



# SAINT JOSEPH

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## DECEMBER 25, 2016 • THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

### PARISH MINISTERS

- Rev. William Schambough .....*Pastor*
- Chenell Privat .....*Secretary to the Pastor*
- Sandra Smith .....*Bookkeeper*
- Eva Green .....*Coordinator of 1st-5th Grade Religion*
- Kayla Robles...*Coordinator of 6th-11th Grade Religion*
- 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

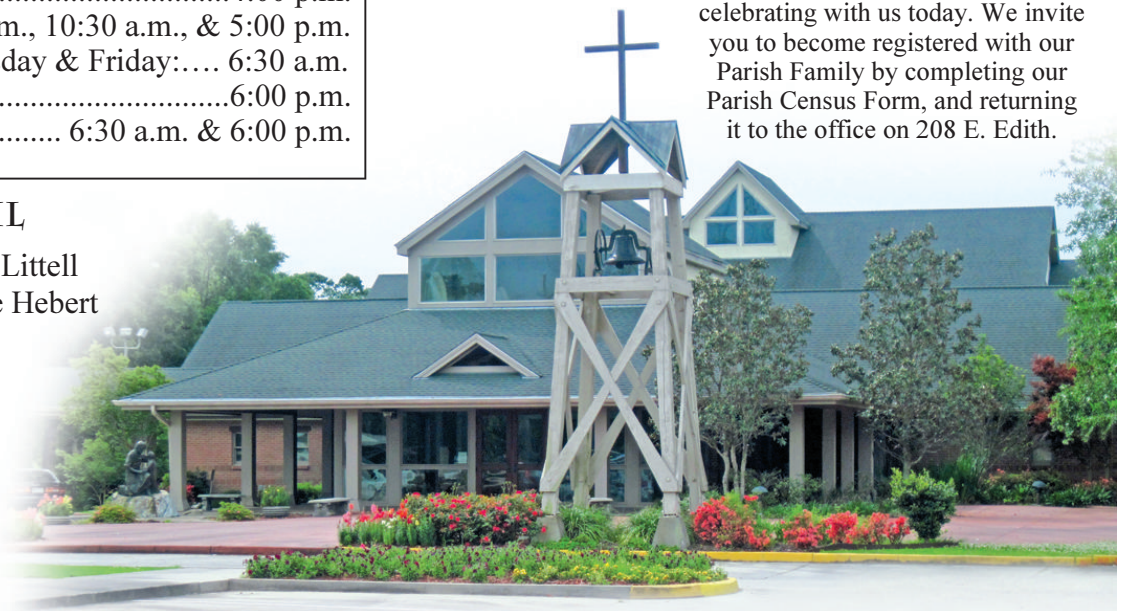
- Saturday:.....4:00 p.m.
- Sunday: .....8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday:.... 6:30 a.m.
- Thursday:.....6:00 p.m.
- Holy Days:..... 6:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

### PARISH TRUSTEES

- Linda Desormeaux
- Robert Landry



## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Today we celebrate that the prophetic dream of St. Joseph was fulfilled! Jesus is born! A Savior has come to deliver us--Emmanuel, "God is with us." Christmas is a feast of fulfillment, a holiday of deep and enduring happiness not only because God became man and was born of a woman, but because along with his Incarnation, God brought us freedom. Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah who sets us free from the misery of our own sins. This is the ultimate gift of Christmas Day.

We exchange gifts today as a sign of our love for one another to be sure, but also as a concrete, visible way to celebrate the gift that we have first received from God. We are free people! We are not slaves but rather the children of God whose priceless inheritance is to dwell in his kingdom for all eternity. On this most festive day of the year, we are invited to exult in this fact and spare little effort or expense to show our gratitude and joy.

We only must be careful not to reduce our celebrating today to something less glorious, something less meaningful, or less profound. This is no mere secular holiday. This is not just a ritual of family gatherings, elaborate evergreen trees and sumptuous meals. Christmas is a holy day and as Christians it is our day in a most definite and undeniable way. The treats and trimmings are all signs that remind us of what lies ahead for those who accept the real gift of Jesus Christ: an unending banquet of eternal delights and divine gifts that will never fail to satisfy. Yes, Christmas is a little taste of heaven, the perfect gift that lies in wait for those who love the Lord.

