



SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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AUGUST 20, 2017 • TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH MINISTERS

Rev. William Schambough*Pastor*
 Deacon Keith Duhon*Deacon*
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 Sandra Smith*Bookkeeper*
 Eva Green*Coordinator of 1st-11th 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



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." This woman was an outsider. She was a Canaanite, not an Israelite, and as such she would have been considered ritually unclean. But she approached Jesus nonetheless and asked for his help. And Jesus used this opportunity to teach his disciples an important lesson.

In the verses directly before today's passage, Jesus had told Peter that what defiles a person comes from the heart, not from ignoring external purity practices. Then, Jesus traveled with his disciples from Galilee to the region of Tyre and Sidon where they were much more likely to encounter someone considered to be unclean.

At first it appeared that Jesus wasn't going to acknowledge the woman who begged for help. His comment, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs," was a common comparison between Jews (the children) and Canaanites (the dogs). But, in fact, Jesus said this only to go right ahead and break this social code! He showed by his actions that it did not matter whether someone was Jewish or not, what mattered was the faith in a person's heart. And this woman proved to Jesus and the doubting disciples that she had great faith. How many others would have even approached Jesus to ask for his help? How many others would have persevered when he appeared unresponsive? By pausing in his response, and first mentioning the standard reply, Jesus gave this woman the opportunity to demonstrate her great faith. And then, he answered her request and praised her extraordinary faith. What a lesson for his prejudiced disciples! And what a lesson for us, both to persevere in faith, and never to judge others on mere appearances.

Please Pray For The Sick

- Lisa Landry Cindy Stelly Brad Richard Joe Credeur
- Gracie Broussard Wilda Bares Meyer Moore
- Lucy Broussard Chase Conway Stoute Trisha Doucet
- Janie Bordeaux Norval Knapp Brennen Albert
- Margie Decou Beridon Susan Vincent Gunner Breaux
- Joyce Comeaux Grace Credeur Evelyn Landry
- James Benoit Dolores Benoit Kathryn Trahan
- Diane Johnson Bobby Trahan Charlie Harrington
- Betty Thibodeaux Rudolph Fabre Kim Vincent
- Luby Landry Goldie Broussard Lilly Mae Romero
- Dina Broussard Samuel Simon

Our Gift Back to God

Offertory	\$10,336.60
Mailed/Dropped in Office	+ 2,165.00
Total August 13th	\$12,501.60
Weekly Goal	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus our Goal	\$ +501.60

Thank You!

In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Romans, "God's gifts and his call are irrevocable." To what is God calling me today? What gifts are mine to share?

"It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:26b-28

Mass Intention

Weekend of August 19th & 20th, 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)

Gerome Duhon (Birthday), Samuel & Lou Ella Blanchard, M/M Opta Sellers, M/M Dalton Sellers, M/M Olan LeMaire, All Souls, Etienne & Leona Clark, Mary Lou David, Jacob Theriot, Zachary Esters, Eugene Broussard, Ryan Viator, Allen Anslem (Birthday), Pam McDonald, M/M Ophelais Hebert, Preston Venable, Jerry Viator, Lewis & Maude Picard, Joanna C. Hebert (8th Anniv.)

Weekday Masses

- Monday 21 Sick of the Parish
- Tuesday 22 First Responders & Those Serving in our Armed Forces
- Wednesday 23 Vocations to the Priesthood
- Thursday 24 Souls in Purgatory
- Friday 25 Eddie Lewis, Jr. (6th Anniversary)

Sanctuary Candle

- Mildred B. Picard (Anniversary)
- In Thanksgiving for Rafael Wesley Khune (Living)
- Wilson Viator (Birthday)





The **Knights of Columbus** will have their next meeting on Thursday, **August 24th**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Life Center.

Centennial Campaign Thank you again to everyone who gave to the **Centennial Campaign: Building Our Future Together**. If you would like to join in this historic effort, it's not too late. St. Joseph Church is still accepting gifts and pledges. Pledge cards are available at the Church Office. When remitting payments or making new gift or pledge to the campaign, make checks payable to "Centennial Campaign". Payments are to be mailed to the Diocese of Lafayette, Centennial Campaign Office, 1408 Carmel Drive, Lafayette, LA 70501. To initiate a pledge or make a gift online visit diolaf.org.

Food for the Journey The Central Deanery of the Diocese of Lafayette presents "Food for the Journey", a monthly lunchtime speakers series designed to help Catholics live out our faith in our daily lives. Food for the Journey will be held on Wednesday, **September 6th**, at Rive Oaks Catering and Event Center, 520 E. Kaliste Saloom Road, beginning at 12:00 noon. An optional buffet is available for purchase beginning at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome to come "eat and be fed" - *please bring a friend!* Pre-registration is not required. For more information, please call Danielle Huval at 232-1322.



Events This Week

- Mon. (21st):** No Events Scheduled
- Tues. (22nd):** No Events Scheduled
- Wed. (23rd):** High School Teacher Meeting 6:30-7:30 (Life Center)
- Thurs. (24th):** Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:30 p.m. (Life Center)
- Fri. (25th):** Parish Office Closed
- Sat. (26th):** No Events Scheduled
- Sun. (27th):** No Events Scheduled

The Next Baptism Seminar will be held on Thursday, **September 14th**, at 6:30 p.m. in Church. Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy to avoid undue delays.

Word of Life "The effectiveness of our commitment to peace depends on our understanding of human life. If we want peace, let us defend life!" *For our country: May the Lord, the giver of life, grant that respect for each person shapes our law and way of life.*



A High School Teacher Meeting for 9th, 10th & 11th grades will be held on Wednesday, **August 23rd**, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Life Center. For more information, contact Eva at 856-0800.

