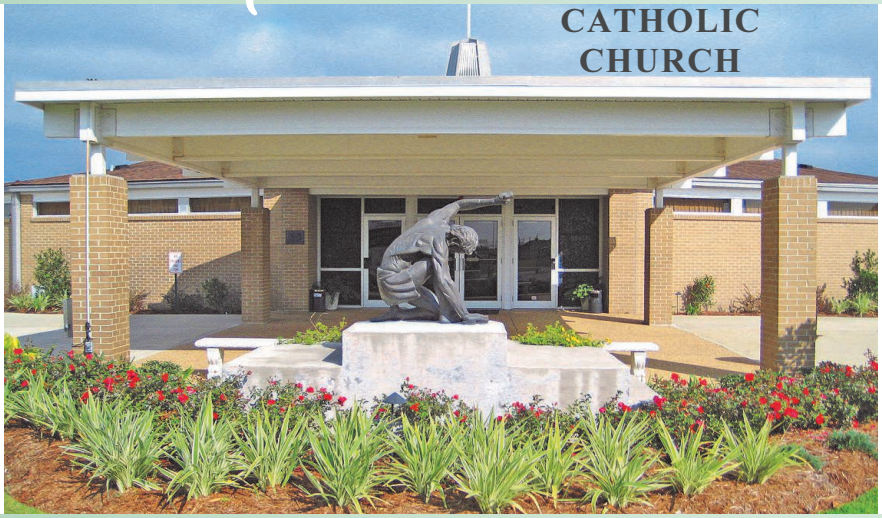
October 15, 2017 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Joseph the Worker



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MISSION STATEMENT: According to the congregation, St. Joseph the Worker is a multi-racial parish: ***W***here we acknowledge that we are children of one God and brothers and sisters in Christ called to live in unity and peace, ***W***hose being is centered in loving God and others especially in the celebration of the Eucharist, which is the sign of our unity in Christ, ***W***hose love, rooted in Christ, is expressed in our commitment to alleviate human suffering wherever it is found, and in our concern for justice for all people of the world especially the poor, the sick, the elderly, the youth and the oppressed. ***W***hose love is inclusive, welcoming all, respecting all and making our parish a sign of the unity to which the Spirit calls the church and the world.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil.....4:00 p.m.
Sunday ..... 10:00 a.m.
Holy Days Check the bulletin
Daily Mass: Monday through Thursday ..... 9:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard from 3:15–3:45 p.m. on Saturday and from 9:15–9:45 a.m. on Sundays, & on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 5p.m.-6p.m., or by appointment.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

1st Wednesday of the month, 9:30 a.m.–8 p.m. in Daily Chapel

NOVENAS (DAILY CHAPEL)

Tuesday Morning Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Novena to St. Peregrine after Daily Mass

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Eugene F. Jacques……...*Pastor* ***Contact # 666-1744***
Charles E. Allen ……. *Deacon*
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NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome! Orange forms are available in the back of Church. When moving out of the parish or changing your address, telephone numbers, or employment, please notify the parish office.

BAPTISM: Applicationpackets are issued by Fr. Gene after Mass and should be requested at least 3 months prior to the expected birth. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a Baptism Seminar before Baptisms can be scheduled. **Baptisms are not celebrated during Lent.**

VISITATION OF THE SICK: Please inform the parish office when someone is sick, shut-in, or in the hospital, and unable to attend Mass.

FUNERALS: Please inform the parish office as soon as possible when someone in the family dies, preferably before contacting the funeral home.

MARRIAGE: Engaged couples must call the parish office at least six months prior to the planned date of the wedding .

MUSIC ARRANGEMENTS for weddings and funerals must be made through the Music Director.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 16, 2017—9AM—On his birthday-Alvin Sonny Camardelle

Saturday, October 21, 2017—4PM—JoAnna S. Stansbury, Lawrence A. Nicholas, Nettie (Grandma) Saladino, Albert J. Chopin, Dora K. Chopin, Gary Ledet,Ronald Alexander,Dorothy Maney, Esmy Brooks The healing of Tina Mowry & June Duffourc, The birthday & anniversary of Bernice & Herman Green, Sr., In memory of Michael G. Gerrets, Sr., Courtni Edna Allen, & Marina Saul, In memory of his 98th birthday, Eddie Saul, Death anniversary of Royal Williams, Sr. & Dominick Saladino.

Sunday ,October 22, 2017—10AM—The gift of healing for Karen B. Weaver & Donald Bourgeois, The birthday & anniversary of Bernice & Herman Green, Sr., In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Gistarve P. Joseph, Sr. & Courtni Edna Allen, For the repose of the soul of Reuben O. Berry, Jr.

Did You Know ...

. . . that our Trunk-A-Treat event is scheduled for Friday, October 27th from 6-9 PM. Sign up for families that are planning to take part in the Trunk-a-Treat by decorating their vehicles and distributing treats will be held after both Masses starting the weekend of October 14th & 15th. All parishioners are encouraged to participate in this SAFE trick or treating experience.

