



SAINT JOSEPH

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JULY 06, 2025 - FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH MINISTERS

Rev. William Schambough*Pastor*
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Erin Dowd*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.

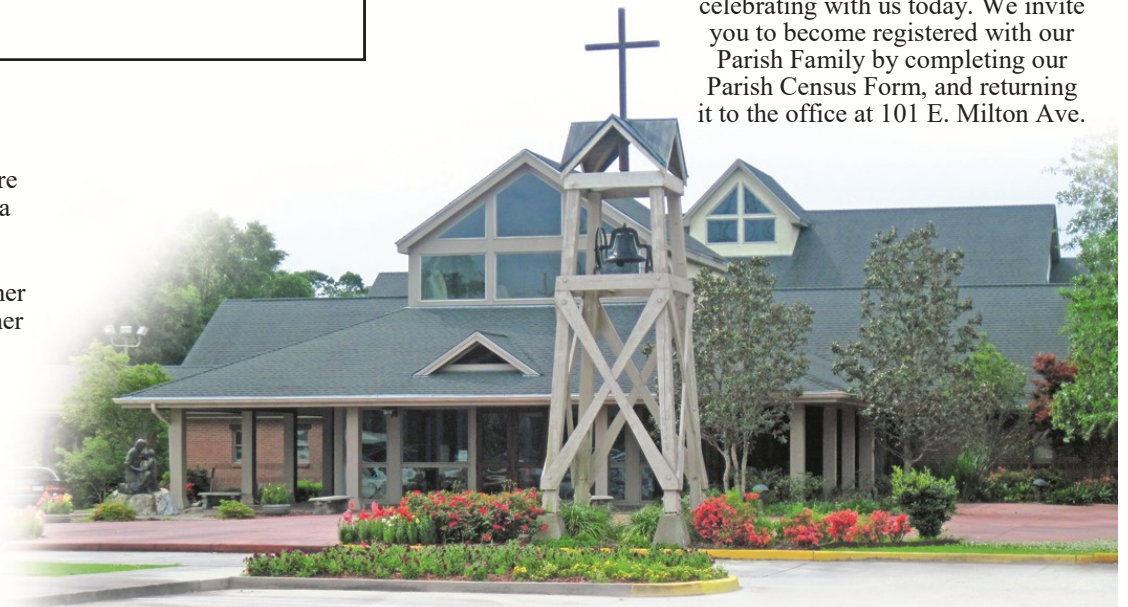
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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

In the days after the awful 2020 killing of George Floyd, a Catholic friend remarked, "Racism is today's great evil. We should put all our energy into fighting it." I admired her intuition that the church must stand firmly against evil. Amen, I thought. At the same time, something felt wrong. As months went by, I saw her steadily slide into bitterness and anger. Soon, despondency. She spoke of giving up the fight. Don't we too wonder how to fight evil without losing our joy or energy?

Jesus' words this week help. He says, **"Rejoice not that you have power over demons, but that your names are written in heaven" (Luke 10:20).** Notice the asymmetry in where he wants our focus: on the latter, not the former. Should we confidently embrace our God-given power to overcome evil? Absolutely. But even more so, we should emphasize the positive element of our relationship to God. It is tempting but dangerous to define ourselves by what we oppose. It is better to define ourselves by—to rejoice in—what we celebrate: in Jesus, God has written our names in heaven. This sustains our battles.

This week, our marching orders are: fight evil. But more deeply, rejoice that God knows and loves us personally, individually. We allow this joyful knowledge to undergird our fight against the darkness of our day. Then we enjoy long-term stability to be cheerful warriors, who never forget the reason for the contests we are called to fight and win: love.

— *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 Rita Dowd

Our Gift Back to God

Offertory (*Due to early printing, not available*), \$
Building & Maintenance Fund (June) . . . \$ 5,638.00

Thank you!

This Weekend's Second Collection
Building & Maintenance Fund

Next Weekend's Second Collection
Catholic Communications

"The harvest is rich" Jesus tells the seventy-two in today's Gospel, "but the workers are few." The situation is the same today. How can *I* help with God's harvest? Am *I* called into the field? Am *I* one who could provide food or shelter or wages to those who toil in the fields of the Lord?

"Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.'" - Lk 10:8-9

Mass Intentions

Weekend of July 5th and July 6th, 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)

Kilren J. Cheramie, III (Birthday), Janell Girouard, Leora Fuselier, Ken Gauthier, Kevin Manceaux, Lawrence Broussard, Randall Picard, Gabe Fortier (LIVING), Wilda & Louis Theo Bares, Earless Romero, Willis & Geri Morvant ((Her Birthday), George Lee Broussard, Ernest & Jacquelyn Albert, Todd Smith, Cheri Trahan, David Brune, Dianne Touchet, Emily Kay Benoit, Vernis Breaux, M/M Wilmer Landry, John Lloyd Trahan, M/M Pressley Broussard, Geraldine (Gerry) Foreman, Roland & Emandolia Johnson, Tammy LaFleur, Andrew Bollinger

Weekday Masses

Monday 7	David Brune, Shirley Clark LeLeaux, Clobule LeLeaux (Living), Special Intention
Tuesday 8	Neil Boudreaux, Gertrude Boudreaux, Joseph & Vivian Johnson, Dianne Touchet (Birthday)
Wednesday 9	Cathy Delahoussaye (Birthday)
Thursday 10	Edvard Hebert, Jr.
Friday 11	Lawrence Benoit, Sr.

