



# SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## MARCH 19, 2017 • THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### PARISH MINISTERS

Rev. William Schambough .....*Pastor*  
Chenell Privat .....*Secretary to the Pastor*  
Sandra Smith .....*Bookkeeper*  
Eva Green .....*Coordinator of 1st-5th 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



**3rd Sunday of Lent**

"I am he, the one speaking with you." Jesus reveals his true identity to an anonymous woman, and a Samaritan at that. She speaks about the Messiah only to discover that she is speaking with the Messiah! How does this woman, this non-disciple and non-Jew, this perfect stranger earn the right to such a direct revelation? Why does Jesus choose her?

For the same reason he chooses us. Out of love. The "woman at the well" did not earn her place at the side of Christ. She did nothing to merit this life-changing encounter. In fact, the reading implies she was a sinful woman. Yet Jesus approached her first. He asked her for a drink, and then looked for an opportunity to offer her the "living water" that would quench her deepest thirst.

This is what Jesus has done for us. As Saint Paul says, "God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us" (Rom 5:8). He offers us the gift of salvation, the "spring of water welling up to eternal life." We don't earn this gift; Jesus paid for it on the cross. In other words, we get to drink without having to dig the well. As Jesus tells his disciples, "others have done the work, and you are sharing the fruits of their work."

Of course, we must be willing to "drink" by accepting the gift Christ offers, orienting our lives around it. Like the woman who "left her water jar and went into the town" to testify, we are called to leave behind our old life of sin and selfishness once we accept our new life in Christ. Indeed, Lent is the season that prepares us for such a dramatic rebirth. We pray and fast and give alms, not to earn the joy of Easter, but to be ready to drink it in.

***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
- 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 Goldie Broussard

**Our Gift Back to God**

Offertory .....	\$11,526.55
Mailed/Dropped in Office .....	+ 115.00
Total (March 12th).....	\$11,641.55
Weekly Goal .....	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus our Goal .....	\$ - 358.45
Catholic Relief Services .....	\$ 1,941.18

**Thank You!**

**This Week's Second Collection**

Eastern Europe

**Next Week's Second Collection**

Religious Education

When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, He opened the door for a life-changing relationship with Him. Scripture says her testimony drew many others to Him as well. We, too, must be ready to respond whenever and wherever the Lord speaks to us and be prepared for it to change our lives!

The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:9a, 10

***Mass Intention***

**Weekend of March 18th & 19th, 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)**

Zachary Esters, Geri Morvant & Family, Junius & Wanda Norris, Ryan Viator, M/M Opta Sellers, Dudley & Amie Denais (Her Birthday & Anniv.), Eugene Broussard, Jerry Viator, M/M Ophelais Hebert, Yenes & Elwood Baudoin (Yenes' Anniv.), Linda Kimball, Etienne & Leona Clark, Preston Venable & Jacob Venable, Louis Theo Bares & Family, Loyd Denais, Lewis & Maude Picard, Patricia Smith, Dorothy Miller, Raymond LeJeune, M/M Dalton Sellers, John Doucet, M/M Osta Duhon (Her Birthday)

***Weekday Masses***

- Monday 20 St. Joseph Community
- Tuesday 21 First Responders & Those Serving in our Armed Forces
- Wednesday 22 Vocations to the Priesthood
- Thursday 23 Sick of the Parish
- Friday 24 Clay Hidalgo (1st Anniversary)

**Sanctuary Candle**

Ronald Bourque



**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.

**The Ladies Altar Society Rosary Group** will meet on Tuesday, **March 21st**, in Church at 9:30 a.m. Jeanne LaPointe will be the Hostess. An invitation is extended to ladies of the community who may be interested in joining the LAS Rosary Group to join them at this upcoming meeting.

**Holy Hour with Adoration** Join us Wednesday for Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on **March 22nd** from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**The Knights of Columbus** will have their next meeting on Thursday, **March 23rd**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Life Center.

**The Next Baptism Seminar** will be held on Tuesday, **April 11th**, at 6:30 p.m. in Church. Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy to avoid undue delays.

**Word of Life** "Life is a gift from God and so is his mercy. May we cherish and promote both!" *For those suffering after abortion: may they find healing and peace through God's limitless mercy.*



**Events This Week**

- Mon. (20th):** 4th & 5th CCD
- Tues. (21st):** 2nd Grade CCD  
LAS Rosary 9:30 a.m.  
Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.
- Wed. (22nd):** Holy Hour 7:00 p.m.  
1st & 3rd CCD
- Thurs. (23rd):** Way of the Cross  
6:30 p.m. (Church)  
Knights of Columbus  
6:30 p.m. (Lf. Ctr.)
- Fri. (24th):** No Events Scheduled  
Parish Office Closed
- Sat. (25th):** No Events Scheduled
- Sun. (26th):** High School CCD

**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.

**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.

**First Communion** will be held on Saturday, **April 8th**, at 10:00 a.m. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Eva Green at 856-0800.

