

St. Joseph Bulletin

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Established 1848)

1011 First Street, Patterson, LA 70392

24th Sunday: Freedom From Anger

I have three images for you this week: one is a comic on the funny pages. One is a big expensive yacht. The third is the cross.

First of all the comic. Do you ever read Rose is a Rose? It's great. I love it. It is also very faith-filled. It features Rose, her husband Jimbo, and their son, Pasquale, as well as Pasquale's Guardian Angel. Rose is always happy and upbeat. Well, usually. Sometimes she has an alternate ego, Biker Girl, but usually she is a shy, happy Mom and wife. But there is one strip when Rose is not happy at all. And she was not behaving all that well. It begins with her pretty miserable. In the first panel she sits in a dungeon with a large ball and chain clamped to her leg. And she is angry. The anger is smoking off of her. There's a dark cloud over her head. She's really mad. In the second panel her expression changes and the dark cloud is replaced with the word "Sigh". In the third panel the dungeon has been transformed into a rainbow with birds singing, and butterflies flapping. The ball and chain is gone, and Rose is dancing with a big smile on her face. In the fourth panel, Rose goes up to her husband, Jimbo, who is engrossed in his newspaper and like most men, thoroughly oblivious. She tells him, "Well, it wasn't easy, but I have decided to forgive you."

Who really benefitted from the forgiveness? Was it Jimbo? Or was it Rose? It was Rose whose anger had imprisoned her, whose anger had turned her world black. It was Rose whose upset was a ball and chain around her.

The second image is the big expensive yacht. I used to go on scuba diving trips to the Island of San Salvador, a small island of the Bahamas. There is just a little harbor on the island where the scuba boats leave from, but there are also three or four huge yachts there. The scuba boats were like little ants next to these ships. The yachts have everything. They cost hundreds of thousands of dollars each. Well, one year as we were leaving for a dive, one of the bigger yachts began pulling away from the pier. But there was a problem: someone forgot to untie one of the lines from the dock. The result was that the stern, the back of the ship, could not pull away until either the rope snapped or the stern got busted up. The rope won. The whole back of the ship, fiberglass, shattered. It cost that owner a pretty penny to fix his ship.

That ship had everything you could think of, but something was holding it back, something was causing it to destroy itself. That's what anger does to us. That's what the refusal to forgive does to us. It destroys us.

All of us have been done dirty by others. I have never met anyone who has not been offended by many people in many different ways. And we get angry. And we nurse that anger. We treasure that anger, maybe even to the extent of allowing it to become hatred. And do you know what happens?. Our anger, our hatred, our refusal to forgive holds us back.

"But, Father, you don't know what So and So did to me."

You are right, I don't know. Nor do you know what another So and So did to me. But how can I progress in Christianity if I refuse to let go of the dock that my anger is tied to? And how can you be a Christian if you would rather walk around with the ball and chain of anger instead of run free to love?

"Well, I am going to take this anger to the grave," an elderly lady once told me. That will really fix the person who hurt her, won't it? We cannot be good Christians and allow ourselves be tied down by our anger. Anger, the refusal to forgive, will consume us in the same way it consumed that servant who had been forgiven a great debt but who was still furious with another servant who owed him a mere trifling.

The third image I present to you is the cross. Last Thursday we celebrated the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross. The cross is a reminder of the sacrificial love of Jesus Christ. The cross is a reminder of the Gospel of the Lord. St. Paul tells Timothy, "If I do not preach the Gospel of Christ, then the cross loses its power." The Gospel of Christ demands forgiveness. Christianity is definitely not easy. It demands the sacrifice of that grudge that we actually enjoy harboring. The gospel of Christ demands forgiveness when we think we are justified in our anger. The gospel of Christ demands meaning what we pray when we say, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." The gospel of Christ is not easy. It is out and out tough. But by putting our hatred to death, we give life to our love and more importantly, by putting our hatred to death, we give life to His Love.

