



SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MARCH 30, 2025 - FOURTH 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.

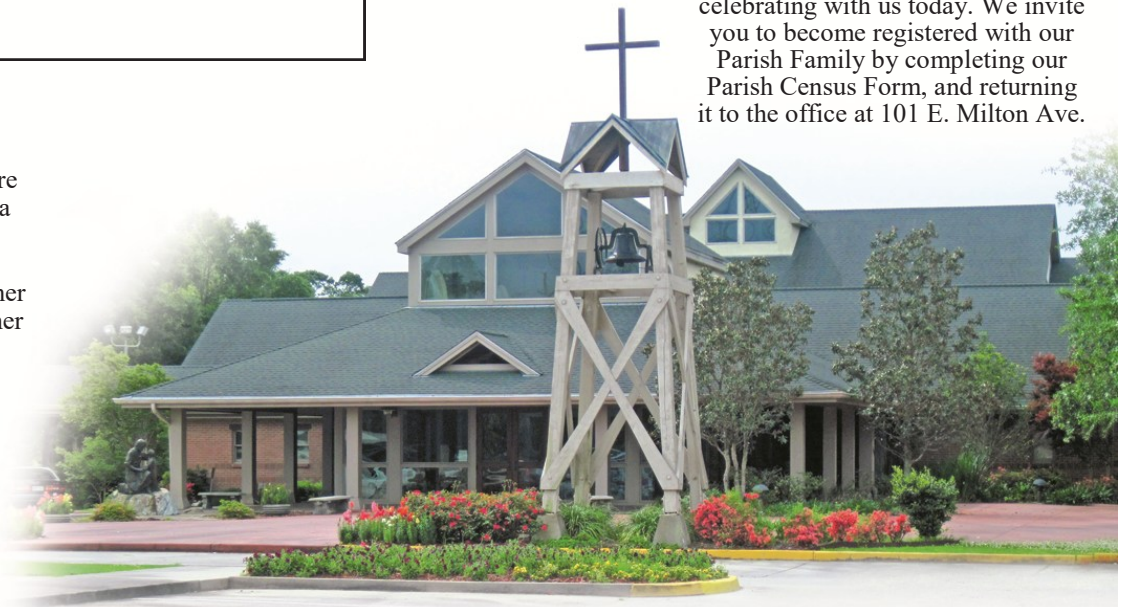
PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

Steve Lemaire
Nancy Messa
Guy Picard
Judy Picard
David Walther
Marie Walther

PARISH TRUSTEES

Linda Desormeaux
Robert Landry



4th Sunday of Lent John 9:1-41

A man looking a bit downtrodden approached me as I filled my car's gas tank. He asked, "May I share with you my testimony about how good God is?" "OK," I skeptically answered. He went on to tell me that he had been an alcoholic and drug addict, and that God had healed him; now he was four years sober. He said, "I didn't deserve it, but now I'm a different person. God is so good! Have a terrific Tuesday!" A few minutes later, as I drove away, I saw him smiling and handing a homeless person some money. I was confronted with a choice: either he was a total fraud or God had changed him. *Something* had happened to him, and it didn't seem fake. Maybe it was God.

When Jesus heals the man born blind, the man becomes a challenge to everyone who meets him. They must decide. Is he the same blind person who they knew before? Who healed him and how? And what is the status of the one who can heal such infirmities? We shouldn't be surprised at the storm of doubt, hatred and animosity that swirls around the healed man — so it often goes when Jesus heals someone even to this day.

Like we often do, the religious leaders confronting the healed man declare that God is not at work. They ask with mocking superiority and dismissive disdain, "**You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?**" (John 9:34). And they cast him out. When Jesus clearly works in our lives, in us or around us, we should accept it, and give praise and thanks for this wonderful manifestation of his goodness.

Lenten challenge: Think of one way the Lord has healed you. Perhaps he healed a form of selfishness, a physical ailment, or something else. This week, find a person to whom you can share that testimony, and share it. Don't worry if they don't accept it was God who did it.

— Father John Muir

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Our Gift Back to God

Offertory	\$15,251.75
Mailed/Dropped in Office	+ \$835.00
Total (March 23rd)	\$16,086.75
Weekly Goal	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus Our Goal\$+4,086.75

Thank you!

This Weekend's Second Collection
Black & Indian Missions

Next Weekend's Second Collection
Building & Maintenance Fund

The stewardship message in the parable of the Prodigal Son is that it is never too late to become a good steward. Blessed is the elder brother who had been a good steward all along, but blessed, too, is the prodigal who had to lose all he had in order to understand the value of what he'd been given.

"He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'" - Lk 15:31-32

Mass Intention

Weekend of March 29th & 30th, 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)

Emily Kay Benoit, Ernest & Jacquelyn Albert, Cheri Trahan, Preston Simon, Francis & Louella Hebert, Patsy Prejean Giese, Drew Michael Courts, Zachary Hebert (His Birthday), Randall Picard, Aubrey Neeb, Clayus LeBlanc (His Anniversary), Robert Hebert, Chester Henry, David Brune, Claude Duhon, Dudley & Amie Denais (Her Birthday & Anniversary)

Weekday Masses

Monday 31	Sick of the Community
Tuesday 1	Neil Boudreaux, Gertrude Boudreaux
Wednesday 2	Pauliene T. Bergeron, Ferdinand S. Bergeron, Michael S. Bergeron
Thursday 3	Loyd Denais, Edvard Hebert, Jr., Elwood Baudoin (His Anniversary), M/M Yenes Baudoin
Friday 4	Donald Hymel (His 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 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.

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.

Confirmation will be held on Sunday, **April 6th** during the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Please keep all of our Candidates in your prayers as they make this sacrament.

