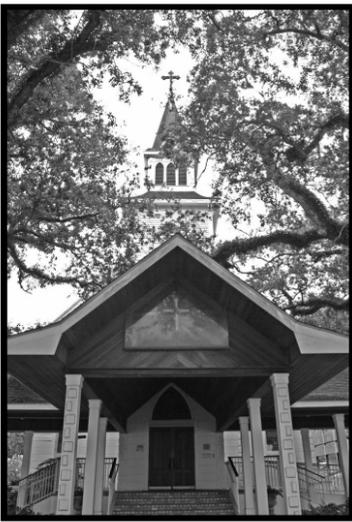


# St. Joseph Bulletin

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



Habakkuk 1:2-3;2:2-4 + 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 + Luke 17:5-10  
 Catechism Link: CCC 144

**Celebration of Holy Mass**

**Weekday**

Monday & Thursday 11:00am  
 Tuesday 9:30 at Nursing Home  
 Wednesday 6:30am

**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.

**"... bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God."**

Today's Gospel reading consists of two connected passages. The first, briefer passage is Jesus' response to a petition from His apostles: "Increase our faith." To the apostles' asking for faith, Jesus answers by discussing works.

In this first passage Jesus shows how the works of an authentic Christian are rooted in the divine virtue of faith. The passage also reveals the power of faith: this power is shown by the disproportion between "faith the size of a mustard seed" and the great work of a mulberry tree being uprooted and planted in the sea.



Often Catholics can find themselves in debates with separated Christian brethren over the relationship between faith and good works. Perhaps one problem in understanding the connection between these two is that our faith is so meager that we're content to carry out merely "good works".

In fact, Christ calls His disciples not only to carry out good works that can be accomplished by natural human abilities alone, such as the corporal works of mercy, which in fact can be carried out by persons who do not believe in God. In addition to good works, Christ calls His disciples to strive to carry out great works. If we Christians carried out great works, we'd have less reason to ascribe such works solely to our own human efforts, since we'd be forced by common sense to realize that such great works are only possible by means of a power greater than ourselves.

However, the Gospel Reading's second passage offers another way to reflect upon the connection between faith and works. It's not quite a parable. We might instead call it a guided reflection. Through it, Jesus illustrates one of the necessary motives of those whose works are animated by faith. This motive is certainly not the only one that a Christian needs in order to produce authentic works. But its absence in a Christian's soul inevitably leads to the chief vice of the Christian spiritual life. Servanthood is the focus of Jesus' guided reflection. Servanthood, or servanthood, is similar to stewardship. Servanthood and stewardship are both demanded by those who follow Jesus. They have much in common, but each has its own unique characteristics.

The image of servanthood sharply focuses our attention upon the relationship between the master and the servant. It focuses upon the radical dependence of the servant upon the master, and in particular, upon the master's will. By contrast, the concept of stewardship implies a distance between the steward and his lord. The steward is independent, at least for whatever period of time the lord chooses to be away. The steward acts in the name of the lord during his absence, whether that lasts for days or years. In J.R.R. Tolkien's masterpiece The Lord of the Rings, the stewards of Gondor reigned for centuries while the heirs to the king's throne lived in exile. In the case of the steward Denethor, such lengthy independence resulted in consuming, self-destructive pride.

Pride is the target of Jesus' preaching in today's Gospel Reading. The humility that Jesus calls for is reflected in His final words: "So should it be with you. When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'" Of course, humility is a virtue that both stewards and servants are called to exhibit. What particular quality, then, does Jesus' image of a servant demand, and how does that quality work against pride? Given that servanthood focuses on the radical dependence of the servant upon the master's will, servanthood demands the virtue of obedience. Obedience motivates and directs one's works in accord with God's providential will.

Many Christians might be surprised to learn that the word "obedience" is derived from the Latin infinitive "obedire", which can be translated as "to listen". Naturally, a servant can't obey his master unless he first listens to his master's command. This demands being ready for the master to issue his command, which in turn demands attentive listening: not to stand at attention, but to listen at attention, humbly waiting not for the master's return, but for his word; not at the end of time or even at the hour of my death, but here and now and at every moment that I live.

