

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

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.

St. Joseph Bulletin

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

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion: It's easy to say Hosanna. It's hard to stand under the cross.

This liturgy contains a huge contrast. We began with the Triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. We joined the crowds in proclaiming, "Hosanna." We marched into the Church singing "All Glory Praise and Honor," and then, suddenly, the mood darkens. We see the priest take off the white cloak and put on red vestments. We heard the reading about the suffering servant. We heard how Christ emptied himself, accepting death on a cross. And then we proclaimed the Passion.



We really are thrown by the liturgy. Is this a triumphal celebration or a remembrance of the Cross? The Church catches this contrast even in its naming of the day. It is no longer just "Palm Sunday." Nor is it "Passion Sunday." No, the proper name of today's celebration is Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. Today, exaltation and suffering are intertwined.

Perhaps this weekend, as in the past, a thoughtful parishioner, many times a child, will make a cross out of palm for me. I like to keep one in my suit pocket. I also like to put palms around the pictures in my house. I want to remember what took place and what takes place. I want to remember the events of 2000 years ago and my own participation in these events today. I want to remember the times that I am upbeat and full of enthusiasm in my faith, and I want to remember the times that I run from the challenges the faith

demands, the challenges of the cross. Where were the crowds on Calvary? Where am I when confronted with the challenges of life? Where are you? Can we climb Golgotha and unite our difficulties to his cross, or do we only want to be in the presence of the Lord when we can say "Hosanna?" Is our faith a matter of good feelings, or are we committed to the Lord?

We have many choices in life. The most important of these is our decision to accept Jesus Christ. But accepting the Lord means being united to him both in his glory and in his passion. Accepting the Lord means being united to him in the joyful times of our lives and through the challenges of our lives.

We celebrate Holy Week this week. The holiest week of the year is given to us to remember the past and allow it to be a reality in our present. And so we approach the sacrament of penance if we have not already done so during Lent, and we ask forgiveness for the times we have turned from the Lord, perhaps even run from the Lord. We attend the Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday and we pray that we might be faithful to the new and eternal covenant of the Blood. We venerate the cross on Good Friday and enter into a deep meditation on its wondrous power. And, finally, we celebrate the resurrection on Easter Sunday, exalting in the gift of the eternal life of Christ.

Come and pray with your parish this week. May this be a holy week for you and your families.

Easter Triduum

The Easter Triduum "3 days" of the passion and resurrection of Jesus is the culmination of the entire liturgical year. The Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil, and closes with evening prayer on Easter Sunday. Every Catholic is strongly encouraged to attend these three services.

Holy Thursday: March 29

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper Adoration at St. Joseph until 10:00pm

Good Friday (Day of Fast & Abstinence): March 30

3:00pm Celebration of The Lord's Passion 7:00pm Pope Benedict's Way of Cross

Holy Saturday: March 31 8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass (The Easter Vigil is to begin after nightfall.)

Easter Sunday: April I 8:00 am Mass of the Resurrection 10:00am Mass of the Resurrection

There will be no 5:00pm Mass at St. Joseph on Easter Sunday.

Parish Directory

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 219 Patterson, LA 70392

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Office / Rectory: 985-395-3616

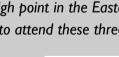
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Websites:

St. Joseph Church www.stjosephpatla.org **Diocese of Lafayette** www.diolaf.org



MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MAR. 26 **6:30am**: Fr. Vu

TUESDAY, MAR. 27

9:30am: Nursing Home-

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 28

6:30AM: Mouton & Washington fly, Special Intention, Mary E. & Whitney Washington, Sr. & Fly, Mary Lucille & Clarence Mouton, Sr., & Fly, John A. St. Julien

THURSDAY, MAR. 29

12:10: NO MASS

7:00PM: Harold Allemond, Robert Davis, Adeline Carlino, Ross Grimball, Kern Fly, Bobby Grimball, Randy Primeaux,

FRIDAY, MAR. 30 6:30 AM: NO MASS

3:00PM:

SATURDAY, MAR. 31 "EASTER VIGIL"