Is there someone whom you or I hate? Was there a situation from many years ago that has had a negative impact on our lives? Or maybe it is a recent offense that is gnawing at you or at me. Or maybe you hate yourself. Maybe you did something terrible many years ago and have now decided that you cannot forgive yourself. The gospel for today says, "Let go. Let go of the battle stories. Let go of the hatred." This hatred has turned our lives into a prison. It has been the rope that held us back. We have suffered enough from the past. We are called today into the joy of the Lord. We need to offer up our anger to the Cross. We need to unite our upset to His upset. We need to join Jesus in sacrifice and sacrifice that so called justified grudge. The result of your sacrifice and my sacrifice is to live in the freedom of the daughters and sons of the Lord, free from our worst enemy, free from that which we do to ourselves.

Free to Love.



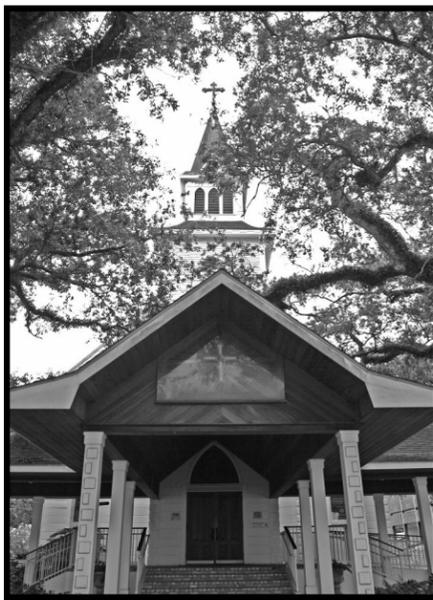
JOIN US FOR PATTERSON'S FIFTH ANNUAL LIFE CHAIN

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!



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.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, SEPT. 18
6:30am: Fr. Vu,

TUESDAY, SEPT. 19
9:30am: Nursing Home

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 20
6:30AM: Frank Governale

THURSDAY, SEPT. 21
12:10AM:

FRIDAY, SEPT. 22
6:30 AM: Msgr. Richard Mouton

SATURDAY, SEPT. 23
4:30PM: Gertrude Bailey, Carey Mac Staples,
George Studdard, Hattie Norris,

SUNDAY, SEPT. 24
8:00am: Ray Jude Vidos Sr., For the People of our Parish, Dr. Earl Eues, Lenny Guzzino, Special Intention, John Dimatteo,
10:00am: Louis Lipari, Frank Governale, Harold Allemond, Derrik Jennings, Bonnie Martin, Special Intention,
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.,

Sanctuary Light
Bonnie Martin

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 Langiniais, 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 Rousso, Brinda Beam, Curtis Gautreaux, Chase Broussard, Suzanne Lipari, Billy Picou, Debra Roy, John Michell, Quinn Touns, Leona Cloud, Maddox Fanguy, Aiaire Glaviano, Cliff Couture, Kylie Cayce, Shane Cayce, Benny Perry, Luie Need

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

ST. JOSEPH FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry is in need of these items: , dry beans, canned milk, canned meat, rice, mac & cheese, spaghetti sauce, crackers, cereal, grits, oatmeal, bathroom tissue, peanut butter, jelly and snacks for kids.

Our Pantry is Bare!!

Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated.

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 **\$3449.00**
Harvey Fund **\$2986.00**

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.



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

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Adult Discussion Group: Monday 6:30pm in parish hall

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 - Sept. 28 @ 6pm in the parish hall all volunteers are asked to attend.

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.

Come celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the miracle of the sun at the America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally on Saturday, October 14 at the Patterson Park in Main Street, bring your lawn chairs!..

K. C. News

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.



K C Barbeque Dinner-Oct. 29 11am to 1:30pm @ Kc home. Ticket will be \$8.00. Tickets will be sold after every Mass starting Sept. 24.

HOMEBOUND

If you known of anyone needing someone to bring Holy Communion to their home, please call the office 395-3616.

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 Wendel Theriot 985/518-1234</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. 23 & 24

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Eucharist

Lector

Altar Servers

Sat. 4:30pm	Linda Thomas, Jane Watson	Brightman Kornegay	Brian Landry
Sun. 8:00am	Mamie Perry, Lola Verrat, Terry Burgess	Irene Mouton	Paris Guidry
Sun. 10:00am	Janet Carmody, Ruby Delaune, Monica LaSalle	Jamie Guidry	Mallory Perry / Alex Haven
Sun. 5:00pm	Henry Leray, Rosie Pellerin, Debra Verret	Shannon Freeman	Kobi Lipari/ Luke Vaccarella
			Jude Guarisco