



SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MARCH 2, 2025 - EIGHTH 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.

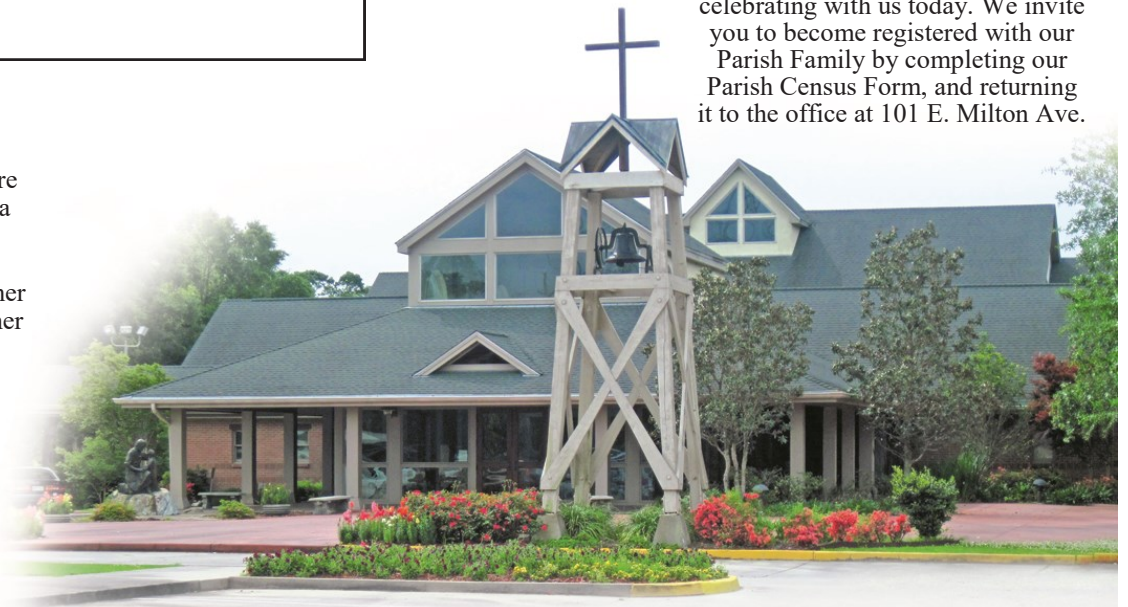
PASTORAL COUNCIL

Troy Boudreaux
Bob Cole
Charles Duchamp
Dennis Dumas
Nick Gaspard
Dan Guidry
Cindy LeBlanc

Steve Lemaire
Nancy Messa
Guy Picard
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David Walther
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PARISH TRUSTEES

Linda Desormeaux
Robert Landry



8th Sunday of Ordinary Time Luke 6:39-45

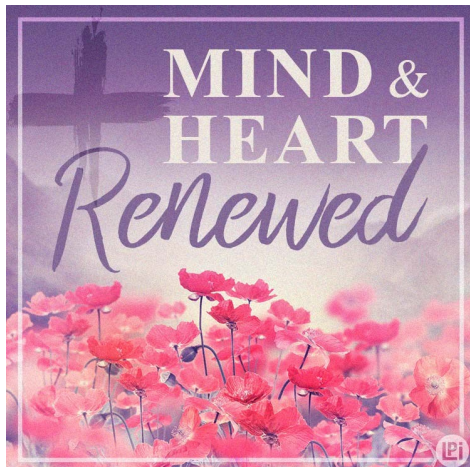
One of the things that older pastors and younger priests occasionally quarrel about is the proper balance between work and prayer. I know one pastor who complains that his younger associate ignores the people and the parish because he wants to spend more time in prayer. And the young priest complains that the pastor gives him too much work to do and no time to pray. The Lord's words this Sunday speak into this tension with an image that can help us find a proper balance between life and prayer.

Jesus says, **"For every tree is known by its fruit. For people do not pick figs from thorn bushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles"** (Luke 6:44). When we are deeply rooted and cultivating our relationship with Jesus, we are going to bear the fruit of that love in our lives. No fruit, no good prayer. How do we know that we are praying well? We are experiencing concrete fruits of love for others in our lives.

Someone who prays well will, sooner or later, burst forth the "figs" and "grapes" of acts of love. But without concrete commitment to deeds of selfless service to others, our prayer time is as useless as thorn bushes and brambles. Let's recommit ourselves to be men and women of prayer *and* service. And hopefully the pastors will help their associates to pray *and* serve fruitfully...with minimal quarreling.

