



SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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AUGUST 28, 2022 - TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH MINISTERS

Rev. William Schambough*Pastor*
 Deacon Keith Duhon*Deacon*
 Chenell Privat*Secretary to the Pastor*
 Sandra Smith*Bookkeeper*
 Eva Green*Religious Ed Coordinator*
 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.

Weekday Masses

Monday & Friday 6:30 a.m.
 Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday:.....8:30 a.m.
 Holy Days:..... 6:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

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.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

PARISH TRUSTEES

Linda Desormeaux
 Robert Landry



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

People who are concerned with their own advancement and agenda have little room for anyone else. With an almost addictive pursuit of esteem and acknowledgment from others, they become little more than entitled embodiments of the vice of pride. Public humiliation or embarrassment can hit them hard. While avoiding humiliation and embarrassment may be advantageous to obtaining worldly success, they are much less desirable motivations for entering the Kingdom of God. Avoiding embarrassment is a self-serving motivation. Pride and all of its manifestations have no place on God's agenda, neither do worldly success and fulfillment. In fact, we have been clearly told that if we love our lives, we will lose them. Therefore, if you really want to find your true station in life, learn to give yourself away.

While this may sound foolish to secular ears, it actually makes perfect sense. God, who is love, makes each of us in His image. Love, and therefore God, is in our DNA. That being the case, love is never love if it is kept to oneself or hoarded. Love needs to be shared and given away. Therefore, it is the only proper motivation for entering the Kingdom of God. The door to happiness is only opened when we realize that all we are and all we have is due only to God's grace. Without God we are nothing.

Love is the remedy for pride and protects us from ourselves. God asks us to be humble. Only when we are free from the traps of pride and arrogance that we can begin to follow the path to true humility. Only one who is humble can rightly love and be of service to God. "God makes use only of the humble as his instruments (Jean-Pierre de Caussade)." The humble one does not need others to give them worth and value. Their self-esteem comes from the much more secure foundation of God. Only those who are entirely free can give themselves freely to others. Love must always be our motivation for doing all things. Be content that God has invited you to the banquet of life. Concern yourself with accepting the invitation, and don't worry about where you will sit.

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Our Gift Back to God

Offertory	\$15,086.00
Mailed/Dropped in Office	+ 565.00
Total (August 21st)	\$15,651.00
Weekly Goal	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus Our Goal	+\$3,651.00

This Week's Second Collection

Bishop's Services Appeal

Next Week's Second Collection

Building & Maintenance Fund

In the Gospel today, Jesus warns us not to give in hopes of repayment, but to give open-handedly to the poor and needy. That sort of giving mirrors the bountiful giving of God, and Jesus assures us it is blessed indeed!

"Do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited...and the host who invited both of you may approach you and say, 'Give your place to this man,' and then you would proceed with embarrassment to take the lowest place." - Lk 14:8bc, 9

Mass Intention

Weekend of August 27th & 28th, 2022
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)

Emily Kay Benoit, Neil Boudreaux, Jacquelyn Albert, Zachary Hebert, Mr. & Mrs. John Luke (Living), Charles Louis Whitney (Anniv.), Therian LaFleur, Joseph & Vivian Johnson, Gail Anslem, Willis & Geri Morvant, Lula Theriot, Wilda & Louis Theo Bares, Allen Anslem, Geraldine (Gerry) Foreman, Gerhard Cramer (Anniv.), Mena & Murphy Courts

Weekday Masses

Monday 29	Vocations to the Priesthood
Tuesday 30	Neil Boudreaux, Edwin Simon (Birthday), Gertrude Boudreaux, Earl Frederick (Anniversary)
Wednesday 31	St. Joseph Parish
Thursday 1	Edvard Hebert, Jr.
Friday 2	Jerry Viator

Sanctuary Candle

Previous Priests

Please Pray For The Sick

Dolores Benoit Guy McKeon David McKeon
 Enola G. Bernard Mike Blanchard
 Mary Belle Broussard Mary Trahan Sara LaCroix
 Phillip LaCour, Sr. Norval Knapp Heather Herrick
 Bernice B. Richard Jeff Harrell Dot Decou
 Kim Vincent Joyce Menard Lucille Fabacher
 Rose Christian Luke Vidrine Yvonne Broussard
 Greg Duhon Jill Froisy Sue Menard

Walking with Purpose - Opening Your Heart Women's Bible Study *Coming this Fall to St. Joseph!* Do you want to deepen your personal relationship with the Lord and increase your trust of His unconditional love? This Bible study will take you on an exciting journey closer to the heart of God. If you are interested, please call the parish office at 856-5997.

The Next Baptism Seminar will be held on Thursday, **September 8th**, at 6:30 p.m. in Church. Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy in order to avoid any delays.

Bible Study If anyone is interested in strengthening their prayer life, this Bible study might be for you. Cindy Fontenot will be conducting the study named Oremus by Fr. Mark Touns, author of many inspiring books. We would love for you to join us on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. starting in **September**. Please call the office at 856-5997 if interested to order a workbook (\$20.00).

Word of Life "No sin or crime is greater than God's mercy. The sacrifice of the Cross reveals that Christ's greatest desire is to forgive those with a repentant heart." *For those who are imprisoned, especially those facing the death penalty: May they be treated with the respect due to every human person.*

Opportunities for Adoration: Wednesday 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Friday, 6:50 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. Additionally, the Church is unlocked from dawn to dusk for personal prayer. Adorers may pray in our *Blessed Sacrament Chapel area* behind the altar. Seating is provided there.

Events This Week

Mon. (29th): Mass 6:30 a.m.
1st Grade Parent Meeting
6:30 p.m. (Life Center)

Tues. (30th): Mass 8:30 a.m.

