



# SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## SEPTEMBER 24, 2017 • TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### PARISH MINISTERS

Rev. William Schambough .....*Pastor*  
Deacon Keith Duhon .....*Deacon*  
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Sandra Smith .....*Bookkeeper*  
Eva Green .....*Coordinator of 1st-11th Grade Religion*  
Martha Landreneau .....*Safe Environment Coordinator*

### 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



**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"Are you envious because I am generous?" The landowner in today's Gospel parable surprised everyone. Contrary to standard practice, he paid all of his laborers the same wage, regardless of how many hours they had worked! Of course this was a very pleasant surprise for those who had begun their job late in the day. And, understandably, it was something of a disappointment for those who had toiled since the morning. From their perspective, they should have gotten more than the others. But in fact the landowner was not cheating anyone; he was simply being especially generous with the latecomers.

This story would have had a special meaning for the Jewish audience listening to Jesus. They, the Chosen People, were the laborers who had started at 9:00 am. They belonged to the group with a long history of worshipping the true God. Non-Jewish Gentiles, on the other hand, had appeared late in the game. Jesus was making the point that just because he would offer the same salvation and mercy to everyone, there should be no reason for the Jews to complain. They had received their promised Messiah; so what if, in God's mercy, he allowed others who had not waited so long to be saved as well? Divine generosity is not meant to be a cause for jealousy.

Now, we may feel removed from the concerns of those Jews. But the basic lesson remains relevant: that we ought to appreciate God's generosity, even when it reaches to those whom we may not expect God to forgive. Those who have long been faithful, for example, might think they deserve more benefits than sinners who repent late in life. But instead, we should all rejoice to see God's mercy extended to EVERYONE, no matter when they joined the fold.

***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 Rita Randazzo Todd Denais
- Enola G. Bernard

**Our Gift Back to God**

Offertory .....	\$12,151.75
Mailed/Dropped in Office .....	+ 860.00
Total September 17th	\$13,011.75
Weekly Goal .....	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus our Goal .....	+\$1,011.75
Hurricane Harvey Special Collection . . . .	\$ 7,881.00

**Thank You!**

**Next Week's Special Second Collection**  
Building & Maintenance Fund

In today's Gospel, the vineyard owner says, "I am free to do as I please with my money, am I not?" We are likewise free. Is a generous return to the Lord in thanksgiving for His many blessings among the choices we have made?

"He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." - Mt 20:13-16

***Mass Intention***

**Weekend of September 23rd & 24th, 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)

Special Intention, Elton Broussard, Sr., Preston Venable, Ryan Viator, Jerry Viator, Martha McKeon (Birthday), Helen P. Larcade (Anniv.), Jacob Theriot, Mary Lou David, Sophie Cramer (Birthday), Zachary Esters, Clifford J. Viator & Family, Eugene Broussard, Willis Gerard & Family, Samuel & Lou Ella Blanchard, Lewis & Maude Picard, Matthew Labbe

***Weekday Masses***

- Monday 25 St. Joseph Community
- Tuesday 26 Special Intention, First Responders & Those Serving in our Armed Forces
- Wednesday 27 Alphe Bourque (Anniversary)
- Thursday 28 Souls in Purgatory, Wilson Cazaudebat
- Friday 29 Vocations to the Priesthood

**Sanctuary Candle**

- Emily Kay Benoit
- Doug Hebert (Birthday)
- Ronald Romero





**The Knights of Columbus** will have their next meeting on Thursday, **September 28th**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Life Center.

**First Saturday Adoration (Children of Mary)** Please join us on Saturday, **October 7th**, for First Saturday Adoration. The Rosary is prayed beginning at 8:00 a.m. with Mass at 8:30 a.m.

**Milton Civic Organization** The Milton Civic Organization is having their annual Jambalaya Fundraiser on Sunday, **October 8th**. Serving time will be from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and pick up will be at the Milton Civic Center at Picard Park. Members of the organization will be selling tickets at all masses this weekend, **September 23rd and 24th**.

