



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.

December 27, 2020 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



New Class Starting Soon

Be Seen With Your Mother

Dates: Jan. 3rd, 10th, 24th, 31st, Feb. 7th

Time: 9:30 am in the School Library

Leader: Savanna Balado

Ever pondered the fact that we share a Mother with the God of the universe? If you think about it, it's truly amazing! Many of us know that the life of Jesus is foreshadowed all throughout the Old Testament, and just how Jesus is the "New Adam," so Mary is the "New Eve" and plays a crucial role in our redemption. Throughout these classes, we will TOGETHER begin to unveil the Marian mystery present throughout sacred scripture while also deepening our love and affection for our Immaculate Mother. She is always there for us, ready to walk with us, willing to be seen with us.



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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: *Cancelled Until Further Notice.*
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 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

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. 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 or search your phone's app store for my parish.



FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK

December 27, 2020

WATCH

FORGIVEN—SESSION 1: WHERE ARE YOU?

As we make resolutions for 2021, don't forget about your spiritual well-being! Through our Forgiven series, you can help guide friends and family to new spiritual beginnings!



FORMED Now!

FORMED NOW! WHO IS SAINT STEPHEN?

This past week, we celebrated the life of St. Stephen, heroic leader of the early Church. Join Dr. Gray and Dr. Barber as they discuss the first Christian martyr.

LEARN

LISTEN

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY: LOVE UNVEILED BY DR. SCOTT HAHN

The feast of the Holy Family reminds us to help our own families grow in holiness. With this in mind, join Scott Hahn as he shares his advice on how to bring sanctity into the home.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY DR. SCOTT HAHN



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Mass Schedule for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Masses : **December 31st: 6 pm**
January 1st: 10 am

It is a holy day of obligation.

Treasures From Our Tradition

“Octave” comes from the Latin word for “eight,” and since eight is one step beyond seven, the number of days in a week, it has long been seen as a symbol of perfection, completion, and new beginnings. Early Christians called Sunday the “eighth day,” since it was the day after the Sabbath and a day of resurrected life, the Lord’s Day. By the seventh century, people regarded the eight days after Easter Sunday as one great day, an octave, one glorious feast when people were forbidden to fast or kneel. In the seventh century, Pentecost acquired an Octave, too. Christmas didn’t claim the honor of a continuous feast, but it did get an Octave Day. January 1 is the oldest Marian feast, the Octave of Christmas. It was originally a feast of the motherhood of Mary, although for centuries until 1969 it was called the Feast of the Circumcision. Our reformed calendar follows the earlier tradition of celebrating Mary as Mother of God.

Today’s Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph is a modern one, instituted in 1921. Strains on family life then, with the world emerging from the first “Great War,” were enormous. From its inception, this feast was clearly intended to inspire people with an image of family harmony even amid difficulties.

In 1969 the Feast of the Holy Family was moved to its present position, the Sunday within the Octave of Christmas. When Christmas falls on a Sunday, this feast is bumped to December 30, but is not a holy day. The Gospels chosen in 1969 all depict stressful times in the life of the family of Jesus: the Presentation (with the warning of future sorrow), the flight into Egypt, and Mary and Joseph’s frantic search for their son in Jerusalem. The feast’s former place in the calendar is taken now by the Baptism of the Lord.

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Prayer to the Holy Family

O Jesus, only-begotten Son of the Eternal Father, well-beloved Son of the Blessed Virgin and foster Child of St. Joseph, we most fervently implore Thee, through **Mary** Thine ever-blessed Mother and **St. Joseph** Thy foster father, take our **children** under Thy special charge and enclose them in the love of Thy Sacred Heart. They are the **children** of Thy Father in Heaven, created after His own image; they are Thy possession, for Thou hast purchased them with Thy Precious Blood; they are temples of the Holy Ghost, who sanctified them in **Baptism** and implanted in their hearts the virtues of faith, **hope** and charity.

O most loving Jesus, rule and guide them, that they may live according to the holy **Catholic** faith, that they may not waver in their confidence in Thee and that they may ever remain faithful to Thy love.

