

St. Joseph Bulletin

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Established 1848)

1011 First Street, Patterson, LA 70392

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time: By Hope We Are Saved

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.

I spend a lot of time watching TV, probably way too much time. I like sports, so I see a lot of baseball, Rays and Yankees, and I see everything that has to do with the Bucs, even looking at recordings of games I go to. I have certain shows that I like, many of them some form of mysteries, others some relaxing sitcoms. And then there is Netflix.

But I know that when the Emmys come around I'm going to be disappointed, as I usually am when the Oscars or Tony's are announced. It is not just that the shows I like are usually overlooked, it is that the award programs seem to be intent on promoting an immoral value system, treating all sorts of really sick behavior as normal and mocking all who would disagree. The irreligious and immoral of our society have had great success in convincing many people that there is a new normal, one that accepts what any committed Christian recognizes is unacceptable.

This aspect of the world was not all that different back in the days of St. Augustine, whose feast we celebrated last Monday. I want to spend some time today considering Augustine's life and his Confessions. His life and his most famous work flow from today's readings and relate to us. Like us, Augustine was surrounded by a society of so-called intellectuals that told him immorality was normal and acceptable.

St. Augustine was born in 354 AD in Tagaste, then part of the North African territory of the Roman Empire, now Algeria. He was intelligent, very intelligent, perhaps one of the most intelligent people ever. Like some of the intellectuals of our time, he sought justification for immorality within his own life and the lives of his friends. He sought happiness in physical satisfaction. He got a girl pregnant, and then dumped her after the baby was born. She was only the first of many women in his life. He sought happiness in intellectual endeavors, flirting with various forms of paganism. He finally realized that truth could only be found in the Church, but he did not want to sacrifice his pleasures in order to live as a Christian. But like Jeremiah in the first reading, there was fire burning in his heart. He had to listen to the voice of God in his conscience.

Responding to God's call would not be easy for Augustine. He had to struggle to fight off his selfishness, particularly in the area of sexuality. He had to humble himself to recognize that his intellect was inferior to Divine Knowledge. "You duped me Lord, and I was duped," Jeremiah complained. Augustine would have said the same thing, "You called me Lord to you. I thought this would be easy. But the path is difficult." We would agree. We would say, "It is so hard to serve you Lord in a world where we are mocked for standing for the sacredness of marriage, for the dignity of the person, for respecting the body. To Augustine and to us, Jesus says, "Take up your cross and follow me." "Don't be conformed to this world," Paul writes in our second reading. "Instead, be transformed by the renewal of your mind that you might discern what God's will is."

St. Augustine wrote a long prayer to God about his life. We call this book his Confessions. The Confessions of St. Augustine is more than his autobiography. It is a guide for us to understand the gifts offered to us by Grace. It is so easy to be a passive audience, reading what Augustine went through. It is challenging for us to understand that his journey was no different than ours.

You know The Confessions, or at least have heard some quotes from it. Perhaps, you know that Augustine's theme is found in the first pages of his book. "Our hearts are made for you, O God, and shall not rest until they rest in you." Nothing that we seek in this world can bring us lasting happiness. All pleasure is fleeting. We spend our lives seeking happiness. But like Augustine, we often look for it in the wrong places. Our hearts, our love, comes from God. Our search for happiness, for love, our hearts, will not be satisfied until they are fully united to God.

Towards the end of the Confessions, Augustine wrote something that is often overlooked. He wrote, "In hope we are saved." Our hope is in God. We long for union with Him; and we trust that this union will be ours. We have a slight taste of this gift when we recognize the joy of His Presence in our lives. We look forward to being completely immersed with His Presence. That is why we cannot let anything deter us from the object of our hope. "He loves you too little who loves along with you anything else that he does not love for your sake," he wrote. We can't have it both ways. We cannot be both Christian and pagan. We can't be moral in some areas and immoral in others. We can't love God if we love that which is opposed to all that is good, all that is true, all that is beautiful. We do know how to love for the sake of God. You strive to do this in your marriages and families. I strive to do this in my priesthood. Your wives, your husbands, your children, my priesthood, my parish, the poor, the sick, the marginalized, and so on and so forth, all these we love these because others are given to us to draw us closer to God.

Listen now to Augustine's beautiful poem summing the Confessions of his life and perhaps so much of our lives:

"Late have I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved you! You were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for you. In my unloveliness I plunged into the lovely things which you created. You were with me, but I was not with you. Created things kept me from you; yet if they had not been in you they would not have been at all. You called, you shouted, and you broke through my deafness. You flashed, you shone, and you dispelled my blindness. You breathed your fragrance on me; I drew in breath and now I pant for you. I have tasted you, now I hunger and thirst for more. You touched me, and I burned for your peace."

