



St. Joseph Bulletin

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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Making Room for God

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.

In today's Gospel we hear the beatitudes. But they are not the beatitudes we are used to. They are not the nine beatitudes from the Gospel of Matthew. There are only four beatitudes. And these are followed by four woes. Today's Gospel is from the Gospel of Luke. Instead of "Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven," we hear, "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the Kingdom of God." Luke is telling those who are poor, hungry, weeping, hated, excluded, insulted, and denounced that they are blessed. And he's telling those who are not suffering, those who are rich, filled with food, laughing, and treated with respect that they will suffer.

What are we to make of this? Is it good to be poor? Should we, like St. Francis of Assisi, throw away all our possessions and become beggars? Well, that can't be what the Lord is saying. After all, if everyone became a beggar, there would be nobody to beg from. God created all the wonderful things of the world. Does God want us to suffer for enjoying his gifts? That can't be correct either.

So what is this all about?

This has less to do with material possessions as it has to do with the person who possesses them. It really has a lot to do with us and our present situation in society.

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How can we be open to God, though, when we have so much else on our minds? So many of us, beginning with me, are glued to our devices. I have no idea how many times I look at my iPhone on an average day, but I can assure you that I would be embarrassed to know that number. In fact, I shudder to think of the number of hours a day I spend looking at some screen or other. And I don't even play video games.

I notice that when I go on a retreat, I feel I am so much closer to God than when I am home. I'm sure that one of the reasons for this is that I am not tied down to devices. I am making more room for Him in my life.

Perhaps, you also can see a bit of this in your lives. We, you and I, need to regulate our use of devices not because they are bad, but because they can take up time in our lives and space in our hearts that could be occupied by the One who loves each of us and calls us to love. You and I need to make time for prayer. And if we say, "My day is so busy as it is," then we need to remind ourselves that in many ways we have allowed our modern technological society to make our lives busy.

Secondly, we need to make room for others in our lives. In the Gospel of Luke the Lord tells a parable of a rich man and a poor man named Lazarus. This is not the Lazarus who Jesus raises from the dead. That's his friend and the brother of Martha and Mary in the Gospel of John. The Lazarus of Luke is a character in a parable. This Lazarus is a poor man covered in sores. He sat at the gate of a rich man's house. He was starving and longed to eat just the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Then they both die. Lazarus goes to heaven. The rich man to hell. Why does the rich man go to hell? He's there because he was so full of himself and his stuff that he didn't even notice Lazarus. He would walk past Lazarus every single day as he entered his house for another lavish meal. He didn't see the poor man. There was no room for Lazarus in the rich man's life. And because there was no room for Lazarus, there was no room for God.

If we want to love and be loved we need to have space at the center of whom we are. And then Goodness will enter our hearts. This was the opening prayer in today's Mass: "O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you."

On October 26, 2018, Fr. Thomas Keating died at St. Joseph's Trappist Abbey in Spencer, Massachusetts. Fr. Keating left the world with a great gift. This was his writing about Centering Prayer. Fr. Keating's passion was to lead human beings to experience the unconditional "love beyond love that is God's Presence within us, and to have that love lead us to respect, befriend and love one another." He encouraged people to restore and renew an ancient way of developing a loving disposition of heart. Centering Prayer involves sitting in silence and gently letting go of all thoughts and sensations and giving ascent to the Presence of God whose love is constant, trustworthy, gentle and safe. The changes we all seek in our lives and our worlds begin within. The sacred place of transformation is where we are. This disposition of heart leads us to love and to respect one another. It helps us fight off the temptation to let our possessions define who we are.

We say that we care about those who are suffering, but do we? Do we really care about them? Do we even have room in our heart for those who are hurting, or are we satisfied with walking right by them, and, God forgive us, not even making eye contact.

We can not reach out to others if we are all wrapped up in ourselves.