O **Mary, Blessed Mother** of Jesus, grant to our **children** a place in thy pure maternal heart! Spread over them thy protecting mantle when danger threatens their innocence; keep them firm when they are about to stray from the path of virtue; and should they have the misfortune of falling into mortal sin, oh, then raise them up again, reconcile them with thy Divine Son and restore them to Sanctifying Grace.

And thou, O holy foster father **St. Joseph**, do not abandon our children! Protect them from the assaults of the wicked enemy and deliver them from all dangers of **soul** and body.

O dear **parents** of the holy Child Jesus! Intercede for us **parents** also, that we may bring up our **children** in the love and fear of **God** and one day attain with them the Beatific Vision. Amen.



Your Attention Please
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There will be **NO** Weekday Masses or Communion Services 12/28 - 12/31.

There will be **NO** Adoration on 12/30/2020.

The Church Office will be closed from 12/24/2020 through 1/1/2021



Catechists/Parents Seeking TOB Training

Dates: Jan 13, 14, 15 2021
Where: St. Dominic Church (Siena Room)
 775 Harrison Ave. New Orleans, LA
Presenter: Brian Butler of Dumb Ox Ministries

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY FOR TEENS ANSWERS QUESTIONS SUCH AS:

- Who am I?
- What is the purpose of the Theology of the Body?
- What is the difference between love & lust?
- What if I've already "messed up"?
- How can I discover my vocation?
- How can I remain pure in our oversexed culture?
- Any many more!

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

PRINCIPALS, TEACHERS, PRIESTS, CATECHISTS, YOUTH/ CAMPUS MINISTERS, PARENTS, ANYONE WHO WORKS WITH PRETEENS (6TH-8TH GRADERS) & TEENS (9TH-12TH GRADERS.)



Contact Dumb Ox Ministries at (985) 951-2215 or info@dumbboxministries.com

For more info, visit www.dumbboxministries.com/trainings

We are unable to accept registrations after Tuesday, January 5, 2021.



LET'S TACO 'BOUT JESUS!

Jan 10 5-7 PM

Drop off: St. Joseph's GYM

Pick up: 6-8 Grade St. Joseph's Room

9-11 Grade St. Joseph's GYM

Due to Diocesan Restrictions, we ask that the teens bring their own tacos/ Taco Bell

Summer Missionary Program



YOUNG adults

If you are 19 years of age or older, have been to a full ECHO experience as a teen or young adult, and want to experience life—consider asking the Lord if He is inviting you to apply to be a 2021 Dumb Ox Summer Missionary! Applications Due by January 15, 2021. For more info visit www.dumbboxministries.com

**SAVE THE DATE
ECHO MINI RETREAT**

ECHO Mini-Retreat
FOR YOUNG ADULTS
19-35 YEARS OLD

FEB. 26-28, 2021
CAMP ISTROUMA
GREENWELL SPRINGS, LA
COST: \$135

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We Are God's Holy Family

The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God's holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise.

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Today's Readings

First Reading — Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed and will atone for sins

(Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14) or *Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3.*

Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128) or *Psalm 105.*

Second Reading — Be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]) or *Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19.*

Gospel — The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom (Luke 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]).

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, 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 Burriss, 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 Crovetto Drell, Andrew Dzuryachko, Pam Guichet Elder, Nicholas Eirich, Vronica Fannally, Jocy 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, John Gullo, Rami Falgout Harkcom, Katherine Harris, Tommy Hebert, Kalee Henderson, Sherry Hill, Tammy Perrin Horn, Peggy Howes, Jimmy Hubert, Tara Huguet, Harold Hungerford, Ashley Ingolia, Betty Ingolia, Grace Innerarity, Jennifer Jernigan, Lawrence Joiner, Alan Klein, David Kraft, Charles Gregory Kraft, Greg Kraft, Sis Kyzar, Debra Lanus, Norma Larriue, Dwayne Lato, Diane Lavigne, Wayne Laurent, Ruby Prude 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 Montelcone, 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., 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. *Names submitted will be included for 4 weeks. Please call the Church office to renew.*

