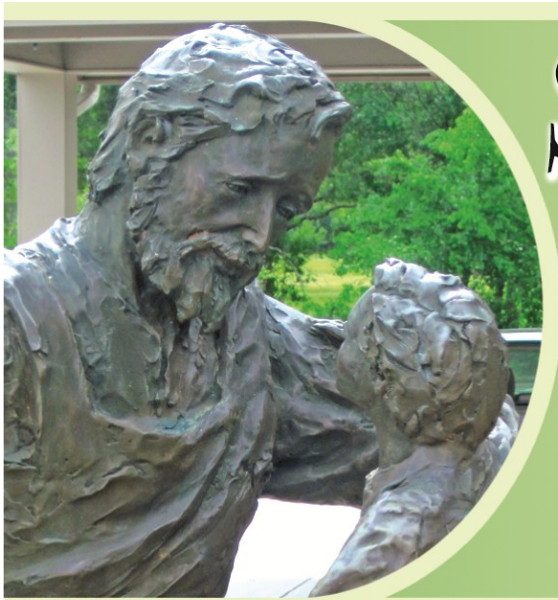




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JULY 5, 2026 – 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH MINISTERS

Rev. William Schambough*Pastor*
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Tammy Hyde*Bookkeeper*
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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.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Troy Boudreaux	Steve Lemaire
Charles Duchamp	Nancy Messa
Dennis Dumas	Guy Picard
Nick Gaspard	Judy Picard
Dan Guidry	David Walther
Cindy LeBlanc	Marie Walther

PARISH TRUSTEES

Linda Desormeaux
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SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION: Saturday from 3:00–3:55 pm, 20 minutes before daily Mass and by appointment, (please call the office).

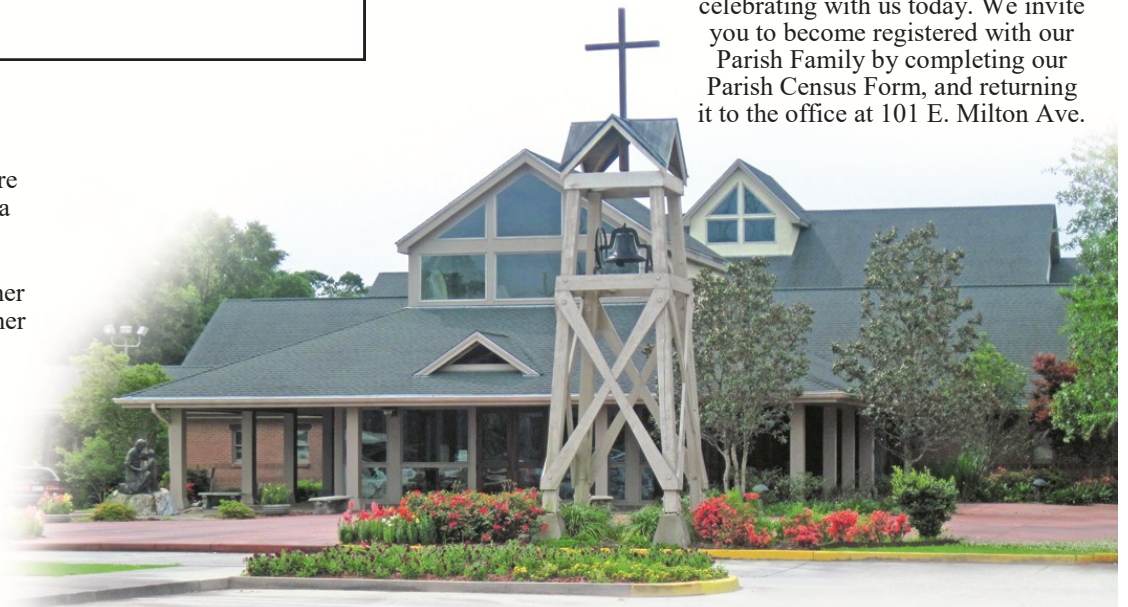
BAPTISM: Preparation for the sacrament is provided to parents held in the evenings. (See bulletin for time and place.) Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy, to avoid undue delays.

