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BOOK CLUB
Wednesday Mornings at
St. Joseph Catholic Church Cafeteria
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Starting April 3rd
 Call Susie Boudreaux at 985-852-1326
 For information and to register
 First book will be Matthew Kelly's




Easter Eggstravaganza

LENT WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday: 5:30 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m. & 6 p.m./Mass & Way of the Cross
 1st Friday Devotion: 9 a.m.

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday: 4 p.m.

Sunday: 8 & 10 a.m.

PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Baby "Philip" Kuruville, Pastor

Deacon Gary Lapeyrouse

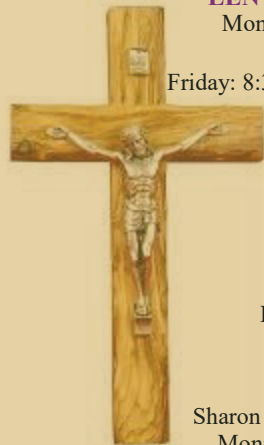
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PALM SUNDAY & HOLY WEEK

Saturday, March 23rd:

- ◆ Mass—4 p.m./Bless Palms
- ◆ Turn in Rice Bowls
- ◆ Second Collection: Easter Altar

Sunday, March 24th:

- ◆ Mass—8 & 10 a.m./Bless Palms
- ◆ Youth Formation Mass—10 a.m.
- ◆ Second Collection: Easter Altar

Monday, March 25th:

- ◆ Mass—8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, March 26th:

- ◆ Mass—5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 27th:

- ◆ Mass—8:30 a.m.
- ◆ Seder Meal—6:30 p.m./Youth Center

Thursday, March 28th:

- ◆ No morning Mass
- ◆ Chrism Mass—10:30 a.m./Cathedral of St. Francis
- ◆ Altar Server Practice—6 p.m.
- ◆ Mass of the Lord's Supper—7 p.m. followed by a Eucharistic Procession to the Youth Center for Adoration
- ◆ Holy Thursday Collection
- ◆ Scriptural Rosary—9 p.m. (LAS); 10 p.m. (KC)
- ◆ Divine Mercy Chaplet
- ◆ Closes at 12 a.m. with Benediction

Good Friday, March 29th:

- ◆ Church Office Closed
- ◆ Live Stations of the Cross—2:15 p.m.
- ◆ Good Friday Service—3 p.m./Veneration of the Cross & Communion Service
- ◆ Holy Land Collection

Holy Saturday, March 30th:

- ◆ Decorate Church—8:30 a.m.
- ◆ Altar Server practice—1 p.m.
- ◆ Mass—8 p.m.
- ◆ Second Collection: Education to Ministry

Easter Sunday, March 31st:

