



SAINT JOSEPH

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MARCH 23, 2025 - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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.

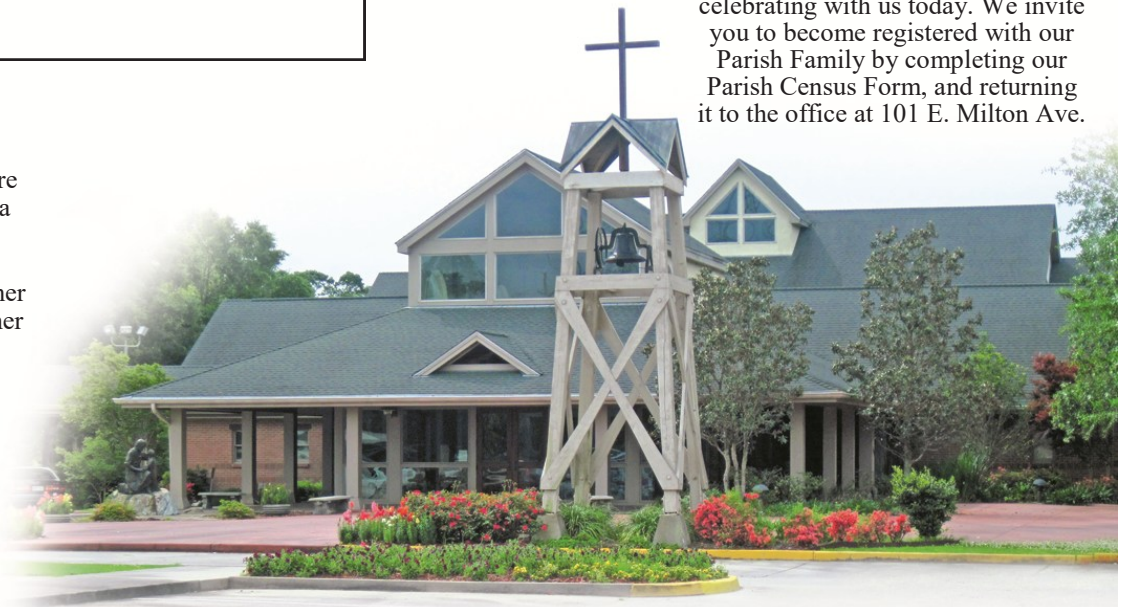
PASTORAL COUNCIL

Troy Boudreaux
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Nick Gaspard
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Cindy LeBlanc

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PARISH TRUSTEES

Linda Desormeaux
Robert Landry



3rd Sunday of Lent John 4:5-42

My childhood best friend was Xander Price. He was the fastest runner in school, an excellent baseball player and Jewish. Though his family wasn't intensely religious, I felt totally at home with them despite our religious differences. Everything about their Judaism seemed to undergird and strengthen my own experience of being a Catholic. I knew they didn't believe in Jesus like my family did, but I intuited somehow that Jesus was "hiding" in their religion. Like a cat moving under a blanket, ready to emerge at any moment, the Lord was hidden there in a special way.

In the Gospel for this third Sunday of Lent, Jesus says, **"For if you had believed Moses, you would have believed me, for he wrote of me"** (John 5:46). Stunning words, those. Moses wrote about Jesus. The way therefore that we come to know and believe in Jesus is to discover him lurking in Moses' writings. The Hebrew Scripture is the wonderful womb in which Jesus gestates within a host of images: Adam, Isaac, David, Melchizedek, the Temple, sacrificed lambs, prophets and so on. Right now, in your parish's OCIA program, soon-to-be baptized people are carefully studying where Jesus is in the writings of Moses, so that they may believe in him. This works for all of us, too, who wish to deepen our knowledge and love of Jesus.

Lenten challenge: Take some time to prayerfully study one of the images of Jesus listed above in the Old Testament. Identify which one you find compelling and consider why this is so. If you don't know where to start, begin with the prophet Jeremiah as an image of Jesus.

— *Father John Muir*

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Our Gift Back to God

Offertory	\$15,682.00
Mailed/Dropped in Office	+ 1,700.00
Total (March 16th)	\$17,382.00
Weekly Goal	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus Our Goal	+\$5,382.00
Baby Bottle Campaign.	\$10,374.00

Thank you!

Next Weekend's Second Collection Black & Indian Missions

The parable in today's Gospel clearly warns that we, like the fig tree, will be judged by our fruit. While God mercifully provides us with time and opportunity, let us give witness to our faith with deeds of kindness and generosity!

And he told them this parable: "There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?'" - Lk 13:6-7

Mass Intention

Weekend of March 22nd & 23rd, 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, Jessie & Vida Miller, Viola D. Stevens, Deceased Family of U. L. Hebert, Preston Simon, Emily S. Smith, Mary Anna Martin, Randall Picard, Drew Michael Courts, Amy Bartlett, Sue Naumann, John Ivy & Hazel Broussard & Family, Ernest & Laura Hebert, Wilda & Louis Theo Bares, Chester Henry, Cheri Trahan, David Brune, Wilma Rae Landry (Birthday)

Weekday Masses

Monday 24	Vocations to the Priesthood
Tuesday 25	Neil Boudreaux, Gertrude Boudreaux
Wednesday 26	John Lloyd Trahan (Anniversary)
Thursday 27	Those Serving in Our Armed Forces
Friday 28	Edvard Hebert, Jr.

