



SAINT JOSEPH

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APRIL 13, 2025 - PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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.

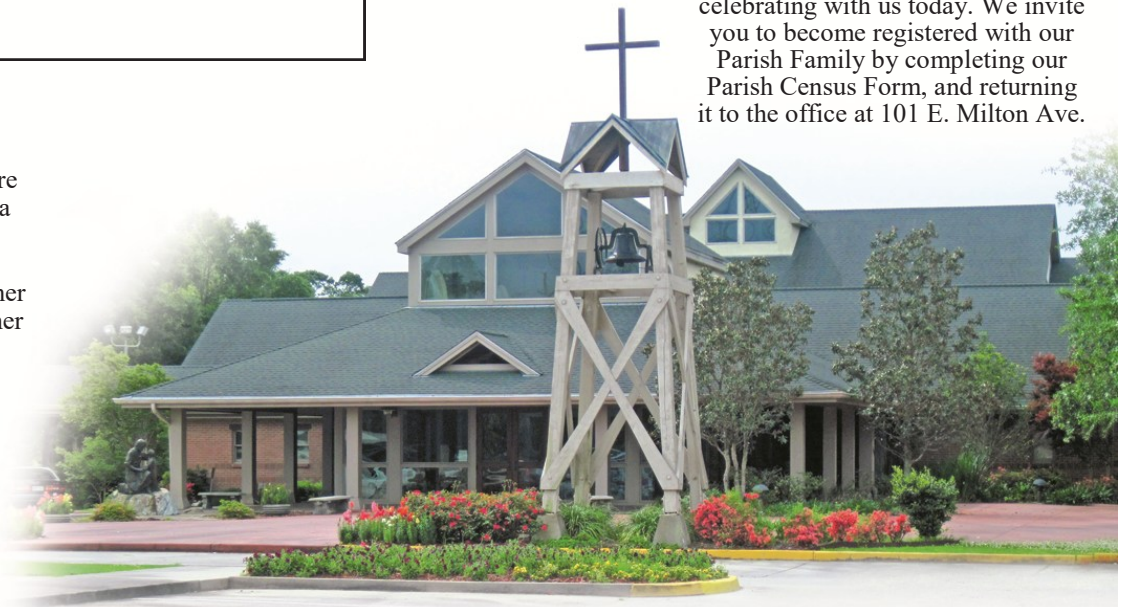
PASTORAL COUNCIL

Troy Boudreaux
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Cindy LeBlanc

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PARISH TRUSTEES

Linda Desormeaux
Robert Landry



Palm Sunday Luke 19:28-40

“As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road.” (Luke 19:36)

Consider how useless it is to spread your clothes on the ground for a donkey to walk on. The clothes get smeared with hooves, and who knows the grimy places where they’ve been? The animal may leave some unsavory presents on them. They may get stolen by a thief looking to make a buck. The thorns, thistles, rocks and muck of the road will leave stains. The clothes may never be useful again, and you’ll probably walk home shivering without your normal covering. Yet this is precisely the gesture the people employ to welcome Jesus and his donkey. Why does this detail matter?

Wastefulness is an essential part of celebration. Consider the unnecessary extravagance of Christmas decorations, confetti and ticker tape parades, baseball players spraying each other with bottles of champagne after a victory, birthday gifts for kids and so on. This wastefulness signals celebration and therefore participation in higher identities (as believers, winners, and parents, to mention the above examples). That’s what the wasted cloaks are all about. Those who donate their cloaks participate in Christ’s kingship in Jerusalem — and we savor it two thousand years later.

The lesson? Learn how to “waste” money, time, clothes, and food on Christ. We do this at Mass, but in so many other ways, too, like serving the poor, going on retreats, and doing prayerful study. When we practice this holy wastefulness, Jesus will ride into our lives and we’ll be more deeply members of his kingdom.

— *Father John Muir*

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Our Gift Back to God

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

This Weekend’s Second Collection Catholic Relief Services

“The Lord God has given me a well-trained tongue that I may know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them,” says Isaiah in today’s first reading. The gifts God has given us are likewise given for the good of others. How am I using my gifts?

