



October 17, 2021

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# St. Joseph Bulletin

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

## Twenty-ninth Sunday: How to Be A GOAT

There is an expression in the world of sports that a particular player deserves to be called the GOAT. Now years ago, if an athlete was called a goat, it meant that his performance at a game was so poor that he bore much of the responsibility for the team losing. But that is not how the term goat is used now. To be a goat is to be the Greatest of All Time. Here in Tampa Bay, our football team has Tom Brady, a player who is commonly referred to as the GOAT. People may claim that Michael Jordan is the GOAT in professional basketball. Others might say that the title GOAT belongs to LeBron James.

Some athletes are far from being GOATS, but act as though they were. They have an entourage of people who are continually telling them how wonderful they are. They lord it over their teammates as though the others were second rate citizens in their world of wonderfulness.

But you don't have to go to sports to witness those who are so full of themselves that they act as though they are goats. James and John in today's gospel acted that way. They felt that they should sit at the right hand and left hand of the Lord when Jesus came into His Glory. They wanted to lord it over the other disciples. Or, at least they wanted it to be clear that they were much better than the others. Jesus told them that they were clueless. They didn't understand where greatness came from.

There are many people in all walks of life who strut around as legends in their own minds. They may be professionals, like lawyers or doctors or professors who look down on others, or they may be people who hold a position of respect in their families, like parents or grandparents, but do so in an arrogant way, as tyrants rather than as sources of family love. Perhaps we all do this at times. We may act as though we are great, but the truth is that those who think that they are GOATS, are, like James and John, clueless. They, we, don't understand from where greatness comes.

Jesus understood how to be great, though. He told James and John, and He tells us, that greatness comes through service. On the night of the Last Supper, before Jesus gave us His Body and Blood, He washed the feet of His disciples, and then gave them and us this mandate: what you have seen me do, you also must do. That was the path to greatness. That was the way that we could become GOATS.

Think about St. Teresa of Calcutta. She died in 1997, so most of us have been blessed to have been witnesses to some of her life. Everyone would admit that she was a great lady. But how did she become great? She became great by emptying herself to serve the poorest of the poor, first in Calcutta and then throughout the world.

Think about people you know that you can say with confidence that he or she is a great person. My guess is that person is someone who continually reaches out to other people. Someone is sick, he or she is there. Someone is having a bad day, he or she is there. Someone needs help with a difficult job, he or she doesn't even need to be asked. You see, truly great people have learned how to be great from He who is the One True Goat, Jesus Christ, the Greatest of All Time.

All of us have different gifts. We have a responsibility to develop our gifts in service to the Lord. What can I do best? What do you do best? Some people are capable of caring for the incarcerated with mercy, compassion and justice. Others have a great deal of empathy for the sick. Still others have a heart for the poor. Some are capable of teaching. Others are great parents not just to their own children but to those orphaned by the circumstances of their lives. We all have many talents. Our talents are given to us to serve others. We are called to develop these talents. We are called to greatness.

The Lord understands our failures, our limitations, our fears, the times that we lack confidence in ourselves to do His work. He sees this, but He also sees so much more. He sees our talent. He sees our love. He sees our determination to seek Him out in others and serve His Presence.

Some people think that because of situations in their past, they will never be good enough to bring Christ to others. Perhaps we all have those thoughts at time. We need to stop ourselves from that way of thinking. We have been called by Christ to be his disciples. We are Christians. We did not take Christianity on ourselves. We were given this Grace freely by the Lord. We are good enough. He makes us good enough.

It is not the size of a person's entourage that demonstrates that he or she is great. It is not the position of authority that a person holds that demonstrates his or her greatness. **True greatness come from Jesus Christ. He calls us to be people of service. It is through service that every one of us is capable of becoming, in our own way, GOATS.**

Fr. Joseph Pellegrino

### 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, OCT. 18**  
**11:00 A.M. :** Randy Verret, Chad Felterman, Anthony Morella, Angel Rose, Bernice Accardo Rose Lipari, Bonnes Guidry, Fr. Danny Roussel, Wilda Cali, Alfred LaCoste

**TUESDAY, OCT. 19**  
**11:00 A.M.:** Alfred LaCoste, Wilda Cali Theonas Harrington, Loving Memory Tree intentions

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 20**  
**11:00 A.M.:** Chad Felterman, Dylan Young

**THURSDAY, OCT. 21**  
**11:00 A.M.:** Ray, Mary & Bellard fly, Kevin Garrett, Wilda Cali, Alfred LaCoste

**FRIDAY, OCT. 22**  
**NO MASS**

**SATURDAY, OCT. 16**  
**4:30 P.M.:** Wilson & Gertrude Bailey, Luke & Virginia Lipari, Frank Guarisco, Donald & Leona Smith, Max Griffin, Graci Andrews, Hal Thomas, , M/M Gulley Taylor, Curtis Gautreaux Jr, Glen Jumonville Sr., Chad Felterman, Frank & Wilda Cali, Jimmy & Verlie Loupe, Shirley V. Smith, Anna G. Vining, Gail C. Smith Alfred LaCoste

**SUNDAY, OCT. 17**  
**8:00 A.M.:** Randy & Beth Verret, Elsa Y. Parchmont, John DiMatteo, Charpentier & Costa Fly (Living & Deceased), M/M Frank Cali , Wanda Thibodeaux  
**10:30 A.M. :** For the People of our Parish (Living & Deceased)

