



SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Offices located at 208 E. Edith • Lafayette, LA 70508

MARCH 12, 2017 • SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

PARISH MINISTERS

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

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.

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.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

PARISH TRUSTEES

Linda Desormeaux
Robert Landry



2nd Sunday of Lent

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When they heard this divine declaration, Peter, James, and John fell on the ground, trembling in fear. The gleaming vision of Jesus miraculously transfigured before them, and the appearance of the two prophets who had been dead for ages, didn't knock them over. Rather, the clear voice of God that followed this apparition struck fear into their hearts. The first part of the heavenly announcement certainly confirmed what they had just seen-the unveiled glory of Jesus' divinity. But these words included another element, a command from on high: "Listen to him." Perhaps part of the fear that shook these men was the solemn realization that Christ's divinity demands more than our respect. It demands our response.

Knowing that Jesus is God is only part one. We are also called to follow him, by heeding his teachings and imitating his example. Lent is a special time to examine just how well we are "listening" to Christ. It is a season to uncover the areas where we are deaf to his word, or at least where we are pretending not to hear it. To this end, we have the Lenten exercises of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. First and foremost, in prayer we literally pause to listen. We do our best to quiet ourselves and ask God to speak to us in the depths of our hearts. By fasting, we learn to silence the demands of those physical cravings that too often take first priority in our lives. And through the practice of giving alms, we train ourselves to hear the voice of "the least of these," in whom Christ himself is present. This Lent, may we respond wholeheartedly to God's command to listen to his Son.

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 Goldie Broussard
- Joyce Comeaux Grace Credeur Evelyn Landry
- James Benoit Dolores Benoit Kathryn Trahan
- Diane Johnson Bobby Trahan Charlie Harrington
- Betty Thibodeaux Rudolph Fabre Kim Vincent
- Mary Marceaux Luby Landry J. V. Landry
- Papa John Ladner Julie Credeur

Our Gift Back to God

Offertory	\$11,693.76
Mailed/Dropped in Office	+ 1,400.00
Total (March 5th).....	\$13,093.76
Weekly Goal	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus our Goal	+\$1,093.76
Ash Wednesday	\$ 2,251.25

Thank You!

This Week's Second Collection
Catholic Relief Services

Next Week's Second Collection
Eastern Europe

"Bear your share of the hardship which the gospel entails," St. Paul tells Timothy in today's second reading. What sacrifice is asked of me for the sake of the Gospel? How willing am I to bear my share?

Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." - Mt 17:4-5

Mass Intention

Weekend of March 11th & 12th, 2017
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)

Preston Venable & Jacob Theriot, Percy & Ophelia Rabalais, Mabry, Tina Simon & Children (His Birthday), John Doucet, Lewis & Maude Picard, Ryan Viator, Raymond LeJeune, Kay Fortier (Birthday), Dorothy Miller, Stanley & Sostane Broussard (Sostane's Birthday), Joe Gallet (Anniv.), Eugene Broussard, Clifford J. Viator & Family, Jerry Viator, Dudley & Amie Denais, Geri Morvant & Family, Special Intention, Louis Theo Bares & Family, M/M Deussard Baudoin, Junius & Wanda Norris, Yenes & Elwood Baudoin, M/M Rawley Bernard, Zachary Esters, Linda Kimball, Patricia Smith, Loyd Denais (Birthday)

Weekday Masses

- Monday 13 Sick of the Parish
- Tuesday 14 First Responders & Those Serving in our Armed Forces
- Wednesday 15 Evola Comeaux
- Thursday 16 Vocations to the Priesthood
- Friday 17 Melba Melancon (Anniversary)

Sanctuary Candle
Ronald Bourque



Lent

Way of the Cross

(Every Thursday during Lent) 6:30 p.m.

Consider Daily Mass as part of your Lenten observance. Mass times are as follows:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday
6:30 a.m.
Thursday
6:00 p.m.

