



# SAINT JOSEPH

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## JUNE 29, 2025 - SOLEMNITY OF STS. PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

### PARISH MINISTERS

Rev. William Schambough .....*Pastor*  
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### 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.

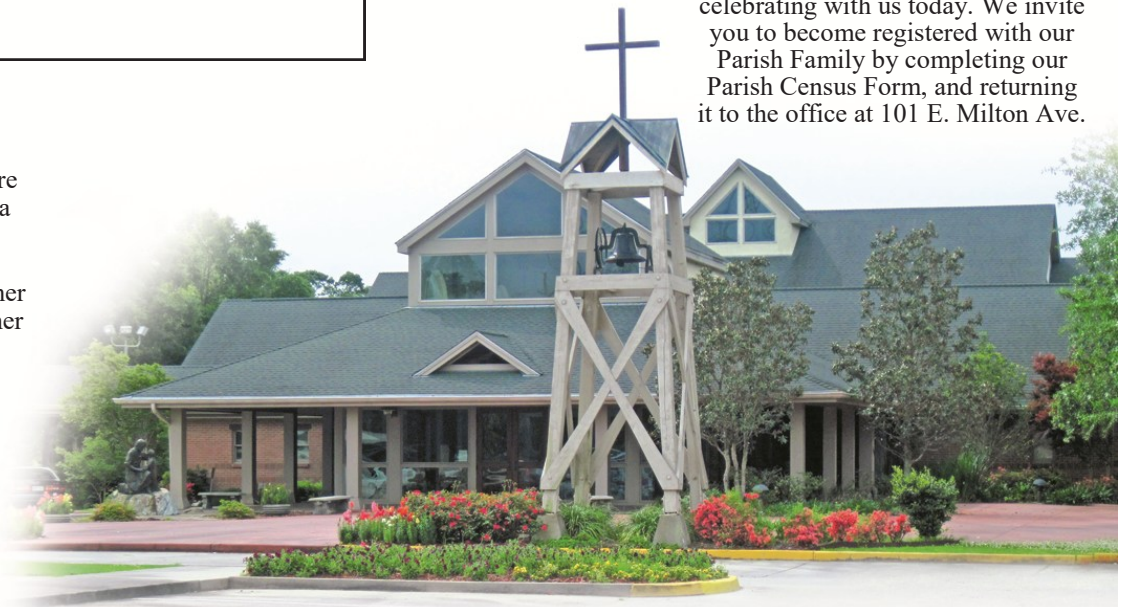
We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to become registered with our Parish Family by completing our Parish Census Form, and returning it to the office at 101 E. Milton Ave.

### 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



### Sts. Peter And Paul, Apostles Matthew 16:13-19

What do you call brothers who are born on the same day? Twins, of course. That is what we celebrate today in the inestimable saints, Peter and Paul. Wait: twins? Yes. The early Church believed that Peter and Paul were martyred in Rome on the same day. Since the day of martyrdom is celebrated as a saints' birth into eternal life, the result is striking: Peter and Paul are twins in God's family, the Church.

Who should care about this? Well, anyone who longs to live in a world marked by love and peace. Remember, the Romans believed that twins, Romulus and Remus, founded their city through an act of fratricide, the former murdering the latter. Sadly, the structures of this fallen world emerge through violence between those who should love each other. But in the Church, a new city has been founded upon this new set of twins, embodying the non-violent power of Jesus' cross and resurrection.

That's why traditional icons represent Peter and Paul in a fraternal and warm embrace. Contrasted with the violence of Rome's founders, it challenges us with a bold claim: do we believe that structures of merciful love are more powerful and lasting than those based on power, violence, and domination? Am I willing to see others in my life as my "twin," with whom I am called to give my life for Christ, or as my rival? Am I committed to living what is embodied in Romulus and Remus, or in Peter and Paul?

