



St. Joseph Bulletin

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

Twenty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time: The Charism of Peter

Sometimes people will say that a place radiates a certain spirit. A few years ago I visited Ft. McHenry in Baltimore. This was the fort that held out against a British siege during the War of 1812. The siege was witnessed by a young lawyer named Francis Scott Key. As you all know, Key wrote a poem that became the lyrics to the Star Spangled Banner. When I visited Ft. McHenry I was engulfed by a spirit of patriotism. I am sure that most of the people there had a similar experience.

One of my favorite places in New York City is Lincoln Center. When I walk onto the plaza with its beautiful fountain, and see the David Koch Theater on my left that houses the New York Ballet among other events, and the Avery Fischer Hall on my right where the New York Philharmonic performs, and the Metropolitan Opera House in front of me, I feel engulfed by classical music, opera, symphony and dance. I might not hear a sound, but I can sense music all around me. Perhaps you have been there and felt the same way.

Sometimes people will say that a person radiates a certain spirit. Some people might feel that an actor like Morgan Freeman radiates a quiet dignity. Or some might say that a sports figure like Derrick Brookes radiates responsibility. Quite often we will say, "There is something about him, about her."

Now all of this, be it about places or about people, is experienced on the human level. There are people and places that radiate a spirit on a higher level, a spiritual level. I have never been to the Holy Land, but I understand that those who have feel a presence of God. I certainly have been to Rome, and I can tell you that I have felt overwhelmed by the spiritual in St. Peters, Mary Major, St. John Lateran and the many other places of worship there. Two of my favorite places in the world are the Trappist abbeys in Conyers, Georgia and Gethsemani, Kentucky. I feel the spiritual there. I also feel the spiritual at Covecrest Camp in Tiger, Georgia, Hidden Lake Camp in Dahlonaga, Georgia, and Benedictine College and Abbey in Atchison, Kansas. I don't believe that these are mere feelings. There are encounters with the Holy Spirit dwelling in particular places.

Many times people will say that they met a person who radiates the Presence of the Lord in a unique way. People said this about St. Theresa of Calcutta and Pope St. John Paul II. These saints radiated holiness. The sainted Pope conveyed a sense of being the living mission of the Church. The holy nun conveyed a sense of being the very charity of Christ.

Those who have been to Assisi know that the spirit of St. Francis lives on in this city almost eight hundred after his death. When you go to Assisi you experience the presence of the poor man of God, the saint of peace.

The ways in which a person reflects God is due to that person's charism. A charism is a gift from God to the Church for the world. The source of the charism is God. The person who receives the charism receives it for the world.

Peter received a charism. He received the gift of being the leader of the Church. We read about this in today's Gospel. The Lord said that the Church would be founded on the Rock, Peter. Like Eliakim of the first reading, Peter would have the keys to admit people into the presence of the Lord. It is clear in the Acts of the Apostles and in the Letters of St. Paul, that Peter was first among the apostles, first among those who were called to proclaim the Kingdom of God on earth. Peter took leadership in the Church at Pentecost. After he, the apostles and Mary, received the Holy Spirit, Peter led everyone out to the Temple and began preaching the good news to the people. After Saul became Paul, after the persecutor of the primitive Church accepted Jesus Christ, Paul spent three years in the desert reflecting on his experience of the Lord on the Road to Damascus. He then went to Jerusalem to receive Peter's blessing and commission to bring the Good News, the Gospel to the world.

All the apostles recognized that Peter was given the charism to lead the Church. And Peter realized that he had to take up his position of leadership to the center of the then known world, Rome. We do not know how Peter got to Rome. We know that he was there, though. There are stories that Paul consulted with Peter in Rome, particularly regarding the conversion of Syracuse in Sicily. We know that Peter died in Rome, crucified head down. The excavations under the Basilica of St. Peter revealed a tomb with the words, Here Lies Peter, and the body of a large man of Palestinian origin. We also know that when Peter died, the charism he was given to lead the Church remained active in Rome. The one who took his place, St. Linus, and those who followed him, St. Cletus, St. Clement, and so forth, were all recognized as having received the charism that the Lord gave to Peter to lead the Church. As time went on, these bishops of Rome would be given the title, Pope, Papa, Father of the Family, leader of the Church.

So what does all this mean to us?

