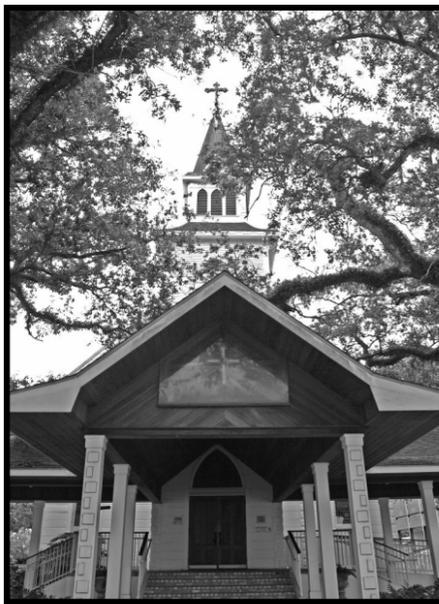


St. Joseph Bulletin

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



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.

Third Sunday of Easter: Why Evangelize?

By Fr. Joseph Pellegrino

The doorbell rings, usually when the baby is crying, the children are fighting and something is boiling over on the stove. You are hoping it's the teenage girl down the street who often stops in to help you out with the children, so you get the door. Instead of the girl, there are two young men there asking if you believe in Jesus Christ. They come from an evangelical Church and would like to talk to you about your faith. Or maybe there are two women there holding Jehovah Witness pamphlets. Or perhaps they are Mormon missionaries. You quickly say that you are an active member of the Catholic Church, and they ask if they can come in to discuss the error of your ways. Well, you don't have time for them, nor would you want to get into a debate with them even if you did have time, so you tell them "No thank you," and wish them a good day. Later on in the evening, when the children are sleeping and you finally have a second to think, you say to yourself, "Well, I don't go for strangers coming into my house and questioning my faith, but I do have to admire their determination."

Perhaps, you have had those thoughts. I have to agree with you. I don't think it is right for people to question other people's faith, but I also do admire their determination to spread the faith as they believe it.

Where does this determination come from? What is its origin? It comes from the call to evangelize, gospelize the world. Its origin is in the very foundation of Christianity. In today's Gospel we have Luke's account of the first meeting of the eleven original disciples as well as others with the Risen Lord. The Gospel makes it quite clear that the resurrection of Jesus is not a story, and that the Risen Christ is not a ghost. It is all true. He is real, with a human body. Then Jesus says in the Gospel, all this has taken place so that repentance and forgiveness of sins might be preached in His name.

The first reading gives us an example of the first preaching of the disciples, now apostles. Peter and John had just healed a lame man in the temple invoking the name of Jesus. When the Jews questioned them about this, Peter did not pull any punches. He told them that they put Jesus to death. They even demanded his death when Pilate offered to put a criminal to death instead of Jesus and return Jesus to them. Peter said that they and their leaders sinned, but to a great extent out of ignorance, not realizing who this Jesus was. And then he tells them to read the Scriptures carefully and realize that what happened to Jesus was foretold by the prophets. All was not lost for them, though. They could be converted and have their sins wiped away.

Jesus as the First Letter of John, our second reading, says, is the expiation for our sins and those of the whole world. That means he has paid our debt for us. This is a difficult concept. Let me simplify it by analogy. Let's say you drink too much and drive, and then plow your car into someone's house, right into their living room. Thank God no one got hurt, but there was a lot of damage. You lose your driver's license, but that is just the beginning of your problems. You now owe those people an exorbitant amount of money, far more than you have. You may lose your own house over all this. Now, your parents find out about your troubles, dig deep into their retirement account and pay the people whose house you damaged. Their sacrifice has made atonement for your sin. This is just an analogy, but apply this to Christ. His sacrifice on the cross paid the debt incurred by mankind's sins, past and present. People need to know about this. They need to benefit from this by believing in the Gospel and following Jesus Christ.

The disciples were not content with staying in the Upper Room and just believing in Jesus themselves. They could not do that. The Lord demanded that they go out and tell others the Good News that the forgiveness of sins and eternal life were available for all people everywhere. The disciples had to become apostles. They had to become evangelists.

The disciples could not keep the wonders of the New Life in Christ to themselves. Nor can we.