**The Next Baptism Seminar** will be held on Thursday, **October 12th**, at 6:30 p.m. in Church. Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy to avoid undue delays.

**St. Thomas More Open House** You are invited to St. Thomas More High School Open House on Thursday, **October 12th**. Continuous tours from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Last tour beginning at 7:00 p.m. For more information, call the Admissions Office at 988-3700 ext. 187 or visit our website at [www.stmcougars.net](http://www.stmcougars.net).

**Word of Life** “Only respect for life can be the foundation and guarantee of the most precious and essential goods of society, such as democracy and peace.”  
*For all of Christ’s disciples: May we foster a culture of life and a civilization of love.*

**Events This Week**

- Mon. (25th):** 3rd, 4th & 5th CCD
- Tues. (26th):** No Events Scheduled
- Wed. (27th):** 1st & 2nd Grade CCD
- Thurs. (28th):** Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- Fri. (29th):** Parish Office Closed
- Sat. (30th):** No Events Scheduled
- Sun. (1st):** Youth Group Starts 6:00-8:00 p.m. (Life Ctr.)

**VITA (Volunteer Instructors Teaching Adults)** Do you want to help someone improve their reading and math skills, pass the HiSET test, or join the workforce? You can become a volunteer tutor for VITA. VITA holds a two-session tutor training that gives you all the information and materials you will need to become a successful tutor. The training will be held on Thursday, **September 28th** and Thursday, **October 5th**, from 5:00-7:30 p.m. at the former Whitney Bank, 905 Jefferson Street. Give us a call today to register for our latest tutor training workshop at 234-4600.



**Youth Group** St. Joseph Church is starting a youth group beginning Sunday, **October 1st**, in the Life Center from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Anyone in grades 8th through 12th are welcome to attend. We will have food, fun and fellowship. Bring a friend!



**Centennial Campaign** Thank you again to everyone who gave to the **Centennial Campaign: Building Our Future Together**. If you would like to join in this historic effort, it’s not too late. St. Joseph Church is still accepting gifts and pledges. Pledge cards are available at the Church Office. When remitting payments or making new gift or pledge to the campaign, make checks payable to “Centennial Campaign”. Payments are to be mailed to the Diocese of Lafayette, Centennial Campaign Office, 1408 Carmel Drive, Lafayette, LA 70501. To initiate a pledge or make a gift online visit [diolaf.org](http://diolaf.org).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-6/Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-5/Lk 8:19-21
- Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2-4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/Lk 9:7-9
- Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-5/Jn 1:47-51
- Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jr 31:10-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

**Next Sunday’s Readings**

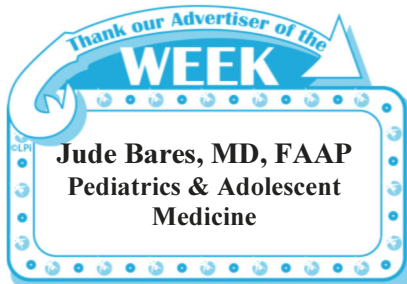
- Ezekiel 18:25-28
- Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
- Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5
- Matthew 21:28-32

**Pet & Animal Blessing** on Saturday, **September 30th** beginning at 9:00 a.m. with the Blessing at 9:30 a.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church, 415 Robley Drive.

**The Rosary Congress** at Our Lady of Fatima will be held Friday, **October 6th** through Sunday, **October 8th**. Fr. Apostoli and Donna O'Boyle, both EWTN personalities and Fatima authors will be present for a Morning of Reflection. Fr. Apostoli will speak at all weekend Masses. Please prayerfully consider participating in Adoration, particularly in the late night/early morning hours. Call 232-8945 to sign-up for one or more time slots. For more information and for a complete schedule of events, please visit [diolaf.org](http://diolaf.org).

