



SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FEBRUARY 26, 2017 • EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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



8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?" The anti-anxiety message Jesus gives us today is not just ancient pop psychology. The point of this passage isn't to give us a "strategy" for coping with our fears. Jesus is proposing something much more profound. He is teaching us how to eliminate our fears altogether. To put it simply, he tells us to get our priorities straight. This whole reflection on worrying culminates in the instruction to "seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness." That's where our freedom lies. When we concern ourselves with being in right relationship with God, our other concerns melt away.

Deep down, we know that this life isn't about bodily health or comfort. Those things don't last anyway. But freedom from fretting is more than simply thinking about how it'll all work out--eventually--in heaven. No. Jesus offers us more. He insists that our heavenly Father will provide for us, here and now. We only need to take him at his word. That means sticking to our part of the bargain by putting God first.

What does this look like, this seeking God and not worrying about the rest? It looks like Mother Teresa giving up every material possession, living amongst the poor without any dependable income, and watching truckloads of food appear at her doorstep unannounced. It looks like a check showing up in the mailbox of two struggling parents to cover the medical bills for their sick baby. It looks like the couple that tithes to its parish month after month, and still finds it has plenty to cover its expenses. In a word, it looks like trust. Trust in the divine providence of a Father who loves his children.

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 Eura V. Simon
- 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
- Papa John Ladner

Our Gift Back to God

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| Offertory | \$11,705.30 |
| Mailed/Dropped in Office | + 195.00 |
| Total (February 19th) | \$11,900.30 |
| Weekly Goal | \$12,000.00 |
| Plus/Minus our Goal | \$ -99.70 |
| Aid to Eastern Europe | \$ 1,459.26 |

Thank You!

This Week's Second Collection
Black & Indian Missions

Next Week's Second Collection
Building & Maintenance Fund

We often say in the Church that stewardship is about the three Ts, time, talent, and treasure, but really, stewardship is about the big "E," which is everything. We are made up of more than just our time, talent, and treasure, and the gifts that come from God are overwhelming. All that we have, from the obvious to the not so obvious, is a gift from God. We are called to cultivate them all and offer them back to God with increase.

"So do not worry and say, 'What are we to eat?' or 'What are we to drink?' or 'What are we to wear?' Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness." - Mt 6:31, 32b-33a

Mass Intention

Weekend of February 25th & 26th, 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)

Phillip & Sherrie Bacilla (Their Anniv.), Geri Morvant & Family, Linda Kimball, Preston Venable & Jacob Theriot, Raymond LeJeune, Ryan Viator, Louis Theo Bares & Family, Clifford J. Viator & Family, Junius & Wanda Norris, Eugene Broussard, Zachary Esters, Patricia Smith, Willis Gerard & Family, Lewis & Maude Picard, Zachary Tucker, Dorothy Miller, Ronald Bourque (Birthday), Ronald LeBlanc, Sr.

Weekday Masses

- Monday 27 Sick of the Parish
- Tuesday 28 First Responders & Those Serving in our Armed Forces
- Wednesday 1 Ryan Viator
- Thursday 2 St. Joseph Community
- Friday 3 Lala & Frank Martin, Edvard & Lydia Hebert & Family

Sanctuary Candle
Previous Bishops



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.

Parish Office Closed on Monday and Tuesday, **February 27th & 28th**, in observance of the Mardi Gras Holiday. Wishing everyone a safe and Happy Mardi Gras!

Ash Wednesday Masses will be celebrated at 6:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, **March 1st**.

2016 Contribution Statement If you are in need of a Contribution Statement, please call the Rectory at 856-5997 to request this. Thank you!

The Next Baptism Seminar will be held on Thursday, **March 9th**, at 6:30 p.m. in Church. Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy to avoid undue delays.

Word of Life “Whether it lasts for a brief moment or for a hundred years, each of our lives is a good and perfect gift. At every stage and in every circumstance, we are held in existence by God’s love. ...Every life is worth living.” *For those who suffer: May they be surrounded by loving family and friends who walk with them in their suffering.*

Events This Week

- Mon. (27th):** NO CCD
Parish Office Closed
- Tues. (28th):** NO CCD
Mardi Gras Day
Parish Office Closed
- Wed. (1st):** NO CCD
Ash Wednesday
Masses 6:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
- Thurs. (2nd):** Way of the Cross
6:30 p.m.
- Fri. (3rd):** No Events Scheduled
Parish Office Closed
- Sat. (4th):** Children of Mary
(1st Saturday Adoration)
Rosary 8:00 a.m.
Mass 8:30 a.m.
- Sun. (5th):** Middle School CCD

St. Jo 5K Jog/Walk 2017 Our Annual one mile run/walk and 5k Jog will be held on Saturday, **March 18th**. Registration and Sponsor Forms can be found on-line at www.stjo-milton.org or in the gathering area of Church. Any business or persons interested in contributing items for door prizes can drop these off at the Rectory or if you would like to volunteer to help with this event call the rectory at 856-5997. Come and cheer on Milton’s best. Walkers and strollers are welcome to participate. We will have a DJ, pancake and sausage breakfast (following the race), and door prizes. The one mile run/walk begins at 9:00 a.m. followed by the 5K at 9:30 a.m. Deadline to register in order to receive a T-shirt is March 9th.

Retreat: In Your Presence is Fullness of Joy — Yoga and Contemplative Prayer This retreat will be conducted by Andrea Vidrine **March 2nd thru March 5th**. The cost is \$270 per person for overnight guests, or \$200 per person for commuters. For further details and registration information please contact the Jesuit Spirituality Center at 662-5251 or visit www.jesuitspiritualitycenter.org.