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.



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Matthew 11:25-30

This weekend, our nation celebrates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Unlike most nations, the United States was not founded primarily on a shared ethnicity, language, or culture. Instead, our founders built a political community out of diverse peoples united by a shared vision of liberty. That vision echoes something deep in the Christian mystery revealed in today's Gospel.

Jesus returns to his hometown. The people see only what is familiar: the carpenter, the son of Mary, one of their own. As Mark tells us, "They took offense at him. Jesus said, 'A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.'" Their narrow vision blinds them. Jesus has come to inaugurate a new communion that transcends geography, bloodlines, and culture. He has come to unite all people in himself.

At its best, America's national unity reflects this possibility, which fully subsists only in the Catholic Church. Our unity is not based on ancestry or tribe, but on a shared commitment to higher ideals. For this reason, we can love our country with gratitude while situating patriotism within the broader horizon of faith.

Rooted in Christ, we are less vulnerable to the unholy tribalism that threatens civic life and faith. This weekend, let us thank God for our nation and pray that we also live as citizens of Heaven in Jesus Christ.

Father John Muir
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Please Pray For The Sick

Joyce Menard * Kenney Stickney * Jo Anne Means*
Gabe Fortier * Denise Hebert * Special Intention*
Hunter Henry * Kim Vincent * Chelsea Santiago*
Janel S. Viator * Ms. Thibodeaux * Jamie Fox-Taylor
* Leoila Perrien * Heidi Roth *
Fletcher Cornbie * Andre Perrin * Ores Menard *
Carmen Castille * Chester Trahan * Paul Landry *
*Clarence Thibodeaux * Verna Smith * Laura Henry*
* Brenda Boudreaux * The Broussard Family*
Taylor Ross * Parker Schexnider *

Our Gift Back to God

Offertory (June 28th) *Not available due to early publication.*

Thank you!

This Weekend's Second Collection
Building and Maintenance Fund

Next Weekend's Second Collection
Catholic Communications

"Let all Your works give You thanks, O Lord, and let Your faithful ones bless You," says the Psalmist. Stewardship is this "attitude of gratitude" for the many gifts God has given us.

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

Mass Intentions

Weekend of July 4th and 5th, 2026

Sat. 4 p.m., and Sun. 8 a.m. And 5 p.m. for the intentions listed
Sun. 10:30 a.m. for our parish (Pro Populo)

Jerry & Betsy Viator, David Gooch Family, Alyce Rose Doiga, Chester Henry, Ken Dugas, Wayne "Bubba" Begnaud, Jr., Van Paul Perrin, Aimee E. Breaux Mittelsteadt, Randall Picard, Geraldine (Gerry) Foreman, Shirley Broussard, M/M Lawrence & Alice Benoit, Sr., Grace Perrin, Percy Joseph & Lucille B. LeBlanc, Merlin Alleman, Cheri Trahan, Frank Palombo, Willis & Geri Morvant (Her Birthday), Earless Romero, John Lloyd Trahan, Randy LeBlanc, Earl J. Bouton, Sr., Beverly Fuselier, Wilda & Louis Theo Bares, Dianne Touchet (Birthday), Rex & Jane Champagne, Francis & Louella Hebert (His Anniv.), Leora Fuselier, Polly Breazeale, Charlene Nutt, Joseph Burley (Birthday), Martha Robichaux (Anniv.), Jacob Guidry, Jimmie Floyd Vincent, Brad Martin, Jackie Martin, Earl Weber.

