brad Verdin & Lindsay Faulk * Dylan Simoneaux & Blair Atkins*

Congratulations to the following couples who recently had their marriages blessed at St. Joseph's: *Alonzo & Ashley Alvarado * Zachary & Brooke Daniel * Emilio & Rae Rodriguez*



Please remember in your prayers all of our St. Joseph Parish family and friends who mourn the loss of a loved one: **Delton Brooks * Vonnie "Sis" Byers * Margaret Coffey * Ampara "Ann" Deslatte * Harold "Butch" Fabre * Diana Mary Hoover * Michael Raiford * Valerie Watts**


Vocation Awareness

The season of Advent calls us to be vigilant in anticipation of the Master's return so that we live each day according to the teachings of Christ. Some are called to teach, preach and witness those teachings as priests and religious. God may be calling you to a Church vocation. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Father Josh Johnson at (225) 336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.



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