



SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SEPTEMBER 17, 2017 • TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH MINISTERS

Rev. William Schambough*Pastor*
Deacon Keith Duhon*Deacon*
Chenell Privat*Secretary to the Pastor*
Sandra Smith*Bookkeeper*
Eva Green*Coordinator of 1st-11th Grade Religion*
Martha Landreneau*Safe Environment Coordinator*

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



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?" The parable Jesus tells today is the story of a king, but in truth it is about Jesus himself. He is the "king" who has forgiven our debts. We are the "servants" whose sins have earned us chastisement. But when we repent and ask for Christ's mercy, he grants it to us without hesitation.

The point of the parable, then, is that we too should extend this mercy to others. We should not be like that "wicked servant" who begged for mercy but would not show it to others. Elsewhere, Jesus teaches us to pray, "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors" (Mt. 6:12). We use different words, but a similar meaning when we pray the Our Father asking God to "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." But are we sure that we mean what we say?

It's important to pause and evaluate how we are doing in this regard. Are we harboring any grudges? Are there people we refuse to forgive? Is there a situation where we are seeking revenge instead of extending mercy? Jesus asks us to do otherwise. He reminds us that we have already been forgiven. We are right now enjoying the benefits of his forgiveness. So we are called to bear in mind our own sins, failings, weaknesses, and "debts" when we deal with others instead of thinking that we are perfectly innocent and acting as if we've never been the beneficiary of mercy. So let us do our best to forgive as we have been forgiven. This doesn't mean approving of wrong behavior; God doesn't ask us to do that. But he does ask us to let go of bitterness and foster mercy instead.

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 Joe Daigle Samuel Simon
- Mary Belle Broussard Rita Randazzo Todd Denais
- Enola G. Bernard

Our Gift Back to God

Offertory	\$ 9,587.26
Mailed/Dropped in Office	+1,183.00
Total September 10th	\$10,770.26
Weekly Goal	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus our Goal	\$ -1,229.74
September 3rd Collection	\$11,068.00
Catholic University	\$ 2,172.00

Thank You!

This Week's Special Second Collection

Hurricane Harvey

Stewardship is not optional! "None of us lives as his own master and none of us dies as his own master," says Paul. "While we live we are responsible to the Lord, and when we die we die as his servants."

"And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. - Jn 3:14-16

Mass Intention

Weekend of September 16th & 17th, 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)

Eugene Broussard, M/M Dalton Sellers, Jacob Theriot, Lewis & Maude Picard, Samuel & Lou Ella Blanchard, Ryan Viator, Jerry Viator, Tanya Wilson (Her Birthday), Eustis & Beulah Toups & Russell, Etienne & Leona Clark, Romain K. Bourque (Birthday), M/M Opta Sellers, Pressley & Joyce Maturin, M/M Ophelais Hebert, Special Intention, Preston Venable, Zachary Esters, Mary Lou David

Weekday Masses

- Monday 18 Special Intention
- Tuesday 19 First Responders & Those Serving in our Armed Forces
- Wednesday 20 Vocations to the Priesthood
- Thursday 21 Emily Kay Benoit, Souls in Purgatory
- Friday 22 St. Joseph Community

Sanctuary Candle

- Zachary Tucker
- Doug Hebert (Birthday)
- Ronald Romero





Special Second Collection for Hurricane Harvey this weekend for those dioceses in Texas and Louisiana. Checks may be written to St. Joseph Church.

The Ladies Altar Society Rosary Group will meet on Tuesday, **September 19th**. Members are asked to meet at Church at 9:30 a.m. and will carpool to Pelican Point. Jean Hebert will serve as hostess.

The Knights of Columbus will meet on Thursday, **September 28th**, 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.

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

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for September *Parishes: That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen. St. Joseph Knights of Columbus of Milton*

Events This Week

Mon. (18th): 3rd, 4th & 5th CCD
Tues. (19th): LAS Rosary Group
 9:30 a.m. (Church)
Wed. (20th): 1st & 2nd Grade CCD
Thurs. (21st): No Events Scheduled
Fri. (22nd): Parish Office Closed
Sat. (23rd): No Events Scheduled
Sun. (24th): Confirmation Students
 Begin (11th Grade)
 High School CCD
 (9th & 10th Grade)

Word of Life "The Church's teaching on marital sexuality is an invitation... to receive the gift of God's love and care, and to let this gift inform and transform us, so we may share that love with each other and with the world." *For the times we have taken God's gift of life for granted: May we seek forgiveness with confidence in God's faithful and merciful love.*



St. Thomas More Open House
 You are invited to St. Thomas More High School Open House on Thursday, **October 12th**. Continuous tours from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Last tour beginning at 7:00 p.m. For more information, call the Admissions Office at 988-3700 ext. 187 or visit our website at www.stmcougars.net.



Religious Ed Start Dates: 6th, 7th & 8th Grade **September 17th** and Confirmation Students (11th Grade) starts **September 24th**. Please visit www.stjo-milton.org for these dates by clicking on *calendar* under the *news and events tab*.

