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MARCH 9, 2025 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

PARISH MINISTERS

Rev. William Schambough*Pastor*
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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.

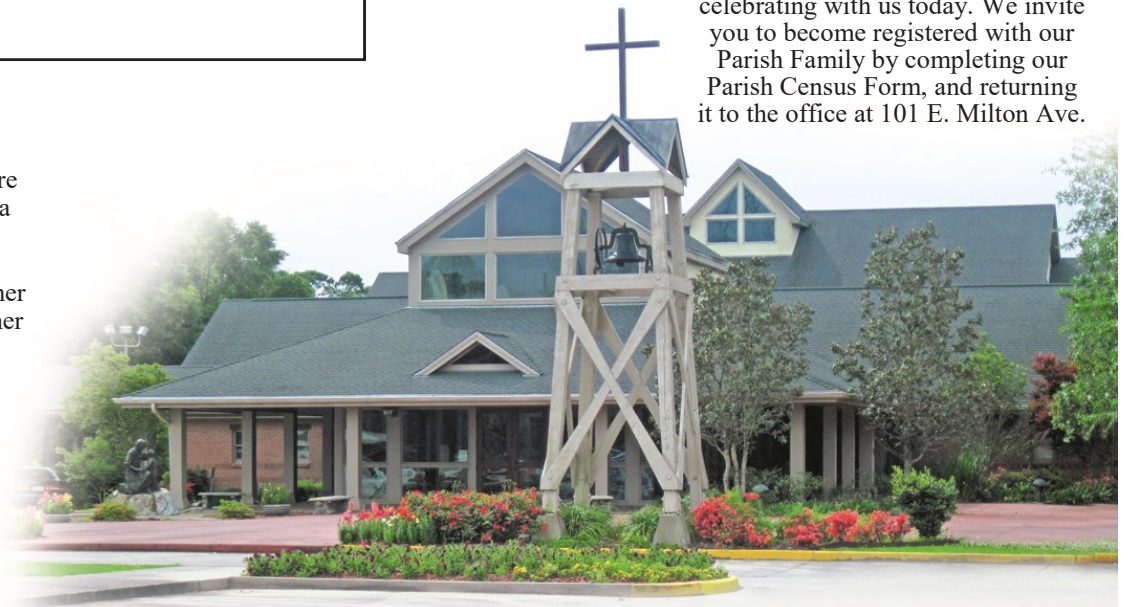
We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to become registered with our Parish Family by completing our Parish Census Form, and returning it to the office at 101 E. Milton Ave.

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



1st Sunday of Lent Luke 4:1-13

One of the most fascinating moments in American history is when George Washington could have become the king of the newly liberated United States and didn't. At the height of his power and fame, on Dec. 23, 1783, he resigned his commission as Commander-in-Chief, and went home. The astonished King of England remarked that in doing so, Washington was "the greatest man in the world." Greatness is often defined by what we could do but don't. Greatness is measured by the temptations we overcome.

Jesus' greatness is revealed in his victory over temptations, too. The three offered him by the devil contain, we might say, all potential possible temptations: food, power and fame. They correspond to the triple human needs of body, soul and spirit. In overcoming these three, he says "no" in essence to every and even the greatest temptation. We see that every desire of his humanity — body, soul and spirit — is perfectly united to God, to love. This is a power available to each member of his body. It is the path to true greatness. How can we, who so easily fall into even small temptations, find the power to overcome large ones? By entering into the great dynamics of Jesus' temptations.

Lenten challenge: This first week of Lent, list some concrete ways you can overcome temptations that correspond with your desires. For example, you may give up snacks between meals, choose not to participate in an activity of which you are an expert, and decide to reduce social media posting by 50%. It may not seem like much, but by saying "no" to the tyranny of food, power, and fame (in this example), you'll discover true greatness.

— *Father John Muir*

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Our Gift Back to God

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

Weekly Goal \$12,000.00

Thank you!

Next Weekend's Second Collection Bishop's Services Appeal

Today's first reading describes the offering of first fruits the people of Israel were to present to the Lord in thanksgiving for their deliverance from Egypt and the gift of the promised land. Is my offering at today's Mass an appropriate response to the many blessings the Lord has given me?

