



# St. Joseph Bulletin

**St. Joseph Catholic Church (Established 1848)**

**1011 First Street, Patterson, LA 70392**

## Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time: Wisdom

This Sunday's readings begin Solomon's request for Wisdom and conclude with a summation of the Lord's teaching on the parables.

At the conclusion of the Dissertation on the Parables in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus states: "Every scribe of the Kingdom is like the head of the household who brings out from his storeroom both the new and the old." Jesus spoke to the Jewish people, well versed in Hebrew scripture. The Gospel of Matthew was pointed towards Jewish Christians. Jesus is not replacing what we call the Old Testament with the New Testament. He is combining the best of the Hebrew Scriptures with the New Way, the Kingdom of God. The wise one, the scribe of the Kingdom, therefore, knows how to use what is old and what is new.

It takes wisdom to understand how to deal with the past and the present. There are many people who idealize the past and want to return to life as it was, for example, in the fifties. There are many others who want to reject the past and concentrate only on the advancements of modern life. So, in the area of family life, the first group wants to re-create the Cleaver Family, and the second group sees a value in the Modern Family. In the area of faith, the first group wants to return to the pre-Vatican Church and the second group wants a Church without a visible structure.

How do we best deal with the past and the present? I believe that it was the Russian poet/philosopher, Yevgeny Aleksandrovich Yevtushenko, who had this insight: He said that the trick to handling the past is to know what should be brought with us and what should be left behind. That is wisdom. For example, within the Church, we should bring with us from the past devotion to the sacraments, to the Mother of God, the importance of the Catholic Family, firm standards of morality, a determination to practice the faith. What should be left behind would include the subordination of the laity, the repression of the roles of women in the faith, the glorification of the clergy, and the diminishing of the study of Sacred Scripture.

Perhaps a good example would be how we utilize the writings of Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, the great teacher of the middle of the last century whose weekly program, Life is Worth Living, out drew even the comedian Milton Berle. So many of Bishop Sheen's teachings contain a profound spirituality. Here at St. Ignatius we use his meditations on the Seven Last Words in the Teen presentation of our Good Friday Evening Prayer, the Journey to the Cross. At the same time, Bishop Sheen spoke at a time when the clergy tended to patronize the people and held as suspect anything that did not originate from a bishop or priest. The laity was seen as too simple to study and learn from scripture. I remember attending a conference given by Bishop Sheen for the laity of Paterson, New Jersey, when the Bishop, God bless him, told the people not to read the Old Testament, it would just confuse them. He was speaking as a person of his time, not our time. My point is that we need to know what to bring with us from the past and what to leave behind. That is wisdom.

We should also apply this to our lives. All of us can look back on our lives and note numerous positive and multiple negative aspects of our lives. We have got to stop persecuting ourselves by dwelling on the negatives of our past. When we do this, we are bringing the past into the present. Leave it in the past. At the same time, it is not pride to recognize the gifts we have shown and to be sure that we utilize our potential, or make our talents real in the present.

So, for example, a person went through a period of life when he or she behaved immorally. Then, perhaps due to a religious experience most likely occasioned by love, that person changed his or her lifestyle and became the person he or she is now. He or she said, "I am getting married now. I am having a child now. I need to be a person of integrity." And that person grew up spiritually determined to live a new, dedicated Christian lifestyle.

It would be so wrong for that person or any of us to dwell on the mistakes of the past. If sin was involved, well, remember the sacrament of reconciliation is given to us to leave the past in the past and to concentrate on the present. On the positive side, a person can look at his or her past and remember how volunteer work for the poor or sick was so important during high school or college. Perhaps, he or she might remember how others could not deal with a dying person, but how he or she was able to sit down and chat with the sick person and see that person, not the person's sickness. Reflecting on this, the person says, "Hey, I can do this. And it is important for me to use this gift God gave me. I'm going to volunteer as an AIDS buddy or as a hospice companion." This is looking at the past and bringing the best with us to the present.

You married folks really should do this when considering your relationship. If you are human beings, then you have made mistakes. Leave them in the past. You have also been supportive and caring. Bring this into your present. Sometimes, a couple will see me that is having a crisis in their marriage. Often, I'll mention that the present situation needs to be dealt with, but don't let this situation cause you to overlook all the good you have done for each other and the growth you have achieved as a loving couple. Some people are too quick to give up on marriage and end up realizing what they have lost only after it is too late.

Solomon prayed for wisdom. Not a bad idea. It takes wisdom to combat the challenges of life. It takes wisdom to be a good parent, a good husband, a good wife, a good priest, a good person. It takes wisdom to discern what needs to be brought into the present and what needs to be left in the past.

Where do we get this wisdom? The same place that Solomon received his.