Youth Group St. Joseph Church is starting a youth group beginning Sunday, **October 1st**, in the Life Center from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Anyone in grades 8th through 12th are welcome to attend. We will have food, fun and fellowship. Bring a friend!

Milton Civic Organization The Milton Civic Organization is having their annual Jambalaya Fundraiser on Sunday, **October 8th**. Serving time will be from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and pick up will be at the Milton Civic Center at Picard Park. Members of the organization will be selling tickets at all masses on the weekend of **September 23rd and 24th**. For tickets, please call Lisa Noel at 344-7455.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7-9/Lk 7:1-10
 Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6/Lk 7:11-17
 Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-6/Lk 7:31-35
 Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-5/Mt 9:9-13
 Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-10, 17-20/Lk 8:1-3
 Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-5/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 55:6-9
 Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18
 Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a
 Matthew 20:1-16a

The Catholic Guide to Surviving and Thriving in the First Five Years of Marriage Wednesday, **October 4th**, 6:00-8:00 p.m. 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 "Just Married: The Catholic Guide to Surviving and Thriving in the First Five Years of Marriage." This event is free to attend, but registration is required by calling 261-5653 or visiting www.diolaf.org/marriage-enrichment.

The Rosary Congress at Our Lady of Fatima will be held Friday, **October 6th** through Sunday, **October 8th**. Fr. Apostoli and Donna O'Boyle, both EWTN personalities and Fatima authors will be present for a Morning of Reflection. Fr. Apostoli will speak at all weekend Masses. Please prayerfully consider participating in Adoration, particularly in the late night/early morning hours. Call 232-8945 to sign-up for one or more time slots. For more information and for a complete schedule of events, please visit diolaf.org.

St. Joseph Church (Maurice) Annual Zydeco Dance featuring Geno Delafosse will be held on Saturday, **October 7th**, from 9:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. at the W.O.W. Hall in Maurice. Presale tickets \$10.00 and at the door \$12.00. No outside alcohol and must be 18 or older to attend. For tickets call 893-1601 or 893-5428.



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

Please Pray for Our Priest:
 Rev. Louis Allen Breaux
 Rev. Joseph Breaux
 Rev. Joseph Brennan
 Rev. Francis Brou, SJ
 Rev. A. Rex Broussard
 Rev. David Broussard
 Rev. Henry Broussard

Tips for Marrying the Right Person Tuesday, **October 17th**, 6:00-8:00 p.m. All singles and couples who are dating or engaged are invited to join Fr. Jude Halphen, Director of the Office of Marriage and Family Life, for an evening of singles enrichment. Fr. Halphen will present "Tips for Marrying the Right Person: Helping Singles Find Each Other, Contemplate Marriage, and Say I Do." This event is free to attend but registration is required by calling the office at 261-5653 or visiting www.diolaf.org/marriage-enrichment.

Thought of the week The foolish man seeks happiness in the distance, the wise grow it under his feet.



Please Pray for Seminarians
September

Joshua LaFleur
 Alex Lancon
 Rev. Mr. Corey LaVergne
 Cade LeBlanc
 Calvin LeMaire
 Seth Lemaire
 Joseph Marcantel
 Riley Maturin
 Scott Mitchell
 Rev. Mr. Stephen Pellessier
 Ben Pitre
 Connor Poirrier
 Rev. Mr. Andrew Schumacher
 Rev. Mr. Brent Smith
 Michael Vidrine
 Nicholas Ware
 Rev. Mr. Kyle White
 Rev. Kevin Bordelon
 Parents of Seminarians
 Benefactors and Seminary Faculty
 Reed Bellingham
 Donald Bernard
 Brother John Joseph
 Joseph Boustany
 Alex Cormier
 Randy Courville
 Myles Creek
 Brent Didier
 Cameron Domingue
 Phillip Domingue

Liturgical Ministers September 23rd & 24th, 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, September 23rd, 4:00 p.m.
Sacristan: Cyndi Miller
Lectors: Cyndi Miller, Wally Broussard
Eucharistic Ministers: Deidre Toups, Sylvia Broussard, Ricky Broussard
Altar Servers: Tucker Styles, Sarah Styles

Sunday, September 24th, 8:00 a.m.
Sacristan: Kat Trahan
Lectors: Joe Miller, Marie Baute
Eucharistic Ministers: Henri Quereau, Trista Littell, Jed Bourque, Grant Bourque, Monica Bourque, Mary Adams, Donna Pitre
Altar Servers: John Luke Bourque, Noah Bourque

Sunday, September 24th, 10:30 a.m.
Sacristan: Leurline Norris
Lectors: Randy Blanchard, Martha Landreneau
Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Keith Duhon, Krissy Smith, Stacey Frederick, Suzie Trappey, Earline Blanchard, Paige Gary, Leurline Norris
Altar Servers: Holden Martin, Walker Bares

Sunday, September 24th, 5:00 p.m.
Sacristan: Mary Landry
Lectors: Margaret Greene, James Blanchard
Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Keith Duhon, Ali Zeringue, Bubba LaFleur, Angelle Blanchard, Mary Landry, Jerry Besson, Kristie Besson
Altar Servers: Randall Greene, Alyssa Blanchard, Meghan Tavares