



SAINT JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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JULY 13, 2025 - FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH MINISTERS

Rev. William Schambough*Pastor*
Chenell Privat*Secretary to the Pastor*
Tammy Hyde*Bookkeeper*
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.

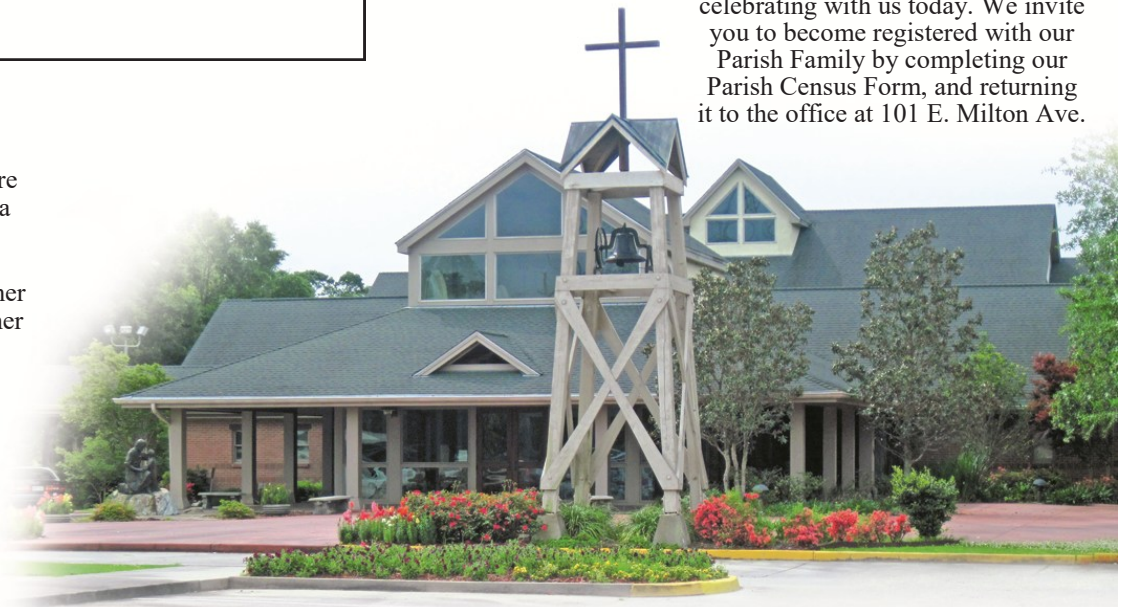
PASTORAL COUNCIL

Troy Boudreaux
Bob Cole
Charles Duchamp
Dennis Dumas
Nick Gaspard
Dan Guidry
Cindy LeBlanc

Steve Lemaire
Nancy Messa
Guy Picard
Judy Picard
David Walther
Marie Walther

PARISH TRUSTEES

Linda Desormeaux
Robert Landry



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 10:25-37

I used to be a bad neighbor. I'd get wrapped up in my life and ignore those around me. Then I found sage advice from Benjamin Franklin to this effect: to be a better neighbor, ask someone to do a favor for you. It's counterintuitive, isn't it? Tell strangers that I need their help? Yuck. I'll risk looking needy. Worse, I'll be indebted to them. But I tried it, and it works like a charm. Recently I asked my neighbor Alan for a hacksaw, and Inga for an egg. They kindly obliged, and our friendship is growing.

This week we hear a scribe of the law cynically ask Jesus, **"And who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29).** Like him, we prefer to keep the list of our "neighbors" as short as possible. It requires less interruption and inconvenience. But when Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan, he exposes the lonely, cold-heartedness tendency of the scribe's (and our) heart. My "neighbor" is anyone I encounter who manifests a concrete need. There isn't time to require any other credential because human need opens us to the happy reciprocity which is love.

