

August 27, 2023 / 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday, Wednesday-Friday: 8:30 a.m. Tuesday: No Mass

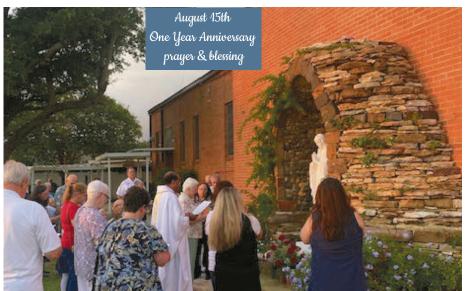
WEEKEND MASS

Saturday: 4 p.m. Sunday: 8 & 10 a.m.



PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Baby 'Philip' Kuruvilla, pastor
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YOUTH FORMATION

- The deadline to register is September 2nd.
- The first class will be held on Tuesday, September 5th at 6:15 p.m.
- Youth Formation Mass, 10 a.m. on September 10th.

Weddings

Arrangements should be made with the priest or deacon six months in advance. Call the church office to set up an appointment.

Home Bound Ministry/Communion

If you know of a parishioner who is Home-bound and would like to receive communion, please call the church office at 594-5859.

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Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Church office to make arrangements for receiving this Sacrament.

Reconciliation

Reconciliation is offered a half hour before Mass on Saturdays or call the Church Office for an appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

- * Seminars are held on the first Thursday of the Month at 6:30 p.m.
- * Baptisms are held after 4 p.m. Mass on Saturdays and/or 10 a.m. Mass on Sundays.
- * Call the Church office to Schedule

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The Journey of Our Life

A long time ago, there was an emperor who told his horseman that if he could ride on his horse and cover as much land as he liked, then he would be given all the land that he covered. Sure enough, the horseman quickly jumped onto his horse and rode as fast as he could covering as much land as possible. He kept on riding and riding, whipping the horse in a bit to make it go as fast as possible, not stopping even when he was hungry and tired, all because he wanted to cover as much area as possible. However, having covered a substantial area of land by riding fast and long, he was exhausted to the point of death. Then he asked himself, "Why did I push myself so hard to cover so much land? Now I am dying and I only need a very small area to bury myself."

Isn't this story similar to the journey of our life? We push very hard everyday to make more and more money, to gain greater power and to earn much recognition. In the process, we neglect our health, and forgo the joy of spending quality time with our family as well as doing what we like to do. We also, get disconnected from God who created us and who is the source of true peace and joy. One day when we look back, we will realize that we don't really need everything that we have amassed. But then, we cannot turn back time for what we have missed. No way!

Life is not about making money. Acquiring power and recognition. Life is definitely not about work! Work is only necessary to ensure our sustenance and to afford us the simple joys of life. Life is a balance of work, God, play, family and personal time. You have to decide how you want to balance your life. Define priorities, realize what you are able to compromise but always let some of your decisions be based on your instincts. Happiness is the meaning and the purpose of life, the whole aim of human existence. So, take it easy, and decide really what you want to do. At the same time, remember, life is fragile, life is short. Do not take life for granted. Live a balanced life and enjoy it to the fullest!

Watch your thoughts, they become words. Watch your words, they become actions. Watch your actions they become habits. Watch your habits, they become character. Watch your character, it becomes your destiny.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Diocesan Office of Worship is inviting all couples, married in the Catholic Church, who are celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or greater anniversary during 2023 to a Mass celebrated by Bishop Dorsonville on October 22, 2023, at 3:00 PM at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral. If you wish to take part in this celebration, contact the church office before August 31, 2023, to register. All registered anniversary couples attending the diocesan celebration will receive an inscribed diocesan certificate at the reception following the Mass and will have the opportunity to take their photo with Bishop Dorsonville. The Office of Worship is only making certificates for those registering for and attending the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration.

St. Joseph will also celebrate anniversary couples on the weekend of October 21st & 22nd at all Masses.



BIBLE STUDY

St. Joseph is presenting a bible study on the History of the Catholic Church. Classes will begin on August 30th, at 6:30 p.m., in the Youth Center.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

Do you know someone who would like to be Baptized or Confirmed into the Catholic Church? The OCIA/RCIA program is ready to help! For more information or to sign-up, call the church office at 594-5859 or Sharon Picou at 790-2121. Everyone is invited to attend, even if you have all your sacraments. Classes begin on Monday, Sept. 11th.

ONE DAY PILGRIMAGE

The Ladies Altar Society is sponsoring a one-day pilgrimage to Lafayette Acadian Culture Center, Lafayette Cathedral, and the Gravesite of Charlene Richard on September 26th. Please sign up as soon as possible.

For more information, contact Tammy at 804-2281, Phylis at 860-4781, and Gerry at 688-0445 or an itinerary can be picked up in the back of the church.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. We know it hurts, and we want to help.

Contact Us Today

St Joseph Church, Chauvin, LA

Dates and time to be determined Please contact Susie Boudreaux by phone at (985) 852-1326 or by email at susanb44@live.com



In Our Parish This Week

Monday, August 28th:

- * Mass--8:30 a.m.
- * Cleaning Angels: Sheila's Group @ 9 a.m.

Tuesday, August 29th:

* No Mass

Wednesday, August 30th:

- * Mass--8:30 a.m.
- * Bible Class--6:30 p.m./Youth Center
- * Night of Renewal--6:45 p.m./OLOPS Chapel

Thursday, August 31st:

* Mass--8:30 a.m.

Friday, September 1st:

- * Mass--8:30 a.m.
- * First Friday Devotion--9 a.m.

