



ST. JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Building a Tradition of Community Spirit

JULY 19, 2026

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST

Weekend Masses

Saturday | 04:00pm (Vigil)

Sunday | 08:00am, 10:30am, 05:00pm

Weekday Masses

Monday | 06:30am

Tuesday | 08:30am

Wednesday | 08:30am

Thursday | 08:30am

Friday | 06:30am

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 Avenue.

PARISH MINISTERS

Rev. William Schambough Pastor

Deacon Todd McKee Deacon

Eileen LaFleur Secretary to the Pastor

Tammy Hyde Bookkeeper

Erin Dowd . . . Religious Education Coordinator

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Office Location: 101 E. Milton Ave.

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday:

08:00am - 12:00pm & 01:00pm - 04:00pm

Friday: Office Closed

SACRAMENTS:

Reconciliation: Saturday from 3:00pm -3:55pm, 20 minutes before daily Mass and by appointment. (Please call the office).

Baptism: Preparation for the sacrament is provided to parents monthly. (See Bulletin for date and time). Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy, to avoid delay.

Anointing of the Sick: For Anointing, death, or in case of 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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 13: 24-43

A man recently told me he was losing patience with the Church. "It's supposed to be God's Kingdom on earth," he said, "but it's full of contradictions and hypocrisy. Why can't the Church just be better?" That last word landed with a judgmental thud. It hurt. Because at times the Church can look painfully ordinary, even disappointing.

But Jesus' parables in today's Gospel meet that frustration head-on. He says, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field," yet the weeds grow up with the wheat, and the master allows both to grow together until harvest. To his listeners, this sounded strange, even offensive. They expected God's reign to be pure, powerful, and glorious, anything but mixed up, hidden, or small.

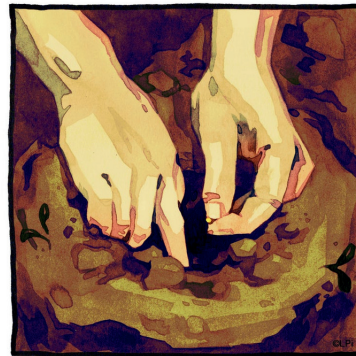
Jesus is showing us something essential. The Kingdom always begins small and grows amid imperfection. Grace and weakness exist side by side until the harvest. That is why the Church often looks messy. Yet within that mess, God's quiet work continues. The weeds do not stop the wheat from growing.

When we see the Church's flaws or our own, it helps to remember that this is exactly the field in which Christ chose to plant. The miracle is not that everything looks perfect, but that his Word keeps taking root anyway.

Lord, give me patience with Your field, the Church. Help me see Your hidden life growing even among the weeds. Amen.

— Father John Muir

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Our Gift Back to God 07/12/2026

Offertory	\$18,519.75
Mailed/ Dropped in Office	\$1,700.00
Total (July 12, 2026)	\$20,219.75
Weekly Goal	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus our Goal	+\$8,219.75
Catholic Communications	\$2,750.00

Thank you!

This Weekend's Second Collection Bishop's Services Appeal

"Those who are just must be kind," says today's first reading. If our words and deeds are kind and selfless, we will be like the good seed in the Gospel parable and gathered as wheat in the Lord's Harvest.

Donate Online

Engage and Support Your Church

Online giving allows you to make donations, via your smart device or your computer to St. Joseph Church. Follow this link to set up your online account with our **New online giving platform, Our Sunday Visitor:** <https://www.osvhub.com/stjo-milton/giving/funds>.

****Please be advised that "Give 52", our previous online platform is being discontinued July 31, 2026.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Joyce Menard
Kenney Stickney
Jo Anne Means
Gabe Fortier
Denise Hebert
Herbert Duhon
Heidi Roth
Hunter Henry
Kim Vincent
Chelsea Santiago
Janel S. Viator
Ms. Thibodeaux
Jamie Fox-Taylor
Leoila Perrien

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
Bobby Foret
Parker Schexnider
Dwight Touchet



Please Pray for our Priests

Rev. Edward Degeyter
Rev. Michael Delcambre
Rev. Mark Derise
Rev. Msgr. Keith Derouen
Rev. Kenneth Domingue
Rev. Michael Dooley, SJ
Rev. Dustin Dought

"The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus."

*"The priest is not a priest for himself, he is a priest for you."
St. John Vianney - Cure' of Ars*

WORSHIP WITH US

July 19, 2026 | 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 20th : Confession 6am
Mass 6:30am

Tuesday 21st: Confession 8am
Mass 8:30am
**LAS Rosary Group
9:30am (Church)**

Wednesday 22nd: Confession 8am
Mass 8:30am
Adoration 5:30pm

Thursday 23rd: Confession 8am
Mass 8:30am
**KC Meeting 6:30pm
(Life Center)**

Friday 24th Confession 6am
Confession 6:30am
Parish Office Closed

Saturday 25th Confession 3:00pm
Mass 4:00pm

Sunday 26th Mass 8:00am
Mass 10:30am
Confession 4:15pm
Mass 5:00pm



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. You may also visit our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament at the Adoration Chapel at 208 E. Edith Road. Pre-registration at the Parish Office is required to obtain the entry code.