### 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 Rudolph Fabre Mary Hebert  
Kim Vincent Annette Pruitt Jeanne Simon

## Our Gift Back to God

Offertory (*Due to early printing, not available*). . . \$

**Thank You!**

**This Week's Second Collection**  
Family Life Ministry

**Next Week's Second Collection**  
Building & Maintenance Fund

For unto us is born this day a Savior! In response to so great a love, only the gift of my whole self will do. You have given us Yourself, dear Lord; in love and thanksgiving, I commit myself afresh to you.

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." - Lk 2:10-12

### Mass Intention

**Weekend of December 24th & 25th, 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)

L. L. Bourque (Anniv.), Douglas & Lula Lantier Duhon, Sr., Lewis & Maude Picard, M/M Gabriel Denais, Eugene Broussard, Beverly C. & Mildred B. Picard, Charles Myers, Felix & Ronnie Begnaud (Living), M/M Nolan Begnaud, M/M Leody Boudreaux, M/M W. Miller, Azamia & Sarah Hanks, Pat & Nolan Begnaud, Linda Kimball, M/M Theodule Baudoin & Family, Preston Hebert, Jr., Joseph & Valerie Broussard & Family, Maxine & Randy Romero, M/M Maxie Duhon, Emandolia Johnson, Mabel & Romain Hebert, M/M John Montesano, Edwin & Editha H. Simon, Kilren & Rose B. Cheramie, Dudley & Amie Denais, Clayus & Annie T. LeBlanc, Erwin & Winnie Bixenman, Patricia Smith, Dalfred John Guidry, Ryan Viator, M/M Robert Clostio & Family, Mabry, Tina Simon & Children, All Souls, Alfred & Louise Albert, Nola & Simeon Broussard, M/M Jules Hebert & Family, Lawrence Benoit, Sr., Beulah Toups, Louis Guidry, May Grace Duhon, Zachary Tucker, Etienne & Leona Clark, Percy & Ophelia Rabalais, Louis Theo Bares & Family, Betty Moore Badeaux, Eustis & Russell Toups, M/M Surville Girard, Allen Anslem, Laci Taquino, Emery Don Gallet, Dallas & Bernice Meyers, M/M Dewey Steiner, Geri Morvant & Family, Melba Melancon, Yenes & Elwood Baudoin, Preston Venable & Jacob Theriot, Willis Gerard & Family, M/M Damas Viator & Family, Clifford J. Viator, M/M Claude & Eddie & Horace Baudoin, Loyd Denais, M/M Deussard Baudoin, M/M Romain Broussard, Huey Theriot, Zachary Esters, M/M Etian Gallet, Lynn Denais Begnaud, Emily Kay Benoit, Francis & Lou Hebert, Lindsey Burley, Edvard Hebert Family, Olan & Marie LeMaire, Mary Lou David, Dallas Fabre, Living & Deceased Members of the Curtis J. Decou Family, Clifton & Lorena Broussard Family, Helaire & Matilda Decou & Family, Clifford "Bud" Broussard & Family, Stanley & Sostane Broussard, Allay Rose Prejean (Living) Howard Broussard, Gussie Decou, M/M Floyd Broussard, Robert Quebèdeaux, Lou D'Amico (Living), Joe Leehans (Living), Alphonse & Lula Domingue, Ernest & Laura Hebert, John Ivy & Hazel Broussard Family, Janet Frederick, Lisa Fasnacht

### Weekday Masses

Monday 26	All Souls
Tuesday 27	All Souls, First Responders & Those Serving in our Armed Forces
Wednesday 28	All Souls
Thursday 29	May Grace Duhon, Maxine "Granny Mac" B. Begnaud (Birthday)
Friday 30	St. Joseph Community

**Sanctuary Candle**  
May Grace Duhon  
M/M Ophe Broussard  
Adolphe & Miller Broussard



## The Octave Day of Christmas

### Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

#### New Year's Eve

Saturday, December 31st  
4:00 p.m.

#### New Year's Day

(Holy Day of Obligation)

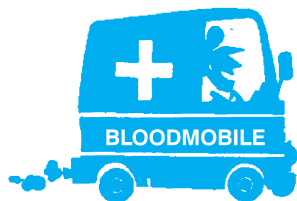
Sunday, January 1st  
8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

**Happy New Year!!**



**The Parish Office Closed** The office will be closed on **Thursday (29th), Friday (30th) and Monday (Jan. 2nd)** for the New Year Holiday. Wishing all of you a safe and Happy New Year!