**Sanctuary Light**  
Alfred LaCoste

**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, 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, Agatha Wiggins, Ricky & Brenda Lamartiniere, Bud Lange, Joseph Gomez, , Mary Ann Trosclair, Raymond Verret, Don Cordray, Wilbert Drash, 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, , Judy Leray, Florence Bebe Viator

**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 \$3224.00

St. Joseph Catholic Church	
Receipts & Expenditures for the year ending 06/30/21	
Receipts	
Offerings	\$236,977.73
Crypt and Candle Sales	\$24,237.10
Interest (Savings)	\$14,726.91
Fund Raising	\$13,091.00
Insurance Claims	\$0.00
Centennial Campaign Rebate	\$6,745.80
Profit Sharing	\$33,203.22
BSA Goal Rebate	\$4,717.50
Total Receipts	333,699.26
Disbursements	
Assessment	\$31,570.71
Salaries and Benefits	\$137,732.09
Property & Liab. Insurance	\$24,760.87
Utilities	\$29,692.31
Repairs & Maintenance	\$29,461.25
Religious Ed Expense & Supplies	\$13,254.79
Office Supplies	\$2,260.78
Residential Supplies	\$4,432.68
Cemetery Mausoleum Expense	\$336.00
Other	\$2,599.24
Fund Raising Expenses	\$6,686.83
Total Disbursements	\$282,787.55
Receipts over Disbursements	
	\$50,911.71

**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. **Next one Nov. 2**

**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.

**Pilgrimage to Alabama Meeting–** Tues., Oct. 19 @ 6pm

**St. Joseph Altar Meeting -Wed., Oct. 27 @ 6pm** in our parish hall.

**You Need to Know:** Finally, in our look at cooperation in regard to Catholic morality we examine the area of material cooperation more closely. As we noted last week, some material cooperation is acceptable and some is not. In our example of the nurse working in the abortuary, the material cooperation is unjust and therefore sinful. It would give an impression of agreement with what occurs there (abortions) on a regular basis. As the Encyclopedia of Catholic Doctrine noted, “it would be a failure to bear witness to the truth about the sanctity of all human life. This... consideration calls attention to the fact that there can be no material cooperation in a particular case if materially cooperation would give scandal” One’s own seeming approval of evil might lead another or others to approve it in fact.” This holds true, of course, for politicians who claim the Catholic faith while promoting the abortion industry (and accepting money from it). Not only is it a personal sin (mortal in this case), but also one that gives scandal and hence leads to the requirement (not option) of public repentance. To determine whether material cooperation is morally justified one must consider the bad side effects of the action. Again, the Encyclopedia of Catholic Doctrine states: “In material cooperation, the act one does is not in itself wrong, but it causes the bad side effect of facilitating or enabling someone else’s wrongdoing. There must be some reason serious enough to justify accepting this bad side effect.” The question becomes one of fairness or justice.” If the bad side effect were happening to me, would I expect the other person to forgo the action causing it? Is my accepting this bad side effect just?” Other considerations to consider include: “How much harm would one suffer if one did not materially cooperate? If one refused to cooperate, would this prevent the evil action? Will the cooperation involve a risk to someone's salvation? Will this cooperation impair the witness that one should give to God's truth and love?” Thus, we can see moral compromise can occur easily and with a wide range of culpability in areas such as abortion. The best thing for all Catholics (and indeed all people of faith who hope for eternal salvation) is simply to avoid these actions, to make clear to those who wish to compromise us of our beliefs, and never give in to their wishes or demands. Cooperation in regard to questionable moral acts is something about which we all need to know.

**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> <i>Are still available here at St. Joseph.</i> <i>If interested please call the rectory.</i> <i>395-3616</i></p>	<p><b>JEFF PRESIDENT CARDINALE</b></p> <p><b>CARDINAL LUMBER &amp; SUPPLY, INC.</b></p> <p><b>985-395-9580</b> 800 HWY. 90 WEST PATTERSON, LA</p>	<p><b>Frank’s Agency, Inc.</b></p> <p>Complete insurance Services 985-395-9351</p> <p>glynnguarisco@bellsouth.net</p>	
<p><b>TOWN &amp; COUNTRY FLORIST &amp; GIFTS,</b> Owner: Glynda Lasseigne</p> <p>3515 Hwy 182, Berwick 985/385-6929 www.tandcflorist.com</p> 	<p><b>MORGAN CITY SUPPLY of Louisiana</b></p>  <p><b>985/384-3650</b> 6911 Hwy 182 E Morgan City, LA</p>	<p><b>Knights of Columbus #1710</b></p>  <p>Protecting Catholic Families for Generations</p>	<p><b>NATIVITY SET RAFFLE</b> Catholic Daughters will be raffling off a Nativity Set from Now until November 28. Drawing will be held Sunday, November 28th after 10:30 mass. Tickets will be sold after each mass. Tickets are \$2 a piece. Winner need not be present.</p>
<p><b>Member FDIC</b></p>  <p>PATTERSON STATE BANK</p>	<p><b>Women’s Silent Retreat held at St Joseph’s Abbey</b> 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 <a href="https://www.saintjosephabbey.com/womens-retreats-2021-22">https://www.saintjosephabbey.com/womens-retreats-2021-22</a> 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>		

Oct. 23 & 24	Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:	Lectors:	Altar Servers:
Sat. 4:30pm Sun. 8:00am Sun. 10:30am		Alecia Rabalais Mallory Perry Bridgette Taylor	Zachary Landry Landon Lipari Lainey Taylor