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." - Lk 4:1-3

Mass Intention

Weekend of March 8th & 9th, 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, Greg Landry (Anniv.), Randall Picard, Willis & Geri Morvant, John Lloyd Trahan, Cheri Trahan, Joanna C. Hebert (Birthday), Drew Michael Courts, Kenwood P. Smith, Wilda & Louis Theo Bares, Preston Simon, M/M Deussard Baudoin (Her Anniv.), David Brune, Harold Prejean, Chester Henry, Clarence Prejean, Richard "Rick" Stutes, Jr.

Weekday Masses

Monday 10	Those Serving in Our Armed Forces
Tuesday 11	Loyd Denais (Birthday), M/M Yenes Baudoin, Elwood Baudoin, Neil Boudreaux, Gertrude Boudreaux
Wednesday 12	M/M Yenes Baudoin (Her Anniversary), Loyd Denais, Abbie Fontenot (Birthday), Kay Fortier (Birthday), Elwood Baudoin
Thursday 13	Edvard Hebert, Jr., Frank Louis Boudreaux (Anniversary)
Friday 14	Vocations to the Priesthood

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 Reed McIver
Christine Marie Gotte Kenney Stickney
Polly Breazeale Pat Broussard

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.

Bulletin Ads Cami Fox from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. It is the support of the business community that helps to make our church thrive. Please consider purchasing a print and/or digital ad as your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

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.

Outdoor Rosary Join us on St. Joseph's Feast Day, Wednesday, **March 19th**, beginning at 7:00 p.m. here at church to pray an outdoor rosary.

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

Events This Week

Mon. (10th): Confession 6:00 a.m.
Mass 6:30 a.m.
1st & 2nd Grade CCD

Tues. (11th): Confession 8:00 a.m.
Mass 8:30 a.m.
Elderberries Social
9:00 a.m. (Life Center)
3rd, 4th & 5th CCD
RCIA 6:00 p.m. (Church)
Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.

Wed. (12th): Confession 8:00 a.m.
Mass 8:30 a.m.
WWP 9:00 a.m.
Bible Study 9:30 a.m. (Life Center)
Adoration 5:30-7:00 p.m.
WWP 6:00 p.m. (Life Ctr.)

Thurs. (13th): Confession 8:00 a.m.
Mass 8:30 a.m.
WWP 9:00 a.m. (Church)
WWP 6:00 p.m. (Church)
Baptism Seminar
6:30 p.m. (Church)
Way of the Cross
6:30 p.m. (Church)

Fri. (14th): Confession 6:00 a.m.
Mass 6:30 a.m.
Parish Office Closed

Sat. (15th): Confession 3:00-3:55 p.m.
Mass 4:00 p.m.

Sun. (16th): Masses: 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Sacred Art Live Louisiana St. Thomas More Catholic High School is pleased to be the host site for: "Sacred Art Live Louisiana!" - a Lenten Catholic Art Show featuring over 20 sacred artists from four countries and across the USA! The event will be held on Monday, **March 24th**. It's FREE to attend, however, registration is required. Visit the website for tickets and more details: www.sacredartlivelouisiana.org.

Family Fun Day Join us on Sunday, **March 30th** beginning at 11:30 a.m. for Family Fun Day here at St. Joseph Church. There will be hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, fun jumps, bingo and face painting. All FREE! Sponsored by the St. Joseph Knights of Columbus and St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Word of Life "We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the 'culture of death' and the 'culture of life'. We find ourselves not only 'faced with' but necessarily 'in the midst of' this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life". *For those nearing the end of life: May they be given the grace to persevere in faith and place their trust in God as they prepare in hope for eternity with Christ. Let us pray to the Lord.*

Welcome New Parishioners! We would like to extend a warm welcome to parishioners who registered with St. Joseph Catholic Church. We would also like to remind parishioners who have not registered with us, to consider this also. Registration forms can be found in the gathering area of church or online at stjo-milton.org under the "About Us" tab. If you should have any questions, please call the office at 856-5997.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday's Readings

Jeremiah 17:5-8
Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6
1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20
Luke 6:17, 20-26



Lent

Question: After attending our parish retreat and feeling much better and stronger about my faith, I want to make this Lent worthwhile. What can I do to keep the spirit and practice of Lent?