MASS INTENTIONS

Weekend of July 18th and 19th, 2026

**Sat. 4 p.m., and Sun. 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. for the Intentions listed.
10:30 a.m. for our Parish (Pro Populo)**

Mabry & Gloria Simon (Her B-Day), Wayne "Bubba" Begnaud, Jr., M/M Wilmer Landry, M/M Pressley Broussard, Evelyn B. Landry (Birthday), Kenneth Cedotal, Russell Toups, Randy LeBlanc, Earl J. Bouton, Sr., John Lloyd Trahan, Willis & Geri Morvant, Beverly Fuselier, Dianne Touchet, Etienne & Leona Clark, Wilda & Louis Theo Bares, Chester Henry, Cheri Trahan, Kevin Manceaux, Alphonse & Lula Domingue, Francis & Louella Hebert, Alyce Rose Doiga, M/M Lawrence & Alice Benoit, Sr., Eustis & Beulah Toups, Robert & Andrea Hebert, Olan & Marie LeMaire (His Anniv.), Jacob Guidry, Zachary Hebert, Denis Domingue, Dot Guidry (Birthday), Randall Picard

Monday 20th	Evelyn B. Landry (Anniversary)
Tuesday 21st	Kerry Sanner, Keith & Janelle Sanner
Wednesday 22nd	Previous Bishops
Thursday 23rd	Edvard Hebert, Jr.
Friday 24th	Jerry & Betsy Viator

Sanctuary Candle

Beverly C. Picard (Birthday)
Charles D. Bernard (Anniversary)

WEEKLY READINGS

07/20 to 07/25/2026

Monday:	Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday:	Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday:	Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 13:10-17
Friday:	Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 13:18-23
Saturday:	2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

Next Sunday's Readings

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130
Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 13:44-52 or 13:44-46



LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY ROSARY GROUP

Tuesday July 21st at 9:00am in Church

The Ladies Altar Society Rosary Group will meet to pray the Rosary on Tuesday, July 21st at 9:00am in Church. Ladies of the Community are invited to join them.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Thursday July 23rd at 6:30pm in Life Center

The Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday, July 23rd at 6:30pm in the Life Center.



BAPTISM SEMINAR

Thursday August 13th at 6:30pm in Church

The next Baptism Seminar will be held on Thursday, August 13th at 6:30pm in Church. No pre-registration is required. Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy to avoid delays in receiving the Sacrament.



UPCOMING EVENTS



MAN TO MAN

Saturday August 22nd

Man to Man Catholic Conference "Manhood through Mary" will be held **Saturday, August 22nd** at Our Lady of Fatima Church. This is an excellent opportunity for Holy Mass, Confession, Talks and Fellowship. Speakers will be Fr. Bill Casey, CPM, Fr. Patrick Hough, SJ, Fr. Andrew Schumacher and Chad Judice. Visit their website for more information and to register: www.catholicmenlft.com.



FETE DIEU DU TECHE

Saturday, August 15th

Fete-Dieu du Teche Eucharistic Procession on Bayou Teche will be held **Saturday, August 15th** beginning at 8:00 am with Sunday Mass in French by Bishop Douglas Deshotel at St. Leo the Great Church in Leonville. Adore the Lord as he processes on Cajun water and soil. For more information and details:
Phone: (337)394-6550
Email: fetedieuduteche@gmail.com
website: www.fetedieuduteche.org



MEN'S ACTS RETREAT

August 20th -23rd

Men's ACTS Retreat - A few spots remain 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.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Do What Needs to Be Done

A friend recently confided in me that although he prayed frequently each day and was involved heavily in his parish, he did not sense much fruit coming from it all and was left feeling unsatisfied. I assured him he was not alone. I told him of a deceased pastor of mine who had spoken frequently about being in this type of situation. Even as a priest, he knew all too well of how we can feel like we are simply going through the motions. It is precisely at those times that continuing to pray and practicing good stewardship is most important, because it would be easier to simply take a break and risk never coming back. He liked to say, "Do the drill," meaning just do what needs to be done.

We are all called to be mature disciples who answer the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost. We cannot choose when and where the call will come. We cannot schedule our stewardship in a way that is always most convenient for us. Even when the fruits of our faithful efforts seem hidden from us, we hold to the promise that we are never called to give of ourselves for nothing. God is working through us and in us. No matter how dry the land may seem, seeds are being planted to yield a harvest greater than we can ever realize. Stay strong and do the drill!

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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WORD OF LIFE

"Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together." *May married couples embrace their call to total, faithful, and fruitful love with openness to new life; let us pray to the Lord.*



OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)

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.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

July 25th through July 26th, 2026

Sacristans, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers

Saturday, July 25th, 4:00pm

Sacristan: Linda Desormeaux

Lector: Shelley Broussard

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Todd McKee, Michelle Bayard, Linda Desormeaux

Altar Servers: Vivian Deshotel, Elise LeBlanc

Sunday, July 26th, 8:00am

Sacristan: Trish Suire

Lector: Trista Littell

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Todd McKee, Marguerite Blanchard, Stacy Picard

Altar Servers: Ellen Blanchard, Andrew Louviere

We ask all ministers to please arrive 15 minutes before Mass. Sacristans, please arrive 30-45 minutes before Mass. Please request a sub on your Ministry Pro App if you are unable to fulfill your scheduled time.

Sunday, July 26th, 10:00am

Sacristan: Mary Ann Romero

Lector: C.J. Miller

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Todd McKee, Jude Bares, Mary Ann Romero

Altar Servers: Graham Snodgrass, Maverick Sanner, Thomas Sanner

Sunday, July 26th, 5:00pm

Sacristan: Natalie Hidalgo

Lector: Chris Primeaux

Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Todd McKee, Jeff Smith, Natalie Hidalgo

Altar Servers: Madison Goss, Tucker Goss