

St. Joseph Bulletin

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

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: From Jealousy to Wisdom

Do you remember reading Shakespeare's play Othello? For those of you who may not be that up on your Shakespeare, Othello is the story about a Moor, an African sailor, who ascended to the rank of admiral. Othello then married a beautiful young girl named Desdemona. At the beginning of the play, they are happy and devoted to each other. Life should have continued that way, but then the wicked Iago enters. Iago is jealous of Othello's success and upset that he had been passed over for a promotion that was given to a young man named Cassio. He plots to destroy Othello by using Othello against himself. He convinces Othello that Desdemona is not being faithful to him and that Cassio was the other man. Ultimately this results in Cassio's, Desdemona's and Othello's deaths. Yes, this is just a play, but Shakespeare captures some of the most destructive human faults: jealousy and selfish ambition.

I'm sure that many of us have experienced people behaving badly, trying to destroy others out of jealousy or for their own self promotion.

Today's readings confront these human maladies. The first reading presents wicked men plotting the destruction of the Just One. They can't stand the fact that he is so close to God. They are jealous, just like Cain was jealous of his brother Abel's relationship with God. "He's obnoxious to us," the villains from the Book of Wisdom claim, "Let's humiliate him, torture him, and condemn him to a shameful death." This is almost a blow by blow description of what would happen to Jesus. It is also a description of the motivation of those who sought his death. The Pharisees, Scribes and leaders of the Temple could not bear the fact that Jesus radiated the Presence of God in the world. Instead of listening to Him, they decided to destroy Him, or, at least, destroy His physical life.

The Letter of James in today's second reading begins with:

*Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist,
there is disorder and every foul practice.*

There are so many problems that come from jealousy and selfish ambition. At work, people place a few negative thoughts into the ear of a boss in order to hamper a fellow employee's promotion and open up a position for themselves. In the schools, particularly the High Schools, people routinely destroy other's reputation so they can look better before their peers: "Well, she might seem to be all that holy, but let me tell you what she is really like." or "He might appear to be this great moral guy, but this is what he's done." And the hurt begins. Good people suffer.

Jealousy is evident in the workplace, schools, homes and even the Church. Jesus' closest disciples didn't get the message. In today's Gospel the Twelve are arguing over who was the most important among them. What was with these guys, anyway? They were following someone who gave up everything to care for others and to proclaim the Kingdom of God. He continually emptied himself out for others, and all they are concerned with is their positions in the heavenly kingdom. "Stop it," the Lord says to the Twelve. The first should be last and a servant. He would wash their feet at the Last Supper and then tell them to do this for others.

Jesus uses a child to make his point. Taking care of a child is too low a task for the high and mighty. People who think they are so important have better things to do than wipe noses, tell bedtime stories and change diapers. The disciples of the Lord are never to see themselves as high and mighty. They, we, are to be servants to all, particularly to those who are most vulnerable.

So, there are two things that we are confronted with today: dealing with other people's jealousy, and our own over inflated view of ourselves.

Actually we can't do anything about other people's jealousy except ignore it. We need to be kind to those who are so vicious that they want to destroy us. The most important thing is that we don't stop doing our best out of concern for what others are thinking. We have to do our best but in a way that does not promote ourselves to others. Let me tell you about Tom McGahee. I was in the seminary with Tom. He is now Fr. Thomas McGahee. Tom is a super genius. How intelligent is he? When we were in the seminary the IQ people used to send him their tests and then correct the tests when Tom's answers didn't coincide with theirs. People from all over the world used to contact him to solve complex problems. And, yet, Tom never flaunted his intelligence. If one of us asked him to explain something to us, he would drop everything to explain it as simply as possible without ever making us feel dumb. Tom was humble. We also need to be humble. At the same time we need to develop the talents God gives us. If people are jealous, well, so be it. The talent comes from God, not from us. We don't have a right to let our talents shrivel to nothing. Whatever God gives us; He gives us for others.

And we have to fight against an over inflated view of ourselves. A wag once said, "Last year I was conceited, but this year I'm perfect." None of us are as good as we sometimes think we are or as bad as we sometimes think we are. We have to get rid of our own conceit and be concerned not with ourselves but with serving others.

Being our best selves, the best versions of ourselves, results in the Wisdom that James speaks about in the second part of the reading:

*But the wisdom from above is first of all pure,
then peaceable, gentle, compliant,
full of mercy and good fruits,
without inconstancy or insincerity.*

*And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace
for those who cultivate peace.*

People can be hard. People can be hurtful. People can be jealous. But we do not have to be part of the self centered society of evil. We can change society. We can change society by being kind and understanding, caring and forgiving. We can change society by being the people we were created to be: People of God.

Fr. Joseph Pellegrino

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Celebration of Holy Mass

Summer Weekends :
Saturday 4:30pm
Sunday 9am & 5:00pm

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.

