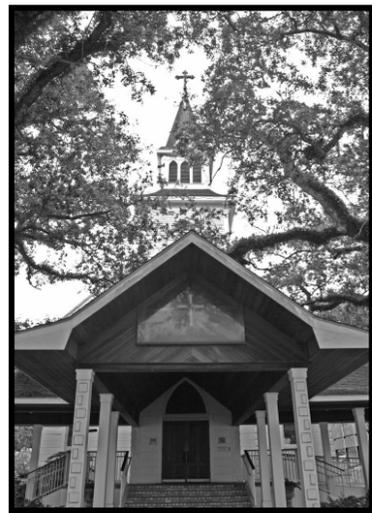


St. Joseph Bulletin

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

Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time: He Touches Us



Celebration of Holy Mass

Weekday

Monday thru Thursday 11:00am

Weekend

Saturday 4:30pm

Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am

Reconciliation

20 minutes before Masses 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.

He took him away from the crowd. He touched his ears and his mouth and said, "Be open". And the man left singing the praises of God to the world.

This is a miracle story.

This is a story with baptismal overtones, for during baptism the priest or deacon touches the neophytes ears and mouth and says be open.

This is a story about our lives with the Lord.

There is a great deal of noise in our lives. Interesting word, noise. It even sounds bad. NOISE. Say the word out loud a number of times and you'll get a head ache. There is much noise in our lives. There is audio noise, like the sound you hear when someone has their phone connected to a fax machine, I hate that. The radio, the TV, the phone, the kids, the neighbors, those driving down the street with their radios on overkill, are all audio noises. There is also noise that is not due to sound. There is the disturbance created by the continual worrying about tomorrow, the hanging on to the battle stories of the past. Noise. Noise. Noise.

Ludwig van Beethoven became deaf, as I'm sure you know. But his deafness was not a lack of sound. He suffered from severe tinnitus, a continual ringing in his ears that became so intense he could not hear anything else. The noise overpowered the sounds of his own music. Beethoven never heard his own Ninth Symphony.

The same thing can happen to us. The noise of our lives can overpower our ability to hear, to hear the Lord speaking in others.

There is indeed a great deal of noise in our lives: "Did you see what she was wearing? To Church of all places? Guess who just broke up?" **Noise Noise Noise.** "Mom, Dad, can I have.....? go.....? would you buy me.....?" Arguments over who played what role in a movie, or who did what on a sports team. The phone rings, "You have a tremendous opportunity to save money now by having your driveway resurfaced this week instead of putting it off and have to redo the entire driveway three years from now." **NOISE.**

We are surrounded by so much noise that we can become deaf to the cries of God's people, to the cries of the Lord coming from his people. There are blowhards in the political sphere who make so much noise that we can easily become deaf to the needs of the poor, the immigrant, the sick, and so forth. The ranting of the blowhards can result in our looking at those who have needs as being evil. Immigrants are not evil. My grandparents were immigrants. They weren't evil. They were just looking for a way to escape the poverty and turmoil of Calabria and create a better life for their family. The immigrants around us are not evil. They are hard working people who are trying to care for their families. The poor are not evil. They are people struggling to live with the bare necessities of life. The sick are not evil. They are our brothers and sisters who need our care. The blowhards are making a great deal of noise to get votes by appealing to people's most depraved instincts. And that's instinct with a capital Stink. Their noise can drown out God's voice telling us, "As often as you did this for the least of my brethren, you did it for me."

And Jesus took the man away from the crowd, away from the noise. He took him to have a personal encounter with the Messiah.

He calls us away from the crowd, away from the noise into his quiet. --Quiet before the Lord is so important. We need a few moments before and after Mass, --out of respect for the presence of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, --out of respect for the needs of others to get away from the noise, --out of respect for our own need to listen to the Lord in the quiet. We need quiet in our homes. --Fifteen minutes of quiet, before the morning gets going, --or after the kids are in bed, --or together as a family, -- just a little quiet time. -- A little time to get away from the noise.

--A little time with the Lord so he can touch us.

He touched the man's ears and he said, "Be opened." He calls us to hear.

--Hear the still small voice Elijah heard, whispering that God has a plan for each of us.

--Hear the voice of Christ on the cross, telling us in the darkest moments of our lives that we will get through this together.

--Hear the Holy Spirit singing the Love Song of God in our hearts.

--Hear the voice of Mary, reassuring the concerned wine steward at the wedding feast of Cana, and reassuring us, saying, "Do whatever he tells you."

--Hear the voice of our conscience within, calling us to the new life of the Lord's love, calling us to holiness.

