



SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MAY 25, 2025 - SIXTH 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.

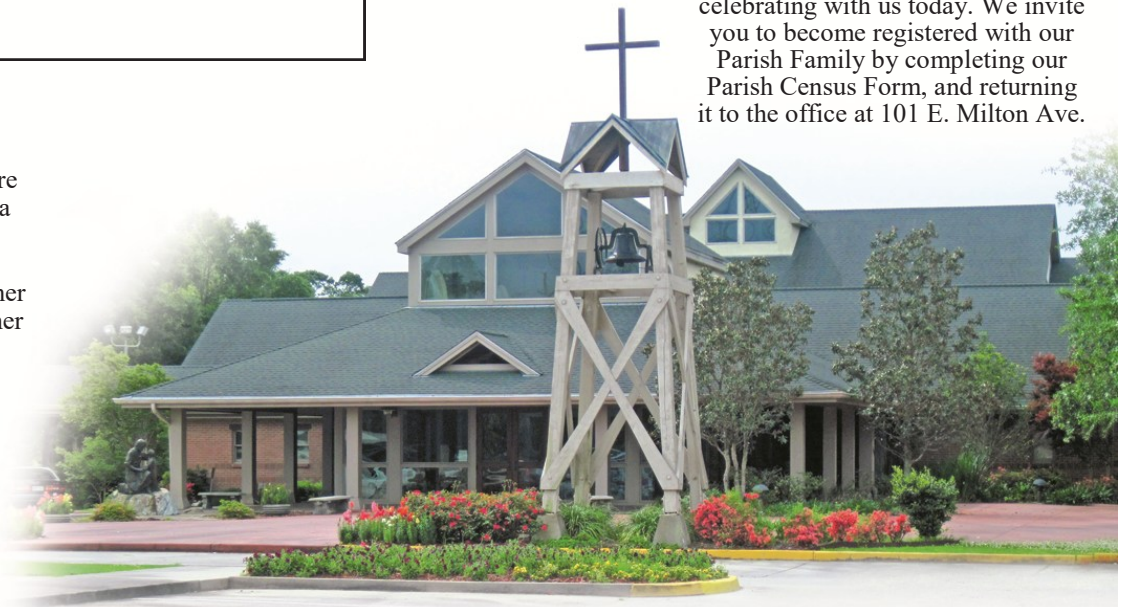
PASTORAL COUNCIL

Troy Boudreaux
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 Dan Guidry
 Cindy LeBlanc

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 Guy Picard
 Judy Picard
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PARISH TRUSTEES

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6th Sunday of Easter John 14:23-29

Jonathan Haidt's 2024 book entitled "The Anxious Generation" argues that today's kids are marked by significant increases in anxiety, as the title suggests. Smartphones, social media, economic uncertainty, the chaos of a global pandemic, fear regarding climate change, and the so-called "meaning crisis" all contribute to strikingly high levels of anxiety in young people today. I'm a bit older than this generation, but I feel it, too. The world can be too much to handle.

The Gospel this week offers a stunning solution for troubled souls. To his overwhelmed and anxious disciples, the risen Jesus says, "**Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you**" (John 14:27). His peace is that of the one who was overwhelmed on the cross and then conquered death by the power of his divinity, his bond of love with the Father. He offers us this unshakeable peace.

Of course, mental illness does not magically disappear because of the risen Jesus. But he does walk with us and offer us his peace in the midst of our suffering. The peace the world gives is not like his because it is weak, uncertain, and self-generated. Jesus' peace is strong, sure, and given as a gift from God. He gives it to us amid our anxiety. Will you receive it as a gift? I hope so. He wants to fill the hearts of this generation with his peace.

— *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 Kenny Menard Melissa Logan

Our Gift Back to God

Offertory	\$13,428.00
Mailed/Dropped in Office	+\$ 610.00
Total (May 18th)	\$14,648.00
Weekly Goal	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus Our Goal	+\$2,648.00
Funds For the Local Needy	\$3,184.00

Thank you!

This Weekend's Second Collection
Bishop's Services Appeal

Next Weekend's Second Collection
Building & Maintenance Fund

Today's reading from Revelation offers a vision of the City of God, the new Jerusalem. "But," the bishops' pastoral on stewardship reminds us, "that 'life to come' is in continuity with this present life through the human goods, the worthy human purposes, which people foster now."

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you, 'I am going away and I will come back to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I." - Jn 14:27-28

Mass Intentions

Weekend of May 24th and 25th, 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)

Jessie & Vida Miller, Cheri Trahan, Preston Simon, Randall Picard, Emery & Audrey Broussard, Jackie LaFleur, Clayus LeBlanc (Birthday), Kenwood P. Smith, Deceased Family of U. L. Hebert, Aubrey Neeb, Chester Henry, Shirley Broussard, James V. King, Sr. (Anniv.), Catherine Smith, Sue Naumann, Mona Faherty, Viola D. Stevens, Xavier Broussard, Ernest & Jacquelyn Albert, Patsy Prejean Giese, Mary Anna Martin, Claude Duhon, John Lloyd Trahan, David Brune, Gurse & Joseph Delahoussaye, Sr.

