

St. Joseph Bulletin

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

Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time: Exposing Ourselves as Christians

Today's readings present three incidents which are often discussed in religious circles. The first is the way that Adam was caught by God after he sinned. Adam said that he hid himself because he was naked. Why—why was he embarrassed by his nakedness? The second incident is in the Gospel where Jesus said that all sins can be forgiven except the sin against the Holy Spirit. What are these? The third incident is also in the Gospel, the references to the mother and the brothers and sisters of the Lord. If Mary was always a virgin, then who were those brothers and sisters? Perhaps these three topics, the nakedness of Adam, the sin against the Holy Spirit, and the mother and brothers and sisters of the Lord, do not appear to be related. But they are if we consider these readings from the viewpoint of sincerity and living our faith.

Adam's sin is revealed because he hides himself. In the beautiful anthropomorphic (God taking on the form of a human being) imagery of the creation stories, God looks for Adam in the Garden. Adam tells God that he hid because he was naked. This really is not about nudity. God created the body and therefore it is beautiful, not something that Adam had to hide from God. No, this is about being exposed before the Lord. Adam was revealed as proud. He wanted to be like God. Adam was self centered. His desires were more important than God's will. He was disobedient. God could not tell him what he could or could not do. Then, at the fall, Adam recognized what he was really like, proud, self centered and disobedient. He was exposed before God. He was naked. He hid himself. Even during God's questioning, Adam refused to take the blame for his actions. According to Adam, it was Eve's fault. Adam even notes that God was responsible for creating Eve. Adam's nakedness was even further revealed. It is sad, but we can look into the depths of Adam's nakedness and see our own refusal to submit to God's will as well as our own rationalization for the things we do wrong.

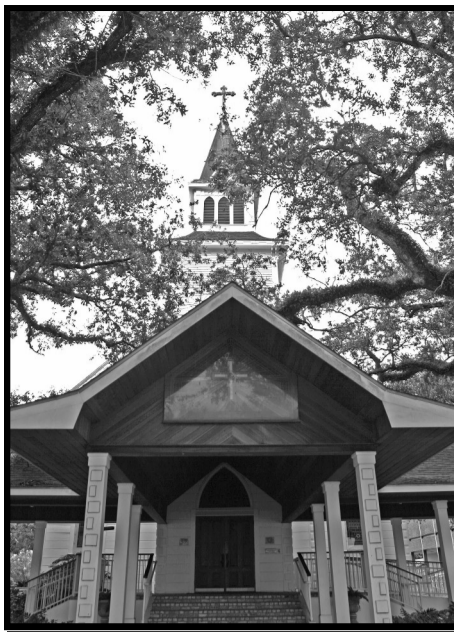
The scribes in the Gospel were also exposed for whom they were. The scribes were people who used religion for their own ends. They were not spiritual. They accused Jesus' good works as coming from the devil. Refusing to see the holiness of the Lord is the sin against the Holy Spirit. This is the only sin that cannot be forgiven. God cannot forgive someone who believes that God does not have the power to forgive him. If there was anything spiritual at all about the scribes, they would at least have recognized some form of goodness in Jesus' works. But there was nothing spiritual about them.

In the same reading Jesus is not afraid to expose himself for whom he was. His family thought that he had to be out of his mind to take on the scribes and leaders of the Jews. That was a quick way to death. Why would Jesus do this? Jesus was not afraid to say what he believed, to do what had to be done. Jesus' family is presented here as coming to try to dissuade Jesus from his public action. This phrase, since it also mentions the mother and brothers of Jesus, is often taken out of context, particularly by non-Catholics who use this as a basis to argue about the virginity of Mary. In the context of scripture, Jesus' family, and that's all, his family, are presented as concerned that he was getting himself into trouble. A common person had to be crazy to take on the intelligentsia of the nation. Jesus was not afraid to expose himself for who he was. If revealing himself, exposing himself meant death, then he would die so he world might experience the presence of God.

St. Paul paraphrases Psalm 116 in today's second reading when he says, we believe and so we speak out. This is what Jesus did. That is what Christians must do. Our actions must expose our commitment to the Kingdom of God. We have to speak out in the face of evil. That is the reason why our bishops are not afraid to take which may not be popular, but which are moral. If we don't stand up for morality, for the truth, then we would not be faithful to whom we are, or at least whom we are trying to become.

Like Adam, we all stand naked before the Lord. Do we have to hide ourselves, or do we want the Lord to see us exactly as we are? Today we pray that our spirit and our actions may be exposed as actions of people committed to the Kingdom of God.

Fr. Joseph Pellegrino



Celebration of Holy Mass

Summer Weekends :
 Saturday 4:30pm
 Sunday 9am & 5:00pm

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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St. Joseph Church

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Diocese of Lafayette

www.diolaf.org



**Want to convert hearts?...come and
 pray the rosary at 8:30am every
 Monday morning in church.**

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JUNE 11
 6:30am: Fr. Vu, Mary J. Cremaldi

TUESDAY, JUNE 12
 9:30am: Nursing Home—

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13
 6:30AM:

THURSDAY, JUNE 14
 12:10: Judy Clark

FRIDAY, JUNE 15
 6:30 AM:

SATURDAY, JUNE 16
 4:30PM: Ernest & Dwight Coleman, JP Morella, M/M J.P. Lipari, Anthony Morella, Jimmy Domangue, Amy Lowery M/M clarfa Boudreaux, Desire' Migues fly, Ben LaGrange, John Azevedo, Dianne Governale, Willie Wiese, Lloyd Wheeler, Murray & Melba Trahan,

