



# SAINT JOSEPH

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## MAY 11, 2025 - FOURTH 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.

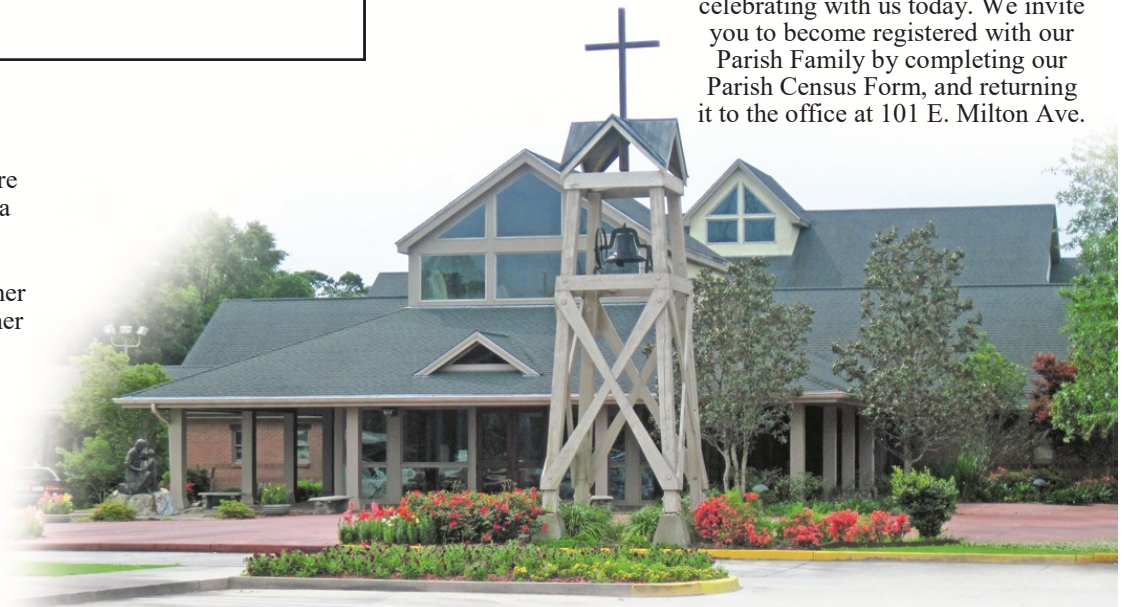
We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to become registered with our Parish Family by completing our Parish Census Form, and returning it to the office at 101 E. Milton Ave.

### 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



### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter John 10:27-30

A few years back, I felt as if I couldn't hear God's voice the way I used to. The words in the Bible seemed like cold ink on a page. Prayer felt like sitting anxiously in a lonely room. I was worried — how could I, a priest, preach or help others if I couldn't hear God's voice? It went on for months.

Then a friend encouraged me to go on a retreat and spend as much time as possible in silence. After a day or two of quiet prayer, I noticed gentle but clear thoughts of repentance in two specific areas of my life. I asked God for the grace to change, and I went to confession. Suddenly, the divine silence that haunted me was filled with a sense of God's closeness and goodness. I realized, gratefully, that God had been speaking to me in the quiet voice of my conscience.

This week we hear Jesus say, **"My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me"** (John 10:27). Jesus links the hearing of his voice to following him. He speaks to us in our conscience in an intimate, personal way, when we most need to hear him. When you feel deaf to God's voice, perhaps it is time to listen in silence for His voice in your conscience calling you to hear and follow the Good Shepherd of your soul.

— *Father John Muir*

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### *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  
Gabe Fortier

### Our Gift Back to God

Offertory . . . . .	\$14,591.30
Mailed/Dropped in Office . . . . .	+ 1,590.00
Total (May 4th)	\$16,181.30
Weekly Goal . . . . .	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus Our Goal . . . . .	\$+4,181.30

*Thank you!*

### This Weekend's Second Collection

Aid to Eastern Europe

### Next Weekend's Second Collection

Funds For the Local Needy

Paul and Barnabas encountered both violent rejection and joyful acceptance of the message they preached. We, too, may meet with mixed reactions when we use out gifts in the service of God. But, the Gospel assures us, the reward for those who follow faithfully is eternal life.