Monday 6th	Kilren J. Cheramie, III (Birthday)
Tuesday 7th	In Thanksgiving for Benefactors of Little Corner Store, Gertrude Boudreaux, Neil Boudreaux, Ellender Dickie" Labbie
Wednesday 8th	First Responders and Those Serving in our Armed Forces
Thursday 9th	Edvard Hebert, Jr., Jane Thibodeaux
Friday 10th	Jerry & Betsy Viator, Jane Thibodeaux

Sanctuary Candle

Beverly Fuselier



Men's ACTS Retreat

Registration is now open for the Men's ACTS Retreat to be held **August 20th - 23rd** at the Stillwater Retreat Center in Abbeville. Scan the QR Code below for more information. Registration is limited. Call the Church office at 337-856-5997 for contact information.

**Come and Walk the Way of St. James! El Camino de Santiago**

Each year, hundreds of thousands of Christians journey - many on foot - to Santiago de Compostella and the Cathedral of St. James in northwestern Spain.

If this pilgrimage has long been on your bucket list, or if you were inspired by the movie *The Way*, we invite you to attend an informational meeting about joining us on this unforgettable spiritual adventure.

Join us **Tuesday, July 7th** at 6:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church to meet the owners, of *Ultrei y Suseia* to ask questions and hear about the first hand experiences of pilgrims from the Lafayette area. For more information contact:

Kristin Keeter 337-251-9542

Kbkeet0730@gmail.com

Camino Website:

www.ultreisysuseia.com

Email: info@ultreiaisuseia.com

**Events This Week**

Mon. (6th):	Confession 6:00 a.m. Mass 6:30 a.m.
Tues. (7th):	Confession 8:00 a.m. Mass 8:30 a.m. Camino Information Night 6:00 p.m. (Church)
Wed. (8th):	Confession 8:00 a.m. Mass 8:30 a.m. Adoration 5:30 p.m.
Thurs. (9th):	Confession 8:00 a.m. Mass 8:30 a.m. Baptism Seminar 6:30 p.m. (Church)
Fri. (10th):	Confession 6:00 a.m. Mass 6:30 a.m. Parish Office Closed
Sat. (11th):	Confession 3:00 p.m. Mass 4:00 p.m.
Sun. (12th):	Mass 8:00 a.m. Mass 10:30 a.m. Confession: 4:15 p.m. Mass 5:00 p.m.

The Next Baptism Seminar will be held on **Thursday, July 9th** at 6:30 p.m. in Church. Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy to avoid any delays.

Engaged Couples Spend a weekend away from the cares and distractions of everyday living. Attend a **Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekend**. The weekend is open to any engaged couple wanting to prepare for a deeper more meaningful life together in a Sacramental Marriage recognized by the Catholic Church according to its Church law. Upcoming weekend dates for 2026 are **Aug. 21-23, Oct. 16-18**. For cost of weekend, other dates, and to learn more, visit our website at www.ceelafayette.org or contact **Mike & Phyllis Totaro** at **337-962-5798 (Phyllis)** or reginfo.ceelaf@gmail.com.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday:	Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday:	Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday:	Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday:	Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday:	Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 55:10-11
Psalm 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14
Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Hallow

Already using Hallow? Simply open the app, tap the **Community** tab at the bottom of your screen, visit our **parish page**.

New to Hallow? Visit hallow.com/parish, search for our parish (zip code works best), and follow the prompts. You'll receive a special trial with full access to Hallow's premium content. If you'd prefer to stay on the free version, just tap "**Skip**" — you'll still have access to our parish page and the prayer challenges.

Need help getting started?

Email: parishsupport@hallow.app
Visit the "St. Joseph Catholic Parish—Milton" Page for Prayer Challenges, Prayer Requests, Small Groups and more.

The OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) Program

at St. Joseph will be starting in September. We are asking our parishioners to invite anyone you know who would like to learn more about joining the Catholic faith or Catholics who would like to complete their sacraments. For more information, please call the Parish office.

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.

