



SAINT JOSEPH

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NOVEMBER 27, 2016 • FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PARISH MINISTERS

Rev. William Schambough*Pastor*
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 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 your proposed date.

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.

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.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

PARISH TRUSTEES

Linda Desormeaux
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1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." Jesus doesn't tell us when he will come again; but he does tell us all we need to know. First, he leaves no doubt in our minds that he will in fact return--this isn't a question we have to debate. And secondly, he tells us what we need to do to be ready: stay awake! As long as we don't doze off while we're waiting, everything will be all right.

So our task is a relatively simple one. We are called to be on the lookout. We are supposed to be ready for the Lord when he appears. This is a straightforward instruction to be sure. But it does contain an inherent challenge: it's often much easier to hit the snooze button than to get up and at 'em. It's our task, however, to make sure we don't give in to the temptation to fall back asleep.

This is what the season of Advent helps us to do. It's like the Church's alarm clock, ringing with persistence in our ears: Wake up! Throw off the covers of apathy and distraction! Jesus is coming! Get up and get your house in order before he arrives!

What exactly this means will be different for all of us --the particular behaviors we need to change, the specific virtues we need to develop--all of this is unique to each individual. But our common goal is the same--to clean house in our hearts and make ourselves ready to welcome the Lord. Yes, his return at the end of time will be a momentous event, but even if we never experience it during our lifetime, Jesus still wants to come to us here and now, to dwell in our hearts through the presence of his Spirit. This Advent, let's be ready to welcome the Lord every minute of every day.

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 Ross Granger
- Margie Decou Beridon Susan Vincent
- Joyce Comeaux Grace Credeur Evelyn Landry
- James Benoit Dolores Benoit Kathryn & Kat Trahan
- Diane Johnson Bobby Trahan Charlie Harrington
- Betty Thibodeaux Brennen Albert Eura V. Simon
- Rudolph Fabre

Our Gift Back to God

Offertory (*Due to early printing, not available*) . . . \$

Offertory (*November 13th*) \$ 10,107.10

Mailed or Dropped in Office + 1,060.00

\$ 11,167.10

Archdiocese for Military Services \$ 2,131.00

Thank You!

This Week's Second Collection
Camp for Human Development

Next Week's Second Collection
Building & Maintenance Fund

"At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come," says today's Gospel. Good stewards know that they are accountable to God for all they have and are and strive to live in readiness for His coming.

"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." - Mt 24:43-44

Mass Intention

Weekend of November 26th & 27th, 2016
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)

Lewis & Maude Picard, Beulah Toups, Joseph Nguyen John Kha, Ryan Viator, Zachary Esters, Anna Nguyen Thi Nam, Phero Dao Lap, Maria Nguyen Thi Quet, M/M Leody Boudreaux (Her Anniv.), Louis Theo Bares & Family, Joseph Wayne Matthews, Phero Tran Hung, Francis & Lou Hebert, All Souls, Linda Kimball, Matta Vo Thi Cot, Mabel & Romain Hebert (Her Birthday), Peter Tran, Phero Nguyen Thien, Zachary Tucker, Patricia Smith, Geri Morvant & Family, Eugene Broussard, Lindsey Burley (Birthday), Preston & Jacob Venable Theriot, Phero Nguyen Hoa, Willis Gerard & Family, Daminh Tran V. Giac, Clifford J. Viator (Anniv.), Ronald & Milton Dupont, Sr., M/M Vincent Landry

Weekday Masses

- Monday 28 St. Joseph Community, All Souls
- Tuesday 29 First Responders & Those Serving in our Armed Forces, All Souls
- Wednesday 30 Vocations to the Priesthood, All Souls
- Thursday 1 Sick of the Parish
- Friday 2 Lala & Frank Martin, Edvard & Lydia Hebert & Family

Sanctuary Candle

Mabel & Romain Hebert



Bulletin Deadlines With the upcoming holidays, this is a reminder to have any information you would like in the bulletin to be sent in as soon as possible. Thank you!