**St. Joseph Church (Maurice)** Annual Zydeco Dance featuring Geno Delafosse will be held on Saturday, **October 7th**, from 9:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. at the W.O.W. Hall in Maurice. Presale tickets \$10.00 and at the door \$12.00. No outside alcohol and must be 18 or older to attend. For tickets call 893-1601 or 893-5428.

**Organ Concert** Sunday, **October 8th**, at 6:16 p.m. In honor of the centennial anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima, all are invited to this special concert featuring Dr. Jacob Benda. For additional information, please contact the parish office at Our Lady of Fatima at 232-8945.



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

**Please Pray for Our Priest:**

- Rev. Ken Broussard
- Rev. Patrick Broussard
- Rev. Paul Broussard
- Rev. Richard Broussard
- Msr. Ronald Broussard
- Rev. Theodore Broussard
- Rev. Keenan Brown

**St. Joseph Church (Maurice)**

The annual Church Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, **October 14th** from 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. The Barbeque Chicken and Pork Steak Dinners will be sold on Sunday, **October 15th**. Dinners are \$10.00 and can be picked up in the Church Hall or Drive Thru. For dinner tickets call 893-5428 or 893-1601.



**Christ in the City!** An evening of adoration, confession, reflection, and fellowship for Young Adults, 20s and 30s. Held at St. Mary Mother of God Church on Doucet Road on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

**Tips for Marrying the Right Person**

Tuesday, **October 17th**, 6:00-8:00 p.m. All singles and couples who are dating or engaged are invited to join Fr. Jude Halphen, Director of the Office of Marriage and Family Life, for an evening of singles enrichment. Fr. Halphen will present "Tips for Marrying the Right Person: Helping Singles Find Each Other, Contemplate Marriage, and Say I Do." This event is free to attend but registration is required by calling the office at 261-5653 or visiting [www.diolaf.org/marriage-enrichment](http://www.diolaf.org/marriage-enrichment).

**Divorce Recovery Program**

Wednesday, **October 18th**, at St. Pius X Church (200 E. Bayou Parkway) will host a 12-week Divorce Recovery session. Sessions will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information and registration, please call Ashton Mouton at 237-5130 or email [evangelization@stpiusxchurch.org](mailto:evangelization@stpiusxchurch.org).

*Thought of the week* My brothers, let us love God, but let it be with the strength of our arms and the sweat of our brow. St. Vincent de Paul

**Liturgical Ministers September 30th & October 1st, 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, September 30th, 4:00 p.m.**

- Sacristan:** Linda Desormeaux
- Lectors:** Linda Desormeaux, Dana Carter
- Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Keith Duhon, Anna Bernard, Angelique Latiolais
- Altar Servers:** Abigail Stacks, Graham Verret

**Sunday, October 1st, 8:00 a.m.**

- Sacristan:** Doug & Sue Duhon
- Lectors:** Toddy Guidry, Trish Marullo
- Eucharistic Ministers:** Doug Duhon, Sue Duhon, Dale Kelly, Mable Chaisson, Gwen Miller, Ryan Ward, Becky Prejean
- Altar Servers:** Payton Albert, Luke Blanchard

**Sunday, October 1st, 10:30 a.m.**

- Sacristan:** Stephanie Broussard
- Lectors:** Cindy Fontenot, Mary Ann Hebert
- Eucharistic Ministers:** Deacon Keith Duhon, Kim Sonnier, Lynn Gautreaux, Stephanie Broussard, Lisa LeBlanc, Vickie Jacques, Gerard Labat
- Altar Servers:** Jaylon Etienne, Javon Etienne

**Sunday, October 1st, 5:00 p.m.**

- Sacristan:** Natalie Hidalgo
- Lectors:** Tarrah Davis, Natalie Hidalgo
- Eucharistic Ministers:** Paul Guillot, Michelle Guillot, Toni Hebert, Sarah Gary, Victoria Fouquier, Ouida Roy, Katelyn Norse
- Altar Servers:** William Davis, Kennedi Davis, Juel Smith