Fr. Thomas Hoisington

**St. Joseph will have a clean up day Oct. 8 at 8am. If you would like to help, just show up and bring your garden tools and/or a pressure washer with you! MUCH HELP IS NEEDED!!**

**Parish Directory**

**Mailing Address: 1011 First St. Patterson, LA 70392**

**Email: stjoeat@cox-internet.com**

**Office / Rectory: 985-395-3616**

**Fr. Herb Bennerfield, Pastor ext. 3 ~  
 Bobbie Diaz (Office Manager) ext. 4 ~  
 Office Fax: 985-395-9129**

**Education Office: 985-395-3881  
 Mamie Perry (DRE) ext. 5 ~  
 Education Fax: 985-395-3685  
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**Websites:  
 St. Joseph Church  
 www.stjoeatla.org**

**Diocese of Lafayette  
 www.diola.org**

**A PRAYER TO AVERT STORMS AND HURRICANES**

FATHER,  
 ALL THE ELEMENTS OF NATURE OBEY  
 YOUR COMMAND. CALM THE STORMS AND  
 HURRICANE THAT THREATEN OUR  
 BROTHERS AND SISTERS  
 AND TURN OUR FEAR OF YOUR POWER  
 INTO PRAISE OF YOUR GOODNESS.  
 GRANT THIS THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS  
 CHRIST, YOUR SON, WHO LIVES AND  
 REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
 ONE GOD, FOREVER AND EVER.  
 AMEN.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, OCT. 3**

**11:00 A.M.:** Fr. Robert Marcel, Murray Duval  
Luke A. Lipari, Fred Parchment, Gloria Gunther

**TUESDAY, OCT. 4**

**6:30AM:** For those in purgatory  
**9:30 A.M.:** NURSING HOME- NO MASS

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 5**

**6:30A.M.:** Beth Verret

**THURSDAY, OCT. 6**

**11:00A.M.:** Murray Duval, Tony Grezaffi, Frank Guarisco, Lorena Ledoux,

**FRIDAY, OCT. 7**

**11:00 A.M.:** NO MASS

**SATURDAY, OCT. 8**

**4:30 PM:** Pat Vidos, Frank Guarisco, Alfred LaCoste, Donald & Leona Smith, Max Griffin, Graci Andrews, Hal Thomas, Curtis Gautreaux Jr, Luke & Virginia Lipari, Luke A. Lipari, Nadine Montgomery, Gulley & Anna Taylor, Butch & Sylvia Felterman, Jackie & BL Como, AJ & Josie Moncada, Murray Duval, Bonnes Guidry, Marlene Burns, Amy Lowery, David & Jon Felterman

**SUNDAY, OCT. 9**

**8:00 A.M.:** Fred & Elsa Parchmont, Randy & Beth Verret, Charpentier & Costa Fly (Living & Deceased), Curtis Gautreaux Jr, Gertrude & Wilson Bailey, Ernest & Beverly Felterman, Melba & Murray Trahan, Bonnes Guidry, Marlene Burns,

**10:30 A.M.:** For the People of our Parish

**Sanctuary Light**

Fred Parchment

*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, Rachel Caprito, Rose & Robert Johnson, Daisy LeBlanc, Linda Thomas, Austin Gabourel, Ruth Blocker, Troy Broussard, Agatha Wiggins, Ricky & Brenda Lamartiniere, Bud & Debbie Lange, Joseph Gomez, Mary Ann Trosclair, Lee Felterman, 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, Doug Perry, 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, Karen Bertrand, Nanette Landry, Anthony Richard, Valerie Simon, James Carinhas, Liz Clement, Ann Heard, Jimmy Russo, Rick Tabor, Bennie Collins, Sandra Bradford, Sheena Robertson, Kelly Dalton, Stephen McReynolds, Kay Olds, Frank Hernandez, Jason & Theresa Babin, Noel Verdin, Michele Harrell, Lonnie Garza, Ryan Domingue, Woody Carlin, Penelope Meadows, Ray Primeaux, Elijah Allen, Warren Soudelier, Keely Price, Carla LaSalle, Janice Boudier, Jerry Butch Robicheaux, Elizabeth Swan, Alex Lewis, Kate Hicks, Troy Landry, Barbara Vinning, Jane & Cursey Gordon, Lyman Wilson, Blaine St. Romain, Layla Joseph, Veronica St. Romain, Mildred Trujillo, Jerry Trosclair, Christian Miguez, Wesley Munfon Jr., John Carmody, Jina Thomas, Abigail Watson, Geraldine Verdun, Howard Johnson, Grant & Terrell Darby, Drake Price, Angie & Clyde 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 Offerings \$2217.00

