



SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

JULY 16, 2017 • FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH MINISTERS

Rev. William Schambough*Pastor*
Chenell Privat*Secretary to the Pastor*
Sandra Smith*Bookkeeper*
Eva Green*Coordinator of 1st-11th 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



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Hear then the parable of the sower." With his analogy of the sower and the seed, Jesus gives us four images to help us gauge the depth of our spiritual maturity. What kind of "soil" does our faith exist in? Are we fruitful Christians? Does our seed yield as much as it could?

The first image is of the seed that fell on the path. This describes those who hear about Christianity "without understanding it." Nothing can grow, nothing can blossom at this level. We should ask ourselves if we have taken the time to be sure we understand the faith we practice. Are we stuck at a superficial level, allowing stereotypes, popular opinion, or media distortions to "steal away" the richness of the Catholic faith?

Perhaps we have been properly educated in the teachings of the faith, but our commitment has been fickle. Are we the seed on the rocky ground, that "has no root and lasts only for a time"? Have we experienced difficulties in the practice of our faith that have led us to become indifferent? Have we found it just too troublesome to bring our faith into our everyday lives?

Or have we heard the word, but allowed it to be choked by "worldly anxiety and the lure of riches"? Do we appreciate Christianity but fail to make the sacrifices that it requires? Are we more interested in a comfortable life than anything else?

Many of us have sampled these stages at different times. But ultimately, our goal as Christians is to be "the seed sown on rich soil." We are called to be open to hearing the word, to seek to understand it, and to allow it to take firm root in our hearts. When we do this, the seed of our own faith can produce a rich harvest for the world.

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
- Lane Begnaud Mary Belle Broussard Charlene Nutt

Our Gift Back to God

Offertory	\$ 10,767.01
Mailed/Dropped in Office	+ 850.00
Total July 9th	\$ 11,617.01
Weekly Goal	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus our Goal	\$ - 382.99
July 2nd Collection	\$13,282.57
Catholic Communications	\$ 1,676.99

Thank You!

May our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure show us to be among those who have heard the message of Christ and taken it in, yielding a hundred- or sixty- or thirty-fold!

"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:22-23

Mass Intention

Weekend of July 15th & 16th, 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)

Etienne & Leona Clark, Lewis & Maude Picard, Rudell Broussard, M/M Ophelais Hebert, Eustis & Beulah Touns & Russell, Harold & Gloria Simon (Gloria's Birthday), M/M Opta Sellers, Jacob Theriot, John Doucet, Beverly C. & Mildred B. Picard (Beverly's Birthday), Eugene Broussard, Zachary Esters, Samuel & Lou Ella Blanchard, Mary Lou David, Jerry Viator, Percy & Ophelia Rabalais, Preston Venable, Ryan Viator, M/M Dalton Sellers, Emily Kay Benoit (12th Birthday), Gurlie & Lester Roy Viator (Her Anniv.) Lula & Alphonse Domingue

Weekday Masses

- Monday 17 Sick of the Parish
- Tuesday 18 First Responders & Those Serving in our Armed Forces
- Wednesday 19 L. L. Bourque (Birthday)
- Thursday 20 Vocations to the Priesthood
- Friday 21 Previous Priests

Sanctuary Candle

- Beverly C. Picard (Birthday)
- Charles D. Bernard (Anniversary)



The Ladies Altar Society Rosary Group will have their next meeting on Tuesday, **July 18th**, at 9:30 a.m. in Church. Carolyn Richard will be the hostess.

Ushers Meeting The Ushers will have their next meeting on Thursday, **July 20th**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Life Center.



The Bloodmobile will be in the parking lot of St. Joseph Church on Sunday, **July 23rd**, from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. for our semi-annual blood drive. Please make plans to donate to this blood drive.

STM Cheerleaders Present: The Happiest Camp on Earth 2017 Summer Cheer Clinic Tuesday, **July 25th** - Friday, **July 28th** from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon. Learn cheers, jumps, dances and chants. Open to children entering grades Pre-K - 8th. Register online by visiting www.stmcougars.net and click on "summer camps." Online and mail-in registration (\$100) will end July 20th. Walk-in registration (\$110): 8:00-9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 25th.

