



# SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*Offices located at 208 E. Edith • Lafayette, LA 70508*

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2017 • TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**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*  
 Martha Landreneau .....*Safe Environment Coordinator*

**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



**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." This is a fascinating promise. Jesus enlightens us today about the power of communal faith. He emphasizes that a gathering of like-minded believers, small though it may be, has a powerful effect. As he tells his disciples, "If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father."

Alright then, what are we waiting for? We should take Jesus up on this amazing offer! Going to Mass is one way to do so. When we gather together every Sunday, we do more than listen to readings and receive the Eucharist. We also PRAY together. The priest leads us in these prayers, of course, but we are meant to join with him, as the Second Vatican Council put it, with "fully conscious, and active participation" (Sacrosanctum Concilium, #14). We are to make the prayers our own by attentively joining in with them from our hearts. Mindlessly reciting "Amen" or absently whispering the words of the Our Father likely loses the effect Jesus was talking about in today's Gospel. But truly praying together with our parish community certainly fits the bill.

We need not be at church to fulfill this kind of prayer, however. It only takes two! Those of us who live with others can exercise communal prayer every day in our own homes, just by joining each other for a few moments of petition or praise. Those who live alone may need to reach out more deliberately, but it only takes a phone call to "gather together" with another believer and offer up our prayers. May we have the courage to invite others to join us as we bring our needs to God.

***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
- Janie Bordeaux Norval Knapp Brennen Albert
- Margie Decou Beridon Susan Vincent Gunner Breaux
- Joyce Comeaux Grace Credeur 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
- Dina Broussard Joe Daigle Samuel Simon
- Mary Belle Broussard Rita Randazzo

**Our Gift Back to God**

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

Weekly Goal . . . . . \$12,000.00

**Thank You!**

**This Week's Second Collection**  
Catholic University

Am I my brother's keeper? All three readings today suggest that for the Christian steward the answer is "Yes!"

"And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. - Jn 3:14-16

***Mass Intention***

**Weekend of September 9th & 10th, 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)**

Percy & Ophelia Rabalais, Jerry Viator, Preston Venable, Clifford "Bud" Broussard & Family, Eugene Broussard, Lewis & Maude Picard, Samuel & Lou Ella Blanchard, Viator & Smith Families, Zachary Esters, Mabry, Tina Simon & Children (Tina's Anniv.), Jacob Theriot, Mary Lou David, Ryan Viator

***Weekday Masses***

- Monday 11 St. Joseph Community
- Tuesday 12 First Responders & Those Serving in our Armed Forces
- Wednesday 13 Sick of the Parish
- Thursday 14 Souls in Purgatory
- Friday 15 Vocations to the Priesthood

***Sanctuary Candle***

- Zachary Tucker
- Doug Hebert (Birthday)
- Ronald Romero





**The Elderberries Next Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, **September 12th**, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Life Center. Bring your favorite dish and a friend!

**The Next Baptism Seminar** will be held on Thursday, **September 14th**, at 6:30 p.m. in Church. Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy to avoid undue delays.

**The Pro-Life Rosary Group** invites all to come and pray the Rosary after the 6:00 p.m. Mass on Thursday, **September 14th**.

**Centennial Campaign** Thank you again to everyone who gave to the **Centennial Campaign: Building Our Future Together**. If you would like to join in this historic effort, it's not too late. St. Joseph Church is still accepting gifts and pledges. Pledge cards are available at the Church Office. When remitting payments or making new gift or pledge to the campaign, make checks payable to "Centennial Campaign". Payments are to be mailed to the Diocese of Lafayette, Centennial Campaign Office, 1408 Carmel Drive, Lafayette, LA 70501. To initiate a pledge or make a gift online visit [diolaf.org](http://diolaf.org).

**St. Joseph Website** Please visit our Parish Website at [www.stjo-milton.org](http://www.stjo-milton.org). There you will find lots of great information from calendars of current and upcoming events, religious ed registration forms, census forms, bulletins, and much more. This is a great way to stay informed!

#### Events This Week

- Mon. (11th):** 3rd, 4th & 5th CCD Begins!  
First Communion Parent Meeting 6:00 p.m. (Life Center)
- Tues. (12th):** Elderberries Social 9:30 a.m. (Life Center)  
Parent & Confirmation Candidate Meeting 6:30 p.m. (Life Center)
- Wed. (13th):** 1st & 2nd Grade CCD Begins!
- Thurs. (14th):** Baptism Seminar 6:30 p.m. (Church)  
Pro-Life Rosary 6:30 p.m.
- Fri. (15th):** Parish Office Closed
- Sat. (16th):** No Events Scheduled
- Sun. (17th):** 6th, 7th & 8th CCD Begins!

**Youth Group** St. Joseph Church is starting a youth group beginning Sunday, **October 1st**, in the Life Center from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Anyone in grades 8th through 12th are welcome to attend. We will have food, fun and fellowship. Bring a friend!

**Word of Life** "When people are tempted to see their own lives as diminished in value or meaning, they most need the love and assistance of others to assure them of their inherent worth." *For the times we suffer in anguish: May God comfort us with the knowledge that our life always has purpose and is always worth living.*

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Col 1:24--2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11  
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11/Lk 6:12-19  
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab/Lk 6:20-26  
Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17  
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7/Lk 6:43-49

#### Next Sunday's Readings

- Sirach 27:30-28:7  
Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12  
John 14:7-9  
Matthew 18:21-35

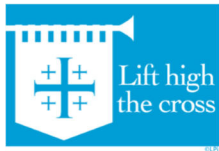


**Religious Ed Start Dates:** 3rd, 4th & 5th Grade, **September 11th**, 1st & 2nd Grade, **September 13th**, and 6th, 7th & 8th Grade **September 17th**. Please visit [www.stjo-milton.org](http://www.stjo-milton.org) for these dates by clicking on *calendar* under the *news and events tab*.

