



THE HOLY YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

(ESTABLISHED 1848)

Seventeenth Sunday: Wisdom and Bringing Out the Best of the Past

Celebration of Holy Mass

Mass Times subject to change!

Reconciliation

20 minutes before Masses begin or anytime by appointment.

Rectory Office Hours

Mon. thru Thur. 9:am to 3pm
Fri. 9am to 12 noon

Education Office Hour.

Mon. thru Thur. 9:am to 3pm
Fri. 9am to 12 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.

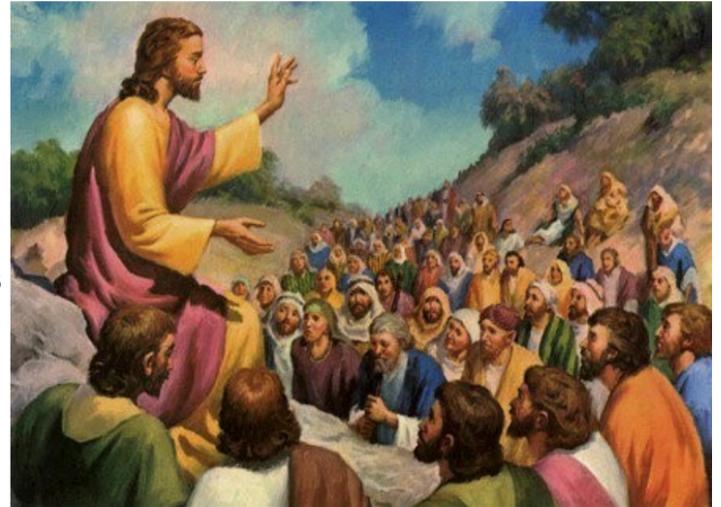
Religious Education For Children Call the Office of Religious Education for information about registering your child.

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.

This Sunday's readings begin with Solomon's request for Wisdom and conclude with a summation of the Lord's teaching on the parables.

At the conclusion of the Dissertation on the parables in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus states: "Every scribe of the Kingdom is like the head of the household who brings out from his storeroom both the new and the old." Jesus spoke to the Jewish people, well versed in Hebrew scripture. The Gospel of Matthew was pointed towards Jewish Christians. Jesus is not replacing what we call the Old Testament with the New Testament. He is combining the best of the Hebrew Scriptures with the New Way, the Kingdom of God. The wise one, the scribe of the Kingdom, therefore, knows how to use what is old and what is new.



It takes wisdom to understand how to deal with the past and the present. There are many people who idealize the past and want to return to life as it was, for example, in the fifties. There are many others who want to reject the past and concentrate only on the advancements of modern life. So, in the area of family life, the first group wants to re-create the Cleaver Family from one of the first sit-coms, Leave it to Beaver, and the second group sees a value in a sit-com like Modern Family. In the area of faith, the first group wants to return to the pre-Vatican Church and the second group wants a Church without a visible structure.

How do we best deal with the past and the present? I believe that it was the Russian poet/philosopher, Yevgeny Aleksandrovich Yevtushenko, who had this insight: He said that the trick to handling the past is to know what should be brought with us and what should be left behind. That is wisdom. For example, within the Church, we should bring with us from the past devotion to the sacraments, to the Mother of God, the importance of the Catholic Family, firm standards of morality, a determination to practice the faith. What should be left behind would include the subordination of the laity, the repression of the roles of women in the faith, the glorification of the clergy, and the diminishing of the study of Sacred Scripture.

We should also apply this to our lives. All of us can look back on our lives and note numerous positive and multiple negative aspects of our lives. We have got to stop persecuting ourselves by dwelling on the negatives of our past. When we do this, we are bringing the past into the present. Leave it in the past. At the same time, it is not pride to recognize the gifts we have shown and to be sure that we utilize our potential, or make our talents real in the present.

So, for example, a person went through a period of life when he or she behaved immorally. Then, perhaps due to a religious experience most likely occasioned by love, that person changed his or her lifestyle and became the person he or she is now. He or she said, "I am getting married now. I am having a child now. I need to be a person of integrity." And that person grew up spiritually determined to live a new, dedicated Christian lifestyle.