Donations are being requested as follows:

dill pickles	chili	nacho cheese
nacho chips	hot dogs	buns
bagged candy	potatoes	turkey necks
sausage	cakes	corn on the cob
suckers	popcorn balls	candy apples
cookies	jambalaya mix	bagged chips
2-liter drinks	seafood boil seasoning	
Gift certificates or prizes ages 3-15		

Pray for the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Parish

Cynthia Armand, Farrel Avist, Laura Baranco, Earlis & Nellie Bartholomew, Shirley Bodley, Gail Ferrier Brown, Leroy Francis, Brenda & Ronnie Clark, Mable Davis, Marcella Davis, Brenda Dumas, Abra Harris Alma Mae Jones, Lula Jordan, Joanna LeSieur, Altia Lee, Audrey Lumzy, Lucille Perkins, Bessie Perque, Sidney & Blanche Poche, P.W. Richard, Lily Rowe, Rosalie Savoie, Lenora Savoy, Ruth Sax, Curtis Spears, Joseph R. Steib, Felicia Valdes, Lois Lanette-Walker, Mae Walker, Theresa Weber, Dana Williams, Emelda Williams, Deacon Herman Williams.

Upcoming Events

Mon—-10/16—6:30PM—Marriage Ministry **(CMR)**

Tue— 10/17- 6:30PM—Respect for Life **(PO)**

Wed—10/18—7:00PM—RCIA **(PO)**

Fri— 10/20—11:30AM—Finance Committee

6:00 PM –Cancer Awareness Set-Up

Sat— 10/21—9:00AM– Cancer Awareness **(Hall)**

Sun—10/22—NOON–Black & Gold **(Hall)**

Offering of October 7 & 8, 2017

1st Collection	$ 6,584.00
Capital Improvement	$ 315.00
Misc . Income	$ 494.00
Total	$ 7,393.00
Helping Hands	$ 53.00

OZANAM INN

Helping Hands Ministry will be serving lunch at Ozanam Inn on Sunday October 29.

They are requesting donations of

Cooked ground meat

Cooked spaghetti

Green salad

We also need workers to prepare, receive and serve the food. Sign up sheets will be available after the masses for the weekends of October 14 and 15 and 21 and 22.

"...Lord, when did we see you hungry and fed you, or thirsty and gave you drink?"
(Matthew 25:37).

Scripture Reading

Mon: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98/Lk 11:29-32
Tue: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19/Lk 11:37-41
Wed: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145/Lk 10:1-9
Thu: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130/Lk 11:47-54
Fri: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32/Lk 12:1-7
Sat: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105/Lk 12:8-12
Sun: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Like last Sunday's second group of vineyard tenants, so with the guests who finally make it into this week's wedding banquet. They (we) are not the first invited. As Jesus lists successive groups of invitees, it becomes painfully clear-not only are we not the first, we're not even the best! We get in on the third sweep of "the main roads,: i.e., roads separating the Promised Land from unclean Gentile territory. Though Isaiah promised "a feast of rich food and choice wines," the sense we're meant to get is hardly one of gracious dining in the company of elegant guests (25:6). We slipped in only when the sign went up: "Now Open to the Public." Something to remember whenever I gaze around the banquet hall (Sunday Mass) and start sizing up my fellow guests.

Consider too the unfortunate guest not dressed in a wedding garment. When it comes to the Kingdom's wedding feast, getting in does no necessarily guarantee staying in. In fact, being let in is no big deal, since everyone else, "bad and good alike," got in, too (Matthew 22:10). We were rounded up, forcibly packed in until the hall was filled. But being welcomed by the King to stay requires a wedding garment, Paul's "putting on the Lord Jesus Christ" (cf. Romans 13:14), Revelation's "bright, clean linen garment" (19:8).

Put another way: If being baptized is our "admittance ticket" to the Kingdom, then bearing witness to our baptismal covenant in self-sacrificing deeds of practical charity is absolutely required if we wish to remain to partake of the feast.

CCD 2017-18 CALENDAR

October 18—Class #4—Open House 7PM in Church.
October 25—Class #5—First Penance Meeting
November 1—NO CCD—All Saints Day

Meeting God in Our Home
Couple Prayer

We desire intimacy with our spouse, and we often feel the desire to be on the same page spiritually, but praying with another person, one-on-one, can be difficult and awkward, even if it is the person we love the most. Why is that? The answer lies in the fact that entering into prayer together, before God, is the single most intimate thing a married couple can do!

Why is it so difficult?

- We are not used to praying with another person. Getting started is difficult because, more than anything, we may not know what to do, and even if we try to fake it, our spouses usually know better!
- Once we finally do consider getting started, we can be surprised that by praying together as spouses we experience the most intimate thing to do together, and we are uncomfortable with the new level of vulnerability.

How can we get better?

- Start simple: There is no perfect "method" or structure of prayer. Just pray! Take turns thanking God for gifts in your lives, pray for the desires of your hearts, reflect on Scripture together and share your insights.
- Recommit to one another each day: The most important thing is that you pray together. Be faithful to the commitment and God will do the rest!

Liturgical Schedule for October 21 & October 22, 2017

Hospitality	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Burma Bentley Carmel Black Jackie Bertucci Una Brown Betty Broyard Beverly Courseault	Phallon Tanner Brianna Tanner Dorian Rickson	Florence Brumfield Rosalind Barnett	Barbara Leonard, Wilbert Martin, Edna Nicholas, Dorothy Powell, Genevieve Richard, Ronald Schulte
Juanita Phillips Althea Roussell Carmelite Russell Claudette Simmons Wilbert Sims	Amari Bell Tiva Batiste Marley Green	Wanda Barrios Elvina Beevers	Cabrini Johnson, Joyce Richoux, Diane Keller, Helen LaSalle, Deborah Lomonaco, Brenda Menard, Debbie Ragas, Felix Rando, Kathryn Rando

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