



SAINT JOSEPH

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DECEMBER 4, 2016 • SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PARISH MINISTERS

Rev. William Schambough*Pastor*
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 Anna McKeon*Receptionist & SVDP*
 Martha Landreneau*Safe Environment Coordinator*
 Jude Gaspard*Music Director*

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION: Saturday from 3:00–3:55 pm, 20 minutes before daily Mass and by appointment, (please call the office).

BAPTISM: Preparation for the sacrament is provided to parents held in the evenings. (See bulletin for time and place.) Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy, to avoid undue delays.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: For Anointing, death, or in case of an emergency please call the parish office.

MARRIAGE: Couples planning marriage are asked to contact the pastor or deacon at least six months before your proposed date.

WELCOME, VISITORS.

We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to become registered with our Parish Family by completing our Parish Census Form, and returning it to the office on 208 E. Edith.

CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST

Saturday:.....4:00 p.m.
 Sunday:8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday:.... 6:30 a.m.
 Thursday:.....6:00 p.m.
 Holy Days:..... 6:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Pam Begnaud Trista Littell
 Bob Cole Nicole Hebert
 Dan Guidry
 Steve LeMaire

PARISH TRUSTEES

Linda Desormeaux
 Robert Landry



2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance." John the Baptist does not mince words. He tells it like it is. When the hypocritical Pharisees and Sadducees show up piously for baptism, John calls them out, saying, "You brood of vipers!" Not welcoming words, to say the least. Then he tells them that being part of the religious club (i.e., children of Abraham) isn't enough. No, "every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

It can be easy to join John in pointing fingers at those self-righteous religious leaders. But we're usually not so quick to point fingers at ourselves. On this Second Sunday of Advent, as we seek to prepare for the coming of Christ, we also need to hear John's solemn warning. How are we like these Pharisees? How have we excused ourselves because we are part of the "club," because we are baptized Christians, regular churchgoers, better than others, or whatever justification we use to declare ourselves in good shape? How have we failed to produce good fruit by being satisfied with a comfortable life and a routine practice of the faith? What do we need to change? Where do we need to grow? How do we need to reach out and serve others, to sacrifice sinful behaviors, to delve deeper into our love for the Lord?

John preaches today that God will "gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Advent is a gift from the Church --a time to renew our spiritual life by getting rid of the chaff in our souls and producing instead a fruitful harvest. Now is the time to do this work. As John tells us, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

Please Pray For The Sick

- Lisa Landry Cindy Stelly Brad Richard Joe Credeur
 Gracie Broussard Judith Gill Wilda Bares
 Meyer Moore Ellie Rose Prejean Gunner Breaux
 Lucy Broussard Chase Conway Stoute Trisha Doucet
 Janie Bordeaux Norval Knapp Brennen Albert
 Margie Decou Beridon Susan Vincent Eura V. Simon
 Joyce Comeaux Grace Credeur Evelyn Landry
 James Benoit Dolores Benoit Kathryn & Kat Trahan
 Diane Johnson Bobby Trahan Charlie Harrington
 Betty Thibodeaux Mary Hebert Rudolph Fabre
 Kim Vincent

Our Gift Back to God

Offertory	\$10,346.00
Mailed or Dropped off in Office	+ 695.00
Total (November 27th)	\$11,041.00
Weekly Goal	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus our Goal	\$ -959.00
Offertory (November 20th)	\$10,405.52
St. Vincent De Paul	\$ 1,240.00
Building & Maintenance (November) ...	\$ 3,829.26

Thank You!

This Week's Second Collection
 Building & Maintenance Fund

Next Week's Second Collection
 Retired Religious Fund

We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today: "Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

John the Baptist appeared...saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord.- Mt 3:1a, 2-3b

Mass Intention

Weekend of December 3rd & 4th, 2016
Sat. 4 p.m., Sun. 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. for the intentions listed,
Sun. 10:30 a.m. for our parish (Pro Populo)

Lewis & Maude Picard, Douglas & Lula Lantier Duhon, Sr. (Her Birthday), Linda Kimball, Zachary Tucker, Louis Guidry (Birthday & Anniv.), Joseph Wayne Matthews, Raymond Louviere, Ryan Viator, Preston Venable & Jacob Theriot, Elmo & Lota Picard, Geri Morvant & Family, Maude Picard, All Souls, Robert "Tully" Landry, Patricia Smith, Beulah Touns, Louis Theo Bares & Family, Lovinia Credeur, Wilton & Fay Guillot, Sandra Hebert, Yola V. Comeaux (Anniv.), Zachary Esters, Vern Marshall (Anniv.), Dr. Lee Hebert, Josie H. Vincent, M/M Asa Vincent & Family, M/M Ulipse Hidalgo & Family, Agnes Hernandez Simon, Hozard Langlinais

Weekday Masses

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| Monday 5 | Sick of the Parish, All Souls |
| Tuesday 6 | Wilton Larcade (Anniversary), All Souls, First Responders & Those Serving in our Armed Forces, All Souls |
| Wednesday 7 | St. Joseph Community, All Souls |
| Thursday 8 | May Grace Duhon, All Souls, Beverly C. & Mildred B. Picard (Beverly's Anniversary), Louis Theo Bares & Family, Geri Morvant & Family |
| Friday 9 | All Souls |

Sanctuary Candle

Beverly C. Picard (Anniversary)
 Mabel & Romain Hebert

The Light is on for You! Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesdays, during Advent. Fr. Schambough will be in the Confessional from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on **December 7th, 14th & 21st.**

The Next Rosary Making Class will be held on Monday, **December 5th**, from 1:30-3:00 p.m. in the Life Center. Classes are held every other Monday. Please call Pat at 856-4648 for more information.