— *Father John Muir*

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Our Gift Back to God

Offertory	\$12,269.96
Mailed/Dropped in Office	+ 725.00
Total (February 23rd)	\$12,994.96
Weekly Goal	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus Our Goal	\$ +994.96
Local Seminarian Support	\$ 2,908.36
Building & Maintenance (February)	\$ 6,394.71

Thank you!

This Weekend's Second Collection Building & Maintenance Fund

St. Paul tells the Corinthians that they are living letters, "known and read by all." What does the letter of *my* life reveal to those who read it? Can they tell by the way I live that I belong to Christ and that all I am and have is His?

"How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye." - Lk 6:42

Mass Intention

Weekend of March 1st & 2nd, 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)

John Lloyd Trahan, Ernest & Jacquelyn Albert, Randall Picard, Shirley Broussard, George Lee Broussard, Vernis Breaux, David Brune, Richard "Rick" Stutes, Jr., Patsy Prejean Giese, Geraldine (Gerry) Foreman, Earless Romero, Dianne Touchet, Chester Henry, Tiger Bech, Etienne & Leona Clark, Cheri Trahan, Robert & Andrea Hebert, Francis & Louella Hebert, Preston Simon, Janell Girouard, Zachary Hebert, Beverly Fredrick Romero, Drew Michael Courts, Harold Prejean, Clarence Prejean

Weekday Masses

Monday 3	Vocations to the Priesthood
Tuesday 4	Neil Boudreaux, Gertrude Boudreaux
Wednesday 5	Clifford J. Viator, Xavier Broussard, Shirley Broussard, Lawrence Benoit, Sr., Emily Kay Benoit, Bradley Demette, James V. King, Sr. (Wedding Anniversary)
Thursday 6	Katherine M. Fontenot (Birthday), Edvard Hebert, Jr.
Friday 7	Emily Kay Benoit, Parker Lavern McLean (Birthday), Lavern McLean Boudreaux (Birthday)

Sanctuary Candle Previous Bishops

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 Reed McIver
Christine Marie Gotte Kenneth Stickney
Polly Breazeale

Lent Way of the Cross

**Every Thursday during Lent
6:30 p.m.**

Consider Mass as part of your Lenten observance. Mass times are as follows:

Monday & Friday
6:30 a.m.

(Confessions 6:00 a.m.)

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday:
8:30 a.m.

(Confessions 8:00 a.m.)

Adoration On Wednesday
5:30-7:00 p.m.

Confessions: Saturday from 3:00-3:50 p.m. as well as by appointment.

The Milton Civic Center will be selling raffle tickets after all masses this weekend. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 and proceeds benefit future projects for Milton Community. Drawing to be held on Tuesday, **March 11th** at MCO.

Parish Office Closed on Monday, **March 3rd** and Tuesday, **March 4th** for the Mardi Gras Holiday.

Ash Wednesday Masses will be celebrated at 6:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, **March 5th**.

Build Youth Group Nights are open to all high school students! We are 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.



February

We welcome into the family of St. Joseph's the newly Baptized. Welcome:

*Grayson James Wexler
Baylor Alex Wyble*

Events This Week

Mon. (3rd): Confession 6:00 a.m.
Mass 6:30 a.m.
Parish Office Closed

Tues. (4th): Confession 8:00 a.m.
Mass 8:30 a.m.
Mardi Gras Day
Parish Office Closed

Wed. (5th): Ash Wednesday
Masses 6:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
(Life Center)

Thurs. (6th): Confession 8:00 a.m.
Mass 8:30 a.m.
Way of the Cross
6:30 p.m. (Church)

Fri. (7th): Confession 6:00 a.m.
Mass 6:30 a.m.
Parish Office Closed

Sat. (8th): Confession 3:00-3:55 p.m.
Mass 4:00 p.m.

Sun. (9th): Masses: 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
6th, 7th & 8th Grade CCD

CRS Rice Bowl Celebrates 50 Years In 1975, Catholics in Allentown, Pennsylvania, prayed, fasted and gave alms to help people suffering from famine in the Sahel region of Africa – marking the beginning of what would become CRS Rice Bowl. Whether this is the first time you're participating in CRS Rice Bowl, or you were one of the founding parishioners, we must continue to come together to address this urgent need—because everyone deserves plenty to eat. Visit crsricebowl.org/join to learn more about this ministry.



The Elderberries will have their next social on Tuesday, **March 11th** at 9:00 a.m. at the Life Center. Lunch to follow afterwards at El Paso in Youngsville.

The Next Baptism Seminar will be held on Thursday, **March 13th**, at 6:30 p.m. in Church. Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy in order to avoid any delays.

