

# St. Joseph Bulletin

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

## Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time: Ya Gotta Eat

If you watch a lot of sports, like I do, you probably have seen the newest routine a lot of athletes go through after they make a great play, hit a home run, or whatever. You might have seen the athlete in the dugout, on the side of the field or even on the basketball court start making believe that he or she is eating. I'm not completely sure what they are trying to say, but it must be something that compares their athletic prowess to feeding a beast of prey, like a lion or bear.

A while ago a hamburger chain used to advertise that you should go to one of their stores because, after all, "Ya Gotta, Eat." I've always thought that they are saying that no matter how bad their food may be, still it's food, and you have to have food.

Sometimes, I see parishioners when I'm doing some food shopping. They might be surprised to see me there, so I'll just say, "Hey, ya gotta eat."

Today's Gospel, the second of our five Sundays on the sixth chapter of John, takes place the day after Jesus had fed the five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish. Some people sought the Lord out, not because they wanted to hear His teaching, but only because they could get some more free food. Jesus used their desire to eat to raise their need to an infinitely higher level. He told them that they seek food that perishes, but that he could give them food that never perishes. They spoke about the manna that God provided in the days of the Exodus, and Jesus told them about the bread the Father gives that is greater than manna. This bread doesn't just satisfy physical hunger, but gives life to the world. They asked for this bread, and Jesus said that he is the bread of life. "Whoever comes to me will never hunger, whoever believes in me will never thirst."

We have to eat. If we don't eat, we'll starve to death. We have to eat to maintain our physical lives. We have to eat to maintain our spiritual lives. Jesus himself is the food we need. He is the Bread of Life. We need Him. We need our union with the Lord. We need to let Him guide our ways. We are restless in life. We hunger for more than this life can offer. He gives us what we need. He gives us God. He is God.

He gives us the Eucharist. We need to receive communion. The Eucharist is not just one of the many pious practices of our faith. It is the heart of our faith. The Eucharist is our union with Jesus offering Himself to the Father for us. We need the Eucharist as our spiritual food. The Eucharist is the very Body of Christ.

We receive the Bread of Life. The life offered is certainly not life as we usually use the term. It is not referring to physical life. We eat the Bread of Life and die from cancer, heart attacks, accidents, etc. The Life offered is the Life of Christ. It is the spiritual life that we receive at our Baptism and which remains after our physical death. The Bread Jesus gives nourishes this life, helps us grow stronger spiritually and makes us powerful in the battle for the Kingdom of God. So we come before the Lord this and every Sunday, or perhaps for some of us, every day, and we say to the Lord, "Feed me."

But do we really want to be fed? The food that God gives demands a total commitment to Him. When we go to communion we are bound by the Presence within us to live His Life in a way that gives evidence of His Life in the world. You see for us committed Catholics, religion is not a sometimes affair, not a once a week happening. For us religion means being bound to Christ. The very word religion comes from the Latin work ligare which means to be bound. Our faith is who we are. We are people bound to Christ.

Many people, hopefully none here, but many people will disagree with this. They will say that a person shouldn't take his or her faith too seriously. Or that decisions should not be based on faith but on what is expedient, pleasurable, etc. There is some of this in each of us. There is that dark part of us that wants to believe that we can put our faith in a corner of our lives, but do not have to let it determine our lives. It is the part of us that longs for the fleshpots of Egypt, even though we know that the price of fleeting pleasure is slavery. Think about that. When we choose pleasure where God is not present, we become slaves to that pleasure. And yet, there is a part of us that goes to Church on Sundays but thinks it is quite alright to get drunk on Fridays. It is that part of us that really does not want to be fed with the Bread of Life.

But there is another part of us, hopefully it is the dominating force within us. This is the part of us that truly wants to grow in the Life of the Lord every day until we die. It is the part that always wants more of Him. It is the part that wants to wake up in His Presence, go about our daily routine in His Presence, and sleep in His Presence. A brilliant Father of the Early Church wrote: "A Christian is not his own master. His time is God's." Do you know who wrote that? St. Ignatius of Antioch, our patron, wrote that before he died. There is a part of us that knows in the core of our being that this is true. It is the part of us that cries out with the people in the Gospel, "Lord, give us this bread always."

And He does. And we come to a deeper understanding that there is nothing we can gain in life that has value except that which comes from Jesus and returns to Him.

And so we receive communion. We have to eat. We need Jesus. He is the Bread of Life.

### Centennial News - Sunday, August 5, 2018

The Little Cajun Saint - On August 11, 1959 a young 12 year old girl from Richard, Louisiana died at Our Lady of Lourdes after a brief, but difficult battle with acute Lymphatic Leukemia. Charlene Richard was seemingly an ordinary child, but the way in which she faced her suffering and death were truly heroic. She desired to offer her suffering for others and she promised to continue to pray for others in need. After her death, news of her virtue spread and many have sought her intercession and aid when facing illness and death. Her grave in Richard is regularly visited by those seeking

### Novena For the Legal Protection of Human Life August 3- September 28

Each Friday

**Pray:** *May a change in the U.S. Supreme Court move our nation closer to the day when every human being being is protected in law & welcomed in life.*

**Fast:** *Offer a sacrifice for the intention*

**Learn: (Aug.10)** *If roe is overturned, the democratic process-not the courts-will determine abortion policy.*

[www.usccb.org/pray/](http://www.usccb.org/pray/)

