



SAINT JOSEPH

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MAY 4, 2025 - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.

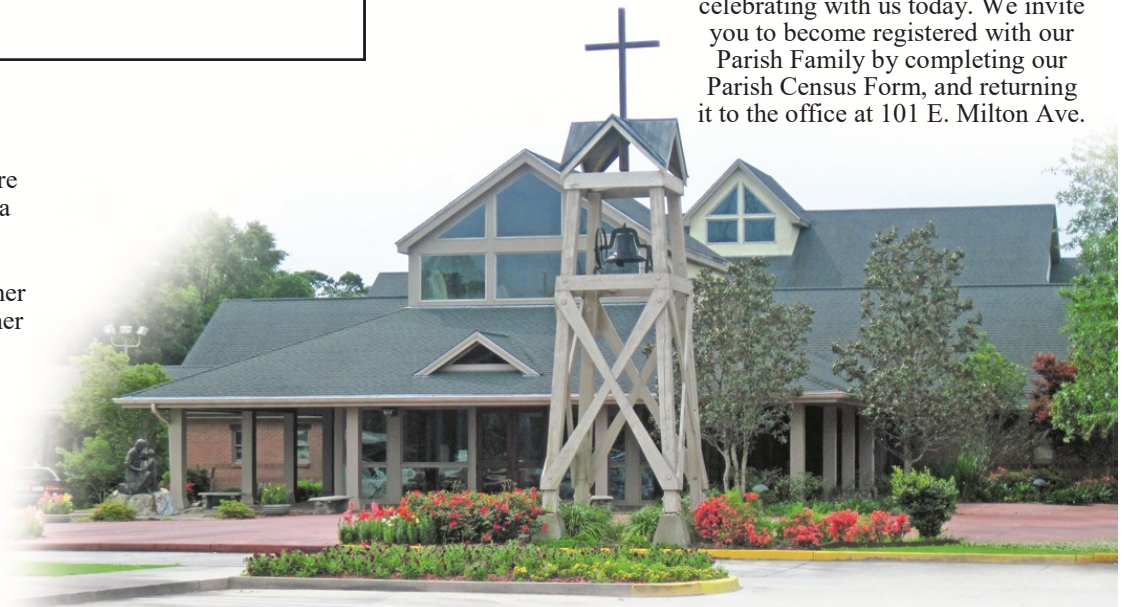
We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to become registered with our Parish Family by completing our Parish Census Form, and returning it to the office at 101 E. Milton Ave.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Troy Boudreaux	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



3rd Sunday of Easter John 21:1-19

I eat breakfast. If I don't have something substantial, I'm fading by midmorning. Breakfast is my key meal because it sets up my physical wellbeing for the rest of the day.

Spiritually speaking, we need sustenance to get us going. This is true for the Apostles in this Sunday's remarkable Gospel reading. The risen Jesus makes his third appearance to them in the early morning light and calls, **"Come, have breakfast"** (John 21:12). The exhausted and cold fishermen sit, and he feeds them bread and fish as the dawn breaks. They are overwhelmed by his presence to the point of awestruck silence. As they eat, their bodies and their hearts come alive. Once refreshed by their morning meal, they will be ready to feed others — indeed, the whole world — with the love of the risen Jesus. But first, they need breakfast from him.

Do you realize how essential early morning prayer is? Jesus desires to refresh us every morning with his word of love, with his grace-filled presence. This week, hear Jesus calling to you: "Come, have breakfast!" Embrace some form of spiritual, meditative practice each morning for spiritual strength to get you going.

— *Father John Muir*

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Our Gift Back to God

Offertory	\$11,231.04
Mailed/Dropped in Office	+ 1,320.00
Total (April 27th)	\$12,551.04

Weekly Goal	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus Our Goal	\$+ 551.04

Building & Maintenance (April)\$ 4,981.00

Thank you!

This Weekend's Second Collection

Building & Maintenance Fund

Next Weekend's Second Collection

Aid to Eastern Europe

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells Peter again and again, "If you love Me, feed my sheep." He says the same to each of us, "If you love Me, use the gifts I have given you to serve your brothers and sisters."

"Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when he had said this, he said to him, "Follow me." - Jn 21:18-19

Mass Intentions

Weekend of May 3rd and 4th, 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, James Rodek, Geraldine (Gerry) Foreman, Ernest & Jacquelyn Albert, Russell L. Bourque, Vernis Breaux, Yola V. Comeaux, David Brune, Randall Picard, Yolande V. Gondron, Lawrence Broussard, Debbie Duhon (Anniv.), Dianne Touchet, Preston Simon, George Lee Broussard, Ruth Robin (Anniv.), Janell Girouard, Chester Henry, Shirley Broussard, Sue Naumann, Dorothy Rourke Prudhomme, M/M Pressley Broussard, Cameron Bailey, Cheri Trahan, Wilda & Louis Theo Bares, Charles Buller, Willis & Geri Morvant, Earless Romero (Anniv.), Ken Gauthier

Weekday Masses

Monday 5	Vernis Breaux (His Birthday), John J. Ladner
Tuesday 6	Joseph & Vivian Johnson, Gertrude Boudreaux, Neil Boudreaux
Wednesday 7	Tonya Strother Hebert
Thursday 8	Edvard Hebert, Jr.
Friday 9	Vocations to the Priesthood

Sanctuary Candle

John Chaisson (Anniversary)

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 Rita McDaniel



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, **May 4th** at Our Lady of Prompt Succor, Coteau at 6:30 p.m.. Visit buildyouthgroup@gmail.com.

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.