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation) An anticipated Mass will be held on Wednesday, **December 7th**, at 6:00 p.m. On **December 8th**, Masses will be held at 6:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Parish Office Closed on Thursday, **December 8th**, for the Immaculate Conception.

Family Life Rosary Join us on Thursday, **December 8th**, after 6:00 p.m. Mass to pray the Rosary. All are invited!

The Giving Tree We ask that parishioners take one Angel per family at this time. Gifts must be returned no later than Sunday, **December 11th** in order to have gifts separated and delivered on time. When returning gifts, please have Angel attached to outside of the gift. Thank you!



Parish Mission: "Secret of the Rosary" Fr. Hugh Gillespie, S.M.M. will be doing a four day mission here at St. Joseph Church beginning **December 12th thru December 15th**, at 6:30 p.m. each night. The mission is called "Secret of the Rosary". Fr. Hugh travels around the world giving missions and retreats in the heritage of St. Louis de Montfort. Do not miss this opportunity to experience a world class presentation on the Most Holy Rosary from one of the world's greatest experts on the Rosary. Please come early, because sitting will be limited because of this internationally known missionary of the Company of Mary.

The Ladies Altar Society Rosary Christmas Social will be held at Judy Cole's house on Tuesday, **December 13th**, at 11:00 a.m. Bring a covered dish and \$10.00 to cover dues. An optional \$10.00 can be brought for gift exchange. If you plan to attend, please call Jeanne Hebert at 856-5885 or Frances Landry at 852-2459.

Events This Week	
Mon. (5th):	4th & 5th Grade CCD Rosary Making Class 1:30-3:00 p.m. (Life Ctr.) Bible Study 6:30 p.m. (Church)
Tues. (6th):	2nd Grade CCD Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.
Wed. (7th):	1st & 3rd Grade CCD Anticipated Mass 6:00 p.m. The Light is on for You! 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Thurs. (8th):	Immaculate Conception Masses: 6:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Family Life Rosary 6:30 p.m. Parish Office Closed
Fri. (9th):	No Events Scheduled Parish Office Closed
Sat. (10th):	No Events Scheduled
Sun. (11th):	No CCD



St. Joseph's Christmas Concert St. Joseph's Adult Choir and members of the North Vermilion High School Band will present a Christmas Concert at St. Joseph's on Monday, **December 19th** at 6:30 p.m. Join us for this special event and enjoy beautiful music that will help you reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.



November

We welcome into the family of St. Joseph's the newly Baptized. We also pray for their parents and Godparents. Welcome:

- Adam Charles Gaspard
- Katherine Belle Hall
- Madelyn Anne Thibodeaux
- Connor Paul Primeaux
- Owen Dale Bellard
- Ella Rose Santiago



St. Thomas More Mandatory High School Placement Test, Saturday, **December 10th**, beginning at 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at STM. Register online at www.stmcougars.net/placement.

The Next Baptism Seminar will be held on Thursday, **January 12th**, at 6:30 p.m. in Church. Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy to avoid undue delays.

Bishop's Services Appeal The Mission of the Diocese of Lafayette involves the total restoration of humanity, the salvation of the whole person. Our response to this mission finds expression in the programs, ministries, and services supported by the Bishop's Services Appeal. The charity of God urges us, encourages us, and compels us to seek the needs of others, rather than self. Please prayerfully consider making a sacrificial gift or pledge to the BSA. This weekend is BSA's Follow-Up Weekend. Your personal sacrifice and generosity to the Appeal will mean so much to so many; and your kindness will be rewarded. May St. Joseph Church parish respond generously.

Welcome New Parishioners! We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following Parishioners who registered with St. Joseph during the month of November: M/M Jay LeBlanc, M/M Brandon McIver Family, Wendy Comeaux & Family, M/M Michael Pierrotti & Family, Ashley Cormier, M/M Brian Bertrand, M/M Eric Templet Family M/M Charles Duchamp, & Pattie Milligan. We would also like to remind parishioners who have not registered with us, to consider this also. Registration forms can be found in the gathering area of church or online at stjo-milton.org. If you should have any questions, please call the office.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85/Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96/Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103/Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
- Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1/Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday's Readings

- Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
- Psalms 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
- James 5:7-10
- Matthew 11:2-11

2016 Parish Advent Mission Central Deanery For a complete listing of Missions, please go to www.diolaf.org and click on Central Deanery.