— *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  
Denise Hebert Brenda Romero Tammy LaFleur

### Our Gift Back to God

Offertory .....	\$12,499.00
Mailed/Dropped in Office .....	+ \$925.00
Total (June 22nd)	\$13,424.00
Weekly Goal .....	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus Our Goal .....	+\$1,424.00
Milton Catechism Program .....	\$ 2,933.00

*Thank you!*

### Next Weekend's Second Collection Building and Maintenance Fund

"Who do you say that I am?" Jesus asks Peter in today's Gospel. Does my use of the gifts and talents entrusted to me accurately reflect *my* answer to that same question? How willing am I to deny myself, take up my cross and follow in His steps?

"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:18-19

### *Mass Intentions*

**Weekend of June 28th and June 29th, 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)**

Gabe Fortier (LIVING), Cheri Trahan, Emery & Audrey Broussard, John Lloyd Trahan, M/M Pressley Broussard, M/M Wilmer Landry, David Brune, Claude Duhon, Emily & Didier Smith, Shirley Broussard, Earl Weber, Jackie Martin, Brad Martin, Emily Kay Benoit, Xavier Broussard, Randall Picard, Aubrey Neeb, Ernest & Jacquelyn Albert, Wilda & Louis Theo Bares, Willis & Geri Morvant, Kevin Manceaux

### *Weekday Masses*

Monday 30	Steve P. Larcade
Tuesday 1	Neil Boudreaux, Gertrude Boudreaux, Ernest & Laura Hebert (His Birthday), Otha Shannon, John Shannon, Cameron Bailey (Birthday), Joseph & Vivian Johnson
Wednesday 2	First Responders and Those Serving in our Armed Forces
Thursday 3	Edvard Hebert, Jr., Earl Weber
Friday 4	Shirley Broussard (Wedding Anniversary)

### *Sanctuary Candle*

Previous Priests





**The Elderberries Next Social** will be held on Tuesday, **July 8th** at 9:00 a.m. in the Life Center. Lunch will follow afterwards at Agave in Youngsville.

**Go On An Adventure with the STM Cheerleaders!** Lil' Cheer Camp and Summer Intensive Camp will be held **July 8th thru July 11th** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **Lil' Cheer Camp: (Pre-K to 5th grade)** Earn your badges in Cheers, Chants, Dance, Jumps and play fun games! Pre-Register \$165.00 | Walk up \$175.00 [stmcougars.net/summercamps](http://stmcougars.net/summercamps).

**Summer Intensive: Open to 6th—8th Graders** Strengthen your motions, tumbling, stunts, jumps, mock tryouts. Pre-registered \$165.00 | Walk up \$175.00. [brittany.eskridge@stmcougars.net](mailto:brittany.eskridge@stmcougars.net).

**The Next Baptism Seminar** will be held on Thursday, **July 10th**, 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 **July 19th** at 5:30 p.m.

**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.

#### Events This Week

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

**Tues. (1st):** Confession 8:00 a.m.  
Mass 8:30 a.m.

**Wed: (2nd):** Confession 8:00 a.m.  
Mass 8:30 a.m.  
Adoration 5:30-7:00 p.m.

**Thurs. (3rd):** Confession 8:00 a.m.  
Mass 8:30 a.m.

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

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

**Sun. (6th):** Mass 8:00 a.m.,  
10:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.



**Men's ACTS Retreat** – Registration is now open for the Men's ACTS Retreat to be held **August 21-24, 2025** at the Stillwater Retreat Center. Scan the QR Code below for more information and Registration. Registration is limited. For contact information, please call our office at 337-856-5997.



**St. Joseph Cemetery** has added a new section named **Granite Park** with cremation niches now available for purchase. Please call the office for detailed information 337-856-5997.

**Mausoleum of Guardian Angels**  
In order to fulfill a needed service, we have built a communal burial space to accommodate for the interment of pre-born children lost to miscarriage or still birth. Please call our office for more details and information 337-856-5997.