Confessions: Our regular times for Sacrament of Reconciliation will continue as usual, 20 minutes before daily Mass. Saturday from 3:00-3:55 p.m. as well as by appointment.

The Elderberries Next Social

will be held on Tuesday, **March 14th**, at 9:30 a.m. in the Life Center. Bring your favorite covered dish and a friend!

Holy Hour with Adoration Join us on Wednesdays for Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the following dates: **March 15th and 22nd** from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



St. Jo 5K Jog/Walk 2017 Our Annual one mile run/walk and 5k Jog will be held on Saturday, **March 18th**. Registration and Sponsor Forms can be found on-line at www.stjo-milton.org or in the gathering area of Church. Any business or persons interested in contributing items for door prizes can drop these off at the Rectory or if you would like to volunteer to help with this event call the rectory at 856-5997. Come and cheer on Milton's best. Walkers and strollers are welcome to participate. We will have a DJ, pancake and sausage breakfast, and door prizes. The one mile run/walk begins at 9:00 a.m. followed by the 5K at 9:30 a.m. You can also register the day of the race. **Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. on the day of the race!**

Events This Week

- Mon. (13th):** 4th & 5th CCD
RCIA 7:00-8:00
- Tues. (14th):** Elderberries Social
9:30 a.m.-12:00 (Lf. Ctr.)
2nd Grade CCD
Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.
- Wed. (15th):** Holy Hour 7:00 p.m.
1st & 3rd CCD
- Thurs. (16th):** Way of the Cross
6:30 p.m.
- Fri. (17th):** No Events Scheduled
Parish Office Closed
- Sat. (18th):** **ST. JO 5K JOG/WALK**
- Sun. (19th):** Middle School CCD



The Knights of Columbus will have their next meeting on Thursday, **March 23rd**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Life Center.

The Next Baptism Seminar will be held on Tuesday, **April 11th**, at 6:30 p.m. in Church. Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy to avoid undue delays.

Word of Life "To couples who cannot have children of their own, you are no less loved by God; your love for each other is complete and fruitful when it is open to others." *For couples longing to have children: May God comfort them with the assurance of his steadfast love.*

Religious Education First Communion Retreat A First Communion

Retreat will be held on Saturday, **April 1st**, from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. If you should have any questions or concerns, please call Eva Green at 856-0800.



Decree Whereas, the disciplinary practice of abstaining from meat products on the Fridays in Lent is an important dimension of the penitential nature of the season and applies to all Roman Catholics who have reached the age of fourteen (Canon 1252); Whereas, this year, the Feast of St. Patrick, March 17th, falls on a Friday in Lent, and given the many celebrations that occur on this day in commemoration of St. Patrick and especially of the Irish heritage, in accord with the norm of law; Therefore, I herewith grant to all Catholics of the Diocese as well as all present here that day, a dispensation from abstinence from meat products. All who make use of this dispensation are to engage in another sacrificial or charitable act that day. Most Reverend J. Douglas Deshotel, DD, Bishop of Lafayette.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13/Lk 6:36-38
- Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23/Mt 23:1-12
- Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14-16/Mt 20:17-28
- Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 16:19-31
- Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

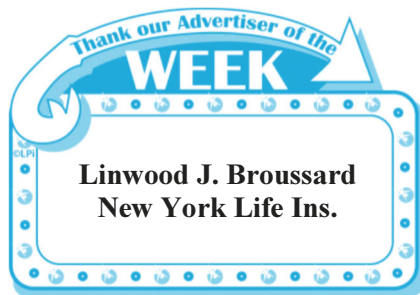
Next Sunday's Readings

- Exodus 17:3-7
- Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9
- Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
- John 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b, 39a, 40-42

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 one is scheduled for **March 13th**. For more information, please call 261-5607.

