



SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MARCH 5, 2017 • FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

PARISH MINISTERS

Rev. William Schambough*Pastor*
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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



1st Sunday of Lent

"Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil." Today's Gospel brings us face-to-face with the reality of spiritual warfare. A battle is going on in the desert. The devil is out to win the allegiance of the Son of God. But Jesus fights back. Not with fists or knives, but with the word of God. For every temptation the devil proposes, Jesus arms himself with "the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (Eph 6:17). This strategy proves effective. Ultimately, "the devil left him," and then Jesus was consoled by the presence of angels.

In our modern era, we face a new temptation: to deny the existence of spiritual beings. Angels appear to be little more than lawn ornaments or Christmas crafts, and too often the devil is reduced to an analogy for the vague presence of evil. Perhaps the greatest achievement of the father of lies, as Pope Francis has suggested, is to make us believe that he does not exist. But the word of God gives us a different idea: "Be sober and vigilant. Your opponent the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour" (1 Pt 5:8). This is no fairy tale. Satan wants to win our allegiance too.

During Lent, we have the opportunity to fortify ourselves for this serious, if silent, combat. Just as Jesus fasted and prayed for forty days before that diabolical encounter, we take these forty days of Lent to "conquer" the weak spots where we are susceptible to attack. We fast to strengthen our self-control, we give alms to strengthen our generosity, and we pray to strengthen our faith in God's power and providence. A sincere effort now, in the "desert" of Lent, can lead us to victory as we engage in the ongoing spiritual battle for the allegiance of our souls.

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 Eura V. Simon
- 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
- Papa John Ladner Julie Credeur

Our Gift Back to God

Offertory	\$ 9,305.45
Weekly Goal	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus our Goal	\$ -2,694.55
Black & Indian Missions	\$ 1,648.00
Building & Maintenance (February)	\$ 3,376.31

Thank You!

This Week's Second Collection
Building & Maintenance Fund

Next Week's Second Collection
Catholic Relief Services

What temptations lure us from the path of discipleship? Possessions? Pride? Power? Oh Lord, create for us a clean heart and renew a steadfast spirit within us!

The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread." He said in reply, "It is written: One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."- Mt 4:3-4

Mass Intention

Weekend of March 4th & 5th, 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)

Emery Broussard, Patricia Virgadamo, Zachary Esters, Raymond LeJeune, Linda Kimball, Louis Theo Bares & Family, Special Intention, Preston Venable & Jacob Theriot, Phillip & Sherrie Bacilla, Eugene Broussard, Rita Broussard, Dorothy Miller, Eustis & Beulah Toups & Russell (His 26th Anniv.), Ryan Viator, Robert "Tully" Landry, Patricia Smith, Lewis & Maude Picard, Junius & Wanda Norris, Geri Morvant & Family, Ronald LeBlanc, Sr.

Weekday Masses

- Monday 6 St. Joseph Community
- Tuesday 7 Percy & Ophelia Rabalais (His Birthday),
First Responders & Those Serving in our
Armed Forces
- Wednesday 8 Sick of the Parish
- Thursday 9 Alphe Bourque (Birthday)
- Friday 10 Vocations to the Priesthood

Sanctuary Candle

Previous Bishops



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.

Holy Hour with Adoration Join us on Wednesdays for Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the following dates: **March 8th, 15th and 22nd** from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The Next Baptism Seminar will be held on Thursday, **March 9th**, at 6:30 p.m. in Church. Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy to avoid undue delays.

The Elderberries Next Social will be held on Tuesday, **March 14th**, at 9:30 a.m. in the Life Center. Bring your favorite covered dish and a friend!



Decree Whereas, the disciplinary practice of abstaining from meat products on the Fridays in Lent is an important dimension of the penitential nature of the season and applies to all Roman Catholics who have reached the age of fourteen (Canon 1252); Whereas, this year, the Feast of St. Patrick, March 17th, falls on a Friday in Lent, and given the many celebrations that occur on this day in commemoration of St. Patrick and especially of the Irish heritage, in accord with the norm of law; Therefore, I herewith grant to all Catholics of the Diocese as well as all present here that day, a dispensation from abstinence from meat products. All who make use of this dispensation are to engage in another sacrificial or charitable act that day. Most Reverend J. Douglas Deshotel, DD, Bishop of Lafayette.

Events This Week

- Mon. (6th):** 4th & 5th CCD
RCIA 7:00-8:00
- Tues. (7th):** 2nd Grade CCD
Choir Practice
- Wed. (8th):** 1st & 3rd CCD
Holy Hour 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs. (9th):** Way of the Cross
6:30 p.m.
Baptism Seminar
- Fri. (10th):** No Events Scheduled
Parish Office Closed
- Sat. (11th):** Rosary 8:00 a.m.
Mass 8:30 a.m.
- Sun. (12th):** High School CCD



St. Jo 5K Jog/Walk 2017 Our Annual one mile run/walk and 5k Jog will be held on Saturday, **March 18th**. Registration and Sponsor Forms can be found on-line at www.stjo-milton.org or in the gathering area of Church. Any business or persons interested in contributing items for door prizes can drop these off at the Rectory or if you would like to volunteer to help with this event call the rectory at 856-5997. Come and cheer on Milton's best. Walkers and strollers are welcome to participate. We will have a DJ, pancake and sausage breakfast (following the race), and door prizes. The one mile run/walk begins at 9:00 a.m. followed by the 5K at 9:30 a.m. Deadline to register in order to receive a T-shirt is March 9th.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8-10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-7, 16-19/Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
- Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-8/Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday's Readings

- Genesis 12:1-4a
- Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22
- 2 Timothy 1:8b-10
- Matthew 17:1-9

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.

