



SAINT JOSEPH

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DECEMBER 29, 2019 - THE HOLY FAMILY

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*
Celeste Fortier*Safe Environment Coordinator*
John Buroker*Choir Director*

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.

ANOIDTING 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.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Pam Begnaud Trista Littell
Bob Cole Troy Boudreaux
Dan Guidry
Steve LeMaire

PARISH TRUSTEES

Linda Desormeaux
Robert Landry

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.



The Holy Family

“Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you.” 725 kilometers. That’s the distance on modern roads from Bethlehem to Cairo. Assuming one covered 40km a day on foot — ambitious for two young parents and their infant son — the journey would take well over two weeks. Of course, the Holy Family didn’t have modern roads. They would travel through wilderness, fear bandits, run low on water, and cross the vast Sinai Peninsula in a reverse of their forefathers in Exodus. Here, in struggle and sacrifice, are the beginnings of the forging of the Holy Family.

“Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod.” Large Jewish communities existed in most major cities of the ancient Mediterranean world, after the collapse of their kingdoms chronicled in the Old Testament, and Joseph could likely find work as a carpenter. All the same, today’s Gospel reminds us that the first formational years of Jesus as a babe-in-arms were spent in a strange land. The members of the Holy Family were foreigners, outsiders, immigrants.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. God took on our humanity. He is in solidarity with our own trials and difficulties. On the feast of the Holy Family, we honor the special place of the family within society. We are invited, too, to recall those families who share in the struggles of the Holy Family in a particular way. We pray for immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees. We pray for all parents who sacrifice their own well-being and comfort so their children may have a better life.

Please Pray For The Sick

Norval Knapp Brennen Albert
 Susan Vincent Gunner Breaux Wilmer Landry
 Joyce Comeaux James Benoit Diane Johnson
 Dolores Benoit Kathryn Trahan Bobby Trahan
 Charlie Harrington Kim Vincent Hunter Henry
 Betty Thibodeaux Rudolph Fabre Luby Landry
 Lilly Mae Romero Enola G. Bernard Bernice Breaux
 Mary Belle Broussard Mary Trahan Sara LaCroix
 Virginia Lynn Burroughs Gail Anslem
 Guy McKeon III Jeanette Gallet Vanessa Vallot

Our Gift Back to God

Offertory (*Due to early printing, not available*) . . . \$

Weekly Goal \$12,000.00

December 15th Offering \$14,586.05

Thank You!

Next Week’s Second Collection

Building & Maintenance Fund

Joseph’s obedience to God was not a one-time thing. His attention to the angel’s warning kept Jesus from being murdered by Herod and led to the fulfillment of the prophecy that the Messiah would be a Nazorean. Fidelity to God’s will assures the best use of my talents, too!

When Herod had died, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. - Mt 2:19-21

Mass Intention

Weekend of December 28 & 29, 2019
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)

Ray Simon, Charles E. Stickney, Jacob Theriot, Ryan Viator, Michael Forrest Warren, Jr., Jodie Crouch, Zachary Esters, Evelyn B. Landry, Earless Romero (Birthday), Willis & Geri Morvant, Wilda & Louis Theo Bares, Eugene Broussard, Barbara Hebert, M/M Gabriel Denais (His Anniv.), Joseph Harmon, Preston Venable, Leona Hebert

Weekday Masses

Monday 30 Vocations to the Priesthood
 Tuesday 31 St. Joseph Community

Mary, The Holy Mother of God (January 1st)

Grace B. Broussard, M/M Maxie Duhon & Family, Preston Hebert Family, Evelyn B. Landry, Drew Eschete, Beverly C. & Mildred B. Picard, Charlene Gremillion, Joseph Harmon, Clomore Trahan, Jean Bodet (Anniv.), Ryan Viator, M/M Theodule Baudoin, Eugene Broussard, Minus Romero, M/M Dewey Steiner, M/M Etian Gallet, Helaire & Matilda T. Decou & Family, Mike Rickard, Pam McDonald, Sostane & Stanley Broussard & Family, Clifton & Lorena Broussard & Family, Joseph & Valerie Broussard & Family, Emery Don Gallet, Ronald Joseph Romero, Lawrence Benoit, Sr.

Thursday 2 Joseph Harmon
 Friday 3 Dr. Larry & Barbara Hebert,
 Joseph Harmon

Sanctuary Candle

Curtis J. Decou & Family
 Lillian Norris (Birthday)
 Gayle J. Stoute

The Octave Day of Christmas

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

New Year's Eve

Tuesday, December 31st
4:00 p.m.

New Year's Day
(Holy Day of Obligation)
Wednesday, January 1st
8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Happy New Year!!



Parish Office Closed In observance of the New Year Holiday, the parish office will be closed on **December 31st & January 1st**. The Office will reopen on Thursday, January 2nd.

The St. Joseph Ladies Enrichment Group will be serving a light lunch to women and children, as they meet for parenting workshops, at the St. Mary Magdalene Christian Service Center at 701 Chevis St. in Abbeville on Thursday, **January 2nd** at 11:30 a.m. We will meet at the Life Center at 9:30 a.m. in order to arrive at the CSC around 10:00 a.m. This will be an ongoing ministry on the first Thursday of each month. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please contact the office at 856-5997. There are many opportunities for supporting this ministry, such as planning or serving meals, or making contributions to obtain food for the ministry.

First Saturday Adoration The Rosary will be prayed at 8:00 a.m. with Mass following at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, **January 4th**. All are invited!

