



SAINT JOSEPH

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MARCH 26, 2017 • FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

PARISH MINISTERS

Rev. William Schambough*Pastor*
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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



4th SUNDAY OF LENT

"Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him." The prevailing theology of Jesus' time led people to believe that any kind of disability was a punishment from God. So Jesus' disciples assumed that the man born blind suffered that affliction because of someone's sin: either his parents' or his own. But Jesus sets the record straight. Not only did he reject the idea that the blindness was a punishment for sin; he also went so far as to suggest that this very trial was an opportunity for God's glory to be revealed.

And sure enough, it was. Jesus worked a miracle of healing for the man who followed his directions and "came back able to see." So it was that the "works of God" became "visible" through a man who was blind! But, ironically, not everyone had the eyes to see the miracle. The Gospel tells us that "there was a division among them" as they debated whether this remarkable healing was really an act of God.

Jesus stated that he came "so that those who do not see might see." And so, who are we? Are we blinded by our own expectations of how God is supposed to work? Are we so caught up in our own vision of what we wish would happen that we fail to appreciate what is actually unfolding before our very eyes? It is so easy to perceive trials, disabilities, sickness, and misfortune as a curse or the result of being abandoned by God. But today's Gospel suggests another reality. In the midst of these very difficulties, God wants to reveal himself, to show his love and mercy. It may not always be in the exact way we expect, but without a doubt, even in these challenging realms, God is always at work.

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
- 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
- Julie Credeur Goldie Broussard Eura V. Simon
- Pete Venable

Our Gift Back to God

Offertory	\$12,868.00
Mailed/Dropped in Office	+ 628.00
Total (March 19th).....	\$13,496.00
Weekly Goal	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus our Goal	+\$1,496.00
Eastern Europe.....	\$ 1,744.00

Thank You!

This Week's Second Collection
Religious Education

Next Week's Second Collection
Building & Maintenance Fund

The blind man was willing to let Jesus minister to him and willingly did all Jesus asked of him. The Pharisees were more resistant to His message, spending their time and energy to disprove the miracle. Which am I more like, the man born blind or the Pharisees?

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. - Jn 9:35-38

Mass Intention

Weekend of March 25th & 26th, 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, John Doucet, Zachary Esters, Eugene Broussard, Zachary Tucker, Stanley Broussard (Anniv.), M/M Deussard Baudoin, Jerry Viator, Willis Gerard & Family, M/M Rawley Bernard (Her Anniv.), Geri Morvant & Family, M/M Gabriel Denais (Her Anniv.), Linda Kimball, Lewis & Maude Picard, Louis Theo Bares & Family, Clifford J. Viator & Family, Ryan Viator, Junius & Wanda Norris, Patricia Smith

Weekday Masses

- Monday 27 Sick of the Parish
- Tuesday 28 First Responders & Those Serving in our Armed Forces
- Wednesday 29 St. Joseph Community
- Thursday 30 Lynn Denais Begnaud (Anniversary)
- Friday 31 Vocations to the Priesthood

Sanctuary Candle

Previous Priests



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.

2017 St. Jo 5K Jog! We would like to thank all those who sponsored, donated items for door prizes or came out to help with our annual St. Jo 5K Jog! It was a beautiful day to run/walk or just visit with fellow parishioners.

First Saturday Adoration (Children of Mary) Saturday, **April 1st**, Rosary at 8:00 a.m. and Mass at 8:30 a.m. All are welcome!

STM Hopfest is a music festival that will raise money for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Acadiana as well as our Options or special needs program. It will be held on Saturday, **April 8**, from 11:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. at Parc International. Featuring Marc Broussard, Terry and the Zydeco Bad Boys, Louisiana Red and more! Tickets available on Eventbrite.com.

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.



Events This Week

- Mon. (27th):** 4th & 5th CCD
- Tues. (28th):** 2nd Grade CCD
Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.
- Wed. (29th):** 1st & 3rd CCD
- Thurs. (30th):** Way of the Cross
6:30 p.m. (Church)
- Fri. (31st):** No Events Scheduled
Parish Office Closed
- Sat. (1st):** First Saturday Adoration
Rosary 8:00 a.m.
Mass 8:30 a.m.
First Communion Retreat
9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. (Life Center)
- Sun. (2nd):** Middle School CCD
Last Class

The Triduum Liturgies are our fullest most complete expression and understanding of Jesus the Christ. All are invited to this special presentation hosted by Holy Cross, 415 Robley Drive, on **April 3rd & 4th**, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. nightly. This two-part series will be presented by Jim Schellman. For more information please call 984-9636.

