



# SAINT JOSEPH

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## DECEMBER 17, 2017 - THIRD 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



**3rd Sunday of Advent**

In the same sentence where he reminds his listeners that he has cured the blind, the lame, the deaf, the sick, and even raised the dead, Jesus concludes by adding, "The poor have the good news proclaimed to them." How did that make the list of supernatural cures? What's so miraculous about good news? The poor are not just those in physical poverty, but those whose sins have impoverished their souls. This of course applies to us. The poverty of our own sinfulness can be overcome by the forgiveness offered to us in Christ. Because of this, we have cause to rejoice!

And on this Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, we are encouraged to rejoice. Gaudete Sunday derives its name from the opening prayer of the Mass for this day, where we pray, "Gaudete in Domino semper" ("Rejoice in the Lord always"). So in the midst of Advent fasting and devotions, we rejoice because the time we have been preparing for is almost at hand. We pause in this season of anticipation to remember that, in truth, our hopes have already been fulfilled. He is among us, saving us even now!



*"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
- Angela Melancon Kathleen Blanco Catherine Venable

**Our Gift Back to God**

Offertory .....	\$12,168.24
Mailed/Dropped in Office .....	+ 965.00
Total December 10th	\$13,133.24
Weekly Goal .....	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus our Goal .....	+\$1,133.24
Retired Religious Fund .....	\$ 2,206.64

**Thank You!**

All of the people in today's readings - the prophet Isaiah, the Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. John the Baptist - seemed to understand clearly and rejoice in what God was calling them to be and to do. Do I?

John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." - Jn 1:26-27

***Mass Intention***

**Weekend of December 16th & 17th, 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)**

Jacob Theriot, M/M Dalton Sellers, Matthew Labbe, M/M Opta Sellers, Preston Venable, M/M Ophelais Hebert, Zachary Tucker, Dr. Robert Pavy, Ronald Joseph Romero (Birthday), Samuel & Lou Ella Blanchard, Ryan Viator, Lewis & Maude Picard, Zachary Esters

***Weekday Masses***

- Monday 18 Vocations to the Priesthood
- Tuesday 19 First Responders & Those Serving in our Armed Forces
- Wednesday 20 Lester David (1st Anniversary)
- Thursday 21 St. Joseph Community
- Friday 22 Mary Frances Cramer

***Sanctuary Candle***

Lillian Norris (Birthday)



**Holiday Mass Schedule**

**The Feast of Christmas**

**Christmas Eve**

Sunday, December 24th  
4:00 & 6:00 p.m.

**Christmas Day**

Monday, December 25th  
8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

**(NO 5:00 p.m. Mass Christmas Day)**

**Merry Christmas!!**

**Sunday Mass and Christmas Eve**

This year, Christmas Eve falls on Sunday. When this happens, we must attend two masses. One for the Fourth Sunday of Advent and one for the Solemnity of Christmas. Sunday Mass times are Saturday 4:00 p.m. Sunday Mass times are 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. only. Christmas Mass times are Sunday Christmas Eve 4:00 & 6:00 p.m. and Christmas Day 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

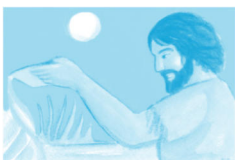
**The Light is on for You!**

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Wednesday. Fr. Schambough will be in the Confessional from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on **December 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 during Advent. This will be held on the same night and time as "The Light is on for You", **December 20th** beginning at 6:30 p.m.

**The Knights of Columbus** will have their next meeting on Thursday, **December 21st** at 6:30 p.m. in the Life Center.



**Events This Week**

- Mon. (18th):** 3rd, 4th, & 5th CCD
- Tues. (19th):** Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.
- Wed. (20th):** 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. (21st):** Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- Fri. (22nd):** No Events Scheduled
- Sat. (23rd):** No Events Scheduled
- Sun. (24th):** Christmas Eve Masses  
4:00 & 6:00 p.m.



**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** "He is *always* with us. Jesus promised this when he gave the disciples the same mission he gives to each of us: Go. ... Walk with each other. Do not be afraid to embrace God's gift of life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us." *For those who feel lonely or abandoned: May their hearts be consoled by the genuine and loving care of others.*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
- Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
- Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38
- Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
- Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56
- Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

**Next Sunday's Readings**

- 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
- Psalms 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29
- Romans 16:25-27
- Luke 1:26-38



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.

**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.

**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).

**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. at St. Martin De Tours Church, St. Martinville.

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



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

**Please Pray for Our Priest:**

Rev. Johnathan Janise  
 Rev. Rofinus Jas, SVD  
 Rev. Stanley Jawa, SVD  
 Rev. Raymond Jones, SVD  
 Rev. Ryszard Kalinowski, SVD  
 Rev. Andreas Kedati, SVD  
 Rev. Steven Kimmons, SJ

**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.

**Liturgical Ministers December 23rd, 24th & 25th, 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 23rd, 4:00 p.m.**

**Sacristan:** Judy Touchet  
**Lectors:** Shelly Broussard, Tarrah Davis  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Anna Bernard, Sherry Kenner, Angelique Latiolais  
**Altar Servers:** Graham Verret, Kennedi Davis, William Davis

**Sunday, December 24th, 8:00 a.m.**

**Sacristan:** Morgan & Curlis Savoy  
**Lectors:** Ali Picard, Joyce Broussard  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Morgan Savoy, Curlis Savoy, Mary Adams, Janice Bourque, Stacey Picard, Liz Curnutt, Dale Kelly  
**Altar Servers:** Parker Broussard, Logan Broussard, Reed Broussard

**Sunday, December 24th, 10:30 a.m.**

**Sacristan:** Leslie Breaux  
**Lectors:** Nancy Cech, Leslie Breaux  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Keith Duhon, Cindy LeBlanc, Lisa LeBlanc, Gerard Labat, Krissy Smith, Susie Trappey, Joan Morvant  
**Altar Servers:** Joseph Kreamer, Elizabeth Roy

**Sunday, December 24th, 4:00 p.m. (Christmas Eve Mass)**

**Sacristan:** Margaret Siffert  
**Lectors:** Dina Segura, Dan LaPointe  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Liz Lanier, Vance Lanier, Ryan Ward, Margaret Siffert  
**Altar Servers:** Tucker Styles, Sarah Styles, Alyssa Lail

**Sunday, December 24th, 6:00 p.m. (Christmas Eve Mass)**

**Sacristan:** Steve & Sharon Moore  
**Lectors:** Steve Moore, Sharon Moore  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Keith Duhon, Kenny Darbonne, Renee Darbonne, Katelyn Norse, Terry Smith, Pam Begnaud, Wayne Begnaud  
**Altar Servers:** Randal Greene, Juel Smith, Meghan Tavares

**Monday, December 25th, 8:00 a.m. (Christmas Day)**

**Sacristan:** Kat Trahan  
**Lectors:** Robert Cole, Judy Cole  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Kat Trahan, Deidre Toups, Jed Bourque, Grant Bourque, Monica Bourque, Trista Littell, Jeron LaFarque  
**Altar Servers:** John Luke Bourque, Noah Bourque, Payton Albert

**Monday, December 25th, 10:30 a.m. (Christmas Day)**

**Sacristan:** Dan Guidry  
**Lectors:** Robert Cole, Judy Cole  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Kat Trahan, Deidre Toups, Jed Bourque, Grant Bourque, Monica Bourque, Trista Littell, Jeron LaFarque  
**Altar Servers:** John Luke Bourque, Noah Bourque, Payton Albert