Novena For the Legal Protection of Human Life

August 3- September 28

Each Friday

Pray: *May a change in the U.S. Supreme Court move our
nation closer to the day when every human being is
protected in law & welcomed in life.*

Fast: *Offer a sacrifice for the intention*

Learn: *(Sept. 28) The chief strategist for legalizing
abortion lied about deaths from illegal abortion*

www.usccb.org/pray/

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, SEPT. 24

6:30am: Fr. Vu,

TUESDAY, SEPT. 25

9:30am: Nursing Home—

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 26

6:30AM: Audrey Landry

THURSDAY, SEPT. 27

12:10:

FRIDAY, SEPT. 28

6:30 AM: Norman P. Hymel

SATURDAY, SEPT. 29

4:30PM: M/M J.P. Lipari, Cheryl Williams, Ernest Coleman, Dwight Coleman, Ralph Segura,

SUNDAY, SEPT. 30

9:00am: Lennie Guzzino, Ray Jude Vidos Sr., For the People of our Parish, John DiMatteo, Donald Jumonville, Audrey Landry, Norman P. Hymel
5:00pm: James Blocker Jr., Beth Verret, Katherine Cardinale, Ross Grimbball, Holy Souls, Judy Clark, Danell Kimble

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

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An Unborn Child's Prayer

*I know you are hurting so deep within
But you are deciding on a fate for me, never knowing what
could have been*

*My only hope is for a chance to live and love
For I was fashioned by God from Heaven above*

*God's only wish is to amaze you with his grace
And bless you with this gift of life that nothing can replace
Our love will grow stronger as I am in your womb
And God will bless you for not ending my life too soon*

*I live, though some say I'm not alive
And God's grace can strengthen you to let me survive
So I may become the person God has created me to be
And to share the love He's given to you and me*

*There are so many children that God has made
Who will never see the light of the world
They will never have a chance to show love for their mothers
Because abortion takes the loves of my unborn
sisters and brothers*

*So please, mother, let me have a chance to live
I promise to give you all that I can give
Just ask God for guidance from heaven above
I am sure he will show you His gift of endless love.*

I love you Mom!

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Father's Adult Discussion Group class this Monday, 6:30pm in our parish hall.

First Saturday Rosary: The Holy Rosary will be prayed before the Vigil Mass in church beginning at 4:00 P.M. the first Saturday of each month. Please join us.

Want to convert hearts?...come and pray the rosary at 8:30 A.M. every Monday morning in church.

Catholic Daughters will meet the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 P.M. in the parish hall. If you are interested in joining please call the rectory.

Catholic Daughters Rummage Sale— Oct. 6, Saturday -8am to Noon in our parking lot.

Family Fun Day Festival Meeting: Thursday, Oct. 4, 2018 @ 6:00 P.M. @ parish hall. If you have any questions or cannot attend the meeting but would still like to share ideas or help out, please contact Donette Freeman at (504)-390-7015.

Family Fun Day— October 27, Saturday MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Advent Mission-December 19 & 20 @6pm Theme "Covenant Relationship & Blessing" Speaker: Fr. Alex Albert

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 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, Trinity Simons, Madeline Venable, Annie Russo, Tuwana Ray, Bobby Johnson, Cindy Guidry, Billy Garcia, Kristi Liner, Iris Roy, Celeste Jumonville, Owen Hebert, Jackie & B.L. Como, Sherry Hughes, Anna George, Frank Guarisco, Mary Bellard, Bruce LaHoste, John Rousso, Brinda Beam, Curtis Gautreaux, 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, 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, Sam & KK McGill, Pat Cullotta, Howard Smith, Randy Girior, Cursey Gordon, Herbert Estay, Antoinette LeBlanc, Ricky Gunther, Scott Rhodes, Josie Moncada, Tory & Deanne Pope, Rose Johnson, Mathilde & Theonis Harrington, Travis Young, Tanya Clamon Priseilla Scully, Edd Thornton, Susie Drash Gafford, Scott Governale, Joseph Governale, Kevin Tabor, Donna Toler, Phyllis Cook, Judy Roy, David Williamson, Marvin Ledet, Jr., Megan Simmons, Micheal Gautreaux, John Capone, Ethan Thomas, Jacklyn Aucion

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

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 Property & Liab. \$2277.00 \$879.00

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

Life Chain on Respect Life Sunday

October 7, 2018

This pro-life activity is simply an hour of silent prayer for pro-life issues while the participants hold pro-life signs in witness to the sanctity of all human life. The Life Chain will be from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Participants will gather at the intersection of Highway 90 and Wise Street where pro-life signs will be distributed. Participants may also make their own signs. Those unable to stand for the hour may bring lawn chairs. Please make plans to join us—remember, our recent Holy Fathers have all been agreement that the Right-to-Life is the most important issue for our time.



Signs will be provided or you can make your own. We had a great turnout last year—let's do even better this year! Hope to see you there!!!

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 Are still available here at St. Joseph. If interested please call the rectory. 395-3616</i></p>	<p>Frank's Agency, Inc. Complete insurance Services 985-395-9351 frankg@bellsouth.net</p>		<p>Bulletin Ad's Available — call the office 395-3616</p>
	<p>MORGAN CITY SUPPLY of Louisiana  985/384-3650 6911 Hwy 182 E Morgan City, LA</p>		<p>TOWN & COUNTRY FLORIST & GIFTS, Owner: Glynda Lasseigne 3515 Hwy 182, Berwick 985/385-6929 www.tandcflorist.com</p>
<p>Member FDIC  PATTERSON STATE BANK</p>		<p>RE-FURB-IT Specializing in fiberglass life raft repair Ray Vidos Owner (985) 312-2053</p>	<p>JEFF PRESIDENT CARDINALE  CARDINAL LUMBER & SUPPLY, INC. 985-395-9580 800 HWY. 90 WEST</p>

<p>Sept. 29 & 30 Sat. 4:30pm Sun. 9:00am Sun. 5:00pm</p>	<p>Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Linda Thomas, Jane Watson Anna & Jean Picou, Paula Boutte Keith & Michelle Grimbball, Rosie Pellerin</p>	<p>Lectors: Bo LaGrange Don Breaux Sandra Marshall</p>	<p>Altar Servers: Mary Frances Cali, Bali Blakeman Kaylee Craddock, Parker Bracato Alex Haven</p>
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