



SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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APRIL 2, 2017 • FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

PARISH MINISTERS

Rev. William Schambough*Pastor*
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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



5th SUNDAY OF LENT

"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live." As we draw near to the great feast of Easter, the Church gives us here some food for thought regarding the idea of resurrection and eternal life. Today's Gospel shares the story of a dead man who came to life again by the power of Jesus. Lazarus, who had been lying lifeless in a tomb for four days, "came out" of the tomb, burial cloths draped around his body, in a moment that must have been absolutely astonishing! This miracle could not have been explained by anything other than divine power over life and death.

It's important to consider that this story is not so much about Jesus' own resurrection but rather it is about OURS. Jesus uses the occasion of this restoration of his friend, Lazarus, to teach that we ALL can be raised to new life through the power of the Lord. Jesus tells us that we too can overcome death by believing in him: "everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

Easter, of course, will confirm for us that death has no power over the God of life. But today, during these closing days of Lent, we are reminded that we can share in this source of life by believing in Jesus. So now is a perfect time to double-check our faith in him. Is it authentic? Do we really accept the supernatural reality of who Jesus is? Do we believe that he can conquer even the most frightening moment of human existence: death itself?

If we find ourselves falling short of faith in these things, let us turn to the Lord and ask that he will increase our faith so that, with Martha, we can truly say, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God."

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 Pete Venable
 Julie Credeur Goldie Broussard Eura V. Simon

Our Gift Back to God

Offertory	\$11,962.75
Mailed/Dropped in Office	+ 750.00
Total (March 26th).....	\$12,712.75
Weekly Goal	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus our Goal	\$ + 712.75
Building & Maintenance (March)	\$ 3,960.71
Religious Education	\$ 2,139.00

Thank You!

This Week's Second Collection
 Building & Maintenance Fund

When Jesus heard about the illness of His friend, Lazarus, He responded, "This illness is not to end in death; rather it is for God's glory, that through it the Son of God may be glorified." Every aspect of our lives - our gifts as well as our sufferings - can, if surrendered to Christ, lead to blessing for ourselves and others.

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." - Jn 11:25-27

Mass Intention

Weekend of April 1st & 2nd, 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)

Gerri Morvant & Family, Andre Keith Daigle (Anniv.), Zachary Esters, Emery Broussard, Junius & Wanda Norris, Louis Theo Bares & Family, Lewis & Maude Picard, Preston Venable & Jacob Theriot, Mary Lou David, Eugene Broussard, Jack North, Sr. (Anniv.), Patricia Virgadamo, Jerry Viator, Ryan Viator, Robert "Tully" Landry, Patricia Smith, John Doucet, Linda Kimball

Weekday Masses

- Monday 3 Loyd Denais
 Tuesday 4 First Responders & Those Serving in our Armed Forces
 Wednesday 5 Vocations to the Priesthood
 Thursday 6 St. Joseph Community
 Friday 7 Edvard & Lydia Hebert & Family, Ryan Viator (17th Anniversary), St. Joseph Altar Society

Sanctuary Candle

Previous Priests



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.

STM Hopfest is a music festival that will raise money for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Acadiana as well as our Options or special needs program. It will be held on Saturday, **April 8**, from 11:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. at Parc International. Featuring Marc Broussard, Terry and the Zydeco Bad Boys, Louisiana Red and more! Tickets available on Eventbrite.com.

The Elderberries next Social will be held on Tuesday, **April 11th**, from 9:30 a.m. till 12:00 noon in the Life Center. Bring a friend and your favorite covered dish!

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.



March

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

*Eleanor Rae Landry
Parker Kenneth Carter
Evii Blanchard*

Events This Week

- Mon. (3rd):** 4th & 5th CCD
- Tues. (4th):** 2nd Grade CCD
Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.
- Wed. (5th):** 1st & 3rd CCD
- Thurs. (6th):** Way of the Cross
6:30 p.m. (Church)
- Fri. (7th):** No Events Scheduled
Parish Office Closed
- Sat. (8th):** **First Communion**
10:00 a.m. (Church)
- Sun. (9th):** **Palm Sunday**
High School CCD
(Last Class)

Word of Life “An old Irish proverb says, ‘It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.’ Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering.” *For those nearing the end of life: May the grace of God shine through the care of medical professionals, family, and friends.*

Welcome New Parishioners! *We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following Parishioners who registered with St. Joseph during the month of March: Ms. Carolyn Richard, Mr. David Domangue and M/M Robby Ponson. 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.*

Religious Education 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.