**Children of Mary (First Saturday Adoration) Mass** is Saturday, **January 3rd**, with the Rosary at 8:00 a.m. and Mass at 8:30 a.m.



**United Blood Services** The Bloodmobile will be here at St. Joseph Church on **January 8th**, from 8:30 a.m. till 12:00 noon.

**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.

**The Next Rosary Making Class** will be held on Monday, **January 30th**, from 1:30-3:00 p.m. in the Life Center. Call Pat at 856-4648 for more information.

## Christmas Décor Remembrance

Alfred & Louise Albert  
Edmond & Emathide Albert  
Allen Anslam  
Theo Louis Bares  
Harry & Ruby Baudoin  
Elwood & Yenes Baudoin  
Emily Kay Benoit  
Lawrence Benoit, Sr.  
Lester "L. J." Bergeron  
Murray & Sophie H. Boudreaux  
Milton Bourgeois  
L. L. Bourque Family  
Russell Bourque  
M/M Alton Broussard  
M/M Edier Broussard  
Eli Broussard & Family  
Simeon & Emathilda Broussard, Sr.  
Simeon & Nola Broussard  
Adele Choplin  
Oray Choplin  
Aymar & Blanche Denais  
Loyd Denais  
Steven Dupont

Mrs. Dolores B. Eastin  
Kay Fortier  
Don Gallet  
Joe Gallet  
Randall & Karlan Greene  
Francis & Lou Hebert  
Mabel & Romain Hebert  
Preston Hebert Family  
Vincent Jimenez  
Louis & Euma Landry  
Robert "Tully" Landry  
Helen Larcade  
Steve Larcade  
Wilton Larcade  
Jeri Morvant  
Junius Norris  
Wanda Norris  
Mildred & Beverly Picard  
Anna Ramirez  
Mable Romero  
Rita Toups Smith  
Jacob Theriot  
Renola "Bootsy" Thibodeaux

Rod Thibodeaux  
Olida & Angellas  
Trahan  
Antoinea Trahan  
M/M Clobule E.  
Trahan  
Zachary Tucker  
Preston Venable  
Clifford Viator  
Wilson Viator



### Events This Week

**Mon. (26th):** Parish Office Closed  
No Events Scheduled

**Tues. (27th):** No Events Scheduled

**Wed. (28th):** No Events Scheduled

**Thurs. (29th):** No Events Scheduled  
Parish Office Closed

**Fri. (30th):** No Events Scheduled  
Parish Office Closed

**Sat. (31st):** The Solemnity of Mary  
Mass 4:00 p.m.

**Sun. (1st):** The Solemnity of Mary  
Masses: 8:00 & 10:30  
a.m.

**Thought of the Week** Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful. ~Norman Vincent Peale



**Icon Painting** Learn the ancient art of icon painting in the Russian-Byzantine style. The Saint Luke Guild is in its fourth year and is now accepting applications for 2017. The class objective is completion of one icon, provided attendance for the full five (5) weekends. Classes begin in January, at St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Church in Abbeville, and meet once monthly, for five weekends in total. For more information and a registration brochure and schedule, you may contact Christine Daunis at [christinedaunis@yahoo.com](mailto:christinedaunis@yahoo.com) or (225) 252-3090.

**Word of Life:** "What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." *For all Christians: May the light of Jesus' birth enflame our hearts to welcome and protect the gift of each person's life.*

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31/Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Ps 124/Mt 2:13-18

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96/Lk 2:22-35

Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96/Jn 1:1-18

### Next Sunday's Readings

Numbers 6:22-27

Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:16-21

**Theology of the Body Level II**

Will consists of 8, 60 minute videos narrated by Christopher West and moderated by Adele Guillot, MA Theology. It is an Evangelization Tool and the Theological foundation of the Culture of Life with the family at its center. Along with the videos, the participants will use the accompanying workbook to better synthesize the teachings “Theology of the Body”- Level II. Must be 18 years of age or older. There is no charge for classes, \$20.00 per workbook. It will be held at the Immaculata Center, 1408 Carmel Drive, John XXIII Meeting Room. Dates: **January 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th and February 1st, 8th, 17th & 22nd** from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Please register by calling 261-5607 or for questions email Adele at [maguillot27@gmail.com](mailto:maguillot27@gmail.com).

