



### **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.

**R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian  
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 Mass-**  
call Evelyn Estay at 985-395-  
3610 by 3:00 PM on the Friday  
before each Sunday that you  
need assistance.

# St. Joseph Bulletin

## St. Joseph Catholic Church (Established 1848)

### 1011 First Street, Patterson, LA 70392

## Feast of the Immaculate Conception



The doctrine of the Immaculate Conception means that Mary was conceived without original sin or its stain – hence the word “immaculate.” It might be puzzling to realize that the Gospel reading for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception is the Annunciation celebrating Mary’s conception of Jesus. The key to the connection is the angel’s greeting to Mary. The angel Gabriel said, “Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with

you” (Luke 1:28). The phrase “full of grace” sometimes translated “highly favored” or “Gifted Lady” is a translation of a Greek word chosen with great specificity by Luke. The Greek verb and tense used by Luke means that Mary was “full of grace” all of her life. Luke could have used a different word to show that Mary was full of grace only at that particular moment as when he described Stephen “full of grace” only for a moment in Acts 6:8 before he was stoned to death. But Luke insists by his careful choice of words that Mary was full of grace all her life, so indirectly we get a hint of Mary’s Immaculate Conception in the account of the angel Gabriel’s visit to Mary in the Gospel today.

The angel Gabriel greeted Mary, “Hail, full of grace!” Normally at that time after greeting someone with “Hail” you would give them their title, so “full of grace” is actually a title or name that the angel Gabriel gives to Mary. And names were very important in that part of the world because your name told something about who you were. So “full of grace” describes Mary’s very being. Mary was full of grace from the first moment of her existence when she was immaculately conceived. In the words of St. Louis Marie de Montfort, “God the Father made a gathering of all the waters and called it the sea; he made a gathering of all graces and called it Mary.”

Mary’s first response to the greeting was being “greatly troubled.” The Greek word Luke uses to describe Mary’s response is unique in the New Testament, but it is very closely related to the word used to describe Herod’s response of learning of Jesus’ birth, which was to be “troubled” so much he would try to kill Jesus. Luke also uses the word to describe Zechariah’s response to the angelic message that he would be a father, and the Disciples’ response when the resurrected Jesus appears to them. The Annunciation of God’s work in our lives may cause us fear or overwhelming anxiety but it is also an invitation to believe.

What God invites us to do and to believe may appear impossible. This is the intended point conveyed by Mary’s “virginity.” Here as throughout the Bible God demonstrates he “is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us” (Eph 3:20).

The closing note of the Gospel often goes without comment but is quite realistic in the life of Mary and our own. “Then the angel departed from her.” Left on her own, how does she keep the commitment without the consolation of a presence? As Julie said of herself, she gropes along like a blind woman not always sure of the correct direction but making decisions with her best insights and trusting in the Good God. Like Mary and Julie we are called to life from faith to faithfulness to fruitfulness and many times in a cloud of uncertainty.

The Annunciation has been one of the most frequent subjects of Christian art with depictions that go back to early Christianity including a fresco in the Priscilla catacomb in Rome dating to the 4th century. Although not qualifying as a great work of art, one of my favorite pictures of the Annunciation is of Mary standing at the kitchen sink peeling apples. The shadow of an approaching angel can be seen at the window. Very often our “annunciations” arrive in the very ordinary circumstances of living with just a shadow of assurance. It is in such ordinary moments of life that God calls us to a growth in faith, faithfulness and fruitfulness.

Sister Camilla Burns

## Parish Directory

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**St. Joseph Church**

**www.stjosephpatla.org**

**Diocese of Lafayette**

**www.diola.org**

**South Region**

**www.diola.org/southregion**

**Websites:**

**St. Joseph Church**

**www.stjoeapat.intuitwebsites.com**

**Diocese of Lafayette**

### **Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)**

**Dec. 7, Wednesday Vigil - 6:00pm**

**Dec. 8., Thursday - 12:10pm & 6:00pm**

**Ministers please see your mass schedules!**

### **“PRAY & GEAUX”**

Every Monday morning at 8:30am

St. Joseph Church

Come, Pray the rosary, then

Geaux about your day!

God can work miracles

With 15 minutes of your time!

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, DEC. 5**  
**6:30am:** Fr. Vu,  
(After Mass: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena)

**TUESDAY, DEC. 6**  
**9:30am:** Nursing Home—

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 7**  
**6:30AM:**  
**6:00PM:** Nezat fly deceased, Ross Grimbball, Ruby & Bessie Simoneaux, Louis Lipari

**THURSDAY, DEC. 8**  
**12:10:** Vernona Vidrine, Anthony & Marie Morella, Ray Vidos, Louis Lipari, Earl Eues  
**6:00PM :**M/M Frank Cardinale, M/M Lucien Cremaldi, M/M Allen Tabor, M/M Russell Cardinale, Joseph Cardinale Jr.

