



SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MARCH 29, 2020 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

PARISH MINISTERS

Rev. William Schambough*Pastor*
Deacon Keith Duhon*Deacon*
Chenell Privat*Secretary to the Pastor*
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.



5th Sunday of Lent

Even though we say that we believe, there is a part of us that doesn't. There are many times in our lives when we experience death, whether it be the physical death of someone we love, a failed relationship, the loss of a job, or a broken dream. As we are going through these death experiences, we can easily find ourselves reaching out to God to make it better and fix it! We think that the proper order of life is to maintain the things of this world, especially those things that are essential to our sense of well-being and security. We do not like change. The grieving that comes from our death experiences can keep us stuck and in despair. If we have lost something or someone of great value, the very meaning and essence of life is lost with them. We need gentle companions to lift us from despair and that is precisely who God desires to be in our life as well.

God calls us out of our tombs, where we have been closed up in fear and despair, and shouts, "Come out!" He desperately wants to show us the path to hope and the new life that is possible after loss and death. But our faith can be weak, and we still prefer to cling to the memory of what we had rather than the joyful possibilities of tomorrow. We sometimes live as if God is not real and that the transformative power of His resurrected presence is a story found in the Bible rather than a narrative unfolding in our lives.

God is the God of surprises, not our demise. God opens new possibilities, begins new chapters, creates new verses, and brings us to new heights! We spend so much time and energy ruminating over what we left behind yesterday that we are far too tired to see what can unfold tomorrow. Loving someone new doesn't negate our past loves. Embracing the love of a person, God, or life itself tomorrow doesn't diminish the love of yesterday. Each of our loves is different, and one cannot be replaced by another. They don't cancel each other out. God truly has tended to every detail of our lives, and if we listen to each detail, we find that they all lead us back to Him. Jesus wants us to come out of our closed-up tombs. Are we going to listen this time?



Our Gift Back to God

Offertory \$ 2,895.00

Thank You!

Next Week's Second Collection
Building & Maintenance Fund

The Gospel today reminds us that our lives and our deeds must serve as examples to others, pointing the way to the Father. Not for our own benefit do we labor, but so that others may see our good works and give glory to our Father in heaven.

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." - Jn 11:25-27

Mass Intention

Weekend of March 28th & 29th, 2020
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)

Zachary Hebert (39th Birthday), Jodie Crouch, M/M Alton Broussard, Zachary Esters, M/M Gabriel Denais (Her Anniv.), Jeffrey Neil Ray, Ryan Viator, Preston Venable, Louis Fauchaux, Bradley J. Demette, Jacob Theriot, Wilda & Louis Theo Bares, Willis & Geri Morvant, Norris Guin, Erma Ducharme Gary

Weekday Masses

Monday 30	First Responders and Those Serving in Our Armed Forces
Tuesday 31	Clifford J. Viator, Michael Forrest Warren, Jr. (Birthday)
Wednesday 1	Sick of the Parish
Thursday 2	M/M Harry Hempel (Anniversary)
Friday 3	Dr. Larry & Barbara Hebert, Edvard & Lydia Hebert & Family, Frank & Viola Martin, Loyd Denais, Joseph Harmon, Yenes & Elwood Baudoin (Elwood's Anniversary), Gerhard and Sophie Creamer (Anniversary)

Sanctuary Candle

Previous Bishops

Please Pray For The Sick

Norval Knapp Brennen Albert Wilmer Landry
Susan Vincent Gunner Breau Bernice Breau
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 Gail Anslem
Mary Belle Broussard Mary Trahan Sara LaCroix
Virginia Burroughs Guy McKeon III Jeanette Gallet

A Spiritual Communion - to be prayed daily O my divine Jesus, how great is my desire to receive your sacred body! Oh, come now into my soul, at least, by a spiritual communion! O Jesus, my divine Savior, save me.

O my God, hiding myself with a humble confidence in your dear wounds, I give up my soul into your divine hands, Oh, receive it into the bosom of your mercy. **Amen.**

Guardian Angel, go to St. Joseph Church for me O holy Angel at my side go to the Church for me. Kneel in my place at Holy Mass where I desire to be.

At Offertory in my stead take all I am and own And place it as a sacrifice upon the altar throne.

At holy Consecration's bell adore with Seraph's love, My Jesus hidden in the Host come down from heaven above. And when the Priest Communion takes,

O bring my Lord to me, That His sweet Heart may rest on mine And I His temple be. **Amen.**

Word on Fire Digital We now have a subscription to Word on Fire digital media. This requires a user name and password that you can create by going to <https://stjosephmilton.flocknote.com> and follow instructions to connect. Word on Fire digital gives us instant access to catholic films and study programs. Published by Bishop Robert Barron. Experience the beauty, truth and goodness of the faith.