The principle running through all the beatitudes in Luke is this: we are blessed if we do not cram ourselves full, leaving no room for that which matters. We are blessed if we allow ourselves to have that wonderful empty space that can become a spacious home for God and for other human beings.

There is only one reality, only one Being who can give us the bread of life, who can satisfy our deep hunger for love.

Blessed are we if we let go of all that is cluttering our lives. Then we can fly into the arms of our Divine Lover. Then we can be lovers. *Fr. Joseph Pellegrino*



Parish Directory

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St. Joseph Church
www.stjosephpatla.org

Diocese of Lafayette
www.diolaf.org

St. Joseph Day Basket Raffle

Raffle tickets will be on sale this weekend at all Masses from now till March 19, and can be purchased in the rectory. Tickets are \$2. Drawing will be March 19 after our St. Joseph Day Mass. Basket filled with St. Joseph items, Italian cookies, wine, pasta and much more. Please help us make this a successful fundraiser here at St. Joseph your efforts are greatly appreciated.



MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, FEB. 14
11:00 A.M.: Alfred LaCoste, M/M Theonis Harrington, Roger Boutte, Nadine Montgomery, Lewis Guidry, Fr. Louis Vu, Gary Sargee, Tammy Clements, Russell & Molly Governale, Frank & Dianne Governale, Josie Moncada (Birthday)

TUESDAY, FEB. 15
11:00 A.M.: Living Tree intentions,

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 16
11:00 A.M.:

THURSDAY, FEB. 17
11:00 A.M.: Pat Bertrand, Deanna Bihm, Frank & Dianne Governale

FRIDAY, FEB. 18
11:00 A.M.: NO MASS

SATURDAY, FEB. 19
4:30PM: Pat Vidos, Frank Guarisco, Bonnes Guidry, Alfred LaCoste, Boutte & Gordon fly, Donald & Leona Smith, Max Griffin, Graci Andrews, Hal Thomas, Curtis Gautreaux Jr, Hugh & Nell Brown, Luke & Virginia Lipari, Nadine Montgomery, Gulley & Anna Taylor, Michelle LeBlanc, Charles R. Mitchell Jr., Amy Lowery, Jimmy & Verlie Loupe

SUNDAY, FEB. 20
8:00 A.M.: Elsa Y. Parchmont, Randy & Beth Verret, Charpentier & Costa Fly (Living & Deceased), Curtis Gautreaux Jr, Herman Pellerin Sr., Gertrude & Wilson Bailey, Bonnes Guidry
10:30 A.M.: For the People of our Parish (Living & Deceased)

Sanctuary Light
 Butch Felterman

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, Russell Cardinale, Linda Thomas, Austin Gabourel, Ruth Blocker, Troy Broussard, Agatha Wiggins, Ricky & Brenda Lamartiniere, Bud & Debbie Lange, Joseph Gomez, Mary Ann Trosclair, 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, Jason Percle, Judy Leray, Florence Bebe Viator, Justin Fabre, Nanette Landry, Anthony Richard, Valerie Simon, James Carinhas, Butch Diaz, Darlene Hamm, Liz Clement, Ann Heard, Jimmy Russo, Lenier Soudier, Rick Tabor, Bennie Collins, Averi Andrews, Sandra Bradford, Sheena Robertson, Pasquale Izaguirre, Kelly Dalton, Stephen McReynolds, Kay Olds, Frank Hernandez, Jason & Theresa Babin, Noel Verdin

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 \$4897.00
 Building & Maintenance \$1123.00

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

February
Wednesday– 16th– Valentine Banquet
 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. for ALL families

March
Sunday– 12th Family Sunday Session & Mass 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday– 16th 6:00 p.m. for all families
 Way of the Cross presented by students