--Hear the Word of God. --Alive in the Bible, --proclaimed in the Church, --proclaimed by the Church.

--proclaimed by the loving husband and wife in their continual gifts of themselves to each other,

--proclaimed by parents and grandparents, aunts and uncles, all good people, giving themselves to the children, to others who need help.

--Hear the Word of God -- proclaimed by children in their steps away from self centeredness. -- proclaimed by the retiree concerned with the future of others, not just himself or herself.

--Hear the Word of God.

And then He touched the man's mouth and said, "Be opened".

--He tells us not to be afraid to stand up for our beliefs and our lifestyle, even if we are told that we are not in concert with modern society. --He tells us that he needs our voices. He needs us to proclaim that he is indeed alive.

--The Resurrection continues. --He opens our mouths to proclaim His presence in the world.

He drew the man away from the crowd. He touched his ears and his mouth, and he said, "Be opened." And the man left proclaiming the love of God.

He touched him.

He touches us.

Parish Directory

Mailing Address: 1011 First St.
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Websites:
St. Joseph Church
www.stjoeatla.org

Diocese of Lafayette
www.diolaf.org

DEDICATION OF OUR CEMETERY CIRCLE AND PARISH HALL

Sunday, September 5 @ 3pm

Bishop Deshotel presider

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, SEPT. 6 OFFICE CLOSED

11:00 A.M. : Curtis Gautreaux Jr, Suzanne Lipari, Frank Guarisco, Irene Mouton, Marshall Gray, Jackie Couture, Frank Cali Sr., Frank Lipari, Chris Costa, Frank Jones, Louis Stuer, Louise Smoorenburg, Laura Johnson, Pam Faul, Lucille Savoie, Jim Kleles, Fr. Jason Mouton, Tommy McGinnis, Lee Michel, David Hartford, Glynn Jumonville Sr, Marta Bran, Edith Grezaffi, Randy Verret, Chad Felterman, Anthony Morella, Angel Rose, Bernice Accardo Rose Lipari, Bonnes Guidry

TUESDAY, SEPT. 7

11:00 A.M.: Loving Memory Tree intentions

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 8

11:00 P.M.:

THURSDAY, SEPT. 9

11:00 A.M.: Frank Cali Sr.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 10

NO MASS

SATURDAY, SEPT. 11

4:30 P.M.: Wilson & Gertrude Bailey, Luke & Virginia Lipari, Frank Guarisco, Donald & Leona Smith, Max Griffin, Graci Andrews, Hal Thomas, Melba & Murray Trahan, M/M Gulley Taylor, Curtis Gautreaux Jr, Glen Jumonville Sr., Sylvia Felterman, Andrew & Lillie Romero, Ray, Mary & Bellard fly, Frances Daugherty, Maria & Anthony Morella, JP Morella, M/M Clarfa Boudreaux, Desire Miguis fly, Gail Domogue, Virginia Young

SUNDAY, SEPT. 12

8:00 A.M.: Randy & Beth Verret, Elsa Y. Parchmont, John DiMatteo, Gail Smith, Charpentier & Costa Fly., Smoorenburg & Boumans Fly., Curtis Gautreaux Jr., David Hartford, Wanda Thibodeaux, Karen Sargee, Phylis Cook, M/M Jake P. Lipari, Guderian & Barcnas fly, Glen Jumonville Sr., Donald Jumonville,

10:30 A.M. : For the People of our Parish (Living & Deceased)

Sanctuary Light
Bonnes Guidry

Sick Relatives & Friends

Please pray for the sick of our parish & their caregivers:

Stella Saleme, Wilda Cali, Angelle Hebert, Iris Roy, Celeste Jumonville, Jackie Como, Cursey Gordon, Rachel Caprito, Rose Johnson, Robert Johnson, Daisy LeBlanc, Russel Cardinale, Linda Thomas, Austin Gabourel, Ruth Blocker, Troy Broussard, Ken & Nadine Montgomery, Barbara Johnson, Agatha Wiggins, Ricky & Brenda Lamartiniere, Bud Lange, Joseph Gomez, Mary Ann Trosclair, Raymond Verret, Don Cordray, Wilbert Drash, Doug & Mamie Perry, Russel Cremaldi, Josie Moncada, Lee Felterman, Alanna Sloane, Wineva Acosta, Mary Sehon, Kerry Montet Jr, Bryce Solar, Dolores Verret, Barbara Guarisco, Kenny Leger, Joann Landry, Diane Singleton, Garnet Acosta, Geraldine Dilly, Jamie Credeur, Heather Bourque, Samantha McGill, Kirsten McGill, Jessica Fariar, Donald Sloan, Susan Murray, Brooke Rhodes, Melanie Lipari, Ronald Berry, Randy Ledet, Jan Fabre, Ray Rentrop, Jacqueline Hebert, Kim Hanks, Rip & Cheryl Verdin, Holly Besse, Jason Percle,