**Companions Along the Journey**

Is a bereavement support group for those 18 years of age or older. The group meets from 12:00-1:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of each month in the Katherine Drexel Room of Immaculata Center (1408 Carmel Drive). The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, **January 9th**. For more information please call 261-5607.

**Remember Me Support Group**

Remember Me is a faith-based support group for caregivers, family, and friends of individuals who are coping with dementia/ Alzheimer’s. No cost or registration is necessary; those who are in need of support are simply invited to come and share ideas and resources with one another. It will be held on Monday, **January 16th**, at 6:30 p.m. The group meets in the Ministries Building of St. Elizabeth Seton (610 Raintree Trail) every third Monday of each month. For more information contact the parish office at 234-1483.

*“A priest is not a priest for himself, he is a priest for you.” - Cure of Ars*

**Please Pray for Our Priest:**

- Rev. Borgia Aubespain, SVD
- Rev. Emmanuel Awe, SSSJ
- Rev. Donald Bahlinger, SJ
- Rev. Matthew Barzare
- Rev. Herbert Bennerfield
- Rev. Lloyd Benoit
- Rev. Paul Bergeron

**Retrouvaille** is a ministry for couples in troubled marriages. It is a lifeline for troubled or broken marriages and hurting couples. It is for married couples anxious about their marriage, alone or distant from their partner, disillusioned or bored in their marriage, or who are experiencing coldness or conflict. Retrouvaille has a weekend schedule for **January 20th-22nd** in the Acadiana area. For more information or to register for the weekend, please contact Stacy or Donea at (985) 714-2442/2443, or Bill and Andi at 337-298-5170. You may also visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).



**Icon Workshop/Retreat**

The Diocese of Lafayette Office of Worship is sponsoring a week-long residential icon painting workshop at the Jesuit Spirituality Center in Grand Coteau, from **January 30th** through **February 5th**. Instructor is Dmitri Andreyev of the Porsopon School of Iconology. Participants will leave with a completed icon of St. Michael the Archangel, Leader of the Heavenly Hosts. Cost is \$1,230.00 and includes room and board for the week, 36 hours of painting instruction, and all art supplies. For more information, please contact Faye Drobnic at [fdrobnic@diolaf.org](mailto:fdrobnic@diolaf.org) or call 261-5554.

**Marriage Enrichment**

Join Jim Schellman for a day of formation for married couples to deepen their marriage covenant in Jesus Christ. Inspired by the Catechumenal Model of adult formation, couples will have the opportunity to focus their hopes, dreams, worries and sufferings on Christ. The full day workshop will be held at the Immaculata Center, Saturday, **February 4th**, from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. The cost of the retreat is \$75.00, which will include your lunch and all supplies. Registration closes on January 20th!

**Liturgical Ministers December 31st, 2016 & January 1st, 2017  
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 31st, 4:00 p.m.**

- Sacristan:** Mona Zeringue
- Lectors:** Mona Zeringue, Chenell Privat
- Eucharistic Ministers:** Sherry Kenner, Deidre Toups, Eadie Slimbach
- Altar Servers:** Kaleb Lail, Alyssa Lail, Isabella Lail

**Sunday, January 1st, 8:00 a.m.**

- Sacristan:** Robert & Angie Landry
- Lectors:** Jesse Kebodeaux, Suzie Kebodeaux
- Eucharistic Ministers:** Donna Pitre, Robert Landry, Angie Landry, Grant Bourque, Monica Bourque, Jed Bourque, Mary Adams
- Altar Servers:** John Luke Bourque, Noah Bourque, Peyton Albert

**Sunday, January 1st, 10:30 a.m.**

- Sacristan:** Stephanie Broussard
- Lectors:** Stephanie Broussard, Cindy Fontenot
- Eucharistic Ministers:** Lynne Gautreaux, Joan Morvant, Kim Sonnier, Cindy LeBlanc, Gerard Labat, Carey Lavergne, Walter Bergeron
- Altar Servers:** Jude Bourque, Walker Bares, Emily Landry