



SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MARCH 18, 2018 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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*
Celeste Fortier.....*Safe Environment Coordinator*
John Buroker*Choir 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



5th Sunday of Lent

"Now there were some Greeks among those who had come to worship at the feast. They came to Philip and asked him, 'Sir, we would like to see Jesus.'" It has begun. News of Jesus has spread beyond native-born, Aramaic-speaking Jews. We don't know if the Greeks mentioned here heard of Jesus from fellow travelers or if news of this intriguing rabbi had reached all the way to their home. What we do know is that this interaction spurred an interesting comment from Jesus: "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." In other words, it has begun. The time has come for the message to move beyond the geographic bounds of Israel.

But what does this message require? The Gospel is clear: "he said this indicating the kind of death he would die." A grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies to its life as only a seed. A caterpillar takes on the appearance of temporary death in order to transform into a butterfly. In the Gospels, sacrifice and death are a way of becoming something more than you were before.

This Lent, new life can come from our sacrifices. When we enter into the season with Jesus, our difficulties can transform our perspective. "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."

As we abstain from meat and fast from eating between meals, we can grow in compassion for the hungry. We can give alms of our time, sacrificially spending time with the lonely, the sick, and the marginalized. Our little Lenten "deaths" -- death to unnecessary preferences, death to selfish living, death to ignorance of other's pain -- can bring new life to the world long after the season is over. This is the invitation this Sunday and every Lenten season, to begin anew from death to life.

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
- Norval Knapp Brennen Albert Dina Broussard
- Margie Decou Beridon Susan Vincent Gunner Breaux
- Joyce Comeaux 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
- Joe Daigle Mary Belle Broussard Evan Aucoin
- Enola G. Bernard Kathleen Blanco Raywood Decou
- Martha Broussard Bryan Gomez Wilmer Landry
- Angela Melancon Marriet McBroom William McBroom
- Angi Powell John Powell Mary Jo Olinger

Our Gift Back to God

Offertory	\$ 9,667.30
Mailed/Dropped in Office	+ 1,405.00
Total March 11th	\$11,072.30
Weekly Goal	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus Our Goal	\$ (927.70)
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 1,550.05

Thank You!

This Weeks Second Collection

Aid to Eastern Europe

Next Weeks Second Collection

Religious Education

"If anyone would serve me," says Jesus in today's Gospel, "let him follow me; where I am, there will my servant be." In what ways is Jesus inviting *me* to follow Him? What service is He asking of me?

"Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." - Jn 12:24, 31-32

Mass Intention

Weekend of March 17th & 18th, 2018
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)

Yenes & Elwood Baudoin (Yenes' Anniv.), Emily Chauvin (Living), Loyd Denais, Jacob Theriot, Ray Simon, Samuel & Lou Ella Blanchard, Ryan Viator, Didier Smith (Anniv.), Clifford J. Viator & Family, Lewis & Maude Picard, Eugene Broussard, Etienne & Leona Clark, Zachary Esters, Lloyd Kern Ardoin, Pam McDonald (Wedding Anniv.), Zachary Tucker, Sostane & Stanley Broussard (Sostane's Birthday), Melba Melancon, Preston Venable

Weekday Masses

- Monday 19 St. Joseph Community
- Tuesday 20 First Responders & Those Serving in our Armed Forces
- Wednesday 21 Keith Daigle
- Thursday 22 Sick of the Parish
- Friday 23 Vocations to the Priesthood

Sanctuary Candle

Ronald Bourque (2nd Anniversary)



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: 20 minutes before daily Mass, Saturday from 3:00-3:50 p.m. as well as by appointment.



First Communion will be held on Saturday, **March 24th** at 10:00 a.m. If you should have any questions, please call Eva at 856-0800.

The Ladies Altar Society Rosary Group will meet on Tuesday, **March 20th** at 9:30 a.m. at Church. Jeanne LaPointe will serve as hostess.

The Knights of Columbus will have their next meeting on Thursday, **March 22nd** at 6:30 p.m. in the Life Center.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat This weekend healing retreat is for those suffering abortion aftermath. Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. The next retreat will be offered **March 23rd-25th**. Weekend retreats offer you a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. Pre-registration is required. For more information visit www.rachelsvineyard.org or call 261-5607.

Events This Week

- Mon. (19th):** 3rd, 4th & 5th CCD RCIA 7:00 p.m.
- Tues. (20th):** LAS Rosary 9:30 a.m. (Church) Wild Goose 7:00 p.m. (Life Center) Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.
- Wed. (21st):** 1st & 2nd CCD Adoration & Confession 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- Thurs. (22nd):** Way of the Cross 6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- Fri. (23rd):** Parish Office Closed
- Sat. (24th):** **First Communion** 10:00 a.m. (Church)
- Sun. (25th):** **Palm Sunday** 9th, 10th & 11th Grade CCD (Last Class)

Hopefest Music Festival - An annual charity movement lead by Saint Thomas More High School's junior class that serves two beneficiaries. This year, Hopefest is donating half of all proceeds to Jacob Crouch Suicide Prevention Services, and the other half to the STM Options Program. It will be held at Parc International Downtown Lafayette on **March 24th** from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Jubilee Bible Marathon Volunteers Needed! The Holy Bible will be read cover to cover beginning Wednesday, **April 4th -April 8th**. We are looking for (2) volunteers from St. Joseph Church to participate in this Proclamation. It will be held in the square of St. Martinville. Please call the rectory if interested.