**FRIDAY, DEC. 9**  
**6:30AM:**

**SATURDAY, DEC. 10**  
**4:30pm:** Danny & Norris Broussard, Anthony & Marie Morella, Anna Ruth Taylor, Clyde G. Peterson, Bessie & Rudy Simoneaux, Alvin G. Felterman, John & Annette Carpenter, Louis Lipari,

**SUNDAY, DEC. 11**  
**8:00am:** Lenny Guzzino, Ray Jude Vidos Sr., For the People of our Parish, Rudy Aucion, Gerturde Bailey  
**10:00am:** Frank Governale, Verona Vidrine, Gertrude S. Bailey, Harold Allemond, Donald Jumonville, Louis Lipari, Greg Cart  
**5:00pm:** James Blocker Jr., Beth Verret, Katherine Cardinale, Ross Grimbball, Elsa Y. Parchmont, Holy Souls, Antonia Lipari Mire, Judy Clark, Greg Cart

**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**

**Office of Religious Education & Formation**

dates  
to Remember

Dec. 4 ..... 5th & 6th Grade Mass @ 10:00 a.m.  
Dec. 7 ... Holy Day of Obligation Mass (No Classes)  
Dec. 14 ..... K-II Christmas Program @ 6:00 p.m.  
**(all students should report to the Hall @ 5:30 p.m.)**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**  
Blessed Among Women (Rosary & Prayer Group)  
every Monday @ 8:30am



## CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

We are now accepting donations for Christmas flowers. If you would like to donate toward Christmas decorations to help make our Church beautiful for the birth of Jesus in memory of a loved one, call the Rectory at 395-3616.

## UPCOMING EVENTS...

**Discussion Group:** Monday @ 6:30

**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.

Prayer	Scripture	Eucharist.	Community
<p>Prepare for the holy celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ by participating in the Come, Lord! Advent Program, a four week meditative study on the beautiful Sunday Gospels leading to Christmas. Join us as we prepare our hearts for a season of hope which will transform your Christmas into the sacred season of peace and joy that it is intended to be. Meetings will be held, day and evening, throughout the area. For more information, please contact: <u>Marguerite SUMRALL</u> at 395-5304.</p>			

Monetary donations will be collected for our annual Christmas @ Harbour House trip with our high school youth. Please be as generous as you are able. Donations should be made by cash or check, which can be placed in a plain envelope with Harbour House written across the front. Harbour House donations can be put in the collection basket for any Mass. Thank you, as always for your generous support of St. Joseph's youth ministry efforts.

**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, Sally Rogers, Karen Thurgie, Geraldine Dinger, Courtney Cox, Emma G. Cox, Tessie Michel, Michelle Thomas, Fr. Vidrine, Cindy Dugus, Joe Guillory, Amber Grogan, Rip & Cherly Verdin, Noel & Deidra Verdin, Michelle Thomas, Dean Carrington, Mary Sehon, Greg Cart, Noel & Airdie Verdin, 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, Iris Roy, Charles LaSalle, Danell Kimble, Burt Williams, Leona Cloud, Kevin Cole Simon, Bobby Johnson, Sterling Hebert, Carla LaSalle, Ronnie Roy, Ahney Chauvin, Lucas Griffin, Totsie Harrington, Suzanne Lipari, James Veazey, John Dimatteo, Fr. Joe Breaux, Tammy Chauvin, Joey Estay, Rose Johnson, Ronald Blanchard, Nancy Shllings, Ian Davis, Celeste Henry, Darlene Paul, Harold Gobert, Donavan Lebance, Mildred Trujillo, Sally Rogers, Brenda Simon, Brandy Brown, Anna George, Cindy M. Ribaul, Sadie Grow, Gretchen Lambert, Charles Esprit, Sherda Reedon, 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 Grimbball, Theresa LaGrange, Judi Garrett, Tanya Clamon, Fr. Robert Marcelle, Janet Boudier, Patsy Huskey, Erica Hebert, Lydia & Adrian, Paul Conner, Gail Smith, Courtney Montet, Dan Broussard, Jeffery Dimatteo, Sissy Chapman, Jimmy Premeaux Jr., Betty Rulf, Paul Brown, Randy Verret, Troy Osburn, Jason Hernandez, Herman Lajaunie Archer Rogers,

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

Last week collection: \$3707.25  
Thanksgiving \$1079.12  
God Bless you for your stewardship.

## Altar Servers

## Volunteer

Madalyn / Zachary Landry  
Mary Frances Cali  
Kaylee Craddock