



# SAINT JOSEPH

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**FEBRUARY 16, 2025 - SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## PARISH MINISTERS

Rev. William Schambough .....*Pastor*  
Chenell Privat .....*Secretary to the Pastor*  
Tammy Hyde .....*Bookkeeper*  
Eva Green .....*Religious Ed Coordinator*  
John Buroker .....*Choir Director*

## 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.

## 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.

**ANointING 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 your proposed date.

## WELCOME, VISITORS.

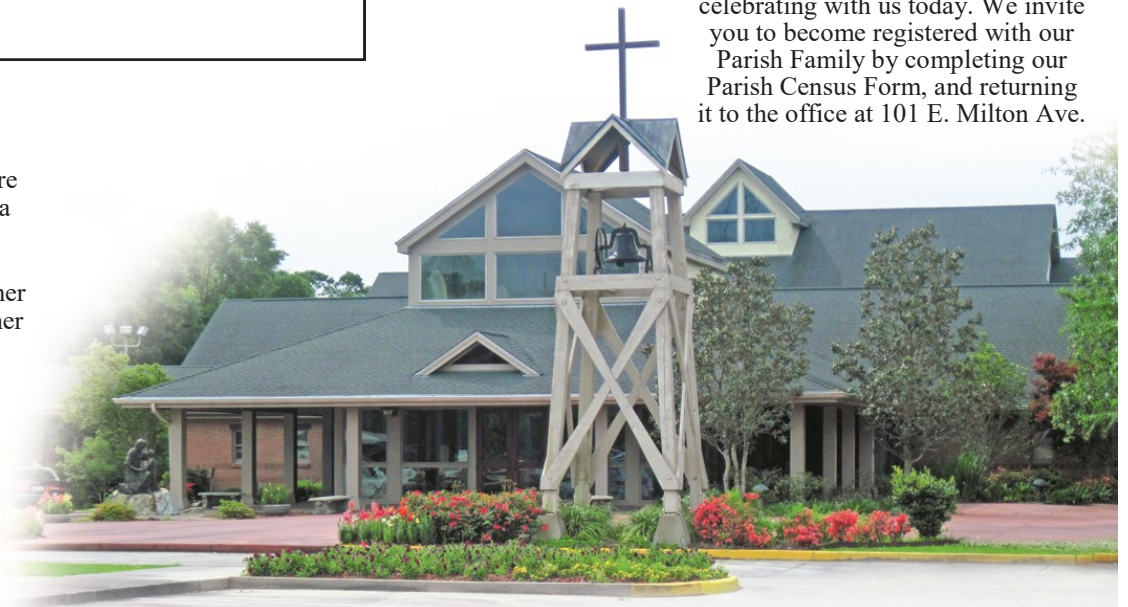
We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to become registered with our Parish Family by completing our Parish Census Form, and returning it to the office at 101 E. Milton Ave.

## PASTORAL COUNCIL

Troy Boudreaux	Steve Lemaire
Bob Cole	Nancy Messa
Charles Duchamp	Guy Picard
Dennis Dumas	Judy Picard
Nick Gaspard	David Walther
Dan Guidry	Marie Walther
Cindy LeBlanc	

## PARISH TRUSTEES

Linda Desormeaux  
Robert Landry



**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
**Luke 6:17, 20-26**

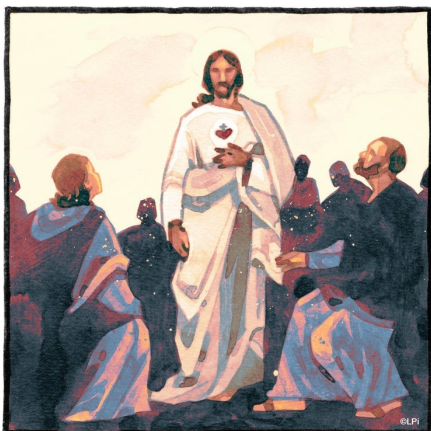
I craved four things as a teenager: success in sports, food, fun and the attention of popular people. However, I noticed that as I acquired them, I was more unsatisfied than before. So, I'd strive even more energetically, achieve more, and the sense of emptiness was greater still. These four things started to feel like burdens or even curses. Soon after, I encountered Christ in my high school youth group. Experiencing his love was totally different than anything those four things previously produced. It produced a lasting happiness.