Holy Hour for Vocations Please join us on Monday, **December 5th**, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick Church (406 E. Pinhook Road). Recitation of the Rosary begins at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome to join in these prayers for vocations and perseverance of vocations to the priesthood and religious life, sponsored by the Serra Club of Lafayette.

Food for the Journey A monthly lunchtime speaker series designed to help Catholics live out our faith in our daily lives. Our speaker for December is Rev. C. William Massie, Associate Pastor of St. Genevieve. It will be held on Tuesday, **December 6th**, at Wyndham Garden (formerly Hotel Acadiana), 1801 W. Pinhook Road, beginning at 12:00 noon. An optional lunch buffet is available for purchase beginning at 11:30 a.m. For more information, please call Mary Bergeron at 654-8682.

Hour of Grace Join us at St. Nicholas Church in Lydia for an Hour of Grace on Thursday, **December 8th**, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. This hour of Grace will invoke the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary so that all souls may be drawn to God and that Jesus will be loved in every heart. The Hour of Grace will begin with Eucharistic Adoration, praying Psalm 51 three times with outstretched arms and The Chaplet of Tears. The remainder of the hour may be spent in silent communications with God, meditating upon the passion of Jesus, praying the Rosary, praying one's favorite prayers, etc.

Thought of the Week Put your ear down close to your soul and listen hard.

"A priest is not a priest for himself, he is a priest for you." - Cure of Ars

Please Pray for Our Priest:
 Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell
 Rev. Gene Tremie
 Rev. Stephen Ugwu
 Rev. John Vessels, SJ
 Rev. Jason Vidrine
 Rev. Richard Vidrine
 Rev. Thomas Voorhies, VF

Christmas Dinner Theater STM Fine Arts department presents *Yes, Virginia, There is a Santa Clause* on Monday, **December 12th** in the STM mall. An old fashioned Christmas dinner will be served at 5:45 p.m. followed by the "radio-style" production, complete with sound effects and singing. Tickets can be purchased for \$25. Please contact karen.minor@stmcourgars.net for more information.

Mass of Hope and Thanksgiving Tuesday, **December 13th**, at Holy Cross Catholic Church, 415 Robley Drive, beginning at 7:00 p.m. For all who have been affected by any type of Cancer. Please join us for light refreshments after Mass in the Vestibule of Church. Register for door prizes! Please call 984-9636 for more information.

Please Pray for Seminarians December

*Nicholas Ware
 Kyle White
 Rev. Kevin Bordelon,
 Director of Seminarians
 Parents of Seminarians
 Benefactors and Seminary Faculty
 Mathew Ardoin
 Reed Bellingham
 Donald Bernard
 Brother John Joseph, CJC
 (Payton Bourque)
 Joseph Boustany
 Brice Cambre
 Rev. Mr. Christopher Cambre
 Randy Courville
 Noah Delatte
 Brent Didier
 Cameron Domingue
 Phillip Domingue
 Blake Dubroc
 Casey Dugas
 John Dugas
 Adam Fenstermaker
 Sean Fontenot
 Andrew Furka
 Jace Gyles
 Alexander Hargrave
 Jonathan Harris
 Rev. Mr. Matthew Hebert
 Nicholas Hebert
 Sal Istre
 Andrew Killeen
 Luke Kirk*



**Liturgical Ministers December 10th & 11th, 2016
 Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, & Servers**

We ask all ministers to please be there **15 minutes before Mass**. Sacristans, please be there 30 to 45 minutes before Mass. Please call for a replacement if unable to make your scheduled time.

Saturday, December 10, 4:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Linda Desormeaux
Lectors: Dana Carter, Linda Desormeaux
Eucharistic Ministers: Tanya Wilson, Deidre Toups, Anna Bernard
Altar Servers: Kaleb Lail, Alyssa Lail, Isabella Lail

Sunday, December 11th, 8:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Robert & Angie Landry
Lectors: Robert Cole, Maria Baute
Eucharistic Ministers: Dale Kelly, Robert Landry, Angie Landry, Janice Bourque, Brandi Badaeux, John Landry, Paula Landry
Altar Servers: John Luke Bourque, Emily Landry, Noah Bourque

Sunday, December 11th, 10:30 a.m.

Sacristan: Stephanie Broussard
Lectors: Stephanie Broussard, Sandra Broussard
Eucharistic Ministers: Gerard Labat, Lisa LeBlanc, Carey Lavergne, Kim Sonnier, Dina Segura, Lisa McCowen, Danny McCowen
Altar Servers: Jaylon Etienne, Jude Bourque, Javen Etienne

Sunday, December 11th, 5:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Margaret Siffert
Lectors: Margaret Greene, Tarrah Davis
Eucharistic Ministers: Sarah Gary, Toni Hebert, Margaret Siffert, Pam Begnaud, Denise Hebert, Bubba LaFleur, Wayne Begnaud
Altar Servers: Randall Greene, Kennedy Davis, William Davis