



SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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DECEMBER 3, 2017 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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*
Celeste Fortier.....*Safe Environment Coordinator*
John Buroker*Choir 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



First Sunday of Advent

Another Advent is here! Do you remember what you did during Advent last year to prepare for the coming of Jesus? Did you feel a sense of anticipation while being watchful and alert? You can be honest.

In Mark's Gospel reading for this Sunday, Jesus speaks of a man who leaves on travels and before he departs he puts his stewards in charge, so that upon his return his home will be ready. You and I are those whom Jesus has put in charge. We each have our own work to do. If we are not preparing using our own unique gifts and talents, who will do our work? Perhaps we think we can do that later, or maybe next year. But if no one knows when he is coming, how do we gauge how much time we have to complete our work?

Most of us get so caught up in holiday shopping, making travel plans, preparing for guests, and attending holiday parties that even if we meant well, the motivation we had on day one of the Advent season slowly slips away. This year, let us resolve to be good stewards and be about our Lord's work. He trusted us enough to leave us in charge. He must believe we are up to the task.



"Awaiting the Coming of the Light"

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 Enola G. Bernard
- Raywood Decou Emily Chauvin Angela Melancon
- Catherine Venable

Our Gift Back to God

Offertory	\$ 7,585.85
Mailed/Dropped in Office	+ 495.00
Total November 26th	\$ 8,080.85
Weekly Goal	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus our Goal	\$(3,919.15)
Offertory (November 19th)	\$11,219.65
St. Vincent De Paul	\$ 1,312.00
Camp for Human Development	\$ 1,393.25
Building & Maintenance (November) ...	\$ 3,738.22

Thank You!

This Week's Second Collection
Building & Maintenance Fund

Next Week's Second Collection
Retired Religious Fund

We are the servants of God, each with his or her own task. We will be judged good stewards if, at His coming, He finds us ready and conscientiously pursuing the tasks to which we have been called.

"Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping." - Mk 13:35-36

Mass Intention

Weekend of December 2nd & 3rd, 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)

Louis Guidry (Anniv.), Douglas & Lula Lantier Duhon, Sr. (Her Birthday), Beth Pellessier, Ryan Viator, J. V. Landry, Jr., Robert "Tully" Landry, Terry Schexnaider, Whitney Romero, Sarah Bouillion, Annie Leger, Jacob Theriot, Living & Deceased members of Gerhard & Sophie Cramer Family, Louis Theo Bares & Family (His Anniv.), Matt LeBlanc, Matthew Labbe, Lewis & Maude Picard, Samuel & Lou Ella Blanchard, Eugene Broussard, Zachary Esters, Dr. Robert Pavy, Pam McDonald, Preston Venable, Phillip & Sherrie Bacilla, Sara Whitney

Weekday Masses

- Monday 4 Beatrice Stelly Stout (Anniversary)
- Tuesday 5 First Responders & Those Serving in our Armed Forces
- Wednesday 6 Wilton Larcade (Anniversary), Gerhard Cramer (Anniversary), Mary Lou David (1st Anniversary)
- Thursday 7 Souls in Purgatory
- Friday 8 Beverly C. & Mildred B. Picard (Beverly's Anniversary), Geri Morvant & Family, Louis Theo Bares & Family

Sanctuary Candle

Beverly C. Picard (Anniversary)



The Light is on for You!
Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesdays during Advent. Fr. Schambough will be in the Confessional from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on **December 6th, 13th, & 20th.**

Lead Me: To Hope, To Joy, To Love, and Peace Presented by Deacon Keith Duhon. Join us for Adoration with Confessions and a talk by Deacon Keith Duhon on Wednesdays during Advent. This will be held on the same nights and times as "The Light is on for You", **December 6th, 13th & 20th** beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

The Giving Tree Thank you for taking an angel from the Giving Tree. The Gifts must be returned no later than Sunday, **December 10th** in order to have gifts separated and delivered on time. When returning gifts, please have Angel attached to outside of the gift. Thank you!

Word of Life "When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others." *For Catholics: May God keep us steadfast in protecting the sacred gift of human life.*

Events This Week

- Mon. (4th):** 3rd, 4th, & 5th CCD
RCIA 7:00 p.m. (Church)
- Tues. (5th):** Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.
- Wed. (6th):** 1st & 2nd grade CCD
The Light is On for You!
6:30-8:00 p.m.
Adoration with Talk by
Deacon Keith 6:30 p.m.
- Thurs. (7th):** 6:00 p.m. Anticipated
Mass for Immaculate
Conception
- Fri. (8th):** Immaculate Conception
Masses 6:30 a.m. and
6:00 p.m.
Pro-Life Rosary 6:30 p.m.
- Sat. (9th):** No Events Scheduled
- Sun. (10th):** 9th & 10th grade CCD
11th grade CCD



Life Touch Directories are in. If you took a picture, please pick up your directory at the Rectory (208 E. Edith Road).



November

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

- Jean Paul Blanchard*
- Rosalie Blythe Vanicor*
- Olivia Kate Bernard*
- Nathan Christopher Manuel*
- David Alexander Rivero*
- Emerson Angelle Bledsoe*
- Adele Katherine Broussard*
- Camilla Claire Hernandez*
- Sadie Grace Landry*



*McAllister's is hosting a fundraiser for our youth attending Covecrest this summer. They are donating 20% of any meals purchased from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, **December 7th.** Please help our cause by attending this event.*

The St. Joseph Youth Group will also be selling raffle tickets to a New Orleans Pelicans Basketball game, along with a golf package from the Wetlands and a spa package. Tickets will be on sale for the month of November/December to help sponsor the trip to Covecrest and to Steubenville South. Tickets are \$5.00 and are available at the Life Center or with any youth group member.