It would be so wrong for that person or any of us to dwell on the mistakes of the past. If sin was involved, well, remember the sacrament of reconciliation is given to us to leave the past in the past and to concentrate on the present. On the positive side, a person can look at his or her past and remember how volunteer work for the poor or sick was so important during high school or college. Perhaps, he or she might remember how others could not deal with a dying person, but how he or she was able to sit down, chat with the sick person, and see that person, not the person's sickness. Reflecting on this, the person says, "Hey, I can do this. And it is important for me to use this gift God gave me. I'm going to volunteer as an AIDS buddy or as a hospice companion." This is looking at the past and bringing the best with us to the present.

You married folks really should do this when considering your relationship. If you are human beings, then you have made mistakes. Leave them in the past. You have also been supportive and caring. Bring this into your present. Sometimes, a couple will see me that is having a crisis in their marriage. Often, I'll mention that the present situation needs to be dealt with, but don't let this situation cause you to overlook all the good you have done for each other and the growth you have achieved as a loving couple. Some people are too quick to give up on marriage and end up realizing what they have lost only after it is too late.

Solomon prayed for wisdom. Not a bad idea. It takes wisdom to combat the challenges of life. It takes wisdom to be a good parent, a good husband, a good wife, a good priest, a good person. It takes wisdom to discern what needs to be brought into the present and what needs to be left in the past.

**MASS INTENTIONS
LIVE ON FACEBOOK!**

MONDAY, JULY 27
11:00 A.M: NO MASS

TUESDAY, JULY 28
11:00A.M: NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29
11:00 A.M: NO MASS

THURSDAY, JULY 30
11:00P.M: NO MASS

FRIDAY, JULY 31 No Mass

SATURDAY, JULY 25 No Mass

SUNDAY, JULY 26
8:00am: Wilson & Gertrude Bailey, Virginia & Luke Lipari, Sylvia Felterman, Floyd Estay, Beverly & Ernest Felterman, Beth Verret, Katherine Cardinale, Judy Clark, Elsa Y. Parchmont, Jackie Couture, John DiMatteo, Gail Smith, Melba & Murray Trahan, Darrell Perry Jr., Willis Dore Sr., BL Como, M/M Andrus LeCompte, Mervin Sonnier, Edith Grezaffi

10:30am: For the People of our Parish (Living & Deceased)

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

Watch live :
St. Joseph's Masses: Monday thru Thursday 11am & Sunday 8 & 10:30am on our facebook site.
Cathedral in Lafayette : www.diolf.org

Sick Relatives & Friends

Please pray for the sick of our parish & their caregivers: Stella Saleme, Jason Hernandez, Nicole Hingle, Wilda Cali, Angelle Hebert, Iris Roy, Celeste Jumonville, Owen Hebert, Jackie Como, David Hartford, Lee Michel, Gulley Taylor, Anne Broussard, Cursey Gordon, Rose Johnson, Robert Johnson, Scott Governale, Daisy LeBlanc, Shira Rideau, John Siracusa, Kristen Murphy, Dianne Austin, Terrance Overland, Cecilia Lawnicki, Mary Fontonet, Christina Murphy, Candy Hoekstra, Anna Balance, Sally Rogers, Ora Mae Wilson, Luke Pitre, Barbara L. Vinning, Diane Bonnafee, Pat Vidos, Ahney Chauvin, Annie Russo, Frank Guarisco, Josie Moncada, Kevin Tabor, Leona Cloud, Melissa Boutte, Linda Horn, Verlie Loup, Helena August, Nash Tabor, Mary Sehon, Melissa Prince Tarleton, Holly Newbolt, Laura Larive, Ed Shilling, Rip & Cheryl Verdin, Clyde & Angelina Aucoin, Frank Jones, Norma Amos, Jerry Barrileaux, Sandra Grogan, Russel Cardinale, Linda Thomas, Maritta Race, Angie Findley, John Falgout, Amada Murphy, Alice Guzzetta, Joann Landry, Bonnes Guidry, Dalton Hilliard Jr., Austin Gabourel, Christine Tabor, Ruth Blocker, Troy Broussard, Ken & Nadine Montgomery, Sandy Mire, Mary Bellard, Francis Daugherty, Larry Besse, Sr., Mathilde Harrington, M/M Theonis Harrington, Dr. Charlie Ballay, Ella SanMiguel, Inger Peterson, Denver Jenkins, Paul Ambrose Brown, Collin LaSalle, Remi Grace, Paige Feemster, Valerie Streety, Lisa Wannage, Jeanne McCloy, Dianne Austin, Irene Mouton, Wendy Gregg, Tina Dugas, AJ Gaudet
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 Offerings: \$2834.00