Events This Week

Mon. (30th): No Events Scheduled
Tues. (31st): No Events Scheduled
Wed. (1st): No Events Scheduled
Thurs. (2nd): No Events Scheduled
Fri. (3rd): Parish Office Closed
Sat. (4th): No Events Scheduled
Sun. (5th): No Events Scheduled

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Thought of the Week Always be joyful. Pray continually, and give thanks whatever happens. That is what God wants for you in Christ Jesus.



“A priest is not a priest for himself, he is a priest for you.” - Cure’ of Ars

Please Pray for Our Priest:

Rev. Gregory Heslip, LC
 Rev. Matthew Higginbotham
 Rev. Godwin Imoru
 Pope Francis
 Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
 Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel
 Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell



Religious Ed Registration for 2020-21 for grades 1st-10th is now ongoing. Registration forms may be found on the website www.stjo-milton.org. Please mail forms along with payment to St. Joseph Church, P. O. Box 299, Milton 70558. The deadline to register is **May 4, 2020**. For questions call Eva at 856-0800.

Word of Life “With great openness and courage, we need to question how widespread is the culture of life today among individual Christians, families, groups and communities in our Dioceses. With equal clarity and determination we must identify the steps we are called to take in order to serve life in all its truth”. *May any mother facing an unexpected pregnancy be lovingly accompanied as she prepares to encounter Christ anew through the gift of her child.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30
 Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42
 Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59
 Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42
 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 50:4-7
 Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24
 Philippians 2:6-11
 Matthew 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

Fish on Friday

Question: Why do Catholics eat fish on Friday?

Answer: For centuries, meatless Fridays were the norm for Catholics throughout the world. Friday was chosen because that was the day on which Jesus died, and Christians wanted to find a way to honor that day with special prayers and acts of penance and self-denial. The practice of abstaining from meat on Fridays — under pain of sin — grew out of that desire, and it became an official part of Church teaching until the time of the Second Vatican Council.

In the 1960s, there was a shift in the Church's thinking, in large part because there was a recognition that differences in cultures and economic realities meant that eating or not eating meat had different meanings for different peoples. For example, in cultures that were largely dependent on seafood or a vegetarian diet, abstaining from meat was no sacrifice at all. While in other places, eating fish and other kinds of seafood was actually something rare and special and not a sacrifice. This was all part of a basic reflection on "why we do what we do" among the Church's pastors.

Today, Catholics throughout the world are still instructed to abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent. The bishops of some countries, such as in England and Wales, ask Catholics to abstain from meat every Friday, continuing the older tradition. The Bishops of the United States have taken a slightly different approach, encouraging Catholics to honor Friday as a special day by abstaining from meat every Friday or by taking on some other work of penance or charity for the sake of others.

Bishop's Services Appeal To be disciples of Jesus Christ and good stewards of the gifts we have been given, we should acknowledge that by supporting the 2020 Bishop's Services Appeal we return to the Lord what has been received. It represents our response to God's unfailing love for each of us. We ***Carry the Light of Faith*** through service, discipleship, and good stewardship. Together we are called to carry the promise of Christ's light as ministers in His kingdom. Please prayerfully consider making a sacrificial gift of pledge to the Bishop's Services Appeal.



Rice Bowl Opportunity to Dream Young people must be provided good nutrition to be able to pursue their dreams. Did you have the opportunity to dream? What can you do to give young people the opportunity to dream? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.



St. Joseph Website Please visit our Parish Website at www.stjo-milton.org. You will find lots of great information from calendars of current and upcoming events, religious ed registration forms, census forms, bulletins, and much more. This is a great way to stay informed!

Mass for the Homebound

Every Sunday St. Mary Parish in Lafayette is "streaming" their Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass. The homebound, as well as residents in assisted living facilities and nursing homes can watch the Mass "live" or watch the video recording of the Mass any time on Sunday or during the rest of the week. Go to www.stmarych.com/live. Please help pass the word to those who might benefit by this ministry.



Lenten Season

Liturgical Ministers April 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.

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

Sacristan: Judy Touchet

Lectors: Chenell Privat, Wally Broussard

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Keith Duhon, Michelle Bayard, Sylvia Broussard

Altar Servers: Graham Verret

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

Sacristan: Gabe & Celeste Fortier

Lectors: Toddy Guidry, Shannon Phillips

Eucharistic Ministers: Gwen Miller, Morgan Savoy, Curlis Savoy, Mary Adams, Henri Quereau, Laci Quereau, Mable Chaisson

Altar Servers: Emma Begnaud, Luke Blanchard

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

Sacristan: Leurline Norris

Lectors: Randy Blanchard, Pam Burley

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Keith Duhon, Earline Blanchard, Cindy LeBlanc, Lisa LeBlanc, Jake Duplechin, Kim Sonnier, Leurline Norris

Altar Servers: Jarret Duplechin, Gavin Duplechine

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

Sacristan: Susan Foret

Lectors: Dennis Dumas, James Blanchard

Eucharistic Ministers: Debbie Dumas, Jerry Besson, Kristie Besson

Altar Servers: Alyssa Blanchard, Meghan Tavares