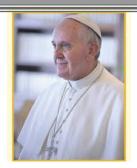


# "Pilgrimage Church for the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy"

St. Joseph Catholic Church

(Established 1848)



Pope Francis

#### **Celebration of Holy Mass**

Weekends: Saturday 4:30pm (Vigil Mass) First Sat. Rosary 4pm Sunday 8am, 10am, 5pm

Weekdays: Mon. Wed. & Fri. 6:30am Tues. Nursing Home 9:30am, Thurs. 12:10pm

#### **Reconciliation**

20 minutes before Masses begin or anytime by appointment.

#### **Rectory Office Hours**

Monday-Thursday 9am - 3pm Friday 9am - Noon

#### **New Parishioners**

We welcome you with great joy and invite you to register and worship with us regularly.

Forms are available in the rectory.

#### SACRAMENT INFORMATION

Baptism - Instructions are offered for both parents and godparents during the months of February, May, August, and November . Plan accordingly when expecting a child or choosing godparents and call 395-3881 to register for the class or to schedule a baptism.

**Confirmation** - Young people are prepared for Confirmation through the Confirmation Program. Adults are prepared for Confirmation through the R.C.I.A.

Matrimony - Diocesan Policy requires that a couple make arrangements with the pastor at least 6 months prior to desired date.

Sacrament of The Sick - Call the rectory to make arrangements for Communion and Anointing.

Rite of Christian Burial -Arrangements to be made with a priest by the family.

Sacrament of Holy Orders or calling to religious life - please contact the priest in order to discern God's will.

Initiation of Adults) - This process is structured to provide information for the formation of those who are seeking a fuller life as Christians in the Catholic Tradition. For information, please call the Office of Religious Education.

Religious Education For Children Call the Office of Religious Education for information about registering your child.

Knights of Columbus - Meet the second Thurs. of the month at 7pm. Come Lord Jesus Groups - Seeking to become closer to God, learning more about scripture and being spiritually prepared for Sunday liturgy....consider joining a CLJ Group Call Marguerite Sumrall 395-5304 for more information.

Need a Ride to 10am Masscall Evelyn Estay at 985-395-3610 by 3:00 PM on the Friday before each Sunday that you need assistance.

# 17th Ordinary Time: The Lord's Prayer in the Gospel of Luke

This Sunday's Gospel presents the Lord's Prayer. Something is wrong, though. It's not the Our Father that we learned as children and that we pray during Mass. It doesn't sound quite right: "Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test."

Today's Gospel is the Lord's Prayer as it is found in the Gospel of Luke. The Our Father we learned and pray at Mass is the Lord's Prayer as it is found in the Gospel of Matthew.

So, why the difference? First of all, the Holy Spirit, the ultimate author of Sacred Scripture, used the evangelists, the writers of the Gospels, to present the teachings of Jesus to the various groups of people and to incorporate into these presentations an inspired understanding of the Lord's words. Matthew was addressed to Christians of Jewish origin. Luke was addressed to Christians of Gentile origin. Matthew emphasized that Jesus was the fulfillment of the Scripture. Scripture was Jewish. The people Luke wrote to knew little to nothing of Jewish scripture. Many of these people were poor, and the outcasts of society. They may not have had a foundation in Jewish Scripture, but they did have a deep understanding of the work of the Holy Spirit. They believed that the Holy Spirit called them to faith and sustained them just as he called the people of all different nations to faith on Pentecost Sunday.

The Lord's Prayer in Luke is given during the journey narrative. It is the prayer for the journey. In its immediate context, the disciples ask for a unique prayer, one which would express their unique following of Christ. John the Baptist had taught his disciples to pray for the coming of the Kingdom. Did Jesus have a prayer for them? They also had experienced Jesus at prayer. What must that have been like? They wanted to pray like he prayed. They wanted to have union with the Father, not just recite words.