The Knights of Columbus will have their next meeting on Thursday, **July 27th**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Life Center.

Word of Life "The challenge is to *make the Church's 'yes' to Life concrete and effective.* The struggle will be long, and it needs each one of you. Place your intelligence, your talents, your enthusiasm, your compassion and your fortitude at the service of life!" *For those who build a culture of life in our society: That their efforts yield a fruitful harvest.*

Events This Week

Mon. (17th): No Events Scheduled
Tues. (18th): LAS Rosary Group
 9:30 a.m. (Church)
Wed. (19th): No Events Scheduled
Thurs. (20th): Ushers Meeting
 6:30 p.m. (Life Center)
Fri. (21st): Parish Office Closed
Sat. (22nd): No Events Scheduled
Sun. (23rd): Bloodmobile (Church)
 8:30 a.m.—Noon

The Next Baptism Seminar will be held on Thursday, **August 10th**, at 6:30 p.m. in Church. Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy to avoid undue delays.

Centennial Pilgrimage to Canada Join us Wednesday, **July 26th**, at 6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Fatima to find out how you can join Bishop Douglas Dehotel for this pilgrimage. It is scheduled for August 27 through September 5, 2018, and will include stops in Montreal, Quebec City, and Nova Scotia, including a visit to Grand Pre, the site of the famous Acadian Settlement. The meeting will take place in Knight Hall Auditorium behind Our Lady of Fatima. Co-leaders are Fr. Cedric Sonnier and Fr. Paul Broussard. For more information, call 292-1933, email info@holytravels.org or visit www.holytravels.org.

Religious Education **Religious Ed Registration for 2017/18** has begun.

You may find forms online at www.stjo-milton.org or in the Rectory. If you have any questions, call Eva at 856-0800.

Centennial Campaign We ask that parishioners of St. Joseph consider a gift to the Centennial Campaign. Please take a Centennial Campaign pledge card found on the table in the gathering area of Church. Thank you to all who have invested in the future of our church. When making a donation by check, it should be made out to Centennial Campaign and mailed to: Diocese of Lafayette, Centennial Campaign, 1408 Carmel Dr., Lafayette 70501. Please call the Rectory at 856-5997 if you have any questions.

"Gently Worn" School Uniforms Needed School Uniform Outreach will continue to collect and process used uniforms. Various agencies will make available the gently used uniforms to needy children in the Lafayette Parish Schools. Please bring your children's outgrown uniforms to church as soon as possible and place them in the School Uniform container found in the gathering area of church.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-8/Mt 10:34--11:1
 Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24
 Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27
 Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27/Mt 11:28-30
 Friday: Ex 11:10--12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc-18/Mt 12:1-8
 Saturday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Next Sunday's Readings

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
 Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16
 Romans 8:26-27
 Matthew 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Food for the Journey On Tuesday, **August 1st**, the Central Deanery of the Diocese of Lafayette presents "Food for the Journey", a monthly lunchtime speakers series designed to help Catholics live out our faith in our daily lives. The event will be held at River Oaks Catering and Event Center (520 E. Kaliste Saloom Rd.) beginning at 12:00 noon. An optional lunch buffet is available for purchase beginning at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome to come "eat and be fed". Please bring a friend! For more information, please call Danielle Huval at 232-1322.

Suicide Survivor Support Group

The Jacob Crouch Suicide Prevention Services and the diocesan Office of Marriage and Family have partnered to offer a support group especially tailored for survivors of suicide (those who have lost a loved one to suicide). Facilitated by a license counselor, meetings are open to all survivors over the age of 18. It will be held Tuesday, **August 1st**. Pre-registration is required; to register or to request further details please contact Kelley Chapman at 261-5653 or kchapman@diolaf.org.