Religious Registration Deadline will be Monday, **August 28th**, at 7:00 p.m.

A First Communion Parent Meeting will be held on Monday, **August 28th**, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Life Center. If you should have any questions or concerns, please call Eva at 856-0800.

Parent Orientation for 6th, 7th & 8th Grade CCD will be held on Tuesday, **August 29th**, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Life Center.

Parent Orientation for High School CCD will be held on Wednesday, **August 30th**, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Life Center.

Religious Ed Start Dates: High School, **September 10th**, 3rd, 4th & 5th Grade, **September 11th**, 1st & 2nd Grade, **September 13th**, and 6th, 7th & 8th Grade **September 17th**. Please visit www.stjo-milton.org for these dates by clicking on *calendar* under the *news and events tab*.

A Parent & Confirmation Candidate Meeting will be held on Tuesday, **September 12th**, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Life Center. Please call Eva Green at 856-0800 for any questions or concerns.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44/Mt 19:16-22
- Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-14/Mt 19:23-30
- Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-7/Mt 20:1-16
- Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51
- Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-10/Mt 22:34-40
- Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-5/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday's Readings

- Isaiah 22:19-23
- Psalms 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8
- Romans 11:33-36
- Matthew 16:13-20

Adopt-A-Senior for “Meals on Wheels” The Adopt-A-Senior program offers you the opportunity to make a tax-deductible contribution that impacts someone in our local community. When you choose to adopt a senior, you have the knowledge that you have made a large impact on someone’s life. You may request the name of the individual you have adopted. As the senior population grows, the waiting list for meals also grows. If you are interested in the program and would like more information, contact Larry Baker at 262-5990.

Infant Mortality Awareness Month In conjunction with Infant Mortality Awareness Month in September, all are invited to this special service in support of parents who have suffered the untimely loss of their young ones. The service will take place in St. John Plaza, on the Cathedral grounds near the cemetery on Tuesday, **September 5th**, at 6:30 p.m. For further details please call the Office of Pro-Life Apostolate at 261-5607.

Tips for a Happier Marriage: Simple Ways for Couples to Grow Closer to God and to Each Other All married couples are invited to an evening of marriage enrichment with Fr. Jude Halphen, Director of the Office of Marriage and Family Life. Fr. Halphen will be presenting “Tips for a Happier Marriage: Simple Ways for Couples to Grow Closer to God and to Each Other.” This event is free to attend, but registration is required by calling the office at 261-5653 or visiting www.dio.org/marriage-enrichment. It will be held on Wednesday, **September 6th**, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Thought of the week Ask Jesus what he wants from you and Be Brave. Pope Francis

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

Please Pray for Our Priest:
 Rev. Lawrence Abara
 Rev. Ambrose Akalawu, CSSp
 Rev. Alexander Albert
 Msgr. Robert Angelle
 Very Rev. Chester Arceneaux, VF
 Rev. Michael Arnaud
 Rev. Borgia Aubespain, SVD

Women’s Work Day Saturday, **September 23rd**, at Our Lady of Sorrows Retreat Center, 103 Railroad Ave., St. Martinville. Work begins at 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. with 12:00 noon Holy Mass. Lunch is provided. Work includes cleaning, yard work, sewing, painting, etc. Come when you can and stay as long as you can. If you have any questions, please call 394-6550.



Silent Retreat for Women September 29th-October 1st. Members of the Community of Jesus Crucified are conducting a silent retreat for women that will inspire and challenge you to fall deeper in love with the Lord. During the retreat you will have quiet time to pray, opportunities to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation, Mass, adoration of the Eucharist, and free time to stroll through the beautiful Retreat Center grounds. Because the Community wants to place no obstacles in the way of those who truly want to make a retreat, the retreats are conducted free of charge. Please make sure and bring a Bible, paper and pencil/pen, toiletries, towels and washcloths. The Retreat will be held at Our Lady of Sorrows Retreat Center, 103 Railroad Ave., St. Martinville. To register, contact Cheryl Moss at 453-2385.



Liturgical Ministers August 26th & 27th, 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, August 26th, 4:00 p.m.
Sacristan: Cyndi Miller
Lectors: Cyndi Miller, Dan LaPointe
Eucharistic Ministers: Anna Bernard, Eadie Slimbach, Deidre Toups
Altar Servers: Abigail Stacks, Graham Verret

Sunday, August 27th, 8:00 a.m.
Sacristan: Kat Trahan
Lectors: Toddy Guidry, Joe Miller
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Adams, Henri Quereau, Ryan Ward, Monica Bourque, Jed Bourque, Grant Bourque, Jeron Lafarque
Altar Servers: John Luke Bourque, Noah Bourque

Sunday, August 27th, 10:30 a.m.
Sacristan: Leurline Norris
Lectors: Lisa McCowen, Martha Landreneau
Eucharistic Ministers: Cindy LeBlanc, Lisa LeBlanc, Leurline Norris, Walter Bergeron, Lynn Gautreaux, Joan Morvant, Vickie Jacques
Altar Servers: Joseph Kreamer, Holden Martin

Sunday, August 27th, 5:00 p.m.
Sacristan: Mary Landry
Lectors: James Blanchard, Margaret Greene
Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Keith Duhon, Kristie Besson, Jerry Besson, Ouida Roy, Sarah Blady, Toni Hebert, Mary Landry
Altar Servers: Meghan Tavares, Randall Greene, Alyssa Blanchard