After the Lord's prayer is presented, Luke records two parables of the Lord to demonstrate the goodness of God. The first is humorous. It is meant to be humorous. A father wakes up in the middle of the night to hear a friend calling to him from outside asking him to borrow some bread. "What, are you crazy?" he calls back. "It's the middle of the night. My kids are sleeping. You wake up the baby, you put her back to sleep. My wife's sleeping, and I've got my PJ's on. Go away." "Well," Jesus says, "if the friend keeps demanding the bread, the father of the house will give it to him just to keep him quiet. If that is how a mundane father would react to a petition, how much more would Your Heavenly Father who really loves you listen to your prayers. So ask, seek, knock. God is listening." The second parable is similar. If earthly fathers know how to provide good things for their children, how much more will our Heavenly Father know what to provide for the children he loves. Then we have a phrase unique to Luke: Ask the Heavenly Father, and he will give you the Holy Spirit. The Lord's Prayer in Luke is a petition for all our needs, the greatest of which is the Holy Spirit.

Now let's focus in on this Lord's Prayer in Luke. It begins by saying that God's name is hallowed. Hallow means holy. When we say Hallowed be thy name, we are saying, "May all people realized the holiness of your name." God's name was revealed to Moses from the burning bush. He said, "I am who am." The sacred name, Yahweh. The Gentiles that Luke wrote to may not have known about Moses, but they knew that a person's name was a unique expression of the whole of the person. To know a person's name is knowledge of whom the person is. May all people, may we, live in the knowledge of whom the Father is. May we recognize his uniqueness, his holiness. May his named be hallowed.

The Lord's Prayer in Luke next asks that the Father's kingdom may come. Rome had done its best to subject the entire world to its empire. It allowed the various people it conquered to keep a local government and continue local traditions, it

even allowed them to continue worshiping their gods as long as they also worshiped the Roman gods, particularly the emperors. The glory that was Rome was really a materialistic and militaristic empire, that kept others in place through trade and religion as well as force. When these Gentiles who had become Christians prayed, "Thy Kingdom come," they were praying that the world order be changed. They were praying for the defeat of all that Rome stood for. They were praying for a very different world which would value sacrificial love rather than the accumulation of material goods. We still need to pray for that world. We need to pray that we might take steps away from materialism and into love.

Luke goes right on to present the petition: Give us our daily bread. In the Gospel of Luke and in The Acts of the Apostles, the second book that Luke wrote, bread is always associated with prayer as a reference to the Eucharist. The prayer for daily bread in The Gospel of Luke is not merely a prayer for physical sustenance. It is a prayer for the Eucharist. We who come receive communion every week can easily forget the tremendous gift we receive in our hands or on our tongues. This is Jesus, really present right here right now, nourishing us, sustaining us. We should not take this gift for granted. We pray for this gift. "Give us our daily bread."

And we ask for forgiveness as we have forgiven others. The Christian norm for forgiving is the compassion and forgiveness of the Father. The Gospel of Luke is often called the Gospel of God's compassion. In this Gospel Jesus instructs us to be compassionate as the Heavenly Father is compassionate. In this Gospel the Forgiving Father welcomes home the Prodigal Son. In this Gospel an Older Brother is told he must learn to overcome his resistence to forgive or this resistence itself will keep him from enjoying the Heavenly Father's banquet. We have to stop destroying ourselves with our grudges and forgive, move one, and enjoy the Christian banquet.

Finally the Lord's prayer in Luke concludes with, 'Do not subject us to the trial." The Gospel of Luke often focuses in on the end of the world. It considers that as the world comes to a conclusion, many people throughout the world will have answers to the problems of life that ignore the Lord. We continually experience this. The girl is pregnant and some say "Have an abortion." A marriage hits a rough point and some say "Get a divorce." A teenager becomes difficult and some say, "Get out of the house." A grandparent is terminally ill and some say, "Let them kill themselves and save the inheritance for us." These and other so called solutions of our world are part of the test, the trial the Lord gives us to see if we really want to be standing for him when the end comes, whether it be the end of the world or the end of our own personal worlds.

The Lord's Prayer in the Gospel of Luke is the prayer of the Gentile disciple of Jesus, you and I, who recognizes that true power is not to be found in an empire and that true happiness is not to be found in possessions. The Lord's Prayer in Luke is ultimately a prayer to the Holy Spirit to empower us to live in the holiness of God's name, to receive worthily the Eucharist, to forgive those who hurt us and to choose God before any other solution to the problems of life.