Word of Life “When God created each of us, He did so with precision and purpose, and He looks on each of us with love that cannot be outdone in intensity or tenderness.” *For all Christians: Through the eyes of faith, may we see and treat each other as masterpieces of God’s creation.*

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.

First Communion will be held on Saturday, **April 8th**, at 10:00 a.m. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Eva Green at 856-0800.

Confirmation will be held on Saturday, **April 29th**, at 4:00 p.m. Please call Eva Green at 856-0800 if you should have any questions or concerns.

“Do You Love Me?” Please join Fr. Blessing and Debbie Arceneaux in discussing Jesus’ question to us, “Do you love me?” It will be held on Saturday, **April 1st**, from 8:30 a.m. till 12:00 Noon at Holy Cross in the Mission Hall gym, Bldg. M.

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b/Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-15, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-23/Jn 5:31-47
- Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-21, 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday’s Readings

- Ezekiel 37:12-14
- Psalms 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
- Romans 8:8-11
- John 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

“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.

Service of Tenebrae St. Peter Church, 108 E. St. Peter Street, New Iberia, will offer the Service of Tenebrae, centered on the chanting of the Lamentations of the Prophet Jeremiah which is set to an ancient Gregorian Melody. Interspersed are choral selections that focus on the Passion and Death of Christ. Selections this year are by such composers as: Dubra, Palestria, and Dubois. It will be held Wednesday, **April 5th**, at 7:00 p.m. For more information, please call Ben LeBleu at 465-2164.



Thought of the Week Before you act, listen. Before you react, think. Before you spend, earn. Before you criticize, wait. Before you pray, forgive. Before you quit, try.

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

Please Pray for Our Priest:
 Rev. Mitchell Guidry
 Rev. Brad Guillory
 Bishop Curtis Guillory, SVD
 Rev. Joshua Guillory, JCL
 Rev. Jude Halphen
 Rev. Brian Harrington
 Pope Francis

Come and See St. Joseph’s Seminary College Vocations Weekend Retreat, Palm Sunday, **April 7th-9th**. If you are a Catholic young man who has wondered about the priesthood, this retreat is a perfect opportunity to check out seminary life and discern the vocation God desires for you. Men, 16 years and older, this weekend is about how to discern God’s call for your life. There is no cost. All meals are provided. Free transportation is provided from Lafayette. To register, contact Fr. Kevin Bordelon at 261-5690 or email vocations@dio.laf.org.



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 April 1st & 2nd, 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, April 1st, 4:00 p.m.
Sacristan: Cheryl Prejean
Lectors: Gail Dysart, Shelly Broussard
Eucharistic Ministers: Eadie Slimbach, Michelle Bayard, Ricky Broussard
Altar Servers: Kaleb Lail, Alyssa Lail, Isabella Lail

Sunday, April 2nd, 8:00 a.m.
Sacristan: Doug & Sue Duhon
Lectors: Robert Cole, Judy Cole
Eucharistic Ministers: Doug Duhon, Sue Duhon, Ruthie Denais, Jeron LaFarque, Becky Prejean, Liz Curnutt, Joseph Santiago
Altar Servers: Parker Broussard, Logan Broussard, Reed Broussard

Sunday, April 2nd, 10:30 a.m.
Sacristan: Leurline Norris
Lectors: Walter Bergeron, Cindy Fontenot
Eucharistic Ministers: Cindy LeBlanc, Joan Morvant, Leurline Norris, Gerard Labat, Lynn Gautreaux, Vicki Jacques, Stacey Frederick
Altar Servers: Austin Ward, Elizabeth Roy, Walker Bares

Sunday, April 2nd, 5:00 p.m.
Sacristan: Steve & Sharon Moore
Lectors: Steve Moore, Sharon Moore
Eucharistic Ministers: Ouida Roy, Jerry Besson, Kristie Besson, Mary Richard, Toni Hebert, Ali Zeringue, Macy Toups
Altar Servers: Caleb Tavares, Meghan Tavares, Elias Bernard