Mass Honoring High School Graduates Father Schambough will have a special gift honoring all High School Graduates the weekend of **May 10th & 11th** during all the Masses. Please let us know if your graduate will be attending any Mass that weekend by calling the office at 856-5997 or email secretary@stjo-milton.org.

The Elderberries next Social will be held on Tuesday, **May 13th** at 9:00 a.m. at the Life Center. Lunch to follow afterwards at Rotolo's Pizzeria in Youngsville.



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

*Ellie James Hernandez
Maven Elle Ivey
Knox Aaron Boudreaux
Rhett Matthew Grossie*

Events This Week

Mon. (5th): Confession 6:00 a.m.
Mass 6:30 a.m.

Tues. (6th): Confession 8:00 a.m.
Mass 8:30 a.m.
Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.

Wed: (7th): Confession 8:00 a.m.
Mass 8:30 a.m.
Adoration 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Thurs. (8th): Confession 8:00 a.m.
Mass 8:30 a.m.
Baptism Seminar
6:30 p.m. (Church)

Fri. (9th): Confession 6:00 a.m.
Mass 6:30 a.m.
Parish Office Closed

Sat. (11th): Confession 3-3:55 p.m.
Mass 4:00 p.m.

Sun. (12th): Mass 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
5:00 p.m.

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 2! 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, including Grief Counseling, Loss & Transition Workshops, Camp Brave Hearts, our WE Honor Veterans program, and much more. For more information or to purchase a ticket, please visit our website at www.hospiceacadiana.com.



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 "The Lord says to us, 'Do not fear: I am with you' (Isaiah 41:10). He speaks these words not as one who merely observes our pain, but as one who experienced immense suffering. And the very wounds that bear witness to his suffering indicate the essence of our identity and worth: we are loved by God. Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new." *For all Christians: May our example give witness to the precious gift of human life and our responsibility to protect it until its natural end. We pray to the Lord.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 13:14, 43-52
Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 5
Revelation 7:9, 14b-17
John 10:27-30

Gifts in Disguise

Have you ever opened a gift and wondered what the giver was thinking?

I won't call out any of my family or friends here, but suffice to say, I think we have all been the confused recipient of a sweater that wasn't our size or a gift card to a store where we don't shop. But we smiled all the same and said how much it meant to us, because we know that when it comes to gifts, it's all about the gesture.

Suffering is a lot like that — the gift you never asked for, and don't really want to receive. Sometimes we look at suffering and, like the apostles who see Jesus as a stranger on the shore, we don't recognize it for what it can be. We don't appreciate the catalyst suffering can be for change, for growth, for grace.

What was the gift that you received in disguise? Was it a relationship that confounded and frustrated you? Was it a job that tested your spirit? An obstacle that stopped you dead in your tracks? A rejection that threatened to break your spirit?

If I go back and look at the worst gifts I've ever gotten, chances are that I didn't like them because I didn't know what to do with them — they were more fitted for someone else's interests, someone else's life. It's the same with suffering. We're tempted to cast suffering aside when it comes our way because it doesn't fit the person we are. Suffering is made to fit the person God knows we have the ability, with His grace, to become.

Hang onto that suffering. Unlike the misshapen sweater, it really will come in handy.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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

Please Pray for Our Priests:

Rev. Randy Courville
Rev. Angelo Cremaldi
Rev. Barry Crochet
Rev. Francis Damoah, SVD
Rev. F. Hampton Davis
Rev. Msgr. Jefferson Deblanc
Rev. Michael Deblanc

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.

***Thought of the Week** God has a perfect plan for us. He never does it all at once, just step by step because He wants to teach us to walk by faith not by sight.*



Responding to God

Question: I can't explain it. I feel a nudge from God to something out of the ordinary. How do I respond?

Answer: You're in good company! Abraham was asked to leave all he knew and loved for a strange land, with only abstract divine assurance that such a sacrifice would be worth it. Plenty of prophets protested against God's call, whether it was claiming they were too young (Jeremiah) or running away entirely, only to end up in a whale's belly (Jonah). St. Joseph was asked to do something very strange. He was asked to believe — on the word of an angelic appearance in a dream — that his betrothed was pregnant not from another man, but by a miraculous intervention of God. Then he was called to marry her.

Author Flannery O'Connor once wrote, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you odd." Sometimes God's invitation might seem strange or challenging. It might require sacrifices we never expected to make. Our life might look different than we had always imagined. But as we all know, life throws its own curveballs, regardless of whether or not we're listening for God's will. Better, one would think, to be open to the promptings of God and to follow along the strange trails that they lead. We have the assurance that, eventually, we will find green pastures.

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Liturgical Ministers May 10th and 11th, 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, May 10th, 4:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Belinda Broussard

Lector: Gib Broussard

Eucharistic Ministers: Dana Carter, Brenda Manceaux, Belinda Broussard

Altar Servers: Vivian Deshotel

Sunday, May 11th, 8:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Curlis Savoy

Lector: Trista Littell

Eucharistic Ministers: Morgan Savoy, Curlis Savoy, August Doucet

Altar Servers: Matthew Brous, Lena Ruckstul

Sunday, May 11th, 10:30 a.m.

Sacristan: Leurline Norris

Lector: Randy Blanchard

Eucharistic Ministers: Raymond Romero, Erin Dowd, Leurline Norris

Altar Servers: Jonah DePrima, Russell DePrima, Waylon Anding

Sunday, May 11th, 5:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Susan Foret

Lector: Dane Adams

Eucharistic Ministers: Paul Guillot, Michelle Guillot, Brian Watkins

Altar Servers: Thomas Roy, Annie Roy, Nathan Waguspach