St. Augustine expresses the deep desire within every one of us. We also have tasted the Lord, and now we long for more. And it's there for us. More is there for us. God is there for us. God is here for us.

But we need courage. We need courage to step away from the allurements of the world. We need courage to divorce ourselves from the immorality that the intellectual fools of our society promote as normal. We need courage to fight against anything that can douse the fire of Love the Lord has kindled within each of us.

And so, we come to Church today, and we pray, "Lord, transform us into your people." *Fr. Joseph Pellegrino*

Parish Directory

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St. Joseph Church

www.stjosephpatla.org

Diocese of Lafayette

www.diolaf.org



JOIN US FOR PATTERSON'S FIFTH ANNUAL LIFE CHAIN

Sunday, October 1, 2017 (2-3PM)

Rain or Shine

Location: Highway 90 & Wise Street

WHO SHOULD ATTEND? All who are willing to defend human life against abortion!

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, SEPT. 4 LABOR DAY

9:00am: Fr. Vu, Offices Closed

TUESDAY, SEPT. 5

9:30am: Nursing Home

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6

6:30AM:

THURSDAY, SEPT. 7

12:10AM:

FRIDAY, SEPT. 8

6:30 AM: Msgr. Richard Mouton

SATURDAY, SEPT. 9

4:30PM: Gertrude Bailey, Carey Mac Staples, George Studdard, Hattie Norris, Ben LaGrange,

SUNDAY, SEPT. 10

8:00am: Ray Jude Vidos Sr., For the People of our Parish, Dr. Earl Eues, Lenny Guzzino, Special Intention, Holy Souls, Mouton & Washington fly, John Albert St. Julien

John Dimatteo, Johny & Virginia McCann

10:00am: Louis Lipari, Frank Governale,

Harold Allemond, Derrik Jennings, Bonnie Martin

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., Cremaldi Family

Sanctuary Light

Note: If a name is not printed above, due to human error, be assured that God has accepted

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, Mary Bellard, Bruce LaHoste, Warren Balance, John Rouso, Brinda Beam, Curtis Gautreaux, Chase Broussard, Suzanne Lipari, Billy Picou, Debra Roy, John Michell, Quinn Toups, Leona Cloud,

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

K. C. News

Altar Server Breakfast this Sunday after 8 A. M. Mass, our council will host a breakfast for the Altar Servers and families at our council home, located at 1215 First Street Patterson,70392. Certificated will be given to each Altar Server present

Ladies' night-After 4:30 P.M. Mass on Saturday, October 21, we will host a Ladies' night for our spouses. Please check your calendars to be sure you have this date on it and please. An excellent meal be served.

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 \$3383.00
Education Fund \$865.00



Office of Religious Education & Formation
Mamie Perry 395-3881 stjodre@teche.net

Life Chain Family Fun Fest

ST. JOSEPH PARISH HALL

September 30th, Saturday

10am to 2pm

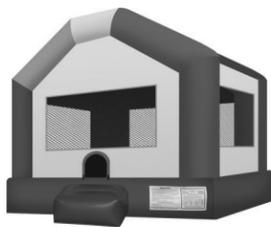
FOOD

Jambalaya
Hamburgers
Chips
Candy
Drinks
Bake Sale

ACTIVITIES

Fun Jumps
Games
Face Painting
Cake Walk
Silent Auction
50/50 raffle

**Bracelets will be \$10 includes:
unlimited fun jumps and 10 games**



**VOLUNTEERS ARE
NEEDED
PLEASE CALL
THE RECTORY 395-3616**

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Adult Discussion Group: no meeting this Monday

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.

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.

Choir Practice will resume Sept. 13 at 5pm

Parish Council Meeting Tuesday Sept. 12 5:30 PM parish hall

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 be found in church.

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> Are still available here at St. Joseph. If interested please call the rectory. 395-3616</p>	<p>St. Joseph 's "Family Fun Day" September 30</p>	<p>Vital Signs Custom sign shop Heath Theriot 985/992-0072 Hillary Theriot 985/225-2974</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 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 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. In Loving Memory of Clyde Peterson Sept. 27, 1927 Dec. 20, 2010</p>		<p>Member FDIC PATTERSON STATE BANK</p>

Sept. 9 & 10

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Eucharist

Lector

Altar Servers

Sat. 4:30pm
Sun. 8:00am
Sun. 10:00am
Sun. 5:00pm

Linda Thomas, Jane Watson, Jamie Guisry
Anna & Jean Picou, Marguerite Sumrall
Deanna Allemond, Gloria Roy, Bubba Richoux
cliff Couture, Loretta & Mike Brocato

Alecia Rabalais
Rand Dooley
Mary Richoux
Bridgette Taylor

Kobi Lipari
Brian Landry
Mallory Perry, Alex Haven
Paris Guidry, Luke Vaccarella,
Jude Guarisco