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one." - Jn 10:27-30

### Mass Intentions

Weekend of May 10th and 11th, 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)

Maude Broussard, The Bolivar Family, Shirley Broussard, Gerry Brooks Laurent, Beverly C. & Mildred B. Picard, Ella Mae Fontenot, M/M Yenes Baudoin, Dorothy Rourke Prudhomme, Chester Henry, Loyd Denais, M/M Alton Broussard, Gloria Guidry, Barbara Breaux, Janet Frederick (Anniv.), Theresa Guidry, Geraldine (Gerry) Foreman, Cameron Bailey, Elwood Baudoin, Randall Picard, Mena Courts Romero, Floyd & Leonie Broussard, James Rodek, Melissa Ramey, Katherine M. Fontenot, Nelton & Helen LaFleur, Mary Sue Lanaux, Evelyn B. Landry, Debbie Duhon, Bradley Demette, Louise Broussard, Gurse Delahoussaye, Marie Comeaux Broussard, Sue Naumann, Jackie LaFleur, Charles Buller, Francis & Louella Hebert, Robert Hebert, John Ivy & Hazel Broussard & Family, Marion Hebert (Ann. & B-Day), Patsy Prejean Giese, Luby Landry, Malcolm Bellon, Enola G. Bernard, John & Mabel Bellon, Dr. Sidney Henry (Birthday), Orena B. Viator, Herman "Tully" & Wilma Rae Landry (His Birthday), Mary Lou David, Ruth Henry (Anniv.), Mabel Hebert, Zachary Hebert, Charissa Guillory, Bonnie Sue Baudoin, Will Venice & Rose Christian, Verna Picard, M/M Euda Richard (His Anniv.), John Lloyd Trahan, Ernest & Jacquelyn Albert, Ernest & Laura Hebert, Linda Christian, Dianne Touchet, Preston Simon, David Brune, Emily S. Smith, Etienne & Leona Clark, Cheri Trahan, Dorothy Collins, Betty Guidry, Alphonse & Lula Domingue, Denis Domingue

### Weekday Masses

Monday 12	Sick of the Community
Tuesday 13	Neil Boudreaux, Keith Sanner, U. L. Hebert (Anniversary), Otha Shannon, John Shannon, Joseph & Vivian Johnson, Gertrude Boudreaux, Janelle & Kerry Sanner
Wednesday 14	Joseph Delahoussaye, Sr. (Anniversary), Tonya Strother Hebert
Thursday 15	Edvard Hebert, Jr., Pressley Broussard (Anniversary)
Friday 16	M/M Curley Broussard (His Anniversary)

### Sanctuary Candle

Gurse & Joseph Delahoussaye, Sr. (His Anniversary)





**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](mailto: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.

**Adoration:** Join us every Wednesday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Additionally, the Church is unlocked from dawn to dusk for personal prayer. Adorers may pray in our *Blessed Sacrament Chapel Area* behind the altar.

**Hospice of Acadiana's Annual "Hit the Road with Hospice" Raffle Ticket Sale** will be after all masses the weekend of **May 17th and 18th!** 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](http://www.hospiceacadiana.com).

#### Events This Week

**Mon. (12th):** Confession 6:00 a.m.  
Mass 6:30 a.m.

**Tues. (13th):** Confession 8:00 a.m.  
Mass 8:30 a.m.  
Elderberries Social  
9:00 a.m. (Life Center)  
Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.

**Wed: (14th):** Confession 8:00 a.m.  
Mass 8:30 a.m.  
Adoration 5:30-7:00 p.m.

**Thurs. (15th):** Confession 8:00 a.m.  
Mass 8:30 a.m.

**Fri. (16th):** Confession 6:00 a.m.  
Mass 6:30 a.m.  
Parish Office Closed

**Sat. (17th):** Confession 3-3:55 p.m.  
Mass 4:00 p.m.

**Sun. (18th):** Mass 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.  
5:00 p.m.

**The Next Baptism Seminar** will be held on Thursday, **June 12th**, at 6:30 p.m. in church. Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy in order to avoid any delays.