It means that the charism of Peter lives on in the Catholic Church. This leadership is experienced in the teaching of the Holy Father and the teaching authority of the Church. It means that we know who we are as Catholics. Our beliefs come from the teaching authority of the Church. The term we use for this is magisterium. We benefit from the charism of Peter, the charism he received at the Roman city of Caesarea Philippi. The charism of Peter remains in the Pope and in the magisterium. The way we live our lives, our morality, flows from our faith. We know that we can't give lip service to the faith and live as pagans. We also know that we are human beings. We need the help of God to be His Presence for others. The Church provides for us. We treasure the gift of the Eucharist as the food we need for the journey of life. We treasure the sacrament of reconciliation, confession, where we bring our humanity before the Lord seeking the strength to overcome evil around us and within us. Every aspect of our lives revolves around the Lord, including our last days as we receive the sacrament of sick and begin our journey home.

The Catholic Church is the oldest and largest organized body in the world. We have a history. Those who hate us often point out negative incidents in our history. And it is true, some of our history is dark, as some human beings throughout the centuries behaved more like pagans than Christians. But these individuals were not acting as true representatives of the Body of Christ on earth. They acted as flawed human beings using their positions of leadership for their own immoral gain. They were never really the Church. They never took their own commitment to Jesus seriously. And they were a minority. The vast majority of the people of their time were committed Catholics. And there were many saints among them. There are many saints among us. All of us have been edified by people whom we know will never be canonized but whose lives pointed us to Christ.

A recent survey claims that there are 1.285 billion Catholics in the world. There are over 85 million in North America. (I think the majority of them tried to come to Mass here last Easter.) To put it simply: there are a lot of us. But we are united into one body, the Church, with Christ as our head and with Peter's successor as our leader here on earth. An elderly man, in his last days, once said to me, "I am Catholic, and I love being Catholic." And so do we all. *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

**Mailing Address: P.O. Box 219
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Office / Rectory: 985-395-3616

**Fr. Herb Bennerfield, Pastor ext. 3 ~
Bobbie Diaz (Office Manager) ext. 4 ~
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Office Fax: 985-395-9129**

Education Office: 985-395-3881

**Mamie Perry (DRE) ext. 5 ~
Rosie Pellerin (Ed. Coordinator)
Education Fax: 985-395-3685
Email: stjodre@teche.net**

Websites:

St. Joseph Church

www.stjosephpatla.org

Diocese of Lafayette

www.diolaf.org

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, AUG. 28
6:30am: Fr. Vu,

TUESDAY, AUG. 29
9:30am: Nursing Home

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 30
6:30AM:

THURSDAY, AUG. 31
12:10AM:

FRIDAY, SEPT. 1
6:30 AM: Msgr. Richard Mouton

SATURDAY, SEPT. 2
4:30PM: Gertrude Bailey, Carey Mac Staples, George Studdard, Hattie Norris, Ben LaGrange, Marie & Anthony Morella

SUNDAY, SEPT. 3
8:00am: Ray Jude Vidos Sr., For the People of our Parish, Dr. Earl Eues, Lenny Guzzino, John Dimatteo, Johny & Virginia McCann
10:00am: Louis Lipari, Frank Governale, Harold Allemond,
5:00pm: James Blocker Jr., Beth Verret, Katherine Cardinale, Ross Grimbball, Elsa Y. Parchmont, Holy Souls, Judy Clark, Greg Cart, Donald Jumonville, Mary & Wilbert Drash Sr., Cremaldi Family

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, Jason Hernandez, Herman LaJaunie, Archer Rogers, Rodney Hebert, Herbert Estay, Ruth Bourgeois, Amanda Boggs, Ahney Chauvin, Peggy Grimbball, 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 Rouso, Brinda Beam, Curtis Gautreaux, Chase Broussard, Suzanne Lipari, Billy Picou, Debra Roy, John Michell Quinn Touns, Leona Cloud,

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

Baptism

Welcome into our Catholic Family!

Coe Darnell Bradford
Child of Courtney D. Bradford & LaGenia Darnell Bradford

Congratulations to our newest member & their family!

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 : \$3563.00
Peru Mission \$1761.25

Office of Religious Education & Formation

Mamie Perry 395-3881 stjodre@teche.net

Grades K-11 Religion Classes

All classes begin **Wednesday, August 30**

Grades K - 6 5:00-6:00
Grades 7-10 7:00-8:00
Confirmation 6:45-8:00

We are still in need of volunteers, please open your heart and pray about getting involved in our education ministry. If you are able, please call as soon as possible.