Wed: (31st): Mass 8:30 a.m.
Adoration
5:30-7:00 p.m.

Thurs. (1st): Mass 8:30 a.m.

Fri. (2nd): Mass 6:30 a.m.
Parish Office Closed

Sat. (3rd): Mass 4:00 p.m.

Sun. (4th): Mass: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
& 5:00 p.m.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat A Rachel's Vineyard retreat weekend is an opportunity for any man, woman, couple, grandparent, sibling, or anyone who struggles with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion. This weekend retreat provides participants the opportunity and space to enter the grieving process, identify effects the abortion has had and release deep feelings of anger, shame, and guilt that frequently accompany an abortion experience. Retreat dates are **September 30th - October 2nd**. For more information and/or to register contact the Office of Pro-Apostolate, and 261-5598. Pre-registration is required. All inquiries are confidential.



First Communion Parent Meeting There will be a mandatory First Communion parent meeting on Sunday, **August 28th** at 6:30 p.m. in the church for all currently registered students. Please bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate if you have not already turned it in with your registration form.

First Grade Parent Meeting There will be a first grade parent meeting in the parish life center on Monday, **August 29th** at 6:30 p.m. for those parents who are new to our religious education program. This meeting is for currently registered students.

Religious Ed Start Dates: 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Sunday, **September 11th**. 1st & 2nd Grade Monday, **September 12th**. 3rd, 4th & 5th Grade Tuesday, **September 13th** and 9th & 10th Grade Sunday, **September 18th**. Confirmation start date TBA.

Registration for Confirmation Students is now underway. The forms can be found on our parish website www.stjo-milton.org. Deadline to register is **September 17th**. If you should have any questions, please call Eva Green at 856-0800.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Mk 6:17-29
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday's Readings

Wisdom 9:13-18b
Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17
Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Luke 14:25-33

Humility and Stewardship

Some people have “the rich relation” in their family tree. Aunt Cindy, who is always traveling somewhere new and exciting. Cousin Richard and his lake house. Your sister and brother-in-law who buy a new car every year.

Oftentimes these relatives take great happiness in sharing their wealth. You can usually count on an exotic gift from Aunt Cindy’s latest adventure or an invitation to go out on Richard’s pontoon boat at the end of the summer.

Yet sometimes, that person wants something in return. Not money, of course, but something else. Attention. Flattery. Gratitude. Cindy wants you to ask her where she got the priceless artifact in Istanbul, so she can talk about the many antiques dealers she visited. Richard wants you to ask about his new boat, so he can talk about how well business has been this year. Maybe the person just wants to know you like the gift or that the experience offered is pleasing to you.

This is a natural inclination that we all possess. There is nothing wrong with wanting to be the person people count on. There is nothing wrong with wanting to offer worthy gifts. There is nothing wrong with hoping that maybe, just a little, we might be appreciated.

What matters is the spirit we carry within our hearts when we do it. What matters is our destination as we approach that proverbial table. Are we headed for the place of honor, expecting it to be waiting for us? Or are we making our way to the lowest place, simply thankful to be invited to the meal?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Thought of the Day Every day is a new beginning. Take a deep breath, smile, and start again.

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

Please Pray for Our Priest:

Rev. Jason Vidrine
Rev. Richard Vidrine
Very Rev. Thomas Voorhies, VF
Rev. Thomas Hein Vu
Pope Francis
Pope Emeritus Benedict, XVI
Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel

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: **September 16th-18th, February 10th-12th, April 21st -23rd.** For cost of weekends, other dates, and to learn more, visit our website at www.ceelafayette.org or contact Paul & Carolyn Trahan at 254-8947.



Sign Before the Gospel

Question: I have been going to Mass for years and have always wondered: why do we make the three signs of the cross before the Gospel?

Answer: Certainly, many people go to Mass or other devotions, doing and saying things out of habit or reverence and not really understanding the reasons behind some of these things. But everything we do has a meaning or purpose that helps us to worship better, proclaim our beliefs, or focus the attention of the people on something that has a greater importance or significance. A review of the meaning of various gestures and practices can help us have a deeper appreciation for what we do.

There is a little prayer that goes with the three crosses before the Gospel: “May the words of the Holy Gospel be on my mind, on my lips and in my heart.” In standing to hear the Gospel, we acknowledge that Jesus is present, and the words of the Gospel are addressed to us. All of the gestures and special postures we adopt before the Gospel are intended to help us prepare for hearing the Word as well as act on it. The incense, the Alleluia, the deacon or priest, and the special dialogue and announcement that introduces the Gospel help us focus our attention on the Good News we are about to hear. The three signs of the cross show our desire and good intention to hear and live the Gospel.

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Liturgical Ministers September 3rd & 4th, 2022 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 request a sub on your ministry pro app if unable to make your scheduled time.

Saturday, September 3rd, 4:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Cyndi Miller

Lector: Wally Broussard

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Keith Duhon, Michelle Bayard, Linda Desormeaux

Altar Servers:

Sunday, September 4th, 8:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Kat Trahan

Lector: Trista Littell

Eucharistic Minister: Liz Curnutt, Donna Pitre, Kat Trahan

Altar Servers: Logan Broussard, Parker Broussard

Sunday, September 4th, 10:30 a.m.

Sacristan: Leuline Norris

Lector: Randy Blanchard

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Keith Duhon, Gerard Labat, Leuline Norris

Altar Servers: James Mendez

Sunday, September 4th, 5:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Sharon Moore

Lector: Emilie Boudreaux

Eucharistic Ministers: Troy Boudreaux, Steve Moore, Sharon Moore

Altar Servers: Luke Myers, Alayna Lafleur, Konnor Benoit