**Labyrinth Walk** All are invited to participate in this Labyrinth Walk, hosted by Holy Cross Church (415 Robley Drive) and guided by Aimee Domingue. The presentation and walk will be held inside Mission Hall gym, Bldg. M on Tuesday, **March 23rd**, at 7:00 p.m.. For more information please call 984-9636.



**Pope Francis Prayer Intentions (March)** *Support for Persecuted Christians: That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church. St. Joseph Knights of Columbus*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Lk 11:14-23
- Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17/Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:3-4, 18-21ab/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

**Next Sunday's Readings**

- 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
- Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
- Ephesians 5:8-14
- John 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

**“Current of Grace”** is the theme for the 50th Anniversary “Golden Jubilee” Conference of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, **March 31st-April 2nd**, at the Best Western Plus Landmark Hotel, Metairie. Pope Francis has called upon the Charismatic Renewal to “share the grace of the Baptism in the Spirit with the whole Church.” This conference is designed to do just that. Special session for Youth and Families Saturday afternoon. Inspiring music, Prayer for Healing, Late Night Worship for Youth and Young at Heart. Pre-register at [www.ccrno.org](http://www.ccrno.org). Single Sessions register at the door. For more information on schedule call 504-828-1368 or visit the above website.

**Service of Tenebrae** St. Peter Church, 108 E. St. Peter Street, New Iberia, will offer the Service of Tenebrae, centered on the chanting of the Lamentations of the Prophet Jeremiah which is set to an ancient Gregorian Melody. Interspersed are choral selections that focus on the Passion and Death of Christ. Selections this year are by such composers as: Dubra, Palestria, and Dubois. It will be held Wednesday, **April 5th**, at 7:00 p.m. For more information, please call Ben LeBleu at 465-2164.



**Thought of the Week** *Life is short, live it. Love is rare, grab it. Anger is bad, dump it. Fear is awful, face it. Memories are sweet, cherish them.*

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

**Please Pray for Our Priest:**

- Rev. Thomas Finley
- Rev. Samuel Fontana
- Rev. Brian Garry, SJ
- Rev. Taj Glodd
- Rev. James Goeke, SJ
- Msgr. Richard Greene
- Rev. Michael Guidry

**Come and See** St. Joseph’s Seminary College Vocations Weekend Retreat, Palm Sunday, **April 7th-9th**. If you are a Catholic young man who has wondered about the priesthood, this retreat is a perfect opportunity to check out seminary life and discern the vocation God desires for you. Men, 16 years and older, this weekend is about how to discern God’s call for your life. There is no cost. All meals are provided. Free transportation is provided from Lafayette. To register, contact Fr. Kevin Bordelon at 261-5690 or email [vocations@dio.laf.org](mailto:vocations@dio.laf.org).



**A Catholic Journey Through Grief** Each year the office of Marriage and Family Life will offer two retreats entitled “*A Catholic Journey Through Grief*.” One will be in the spring and the other in the fall. It will consist of a full day retreat with a follow up session two weeks later. The next scheduled retreat will be held on **April 2nd** at Immaculata Center in Lafayette. The retreat will be led by Joan Broussard. Joan is a published author, writing several magazine articles on the gifts of the sacraments. She has recently published the Second Edition of her first book, *Grief Guts and Grace* where she offers guidance, and practical wisdom to those struggling with grief and loss. Joan has been offering Spiritual Direction since 2007 and she currently serves as a member of the Louisiana Spiritual Directors organization. The cost of the event will be \$30.00 which will include your supplies for both days and lunch for your retreat day. Please visit [www.dio.laf](http://www.dio.laf), click on parishes, click on central deanery and then calendar of events for more information or to register for this event.

**Liturgical Ministers March 25th & 26th, 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 25th, 4:00 p.m.**

**Sacristan:** Linda Desormeaux  
**Lectors:** Dana Carter, Linda Desormeaux  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Tanya Wilson, Deidre Toups, Anna Bernard  
**Altar Servers:** Tucker Styles, Sarah Styles, Kyle Wiget

**Sunday, March 26th, 8:00 a.m.**

**Sacristan:** Robert & Angie Landry  
**Lectors:** Ali Picard, Maria Baute  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Dale Kelly, Robert Landry, Angie Landry, Brandi Badeaux, John Landry, Paula Landry, Stacey Picard  
**Altar Servers:** Emily Landry, Emma Begnaud, Payton Albert

**Sunday, March 26th, 10:30 a.m.**

**Sacristan:** Stephanie Broussard  
**Lectors:** Stephanie Broussard, Pam Burley  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Paige Gary, Lisa McCowen, Susie Trappey, Kim Sonnier, Lisa LeBlanc, Randy Blanchard, Earline Blanchard  
**Altar Servers:** Jaylon Etienne, Javen Etienne, Jude Bourque

**Sunday, March 26th, 5:00 p.m.**

**Sacristan:** Margaret Siffert  
**Lectors:** Emilie Boudreaux, Tarrah Davis  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Sarah Gary, Darlene Russell, Margaret Siffert, Pam Begnaud, Wayne Begnaud, Denise Hebert, Bubba LaFleur  
**Altar Servers:** Tyler Boudreaux, Kennedi Davis, William Davis