The Elderberries next Social will be held on Tuesday, **April 8th** at 9:00 a.m. at the Life Center. Lunch afterwards at Toasted Yolk in Lafayette.

Ushers Meeting The Ushers will have their next meeting on Thursday, **April 10th** at 6:30 p.m. in the Life Center.

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.

Events This Week

Mon. (31st): Confession 6:00 a.m.
Mass 6:30 a.m.

Tues. (1st): Confession 8:00 a.m.
Mass 8:30 a.m.
RCIA 6:00 p.m. (Church)
Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.

Wed: (2nd): 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. (3rd): 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)

Fri. (4th): Confession 6:00 a.m.
Mass 6:30 a.m.
Parish Office Closed

Sat. (5th): Confession 3:00-3:55 p.m.
Mass 4:00 p.m.

Sun. (6th): Masses: 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and during the 5:00 p.m. **Confirmation**

Hospice of Acadiana Please join us in supporting Hospice of Acadiana's Annual "Hit the Road with Hospice" Raffle! Your \$20 ticket purchase gives you a chance to win a car, a camper, or a trip for two! As Acadiana's ONLY non-profit hospice, your purchase will provide patients with the care they need, regardless of the cost or their ability to pay. Hospice of Acadiana also offers several programs & services to the community at-large, free of charge, Honor Veterans program, and much more. For more information or to purchase a ticket, please visit our website at www.hospiceacadiana.com.



Lenten Season



Registration for Religious Ed is now underway for 2025-2026 for students in grades 1st through 8th. 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 856-0800 if you should have any questions or concerns.

Word of Life "With great openness and courage, we need to question how widespread is the culture of life today among individual Christian, families, groups and communities in our Dioceses. With equal clarity and determination we must identify the steps we are called to take in order to serve life in all its truth" (*The Gospel of Life* 95). *For all those receiving hospice care: May the care they receive respect and protect their lives, we pray to the Lord.*



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!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6
Philippians 3:8-14
John 8:1-11

Lent

Question: Lent always seems to help me renew my relationship with God and strengthen my religious practice. Do you have any suggestions as to what I could do to achieve that the rest of the year?

Answer: The obvious answer may seem to be to do whatever you do during Lent all year round. But part of the power of Lent is that we focus as a community on renewing our faith and preparing for Easter. Our Lenten practices have a purpose and a goal. Therein lies the secret. When we focus our efforts on one virtue, or try to change one bad habit, or seek to deepen our understanding of one aspect of faith, we focus our efforts and give our full attention to what we are trying to accomplish. We tend to be more successful achieving our goals. More importantly, it has a ripple effect in our lives: one thing changes or is added to the spiritual mix of our lives and many aspects are changed.

All too often we leave our spiritual growth to chance and the practice of faith to habit, and then wonder why we have no sense of growth or progress. Think of it in terms of exercise. We walk, lift weights, bend and stretch to attain the maximum benefit from what we do. In addition, to keep those benefits, we eat healthful food and get enough vitamins and rest. Spirituality requires the same kind of attention: we pray, fast, read the Bible, receive sacraments, and do charitable work to maximize the benefits of practicing faith. Keeping Lent year round keeps us in spiritual shape!

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Thought of the Week Unless there is Good Friday in your life, there can be no Easter Sunday.
Fulton J. Sheen

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

Please Pray for Our Priest:

Very Rev. Kevin Bordelon, JCL, JV

Rev. Albert Borel

Pope Francis

Bishop Douglas Deshotel

Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell

Rev. Marshall Boulet

Rev. John Joseph Bourque, CJC

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.



The Face on God's Brochure

When a church is raising funds for a new building or a diocese is launching a stewardship appeal, there is usually someone — or several someone's — who serves as the face of the campaign. Maybe it's a married couple, or a family, or a group of folks who have been particularly active in the community and can speak to the worthiness of whatever endeavor is being undertaken.

Oftentimes, for better or worse, we fill that role for God. We are the face on the front of His promotional brochure. If we call ourselves Christians, that means that people will meet Christ through us. That's what being an Everyday Steward is — a steward, everyday; someone who conducts his Master's business when the Master is not seen.

It can be intimidating because we have so much baggage and no capabilities of our own. But then we remember that we are offered reconciliation through Christ — that "the old things have passed away, (and) new things have come" (2 Corinthians 5:17). We remember that we are the prodigal sons, and the fattened calf has been slaughtered on our behalf.

But it's a role that requires commitment. The story of the prodigal son is only compelling and only means something because the son, presumably, embraced his reconciliation to his father. He didn't go on to abandon him again.

So let us think to ourselves each day, "Whoever I encounter will meet Christ's ambassador. I was dead and have come to life again. How can I speak to the worthiness of that reconciliation? How can I make others desire it?"

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Liturgical Ministers April 5th & 6th, 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, April 5th, 4:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Belinda Broussard

Lector: Ken Dugas

Eucharistic Ministers: Monica Bourque, Jed Bourque, Belinda Broussard

Altar Servers: Vivian Deshotel, John Luke Bourque

Sunday, April 6th, 8:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Celeste Fortier

Lector: Robert Cole

Eucharistic Ministers: Liz Lanier, Vance Lanier, Donna Pitre

Altar Servers: Elise LeBlanc, Parker Broussard

Sunday, April 6th, 10:30 a.m.

Sacristan: Mary Ann Romero

Lector: C. J. Miller

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Ann Romero, Dan Guidry, Chrissy Smith

Altar Servers: Waylon Anding, David Morley, Gabriel Gremillion

Sunday, April 6th, 5:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Mary Landry

Lector: Margaret Greene

Eucharistic Minister: Trevor Wade, Macy Wade, Mary Landry

Altar Servers: Thomas Roy, Annie Roy, Nathan Waguespack