Welcome New Parishioners!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following Parishioners who registered with St. Joseph during the month of February: M/M Beau Hotard, M/M Blair Sellers, and M/M Ty Thomas. We would also like to remind parishioners who have not registered with us, to consider this also. Registration forms can be found in the gathering area of church or online at stjo-milton.org. If you should have any questions, please call the office.



February

We welcome into the family of St. Joseph's the newly Baptized. We also pray for their parents and Godparents. Welcome:

*Thomas Matthew Didier
Jaxon Travis Woosley*

Food for the Journey The Central Deanery of the Diocese of Lafayette will continue to present "Food for the Journey", a monthly lunchtime speakers series designed to help Catholics live out their faith in their daily lives. Beginning with the March meeting, the monthly event will be held on Tuesday, **March 7th**, at River Oaks Catering and Event Center (520 East Kaliste Saloom Road). The presentation will begin at 12:00 noon, with an optional buffet available for purchase beginning at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome to come "eat and be fed." The speaker for March is Most Rev. Douglas Deshotel, D. D., Bishop of Lafayette. Please bring a friend! Pre-registration is not required. For more information, please call Danielle Huval at 232-1322.

Day of Recollection The Alumnae of Schools of the Sacred Heart Grand Coteau host a Lenten Day of Recollection on Thursday, **March 9th**, from 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. in the Academy Chapel. The Director will be Fr. Michael Champagne, CJC. The Spiritual Care Unit will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Mass for Healing Fr. Manny Fernandez will be having a Mass for Healing at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Lydia (7809 Weeks Island Road) on Friday, **March 10th**. Confession at 5:00 p.m. with Mass at 7:00 p.m. Individual blessings after Mass. For any questions or for more information, please call 369-7510.



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

Please Pray for Our Priest:

- Rev. Dustin Dought
- Rev. Wayne Duët
- Rev. Willard Dugas
- Rev. Nicholas DuPre'
- Rev. Gilbert Dutel
- Rev. Luiz Dutra
- Rev. Dan Edwards

Women of the Well is planned for Saturday, **March 11th**, at the St. Theresa Holy Family Center, Abbeville. This session will be co-ed (men are invited.) The healing service is entitled "Penance, Forgiveness and Grace." A rosary will be recited at 9:15 a.m. The healing service will begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$50 and are available by calling 893-5631. A light lunch will be provided. Everyone is invited and welcomed.



Thought of the Week The perfect day is going to bed with a dream and waking up with a purpose.

Word of Life "It is important to remember that no matter what you have done, you retain your dignity as a son or daughter of God, loved by the Father. What sin has disintegrated, grace can reunite and make whole." *For purity of heart: May God grant us the grace to love unselfishly and treat each person with respect.*

Five Wishes Workshop St. Mary Church, 419 Doucet Road, will host Mr. Mike Blanchard of Hospice of Acadiana as he presents the Five Wishes Workshop in the parish hall on Wednesday, **March 22nd**, from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Completing Five Wishes is a gift to your family, friend and your doctor because it keeps them out of the difficult position of having to guess what kind of treatment you want or don't want in case you can't speak for yourself. The presentation will focus on basic information that encourages those who participate to put in writing their health care preferences, helping their caregivers to know exactly what they want. To register or to request additional information for this event, please contact JoAnn at 981-3379.

Liturgical Ministers March 11th & 12th, 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, March 11th, 4:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Cheryl Prejean
Lectors: Shelly Broussard, Dan LaPointe
Eucharistic Ministers: Eileen Massie, Sherry Kenner, Edie Slimbach
Altar Servers: Kaleb Lail, Alyssa Lail, Isabella Lail

Sunday, March 12th, 8:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Morgan & Curliss Savoy
Lectors: Trista Littell, Joe Miller
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Adams, Morgan Savoy, Curliss Savoy, Monica Bourque, Jed Bourque, Grant Bourque, Donna Pitre
Altar Servers: John Luke Bourque, Noah Bourque, Parker Broussard

Sunday, March 12th, 10:30 a.m.

Sacristan: Leurline Norris
Lectors: Lisa McCowen, Martha Landreneau
Eucharistic Ministers: Kim Sonnier, Lisa LeBlanc, Leurline Norris, Gerard Labat, Lynn Gautreaux, Paige Gary, Vicki Jacques
Altar Servers: Jude Bourque, Holden Martin, Elizabeth Roy

Sunday, March 12th, 5:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Mary Landry
Lectors: James Blanchard, Margaret Greene
Eucharistic Ministers: Jerry Besson, Kristie Besson, Kenny Darbonne, Renee Darbonne, Terry Smith, Toni Hebert, Mary Landry
Altar Servers: Elias Bernard, Randall Greene, Alyssa Blanchard