Jesus utters a kind of four-fold curse in this week's Gospel of Saint Luke's "woes": **"Woe to you who are rich...who are filled now...who laugh now...who are well-spoken of"** (cf. Luke 6:24-26). How marvelous that these correspond perfectly to the four things that obsessed my teenage soul: riches, food, laughter and good reputation. The "woes" the Lord speaks are warnings: when those things are the *purpose* of your life, you'll be miserable. He is saying, "You'll be happy, or blessed, in the measure that these things do not determine the shape of our lives, and the kingdom of God does."

To some degree, we're all spiritual teenagers, addicted to one or more of those four "woes." How splendid that the Lord wants his to bless us — that is, to satisfy us, make us laugh with joy, and in the kingdom of God, offer us what will truly satisfy us. But first let's admit what is causing our "woes."

— *Father John Muir*

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**Our Gift Back to God**

Offertory .....	\$13,626.00
Mailed/Dropped in Office .....	+ 1,630.00
Total (February 9th)	\$15,256.00
Weekly Goal .....	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus Our Goal .....	.\$+3,256.00

*Thank you!*

**This Weekend's Second Collection**  
Milton's Catechism Program

**Next Weekend's Second Collection**  
Local Seminarian Support

Jesus' commandment is that His disciples love one another, even to the point of laying down their lives, if necessary. What gifts of myself - my skills and talents, my time and resources - will best demonstrate my love for God's people?

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Behold, your reward will be great in heaven."- Lk 6:22, 23b

**Mass Intention**

**Weekend of February 15th & 16th, 2025**  
**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)**

Ernest & Jacquelyn Albert, Drew Michael Courts, M/M Pressley Broussard, M/M Wilmer Landry, Lydia & Edvard Hebert & Family, Patsy Prejean Giese, Randall Picard, Gerald L. Landry, Roland Broussard, Carolyn & John Hutchinson (Anniversary), Tiger Bech, Emily Kay Benoit, David Brune, Dianne Touchet, Richard "Rick" Stutes, Jr., Leroy & Ruth Robin (His Birthday), Viola D. Stevens, John Lloyd Trahan, Chester Henry, Preston Simon, Clifford J. Viator

**Weekday Masses**

Monday 17	Harry Baudoin (Birthday)
Tuesday 18	Neil Boudreaux, Gertrude Boudreaux
Wednesday 19	Jerry Landry, Gail Lee
Thursday 20	Louise Broussard (1st Anniversary), Edvard Hebert, Jr.
Friday 21	Bernice Blanchard Richard (Anniversary)

**Sanctuary Candle**

Previous Priests

**Please Pray For The Sick**

Joyce Menard Laura Henry Beau Gaspard  
Melissa Lapointe David McKeon Diana Johnson  
Marc Broussard Mark Broussard  
Yvonne LeBlanc Red Hall Jerome Auzenne, Sr.  
Danny B. Comeaux Chuck Lindsey  
Christine Marie Gotte Reed McIver Brenda D. Privat





**Build Youth Group Nights** are open to all high school students! We love meeting new people, so show up and bring a friend! The next one is scheduled for Sunday, **February 16th** at Our Lady of Prompt Succor in Coteau at 6:30 p.m. We are also excited for our first ever Build Retreat taking place on *March 8th* in Grand Coteau! It will be a one-day retreat open to all high school students. We can't wait to share this unforgettable experience with you! Visit [buildyouthgroup@gmail.com](mailto:buildyouthgroup@gmail.com).

**The Ladies Altar Society Rosary Group** will meet on Tuesday, **February 18th** at 9:30 a.m. at Church to pray the rosary. Ladies of the community of welcome to join them.