Jesus' words challenge us this week to ask a neighbor for help in some small way. How marvelous that God himself shows us how. He moves into our world and asks us to love Him with small deeds of love. Maybe that's where Ben Franklin got the idea.

— *Father John Muir*

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Our Gift Back to God

Offertory \$15,275.51
Mailed/ Dropped in Office. \$ 1,170.00
Total (July 6th). \$16,445.51

Weekly Goal \$12,000.00
Plus/Minus our Goal \$+4,445.51

Offering (June 29th). \$15,839.50

Thank you!

This Weekend's Second Collection

Catholic Communications

Next Weekend's Second Collection

Bishop's Services Appeal

The good Samaritan was also a good steward, giving his time and his treasure to meet his neighbor's need. At the end of this familiar story, Jesus urges his hearers—and us—to go and do the same.

"But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn, and cared for him." - Lk 10:33-34

Mass Intentions

Weekend of July 12th and July 13th, 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)

Russell Toups, Carolyn Murtagh, Andrew Bollinger, Gabe Fortier (LIVING), Kevin Manceaux, Ernest & Jacquelyn Albert, Eustis & Beulah Toups, Randall Picard, Adra Manceaux, Loyd & Tessie Viator, L. J. Dore & Family, Jimmy Broussard & Family, John Lloyd Trahan, Cheri Trahan, Dianne Touchet, Shirley Broussard, John Ivy & Hazel Broussard & Family, Ernest & Laura Hebert, David Brune, Ted Fontenot, Francis & Lou Hebert (His Anniv.), Zachary Hebert, Joseph Burley (Birthday)

Weekday Masses

Monday 14	Bonnie Sue Baudoin (Birthday)
Tuesday 15	Neil Boudreaux, Gertrude Boudreaux, Joseph & Vivian Johnson, Cameron Bailey (Anniversary), Beverly C. & Mildred B. Picard (His Birthday)
Wednesday 16	Wilmer Landry (Anniversary)
Thursday 17	Edvard Hebert, Jr., Emily Kay Benoit (20th Birthday)
Friday 18	St. Joseph Parish

Sanctuary Candle

Cathy Delahoussaye (Birthday)
Beverly C. Picard (Birthday)
Kevin Manceaux

Please Pray For The Sick

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

The Ladies Altar Society Rosary Group will meet **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. 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.

The Elderberries Next Social will be held Tuesday, **August 12th** at 9:00 a.m. in the Life Center. Lunch will follow afterwards.

The Next Baptism Seminar will be held Thursday **August 13th**, at 6:30 p.m. in Church. Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy in order to avoid any delays.

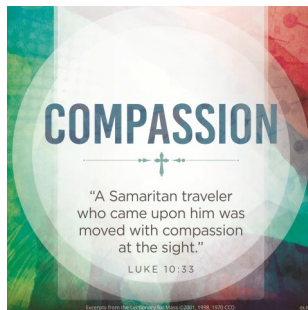
Women's ACTS Retreat – Registration is now open for the Women's ACTS Retreat to be held **September 25-28, 2025** at the Stillwater Retreat Center in Abbeville. Scan the QR Code below for more information and Registration. Registration is limited. Call the Church office at 337-856-5997 for contact information.



Events This Week

- Mon. (14th):** Confession 6:00 a.m.
Mass 6:30 a.m.
- Tues. (15th):** Confession 8:00 a.m.
Mass 8:30 a.m.
LAS Rosary Group
9:30 a.m. (Church)
- Wed. (16th):** Confession 8:00 a.m.
Mass 8:30 a.m.
Adoration 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Thurs. (17th):** Confession 8:00 a.m.
Mass 8:30 a.m.
Ushers Meeting
6:30 p.m. (Life Center)
- Fri. (18th):** Confession 6:00 a.m.
Mass 6:30 a.m.
Parish Office Closed
- Sat. (19th):** Confession 3-3:55 p.m.
Mass 4:00 p.m.
Sensory Mass 5:30 p.m.
- Sun. (20th):** Mass 8:00 a.m.,
10:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Catholic School Students who will be making First Communion or Confirmation this coming school year should contact our Religious Education coordinator, Erin Dowd **as soon as possible**. Contact our Religious Ed. phone line at 337-856-0800 or our Parish 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.

