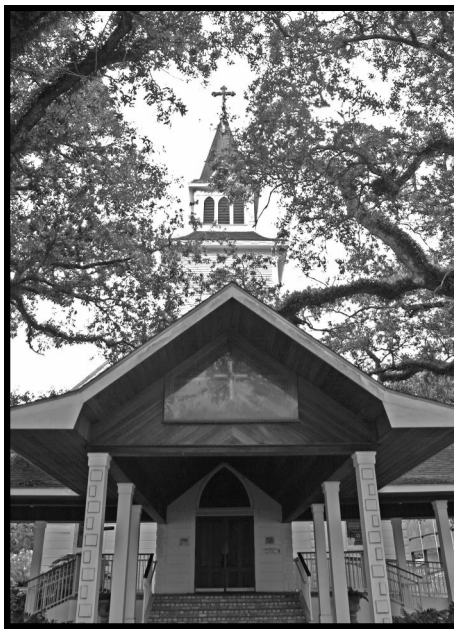


# St. Joseph Bulletin

**St. Joseph Catholic Church (Established 1848)**  
**1011 First Street, Patterson, LA 70392**



## Fourth Sunday of Lent: God Is In Control

The historian who wrote the Second Book of Chronicles, from which our first reading for today comes, looked back at the Babylonian Captivity and saw the hand of God. The Jewish people had practiced infidelity after infidelity, abomination after abomination. The prophets had been persecuted or ignored. Finally, God permitted a foreign people, the Babylonians, to conquer Judah, sack Jerusalem, and destroy the Temple. The vast majority of the people were deported into slavery in Babylon. They were marched across the desert bound together with rings through their noses. A good time was not had by all. This all happened in 588 B.C.

In Babylon the Hebrew people were completely powerless. The prophets had told them that God was only punishing them for a while; then they would be freed to return home. It seemed to be an impossible situation. The Babylonians were certainly not going to let them go. The Jews had no way of rebelling. How could it happen that they could return to Jerusalem? Nothing changed for 60 years. But then God worked his wonders. The Babylonians were conquered by their Northern neighbors, the Persians. According to the Chronicler, Cyrus, King of Persia, saw his conquests as gifts from God. He therefore immediately released the Jewish people so they could return to their land to rebuild the Temple to God in Jerusalem and thank their God for King Cyrus.

Throughout this whole account there is no doubt in the Chronicler's mind that God is in control of the world and of his people. This same thought is reflected in the 2nd reading for today from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians. "God has made us his handiwork," St. Paul says. He has given us a place in the heavens. He has created us in Christ "to lead the life of good deeds which he has prepared for us in advance." Nothing is outside of God's grasp and power. He who is in control of the universe has called us to join him in his recreation of the world in Christ Jesus.

Keeping all this in mind we can understand the significance of the gospel proclamation. God has sent his Son who will be raised up so that those who look upon him with faith may have eternal life. The sign of their faith is that they will do their deeds in the light.

The sign of God's power is the cross. The Son of Man is lifted up so that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life. Jesus died for us to restore us to God's intended place for mankind in the order of creation. At the same time, the cross is the sign of contradiction. Christ, put to death, is in control of the universe. What appears as defeat is really victory because the sacrifice of Christ initiates the reign of God. At his weakest, Jesus is the strongest. God is in control. He turns defeat into victory for those with a living faith in him.

We need to recognize this in our own struggles in life. When in our weakness, we are united to Christ's cross, we are at our strongest. We may be full of pain. Perhaps we have lost a loved one. A son, daughter, brother, sister, mother or father, grandmother or grandfather dies. The grief comes upon us in waves. One minute we are numb, the next we are beyond consolation. But through it all we do believe in God. We call upon Him. We give Him our pain. And eventually we realize that He is carrying us through our sorrows. Our grief has become our prayer. Through it all, we have become stronger. All because we let God take control.

Maybe, we have had a terrible disappointment. A job we thought was untouchable comes to a sudden end. The college we had our heart set on does not accept us, or is more than our family can afford. We realize that a person we thought was a friend was really just using us. A relationship comes to an end, a marriage, a deep relationship of love, or a friendship we have valued over the years. Perhaps life is not turning out the way we expected. Saint Teresa of Calcutta once said, "If you want to give God a good laugh, tell Him your plans." It is easy to be disappointed in the world, in our lives, and particularly in ourselves. We have a choice, though. We can wallow in our grief, or we can take a huge step of faith and just ask God to make sense out of what appears to be nonsense. We let Him take control. And He does.