Five Wishes Workshop St. Mary Church, 419 Doucet Road, will host Mr. Mike Blanchard of Hospice of Acadiana as he presents the Five Wishes Workshop in the parish hall on Wednesday, **March 22nd**, from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Completing Five Wishes is a gift to your family, friend's and your doctor because it keeps them out of the difficult position of having to guess what kind of treatment you want or don't want in case you can't speak for yourself. The presentation will focus on basic information that encourages those who participate to put in writing their health care preferences, helping their caregivers to know exactly what they want. To register or to request additional information for this event, please contact JoAnn at 981-3379.

Christ in the City! An evening of adoration, confession, reflection, and fellowship for young adults ages 20s and 30s. Held at St. Mary Mother of God Church, Doucet Road on the first Thursday of the Month at 7:00 p.m.



Thought of the Week *The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong.*

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

Please Pray for Our Priest:

- Rev. Darren Eldridge
- Rev. Peter Emusa
- Rev. Cyprian Eze
- Rev. Richard Fabre
- Rev. Joel Faulk
- Rev. Kendal Faulk
- Rev. Emmanuel Fernandez

"Current of Grace" is the theme for the 50th Anniversary "Golden Jubilee" Conference of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, **March 31st-April 2nd**, at the Best Western Plus Landmark Hotel, Metairie. Pope Francis has called upon the Charismatic Renewal to "share the grace of the Baptism in the Spirit with the whole Church." This conference is designed to do just that. Special session for Youth and Families Saturday afternoon. Inspiring music, Prayer for Healing, Late Night Worship for Youth and Young at Heart. Pre-register at www.ccrno.org. Single Sessions register at the door. For more information on schedule call 504-828-1368 or visit the above website.

A Catholic Journey Through Grief Each year the office of Marriage and Family Life will offer two retreats entitled "A Catholic Journey Through Grief." One will be in the spring and the other in the fall. It will consist of a full day retreat with a follow up session two weeks later. The next scheduled retreat will be held on **April 2nd** at Immaculata Center in Lafayette. The retreat will be led by Joan Broussard. Joan is a published author, writing several magazine articles on the gifts of the sacraments. She has recently published the Second Edition of her first book, Grief Guts and Grace where she offers guidance, and practical wisdom to those struggling with grief and loss. Joan has been offering Spiritual Direction since 2007 and she currently serves as a member of the Louisiana Spiritual Directors organization. The cost of the event will be \$30.00 which will include your supplies for both days and lunch for your retreat day. Please visit www.dio.laf, click on parishes, click on central deanery and then calendar of events for more information or to register for this event.

**Liturgical Ministers March 18th & 19th, 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, March 18th, 4:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Mona Zeringue
Lectors: Mona Zeringue, Wally Broussard
Eucharistic Ministers: Sylvia Broussard, Eileen Massie, Ricky Broussard
Altar Servers: Abigail Stacks, Morgan Massie, Graham Verret

Sunday, March 19th, 8:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Kat Trahan
Lectors: Toddy Guidry, Trish Marullo
Eucharistic Ministers: Liz Lanier, Vance Lanier, Henri Quereau, Ryan Ward, Kat Trahan, Mable Chiasson, Gwen Miller
Altar Servers: Morgan Marullo, Madison Marullo, Luke Blanchard

Sunday, March 19th, 10:30 a.m.

Sacristan: Dan Guidry
Lectors: Sandra Broussard, Mary Ann Hebert
Eucharistic Ministers: Stacey Frederick, Joan Morvant, Leslie Breaux, Cindy LeBlanc, Dan Guidry, Walter Bergeron, Dina Segura
Altar Servers: Walker Bares, Austin Ward, Joseph Kreamer

Sunday, March 19th, 5:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Natalie Hidalgo
Lectors: Dennis Dumas, Natalie Hidalgo
Eucharistic Ministers: Ali Zeringue, Terry Smith, Victoria Fouquier, Debbie Dumas, Missy Francois, Paul Guillot, Michelle Guillot
Altar Servers: Juel Smith, Cooper Poff, Noah Poff