No, I don't think we should go door to door and disrespect other people's faith. When people want to speak about faith with us, we should speak with them. But we should always respect them for where they are in their faith journey. The places where we need to concentrate on proclaiming our faith are the places we work, we live, and the schools we attend, to name a few. There are many times that we are among people who brag about their exploits, how they cheated someone out of money or a position at work, how they cheated on their wife or husband, how they took advantage of their girlfriend or even boyfriend; how they talked someone into having an abortion, whatever. When people say or do horrible things and ask us to agree with them at least tacitly, we need to shore up our courage and say something to the effect: "I believe life is just so much better than all that. I'm Catholic. I'm Christian. I take it very seriously to do my best to live what I believe. I know I'm not the best Catholic I can be, but I try. And there is always forgiveness available for me. And this gives me peace and makes life so very beautiful."

The people who hear this might become antagonistic. They probably will. They might even become hostile. Or they might simply walk away and decide never to speak to us again. But they also might wonder if we are right and if there is more to life than they are experiencing. Perhaps, in time, perhaps a long time, a time so long that we no longer have contact with them, perhaps, they decide that they also want the peace of a life that is more than physical life. So, they go to a priest, or a minister, they sit down in his office and say, "We really want what you people of faith have." How did they get there into that office? They got there because the Holy Spirit led them there. And how did the Holy Spirit get into their lives? The Spirit came into their lives because we were not afraid to plant the seeds of God's love. They got there because we take seriously the call of Christ to Evangelize, to bring the Good News to all people, to let them know that if they believe in Christ and repent, as the Gospel says, their sins also will be forgiven.

Evangelization is fundamental to Christianity. No one is called to be a Christian for himself or herself. We are called to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to others.

Every Sunday we come to Mass. We receive the great gift of God's grace in the Word and in the Sacrament. And then we are commissioned at every Mass to take what we have received and to bring it out to the world. If we are not going to take Christ from here, then why did we come here?

"Go in peace glorifying the Lord with your life."

"Go, and announce the Gospel of the Lord."

"Go and proclaim to the world that Jesus lives."

Parish Directory

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St. Joseph Church

www.stjosephpatla.org

Diocese of Lafayette

www.diolaf.org

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, APR. 16

6:30am: Fr. Vu

TUESDAY, APR. 17

9:30am: Nursing Home—

WEDNESDAY, APR. 18

6:30AM:

THURSDAY, APR. 19

12:10:

FRIDAY, APR. 20

6:30 AM: Florine Rockenbaugh

SATURDAY, APR. 21

4:30PM: Ernest & Dwight Coleman, JP Morella, M/M J.P. Lipari, Ronnie Rabalais, Dianne Governale

SUNDAY, APR. 22

8:00am: Ray Jude Vidos Sr., For the People of our Parish, Lenny Guzzino, John DiMatteo, 10:00am: Louis Lipari, Frank & Dianne Governale, Carey Mac Staples, Gilman & Florine Rockenbaugh, Donald Jumonville, Adeline Carlino
5:00pm: James Blocker Jr., Beth Verret, Katherine Cardinale, Ross Grimbail, Elsa Y. Parchmont, Holy Souls, Judy Clark, George Studdard

Sanctuary Light
Willis John Dore' Sr.

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
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Religious Education - 2018 at a Glance

April:

30th: Confirmation Rehearsal
(Sponsors & Candidates must attend)

May:

1st: Confirmation Mass 6:30 p.m.
14th: Summer Bible Camp Registration Begins

June:

11th: Camp Registration Ends
12th: Camp Director Orientation 1:00 p.m.
Counselor Orientation 1:30 p.m.
18th-22nd Summer Bible Camp Week

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

PRO-LIFE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN
Sponsored by KC Council 1710



A pro-life fundraising campaign will be held this weekend to benefit our local pregnancy resource center and the operation of a maternity home for homeless, pregnant women. ALL OF THE SERVICES ARE FREE OF CHARGE. Together, they will provide pregnancy testing, counseling, ultrasound imaging, STD (sexually transmitted disease) and abstinence education, shelter, food, and other services to pregnant women in need. **Baby bottles will be available after all Masses and may be returned the following weekend with a donation. Please be generous to this worthwhile cause.**

Baby items needed:
The Desormeaux Foundation

The Catholic Daughters will be collecting baby items for the Desormeaux foundation. For your convenience we have a basket at entry of church, we take new and gently used baby items.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Adult Discussion Group: class resumes this week 6:30 in the 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.