Life is too difficult to handle alone. We need help. All of us. He doesn't want us to be in grief. He wants to heal us with His Love. We have Him. We need to trust in Him. Through it all God will take control.

When we are convinced that we can't handle things by ourselves and call upon God for help, we are at our strongest. Now we appreciate our need for Him in our lives. When we put all in His hands and act according to our consciences, even though this may be difficult and painful, then in our weakness we are strong.

God is in control. We have to tell ourselves that over and over again. If only we would allow Him to be our strength, then nothing can defeat us. Not even the worst cross we could imagine can destroy His Love in our lives.

Today we pray that we might have the humility and the courage to trust God to be our strength

### Celebration of Holy Mass

Weekends:  
 Saturday 4:30pm (Vigil Mass)  
 First Sat. Rosary 4pm  
 Sunday 8am, 10am, 5pm

Weekdays:  
 Mon. Wed. & Fri. 6:30am  
 Tues. Nursing Home 9:30am,  
 Thurs. 12:10pm

### Reconciliation

20 minutes before Masses begin or anytime by appointment.

### Rectory Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9am - 3pm  
 Friday 9am - Noon

### New Parishioners

We welcome you with great joy and invite you to register and worship with us regularly.  
 Forms are available in the rectory.

### SACRAMENT INFORMATION

**Baptism** - Instructions are offered for both parents and godparents during the months of February, May, August, and November. Plan accordingly when expecting a child or choosing godparents and call 395-3881 to register for the class or to schedule a baptism.

**Confirmation** - Young people are prepared for Confirmation through the Confirmation Program. Adults are prepared for Confirmation through the R.C.I.A.

**Matrimony** - Diocesan Policy requires that a couple make arrangements with the pastor at least 6 months prior to desired date.

**Sacrament of The Sick** - Call the rectory to make arrangements for Communion and Anointing.

**Rite of Christian Burial** - Arrangements to be made with a priest by the family.

**Sacrament of Holy Orders or calling to religious life** - please contact the priest in order to discern God's will.

**R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** - This process is structured to provide information for the formation of those who are seeking a fuller life as Christians in the Catholic Tradition. For information, please call the Office of Religious Education.

**Religious Education For Children** Call the Office of Religious Education for information about registering your child.

**Knights of Columbus** - Meet the second Thurs. of the month at 7pm.

**Come Lord Jesus Groups** - Seeking to become closer to God, learning more about scripture and being spiritually prepared for Sunday liturgy....consider joining a CLJ Group Call Marguerite Sumrall 395-5304 for more information.

### Parish Directory

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 Patterson, LA 70392**

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 Bobbie Diaz (Office Manager) ext. 4 ~  
 Ann Murray (Housekeeper/cook) ext. 8  
 Office Fax: 985-395-9129**

**Education Office: 985-395-3881**

**Mamie Perry (DRE) ext. 5 ~  
 Rosie Pellerin (Ed. Coordinator)  
 Education Fax: 985-395-3685  
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### Websites:

**St. Joseph Church  
[www.stjosephpatla.org](http://www.stjosephpatla.org)  
 Diocese of Lafayette  
[www.diola.org](http://www.diola.org)**

## Feast Day of St. Joseph

### Schedule of Events:

- Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup>**
- ◆ Blessing of the Altar 6:30 PM
  - ◆ Viewing of the Altar 6:30—8:30 PM

- Monday March 19<sup>th</sup>**
- ◆ Mass 9 AM \*Bishop Deshotel Main Celebrant\*
  - ◆ Saint procession to Parish Hall for meal 10—11 AM
  - ◆ Dinner served to the public 11AM-2PM (until all food has been served)
  - ◆ Viewing of the Altar until 4 PM



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, MAR. 12**

6:30am: Norman P. Hymel

**TUESDAY, MAR. 13**

9:30am: Nursing Home— Florine & Gillman Rockenbaugh

**WEDNESDAY, MAR. 14**

6:30AM: Geneveve D. Lipari

**THURSDAY, MAR. 15**

12:10PM: Greg Cart, Carol Battaglia, Edna Burgue

**FRIDAY, MAR. 16**

6:30 AM: Howard Nezat

**SATURDAY, MAR. 17**

4:30PM: Ernest & Dwight Coleman, JP Morella, Dottie Thomas, M/M J.P. Lipari Virginia & Luke Lipari, Josephine Trahan, Gertrude Bailey, Randy Marks & fly, Lyda Guidry, Fulton & Una Felterman, Ruby & Roland Crappell, Ernest & Dwight Coleman, Bobby & Ross Grimbball, Randy Primeaux, Amy Lowery,