As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. - Lk 19:36, 37b

Mass Intention

Weekend of April 12th and 13th, 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)

Gertrude Boudreaux ((B-Day)), Myrna Lasseigne, Patsy Prejean Giese, Chester Henry, Cheri Trahan, Mena Courts Romero (Anniversary), Preston Simon, Shirley Broussard, Dale Lantier, Eldine Lantier, Wilbert Lantier, Sue Naumann, Claudia Saunier, Bonnie Sue Boudoin (Anniversary), Lawrence Broussard, The Bolivar Family, Kenneth Cedotal, Anna Burch (Birthday), M/M Pressley Broussard, Edia P. Landry, Ernest & Jacquelyn Albert, Randall Picard, Drew Michael Courts, M/M Wilmer Landry, David Brune, Dianne Touchet

Weekday Masses

Monday 14	Sick of the Community
Tuesday 15	Cheri Trahan (Birthday), Otha Shannon, Debbie Duhon (Wedding Anniversary), John Shannon, Janelle & Kerry Sanner, Keith Sanner, Neil Boudreaux, Gertrude Boudreaux
Wednesday 16	St. Joseph Parish
Thursday 17	Edvard Hebert, Jr.
Friday 18	Emily Kay Benoit

Sanctuary Candle

Harry Floyd & Leonie V. Broussard
Venice Christian

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

Holy Week

Monday: Mass 6:30 a.m.

Tuesday: Mass 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday: Mass 8:30 a.m.

Holy Thursday

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at **7:00 p.m.**

Good Friday

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross at **3:00 p.m.**

Holy Saturday

The Easter Vigil at **8:00 p.m.**

Note: No 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday

Easter Sunday

Mass at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Note: No 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday

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, **April 13, 2025** at St. Joseph Church at 6:30 p.m. Visit buildyouthgroup@gmail.com.

The Ladies Altar Society Rosary Group will meet on Tuesday, **April 15th** at 9:30 a.m. in Church to pray the rosary. Ladies of the community are invited to join them.

The Next Baptism Seminar will be held on Thursday, **May 8th**, at 6:30 p.m. in church. Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy in order to avoid any delays.

Mothers Day Women's Retreat will be held **May 9th-10th**, at Our Lady of the Bayous Retreat Center, Abbeville. "Unraveling Our Wounds" through Mary Undoer of Knots featured presenters will be Anne Trufant, Speaker, Father Poirrier Celebrant and the Behold Music Worship Team. Join us for a transformative weekend of prayer and reflection with Mary. Retreat Cost: \$180.00.

Events This Week

Mon. (14th): Confession 6:00 a.m.
Mass 6:30 a.m.

Tues. (15th): Confession 8:00 a.m.
Mass 8:30 a.m.
LAS Rosary Group
9:30 a.m. (Church)
Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.

Wed. (16th): 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. (17th): Holy Thursday
Mass 7:00 p.m.
Parish Office Closed

Fri. (18th): Good Friday
Services 3:00 p.m.
Parish Office Closed

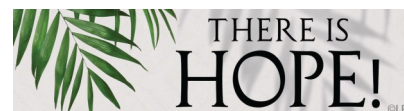
Sat. (19th): Holy Saturday
Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m.

Sun. (20th): Easter Sunday
Masses: 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
NO 5:00 P.M. MASS

St. Anne Preschool in Youngsville: 2025 - 2026 registration for new students is now open. Tours are being scheduled now. St. Anne Preschool enriches the lives of talented two, three and four year olds in a dynamic Catholic learning environment with small classes. Find their registration at www.stannechurch.net.



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.



