



St. Joseph Bulletin

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Established 1848)
1011 First Street, Patterson, LA 70392

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Surpassing the Scribes and Pharisees

The Gospel readings for this Sunday is taken from the Sermon on the Mount in the Gospel of Matthew. Matthew's Gospel was written primarily for Christians who were grounded in the scripture and traditions of the ancient Hebrews--or simply Christians who had first been Jews. The gospel also focused on Jews who were considering becoming Christians as well as all who wanted to learn more about this New Way as our faith was first called.

Matthew's Gospel is structured with numerous references to the Torah, the most important part of the Hebrew Scripture. We know the Torah as the first five books of the Old Testament: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. In the Gospel of Matthew there are five main talks or discourses of the Lord modeled on the five books of the Law or the Torah. The first main discourse of the Law is the most important--the Sermon on the Mount. Just as Moses went up Mount Sinai to bring the Ten Commandments, God's Law to the people, Jesus climbs the mountain of the Beatitudes to present the New Law to the people.

Perhaps with this in mind we can understand Jesus's opening remarks in today's gospel: "I came not to abolish the law and the prophets, but to fulfill them." In the eyes of the Lord the Hebrew Scripture are not only valid; they hold a place of greater reverence than ever before. But merely fulfilling the ancient law was not enough. The attitudes and lifestyles of the Christian must reflect living the law.

When he introduced the New Law of the Kingdom of God Jesus said something that was absolutely shocking. He said that the holiness of the people had to surpass that of the scribes and the Pharisees. How could anyone be holier than the Pharisees? They dressed wearing numerous images of their religion--including phylacteries, or miniature lists of the ten commandments hung from their headbands so whenever they turned their head they would fulfill the law: keep these commandments always before your eyes. They fasted. They said loud prayers for all to hear. But Jesus said that his followers had to be holier than these holy Pharisees. How could that be possible? Well, Jesus explains, our external actions must be a reflection of what we really are like. If what we do is not a reflection of who we are, then we are hypocrites. Hypocrite, that's the word that Jesus uses over and over to describe the Pharisees. Maybe we also used the word hypocrite when we were teenagers or young adults, applying it to those who were older than us who did not fulfill our ideals. Hypocrite is also a word that we all secretly fear others would use about each of us. To avoid being a hypocrite, our whole attitude in life must be Christian.

To demonstrate his point, Jesus contrasts the written law of the Torah with the new attitude of the Kingdom that must motivate this law. For example Jesus says, "You have heard it said that murder is wrong, but harboring hatred is also wrong even if you don't physically kill someone. Why? Because murder is conceived by hatred. The person who hates but does not murder is not a good person. He is just a person who has followed the social norms perhaps to avoid punishment. It is the same with all the laws and rules of the New Kingdom. The Lord's point is that following the law demands living the lifestyle that gives rise to the law. Living the life of the Lord motivates the Christian rather than the minimal performing the law.

It is important that we convey this message to our children. I know how adamant you all are to provide the best for your children. I also know how active you are in children's education. I and all your priests are edified by your efforts to be the best parents you can be. I want to re-enforce the efforts that I know you are making to have your children understand the motivation for their actions. Consider asking the children "why" a particular action is good or bad. For example, "I saw you playing with your cousin today and sharing your toys with him or her. That was very good. Do you know why? Because people are more important than our stuff." Or, "I heard that you went into your brother or sister's room and borrowed their toy and broke it. That was not good. Do you know why? Because you have to respect their possessions just as you want them to respect your possessions." "You did very well on your report card. That is very good. Do you know why? Because you are showing a respect for the gift God gave you by developing your mind."

Maybe we need to do the same thing for ourselves. For example, "I am here in Church. This is good. Why? Because I belong to God and He to me. I need to have this intimate union with Him in the Scripture and the Eucharist at least once a week." Or, "I really lost it with my spouse or my kids. This is bad. Why? Not just because anger is bad, but I sinned against the love that animates our family, the love which really is the Love of God."