**SUNDAY, MAR. 18**

8:00am: Ray Jude Vidos Sr., For the People of our Parish, Lenny Guzzino, John DiMatteo, Anna Mae Metrejean, Audrey Fontenot, Johnny & Virginia McCann,

10:00am: Louis Lipari, Frank & Diane Governale, Carey Mac Staples, Gilman & Florine Rockenbaugh, Donald Jumonville, Daisy Boudreaux, Anna Mae Metrejean, JP Morella, Ruby & Roland Crappell ,Harold Allemond,

5:00pm: James Blocker Jr., Beth Verret, Katherine Cardinale, Ross Grimbball, Elsa Y. Parchmont, Holy Souls, Judy Clark, Daisy Boudreaux, Raymond LaHoste,Sr.

*Sanctuary Light*  
Harold Allemond

*Note: If a name is not printed above, due to human error, be assured that God has accepted your intention in heaven. Canon Law 94*

**Office of Religious Education & Formation**  
Mamie Perry 395-3881 stjodre@teche.net

**Religious Education - 2018 at a Glance**

**March:**

21<sup>st</sup> : Last CCD Class

24<sup>th</sup> : First Communion Family Retreat 9:30 a.m. in hall.

**April:**

7<sup>th</sup>: First Reconciliation for those making First Communion

First Communion Rehearsal Parent(s) must attend with child

8<sup>th</sup>: First Communion Mass 10:00 a.m.

30<sup>th</sup>: Confirmation Rehearsal (Sponsors & Candidates must attend)

**May:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Confirmation Mass 6:30 p.m.

14<sup>th</sup>: Summer Bible Camp Registration Begins

**June:**

11<sup>th</sup>: Camp Registration Ends

12<sup>th</sup>: Camp Director Orientation 1:00 p.m.

Counselor Orientation 1:30 p.m.

\*18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> Summer Bible Camp Week\*

**Centennial News - Sunday, March 11, 2018**

Our Second Bishop Appointed - On March 13, 1956, Pope Pius XII accepted the retirement of Bishop Jules Jeanmard after 37 years of episcopal ministry to the new diocese. The Holy Father appointed Bishop Maurice Schexnayder as the second Bishop of Lafayette. Bishop Schexnayder, born and raised along the banks of the Mississippi River, had served as the Auxiliary Bishop under Bishop Jeanmard for five years prior to his appointment as Bishop. Schexnayder would oversee the diocese for 16 years until his retirement in 1972. He attended the Second Vatican Council and led the local Church through its early implementation. His episcopal motto, taken from the Salve Regina, was "Ad Te Clamamus" or "To Thee do we cry."

Second Centennial Deanery Mass will be at St. Landry Catholic Church, our 2nd oldest canonically established Church in the Diocese, on March 23 at 6:30pm in Opelousas. All Clergy and Laity are invited to attend this Mass and reception with our Bishop Deshotel as we continue to honor and celebrate this Centennial Jubilee Year of our Diocese. This is an exciting year and it is good for all of us from all parts of the Diocese of Lafayette to come together for the Centennial Events to reflect upon our past and recommit to the future that God is leading us into. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

**UPCOMING EVENTS...**

**Adult Discussion Group:** Monday at 6:30 in parish hall

**First Saturday Rosary:**  
The Holy Rosary will be prayed before the Vigil Mass in church beginning at 4pm the first Saturday of each month. Please join us.

**"PRAY & GEAUX"- Come Pray the Rosary** every Mon. morning at 8:30am @ St. Joseph Church.

**Catholic Daughters** will meet the first Thursday of each month at 6pm in the parish hall. If you are interested in joining please call the rectory.

**St. Joseph Altar** - March 15-Bagging of Cookies  
March 16-Boiling & Peeling of Eggs  
If you have not been contacted, and would like to provide a dessert for our St. Joseph Altar on March 19, you may take it to the parish hall on Saturday, March 17, Sunday, March 18 or Monday morning, March 19.

**St. Joseph Mass**—Monday, Mar. 19 at 9am.

**Lenten Penance Service:** – Tuesday, March 20 at 6PM at St. Joseph Church

**From the Desk of Fr. B**



There will be a meeting for the St. Joseph Day celebration to review final plans for our patron saint's upcoming feast. Meeting will be at 6PM on Tuesday, March 13 in the Parish Hall.

