

**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.

July 9, 2023

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

# St. Joseph Bulletin

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

“... for although you have hidden these  
things from the wise and the learned you have  
revealed them to little ones.”



Humility is the foundation of the spiritual life. In Sunday's Gospel Reading Jesus teaches us how to lay this foundation. Jesus shows us that humility is at the heart of all progress in the spiritual life. Note that this is more than just saying that humility is the first lesson learned by spiritual beginners. Jesus is going further, insisting that humility is at the heart of the progress made each day by the most spiritually advanced saints.

In the portraits of Jesus painted by the four evangelists, Jesus rarely speaks out loud to God the Father. Yet in today's Gospel Reading, Jesus not only speaks to the Father, but exclaims, saying: “I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones.”

No matter how old you are, no matter how far you have already progressed in the spiritual life, humility is the soil needed for further growth. If you are a farmer, or even if you garden, you know that when it comes to growing things from the earth, there's good soil and there's bad soil. There's soil that's rich in nutrients and moisture, and then there's soil that's dry and depleted of nutrients.

If we want to say, then, that the soil of humility is meant to be rich in spiritual nutrients and moisture, what are we saying? Why does humility make for rich spiritual soil? Saint Teresa of Avila, a Carmelite reformer who lived in the sixteenth century, stated:

“While we are on this earth nothing is more important to us than humility. ... In my opinion we shall never completely know ourselves if we don't strive to know God. By gazing at His grandeur, we get in touch with our own lowliness... by pondering His humility, we shall see how far we are from being humble” [The Interior Castle 1,2,9].

St. Teresa makes plain that focusing upon God rather than upon oneself is key to fostering humility. Yet St. Paul in Sunday's Second Reading speaks about another key way of shifting one's attention in the spiritual life from what is less important to what is greater. St. Paul explains the importance of focusing upon the human spirit rather than upon human flesh.

What does St. Paul mean in the Second Reading when he states to the Romans: “You are not in the flesh”? Obviously, no one would deny that each Christian making his way through life on this earth journeys within a human body. We all live with flesh and blood. The human body is an essential part of making one's pilgrimage through life.

But when St. Paul insists that “You are not in the flesh”, he's shifting attention to the principle by which the pilgrim can bring focus to his earthly life. That is to ask the following: is gratification of the flesh's five senses the motivating principle for the pilgrim's choices? Or does that pilgrim live “in the spirit”, meaning that his choices seek to allow the Holy Spirit to rule—to give order and aim—to the pilgrim's journey?

Throughout the Church's history, this contrast between the flesh and the spirit has led to many heresies. St. Augustine of Hippo, a fifth-century bishop in northern Africa, spent many years before his baptism as a member of a sect based upon one such heresy. This group believed that the difference between flesh and spirit was not only a contrast, but a sharp division between evil and good. To grow in holiness meant to reject not only the flesh, but everything material.

What that heresy ignores is that “in the beginning”, God created the heavens and the earth and everything within them, both visible and invisible. In the first chapter of Genesis, we hear that God “looked at everything He had made, and found it very good” [Gn 1:31]. Material things cannot be made evil. Only persons and their actions can be evil, by putting last things first. Material things are among the last that matter in life, because they will not last. Knowing this truth and ordering one's choices according to it foster humility, disposing oneself to abiding more fully in God.

Fr. Thomas Hoisington

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[www.diolaf.org](http://www.diolaf.org)

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JULY 10

9:00 A.M.: Gianfala, Marcell, & Lipari fly

TUESDAY, JULY 11

NURSING HOME

9:30 A.M.:

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

6:30 A.M.:

THURSDAY, JULY 13

12:10 A.M.:

Wally Griffin,  
Russell & Molly Governale

FRIDAY, JULY 14

11:00 A.M.: NO MASS

SATURDAY, JULY 15

4:30 P.M.:

Frank & Austin Guarisco, Alfred LaCoste, Donald & Leona Smith, Max Griffin, Graci Andrews, Hal Thomas, Wally Griffin, Corey Landry, Luke & Virginia Lipari, Nadine Montgomery, Curtis Gautreaux Jr., Michael Gunther, Joe & Gloria Gunther, AJ & Josie Moncada, Yvonne Adams, Butch & Sylvia Felterman, Andrus & Odelia LeCompte, Mervin A. Sonnier

SUNDAY, JULY 16

8:00 A.M.:

Fred & Elsa Parchmont, Randy & Beth Verret, Charpentier & Costa Fly (Living & Deceased), Gertrude & Wilson Bailey, Ernest & Beverly Felterman, Wanda Thibodeaux,

10:30 A.M. :

For the People of our Parish

Sanctuary Light

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

ST. JOSEPH FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry is in need of these items: **peanut butter, jelly, instant grits, oatmeal, canned milk, canned meat, rice, mac & cheese, spaghetti sauce, crackers, cereal, 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 thirsty and you gave me drink...”**  
**Matthew 25:34**

HOMEBOUND

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

Father’s Adult Discussion Group -No Class will resume July 10

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 welcome and encouraged to come spend some time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Contact Angie Stelly @ 985-759-3154 for more information. **Next one July 11**

Catholic Daughters

will meet the first Thursday of each month at 5:30 P.M. in the parish hall. If you are interested in joining please call the rectory.

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.

KC’s Meetings

are held the second Thursday of the month @7pm in need of volunteers!