Saturday, September 2nd:

- * Mass--4 p.m.
- * Second Collection--Catholic University of America

Sunday, September 3rd:

- * Mass--8 & 10 a.m.
- * Second Collection--Catholic University of America

SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection for the weekend of September 2nd & 3rd is for the Catholic University of America. This collection provides funding for academic scholarships at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. This is the only U.S. University with Pontifical faculties.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION

First Friday Devotion will be held on September 1st, beginning with Mass at 8:30 a.m., followed by a devotional service and quiet time before the Blessed Sacrament.

ROSARY AND ADORATION

The Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary will lead a Rosary and Adoration on Monday, Sept. 4th, at 3 p.m. at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Chapel.

DIED IN CHRIST

Dear God, we lift up, *Carroll Chauvin, Alice Elliot, Jane Oblander, and Adrianne Picou* in prayer as we remember their life and the impact they had on those around them. Please bring comfort and peace to those who mourn their loss, and may they find hope in your loving presence and the promise of eternal life. Amen.

"Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4

August 19 & 20

1st:

Envelopes: \$3,538.50 Loose: <u>496.00</u> Total: **\$4,034.50**

Online: \$120.00

Assumption Collection Envelopes: \$738.00 Loose: 104.00 Total: \$842.00

MASS ATTENDANCE

4 P.M. -- 106 **8 A.M.** -- 69 **10 A.M.** -- 121

Collection Counters

Aug. 28th: Evelyn Pellegrin Sept. 5th: Sheila Pitre Sept. 11th: Mary Ann Griffin Sept. 18th: Paige McGeHee

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 26th, Weekday, BVM; (Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12); Sunday Vigil - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, (Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28) 4 p.m. Danny Lirette Jr; Jonathon Theriot; Noel Curby Foret Jr; Fr. Gus & Josette Lapeyrouse & fly; Tod Thibodeaux; Rodney & Cecile Ledet; Patricia Ann Trahan & fly; Marie Eschete; Eugene "Skip" Pellegrin; Grace Chauvin; Earl Pellegrin, Jr. & Sr. & family; Gurvis "Go" Blanchard; Lawrence & Hilda Foret; Claude & Della Fanguy; Durle Carlos; Charles "Poncho" Neil & Destinee; Andrew & Mildred Chauvin; Schmidt family; Loran, Newell & Mildred Dummond; Wiley & Bernice Lirette & family; Emeline & Horace Cunningham; Allen (anniv.) & Winnie "Mae Mae" LeBlanc; Leonard Belanger & family; Malvin & Lena Chauvin & family; Lydia (anniv.), Iry, Sr., & Iry, Jr. (anniv.) Lapeyrouse

Sunday, August 27th, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, (Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20) 8 a.m. Jonathon Theriot; George Sevin; Linda C, Ira & Ouida Pete; Houston "Sou" & Helen Lirette & fly; Mary Beth D Price; Melvin 'Micky' Duplantis Sr; Chester, Thelma, Ricky, Laverne & Jessica Rousse & the Rousse fly; Philip Chauvin, Sr. & family; Bryan LeBoeuf; 10 a.m. St Joseph Parish Family; Jonathon Theriot; Glynn Hebert; Deanna Knight Dufrene; Una Arcement; Druis, Ismay & Lisa Lirette; Felton Boudreaux; Cecil & Leland Fabre; Reis, Melva & Derrel Hebert; Jody Price; Donald John Tivet, Jr.; Hayes & Patty (birthday) Authement; Carroll Chauvin

Monday, August 28th, St. Augustine, (1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-22) 8:30 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Ephie Landry; Gladys Pellegrin; Philip Chauvin, Sr. & family

Tuesday, August 29th, The Passion of St. John the Baptist, (1 Thes 2:1-8; Mk 6:17-20) No Mass

Wednesday, August 30th, Weekday, (1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32) All Souls List 8:30 a.m. Danny Lirette, Jr.; Laverne Marie (anniv.)

Thursday, August 31st, Weekday, (1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51) 8:30 a.m. Robert Lirette; Lula (anniv.) & Armand Lirette; Clarence & Thelma Adams

Friday, Sept. 1st, Weekday, World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, (1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13) 8:30 a.m. Earl Pellegrin, Sr. & Jr.; Angelo Roberts, Jr.; Percy (anniv.) & Velma Marie

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Sunday, Sept. 3rd, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, (Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27) 8 a.m. Jonathon Theriot; George Sevin; Linda C, Ira & Ouida Pete; Houston "Sou" & Helen Lirette & fly; Mary Beth D Price; Melvin 'Micky' Duplantis Sr; Chester, Thelma, Ricky, Laverne & Jessica Rousse & the Rousse fly; Philip Chauvin, Sr. & family; Bryan LeBoeuf; E.J., Doicy & Ed "Nootsie" Blanchard; Abraham & Brent Griffin; Charles "Poncho" Neil & Destinee; Jerry & Nancy Bergeron; Hubert LeBlanc; 10 a.m. St Joseph Parish Family; Jonathon Theriot; Glynn Hebert; Deanna Knight Dufrene; Una Arcement; Druis, Ismay & Lisa Lirette; Felton Boudreaux; Cecil & Leland Fabre; Sylvia Trahan's deceased family members; Philip Duplantis & family; Brent Sevin & Becky and family; R. J. & Mae LeCompte; Nikki Zeringue Hebert; Raynold, Janet, Kelly, Truitt & Matthew Pellegrin; Ruth C. Authement; Adrianne Picou



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