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



Rosary Making Ministry St. Joseph's will be offering a Rosary Making Ministry, with the introductory session starting on Tuesday, **April 10th** from 1:00-2:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. You can make the Rosaries in community at Church or at home when you have time once you have completed your training. The Parish will greatly benefit from your service. We will be able to provide Rosaries to First Communion Children, Confirmation Students, shut-ins, Nursing Homes, Hospitals, and Missionaries to foreign countries as needed, and any other needs requested by Fr. Schambough. If you are interested contact the Parish Office at 856-5997 to sign up or contact Jean Mouton at 296-1922 or jeanmouton47@gmail.com for more information.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30
- Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3: 52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42
- Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59
- Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42
- Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday's Readings

- Isaiah 50:4-7
- Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
- Philippians 2:6-11
- Mark 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

CRS Rice Bowl Encounter Alefa We encounter Alefa in Malawi, where seeds are helping her family survive an uncertain climate. How can you care for God's creation this Lent? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

The Chrism Mass will be held on Thursday, **March 29th** at 10:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. John.

First Annual Life Fest will be held on **April 21st**. The main focus of the event will be support for local pregnancy centers, Acadiana Pro-Life Education and Celebration of Life. There will be a 5K, live music with local bands, food trucks and booths of local vendors, artist, etc. Contact krista@prolifelouisiana.org for more information.

Mass for Survivors of Violence Sunday, **April 29th** at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. John. Violence hits all communities, all income and age groups, and it also tests our faith. We have a responsibility to respond. Acadiana has had its share of violence, domestic abuse, serial killings, stabbings and the list goes on. Please help us reach out to those individuals and families who have experienced the pain and hurt of losing a loved one through a violent act. Bishop Douglas Deshotel will be the celebrant of the Mass. All are invited to the Mass and a reception following. Please call the Diocesan Office of Justice and Peace at 261-5545 for more information or to make a referral, and we will extend a personal invitation.

Thought of the Week Dare to reach out your hand into the darkness, to pull another hand into the light.

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

Please Pray for Our Priest:
 Rev. Francis Sainte-Marie, MIC
 Rev. Garrett Savoie
 Rev. William Schambough
 Rev. Gary Schexnayder
 Rev. Nicholas Schiro, SJ
 Rev. Paul Schott, SJ
 Rev. Clinton Sensat

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions - March Formation in Spiritual Discernment That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communication levels.



Please Pray for Seminarians
March

Seth Lemaire
 Joseph Marcantel
 Riley Maturin
 Scott Mitchell
 Rev. Mr. Stephen Pellessier
 Rev. Mr. Ben Pitre
 Connor Poirrier
 Rev. Mr. Andrew Schumacher
 Rev. Mr. Brent Smith
 Michael Vidrine
 Nicholas Ware
 Kyle White
 Rev. Kevin Bordelon, Director of Seminarians
 Rev. Patrick Broussard, Director of Vocations
 Parents, Benefactors and Seminary Faculty of Seminarians
 Reed Bellingham
 Donald Bernard
 Br. John Joseph, CJC (Payton Bourque)
 Joseph Boustany
 Alex Cormier
 Randy Courville
 Myles Creek
 Tanner Darbonne
 Brent Didier
 Cameron Domingue
 Phillip Domingue
 Rev. Mr. Blake Dubroc
 Casey Dugas
 John Dugas
 Andrew Furka
 David Furka

Liturgical Ministers March 24th & 25th 2018
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 24th, 4:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Linda Desormeaux
Lectors: Linda Desormeaux, Shelly Broussard
Eucharistic Ministers: Eadie Slimbach, Sherry Kenner, Michelle Bayard
Altar Servers: Sarah Styles, Tucker Styles, Molli Boudreaux, Ali Boudreaux

Sunday, March 25th, 8:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Robert & Angie Landry
Lectors: Robert Cole, Judy Cole
Eucharistic Ministers: Liz Lanier, Vance Lanier, Robert Landry, Angie Landry, Grant Bourque, Mable Chaisson, Gwen Miller
Altar Servers: Noah Bourque, Parker Broussard, Logan Broussard

Sunday, March 25th, 10:30 a.m.

Sacristan: Leurline Norris
Lectors: Pam Burley, Mary Ann Hebert
Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Keith Duhon, Jake Duplechin, Paige Gary, Earline Blanchard, Randy Blanchard, Lisa McCowen, Leurline Norris
Altar Servers: Gavin Duplechin, Jarrett Duplechin, Joseph Kreamer

Sunday, March 25th, 5:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Natalie Hidalgo
Lectors: Natalie Hidalgo, Velma Cheramie
Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Keith Duhon, Mary Richard, Natalie Russell, Terry Smith, Katelyn Norse, Paul Guillot, Michelle Guillot
Altar Servers: Juel Smith, Konner Benoit, Meghan Tavares