Children of Mary (First Saturday Adoration) Join us for the Rosary beginning at 8:00 a.m. and Mass at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, **December 3rd**.

The Next Rosary Making Class will be held on Monday, **December 5th**, from 1:30-3:00 p.m. in the Life Center. Classes are held every other Monday. Please call Pat at 856-4648 for more information.

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation) An anticipated Mass will be held on Wednesday, **December 7th**, at 6:00 p.m. On **December 8th**, Masses will be held at 6:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Parish Office Closed on Thursday, **December 8th**, for the Immaculate Conception.

Family Life Rosary Join us on Thursday, **December 8th**, after 6:00 p.m. Mass to pray the Rosary. All are invited!

St. Joseph Website! Don't forget to visit our website at www.stjo-milton.org for bulletins, a calendar page of current and upcoming events and much more.

The Giving Tree has been set up in the gathering area of Church. We ask that parishioners take one Angel per family at this time. Gifts must be returned no later than Sunday, **December 11th** in order to have gifts separated and delivered on time. When returning gifts, please have Angel attached to outside of the gift. Thank you!

Events This Week

Mon. (28th): 4th & 5th Grade CCD
Bible Study
6:30 p.m. (Church)
RCIA 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Tues. (29th): 2nd Grade CCD
Choir Practice

Wed. (30th): 1st & 3rd Grade CCD

Thurs. (1st): No Events Scheduled

Fri. (2nd): No Events Scheduled
Parish Office Closed

Sat. (3rd): Children of Mary (First Saturday Adoration)
Rosary 8:00 a.m.
Mass 8:30 a.m.

Sun. (4th): No CCD



Parish Mission: "Secret of the Rosary" Fr. Hugh Gillespie, S.M.M. will be doing a four day mission here at St. Joseph Church beginning **December 12th thru December 15th**, at 6:30 p.m. each night. The mission is called "Secret of the Rosary". Fr. Hugh travels around the world giving missions and retreats in the heritage of St. Louis de Montfort. Do not miss this opportunity to experience a world class presentation on the Most Holy Rosary from one of the world's greatest experts on the Rosary. Please come early, because sitting will be limited because of this internationally known missionary of the Company of Mary.

St. Thomas More Mandatory High School Placement Test, Saturday, **December 3rd or 10th**, beginning at 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at STM. Register online at www.stmcougars.net/placement.



St. Joseph's Christmas Concert St. Joseph's Adult Choir and members of the North Vermilion High School Band will present a Christmas Concert at St. Joseph's on Monday, **December 19th** at 6:30 p.m. Join us for this special event and enjoy beautiful music that will help you reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.

Word of Life: "A model of care has been developed specifically for families whose infant is likely to die before or after birth. Often called 'perinatal hospice,'... [it] provides precious moments together whether the baby is inside or outside the womb-which can be cherished forever." *For members of the Church: May we care for those in difficult circumstances, such as crisis pregnancies, loneliness, loss, and poverty.*

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 23/Mt 4:18-22
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147/Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Romans 15:4-9
Matthew 3:1-12

The Gracious Gift of the Never-Ending Presence of God Holy Cross Catholic Church, 415 Robley Drive, Lafayette, is hosting a Labyrinth Presentation, Evening Reflection and Labyrinth Walk on Thursday, **December 1st**, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Mission Hall, Building M (gym). Please park by Norbert Luke Drive near the Knights of Columbus Hall. For more information, please call 984-9636.

Mass for Healing Fr. Manny Fernandez will offer a Healing Mass on Friday, **December 2nd** at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Lydia (7809 Weeks Island Road, New Iberia). Confessions will begin at 5:00 p.m., Mass at 7:00 p.m. and individual blessings will begin immediately following the Mass. For more information, please call 369-7510.