**Pilgrimage To Ireland** Orientation Meeting on Thursday, **February 20th** at 6:00 p.m. at St. Pius Catholic Church. Fr. Louis Richard will be the Spiritual Director. Join us to learn about the pilgrimage and take advantage of special discounts! RSVP for the Orientation Meeting by calling 337-291-1933 or visit [holyltravels.org/frrichardireland](http://holyltravels.org/frrichardireland).

**Sensory Mass (Family Mass)** A monthly Sunday Catholic Mass option for families with children or young adults who could spiritually benefit from accommodations for sensory needs. Various arrangements for self-seating or standing or wheelchair access. Florescent lighting turned off, incandescent lights dimmed. Little or no music. Applicable brief homily, zero-step entry into Church. No rush environment to enjoy your family and time with God in worship. The next Mass will be held on Saturday, **February 22nd** at 5:30 p.m.

#### Events This Week

**Mon. (17th):** Confession 6:00 a.m.  
Mass 6:30 a.m.  
1st & 2nd Grade CCD

**Tues. (18th):** Confession 8:00 a.m.  
Mass 8:30 a.m.  
LAS Rosary  
9:30 a.m. (Church)  
3rd, 4th & 5th CCD  
RCIA 6:00 p.m.  
Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.

**Wed: (19th):** Confession 8:00 a.m.  
Mass 8:30 a.m.  
WWP 9:00 a.m. (Church)  
Bible Study 9:30 a.m.  
(Life Center)  
Adoration 5:30-7:00 p.m.  
WWP 6:00 p.m. (Life Ctr.)

**Thurs. (20th):** Confession 8:00 a.m.  
Mass 8:30 a.m.  
WWP 9:00 a.m. (Church)  
WWP 6:00 p.m. (Church)

**Fri. (21st):** Confession 6:00 a.m.  
Mass 6:30 a.m.  
Parish Office Closed

**Sat. (22nd):** Confirmation Retreat  
Confession 3-3:55 p.m.  
Mass 4:00 p.m.

**Sun. (23rd):** Masses: 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.  
6th, 7th & 8th Grade CCD

**Bishop's Services Appeal** As disciples of Jesus Christ and good stewards of the gifts we have been given, we can acknowledge our blessings by supporting the 2025 Bishop's Services Appeal. When we return to the Lord what has been received, we imitate God's unfailing love for each of us. By giving as part of a diocesan effort, we are *Stepping Through the Holy Doors* and impacting every corner of Acadiana. Please prayerfully consider making a sacrificial gift or commitment to the Bishop's Services Appeal as part of your alms this upcoming Lent by completing one of the committing envelopes found in the gathering space.

**Word of Life** "We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do,' but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple." *For married couples struggling with infertility: May the Lord help them trust in His love and sustain them with His peace. We pray to the Lord.*



**Our Lady of Lourdes Foundation Jeep Mazda Giveaway** Support those most in need in Acadiana and purchase your \$50 ticket for a chance to win a 2024 Jeep Grand Cherokee or a 2024 Mazda CX-50! Tickets are available online at [lourdesTicketToDrive.com](http://lourdesTicketToDrive.com), by texting "25RAFFLE" to 51555 or by calling 337-470-4005. Last date to purchase is **March 12th** and winners will be announced on Thursday, March 13th during the 5:00 p.m. news on KATC-TV3.

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13  
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a & 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21  
Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26  
Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mk 8:27-33  
Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 8:34—9:1  
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19

#### Next Sunday's Readings

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23  
Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13  
1 Corinthians 15:45-49  
Luke 6:27-38

## Mardi Gras

**Question:** Carnivale and Mardi Gras celebrations are linked to Ash Wednesday, Lent, fast and abstinence. Can you tell us more about the connections between these events?

**Answer:** Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the forty days known as Lent. Every year, Christians highlight this penitential season as a time of self-examination, reformation of one's life, and continued development of a deeper spiritual life. The recommended practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving become the focus of Lenten activity and ritual. Each of these spiritual practices is aimed at personal discipline as well as continued concern for the other, especially the poor or alienated.

Forty days is a symbolic biblical period of time, during which personal transformation occurs and out of which people surface as more spiritual, ready to carry out God's mission. Relying on God's providence and care, no matter how difficult life becomes, is crucial to Lenten spirituality. Fasting was initially stricter, permitting only one simple meal a day without meat, fish, or other delicacies. Such things were not even allowed in the house.