### Parish Directory

**Mailing Address: P.O. Box 219  
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**Websites:**

**St. Joseph Church**

**[www.stjosephpatla.org](http://www.stjosephpatla.org)**

**Diocese of Lafayette**

**[www.diolaf.org](http://www.diolaf.org)**

### 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.

Fr. Joseph Pellegrino

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, AUG. 6**

6:30am: Fr. Vu,

**TUESDAY, AUG. 7**

9:30am: Nursing Home—

**WEDNESDAY, AUG. 8 “Happy Birthday Fr. B”**

6:30AM:

**THURSDAY, AUG. 9**

12:10: Anthony Morella, Angel Rose

**FRIDAY, AUG. 10**

6:30 AM: Special Intentions, Ernest Coleman

**SATURDAY, AUG. 11**

4:30PM: M/M J.P. Lipari, Cheryl Williams, Danell Kimball, J.P. Morella, Anthony & Marie Morella, Murray & Melba Trahan, Ernest Coleman, Dwight Coleman, Cheryl Williams

**SUNDAY, AUG. 12**

9:00am: Lennie Guzzino, Ray Jude Vidos Sr., For the People of our Parish, John DiMatteo, Adeline Carlino, Carey Mac Staples, Randy Marks, Dean Marks, Greg Pinho, Danell Kimball, Donald Jumonville, M/M Jake P. Lipari, Guderian & Barcnas Fly. , George Studdard, Audrey Landry, Harold Allemond  
5:00pm: James Blocker Jr., Beth Verret, Katherine Cardinale, Ross Grimball, Holy Souls, Doug Hood, Raymond LaHoste, Willis Dore Sr. , George Studdard

Sanctuary Light

**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

**REGISTER TODAY!**



**Classes start Wednesday August 22, 2018.**

Registration forms can be found in the back of the church or on our website: <https://www.stjosephpatla.org/faith-formation> .

**What a great summer with Calvin!**



Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph's,

I want to personally thank each of you again for such a great summer assignment. Your support and warming care I will never forget. In my short time here I felt like I was always at home and welcome.

If for some reason you were absent my last week I apologize for not being able to say goodbye. My mailing address at the seminary will be posted below. Do not hesitate to write if you need. I would be more than happy to end up here some day as a priest God willing.

Please continue to pray for me and know that I will continue to pray for each and everyone of you and your families. Hope to come back soon!!

God Bless  
Calvin LeMaire

P.O. Box 521  
St. Benedict, LA 70457

**UPCOMING EVENTS...**

**First Saturday Rosary:**

The Holy Rosary will be prayed before the Vigil Mass in church beginning at 4:00 P.M. the first Saturday of each month. Please join us.

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

**Catholic Daughters** will meet the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 P.M. in the parish hall. If you are interested in joining please call the rectory.

**Come and Celebrate the Centennial of the Diocese of Lafayette! Fête-Dieu du Vermilion, Eucharistic Boat Procession up the Vermilion River**, will take place on the Feast of the Assumption, Wednesday, August 15. For more information email at fetedieuduteche@gmail.com or call (337) 394-6550.

**K.C. Annual Spaghetti Dinner:**

Date: Sunday, Aug. 12. Time 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Where: KC Home - Costs : \$8.00 a ticket If anyone interested in donating desserts, please contact one of our K.C. Members

**Family Fun Day Festival Meeting:**

Thursday, August 23, 2018 @ 6:00 P.M. @ parish hall. If you have any questions or cannot attend the meeting but would still like to share ideas or help out, please contact Donette Freeman at (504)-390-7015.

**Family Fun Day- October 27, Saturday MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**DESK OF FR. BENNERFIELD**

The back gate to our cemetery (behind the mausoleum buildings) is now locked. Those wishing to drive into and out of the cemetery are asked to use the circular drive to do so. Please remember that the cemetery is consecrated ground and must be kept as safe as possible. Thanks for your assistance in this matter.

**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 Grimball, 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, 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, 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, Travis Young, Tanya Clamon Priseilla Scully, Edd Thornton, Susie Drash Gafford, Scott Governale, Joseph Governale, Kevin Tabor, Donna Toler, Phyllis Cook, Judy Roy, David Williamson, Marvin Ledet, Jr., Magan Simmons

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

**Stewardship Area**

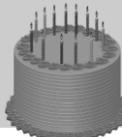
**“Give to the Most High as He has given to you, for the Lord is one who always repays, and He will give back to you sevenfold.” Sirach 35:10**

Last Weekend \$2711.50

**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 Are still available here at St. Joseph. If interested please call the rectory. 395-3616</i></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><b>Bulletin Ad's Available — call the office 395-3616</b></p>
	<p><b>Knights of Columbus #1710</b></p>  <p>Protecting Catholic Families for Generations</p>	<p><b>TOWN &amp; COUNTRY FLORIST &amp; GIFTS,</b> Owner: Glynda Lasseigne</p> <p>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>Darnall, Sikes, Gardes &amp; Frederick Certified Public Accountants 985-384-6264</p>	<p><b>RE-FURB-IT</b> Specializing in fiberglass life raft repair</p> <p><b>Ray Vidos</b> Owner (985) 312-2053</p>

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**  
**Fr. B**  
**August 8**



<p>Aug. 11 &amp; 12</p> <p>Sat. 4:30pm Sun. 9:00am Sun. 5:00pm</p>	<p>Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:</p> <p>Linda Thomas, Jane Watson, Henry Leray Mamie Perry, Ruby Delaune, Lola Verrt Tina Dugas, Mike &amp; Loretta Brocato</p>	<p>Lectors:</p> <p>Sandra Marshall Don Breaux Mike Brocato, Jr.</p>	<p>Altar Servers:</p> <p>Paris Guidry, Landon Lipari Kobi Lipari Luke Vaccarella, Jude Guarisco</p>
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