**Sensory Mass (Family Mass)** A monthly Sunday Catholic Mass option for families with children or young adults who could spiritually benefit from accommodations for sensory needs. Various arrangements for self-seating or standing or wheelchair access. Florescent lighting turned off, incandescent lights dimmed. Little or no music. Applicable brief homily, zero-step entry into Church. No rush environment to enjoy your family and time with God in worship. The next Mass will be held **May 24th** at 5:30 p.m..

REGISTER FOR  
RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION

**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](http://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** "Radical solidarity compels us to come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their preborn children. It requires us to address the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her. We must do all we can to provide mothers, children and families with the support they need to flourish. This cannot be accomplished by laws or policy alone, but requires the continual transformation of our own hearts, recognizing in every person the face of Christ, and placing their needs before our own." *May our parish community come together to become a place of welcome and assistance for all mothers in need; let us pray to the Lord.*

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10  
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30  
Wednesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17  
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20  
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6  
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14

#### Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 14:21-27  
Psalm 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13(R/.cf.1)  
Revelation 21:1-5a  
John 13:34

### Reluctant Sheep

Sheep get an awfully bad rap, linguistically. Some are quick to label people as “sheep” if we think they haven’t sufficiently questioned authority or if they’re too willing to go along with someone else’s plan. We say someone has “the wool over their eyes” if they aren’t willing to see what we think is very obvious. “A wolf in sheep’s clothing” is what we call someone looking to take advantage of those too gullible to identify a real threat.

Taking all this into account and considering how often we are referred to as sheep in Scripture, you’ve really got to wonder if God trying to tell us something about ourselves.

If you look at the phraseology associated with sheep, it’s no wonder that nobody *wants* to be one. Sheep are innocent. Sheep can’t protect themselves. They’re vulnerable and easily misled.

We want to see ourselves as the opposite of all that. We like to think we’re shrewd, with plenty of common sense. We want to believe that we don’t have to rely on anybody for anything. We would sooner identify with the wolf than with the sheep — at least the wolf can take care of himself.

We do this because we often resist the need to rest in the greatness of God. Like a child walking to school alone for the first time (forgetting his mom is following watchfully in the car), we want to think we can handle it all by ourselves.

The truth is that God *is* trying to tell us something by comparing us to sheep: *You don’t have to do this on your own.*

Every time I look at an obstacle and think that there is no way around it, I am forgetting that I have a shepherd who knows the location of the gate.

*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 Priests:

Rev. Edward Degeyter  
Rev. Michael Delcambre  
Rev. Mark Derise  
Rev. Msgr. Keith Derouen  
Rev. Kenneth Domingue  
Rev. Michael Dooley, SJ  
Rev. Dustin Dought

**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 May

*Rev. Blake Dubroc, Director of Vocations & Seminary Faculty, Parents and Benefactors*  
*Matthew Gomez*  
*Brother Francis Xavier Gyles*  
*Coby Hebert*  
*Evan Hebert*  
*William Hebert*  
*Zack Hebert*  
*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 Castandeda*  
*Haden Coleman*  
*Sebastian Cramer*

### Thought of the Week

Take delight in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart.

### Liturgical Ministers May 17th and 18th, 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 17th, 4:00 p.m.

**Sacristan:** Jan Landry

**Lector:** Chenell Privat

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Monica Bourque, Jed Bourque, Eadie Slimbach

**Altar Servers:** Vivian Deshotel, Ella Gaspard, Jack Gaspard

#### Sunday, May 18th, 8:00 a.m.

**Sacristan:** Celeste Fortier

**Lector:** Trish Marullo

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Vance Lanier, Donna Pitre, Stacey Picard

**Altar Servers:** Abigail Delahoussaye, Nathan Waguespack

#### Sunday, May 18th, 10:30 a.m.

**Sacristan:** Patty Broussard

**Lector:** Vlynda Romero

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Chrissy Smith, Dan Guidry, Gerard Labat

**Altar Servers:** Ella Maynard, David Morley, Graham Snodgrass

#### Sunday, May 18th, 5:00 p.m.

**Sacristan:** Sharon Moore

**Lector:** Emilie Boudreaux

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Troy Boudreaux, Sharon Moore, Steve Moore

**Altar Servers:** Thomas Roy, Annie Roy