Mass for Survivors of Violence The diocese Office of Justice & Peace will host its annual Mass for Survivors of Violence, with Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel as celebrant. All are invited to the Mass and the reception that follows. It will be held on Sunday, **December 4th**. 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. Please help us reach out to those individuals and families who have experienced the pain and hurt of losing a love one through a violent act. Please call 261-5545 for more information.



Thought of the Week Make ourselves ready to welcome the Lord!

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

Please Pray for Our Priest:
 Rev. Clint Trahan
 Rev. Harold Trahan
 Rev. Nicholas Trahan
 Rev. Joseph Sai Tran, SVD
 Pope Francis
 Pope Emeritus Benedict, XVI
 Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel

Holy Hour for Vocations Please join us on Monday, **December 5th**, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick Church (406 E. Pinhook Road). Recitation of the Rosary begins at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome to join in these prayers for vocations and perseverance of vocations to the priesthood and religious life, sponsored by the Serra Club of Lafayette.



Food for the Journey A monthly lunchtime speaker series designed to help Catholics live out our faith in our daily lives. Our speaker for December is Rev. C. William Massie, Associate Pastor of St. Genevieve. It will be held on Tuesday, **December 6th**, at Wyndham Garden (formerly Hotel Acadiana), 1801 W. Pinhook Road, beginning at 12:00 noon. An optional lunch buffet is available for purchase beginning at 11:30 a.m. For more information, please call Mary Bergeron at 654-8682.

Service of Nine Lessons and Carols Sunday, **December 11th**, at 3:00 p.m. A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols sung by the Cathedral Choir will be held at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. The parish's annual Christmas Social will follow on the Cathedral Plaza. For more information, call 232-1322.

Liturgical Ministers December 3rd, 4th, 7th & 8th, 2016
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, December 3rd, 4:00 p.m.
Sacristan: Mona Zeringue
Lectors: Mona Zeringue, Wally Broussard
Eucharistic Ministers: Sylvia Broussard, Angeliqe Latiolais, Ricky Broussard
Altar Servers: Abigail Stacks, Emily Stacks, Graham Verret

Sunday, December 4th, 8:00 a.m.
Sacristan: Doug & Sue Duhon
Lectors: Toddy Guidry, Trish Marullo
Eucharistic Ministers: Liz Lanier, Vance Lanier, Doug Duhon, Sue Duhon, Jeron Lafarque, Mable Chiasson, Gwen Miller
Altar Servers: Morgan Marullo, Madison Marullo, Emma Begnaud

Sunday, December 4th, 10:30 a.m.
Sacristan: Dan Guidry
Lectors: Cindy Fontenot, Mary Ann Hebert
Eucharistic Ministers: Stacey Frederick, Henri Quereau, Leslie Breaux, Lynne Gautreaux, Dan Guidry, Walter Bergeron, Vicki Jacques
Altar Servers: Walker Bares, Austin Ward, Joseph Kreamer

Sunday, December 4th, 5:00 p.m.
Sacristan: Natalie Hidalgo
Lectors: Emilie Boudreaux, Natalie Hidalgo
Eucharistic Ministers: Ali Zeringue, Ouida Roy, Kenny Darbonne, Renee Darbonne, Missy Francois, Paul Guillot, Michelle Guillot
Altar Servers: Tyler Boudreaux, Cooper Poff, Noah Poff

Wednesday, December 7th, 6:00 p.m. (Anticipated Immaculate Conception)
Sacristan: Cyndi Miller
Lectors: Cyndi Miller, Gayle Dysart
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Richard, Victoria Fouquier, Darlene Russell
Altar Servers: Jaylon Etienne, Javen Etienne, Morgan Massie

Thursday, December 8th, 6:00 p.m. (Immaculate Conception)
Sacristan: Leurline Norris
Lectors: Jesse Kebodeaux, Suzie Kebodeaux
Eucharistic Ministers: Leurline Norris, Joan Morvant, Sherry Kenner, Susie Trappey, Cindy LeBlanc, Randy Blanchard, Earline Blanchard
Altar Servers: Sarah Styles, Tucker Styles, Luke Blanchard