Confirmation will be held on Saturday, **April 29th**, at 4:00 p.m. Please call Eva Green at 856-0800 if you should have any questions or concerns.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for Post Abortion healing will be held **April 21st-23rd**. This retreat will be sponsored by the Office of Pro Life Apostolate through the Diocese of Lafayette. Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is an extraordinary opportunity for any person who struggles with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion. The weekend is a unique and effective process designed specifically to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. This process is extremely helpful for those who have difficulty forgiving themselves or others. The weekend will help your soul find a voice and transform the pain of the past into hope! For more information and to register call 261-5607 or email tlittell@diolaf.org. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-6/Jn 8:1-11
- Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-21/Jn 8:21-30
- Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52-56/Jn 8:31-42
- Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-9/Jn 8:51-59
- Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-7/Jn 10:31-42
- Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jr 31:10-12abcd, 13/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
- Matthew 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

The Triduum Liturgies are our fullest most complete expression and understanding of Jesus the Christ. All are invited to this special presentation hosted by Holy Cross, 415 Robley Drive, on **April 3rd & 4th**, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. nightly. This two-part series will be presented by Jim Schellman. For more information please call 984-9636.

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.

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.



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

Please Pray for Our Priest:
 Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
 Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel
 Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell
 Msgr. Russell Harrington
 Rev. David Hebert
 Rev. T. J. Hebert
 Rev. Matthew Higginbotham

Caregivers Morning of Reflection Saturday, **April 22nd**, at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 610 Rain Tree Trail, from 9:00-11:30 a.m. A light breakfast will be provided. There is no cost. Please register at 235-1483 or SetonRememberMe@gmail.com.

Men with a Mission Retreat A retreat for men who are interested in the new evangelization. It will be held **April 28th-30th**, at Our Lady of Sorrows Retreat Center, St. Martinville, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Retreat Master is Fr. Michael Champagne. Free of charge, register early and bring toiletries and towels, dress is casual, but no shorts. Please call Vic Guidry at 824-3045 for more information.

Please Pray for Seminarians April

- Casey Dugas
- John Dugas
- Adam Fenstermaker
- Sean Fontenot
- Andrew Furka
- Jace Gyles
- Alexander Hargrave
- Jonathan Harris
- Rev. Mr. Matthew Hebert
- Nicholas Hebert
- Sal Istre
- Andrew Killeen
- Luke Kirk
- Hayden Lacour
- Joshua LaFleur
- Alex Lancon
- Korey LaVergne
- Cade LeBlanc
- Calvin LeMaire
- Seth Lemaire
- Riley Maturin
- Scott Mitchell
- Rev. Mr. Rene Pellessier
- Stephen Pellessier
- Ben Pitre
- Matthew Pitre
- Connor Poirrier
- Rev. Mr. David Rozas
- Peter Sahuc, Jr.
- Andrew Schumacher

Thought of the Week Every second brings a fresh beginning, every hour holds a new promise, every night our dreams can bring hope and every day is what you choose to make it.

**Liturgical Ministers April 8th & 9th, 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, April 8th, 4:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Cyndi Miller
Lectors: Dan LaPointe, Cyndi Miller
Eucharistic Ministers: Eileen Massie, Tanya Wilson, Deidre Touns
Altar Servers: Abigail Stacks, Morgan Massie, Graham Verret

Sunday, April 9th, 8:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Morgan & Curliss Savoy
Lectors: Joe Miller, Toddy Guidry
Eucharistic Ministers: Trista Littell, Grant Bourque, Mable Chiasson, Curliss Savoy, Morgan Savoy, Janice Bourque, Donna Pitre
Altar Servers: John Luke Bourque, Emma Begnaud, Payton Albert

Sunday, April 9th, 10:30 a.m.

Sacristan: Dan Guidry
Lectors: Leslie Breaux, Dina Segura
Eucharistic Ministers: Dan Guidry, Krissy Smith, Kim Sonnier, Suzie Trappey, Earline Blanchard, Paige Gary, Randy Blanchard
Altar Servers: Joseph Kreamer, Jaylon Etienne, Javen Etienne

Sunday, April 9th, 5:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Mary Landry
Lectors: Margaret Greene, James Blanchard
Eucharistic Ministers: Michelle Guillot, Paul Guillot, Missy Francois, Victoria Fouquier, Mary Landry, Kenney Darbonne, Renee Darbonne
Altar Servers: Randall Greene, Alyssa Blanchard, Juel Smith