Annual Mass of Petition for Charlene Richard

Friday, **August 1th**, at 6:00 p.m. All are invited to the annual Mass of Petition for Charlene Richard, hosted by St. Edward Church (1463 Charlene Hwy, Richard/Church Point). Bishop Douglas Deshotel will be the main celebrant.



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

Please Pray for Our Priest:

- Rev. Nicholas Schiro, SJ
- Rev. Paul Schott, SJ
- Rev. Robert Seay, OFM
- Rev. Clinton Sensat
- Rev. Bryce Sibley
- Rev. Gregory Simien
- Rev. George Simon

Come to the Well Retreat

Saturday, **August 12th**, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The Office of Pro-Life Apostolate will sponsor "Come to the Well" - "A Day of Hope and Restoration for those suffering the loss of a loved one." Loss by Suicide, Accidental Death, Infertility, Miscarriage, Illness, Stillbirth, SIDS, Adoption Place-ment, Abortion, and other life losses. Presenters will be Bishop Douglas Deshotel and Camille Pavy Claibourne, RN, PhD. Pre-registration is required; please contact Trista Littell at 261-5607 for details.

Thought of the week The more man meditates upon good thoughts, the better will be his world and the world at large.

Please Pray for Seminarians July

- Brent Didier
- Cameron Domingue
- Phillip Domingue
- Blake Dubroc
- Casey Dugas
- John Dugas
- Adam Fenstermaker
- Sean Fontenot
- Andrew Furka
- Jace Gyles
- Alex Hargrave
- Jonathan Harris
- Nicholas Hebert
- Sal Istre
- Luke Johnson
- Andrew Killeen
- Luke Kirk
- Hayden Lacour
- Joshua LaFleur
- Alex Lancon
- Rev. Mr. Corey LaVergne
- Cade LeBlanc
- Calvin LeMaire
- Seth LeMaire
- Riley Maturin
- Scott Mitchell
- Rev. Mr. Stephen Pellessier
- Ben Pitre
- Connor Poirrier
- Rev. Mr. Andrew Schumacher
- Rev. Mr. Brent Smith

Men's Work Day

Saturday, **August 12th**, Our Lady of Sorrows Retreat Center (103 Railroad Ave., St. Martinville). Carpentry, plumbing, electrical, painting, cleaning and good ole manual labor. Work begins at 8:00 a.m. with noon Mass. Lunch is provided. Work normally ends at 4:00 p.m. Come when you can and stay as long as you can. Call 849-0185 for more information.

Liturgical Ministers July 22nd & 23rd, 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, July 22nd, 4:00 p.m.

- Sacristan:** Linda Desormeaux
- Lectors:** Linda Desormeaux, Dana Carter
- Eucharistic Ministers:** Eadie Slimbach, Anna Bernard, Angeliq Latiolais
- Altar Servers:** Isabella Lail, Alyssa Lail, Kaleb Lail

Sunday, July 23rd, 8:00 a.m.

- Sacristan:** Morgan & Curlis Savoy
- Lectors:** Robert Cole, Judy Cole
- Eucharistic Ministers:** Morgan Savoy, Curliss Savoy, Ruthie Denais, Janice Bourque, Becky Prejean, Liz Curnutt, Joseph Santiago
- Altar Servers:** Parker Broussard, Logan Broussard, Reed Broussard

Sunday, July 23rd, 10:30 a.m.

- Sacristan:** Leslie Breaux
- Lectors:** Walter Bergeron, Cindy Fontenot
- Eucharistic Ministers:** Cindy LeBlanc, Joan Morvant, Leurline Norris, Gerard Labat, Kim Sonnier, Vickie Jacques, Leslie Breaux
- Altar Servers:** Joseph Kreamer, Elizabeth Roy

Sunday, July 23rd, 5:00 p.m.

- Sacristan:** Steve & Sharon Moore
- Lectors:** Steve Moore, Sharon Moore
- Eucharistic Ministers:** Kenney Darbonne, Renee Darbonne, Pam Begnaud, Wayne Begnaud, Emily LeBlanc, Missy Francois, Macy Toups
- Altar Servers:** Cooper Poff, Noah Poff, Elias Bernard