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 \$1032.00
Education Fund \$327.00

Office of Religious Education & Faith Formation

Mamie Perry 395-3881 stjloedrepat@gmail.com

Confirmation Family Orientation
Sept. 8, 2021 6:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

SAFE ENVIROMENT

SEPT. 14 @ 6:30pm PARISH HALL
All volunteers are asked to update their annual safe environment on line this year due to the covid guidelines. Those who need Initial training please contact the office 395-3616.

HOMEBOUND

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

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

Father's Adult Discussion Group

Monday, 6:30pm will meet in the Parish Hall

Eucharistic Adoration First Tuesday of each month from 12 noon to 7:00 pm. Begins with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at noon, and ends with the Benediction at 7:00 P.M. All are welcomed and encouraged to come spend some time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Contact Angie Stelly @ 985-759-3154 for more information.

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 and St. Joseph are collecting monetary donations for snack baskets for our area Hospitals and clinics that have been working hard during the covid pandemic, if you would like to contribute, a basket is at the back of church or contact the rectory.

WHY IS THAT? This weekend St. Joseph's introduces the Vocations Prayer Cross- what is this practice?

An important aspect of our Catholic faith is the area of vocations. Without priests to minister the sacraments there are no sacraments. From the time Jesus first called His Apostles He made them— and us— aware that the laborers in God's harvest would be few and that we needed to pray to God to ask Him to send more workers into His vineyard. The Vocations Prayer Cross assists families and individuals in doing just that. A sign-up sheet will be found near the main doors of the Church. Parishioners are requested to sign to take the cross home with them at the weekend Mass they choose to attend, then pray the accompanying prayers throughout the week in the presence of the cross. The Vocations Prayer Cross is then to be returned to Church by the following Saturday afternoon in time to be presented to the next parishioners who signed to receive it. This same rite is being conducted at churches throughout the diocese and throughout our Catholic world. It will serve as a reminder to us all to be praying for vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate, and religious life. The future of our Catholic Church depends upon those who are willing to come forward and offer their lives in service to God and His Church. May your prayers assist in others saying “yes” when the Holy Spirit calls them— and may you encourage your own family member to say “yes” when He calls them.

The Friends of Lt. Fr. Lafleur request your presence on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 for 6:30pm Mass at St. Landry Catholic Church, Opelousas, LA. To commemorate the 77th Anniversary of the death of Lt. Fr. Joseph Verbis Lafleur, Chaplain— United States Army Air Corps. The Celebrant and Homilist will be Rev. Carl E. Beekman, priest of the Diocese of Rockford, Illinois and donor of Fr. Verbis Lafleur's ordination chalice. Also in attendance will be priests and deacons of the Diocese of Lafayette.

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>JEFF PRESIDENT CARDINALE  CARDINAL LUMBER & SUPPLY, INC. 985-395-9580 800 HWY. 90 WEST PATTERSON, LA</p>	<p>Frank's Agency, Inc. Complete insurance Services 985-395-9351 glynnuarisco@bellsouth.net</p>	
<p>TOWN & COUNTRY FLORIST & GIFTS, Owner: Glynda Lasseigne 3515 Hwy 182, Berwick 985/385-6929 www.tandeflorist.com</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>TWO GRAVE SITES FOR SALE IF INTERESTED PLEASE CALL 985/498-1912</p>
<p>Member FDIC  PATTERSON STATE BANK</p>	<p>Women's Silent Retreat held at St Joseph's Abbey in Covington, LA, on November 26-28, 2021. Registration for Group #8 is \$265 single occupancy with a nonrefundable \$50 deposit. Check in is at 4:00 pm Friday, November 26 and late check-in is acceptable. The retreat concludes with lunch at noon on Sunday, November 28. If interested, register at https://www.saintjosephabbey.com/womens-retreats-2021-22 or by phone at 985-892-3473. Additional information regarding retreat schedule and times can be found on the website. COVID restrictions are in place. Transportation is on your own and carpooling is encouraged. For questions, contact Nicol Armato at 985-312-4545.</p>		

Sept. 11 & 12	Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:	Lectors:	Altar Servers:
Sat. 4:30pm		Mary Richoux	Alex Haven
Sun. 8:00am		Ben Russell	The Russells
Sun. 10:30am		Dr Rand Dooley	Zachary Landry