SUNDAY, JUNE 17
 9:00am: Ray Jude Vidos Sr., For the People of our Parish, Lenny Guzzino, John DiMatteo, Louis Lipari, Frank & Dianne Governale, Gilman & Florine Rockenbaugh, Donald Jumonville, Adeline Carlino, Harold Allemond, Darnell Kimble, Carey Mac Staples, Howard Nezat, Tony Brocato, Russell & Molly governale, Dwight & Earnest coleman, Castelow Coleman, Johnny Alcina, Albert Fungue, M/M Gus Cremaldi, AJ Moncada, Peter Guarisco, Eugene, Charles, Teddy & Dale Rentrop
 5:00pm: James Blocker Jr., Beth Verret, Katherine Cardinale, Ross Grimbball, Elsa Y. Parchmont, Holy Souls, Judy Clark, Willis Dore Sr., Geogrg Studdard, rymond LaHoset, Robert Davis

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SUMMER BIBLE CAMP REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN!



Join us Fathers' Day weekend for our Bible Camp Kick-off Mass June 17,2018 @ 9:00 a.m.
 Registration forms can be found in the back of the church.

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

Dear Family,

Please welcome with me our summer seminarian, Calvin Lemaire. Calvin is entering his third year at St. Ben's. Please keep him and all of our seminarians (as well as priests, deacons, and bishop) in your prayers. Calvin will be organizing our census data this summer while he is with us. Please make sure you fill out your census forms as completely as possible and return them soon (by collection basket, mail, or office drop-off). We have many outdated phone numbers, deceased parishioners, wrong addresses, etc. still on our rolls. Your current information will help us greatly and assist us when the diocese asks us for this similar information. Thanking you in advance for your speedy cooperation, with prayers, *Fr. B*



P.S. Please remember, next Sunday, June 17 is Father's Day and Kick-off Sunday for our Vacation Bible Camp. Join us at the 9:00 Mass as we honor Dads and anticipate a great camp week!

Did you hear? Our Bishop Douglas Deshotel has accepted our invitations to join us for our annual Life Chain on Respect Life Sunday, Oct. 7 and our annual St. Joseph day celebration on Tuesday, March 19. Put those dates on your calendar and plan to attend with our beloved Bishop.

Our former summer seminarian, Deacon Andrew Schumacher, will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, June 23 at St. John Cathedral in Lafayette. Please keep him especially in your prayers.

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.

Want to convert hearts?...come and pray the rosary at 8:30am every Monday morning in 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.

Clean Up Day— June 23, Saturday @ 8am we will be cleaning the exterior of the church and the hall and removing a downed tree on church property. This is a day when we need plenty of manpower to accomplish our goals for the day. Please make every attempt to be there.

Ladies Altar Societies— all altar societies are invited to participate in this Centennial Year in a Novena to St. Anne and then gather together to attend a Mass 12:05 at St. John Evangelist Cathedral on July 26th. For more information call Bonnie Broussard 337/288-7131

THANK YOU!




Dear Parishioners,
 We just wanted to thank everyone in St. Joseph's Parish for your generosity and love during this difficult time. Please keep Mario and our family in your prayers.
 We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful and loving church to call home.
 Sincerely
 The Pizzo Family

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, Trinty Simons, Madeline Venable, Annie Russo, 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 Rouso, Brinda Beam, Curtis Gautreaux, Chase Broussard, Suzanne Lipari, Billy Picou, Debra Roy, John Michell, Quinn Touns, 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 Touns, Frank Black, Bertha Wiggins, Morgan Murphy, Helen Brandon, David Bourdier, John Menard, Lee Michel, Allen Rink, Brenda Cutrera, Floyd Estay, Gully Taylor, Anne Broussard, Wilson Bailey, Sam & KK McGill, Pat Cullotta, Howard Smith, Randy Girior, Cursey Gordon, Herbert Estay, Antoinette LeBlanc, Ricky Gunther, Scott Rhodes, Josie Moncada, Tory & Deanne Pope, Rose Johnson, Mathilde & Theonis Harrington, Audrey Landry, Travis Young
Please call the rectory to add or delete a name

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>St. Joseph has a lot for sale on Grout St., if anyone is interested please contact the rectory for more information.</p>		<p>Bulletin Ad's Available — call the office 395-3616</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>TOWN & COUNTRY FLORIST & GIFTS, INC Owner: Glynda Lasseigne 3515 Hwy 182, Berwick 985/385-6929 www.tandcflorist.com</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>Member FDIC</p>  <p>PATTERSON STATE BANK</p>

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 **\$2878.00**
 Building & Maintenance **\$922.00**

<p>June 16 & 17</p> <p>Sat. 4:30pm Sun. 9:00am Sun. 5:00pm</p>	<p>Extra Ordinary Ministers of Eucharist</p> <p>Linda Thomas, Jane Watson, Jamie Guidry AJ Guadet, Paula Boutte, Janet Carmody Tina Dugas, Loretta & Mike Brocato</p>	<p>Lector</p> <p>Bo LaGrange Don Breaux Amy Vacarella</p>	<p>Altar Servers</p> <p>Kobi Lipari Paris Guidry, Alex Haven, Parker Brocato Brian Landry</p>
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