*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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Patterson, LA 70392**

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Bobbie Diaz (Office Manager) ext. 4 ~  
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**Education Office: 985-395-3881**

**Mamie Perry (DRE) ext. 5 ~  
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**Websites:**

**St. Joseph Church**

**[www.stjosephpatla.org](http://www.stjosephpatla.org)**

**Diocese of Lafayette**

**[www.diolaf.org](http://www.diolaf.org)**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, JULY 31**

6:30am: Fr. Vu

**TUESDAY, AUG. 1**

9:30am: Nursing Home

**WEDNESDAY, AUG. 2**

6:30AM:

**THURSDAY, AUG. 3**

12:10AM:

**FRIDAY, AUG. 4**

6:30 AM: Msgr. Richard Mouton

**SATURDAY, AUG. 5**

4:30PM: Gertrude Bailey, Carey Mac Staples, Marie & Anthony Morella

**SUNDAY, AUG. 6**

8:00am: Ray Jude Vidos Sr., For the People of our Parish, Dr. Earl Eues, Lenny Guzzino, John Dimatteo

10:00am: Louis Lipari, Frank Governale, Harold Allemond,

5:00pm: James Blocker Jr., Beth Verret, Katherine Cardinale, Ross Grimball, Elsa Y. Parchmont, Holy Souls, Judy Clark, Greg Cart, Donald Jumonville, Mary & Wilbert Drash Sr., George Studdard

*Sanctuary Light*  
George Studdard

**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**  
Mamie Perry 395-3881 stjoe@teche.net

**Family Registration for Grades K-II Religion Classes**

**Concludes.....Friday - August 11, 2017**

Parents are reminded to register by this deadline. The registration fee for each student is \$20.00 and checks should be made payable to St. Joseph's. **Any family choosing to register beyond this deadline will be subject to late registration fee that will be due at the time of registration.**

We are seeking more volunteers to join our efforts as we continue our preparation to begin another year of coming together to journey in faith. Please consider how God may be calling you to grow closer to Him by being involved.

**Catechist for Grs. 5, 6, 7  
Classroom Helpers  
Safety Monitors  
Substitute Catechist**

**RCIA...Journey of Faith**

**Is RCIA for you?**

- Are you unbaptized? Would you like to be baptized in the Catholic Faith?
- Are you baptized in another Christian faith and want to explore entry into the Catholic Faith?
- Are you married to a Catholic and want to learn more about your spouse's faith?
- Are you a baptized Catholic, but never celebrated the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation?

If you can say yes to any of these questions and want more information, please call the Education Office.

**First Communion and Confirmation**

Pictures are in and can be picked up at the Education Office.

**Acadiana Catholic Magazine can be found in the entry of church.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS...**

**Adult Discussion Group:**

**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"- Come Pray the Rosary every Monday morning at 8:30am @ St. Joseph Church.**

**Prayer for Hurricane Season**

By Bishop Maurice Schexnayder

O God, master of this passing world; hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger, over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awaken from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season, we turn to you, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid, and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time.

O Virgin, Star of the Sea, our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf; so that spared from the calamities common to this area, and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us.

Amen.

**Sick Relatives & Friends**

**Please pray for the sick of our parish & their caregivers:** Stella Saleme, Jason Hernandez, Herman Lajaunie, Archer Rogers, Rodney Hebert, Herbert Estay, Ruth Bourgeois, Amanda Boggs, Ahney Chauvin, Peggy Grimball, Drue Langlinais, Linda Adams, Nicole Hingle, Wilda Cali, Angelle Hebert, Aba Grace Lang, Sally Rogers, Ian Davis, Daniel Broussard, Robert, Susan, Karter Esprit, Evita Boutte, Cameron Boutte, Harold Gobert, Trinty Simons, Madeline Venable, Annie Russo, Danell Kimble, Tuwana Ray, Bobby Johnson, Cindy Guidry, Tanya Clamon, Billy Garcia, Tyra Newcomb, Kristi Liner, Ray LaHoste, Celeste Jumonville, Owen Hebert, Chad LaGrange, Jackie & B.L. Como, Sherry Hughes, Carol Sampey, Anna George, Doug Hood, Sean Nezat, Guy Gilmore Jr. Frank Guarisco, Derrick Jennings, Mary Bellard, Bruce LaHoste, Warren Balance, John Rousso, Brinda Beam, Curtis Gautreaux

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**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 or mail to parish office.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Stewardship Area**  
"Give to the Most High as He has given to you, for the Lord is one who always repays, and He will give back to you sevenfold." Sirach 35:10

Last Weekend : \$3,043.71  
Education Fund: \$ 785.05

*Mausoleum Crypts*  
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395-3616

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Sat. 4:30pm Sun. 8:00am Sun. 10:00am Sun. 5:00pm	Leona Armato, Joy Guarisco, Jamie Guidry Marguerite Sumrall, Irene Mouton, Terry Burgess Paula Boutte, Janet Carmody, Ruby Delaune Rosie Pellerin, Debra Verret, Sandra Mashall	Bo LaGrange Angie Stelly Don Breaux Shannon Freeman	Kaylee Craddock Volunteer Madalyn & Zachary Landry Mary Frances Cali, Landon Lipari