Faith Like a Child

If you Google Search recommendations on how to raise generous children, almost every list of ideas begins with — or at least contains — the directive for adults to be good models of generosity themselves. Our children learn from our actions much more than from our words. Of course, when I think back over the years while my children were growing up, I think I may have learned as much from them as they learned from me. There is a time between early childhood and middle school where a child seems to be freer to give and share than at any other time in life. It is around the age of First Communion when the cries of “mine” turn to laughter and smiles, and the urge to be a part of something bigger than oneself leads to sharing. Before you know it, the child hits the pre-teen years, and once again, he or she becomes the center of the universe.

I believe that the previous paragraph is all true, however, the stages described seem to repeat themselves throughout adulthood. Don't you agree? Sometimes we fall into seeing ourselves as the center of the universe, or we become consumed by our state in life or with what we have acquired. Also, we at times are generous and loving people. It is sin that draws us back into ourselves and away from any meaningful life of stewardship and generosity. In order to be freed for love, we need role models to help us see what really matters. We need to reflect on the example of many of our brothers and sisters in Christ. And, yes, we need to look to children who may be at the point in their lives where sharing is fun, and love is something in abundance.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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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:

Rev. Gregory Chauvin,
Rev. Edward J. Chiffriller, SSJ
Rev. D. Blaine Clement
Rev. Nathan Comeaux
Rev. Gregory Cormier
Rev. Msgr. Douglas Courville, JCL
Rev. Randy Courville

Thought of the Week

The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that He in His goodness, sends to us day after day. St. Gianna Molla

Word of Life “O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus...We celebrate the abundant gifts you have given this nation, founded on the self-evident truths that our Creator has endowed all people with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We make reparation for the offenses against you and against human dignity that have taken place in this nation. May our hearts be united to yours, so that our families and communities enjoy peace and happiness.”

For our nation: May our laws protect every person's right to life, from conception to natural death; let us pray to the Lord.

Everyday Stewardship

Many young people want to make a path for themselves in life without the help and guidance of others. My own young adult son oftentimes refuses assistance because he feels that he must learn to go it alone and have his achievements based solely upon his effort. However, few truly get anywhere of circumstance without the aid of others.

The body of Christ only functions well when we move together and help each other. Unfortunately, too often parts of the body seek to do their own thing and do not integrate with the other parts. We use our gifts in ways that are only focused on our own gains and our own being. But be mindful, our gifts exist in us to be cultivated and shared with God and his people.

In the same manner, with Jesus as the head of this body, he is there for us as well. In Jesus we find our rest and assistance with our burdens. I cannot imagine life without the compassion and aid of our God. If it isn't bad enough that some people fail to lean on their brothers and sisters, some of them fail to ever turn to God.

This is never good stewardship. A stewardship way of life seeks to share and integrate with others, especially Jesus. We have been created for community. If we take seriously our discipleship, a true relationship with Jesus always beckons us into community with other believers. Here we are strongest. Here we are the most fruitful. Here we are Christ's body on earth.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Liturgical Ministers July 11th through July 12th, 2026

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 11th, 4:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Cyndi Miller

Lector: Cyndi Miller

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Todd McKee, Brenda Manceaux, Michelle Bayard

Altar Servers: John Gaspard, Ella Gaspard, Jack Gaspard

Sunday, July 12th, 8:00 a.m.

Sacristan: Angie Landry

Lector: Clayton Choate

Eucharistic Ministers: Liz Curnutt, Vance Lanier, Ricky Broussard

Altar Servers: John David Baute, Claire Mayon

Sunday, July 12th, 10:30 a.m.

Sacristan: Kristi Lancaster

Lector: Vlynda Romero

Eucharistic Ministers: Randy Blanchard, Kristi Lancaster, Crissy Smith

Altar Servers: Charlie Fontenot, Nash Moseley, Emery Lancaster

Sunday, July 12th, 5:00 p.m.

Sacristan: Susan Foret

Lector: Emilie Boudreaux

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Todd McKee, Troy Boudreaux, Jeff Smith

Altar Servers: Thomas Roy, Nathan Waguespack