Sanctuary Candle

Cathy Delahoussaye (Birthday)



Women's ACTS Retreat –

Registration will open on Monday, **July 7th** for the Women's ACTS Retreat to be held September 25-28, 2025 at the Stillwater Retreat Center in Abbeville. Scan the QR Code below for more information and Registration. Registration is limited. Call the Church office at 337-856-5997 for contact information.



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.

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.

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

The Ushers will have a meeting on Thursday **July 17th** at 6:30 p.m. at the Life Center.

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. Fluorescent 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.

Events This Week

Mon. (7th): Confession 6:00 a.m.
Mass 6:30 a.m.

Tues. (8th): Confession 8:00 a.m.
Mass 8:30 a.m.
Elderberries Social
9:00 a.m. Life Center

Wed: (9th): Confession 8:00 a.m.
Mass 8:30 a.m.
Adoration 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Thurs. (10th): Confession 8:00 a.m.
Mass 8:30 a.m.
Baptism Seminar
6:30 p.m. (Church)

Fri. (11th): Confession 6:00 a.m.
Mass 6:30 a.m.
Parish Office Closed

Sat. (12th): Confession 3-3:55 p.m.
Mass 4:00 p.m.

Sun. (13th): Mass 8:00 a.m.,
10:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.



June

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

*Vivian Elizabeth Bain
Nico Jude Calcagno
Elle Marie Williams
Josephine Rae Williams
Thomas Matthew Norsworthy
Hazel Lynn Abshire
Bennett Ray Auzenne*



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.

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.

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.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3,10-11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Gn 44:18-21,23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17,18-19,20-21/Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday's Reading

Deuteronomy 30:10-14
Psalm 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 (R/.cf.33) or
Psalm 19:8, 9, 10,11
Colossians 1:15-20
Luke 10:25-37

Plant Your Seeds Wisely

If you had \$100 to give away, to whom would you give it? Perhaps you would choose someone you love. How about someone on the street at a corner stoplight? You could really make someone's day if you gave it to them as a tip after a modestly priced meal. There are so many possibilities. No matter to whom you give the \$100, you are certainly being generous. No one can debate that.

Let's say you have narrowed it down to two different people. You know both of these people, and you suspect each person would be equally grateful. Does it make a difference who you give the money to in the end? What if I told you that one of the Individuals just got a big raise at work, and the other person is at risk of having their water turned off because they have been late paying their bill. Does it make a difference now?

Discernment should always be an important part of any good steward's way of life. If we give simply for the sake of giving, that may not always be the best use of our gifts. In order to gain the most fruit from the seeds we plant, we must plant wisely. All we have been given has value, and we need be good caretakers of it all. If you ever do find yourself with \$100 to spare, be sure to carefully consider all the options and make the wiser choice. In the meantime, pray for wisdom and reflect on how to best use all you have been given for the sake of the Kingdom of God.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Word of Life "O God our Creator... through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society." *For our nation: May our laws protect every person's right to life, from conception to natural death; let us pray to the Lord.*



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

Please Pray for Our Priests:

Rev. Andrew Killeen
Rev. Mark Kramer, SJ
Rev. Clifton Labbe, SVD
Rev. Donavan Labbe
Rev. Paul LaFleur
Rev. Jeremy Lambert, LC

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 not human beings on a spiritual journey. We are spiritual beings on a human journey.

Carry Your Cross

Question:

As Catholics, we talk a lot about "redemptive suffering" and "carrying your cross." What does that mean practically in daily life?

Answer:

When Jesus spoke these words, they would have sounded quite intense to his hearers. "Pick up your cross daily and follow me." At the time, Jesus hadn't yet been crucified. A cross was a Roman torture instrument. "Pick up the thing that tortures you the most," Jesus seemed to say. Unfortunately, most of us have no real shortage of these in our life. To take up the cross isn't to seek out new sufferings in our life. It's to accept the life we have.

Of course, unjust or unhealthy circumstances should be rectified when possible. But there are always circumstances that remain out of our immediate control. It could be pain management, the defiance of our teenage child, or an unhealthy work environment ... but you need the paycheck to pay the bills. In difficult circumstances, it can be easier to blame, complain, or daydream our way out of it. None of these are real solutions, since none of them accept the reality of the situation at hand. Those options only add to our suffering, since they damage relationships, fixate on the problem, or set up unrealistic expectations.

Instead, Jesus invites us to take up our cross — to look at the uncomfortable situation square in the eyes, take a deep breath, and do our best to be present to God's grace in the moment. To love those in our path. To take things one step at a time.

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Liturgical Ministers July 12th and July 13th, 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 12th, 4:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Linda Desormeaux

Lector: Linda Desormeaux

Eucharistic Ministers: Monica Bourque, Brenda Manceaux, Jed Bourque

Altar Servers: Vivian Deshotel

Sunday, July 13th, 8:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Kristi Lancaster

Lector: Clayton Choate

Eucharistic Ministers: Amy Dupuis, August Doucet, Vance Lanier

Altar Servers: John David Bauté, Lena Ruckstul

Sunday, July 13th, 10:30 a.m.

Sacristan: Patty Broussard

Lector: Teddy Broussard

Eucharistic Ministers: Gerard Labat, Erin Dowd, Jude Bares

Altar Servers: Nash Moseley, Graham Snodgrass, Waylon Anding

Sunday, July 13th, 5:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Susan Foret

Lector: Dennis Dumas

Eucharistic Ministers: Paul Guillot, Michelle Guillot, Debbie Dumas

Altar Servers: Thomas Roy, Annie Roy, Nathan Waguespack