# **Parish Directory**

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# EXTRAORDINARY HOLY YEAR OF MERCY:

Dec. 8, 2015 - Nov. 20, 2016

Individuals and groups visiting our parish as a pilgrimage site are very welcome! Church doors will be open from 8:00am to 5:00pm. A register and informational pamphlets are available in the entrance of church for your

convenience. For groups – if you call in advance to make an appointment (985-395-3616) some additional arrangements

can be made.
To gain plenary indulgence, follow the 5 actions listed: Holy Door, Confession, Mass-Communion, Nicene Creed, Pray for the Pope.
For more information call the rectory.

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### **MONDAY, JULY 25**

**6:30am**: Fr. Vu,

(After Mass: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena)

#### **TUESDAY, JULY 26**

9:30am: Nursing Home- Edith Grizaffi

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 27** 6:30AM:

**THURSDAY, JULY 28** 12:10PM:

FRIDAY, JULY 29

6:30AM:

#### **SATURDAY, JULY 30**

4:30pm: Michael Gunther, Danny & Norris Broussard, Anthony & Marie Morella, Joyce & Lester Leger, Anna Ruth Taylor, Clyde G. Peterson,

#### SUNDAY, JULY 31

8:00am: Lenny Guzzino, Ray Jude Vidos Sr., For the People of our Parish,

10:00am: Frank Governale, Judy Clark, Verona Vidrine, Harold Allemond, Jerry M. Lipari, John D. & Annette Carpenter, Craig Verdine Jr. Murray & Melba Trahan, Gertrude S. Bailey, Pete Grilliot, Luke & Virginia Lipair, Ira LaCoste

5:00pm: James Blocker Jr., Beth Verret, Katherine Cardinale, Ross Grimball, Elsa Y. Parchmont, Holy Souls, Jim Swords, Antonia Lipari Mire

#### Sanctuary Light

Note: If a name is not printed above, due to human error, be assured that God has accepted your intention in heaven. Canon Law 94

#### **Sick Relatives & Friends**

Please pray for the sick of our parish & their caregivers: Stella Saleme, Linda Thomas, Charles Felterman, Arthur Roy, Scott Governale, Linda Adams, Anthony Trosclair, Mary Ann Trosclair, Dana Griffin, B.L. & Jackie Como, Charles Culotta, Brittany Richoux, , Andy Hebert, Evita & Karter Boutte, Earl McNail, Frank Black, Kristin LaPointe, Natalie Hyatt, Pat Gary, Gayle Verdin, Loretia Plemons, Barry Broussard, Wilda & Frank Cali, Barry Tobias, Sylvia Felterman, Cary Mac Staples, Clyde Aucoin, Carol Covillier, Ruby Crapell, Iris Roy, Sally Rogers, Karen Thurgie, Geraldine Dinger, Coutrey Cox, Emma G. Cox, Tessie Michel, Michelle Thomas, Fr. Vidrine, Cindy Dugus, Joe Guillory, Amber Grogan, Rip & Cherly Verdin, Nola & Deidra Verdin, Michelle Thomas, Dean Carrington, Mary Sehon, Greg Cart, Noel & Aeidia Verdin, Lloyd Marshall, Melissa Michel, Ellen C. Bougeious, Sandy Mire , Mathilde Harrington, Quinn Williams, Lara Campbell, Lillian Rose, Dennis Taylor, Ken Montgomery, Trevor Matherne, Mary Boudreaux, AJ & Myrna Bourg, Hunter Alpha, Mary Graves, Charles LaSalle, Danell Kimble, Burt Williams, Leona Cloud, Kevin Cole Simon, Bobby Johnson, Sterling Hebert, Carla LaSalle, Regina Wheeler, Bonnie Comeaux, Ronnie Roy, Ahney Chauvin, Barbara Guarisco, Lucas Griffin, Gary Clark, Totsie Harrington, Louis & Suzanne Lipari, James Veazey, John Dimatteo, Daisy Leblace, Fr. Joe Breaux, Tammy Chauvin, Joey Estay, Rose Johnson, Ronald Blanchard, Nancy Shllings, Ian Davis, Celeste Henry, Darlene Paul, Harold Gobert, Bob Opperman, Alice Davis, Donavan Lebance, Mildred Trujillo, Gail Smith, Sally Rogers, Brenda Simon, Randy Verret, Brandy Brown, Susan Guzzetta Fromenthal, Floyd Estay , Anna George, Cindy M. Ribaul , Sadie Grow, Gretchen Lambert, Donald Jumonville, Charles Esprit, Sherda Reedom, Jermaine Boutte, Mindy Kincade, Ray Primeaux, Jacob Billington, , Cary James Laiche, Jimmy Aucoin, Anna George, Samantha Floyd, Eula Trahan, Susan Howell, Jane Daves, Ramona Carpenter, Claude Czaja, Emily Carrington, Coni Marble, Allie Keith, Sennett Wiggins III, Joslyn Cannon, Wilda Riles, Chloe St. Julian, Brie Landry, Dr. Whyba Duay, Mike Alisio , Peggy Grimball, Theresa LaGrange, Leona Cloud, Judi Garrett, Tanya Clamon