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, Joseph Gomez, Mary Ann Trosclair, Lee Felterman, 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, Susan Murray, Brooke Rhodes, 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, Liz Clement, Ann Heard, Jimmy Russo, Rick Tabor, Bennie Collins, Sandra Bradford, Sheena Robertson, Kelly Dalton, L.P. Lipari, Janice Peterson, Stephen McReynolds, Kay Olds, Clara Barthelemy, Frank Hernandez, Jason & Theresa Babin, Michele Harrell, Lonnie Garza, Ryan Domingue, Penelope Meadows, Elijah Allen, Warren Soudelier, Keely Price, Carla LaSalle, Janice Boudier, Elizabeth Swan, Alex Lewis, Kate Hicks, Troy Landry, Barbara Vinning, Jane & Cursey Gordon, Layla Joseph, Veronica St. Romain, Mildred Trujillo, Jerry Trosclair, Wesley Munfon Jr., John Carmody, Jina Thomas, Abigail Watson, Howard Johnson, Grant & Terrell Darby, Drake Price, Angie & Clyde Auction, Joni Ronsonet, Cory Fox, Gina Crooks, Tootie Carrier, Maxine Hebert, Dakota Hue, Jackson Perry, Tiffany Hardford, Butch Davis, Blaine St Romain, Roland Fruge, Debra Verret, Billy Giroir, Ken Montgomery, Ethan Perro, Pat Rock, Cindy Solar, Pattie Armato, Phyllis Russo, Jack (Bubba) Jones Jr., Jena Derise, Wieneva Acosta , Gloria & Author Roy, Jody Felterman, Gary Robicheaux, Ron Michel , Laquite Darnell, Bonnie Tallada, Collins LaSalle, Randy Barrilleaux, Charles, Sandra, & Amber Grogan, Mollie Grote, Paula Boutte, Mollie Grote, Eddie Foret, Jessie Signater Sr., Wayne Wood

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

\$2659.72


Building & Maintenance fund

\$733.75






Source and Summit:

Remaining on the Iberian Peninsula, we turn this weekend to Spain’s neighbor, Portugal. We travel to the city of Santarem, about halfway between Lisbon and Fatima. It’s the first half of the thirteenth century, some time between 1225 and 1247, long before Our Blessed Mother’s appearances in Fatima in the early twentieth century. While many of the underlying causes to this Eucharistic Miracle are similar to those of the Zaragoza miracle discussed here last weekend, the miracle resulting was quite different. Again, we find an unhappy wife, certain her husband didn’t love her and was unfaithful. To restore his love for her, she tried many things unsuccessfully before resorting to a sorceress. Once more, the sorceress requests a consecrated host be brought to her. The wife begins to bring it to her, knowing it was a sacrilege to do so. However, on the way to the sorceress the Host begins to bleed through the cloth in which it was contained. A passerby, noticing the blood, called her attention to it. Horrified, she returned home where she put the bleeding Host in the bottom of a trunk. It was stated she waited that entire day and night in guilt and fear. When her husband returned home late that night they went to bed until they were awakened by a bright light-emanating from the trunk! The light was so bright and intense it lit up the entire room. The wife then informed her husband about the bleeding Host. The remainder of the night they spent in Eucharistic adoration kneeling before the miraculous Host. Attracted by the light, neighbors arrived at the house the next day and also witnessed the miracle. The parish priest was informed and he went to the house to retriever the Host. Encasing it in a wax container, he brought it in a solemn procession back to the church (St. Steven) and placed it in the tabernacle. When the priest next opened the tabernacle he was amazed to find another miracle-the wax container had broken into bits and the bleeding Host was now within a crystal pyx. The miraculous host remains there to this day. The church in Santarem where this occurred has been renamed “The Church of the Miracle.” It is believed St. Francis Xavier visited the miracle before sailing to India to evangelize there. The house where the original miracle was placed became a chapel in 1684. Each year on the second Sunday of April a procession is held with the Eucharistic miracle carrying it from the chapel to the church. Otherwise, the bleeding Host of Santarem is not usually exposed. However, after these several centuries the blood is still in liquid form, reminding us all of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, the true source and summit of our Catholic faith.

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We are now accepting Bulletin ads. You may purchase an ad for your business or in memory of someone. Ads are \$20/month or \$240/yr. If you would like to place an ad in the Bulletin please call the rectory 395-3616.

<div><div>Knights of Columbus</div><div>#1710</div><div></div><div>Protecting Catholic Families</div></div>	<div><div>JEFF PRESIDENT</div><div>CARDINALE</div><div>CARDINAL LUMBER &amp; SUPPLY, INC.</div><div>985-395-9580</div><div>800 HWY. 90 WEST PATTERSON, LA</div></div>	<div><div>Frank’s Agency, Inc.</div><div>Complete insurance Services</div><div>985-395-9351</div><div>glynnnguarisco@bellsouth.net</div></div>	<div><div>St Joseph Capital Campaign</div><div>\$67,200</div><div></div><div>Raised \$58,905.10</div><div></div></div>
<div><div>Member FDIC</div><div></div><div>PATTERSON STATE BANK</div></div>	<div><div>MORGAN CITY SUPPLY of Louisiana</div><div></div><div>985/384-3650</div><div>6911 Hwy 182 E Morgan City, LA</div></div>	<div><div>C. Whitten Photography</div><div>cwhittenphotography.com</div></div>	<div><div>Need to find a Mass while out of town?</div><div>To find a Mass and its location go to www.MassTimes.org or call 410-676-6000</div></div>

July 15 & 16

Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

Lectors:

Altar Servers:

Sat. 4:30pm

Sun. 8 :00am

Sun. 10:30am

Ministers please see your new schedules!