**Office of Religious Education & Formation**

Mamie Perry 395-3881 stjloedre@teche.net

**October**

- 10/2 Pre-K -8th Gr. Mass 10:30am
- 10/5 Confirmation Family Meeting
- 10/12 Family Session (Pre-K-10) @6pm  
Confirmation 6:45p.m.-8:00p.m.
- 10/26 Family Session @6pm
- 10/30 H.S. Mass 10:30am

**St. Joseph Altar Meeting**

There will be a St. Joseph Altar meeting in the Parish Hall on Oct.4 at 6pm to discuss planning on our upcoming St. Joseph Altar. Please contact Maria Tabor call 518-8009, if you are interested in helping with the altar.



**You need to know:** As I recently mentioned, and as many of you certainly are aware, an estimated 2/3 of all Catholics world-wide do not believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. When one considers (and the Catechism of the Catholic Church clearly states) that the Eucharist is the source and summit of our Catholic faith, we can begin to see why so many Catholics have abandoned their religion— there is a tremendous lack of belief, a tremendous lack of faith on the part of so many today. Seeking not only to stem the tide, but to reverse it as well, the USCCB has begun a Eucharistic Revival initiative. It's our bishops' firm hope and desire that ever greater numbers of non-practicing Catholics return to the fold of Jesus Christ because they not only see Him as the source and summit of their faith, but also as the source and summit of their lives. This Eucharistic Revival will be a multi-phase program stretching over the next three years. A diocesan committee of clergy has been established to coordinate efforts in the first phase, The Year of Diocesan Revival, which extends through the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) next summer. That phase will immediately be followed by the Year of Parish Revival ending in a National Eucharistic Congress July 17-24,2024. Finally, there will be the Year of Going Out On Mission concluding on Pentecost, 2025. Here at St. Joseph's we're trying to foster an ever-greater belief in and love for Jesus in the Eucharist. We've begun our monthly Eucharistic adoration, have held a Eucharistic procession on Corpus Christi, and are planning another on the Solemnity of Christ the King. Certainly, for those without a firm belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist I would recommend any number of books detailing Eucharistic miracles. **Remember, the Eucharist is the source and summit of our Catholic faith. May it be yours now and always. It's something you need to know-and embrace.**



**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>  <b>CARDINAL LUMBER &amp; SUPPLY, INC.</b> <b>985-395-9580</b> 800 HWY. 90 WEST PATTERSON, LA</p>	<p><b>Frank's Agency, Inc.</b> Complete insurance Services 985-395-9351 glynnuarisco@bellsouth.net</p>	<p><b>Knights of Columbus #1710</b></p> <p><b>Blackstone Raffle</b></p>  <p><b>KC's be raffling off a Blackstone grill, tickets cost \$5.00. Knights will be selling tickets after all Masses till Oct. 15!</b> <i>Please support our Knights!</i></p>
<p><b>TOWN &amp; COUNTRY FLORIST &amp; GIFTS,</b> Owner: Glynda Lasseigne 3515 Hwy 182, Berwick 985/385-6929 www.tandcflorist.com</p>	<p><b>MORGAN CITY SUPPLY of Louisiana</b>  <b>985/384-3650</b> 6911 Hwy 182 E Morgan City, LA</p>	<p><b>Knights of Columbus #1710</b>  Protecting Catholic Families for Generations</p>	
<p><b>Member FDIC</b>  <b>PATTERSON STATE BANK</b></p>	<p><i>C. Whitten</i> <b>Photography</b> cwhittenphotography.com</p>	<p><b>Acadiana Catholic Magazine can be found in the back of church.</b></p>	

<b>Oct. 8 &amp; 9</b>	<b>Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:</b>	<b>Lectors:</b>	<b>Altar Servers:</b>
Sat. 4:30pm	Shannon Freeman	Shannon Freeman	Zachary Landry
Sun. 8:00am	Angela Harrington	Bridgette Taylor	Lainey Taylor
Sun. 10:30am	Ruby Delaune	Dr. Rand Dooley	The Russels