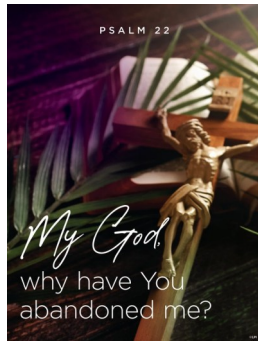
Word of Life "Suicidal individuals-with or without a terminal illness- typically do not want to die; they want to escape what they perceive to be an intolerable situation, and they inaccurately believe that suicide is their only way out. The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, 'Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through his difficult time?'" *For those tempted to end their lives: That through the grace of the Resurrection, Christ will fill them with hope, belief in his love, and the assurance that their lives are worth living; let us pray to the Lord.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
Saturday: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 (12a)/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-11

Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (R/. 24)
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-9



Palm Sunday

Jesus warns us in the Gospel of Matthew, "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." It is an invitation to a way of life, and a plan that leads to holiness. But make no mistake, it is a warning as well. The cross is a sign of victory, but only in light of the Resurrection. Alone, it is a symbol of ultimate sacrifice: the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for a fallen world, and the sacrifice we are called to make to truly follow him.

The power of this symbol has been diminished in popular culture. It is often used in fashion and simple wall art and on bumper stickers and T-shirts, sometimes with Christian clichés and sometimes not. But the cross is something so much more. It is a reminder of the pain, suffering, and death of one who loved us so much that he would give his very life for us. It is our God on that cross. It is God who cries out in despair, feeling the ultimate depth of human emotion. And there lies the key for us in trying to live this life of carrying our crosses.

For those who suffer the death of a loved one, the Father lost his Son. For those who suffer the ravages of disease, his body was broken, beaten, and pierced. For those who feel they have no way out - whether due to prisons that are physical or prisons that are of the mind - he hung on a cross and cried out, "Why?" For those who feel alone and abandoned, he hung on a tree where no one could comfort him, not even his own mother. He has walked in all our shoes, and now we are called to walk in his. In the cross, we find solidarity with the human condition. In an empty tomb, we find our hope.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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

Please Pray for Our Priest:

Rev. Ken Broussard, JCL
Rev. Patrick Broussard
Rev. Paul Broussard
Rev. Msgr. Ronald Broussard
Rev. Theodore Broussard
Rev. Keenan Brown
Rev. Wilbur "Sonny" Brown

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.



Thought of the Week

Gracefulness has been defined to be the outward expression of the inward harmony of the soul.

Please Pray for Seminarians

April

Rev. Blake Dubroc, Director of
Vocations & Seminarians
Seminary Faculty, Parents and
Benefactors
Eric Hernandez
Michael Johnson
Drew Landry
Bret Lee
Christopher Lee
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
Deacon Ricky Castaneda
Haden Coleman
Sebastian Cramer
Carter Domingue
Seth Dupre
John Michael Fruge, Jr.
Brother John Paul Fruge
Cameron Gary

Liturgical Ministers April 17th, 18th 19th, and 20th, 2025

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.

Thursday, April 17th, 7:00 p.m. (Holy Thursday)

Sacristan: Sharon Moore

Lector: Sharon Moore

Eucharistic Ministers: Steve Moore, Brian Watkins, Ricky Broussard

Altar Servers: Russell DePrima, Graham Snodgrass, Andrew Heintz

Friday, April 18th, 3:00 p.m. (Good Friday)

Sacristan: Melanie Heintz

Lector: Melanie Heintz, Dan Lapointe

Eucharistic Ministers: Monica Bourque, Jed Bourque Joe Heintz

Altar Servers: Andrew Heintz, Graham Snodgrass, Russell DePrima

Saturday, April 17th, 8:00 p.m. (Holy Saturday)

Sacristan: Melanie Heintz

Lector: Shelley Broussard, Pam Burley

Eucharistic Ministers: Joe Heintz, Troy Boudreaux, Emilie Boudreaux

Altar Servers: Andrew Heintz, Graham Snodgrass, Russell DePrima

Sunday, April 19th, 8:00 a.m. (Easter Sunday)

Sacristan: Celeste Fortier

Lector: Clayton Choate

Eucharistic Ministers: John Landry, Paula Landry, Stacey Picard

Altar Servers: Kali Burke, Brody Burke

Sunday, April 20th, 10:30 a.m. (Easter Sunday)

Sacristan: Kristi Lancaster

Lector: James Blanchard

Eucharistic Ministers: Lerline Norris, Chrissy Smith, Erin Dowd

Altar Servers: David Morley, Waylon Anding