Welcome New Parishioners!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following Parishioners who registered with St. Joseph during the month of November: M/M James Russell, M/M Hunter Robicheaux, M/M Adam Marcel, Jonathan Neil, M/M Sergio Hernandez, and M/M Dustin Roberts. 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.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37
- Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [1a]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
- Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday's Readings

- Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
- Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14
- 2 Peter 3:8-14
- Mark 1:1-8

Men's Work Day Saturday, **December 9th** at Our Lady of Sorrows Retreat Center, 103 Railroad Ave., St. Martinville. Work begins at 8:30 a.m. with 12:00 noon Holy Mass. Lunch is provided. Work normally ends at 4:00 p.m. Come when you can and stay as long as you can. Carpentry, plumbing, electrical, painting, concrete work, cleaning and "Good Ole" Manual Labor. For more information call 394-6550.

Diaconate Ordination of Blake Steven Dubroc With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, the Diocese of Lafayette joyfully announces the ordination of Blake Dubroc to the Sacred Order of Diaconate. All are invited to join in his Ordination on Saturday, **December 16th** at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. Light Reception to follow.

Runnin' Revs vs. Slammin' Sems Basketball Game Join us as the Runnin' Revs will take on the Slammin Sems in the 12th Annual basketball game between the Lafayette Diocesan priests and seminarians. This popular, fun-filled, family event helps promote and support priestly and religious vocations. We invite you to join us for the 2017 game on Wednesday, **December 27th**. Tip-off is at 6:30 p.m. at Cathedral-Carmel School Gymnasium, 848 St. John Street, Lafayette. Admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children. Concessions will be available for sale. Last year the Seminarians beat the Priests 36-29. Join us to see who will win this year! Hope to see you there!

Thought of the week *God's vision for this world is one where all creation is at Peace. May this vision guide our lives.*

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

Please Pray for Our Priest:
Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel
Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell
Rev. Joshua Guillory, JCL
Rev. Jude Halphen
Rev. Brian Harrington
Msgr. Russell Harrington
Rev. David Hebert

Remember Me Support Group Remember Me is a faith based support group for caregivers, family, and friends of individuals who are coping with dementia/Alzheimer's. No cost or registration is necessary; those who are in need of support are simply invited to come and share ideas and resources with one another. The group meets in the Ministries Building of St. Elizabeth Seton (610 Raintree Trail) every third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. For more information contact the parish office at 235-1483.

A Mediterranean Pilgrimage Cruise October 4th-14th, 2018. You are invited to join Msgr. Curtis Mallet and Fr. Bill Melancon for a very special Mediterranean Pilgrimage Cruise. The destinations include France, Italy, and Spain. The itinerary highlights include Rome and Vatican City, Naples/Capri (Italy), Barcelona (Spain), Palma de Mallorca (Spain), Marseilles (France), and Florence (Italy). The pilgrimage includes an 8-day/7-night luxury cruise. Register now while there is still room. Call 291-1933 for more information.



Liturgical Ministers December 7th, 8th 9th & 10th, 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.

Thursday, December 7th, 6:00 p.m. (Anticipated Immaculate Conception Mass)

Sacristan: Doug & Sue Duhon
Lectors: Trista Littell, Marie Baute
Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Keith Duhon, Doug Duhon, Sue Duhon
Altar Servers: Holden Martin, Graham Verret

Friday, December 8th, 6:00 p.m. (Immaculate Conception Mass)

Sacristan: Steve & Sharon Moore
Lectors: Steve Moore, Dana Carter
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Landry, Missy Francois, Joseph Santiago, Becky Prejean, Terry Smith, Victoria Fouquier, Sharon Moore
Altar Servers: Meghan Tavares, Juel Smith

Saturday, December 9th, 4:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Cyndi Miller
Lectors: Cyndi Miller, Dan LaPointe
Eucharistic Ministers: Eileen Massie, Eadie Slimbach, Michelle Bayard
Altar Servers: Abigail Stacks, Morgan Massie, Alyssa Lail

Sunday, December 10th, 8:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Kat Trahan
Lectors: Toddy Guidry, Joe Miller
Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Keith Duhon, Henri Quereau, Ryan Ward, Monica Bourque, Jed Bourque, Grant Bourque, Kat Trahan
Altar Servers: John Luke Bourque, Noah Bourque, Emma Begnaud

Sunday, December 10th, 10:30 a.m.

Sacristan: Stephanie Broussard
Lectors: Lisa McCowen, Stephanie Broussard
Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Keith Duhon, Stacey Frederick, Krissy Smith, Cindy LeBlanc, Lynn Gautreaux, Joan Morvant, Jude Bares
Altar Servers: Walker Bares, Joseph Kreamer, Elizabeth Roy

Sunday, December 10th, 5:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Mary Landry
Lectors: James Blanchard, Margaret Greene
Eucharistic Ministers: Ronnie Begnaud, Kristie Besson, Jerry Besson, Ouida Roy, Angelle Blanchard, Toni Hebert, Mary Landry
Altar Servers: Alyssa Blanchard, Randall Greene