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: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34—11:1
Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-2

Next Sunday's Reading

Genesis 18:1-10a
Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 5
Colossians 1:24-28
Luke 10:38-42

What Jesus Doesn't Say

So many times in my life, I have failed to start something because I had not yet adequately prepared. I would have started working out or going for a jog, but I needed to get the right shoes. I would have started eating right if only I could find the time and money to buy the right foods. I would have started that journaling project, but I couldn't without a really nice leather-bound journal. I would have, I would have, and I would have!

I know many people can relate. We offer up excuses for so many things. Sometimes we even get to the point where we do start something, but by then, we have already lost so much time.

Some of us are thinking about taking a stewardship way of life seriously, but we are just not ready yet. We would be more generous if we can first get out of debt. We would give of our time, but we have to wait until the kids get older or until we fully research our options. The truth is, we don't have to be in any particular state of life or have any specific financial portfolio to start giving our very selves to God. God takes us as we are now. No resume needed. Why waste so much time thinking about getting started and becoming serious? Time is a gift given to all of us. As we think and prepare endlessly, we are practicing poor stewardship. The time to start is today. Who wants to answer God one day at the gates of Heaven saying, "I would have."?

-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. Michael Keith Landry
Rev. Oneil Landry
Rev. Charles Langlois
Rev. Msgr. H.A. Larroque, JCD
Rev. Corey Lavergne
Rev. Steven LeBlanc
Rev. Mark Patrick Ledoux

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.

Word of Life "Adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God's power and of his love for us. We realize that he always has a perfect plan for our lives." Read more at www.bit.ly/AdoptionLoveStory. *"For families considering adoption: May the Lord guide and bless their journeys and grant them peace along the way; let us pray to the Lord."*



Please Pray for our Seminarians July

Fr. Blake Dubroc, Dir. Of Vocations and Seminarians
Seminary Faculty, Parents and Benefactors
Bennett Bodin
Reed Bourgeois
Nicholas Broussard
Deacon Ricky Castaneda
Haden Coleman
Sebastian Cramer
Carter Domingue
Seth Dupre
John Michael Fruge, Jr.
Cameron Gary
Matthew Gomez
Rev. Mr. Francis Xavier Gyles
Coby Hebert
Rev. Mr. Evan Hebert
William Hebert
Zack Hebert
Eric Hernandez
Michael Johnson
Drew Landry
Rev. Mr. Bret Lee
Christopher Lee
Isaac Lejeune
Ian McElwee
Rev. Mr. Stephen Melancon
Miguel Pagan
Anthony Phillips
Giovanni Ranzino
Braden Scalisi

Thought of the Week

Prayer is bringing your wishes and worries to God. Faith is leaving them there.

Liturgical Ministers July 19th and July 20th, 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 19th, 4:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Cyndi Miller

Lector: Cyndi Miller

Eucharistic Ministers: Jan Landry, Michelle Bayard, Julie Howell

Altar Servers:

Sunday, July 20th, 8:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Angie Landry

Lector: Trish Marullo

Eucharistic Ministers: Robert Landry, Angie Landry, Trista Littell

Altar Servers: Sunday, July 20th, 10:30 a.m.

Sacristan: Leurline Norris

Lector: Randy Blanchard

Eucharistic Ministers: Cindy LeBlanc, Raymond Romero, Leurline Norris

Altar Servers:

Sunday, July 20th, 5:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Mary Landry

Lector: Vlynda Romero

Eucharistic Ministers: Dane Adams, Aaron Goss, Mary Landry

Altar Servers: Madison Goss, Thomas Roy, Annie Roy