Saints and Special Observations

Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
 Monday: The Holy Innocents
 Tuesday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket
 Wednesday: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
 Thursday: Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve
 Friday: The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year's Day; First Friday
 Saturday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen; 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 at the St. Joseph's Church every 2nd & 4th Thursday from 6-7:30 pm. *However, during the Pandemic we are hosting ZOOM meetings on those nights instead. Beginning January 14th we will resume in person meetings, 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

December 28, 2020

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt:13-18
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
 Friday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Next Sunday Readings (January 10, 2021)

First Reading.....Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7
 Second Reading..... AcIs of the Apostles 10:34-38
 Gospel.....Matthew 3:13-17
 Psalm.....29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 28, 2020

No Mass/ No Communion Service

Wednesday December 30, 2020

No Mass/ No Communion Service

Thursday, December 31, 2020 Vigil Mass— Solemnity of Mary

6:00 PM Earl Baudin
 Delton Brooks
 Connelley & Rolufs Family
 Rudolph Ellenberger
 Wayne Kraemer
 Dickie Lamp
 Dale Roberts
 Liz Sanderson
 (L) Debbie Sirisophon
 Glenn Snyder
 Souls in Purgatory

Friday, January 1, 2021- Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

10:00 AM Phillip Connelley
 Connelley & Rolufus Family
 John Dufreche
 Wayne Kraemer
 Lily Kraft
 Frank Joseph Nodier
 Joseph A. Pepitone
 Nicholas Phillips
 Vincent Poche
 Dale Roberts
 Liz Sanderson
 Glenn Snyder

Saturday, January 2, 2021

5:00 PM Phillip Alexander
 Earl Baudin
 Dudley & Geraldine Barthelot
 Delton Brooks
 Golda Buras
 Phillip Connelley
 Mamie Heiring
 Wayne Kraemer
 (L) Larry Melancon
 Bill Perrin
 (L) Paul & Angela Pevey
 Rufus Poche
 Vincent Poche
 Vera Ragan
 Michael Robert Raiford
 Dale Roberts
 Liz Sanderson
 Glenn Snyder
 Stephen Vuljoin
 Nettie Waits & Fred Tucker, Jr.

Sunday, January 3, 2021

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish
 11:00 AM Melissa Bass Adams
 (L) Deacon Mike Agnello
 (L) Kerry Balado
 Mary Sue Drude
 Richard & Clotilde Drude
 Diana Hoover
 Wayne Kraemer
 Virgil McWilliams Krafft
 Doris Drude Lavigne
 Kelsey Martin
 Martin Muller
 Henry Novack
 (L) Reggie Pevey
 Vincent Poche
 Dale Roberts
 Glenn Snyder

(L) Indicates Living

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Stewardship

“The Favor of an Angelic Appearance”

“I am the Lord’s servant. May everything you have said about me come true.” The familiar response of the Virgin Mary, and central to the meaning of the Magnificat, the words echo the life of service Mary modeled for us. She became the vessel God used to deliver the Deliverer, a mother who’d teach her son, himself the greatest Teacher of all. Like other mothers, she conveyed love and laughter, the way to treat others and how to honor the Almighty—a deep and profound calling, a deep and profound joy. She was esteemed by God himself through the favor of an angelic appearance.

“The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin’s name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, ‘Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you.’ But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.’ ”

Financial News

YTD	Actual	Budgeted	Difference
12/13//2020	\$439,005.36	\$456,000.00	\$ -16,994.64
Church Support	\$ 23,403.39		
Religious Retirement	\$ 1,745.00		
Misc. Collections	\$ 323.00		
	\$ 25,471.39		

Second Collections

St. Joseph School: January 10th

Totals for December 20th will be listed in the January 3rd bulletin.