**Word of Life** “O God our Creator...We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.”  
*For religious liberty: That all may have the freedom to follow God's commands and protect his gift of human life; let us pray to the Lord.*



#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 8:18-22  
Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12/Mt 8:23-27  
Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 8:28-34  
Thursday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29  
Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 9:9-13  
Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:14-17

#### Next Sunday's Reading

Isaiah 66:10-14c  
Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20  
Gal 6:14-18  
Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

## St. Paul Conversion

### Question:

January 25 is the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul and the end of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. What does one have to do with the other?

### Answer:

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity consists of eight days beginning January 18 (at that time the feast of the Chair of Peter), and ending on January 25, the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. The Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, founded in the early twentieth century in Graymoor, NY, sought to promote unity among Anglicans and Roman Catholics. Paul James Wattson, a former Episcopalian priest, founded the community, which was formally accepted into the Catholic communion.

The idea for Christian unity soon began to catch on, and by the 1930s, more and more Christians welcomed such a focus. Suggestions for prayer and education are distributed each year, emphasizing a jointly chosen theme. The 1964 Vatican II document on ecumenism, *Unitatis Redintegratio*, gave a great boost to the octave, so that today many Christians worldwide promote and participate in the octave time of prayer.

The emphasis on both Peter and Paul aptly fits into the rationale of the octave. Peter is seen as the source of unity within the Christian tradition. Paul is highlighted due to his vision of bringing all to Christ. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an ideal opportunity to pray for and promote respect, understanding, and, hopefully, eventual unity among Christians. To learn more, visit [geii.org](http://geii.org).

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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:

Pope Leo XIV  
Rev. Ravi Jampangi  
Rev. Johnathan Janise  
Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel  
Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell  
Rev. Stanley Jawa, SVD  
Rev. Joseph Kikanda

**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, LA. 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

*We are all faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as impossible situations.*

## Some Say

**Mini Reflection:** People have a lot of opinions about God. But when the world asks, "Who do you say that Jesus is?" We know the answer. Will we speak up?

### Some Say

At first, the Apostles try to dodge the question. When Jesus confronts them — and make no mistake, it is a confrontation — with the question "Who do you say that I am?" they act like a man whose wife has just asked him if she looks fat in these jeans.

The evasiveness of their answer puts politicians to shame: "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

*Some say.*

But Jesus doesn't let them off easy. He repeats himself. He wants an answer. "Who do you say that I am?"

They all know the answer. They all believe the answer. And they all know the answer could get them thrown in prison or killed. Only Peter is brave enough to say it: "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

People have a lot of opinions about God. They always have. They have a lot of opinions about Jesus and the Bible, about the Catholic Church and the Pope. Some of these opinions are well-founded, well-researched. Some of them are based in ignorance. Many are born of painful misunderstandings. But they are all just that: opinions.

*Some say.*

We know who Jesus is. We know who the Eucharist is. We know what the truth is. Amid the chaos and the violence and the excruciating loudness of this fallen world and all the words it shouts into the void about God and Jesus and right and wrong, we know.

But will we answer?

### Liturgical Ministers July 5th and July 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, July 5th, 4:00 p.m.

**Sacristan:** Cyndi Miller

**Lector:** Cyndi Miller

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Julie Howell, Jan Landry, Brenda Manceaux

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

#### Sunday, July 6th, 8:00 a.m.

**Sacristan:** Curlis Savoy

**Lector:** Trista Littell

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Lij Curnutt, Morgan Savoy, Curlis Savoy

**Altar Servers:** John David Baute, Abigail Delahoussaye

#### Sunday, July 6th, 10:30 a.m.

**Sacristan:** Leurline Norris

**Lector:** Beth Viator

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Crissy Smith, Gerard Labat, Leurline Norris

**Altar Servers:** Kaia DePrima, Jonah DePrima, Russell DePrima

#### Sunday, July 6th, 5:00 p.m.

**Sacristan:** Mary Landry

**Lector:** Emilie Boudreaux

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Troy Boudreaux, Michael Heintz, Mary Landry

**Altar Servers:** Nathan Waguespack