Immersion Pro-Life Retreats 2024/25 The Lafayette Pulse Day will be held on Saturday, **March 22nd**. Call 866-463-5433 or visit Prolifepulselala.com for more information.

Word of Life “The Gospel of Life is “meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!” *For each expectant mother considering abortion: May the Lord provide for her needs and give her the grace and resolve to choose life for her child. We pray to the Lord.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday's Readings

Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Psalm 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15
Romans 10:8-13
Luke 4:1-13



Ash Wednesday Ashes

Question: Why do we place ashes on our forehead each Ash Wednesday?

Answer: Ashes are rich in spiritual symbolism. We recall in the second chapter of Genesis, when the human person is fashioned “out of the dust of the ground” and receives the breath of life (Genesis 2:7). In death, a person returns to the ground from which we came. The ancient Hebrews used ashes as a sign of repentance, reminding themselves that God is God and we are not.

As the minister places ashes on our forehead, we hear either “remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return” or “turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.” When we receive ashes, we remember our own mortality. We’re reminded that we have limited time on this earth and we ought to make the best use of it that we can! People are in need of love, care, and compassion. We all need to continually rediscover the love of God. The Gospel invites every person in every stage of life to encounter and imitate Jesus here and now. The forty days of Lent are the perfect time to assess our own awareness of these realities.

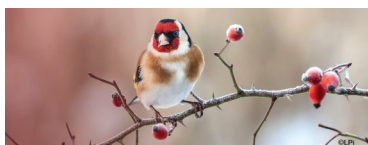
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Thought of the Week Let us be Thankful to the people who bring us happiness; they are the enchanting gardeners who make our souls blossom.

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

Please Pray for Our Priest:

Bishop Douglas Deshotel
Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell
Rev. Nicholas Ware
Rev. Joseph Kyle White
Rev. Anthony J. Wieck, SJ
Rev. Ryszard Zawadski, SVD
Rev. Travis Abadie



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 or contact Mike & Phyllis Totaro at 337-962-5798 (Phyllis) or reginfo.ceelaf@gmail.com.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

I was traveling recently and watched as a wife led her blind husband onto the plane by her arm. She lovingly helped him into his seat and made sure he was comfortable. She placed their bags above in the bin and then sat next to him. They were ready for the flight. As I sat in my seat just a few rows away, I wondered what he would do if she ever left his side.

Sometimes those we love in our life can be blind, and we need to be their eyes. They aren’t physically blind, but they are unable to see the truth about their life, situation, or needs. We need to lend them our sight and insight, or they will remain in their world of darkness.

Jesus asked his disciples, “Can a blind person guide a blind person?” If we aren’t actively working to be sure that we can see clearly, what will we be able to offer someone we care about when they come to us with their blindness? Can you lead someone to Christ if you aren’t living a life with him yourself? Can you share with another truth if you aren’t concerned with knowing the truth yourself?

Life is not always easy. Without faith, hope, and love, the road can be too hard to travel. We are not created to be alone. Instead, we are created to be traveling companions. However, the blind cannot lead the blind. May the Light of Christ dispel your darkness and give you sight so that when the call comes, you might lend an arm to lead the blind.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Liturgical Ministers March 8th & 9th, 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.

Wednesday, March 5th, 6:00 p.m. (Ash Wednesday)

Sacristan: Susan Foret
Lector: Clayton Choate
Eucharistic Ministers: Angie Landry, Bubba Lafleur, Gerard Labat
Altar Servers: David Morley, Matthew Brou

Saturday, March 8th, 4:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Linda Desormeaux
Lector: Gib Broussard
Eucharistic Ministers: Monica Bourque, Jed Bourque, Linda Desormeaux
Altar Servers: John Luke Bourque, Vivian Deshotel

Sunday, March 9th, 8:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Celeste Fortier
Lector: Trish Marullo
Eucharistic Ministers: Amy Dupuis, August Doucet, Donna Pitre
Altar Servers: Kali Burke, Brody Burke

Sunday, March 9th, 10:30 a.m.

Sacristan: Patty Broussard
Lector: Teddy Broussard
Eucharistic Ministers: Raymond Romero, Chrissy Smith, Dan Guidry
Altar Servers: Russell DePrima, Jonah DePrima, Graham Snodgrass

Sunday, March 9th, 5:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Sharon Moore
Lector: Emilie Boudreaux
Eucharistic Minister: Troy Boudreaux, Sharon Moore, Steve Moore
Altar Servers: Thomas Roy, Annie Roy, Nathan Waguespack