Events This Week

Mon. (30th): No Events Scheduled

Tues. (31st): **New Year's Eve**
Mass: 4:00 p.m.
Parish Office Closed

Wed. (1st): **New Year's Day**
Masses: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Parish Office Closed

Thurs. (2nd): No Events Scheduled

Fri. (3rd): Parish Office Closed

Sat. (4th): First Saturday Adoration
Rosary 8:00 a.m.
Mass 8:30 a.m.

Sun. (5th): 9th & 10th Grade CCD

The Pro-Life Rosary Group will be praying the Rosary following the 6:00 p.m. Mass on Thursday, **January 9th**.

The Next Baptism Seminar will be held on Thursday, **January 9th** at 6:30 p.m. in the Church. Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy in order to avoid any delays.

STM 2020-21 Application is available online **January 21st-23rd** 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., & **January 22nd** 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m., and **January 24th** by appointment. For more information contact Robyn Alfonso at 988-7779 ext. 187 or robyn.alfonso@stmcougars.net or visit stmcougars.net/admissions.



The Confirmation Retreat will be held on Saturday, **January 11th**. Please call Eva Green, Religious Ed Coordinator, at 856-0800 if you should have any questions or concerns.

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Word of Life "Like Our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance." *For all families: That, with great faith, they will joyfully respond to all that God asks of them, and be given the strength to always persevere in love.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28
Friday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/Jn 1:29-34
Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12



Runnin' Revs vs. Slammin' Sems Basketball Game on Monday, **December 30th**. Join us for the 14th Annual basketball game between the Lafayette Diocesan priests and seminarians. This popular, fun event helps promote and support priestly and religious vocations. Perfect family outing during the Christmas holidays! Tip-off is at 6:30 p.m. at Cathedral-Carmel School Gymnasium, 848 St. John Street, Lafayette. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children. Concessions will be available for sale. Join us to see who will win this year! Hope to see you there!



Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend Engaged Couples spend a weekend away from the cares and distractions of everyday living. Attend a Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend. The weekend is open to any engaged couple wanting to prepare for a deeper more meaningful life together in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church according to its Church law. Upcoming weekend dates are **January 8th-10th, and March 6th-8th**. For cost of weekends, and to learn more, visit our website at www.ceelafayette.org.



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

Please Pray for Our Priest:

Rev. Kenneth Bienvenu
Rev. Paul Bienvenu
Very Rev. William Blanda
Pope Francis
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel
Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell

Mount Carmel On-Line Applications will be available for all new students/families for the 2020-21 School Year on Tuesday, **January 7th** at 8:00 a.m. visit www.mceschool.org. Call 898-0859 for more information.

Thought of the Week Two patient people will always have a better relationship than two impatient people.

Learn the Ancient Art of Icon Painting in the Russian-Byzantine Style Sponsored by St. Joseph Church (Cecilia) and Saint Luke Studio. St. Luke Studio is now accepting applications for 2020. The class objective is completion of one icon, provided attendance for the full five weekends. Class begins in **February 2020**, at St. Joseph Church in Cecilia and meets monthly. Prior art experience not required, and class size is limited. For more information and a registration brochure, please contact Christine Daunis at christinedaunis@yahoo.com or (225) 252-3090.



Liturgical Ministers December 31, 2019 & January 1st, 4th & 5th, 2020
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.

Tuesday, December 31st, 4:00 p.m. (New Year's Eve)

Sacristan: Cyndi Miller
Lectors: Cyndi Miller, C. J. Miller
Eucharistic Ministers: Dana Carter, Janice Bourque, Eadie Slimbach, Angelique Latiolais, Gene Mouton, Ashton Mouton, Liz Curnutt
Altar Servers: Elizabeth Roy, Alayna LaFleur

Wednesday, January 1st, 8:00 a.m. (New Year's Day)

Sacristan: Doug & Sue Duhon
Lectors: Trish Marullo, Trista Littell
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Adams, Sue Duhon, Doug Duhon
Altar Servers: Emma Begnaud, Karly Segura

Wednesday, January 1st, 10:30 a.m. (New Year's Day)

Sacristan: Steve & Sharon Moore
Lectors: Steve Moore, Sharon Moore
Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Keith Duhon, Jerry Besson, Kristie Besson, Terry Smith, Bubba LaFleur, Toni Hebert, Bailey LeBlanc
Altar Servers: Cooper Poff, Noah Poff

Saturday, January 4th, 4:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Linda Desormeaux
Lectors: Linda Desormeaux, Shelly Broussard
Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Keith Duhon, Michelle Bayard, Anna Bernard
Altar Servers: Abigail Stacks

Sunday, January 5th, 8:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Kat Trahan
Lectors: Robert Cole, Judy Cole
Eucharistic Ministers: Kat Trahan, Becky Prejean, John Landry, Paula Landry, Liz Lanier, Vance Lanier, Stacey Picard
Altar Servers: Logan Broussard, Parker Broussard

Sunday, January 5th, 10:30 a.m.

Sacristan: Dan Guidry
Lectors: Randy Blanchard, C. J. Miller
Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Keith Duhon, Nathan Champagne, Raymond Romero, Mary Ann Romero, Jude Bares, Lisa LeBlanc, Dan Guidry
Altar Servers: Walker Bares, Graham Snodgrass

Sunday, January 5th, 5:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Mary Landry
Lectors: Velma Cheramie, Margaret Greene
Eucharistic Ministers: Denise Hebert, Cally Lege, Sarah Gary
Altar Servers: Randall Green, Konnor Benoit