Catechist & Classroom Helper for Gr. 5 Safety Monitors for both sessions Substitute Catechist for second session

We very much appreciate all who are willing to share their time and faith with our young people in Gr. K-10 and Confirmation.

Co-ordinator for Grades K-10: Rosie Pellerin

Catechist:
Kristi Crouch
Angela Harrington
Debra Verret
Susan Murray
Jennifer Taylor
5 _____
Anna Picou
Rachel Carinhas
Chris Little
Chris Bailey
Leslie Landry
Jamie Guidry

Substitutes
Pauline Bellard
Kristen Lipari
Rachel Carinhas
Indira Gilbert

Classroom Helpers
Lennie Alleman
Michelle Grimbball
Sydney Vidrine
Charlne McCann
Taylor Perry
5 _____
Mary Ollie Thibodaux
Mallory Perry
Chontay Watson
Doug Fangue
Stephen Foret
Jason Watson
Donette Freeman
Ruth Blocker
Substitutes

Traffic , Hall, Restroom, Safety Monitors:
Stephanie Verret
Tina Dugas
Angelle Brown

DESK OF FR. B.

My thanks to those of you who honored me with cards, gifts, and prayers on my recent birthday. It’s wonderful for a priest to have his parishioners’ support. Please know you are loved as well, and in my prayers.

Fr. B

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.

<p><i>Mausoleum Crypts</i> <i>Are still available here at St. Joseph.</i> <i>If interested please call the rectory.</i> <i>395-3616</i></p>	<p>St. Joseph ‘s “Family Fun Day” September 30</p>	<p>Vital Signs Custom sign shop</p> <p><small>Heath Theriot 985/992-0072 Hillary Theriot 985/225-2974 Wendel Theriot 985/518-1234</small></p>	<p>In Loving Memory of Wendel, Loren, Bryant, & Kaylee Henry</p>	<p>Bulletin Ad’s Available — call the office 395-3616</p>
	<p>In Loving Memory of 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 1230 AM 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>Peterson Agency Inc.</p> <p>In Loving Memory of Clyde Peterson Sept. 27, 1927 Dec. 20, 2010</p>		<p>Member FDIC</p> <p>PATTERSON STATE BANK</p>

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Adult Discussion Group: Monday @ 6:30pm

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.

Family Fun Day Meeting - Aug. 31 @6pm in the parish hall

Finance Council Meeting– this Tuesday evening Aug. 29 at 5:30pm in the parish hall

Life Chain Family Fun Fest Saturday, September 30th: 10 am—2 pm @ St. Joseph’s
Beignets will be served 8am to 10am Sat., Sept. 30

Life Chain– Oct. 1 Will you stand for the unborn?
Sunday October 1st (2-3 PM) rain or shine @ the intersection of highway 90 and wise street.

Mausoleum #7

We are pleased to announce that arrangements have been completed with American Cemetery Consultants LLC to build a beautiful new Garden Mausoleum in St. Joseph Cemetery. The program has the full approval of His Excellency, Most Reverend J. Douglas Deshotel, DD, Bishop of Lafayette.

Sales Representatives of American Cemetery Consultants will be contacting families in the Patterson area over the next few weeks to answer questions about the mausoleum and determine who is interested. The number of crypts selected before construction will determine the size of the mausoleum. Spaces are reserved on a first come basis: therefore, anyone seeking information should either mail in the potage paid reply card from the brochure mailer that was mailed to your home or call 985/275-0329. Brochures can also me found in church.

Sept. 2 & 3	Extra Ordinary Ministers of Eucharist	Lector	Altar Servers
Sat. 4:30pm Sun. 8:00am Sun. 10:00am Sun. 5:00pm	Leona Armato, Joy Guarisco Mamie Perry, Lola Verret, Terry Burgess Ruby Delaune, Monica LaSalle, Jamie Guidry Debra Verret, Sandra Marshall, Angela Harrington	Bo LaGrange Irene Mouton Don Breaux Donnette Freeman	Mary Frances Cali, Landon Lipari Volunteer Kaylee Craddock Madalyn & Zachary Landry