**The First Communion Parent Meeting (2nd Grade)** has been re-scheduled for Monday, **September 11th**, at 6:00 p.m. in the Life Center.

**A Parent & Confirmation Candidate Meeting (11th Grade)** will be held on Tuesday, **September 12th**, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Life Center. Please call Eva Green at 856-0800 for any questions or concerns.

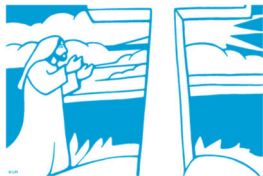
**Women's Work Day** Saturday, **September 23rd**, at Our Lady of Sorrows Retreat Center, 103 Railroad Ave., St. Martinville. Work begins at 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. with 12:00 noon Holy Mass. Lunch is provided. Work includes cleaning, yard work, sewing, painting, etc. Come when you can and stay as long as you can. If you have any questions, please call 394-6550.



**Silent Retreat for Women  
September 29th-October 1st.**

Members of the Community of Jesus Crucified are conducting a silent retreat for women that will inspire and challenge you to fall deeper in love with the Lord. During the retreat you will have quiet time to pray, opportunities to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation, Mass, adoration of the Eucharist, and free time to stroll through the beautiful Retreat Center grounds. Because the Community wants to place no obstacles in the way of those who truly want to make a retreat, the retreats are conducted free of charge. Please make sure and bring a Bible, paper and pencil/pen, toiletries, towels and washcloths. The Retreat will be held at Our Lady of Sorrows Retreat Center, 103 Railroad Ave., St. Martinville. To register, contact Cheryl Moss at 453-2385.

**The Catholic Guide to Surviving and Thriving in the First Five Years of Marriage** Wednesday, **October 4th**, 6:00-8:00 p.m. All married couples are invited to an evening of marriage enrichment with Fr. Jude Halphen, Director of the Office of Marriage and Family Life. Fr. Halphen will be presenting "Just Married: The Catholic Guide to Surviving and Thriving in the First Five Years of Marriage." This event is free to attend, but registration is required by calling 261-5653 or visiting [www.diolaf.org/marriage-enrichment](http://www.diolaf.org/marriage-enrichment).



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

**Please Pray for Our Priest:**

- Rev. Howard Blessing
- Rev. Kevin Bordelon
- Rev. Millard Boyer
- Rev. James Bradley, SJ
- Rev. James Brady
- Rev. Joseph Bresseaux, OSB
- Rev. John (Buddy) Breaux

**The Rosary Congress** at Our Lady of Fatima will be held Friday, **October 6th** through Sunday, **October 8th**. Fr. Apostoli and Donna O'Boyle, both EWTN personalities and Fatima authors will be present for a Morning of Reflection. Fr. Apostoli will speak at all weekend Masses. Please prayerfully consider participating in Adoration, particularly in the late night/early morning hours. Call 232-8945 to sign-up for one or more time slots. For more information and for a complete schedule of events, please visit [diolaf.org](http://diolaf.org).

*Thought of the week* God does not demand that I be successful, God demands that I be faithful.  
*Mother Teresa*



**Tips for Marrying the Right Person** Tuesday, **October 17th**, 6:00-8:00 p.m. All singles and couples who are dating or engaged are invited to join Fr. Jude Halphen, Director of the Office of Marriage and Family Life, for an evening of singles enrichment. Fr. Halphen will present "Tips for Marrying the Right Person: Helping Singles Find Each Other, Contemplate Marriage, and Say I Do." This event is free to attend but registration is required by calling the office at 261-5653 or visiting [www.diolaf.org/marriage-enrichment](http://www.diolaf.org/marriage-enrichment).



**Liturgical Ministers September 16th & 17th, 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, September 16th, 4:00 p.m.**

- Sacristan:** Judy Touchet
- Lectors:** Shelly Broussard, Dan LaPointe
- Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Keith Duhon, Michelle Bayard, Angelique Latiolais
- Altar Servers:** Isabella Lail, Alyssa Lail, Kaleb Lail

**Sunday, September 17th, 8:00 a.m.**

- Sacristan:** Morgan & Curliss Savoy
- Lectors:** Ali Picard, Joyce Broussard
- Eucharistic Ministers:** Morgan Savoy, Curliss Savoy, Brandi Badeaux, Janice Bourque, Stacey Picard, Liz C. Curnutt, Joseph Santiago
- Altar Servers:** Parker Broussard, Logan Broussard, Reed Broussard

**Sunday, September 17th, 10:30 a.m.**

- Sacristan:** Leslie Breaux
- Lectors:** Walter Bergeron, Dina Segura
- Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon, Keith Duhon, Joan Morvant, Cindy LeBlanc, Gerard Lebat, Kim Sonnier, Vickie Jacques, Leslie Breaux
- Altar Servers:** Joseph Kreamer, Elizabeth Roy

**Sunday, September 17th, 5:00 p.m.**

- Sacristan:** Steve & Sharon Moore
- Lectors:** Steve Moore, Sharon Moore
- Eucharistic Ministers:** Kenny Darbonne, Renee Darbonne, Emilie Boudreaux, Ruby Boudreaux, Denise Hebert, Missy Francois, Macy Touts
- Altar Servers:** Cooper Poff, Noah Poff, Tyler Boudreaux