There will be a Liturgy Committee meeting Tuesday, March 13 at 6:30PM (immediately following St. Joseph Altar meeting). All coordinators of ministries (lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, music, cantors, altar servers, church decorators) are asked to attend.

**Acadiana Catholic Magazine can be found in the entry of church.**

**Sick Relatives & Friends**

**Please pray for the sick of our parish & their caregivers:** Stella Saleme, Jason Hernandez, Herman Lajaunie, Archer Rogers, Ruth Bourgeois, Amanda Boggs, Ahney Chauvin, Peggy Grimbball, Drue Langlinais, Linda Adams, Nicole Hingle, Wilda Cali, Angelle Hebert, Aba Grace Lang, Sally Rogers, Ian Davis, Daniel Broussard, Robert, Susan, Karter Esprit, Evita Boutte, Cameron Boutte, Trinity Simons, Madeline Venable, Annie Russo, Danell Kimble, Tuwana Ray, Bobby Johnson, Cindy Guidry, Billy Garcia, Kristi Liner, Celeste Jumonville, Owen Hebert, Jackie & B.L. Como, Sherry Hughes, Anna George, Doug Hood, Guy Gilmore Jr., Frank Guarisco, Mary Bellard, Bruce LaHoste, John Rousso, Brinda Beam, Curtis Gautreaux, Chase Broussard, Suzanne Lipari, Billy Picou, Debra Roy, John Michell, Quinn Toups, Leona Cloud, Aiaire Glaviano, Cliff Couture, Kylie Cayce, Shane Cayce, Benny Perry, Louie Need, David Hartford, Jerry Barrilleaux, Steve Ledet, Barbara LaCoste, Edna Porche, Robbie & Casie Toups, Frank Black, Bertha Wiggins, Morgan Murphy, Helen Brandon, David Bourdier, John Menard, Lee Michel, Allen Rink, Brenda Cutrera, Ellen Lemoine, Floyd Estay, Gulley Taylor, Anne Broussard, Wilson Bailey, Willis Dore Sr., Sam & KK McGill





*Please call the rectory to add or delete a name*

**Stewardship Area**

"Give to the Most High as He has given to you, for the Lord is one who always repays, and He will give back to you sevenfold." Sirach 35:10

Last Weekend : \$4098.00  
Maintenance Fund \$1159.00

**St. Joseph is now accepting Bulletin ads. You may purchase an Ad for your business or in memory of someone. Ads are \$20.00 a month or \$240.00 a yr. If you would like to place an Ad in the Bulletin please call the rectory 395-3616.**

<p><i>Mausoleum Crypts</i> Are still available here at St. Joseph. If interested please call the rectory. 395-3616</p>				<p><b>Bulletin Ad's Available — call the office 395-3616</b></p>
	<p><b>In Loving Memory of James Blocker Jr.</b> Oct. 20, 1945 Jan. 10, 2007</p>	<p><b>Knights of Columbus #1710</b>  Protecting Catholic Families for Generations</p>	<p><b>Mausoleum Double crypt</b> for sale! Contact M/M Daniel Caruso 225/928-9139</p>	<p><b>TOWN &amp; COUNTRY FLORIST &amp; GIFTS, INC</b> Owner: Glynda Lasseigne 3515 Hwy 182, Berwick 985/385-6929 www.tandcflorist.com </p>
<p><b>Frank's Agency, Inc.</b> Complete insurance Services 985-395-9351 frankg@bellsouth.net</p>	<p> <b>Darnall, Sikes, Gardes &amp; Frederick</b> Certified Public Accountants 985-384-6264</p>	<p><b>Peterson Agency Inc.</b> In Loving Memory of Clyde Peterson Sept. 27, 1927 Dec. 20, 2010</p>	<p><b>Acadiana Catholic Magazine</b> can be found in the entry of church.</p>	<p><b>Member FDIC</b>  <b>PATTERSON STATE BANK</b></p>

**Mar. 17 & 18**

**Extra Ordinary Ministers of Eucharist**

**Lector**

**Altar Servers**

Sat. 4:30pm Leona Armato, Joy Guarisco  
Sun. 8:00am Anna & Jean Picou, Jamie Guidry  
Sun. 10:00am Lola Rivera, Paula Boutte, Janet Carmody  
Sun. 5:00pm Keith & Michelle Grimbball, Henry Leray

Alecia Rabalais  
Irene Mouton  
Shannon Freeman  
Bidgette Taylor

Mary Frances Cali, Bali Blakeman  
Madalyn & Zachary Landry  
volunteer  
Kaylee Craddock