Vocation Supper for Young Men Wednesday, **March 8th**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Immaculata Center, 1408 Carmel Drive. It is customary that the pastor, a deacon, or a religious accompany the candidate(s) to the Vocation Supper. A sponsoring pastor/deacon/religious may bring one or two candidates. If the person is under age of 18 and is the only candidate sponsored by a priest, deacon, or nun, then a parent (or other family member over 18) must also attend. Deadline to register is March 2nd. Call 261-5690 for more information.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5-7/Mk 10:17-27
- Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23/Mk 10:28-31
- Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17/2 Cor 5:20--6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 9:22-25
- Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
- Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday’s Readings

- Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
- Psalms 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17
- Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19
- Matthew 4:1-11

My Lord and My God! Followers of Jesus Are you a *follower* of Jesus, or just an admirer? One of the best ways we can come to know our Savior is to look at ways he interacted with people, and how they responded to Him. Join us as we look at what it means to really follow our LORD as we examine the interaction of Jesus and six people in the Bible: St. Peter, a centurion, a woman with a hemorrhage, Mary Magdalen, Judas, and St. Thomas. Presented by Susan Castille, **March 2nd** through **April 6th**, 9:15 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., at St. Jules Catholic Church, 116 St. Jules Road, Lafayette. For more information email SusanCastillebiblestudy@gmail.com or call 981-1455 by February 27th. Please include name and phone number. A \$15 donation appreciated to cover expenses.

Lenten Day of Reflection The Live Oak District Theresians will host "Led By the Light" a Day of Reflection at St. Pius X School Auditorium, on **March 4th**, from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel, Dr. Sarah Brabant and Pat Low. The cost is \$25.00 in advance; \$30.00 at the door. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. Please download the registration form at www.AcadianaTheresians.com and mail checks to Live Oak District Theresians, 110 Wicklowe, Lafayette, LA 70503. For more information, please contact Judy Kennedy, Chairman at qxanadu1993@yahoo.com.



Food for the Journey The Central Deanery of the Diocese of Lafayette will continue to present "Food for the Journey", a monthly lunchtime speakers series designed to help Catholics live out their faith in their daily lives. Beginning with the March meeting, the monthly event will be held on Tuesday, **March 7th**, at River Oaks Catering and Event Center (520 East Kaliste Saloom Road). The presentation will begin at 12:00 noon, with an optional buffet available for purchase beginning at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome to come "eat and be fed." The speaker for March is Most Rev. Douglas Deshotel, D. D., Bishop of Lafayette. Please bring a friend! Pre-registration is not required. For more information, please call Danielle Huval at 232-1322.



Five Wishes Workshop St. Mary Church, 419 Doucet Road, will host Mr. Mike Blanchard of Hospice of Acadiana as he presents the Five Wishes Workshop in the parish hall on Wednesday, **March 22nd**, from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Completing Five Wishes is a gift to your family, friend and your doctor because it keeps them out of the difficult position of having to guess what kind of treatment you want or don't want in case you can't speak for yourself. The presentation will focus on basic information that encourages those who participate to put in writing their health care preferences, helping their caregivers to know exactly what they want. To register or to request additional information for this event, please contact JoAnn at 981-3379.

Thought of the Week Our greatest glory is not in never failing, but in rising up every time we fail.

**Liturgical Ministers March 1st, 4th & 5th, 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.

Wednesday, March 1st, 6:30 a.m.

Sacristan: Doug & Sue Duhon
Lectors: Toddy Guidry, Ali Picard
Eucharistic Ministers: Doug Duhon, Sue Duhon, Stacey Picard

Wednesday, March 1st, 6:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Cyndi Miller
Lectors: Dana Carter, Cyndi Miller
Eucharistic Ministers: Tanya Wilson, Anna Bernard, Eileen Massie, Mable Chiasson, Joseph Santiago, Becky Prejean, Janice Bourque
Altar Servers: Morgan Massie, Logan Broussard, Parker Broussard

Saturday, March 4th, 4:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Mona Zeringue
Lectors: Mona Zeringue, Gail Dysart
Eucharistic Ministers: Ricky Broussard, Wally Broussard, Sylvia Broussard
Altar Servers: Kyle Wiget, Tucker Styles, Sarah Styles

Sunday, March 5th, 8:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Robert & Angie Landry
Lectors: Judy Cole, Maria Baute
Eucharistic Ministers: Robert Landry, Angie Landry, Liz Curnutt, Dale Kelly, John Landry, Paula Landry, Ryan Ward
Altar Servers: Emily Landry, Payton Albert, Luke Blanchard

Sunday, March 5th, 10:30 a.m.

Sacristan: Lurline Norris
Lectors: Leslie Breaux, Cindy Fontenot
Eucharistic Ministers: Lurline Norris, Earline Blanchard, Randy Blanchard, Joan Morvant, Stacy Frederick, Dina Segura, Cindy LeBlanc
Altar Servers: Austin Ward, Holden Martin, Joseph Kreamer

Sunday, March 5th, 5:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Natalie Hidalgo
Lectors: Dennis Dumas, Natalie Hidalgo
Eucharistic Ministers: Bubba LaFleur, Mary Richard, Debbie Dumas, Ouida Roy, Macy Toups, Margaret Siffert, Victoria Fouquier
Altar Servers: William Davis, Kennedi Davis, Juel Smith