Dear Family,



Thanks to all of you who took part in our recent Paschal celebrations and observances. Many compliments were received on how beautiful the services were. That's a tribute to many of you, who through your efforts made them so. Our music ministers, cantors, and choir practice for months in advance. A special thank you goes to Mr. Spencer Brizzard for his chanting of the Exultet at the Easter Vigil Mass. The lectors, Eucharistic ministers, and ushers were exemplary. A special thank you to our altar servers, as fine a group of young people as could be found anywhere. They attend rehearsals as well as the rites themselves, and confidently perform the myriad tasks they have in each of the services. Thanks to all who provided palms in this weather-wracked year. As always, our church looked lovely, in large part due to Mrs. Gloria Roy, Pauline Bellard and the other church decorators. Thanks to our fire chief Henry Leray, and as Always thanks to our sacristans, Jamie and Terry for "stage managing" our productions. It was great seeing our church mostly full on Holy Thursday and our participants so well-dressed, looking like the Mass of the Lord's Supper is important—it is! Thanks to all who had their feet washed and all who brought forward the blessed oils. Again, it was good to see so many in church for the Easter Vigil Mass and the Masses of Easter Sunday. And finally, thanks to Chris Little and company for covering and uncovering—and recovering—our statues. May the Risen Jesus Christ bless you all!
Love & Prayer,
Fr. B

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 Grimbail, 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, Trinty Simons, Madeline Venable, Annie Russo, Danell Kimble, Tuwana Ray, Bobby Johnson, Cindy Guidry, Billy Garcia, Kristi Liner, Iris Roy, 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, Floyd Estay, Gulley Taylor, Anne Broussard, Wilson Bailey, Willis Dore Sr., Sam & KK McGill, Pat Cullotta, Howard Smith, Randy Girior, Cursey Gordon, Herbert Estay, Antointte LeBlanc

Please call the rectory to add or delete a name on the list.

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 : \$3659.00

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>Ann Murray's Retirement Party will be April 15 after the 10am Mass! Everyone is invited!</p> <p>HAPPY RETIREMENT</p>		<p>Bulletin Ad's Available — call the office 395-3616</p>
<p>Frank's Agency, Inc. Complete insurance Services 985-395-9351 frankg@bellsouth.net</p>	<p>In Loving Memory of James Blocker Jr. Oct. 20, 1945 Jan. 10, 2007</p>	<p>Knights of Columbus #1710</p> <p>Protecting Catholic Families for Generations</p>	<p>Mausoleum Double crypt for sale! Contact M/M Daniel Caruso 225/928-9139</p>
<p>Frank's Agency, Inc. Complete insurance Services 985-395-9351 frankg@bellsouth.net</p>	<p>Darnall, Sikes, Gardes & Frederick Certified Public Accountants 985-384-6264</p>	<p>Peterson Agency Inc. In Loving Memory of Clyde Peterson Sept. 27, 1927 Dec. 20, 2010</p>	<p>Acadiana Catholic Magazine can be found in the entry of church.</p>
<p>TOWN & COUNTRY FLORIST & GIFTS, INC Owner: Glynda Lasseigne 3515 Hwy 182, Berwick 985/385-6929 www.tandcflorist.com</p>	<p>Member FDIC</p> <p>PATTERSON STATE BANK</p>		

April 21 & 22

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Eucharist

Lector

Altar Servers

Sat. 4:30pm Linda Thomas, Jane Watson
Sun. 8:00am Marguerite Sumrall, Irene Mouton, AJ Gaudet
Sun. 10:00am Monica LaSalle, Lola Rivera, Deanna Allemond
Sun. 5:00pm Debra Verret, Angela Harrington, Tina Dugas

Bo LaGrange
Jamie Guidry
Donnette Freeman
Sandra Marshall

Kobi Lipari
Paris Guidry
Brian Landry
Mallory Perry, Parker Brocato