8:00PM: SEE EASTER BULLETIN

SUNDAY, APRIL I "EASTER" 8:00am: SEE EASTER BULLETIN 10:00am: SEE EASTER BULLETIN 5:00pm: NO MASS

> Sanctuary Light Families of our Parish

Sick Relatives & Friends

Please pray for the sick of our parish & their caregivers: Stella Saleme, Jason Hernandez, Herman LaJaunie, Archer Rogers, Ruth Bourgeois, Amanda Boggs, Ahney Chauvin, Peggy Grimball, Drue Langlinais, Linda Adams, Nicole Hingle, Wilda Cali, Angelle Hebert, Aba Grace Lang, Sally Rogers, lan Davis, Daniel Broussard, Robert, Susan, Karter Esprit, Evita Boutte, Cameron Boutte, Trinty Simons, Madeline Venable, Annie Russo, Danell Kimble, Tuwana Ray, Bobby Johnson, Cindy Guidry, Billy Garcia, Kristi Liner, Iris Roy, Celeste Jumonville, Owen Hebert, Jackie & B.L. Como, Sherry Hughes, Anna George, Doug Hood, Guy Gilmore Jr., Frank Guarisco, Mary Bellard, Bruce LaHoste, John Rousso, Brinda Beam, Curtis Gautreaux, Chase Broussard, Suzanne Lipari, Billy Picou, Debra Roy, John Michell, Quinn Toups, Leona Cloud, Aiaire Glaviano, Cliff Couture, Kylie Cayce, Shane Cayce, Benny Perry, Louie Need, David Hartford, Jerry Barrilleaux, Steve Ledet, Barbara LaCoste, Edna Porche, Robbie & Casie Toups, Frank Black, Bertha Wiggins, Morgan Murphy, Helen Brandon, David Bourdier, John Menard, Lee Michel, Allen Rink, Brenda Cutrera, Floyd Estay, Gulley Taylor, Anne Broussard, Wilson Bailey, Willis Dore Sr., Sam & KK McGill, Pat Cullotta, Howard Smith, Randy Girior

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

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

NAME: PHONE:

ADDRESS:

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: \$4101.00 Property & Liab. \$1048.00

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

Religious Education - 2018 at a Glance

April:

7th: First Reconciliation for those making First Communion

First Communion Rehearsal Parent(s) must attend with child

8th: First Communion Mass 10:00 a.m. 30th: Confirmation Rehearsal (Sponsors & Candidates must attend)

May:

Ist: Confirmation Mass 6:30 p.m. 14th: Summer Bible Camp Registration Begins

June:

11th: Camp Registration Ends

12th: Camp Director Orientation 1:00 p.m.

Counselor Orientation 1:30 p.m. *18th-22nd Summer Bible Camp Week*

PRO-LIFE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN Sponsored by KC Council 1710



A pro-life fundraising campaign will be held the weekend of April 14 and 15 to benefit our local pregnancy resource center and the operation of a maternity home for homeless, pregnant women. ALL OF THE SERVICES ARE FREE OF CHARGE.

Together, they will provide pregnancy testing, counseling, ultrasound imaging, STD (sexually transmitted disease) and abstinence education, shelter, food, and other services to pregnant women in need. Baby bottles will be available after all Masses and may be returned the following weekend with a donation. Please be generous to this worthwhile cause.

Ministers of Communion and Proclaimers of the Word please pick your schedules up in the sacristy.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Adult Discussion Group: class resumes this week 6:30 in the 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 Mon. morning at 8:30am @ St. Joseph Church.

Catholic Daughters will meet the first Thursday of each month at 6pm in the parish hall. If you are interested in joining please call the rectory.

Way of the Cross—every Friday 6pm during Lent

Good Friday Way of the Cross – March 30 @

7:00pm Pope Benedict's Way of Cross

Centennial News - Sunday, March 25,

Jubilee Bible Marathon – In honor of the Centennial of the Diocese of Lafayette 1918-2018, the Holy Bible will be read from cover to cover in the Square of St. Mar-



tinville beginning Wednesday, April 4th at 12:30pm to Sunday, April 8th at 4:30pm - 100 hours for 100 years!!! All are invited to come and participate in this Proclamation of the Foundation of our Faith. Come and marinate in the word. For more information or to sign up as a Reader, call Fr. Michael

Champagne at 337- 394-6550.

3rd Centennial Deanery Mass will be on April 13th at 6:30pm at St. Mary Magdelen. St. Mary Magdelen is our oldest Church Parish in the West Deanery and the 8th oldest canonically established Church Parish in the Diocese. Our Centennial Year is well underway and all Clergy and Laity are invited to attend this Mass and reception with Bishop Deshotel. On April 13 in 1918, Jules B. Jeanmard, who was then the Administrator of the Diocese of New Orleans, was sub delegated by the Apostolic Delegate to carry out and begin the actual work of forming the Diocese of Lafayette. Thus we continue to celebrate our history and hear the call of God for today and tomorrow in our Diocese.

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.

Mausoleum Crypts Are still available here at St. Joseph. If interested please call the rectory. 395-3616

Ann Murray's Retirement Party will be April 15 after the 10am Mass! Everyone is invited!



Bulletin Ad's Available call the office 395-3616

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Mar. 31 & April 1

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Eucharist

Lector

Altar Servers

Sat. 8:000pm Sun. 8:00am Sun. 10:00am Sun. 5:00pm

NO MASS

ALL MINISTERS PLEASE SEE YOUR SCHEDULES!