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, January 2nd & Sunday January 3rd

	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
5PM	Barbara Martino 7b Fay Murray 8b Cheryl Laiche 9b	Francis Martino John Laiche Durald Pinion Blaine Anderson
8AM	Harold Thibodeaux 7b Benjamin Perrin 8b Mary Jo Balado 9b	Pete Peterson Jacob Schmaltz Francis Waguespack Rene’ Folse William Mathes Jeremy Barado
11 AM	Ronald Perrin (7b) Donna Clause (8b) Deborah Vogel (9b)	Randy Bennett Joseph Ragan Sidney Alexander Barry Blackledge Jeff Ryan
<u>Lectors</u>		
5PM	Larry Ernst	
8AM	Stephanie Waguespack	
11 AM	Savannah Phillips	

Vocation Awareness

“ The Word became flesh and lived among us.”
 Vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life are living in our midst. If you may be among them, contact Fr. Josh Johnson 1t (225) 336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations

Serving Our Youngest Parishioners

Here at St. Joseph's before Covid, we were used to serving the entire family on Sunday mornings. We had Childcare for babies thru age 3, Children's Liturgy for ages 3-6 and PSR for grades K-8, as well as RCIA and adult formation open to all. Currently, childcare during Mass and Children's Liturgy are both still suspended.

Our Children's Liturgy Ministry hopes to be able to resume in person once parents feel comfortable having their children participate again. (Children's Liturgy is when those age 4-6 gather in a room off the Narthex for the Liturgy of the Word.)

Meanwhile, look for our ministry members in the Narthex handing out the Children's Bulletins after Mass, and know that we are seeking new ways or modified ways we can serve our very young parishioners and their families. Please take time to stop and visit with us or call the office. We would love to hear your suggestions and learn about your needs.

Peace in Christ,
Paige Bacile
PSR Coordinator



Men's Morning Prayer Group

Men's Morning Prayer Group will meet on **Saturday, January 2nd** at 6am in the St. Benedict Room of the church. All men of the parish are invited.



Do You Hear a Whisper???

Did you feel an ache in your heart when you learned someone was suffering and had no one to trust? Did you feel at a loss on how to help? Did you have trouble finding the words to say? Did you hear the whisper? Is that whisper from God?

Our Stephen Ministry is blessed to have our current Stephen Ministers and look forward to starting a new class soon. As the need for help continues to grow, we need more ministers. If God is whispering to you to help people, we ask that you listen to his calling. For more info contact Anita Perrin (985) 687-4458 or Ronnie Perrin (985) 507-9765.



We welcome the following newly registered members to our parish family:
*Anthony & Susanne Brinkley * Kyle & Mary Dauphine * Tim & Julianna DePaula * Tyler Nelson * Don & Joan Skinner * Seth & Whitney Waller.*
Welcome!!!!



The following children were baptized at St. Joseph's during the month of **December**: *Beau Michael Campbell* child of Brandon & Katherine Campbell * *Asher Rose Dean* child of Michael & Celeste Dean * *Riley Daniel Fabre* child of Rory & Melissa Fabre * *Rosalie Marie Pereira* child of Brian & Alexandria Pereira. Congratulations!!!!

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, December 29th
St. Vincent de Paul Meeting— 6:30pm in the Ministry Building

Thursday, December 31st
Solemnity of Mary—6pm Vigil Mass

Friday, January 1st
Solemnity of Mary—10 am Mass

Saturday, January 2nd
Confession—4:00 pm

Sunday, January 3rd
Parish School of Religion 9:30 am in the School

Sunday, January 3rd
Ablaze—9:30 am

Sunday, January 3rd
Be Seen With Your Mother—9:30 am in SJS Library

Sunday, January 3rd
Called & Gifted—9:30am —School Classroom

Sunday, January 3rd
Thirst— 5:00 pm

Tuesday, January 5th
Word & Worship—Church-7:00 pm

Wednesday, January 6th
Adoration—Church 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Wednesday, January 6th
Divine Mercy—Church-3:00 pm

Wednesday, January 6th
Vespers—Church - 6:00 pm

Sunday, January 10th
Youth Night Social—5pm

FRANCISCAN



We know this time of year is so busy. You may have missed our live Night of Hope, but we didn't want you to miss out on this beautiful Advent encounter with Christ our Hope.

The Night of Hope livestream recording is now available, including a Spanish-translated replay. Watch anytime to be inspired and uplifted.



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