Weekday Masses

Monday 26	Ruth Robin (Wedding Anniv.), Randall Picard
Tuesday 27	Joseph & Vivian Johnson, Elwood Baudoin, M/M Yenes Baudoin (Her Birthday), Loyd Denais, Neil Boudreaux, Gertrude Boudreaux
Wednesday 28	Tonya Strother Hebert
Thursday 29	Dalfred John Guidry (Anniv.), Edvard Hebert, Jr.
Friday 30	M/M Euda Richard (Her Anniv.), John Ivy & Hazel Broussard & Family (His Anniv.)

Sanctuary Candle

Leona "To Toot" Broussard (Her Anniversary)



The Parish Office is Closed on Monday, May 26th in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday.

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.

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.

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!



Prayer for Peace

*Fill us with Your peace, Lord, as you promised in Your word.
Peace in our comings and go-ings,
Peace that You are working and moving,
Peace for what has happened,
the places we find ourselves to-day,
and in the future to come.
Amen.*

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Events This Week

Mon. (26th): Confession 6:00 a.m.
Mass 6:30 a.m.
Memorial Day
Parish Office Closed

Tues. (27th): Confession 8:00 a.m.
Mass 8:30 a.m.

Wed. (28th): Confession 8:00 a.m.
Mass 8:30 a.m.
Adoration 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Thurs. (29th): Confession 8:00 a.m.
Mass 8:30 a.m.

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

Sat. (31st): Confession 3-3:55 p.m.
Mass 4:00 p.m.
Deadline to Register for Religious Education

Sun. (June 1st): Mass 8:00 a.m.,
10:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

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 **June 21st** at 5:30 p.m.



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 “Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.” *May we more deeply respect the gift of each person, who is created and called to holiness by the gracious action of the Trinity; let us pray to the Lord.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20
Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23
or Heb 9:24-28;
10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53
Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56

Next Sunday’s Readings

Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)
Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23
Lk 24:46-53

Management According to the Apostles

If you've ever worked in any kind of organization, for-profit or not-for-profit, I'm sure you have attended a conference or two. Whatever our expectations going in, I usually find these conferences expose me to communication and problem-solving styles that are different from my own, nudging me into a little unexpected self-discovery. And it's a great opportunity to meet new people and do something different.

Here's my idea for a leadership conference: The Management Style of the Apostles. Think about it, the only thing the Apostles had more abundantly than holiness was problems. Lots and lots of problems ... most of them of the human resources variety. It's no small feat, starting Christ's Church on earth. I wouldn't want to be project manager of that endeavor.

The Acts of the Apostles is, in some ways, a big book full of problems and ways to solve them. It's a blueprint for tackling interpersonal issues in the manner of a true steward, who encounters every problem starting from the same place: What would my Master want?

It's a question we should be asking ourselves every time we, too, encounter a problem — especially problems relating to other people. What is the truth in this situation, and how would God have me communicate it? How could I handle this in a way that is worthy of the name of my Master?

In Acts, we see a lot of characteristics of everyday stewardship. We see the Apostles mindfully acknowledge the lack of peace that is posed by problems like false teachings, this Gospel's problem du jour. They prayerfully confront the obstacles to salvation posed by these issues. Always, always, always, their main objective is to reveal the will of God, remaining committed to the truth while helping newcomers find avenues to salvation.

Maybe I'm just saying it because it's my idea — but it sounds like a conference we could all use.

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. Gilbert Dutel
Rev. Darren Eldridge
Rev. Cyprian Eze
Rev. Richard Fabre
Ref. James Fallon, SSJ
Rev. Joel Faulk

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

"Evil will not Prevail. We are all in the Hands of God."
- Pope Leo XIV

Holiness Runs in the Family

Raising faithful children is no easy task. For St. Monica, it seemed nearly impossible. Her husband wasn't Christian and often mocked her faith. Their son, Augustine, fell quickly into wild ways. He and his friends drank, stole, and caroused throughout town. Monica never stopped praying for Augustine, no matter how far he strayed. Augustine became swept up in heresy, a false form of Christianity. He lived with a mistress and had a child out of wedlock. All the while, Monica kept praying. Conversion came slowly to Augustine, but at age 32, he was finally baptized. Augustine would go on to become a priest, then bishop, then world-renowned theologian whose works have stood the test of time. May St. Monica and St. Augustine inspire us to never stop praying for our loved ones.

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Liturgical Ministers May 31st and June 1st, 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 31st, 4:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Belinda Broussard

Lector: Ken Dugas

Eucharistic Ministers: Belinda Broussard, Eadie Slimbach, Michelle Bayard

Altar Servers: Vivian Deshotel

Sunday, June 1st, 8:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Melanie Heintz

Lector: Toddy Guidry

Eucharistic Ministers: August Doucet, Joe Heintz, Melanie Heintz

Altar Servers: Ella Gaspard, Jack Gaspard

Sunday, June 1st, 10:30 a.m.

Sacristan: Kristi Lancaster

Lector: C.J. Miller

Eucharistic Ministers: Cindy LeBlanc, Randy Blanchard, Jude Bares

Altar Servers: Jonah DePrima, Russell DePrima, David Morley

Sunday, June 1st, 5:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Susan Foret

Lector: Patrick Briese

Eucharistic Ministers: Dane Adams, Brian Watkins, Bubba LaFleur

Altar Servers: Thomas Roy, Annie Roy, Nathan Waguspach