



# SAINT JOSEPH

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## DECEMBER 10, 2017 - SECOND 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



**Second Sunday of Advent**

The countercultural John the Baptist may have had an odd sense of style by our standards (he wore camel hair) and he may have consumed an unappealing diet (locusts and wild honey), but he had his finger on the pulse of what really mattered. He needed little in the way of worldly comforts because he was consumed with his task of spiritually preparing those who were willing to hear for the One who would come to baptize with the power of the Holy Spirit. What mattered was this future revelation, and John would let nothing that belongs to this earthly existence get in the way of his preparation for that revelation.

In his second letter, Peter tells us that all will dissolve away and through holiness and devotion we will be made ready for the Lord's coming. The trends we get caught up in will seem empty and meaningless. All that will remain is God and those created in his image, and the relationships we have between us.

What matters to you, right here and right now, on this Second Sunday of Advent? We don't have to trade in brand-name clothes for camel hair, but we need to ask ourselves: if we were called to give it all away tomorrow for Jesus, would we be mature enough to do so? The answer to this question lies at the heart of stewardship.



*"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 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 Kathleen Blanco

**Our Gift Back to God**

Offertory . . . . .	\$10,446.15
Mailed/Dropped in Office . . . . .	+ 1,000.00
Total December 3rd	\$11,446.15
Weekly Goal . . . . .	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus our Goal . . . . .	\$ (553.85)

**Thank You!**

**This Week's Second Collection**  
Retired Religious Fund

John the Baptist's call to repentance is echoed in the US bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship: "Christians must beg God for the grace of conversion: the grace to know who they are, to whom they belong, how they are to live - the grace to repent and change and grow, the grace to become good disciples and stewards."

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me." - Mk 1:4, 6-7a

**Mass Intention**

**Weekend of December 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)

Loyd, Tessie Viator Vernon & Family, Matthew Labbe, Harold & Gloria Simon, Mary Ann James, Preston Venable, Jacob Theriot, Dr. Robert Pavy, Samuel & Lou Ella Blanchard, Ryan Viator, Zachary Esters, Eugene Broussard, Lewis & Maude Picard, Dalfred Guidry (Birthday), May Grace Broussard

**Weekday Masses**

- Monday 11 Mrs. L. L. Regina Bourque (Birthday)
- Tuesday 12 First Responders & Those Serving in our Armed Forces
- Wednesday 13 Gladys Prejean (Anniversary)
- Thursday 14 Damas Viator & Family (Anniversary & Birthday), Helen P. Larcade (Birthday)
- Friday 15 Lea Miller (Anniversary), Percy & Ophelia Rabalais (Her Birthday)

**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 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 13th & 20th** beginning at 6:30 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 this 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!

**The Next Elderberries Social** will be held on Tuesday, **December 12th** in the Life Center beginning at 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Bring a friend and your favorite covered dish!

**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.

**Events This Week**

- Mon. (11th):** 3rd, 4th, & 5th CCD  
RCIA 7:00 p.m. (Church)
- Tues. (12th):** Elderberries Social  
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.
- Wed. (13th):** 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. (14th):** No Events Scheduled
- Fri. (15th):** No Events Scheduled
- Sat. (16th):** No Events Scheduled
- Sun. (17th):** 6th, 7th & 8th CCD



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

**Word of Life** “If you know someone who has had an abortion, express your sympathy for her loss. Assure her of God’s unconditional love, and encourage her to seek healing and forgiveness.” *For those grieving after abortion: May they trust in God’s patient mercy and find healing through his Church.*



*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.*

**Steubenville South Christian Conference** Registration is now open for the Steubenville South Christian Conference on **June 22nd, 23rd, & 24th, 2018.** A down payment of \$35.00 will hold your spot. All youth who would like to attend should contact Eva Green at 856-0800.

**Pope Francis Prayer Intentions (December)** *The Elderly. That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations. St. Joseph Knights of Columbus*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
- Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15
- Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**Next Sunday’s Readings**

- Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11
- Psalm 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54
- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
- John 1:6-8, 19-28



**Mass For Healing** Father Manny Hernandez will be at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Lydia (7809 Weeks Island Road, New Iberia) on Friday, **December 15th**. Confessions will begin at 5:00 p.m. with Mass beginning at 7:00 p.m. Individual blessings will begin immediately following the Mass. If you would like more information, please call 369-7510.

**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!

**Mount Carmel School** On-Line Applications for all new students for the 2018-2019 School Year. Tuesday, **January 9th** at 8:00 a.m. (PK4-8th grade) call 898-0859 or email: [mmcneil@mceschool.com](mailto:mmcneil@mceschool.com) or visit: [www.mceschool.org](http://www.mceschool.org).



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

**Please Pray for Our Priest:**

- Rev. Matthew Hebert
- Rev. T. J. Hebert
- Rev. Matthew Higginbotham
- Rev. Joseph Hund, OFM
- Rev. Godwin Imoru
- Bishop Sam Jacobs
- Rev. Thomas James, SVD

**Centennial Celebration**

**Opening Mass** Please join Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel for this special Mass which will serve as the opening celebration of the Diocese of Lafayette's Centennial Celebration. Live stream access will be available at [diolaf.org](http://diolaf.org) for those who are unable to attend in person. Held on Thursday, **January 11th**, at 6:30 p.m.

**Mass In Thanksgiving for the Gift of Human Life**

This special Mass will be a ticketed event. It will be held on Friday, **January 19th** at 7:00 p.m. at St. Pius X Catholic Church. For tickets or for more information please call the Office of Marriage & Family Life at 261-5653.

**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.



*Thought of the week* We anticipate with joy God's presence breaking into our world each day, as it did long ago.

**Liturgical Ministers December 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, December 16th, 4:00 p.m.**

- Sacristan:** Linda Desormeaux
- Lectors:** Linda Desormeaux, Wally Broussard
- Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Keith Duhon, Sylvia Broussard, Ricky Broussard
- Altar Servers:** Sarah Styles, Tucker Styles, Kalèb Lail

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

- Sacristan:** Robert & Angie Landry
- Lectors:** Judy Cole, Trish Marullo
- Eucharistic Ministers:** John Landry, Paula Landry, Robert Landry, Angie Landry, Donna Pitre, Mable Chaisson, Gwen Miller
- Altar Servers:** Payton Albert, Luke Blanchard, Emily Landry

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

- Sacristan:** Lurline Norris
- Lectors:** Pam Burley, Mary Ann Hebert
- Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Keith Duhon, Kim Sonnier, Paige Gary, Earline Blanchard, Randy Blanchard, Vicki Jacques, Lurline Norris
- Altar Servers:** Jaylon Etienne, Javon Etienne, Jayden Etienne

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

- Sacristan:** Natalie Hidalgo
- Lectors:** Emilie Boudreaux, Velma Cheramie
- Eucharistic Ministers:** Darlene Russell, Natalie Russell, Ruby Boudreaux, Mary Richard, Natalie Hidalgo, Paul Guillot, Michelle Guillot
- Altar Servers:** Tyler Boudreaux, Cooper Poff, Noah Poff