You see, it is not in the action itself but it is in the motivation behind the action where the person's true identity is found and formed. We are called to take upon ourselves the very identity of Jesus Christ. We are called to be selfless givers. We are called to be eternal lovers of the Father. We are called to rejoice in His presence in our families. We are not called to be minimalists in the faith. We are called to develop the facility of finding meaning in the laws that God gave us so that our external actions might truly be a reflection of our internal attitudes.

So, is it easier to be a modern Christian than an ancient Jew? Absolutely not. Christianity is extremely demanding upon us all because it calls us to be 100% committed to living in the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ.

When we make efforts to be wholesome, sincere, than our holiness, yours and mine, will surpass even that of the scribes and Pharisees.

Tall order. Absolutely. And that is why we are here today. We are here in prayer to ask God to help us be Christians.

Fr. Joseph Pellegrino

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.

Parish Directory

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Websites:

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www.stjoeat.intuitwebsites.com

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MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, FEB. 13
6:30am: Fr. Vu, Rene Nezat
 (After Mass: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena)

TUESDAY, FEB. 14
9:30am: Nursing Home- Frank & Nicko Smoorenburg

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 15
6:30AM: Louis Lipari

THURSDAY, FEB. 16
12:10:

FRIDAY, FEB. 17
6:30AM: Norman Hymel Jr.

SATURDAY, FEB. 18
4:30pm: Danny & Norris Broussard, Amy Lowery, M/M Clarfa Boudreaux, Disire Migues fly, Louis Lipari

SUNDAY, FEB. 19
8:00am: Ray Jude Vidos Sr., For the People of our Parish, Dr. Earl Eues, Lenny Guizzino, Marie Morella
10:00am: Harold Allemond, Louis Lipari, Rudy Aucoin III, Frank Governale, Ira LaCoste, Louis Lipari
5:00pm: James Blocker Jr., Beth Verret, Katherine Cardinale, Ross Grimball, Elsa Y. Parchmont, Holy Souls, Judy Clark, Greg Cart, Donald Jumonville,

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

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Remember

Religious Education - Year at a Glance

March 1 Ash Wednesday (No Classes)
March 5 ...9th & 10th Gr. Mass @ 10:00 a.m.
March 19 ...2nd & 11th Gr. Mass @ 10:00 a.m.
March 22 Last day of class for Gr. K - 10

St. Joseph's Preschool



St. Joseph's Religious Education is looking to open a Preschool in the fall. Statement of Interest forms are available in front of the church.

Our Mission: To provide God's children with a creative environment to learn readiness skills to prepare for kindergarten, make friends, and most importantly learn about God through Faith Formation.

Our Curriculum: Faith Formation, Kindergarten Readiness Skills, Literacy, Math, Science/Social Studies, Emotional Growth, Nutrition, Health & Self-Care, Computer, Art, Music and Movement.

Ages: 3 & up - must be potty-trained
Schedule: Monday-Friday Half a day
 September - May
Calendar: Follows St. Mary Parish Public Schools Calendar Year

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Adult 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.
"PRAY & GEAUX"-Every Monday morning at 8:30am St. Joseph Church
St. Joseph Altar - We are now taking donation for our upcoming St. Joseph Altar. We need volunteers to help with this project. We will be making **COOKIES** Tuesday, Feb. 14 at 9am in the parish hall. Any help would be appreciated.

DESK OF FR. B

This Could Be You! Volunteers are needed for the following:



- Altar servers**
- Lectors**
- Ushers**
- Choir Members- both traditional and contemporary**

God is calling **you** to give back to Him. Never fear offering Him your service to help build His kingdom. Remember, only **you** can fulfill your role in salvation history. Please contact the office for further information.

Knights of Columbus Social Honoring Spouses of our Knights, Deceased Members, & Past Grand Knights

Social will be held after the 4:30 P.M. Mass on Saturday, February 18, 2017, at our council home. (CAUSAL Dress). We will also be inviting the St. Joseph Altar workers and their spouses. RSVP to one of the ladies at my office, (395-9351) by February 10th, .It would be nice of you wonderful cake makers to bring your favorite cake for our desert.(to keep from having too many cakes; please inform someone at my office that you will bake a cake. When Joann determines we have enough cakes, she will inform the next caller. This will be a good way to bring our council together and visit old to new friends. We look forward to have a good old-fashioned meal with a lot of visiting.