Fête-Dieu du Teche 2020



Eucharistic Boat Procession down Bayou Teche on the Feast of Our Lady of the Assumption, August 15, 2020.
To register a boat for the procession, email fetedieuduteche@gmail.com or download a registration form at www.jesuscruified.net/events/fete-dieu-du-teche-2020/form. The completed form can be emailed or mailed to 103 Railroad Ave., St. Martinville, LA 70582. The boat coordinator will contact you with details. Only motorized vessels are allowed.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Father's Adult Discussion Group :
Resumes Aug. 3.

Preparations are being made for the upcoming CCD year. Information will be given once definitive decisions have been made.

First Communion– Tuesday, Aug. 4 at 6pm

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ST. JOSEPH FOOD PANTRY

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

Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated.

"Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink..."

Why Is That? A parishioner asks: Do people of different denominations go to the same heaven? Or is there any difference after death where different faiths go?



A timely question, indeed, as Jesus speaks about heaven in this weekend's gospel. At no time has the Catholic Church ever taught that there are multiple heavens. Nor did Jesus teach that Himself. Remember that heaven is defined as God's home as well as the place where saints and angels can be found. As section 1023 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "Those who die in God's grace and friendship and are perfectly purified live forever with Christ." And this, of course, occurs in the kingdom of heaven. Certainly, many who are not Catholic have made their way there. Catholics, in possessing the fullness of the faith (Christianity), have an advantage in seeking heaven by the sacraments which the Church offers. They give graces and blessings to help us grow in holiness in this life, thus allowing us to achieve heaven quickly– if we take advantage of them. Especially important here is the sacrament of Reconciliation, which unfortunately many other denominations do not possess. We Catholics can rid ourselves of any and all mortal sins which would keep us out of heaven forever by availing ourselves of this sacrament. As well, Reconciliation removes venial sins which could delay our entrance into heaven. In summary, it's Catholic teaching that all souls upon bodily death go to heaven, purgatory (to be purified), or hell, and eventually all souls will be in heaven or hell (the presence of God or the absence of God) forever.

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

<p><i>Mausoleum Crypts</i> Are still available here at St. Joseph. If interested please call the rectory. 395-3616</p>	<p>Frank's Agency, Inc. Complete Insurance Services 985-395-9351 frankg@bellsouth.net</p>	<p>VITAL SIGNS CUSTOM SIGNS & GRAPHICS vitalsigns1995@gmail.com 985-518-1234</p>	
<p>MORGAN CITY SUPPLY of Louisiana 985/384-3650 6911 Hwy 182 E Morgan City, LA</p>	<p>Knights of Columbus #1710 Protecting Catholic Families for Generations</p>	<p>CHRIST OUR King 90.5 1230 CATHOLIC RADIO FOR ACADIANA .COM</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>Reminder during Mass: </p>		<p>JEFF PRESIDENT CARDINALE CARDINAL LUMBER & SUPPLY, INC. 985-395-9580 800 HWY. 90 WEST PATTERSON, LA</p> <p>Bulletin Ad's Available — call the office 395-3616</p>

August 1 & 2 Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Lectors: Altar Servers:
Sat. No Mass
Sun. 8:00am
Sun. 10:30am
Any ministers present at these Masses please volunteer to serve!
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