In order to prepare for this in an age of no refrigeration, people gathered to consume whatever was not allowed during Lent. This led to parties or celebrations originally referred to as Carnivale, literally meaning "goodbye to meat," or Mardi Gras, literally meaning "Fat Tuesday." The eating and celebrating ended on the Tuesday just before Ash Wednesday. Today we focus more on moderation in all things, as well as a strong concern for the poor. What are you doing for the poor this Lent?

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*Thought of the Week Happiness resides not in possessions and not in gold; the feeling of happiness dwells in the soul.*

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

### **Please Pray for Our Priest:**

Rev. Brian Taylor  
Rev. Arockiadass V. Thanaraj  
Rev. Jude Thierry  
Rev. Clint Trahan  
Rev. Harold Trahan  
Rev. Joseph Sai Tran, SVD  
Rev. Chrysanthus Ugorji

### **Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend**

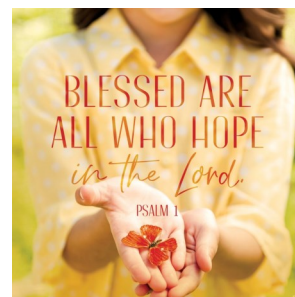
Spend a weekend away from the cares and distractions of everyday living. Attend a Catholic Engaged Encounter. It is open to any engaged couple wanting to prepare for a deeper more meaningful life together in a Sacramental Marriage recognized by the Catholic Church according to its Church law. Weekend dates for 2025 are **March 21st-23rd, September 26th-28th**. The cost of the weekend is \$275. A \$125 non-refundable deposit is required to secure a reservation. To learn more, visit our website [www.ceelafayette.org](http://www.ceelafayette.org) or contact Mike & Phyllis Totaro at 337-962-5798 (Phyllis) or [reginfo.ceelaf@gmail.com](mailto:reginfo.ceelaf@gmail.com).



## ***Please Pray for Seminarians***

### ***February***

Rev. Blake Dubroc, Director of  
Vocations & Seminarians  
Seminary Faculty, Parents and  
Benefactors  
Eli Weil  
Cole Zaunbrecher  
Matthew Authement  
Roy Bertrand IV  
Bennett Bodin  
Reid Bourgeois  
Nicholas Broussard  
Dcn. Ricky Castaneda  
Haden Coleman  
Sebastian Cramer  
Carter Domingue  
Seth Dupre  
John Michael Fruge, Jr.  
Br. John Paul Fruge  
Cameron Gary  
Matthew Gomez  
Br. Francis Xavier Gyles  
Coby Hebert  
Evan Hebert  
William Hebert  
Zack Hebert  
Eric Hernandez  
Michael Johnson  
Drew Landry  
Bret Lee  
Christopher Lee



### **Liturgical Ministers February 22nd & 23rd, 2025**

#### **Sacristans, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar 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, February 22nd, 4:00 p.m.**

**Sacristan:** Sherry Kenner

**Lector:** Gib Broussard

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Brenda Manceaux, Sherry Kenner, Michelle Bayard

**Altar Servers:** Vivian Deshotel, Ella Gaspard, Jack Gaspard

#### **Sunday, February 23rd, 8:00 a.m.**

**Sacristan:** Trish Suire

**Lector:** Ali Picard

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Liz Lanier, Vance Lanier, Ricky Broussard

**Altar Servers:** Matthew Brou, Brody Burke

#### **Sunday, February 23rd, 10:30 a.m.**

**Sacristan:** Leurline Norris

**Lector:** Cindy Fontenot

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Chrissy Smith, Alayna Lemaire, Leurline Norris

**Altar Servers:** Russell DePrima, Jonah DePrima, Waylon Anding

#### **Sunday, February 23rd, 5:00 p.m.**

**Sacristan:** Mary Landry

**Lector:** Margaret Greene

**Eucharistic Minister:** Macy Wade, Trevor Wade, Mary Landry

**Altar Servers:** Thomas Roy, Annie Roy, Kali Burke