Please call the rectory to add or delete a name on the list.

# **Weekly Offerings**

Last week collection: \$4557.00 God Bless you for your stewardship.

#### Office of Religious Education & Formation

Mamie Perry 395-3881 stjoedre@teche.net

## Family Registration for **Grades 1-11 Religion Classes** July 18 - August 12 Classes will begin Wednesday, August 31.

Letters to all enrolled families have been mailed to remind parents to register during these 2 weeks.

Registration fee for each student is \$20.00, and checks should be made payable to St. Joseph's.

Payment plans can be set up by phone if needed and will be available to those families registering by the deadline of August 11.

Enrolled families have the option of mailing or dropping off their completed registration form and fees.

New families are encouraged to call and come by to register new students for our parish program. Catholic School students are also reminded to register for sacrament preparation (First Reconciliation, First Communion, or Confirmation) at this time. A copy of the baptism certificate is needed for all students registering for the first time as well as a signed photo release form by their parents.

We hope that some among you will consider volunteering your time and talents to be a part of our education ministries

Women's Study Group any woman interested in sharing a few mornings discussing matters of faith and family should contact the religious education office for more information. (First meeting TBA)

**RCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Adults interesting in joining the Catholic Family or completing their sacramental journey should contact the religious

#### **Baptism Preparation for Parents and Godparents**

Thurs. Aug. II @ 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall Anyone needing to baptize their child should contact the religious education office to register for the preparation class. Please note that parents and godparents are required to attend.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS...**

**Discussion Group:** Mon. & Wed. 6:30pm in the parish hall, our seminarian John Dugas will be giving a presentation on prayer and the catechism. All are invited. Please bring your catechism.

#### First Saturday Rosary:

The Holy Rosary will be prayed before the Vigil Mass in church beginning at 4pm the first Saturday of each month. Please join us.

Fr. Bennerfield will be reciting the Divine Mercy Chaplet after every 10:00am Mass on Sundays. Please join him.

## St. Joseph Catholic Church Fall Pilgrimage—Acadiana Area Saturday, October 8, 2016

Fall Pilgrimage – Acadiana Area Saturday, October 8, 2016 St. Peter Church, Carencro – St. Charles Borromeo Church and St. John Berchmans Shrine, Grand Coteau Charlene Richard's Grave, Richard – Immaculate Conception Church, Washington –St. Landry Church, Opelousas

Fr. Herb Bennerfield, Pastor and Pilgrimage Director Contact Person – Angie Stelly – Phone (985) 759-3154

Cost: \$95.00 per person Price includes motorcoach fare, tour admission, and supper

Join us for a "Mercy Door Carpool Pilgrimage" on Sunday, July 31st. Departs after 8:00 am Mass, with carpool transportation. Will visit the following Year of Mercy Pilgrimage sites: St. Martin de Tours, St. John Cathedral, Carmelite Monastery, Our Lady of Mercy, Henderson, Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Leonville, and Our Lady of Mercy, Opelousas. Lunch at Pat's in Henderson. Contact Angie Stelly at 759-3154 for more info.

# **Baptism**

Welcome into our Catholic Family!



#### **Bryson Carter Ausama**

Child of Tristen Da'Shaud Ausama & Raven Nicole Gahn

Congratulations to our newest member & their family!

### St. Joseph is now accepting Bulletin ads. You may purchase an Ad for your business or in memory of someone. Ads are \$20.00 a month or \$240.00 a yr. If you would like to place an Ad in the Bulletin please call the rectory 395-3616.

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