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 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.



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.

The Knights of Columbus will have their next meeting on Thursday, **March 27th** at 6:30 p.m. at the Life Center.

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.

Events This Week

Mon. (24th): Confession 6:00 a.m.
Mass 6:30 a.m.
1st & 2nd Grade CCD

Tues. (25th): Confession 8:00 a.m.
Mass 8:30 a.m.
3rd, 4th & 5th CCD
RCIA 6:00 p.m. (Church)
Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.

Wed: (26th): 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. (27th): Confession 8:00 a.m.
Mass 8:30 a.m.
WWP 9:00 a.m. (Church)
WWP 6:00 p.m. (Church)
Way of the Cross 6:30 p.m. (Church)
Knights of Columbus 6:30 p.m. (Life Center)

Fri. (28th): Confession 6:00 a.m.
Mass 6:30 a.m.
Parish Office Closed

Sat. (29th): First Communion 10:00 a.m.
Confession 3:00-3:55 p.m.
Mass 4:00 p.m.

Sun. (30th): Masses: 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
Family Fun Day 11:30 a.m.
Confirmation Practice 6:00 p.m.

The Next Baptism Seminar will be held on Thursday, **April 10th**, at 6:30 p.m. in church. Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy in order to avoid any delays.



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!



Registration for Religious Ed is now underway for 2025-2026. Registration forms can be found on the St. Joseph Website www.stjo-milton.org. The deadline to register is **May 31, 2025!** Please call Erin Dowd at 856-5997.

Word of Life "There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life... Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective and eloquent witness of all those 'brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves'... We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life" (*The Gospel of Life* 86). *May all mothers facing difficult pregnancies be lovingly accompanied as they prepare to encounter Christ anew through the gift of their children, let us pray to the Lord.*



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday's Readings

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12
Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Luke 15:1-2, 11-32



Mortal versus Venial Sin

Question: What is the difference between mortal and venial sin?

Answer: Sin is a deliberate thought, word, action, or omission contrary to God's law. Since the beginnings of the Church, sin has been distinguished by its gravity. "Grave matter" is traditionally defined by the Ten Commandments. If a person commits a grave sin with full knowledge of the action's evil and with the complete consent of their will, this is a mortal sin. The effects of mortal sin are grave – the loss of sanctifying grace, which can be restored by a fresh outpouring of God's mercy in the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Venial sin does not fit one or more of these conditions (for example, a less serious matter still freely chosen or grave matter committed while under force or ignorance of God's law). The effects of venial sin – while still damaging to the human heart and human society – are less severe. Even so, smaller sins build habits, which can obstruct our growth in virtue. When we are serious about following Jesus, we should do our best to avoid all sin, whether large or small!

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Thought of the Week Seek a relationship when you pray, not answers. You won't always find answers, but you will always find Jesus.—Fr. Mike Schmitz

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

Please Pray for Our Priest:

Rev. Herbert Bennerfield
Rev. C. Paul Bergeron
Rev. Donald Bernard
Rev. Conley Bertrand
Rev. Paul Bienvenu
Very Rev. William Blanda, VF
Rev. Howard Blessing

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.



Please Pray for Seminarians **March**

Rev. Blake Dubroc, Director of
Vocations & Seminarians
Seminary Faculty, Parents and
Benefactors
Isaac Lejeune
Ian McElwee
Stephen Melancon
Miguel Pagan
Anthony Phillips
Eric Quebedeaux
Giovanni Ranzino
Braden Scalisi
Eli Weill
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.
Dcn. John Paul Fruge
Cameron Gary
Matthew Gomez
Br. Francis Xavier Gyles
Coby Hebert
Evan Hebert
William Hebert
Zack Hebert



Liturgical Ministers March 29th & 30th, 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 29th, 4:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Sherry Kenner

Lector: Chenell Privat

Eucharistic Ministers: Brenda Manceaux, Sherry Kenner, Dana Carter

Altar Servers: Vivian Deshotel

Sunday, March 30th, 8:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Kat Trahan

Lector: Sandra Broussard

Eucharistic Ministers: Kat Trahan, John Landry, Paula Landry

Altar Servers: Grace Ortis, Lena Ruckstul

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

Sacristan: Leurline Norris

Lector: Gib Broussard

Eucharistic Ministers: Raymond Romero, Cindy LeBlanc, Leurline Norris

Altar Servers: Ella Maynard, Jonah DePrima, Russell DePrima

Sunday, March 30th, 5:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Susan Foret

Lector: Dennis Dumas

Eucharistic Minister: Debbie Dumas, Paul Guillot, Michelle Guillot

Altar Servers: Nathan Waguespack, Thomas Roy, Annie Roy