What Cross Catholic Outreach Has Achieved in 20 Years of Serving the Poor

Cross Catholic Outreach launched in 2001 with a very ambitious goal in mind: to empower the Church’s global efforts to break the cycle of poverty in developing countries by providing material and spiritual support to families with the greatest needs. Since then, U.S. Catholics have stood with us to lift up the poor and vulnerable in more than 85 countries, providing \$3.3 billion in total aid and transforming thousands of lives. Pope Francis has recognized Cross Catholic Outreach’s 20 years of service by imparting an Apostolic Blessing on our ministry and benefactors. As an official Catholic ministry, we can’t thank you enough for the vital role you have played in this mission of mercy. **Next weekend a priest from Cross Catholic Outreach will be visiting our parish.**

You Need to Know: Yet another of our Catholic faith’s varied and colorful scapulars is the white scapular of Our Lady of Good Counsel. The scapular’s story centers around the Church of St. Mary, Mother of Good Counsel built near Rome about the fourth century. In 1356 the church was placed under the care of the Augustinian order. A widow, Patruccia, sold her belongings to begin the church’s needed restoration. This was insufficient, however, and the parishioners of the poor parish began to pray to God for additional funding. On April 25, 1467 as the town was celebrating the feast of its patron, St. Mark, a cloud moved over the town coming to rest on the church. An unknown picture of the Madonna and child was discovered at the church. This miraculous apparition caused the parishioners to complete the church’s restoration. The mysterious image seemed to have come from a town in Albania where it had been an object of devotion. The Albanian town was under siege from the Ottoman Turks, which was seen to be the cause of its miraculous journey. The image was framed and remains in the church today. Between 1957 and 1959 an investigation was made of the fresco. It is part of a larger wall fresco that is hidden by the baroque altar. It was painted about 1417-1431. Before 1467 it was thought to have been covered over with plaster. This plaster was believed to have shattered at the time the image was revealed. Though earthquakes and bombing from World War II occurred in the area, the image has remained intact. Pope Paul II gave the original approval for the devotion to Mary under the title of Our Mother of Good Counsel. Pope Benedict XIV established the Pious Union of Our Lady of Good Counsel in 1753. Pope Leo XIII was a member of this union and began the white scapular of Good Counsel, adding this title of Mary to the Litany of Loreto and declaring the shrine a minor basilica. The image of Mary comprises the front of the white scapular. She has closed eyes with Jesus’s arm around her neck. Mary is depicted as a queen with her Son’s eyes intent on her. The back of the scapular depicts the papal coat of arms. The words, “Son, follow Her counsel,” the words of Pope Leo XIII are beneath this. The white scapular is worn by members of the Pious Union of Our Mother of Good Counsel—and is something you 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> 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>TOWN & COUNTRY FLORIST & GIFTS, Owner: Glynda Lasseigne 3515 Hwy 182, Berwick 985/385-6929 www.tandcflorist.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> DAY CAMP June 13-17</p>
<p>Member FDIC  PATTERSON STATE BANK</p>	<p>Frank’s Agency, Inc. Complete insurance Services 985-395-9351 glynnuarisco@bellsouth.net</p>	<p><i>Mausoleum Crypts</i> Are still available here at St. Joseph. If interested please call the rectory. 395-3616</p>			

Feb. 19 & 20 Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: Lectors: Altar Servers:
 Sat. 4:30pm Michael Brocato Parker Brocato
 Sun. 8:00am Amy Vaccarella Luke Vaccarella
 Sun. 10:30am Shannon Freeman Landon Lipari

Father’s Adult Discussion Group
 Monday, 6:30pm will meet in the parish hall

St. Joseph Parish Council will meet Mar. 8

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 Mar.**

PILGRIMAGE TO ALABAMA

Join us on a pilgrimage to experience holy sites in Alabama! The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, EWTN Studios, and St. Bernard Abbey are all included. Fr. Herb Bennerfield will be the Spiritual Director. cost \$650.00. www.holytravels.org/stjosephalabama or call Magnificat Travel at 337-291-1933

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.

Day Camp! June 13-17

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.