Answer: You've already taken the first step by going on the parish retreat. It is important for us to "tune up" our faith, taking some time to renew ourselves through prayer, meditation and education. By deepening our knowledge and understanding of faith, we are often better attuned to its richness and meaning for our life.

Lent is an intense retreat, a forty-day period of reflection and penance that prepares us to celebrate the passion, death and resurrection of Christ. Our communication with God and our awareness of him is the purpose of prayer. Setting aside extra time each day helps intensify the season. Prayer includes daily Mass, Stations of the Cross, communal penance services and private confession. Making restitution for sin as well as disciplining our hearts and minds to focus on God is the purpose of penance. It helps us restore a sense of balance to our souls, thrown off kilter by sin. Penance includes personal sacrifice, self-denial, fasting, almsgiving and charitable works.

Finally, spiritual practices help us sharpen our understanding and insight into the meaning and understanding of our faith. When you take your faith seriously, you do what is necessary to follow Jesus more closely, to integrate your life and your faith more carefully.

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Thought of the Week God never said the journey would be easy, but He did say that the arrival would be worthwhile.

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

Please Pray for Our Priest:

Rev. Lawrence Abara
Rev. Francis Kwasi Agbley
Rev. George Ajaruchi, SSJ
Rev. Alexander Albert
Rev. Thainese Alphonse
Rev. Anthony Anala, SVD
Rev. Rick Andrus, SVD

Women's Day of Discernment

Open to women ages 16-35. Talks, Mass, prayer, and opportunities to visit with various religious orders from Louisiana and other around the country. It will be held on Saturday, **April 26th** at the Diocese of Lafayette Chancery.

Youngsville Meal Site Connect with other seniors (60 and older) at the new Youngsville Meal Site located at the VFW Hall, 204 Lafayette Street, Youngsville. Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. excluding holidays. Registration is required. Call 337-262-5990. Meals are \$1.25. Meet other people, eat a nutritious meal and enjoy activities.



Filling the Basket This Lent

Lent calls us into deeper everyday stewardship because it beautifully creates opportunities to be mindful of the call of Christ in even the most mundane moments of our day.

Many of us will participate in the time-honored tradition of doing penance, or "giving something up" for Lent. When we do this, we are mimicking the Israelites who filled their baskets with the first fruits of their harvest, "and having set them before the Lord, your God, (bowing) down in his presence" (Deuteronomy 26:10).

What are we going to bring before the Lord this Lent? What are our first fruits?

If you're struggling with ideas for how to "fill your basket," it can help to come at the problem from the opposite side. Take a look at the six characteristics of Everyday Stewardship and think about the moments in your day when you fail to fulfill the virtues to which they call you.

What is keeping you from being mindful of the call of Christ throughout your day? I promise you, if you listen, you'll hear it more than once.

What is keeping you from being prayerful? When you have set your first fruits before the Lord, what keeps you from bowing down in His presence to finish the offering?

What keeps you from being grateful — especially of the small things that so often go unnoticed?

What keeps you from being gracious, from leaving people smiling as they walk away?

What keeps you from being committed and accountable? Where do your excuses come from and what makes you indulge them?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Liturgical Ministers March 15th & 16th, 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, March 15th, 4:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Cyndi Miller

Lector: Cyndi Miller

Eucharistic Ministers: Brenda Manceaux, Sherry Kenner, Belinda Broussard

Altar Servers: Vivian Deshotel

Sunday, March 16th, 8:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Kat Trahan

Lector: Toddy Guidry

Eucharistic Ministers: Brandi Badeaux, Liz Curnutt, Kat Trahan

Altar Servers: Abigail Delahoussaye, Lena Ruckstul

Sunday, March 16th, 10:30 a.m.

Sacristan: Leurline Norris

Lector: Randy Blanchard

Eucharistic Ministers: Beth Tate, Jude Bares, Leurline Norris

Altar Servers: Russell DePrima, Jonah DePrima, David Morley

Sunday, March 16th, 5:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Susan Foret

Lector: Aaron Goss

Eucharistic Minister: Bubba Lafleur, Paul Guillot, Michelle Guillot

Altar Servers: Madison Goss, Nathan Waguespack