Sick Relatives & Friends

Please pray for the sick of our parish & their caregivers: Stella Saleme, Jason Hernandez, Herman Lajaunie, Archer Rogers, Rodney Hebert, Carey Mac Staples, Herbert Estay, Ruth Bourgeois, Amanda Boggs, Ahney Chauvin, Peggy Grimball, Drue Langlinais, Linda Adams, Nicole Hingle, Wilda Cali, John Dimatteo, Angelle Hebert, Aba Grace Lang, Sally Rogers, Peter Broussard, Ian Davis, Daniel Broussard, Robert, Susan, Josie Torres, Karter Esprit, Evita Boutte, Camren Boutte, Harold Gobert, Trinty Simons, Madeline Venable

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

Come, Lord Jesus! Lenten Journey

Prayer Scripture Eucharist Fellowship

Journey with us during this holy season of Lent as we study and meditate upon the Sunday Gospels leading to the glorious resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Meet weekly with a small faith community for a deeper understanding of Jesus' life and death and the victory He claimed for each of us!
 For more information, please contact Marguerite Sumrall 985-395-5304

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.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

Welcome! Our parish family extends a warm welcome to all who are joining us for worship. We invite you to register and make St. Joseph your parish. Please complete the form, place in the collection are mail to parish office.

NAME: _____
 PHONE: _____
 E-MAIL: _____
 ADDRESS: _____

Weekly Offerings

Last week collection: \$4283.73
 Building & Maintenance \$1450.10

<p><i>In Loving Memory of</i> Jeanie Roy <i>Cora Marie Ward</i></p>	<p>Cajun Breakers, Inc. <i>Electrical Equipment & Supplies</i> www.cajunbreakers.com 985/702-1004 Micah Thibodaux Cell (985)255-1352</p>	<p>Vital Signs Custom sign shop</p> <p><i>Heath Theriot 985/992-0072</i> <i>Hillary Theriot 985/225-2974</i> <i>Wendel Theriot 985/518-1234</i></p>	<p><i>In Loving Memory of</i> Wendel, Loren, Bryant, & Kaylee Henry</p>	<p><i>In Loving Memory of</i> James Blocker Jr. Oct. 20, 1945 Jan. 10, 2007</p>
		<p>Knights of Columbus #1710</p> <p>Protect... Catholic Families for Generations</p>	<p>CHRIST OUR King 90.5 FM</p> <p>1230 AM</p> <p>CATHOLIC RADIO FOR ACADIANA .COM</p>	<p>TOWN & COUNTRY FLORIST & GIFTS, INC Owner: Glynda Lasseigne</p> <p>3515 Hwy 182, Berwick 985/385-6929 www.tandcflorist.com</p>
<p>Frank's Agency, Inc. Complete insurance Services 985-395-9351 frankg@bellsouth.net</p>	<p>Darnall, Sikes, Gardes & Frederick Certified Public Accountants 985-384-6264</p>	<p>BOB'S HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING SERVICE INC.</p> <p>Residential / Commercial Service all Makes</p> <p>985-384-0283</p>	<p>Violin Lessons # 985-714-4502 Gina Doran</p> <p>Facebook: Fiddling Classics</p>	<p>Member FDIC</p> <p>PATTERSON STATE BANK</p>

<p>Feb. 18 & 19</p> <p>Sat. 4:30pm Sun. 8:00am Sun. 10:00am Sun. 5:00pm</p>	<p>Extra Ordinary Ministers of Eucharist</p> <p>Terry Burgess, Linda Thomas, Jane Watson Jamie Guidry, Mamie Perry, Lola Verret Frank & Karen Fink, Monica LaSalle, Terry Burgess Cliff Couture, Sandra Marshall, Debra Verret</p>	<p>Lector</p> <p>Melvin Vining Rand Dooley Don Breaux Mike Brocato Jr.</p>	<p>Altar Servers</p> <p>Madalyn & Zachary Landry volunteer Kaylee Craddock Mary Frances Cali</p>
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