- ◆ Mass—8 & 10 a.m.
- ◆ Second Collection: Education to Ministry



Reflections on St. Joseph

1. **He showed supreme generosity in the gift of self.** God gave full possession of Himself to Joseph in divine generosity, and in return, Joseph gave himself fully to God. Before his young wife came to live with him, she was found to be with child. As he was processing this shocking news, the Angel of the Lord appeared to him, telling him not to be afraid to take Mary into his home as his wife. What incredible confusion and unworthiness he must have felt after the Angel told him the child was the Messiah, the long-awaited Savior of his people. Imagine how unworthy he found himself to be as the leader of the Holy Family. Yet Joseph was devout; he was just. He gave himself fully and completely to the designs of God.
2. **He exercised humility within his God-given authority.** Despite the confusion about this topic in our culture today, there is a hierarchy of love that prevails in family life. A husband and father has a very particular spiritual authority in his family. God has intended for that authority to extend to daily life as he guides, guards, and protects his wife and children, and provides for their needs as the head of the family.
3. **He lived a deep interior life.** The same silence that characterizes the life of St. Joseph also reveals the deep union between the contemplative and active life in this beloved saint. The Gospels announce what Joseph *did*. They do not present a single word of what he *said*. All that he *did* in the Gospels evidences a spirit of deep contemplation. God would not have subjected Himself to the authority and care of someone who was not seeking to know Him in holiness and to live in His law. For these reasons we know that St. Joseph was a holy man who sought the face of God in prayer. He lived life in communion with Jesus, in His very presence within the Holy Family. As surely as this Presence sanctifies us here and now in the Eucharist, bringing forth grace within us, it sanctified and edified Joseph throughout his daily life, profoundly deepening the grace within him. And St. Joseph's fatherly love surely had an influence on Jesus as His human nature grew in grace and maturity.
4. **He had amazing faith and obedience in the face of great mystery.** Joseph believed and obeyed. His incredible faith and trust in God enabled him to surrender his own plans, dreams, and assumptions about his life in order to take on a fatherhood he had never expected and a mystery he'd never imagined—all for love of God, the Messiah, and the Jewish people who had awaited the coming of the Messiah for generations. With unquestionable trust and belief, he took Mary into his home under extraordinary circumstances. He took his wife and child into Egypt in the middle of the night to escape a murderous King. He took them out of Egypt when the Angel of the Lord appeared with news that it was safe to return home. He did not falter or hesitate. He trusted, knowing that he was at the service of God, Our Lady, and the Christ Child.
5. **He is the patron and protector of the "domestic church" and the Universal Church.** As a Jewish father, Joseph would have led the prayers at home every day. He would have taken Mary and Jesus to the temple to worship. He would have taught Jesus in His human nature. The Holy Family is a model for every Catholic family. As head of the Holy Family, St. Joseph is also the patron and guardian of every "domestic" church. The domestic church is the collective spiritual life within every Christian family. It is the primary place of formation, instruction in prayer, and the teaching of virtues, ethics, and moral values. It is the school of love, and a place where that love nurtures Christian maturity of thought.
6. **He is the patron of a happy death.** St. Joseph is the companion of many faithful Catholics at the end of their life in this world. Pious tradition holds that he died in the arms of Jesus and Mary, after serving them devotedly as father and husband. Who better to usher us into eternity than St. Joseph, the head of the Holy Family, who died in the arms of Jesus and Mary? We should have recourse to him at the hour of our own death and at the deaths of our loved one.

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR

The St. Joseph Altar will be held in the back of Church and will be blessed on Saturday, March 16th, after the 4 p.m. Mass. Viewing will be held after Mass on March 16th & 17th, and on St. Joseph Day, March 19th, from 9 a.m.—4 p.m.

LIGHT IS ON CONFESSIONS

The Light is On Confessions will be held on Wednesday, March 20th, from 6-8 p.m., at all the churches in the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux.

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Diocesan Office of Worship is pleased to offer liturgical training for those wishing to exercise the role of Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) according to the liturgical norms set forth by the Church. We ask that those who are interested in this ministry kindly register at <https://htdiocese.org/extraordinary-ministers-of-holy-communion> to attend one of the in-person workshops on, Tuesday, April 9, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 16, 2024, 6-8 p.m., Tuesday, April 30, 6-8 p.m. or Tuesday, May 7, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Pastoral Center in Schiever.

If you would like to become a Minister of Holy Communion or you are a Minister and would like a refresher, register at the above link.



YOUTH FORMATION

- ⇒ **Youth Formation Way of the Cross** will be held on Fridays at 5 p.m.
- ⇒ **Youth Formation Class** will be held on Tuesday, March 19th, at 6:15 p.m. Confessions for 7th-10th grade.
- ⇒ **Youth Formation Mass** will be held on Sunday, March 24th, at the 10 a.m. Mass.
- ⇒ **Youth Rally** will be held on March 23rd at Vandebilt High School for grades 8th-12th. Contact Sharon at 790-2121 for more information.

In Our Parish This Week

Monday, March 18th:

- ◆ Mass—8:30 a.m.
- ◆ RCIA—6:30 p.m./Cafeteria

Tuesday, March 19th:

- ◆ St. Joseph Altar—9 a.m. to 4 p.m./church
- ◆ Mass—5:30 p.m.
- ◆ Cleaning Angels—2 p.m./Missy's Group

Wednesday, March 20th:

- ◆ Mass—8:30 a.m.
- ◆ Night of Renewal—6:45 p.m./OLOPS Chapel
- ◆ KC Meeting—6:30 p.m./cafeteria
- ◆ 4th Degree Meeting—7:30 p.m./cafeteria
- ◆ The Light is On Confessions—6 to 8 p.m./church

Thursday, March 21st:

- ◆ Mass—8:30 a.m.
- ◆ Lenten Mission—6:30 p.m./Church

Friday, March 22nd:

- ◆ Mass & Way of the Cross—8:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.
- ◆ Way of the Cross Service (for Youth Formation)—5 p.m.

Saturday, March 23rd:

- ◆ Youth Rally—1 to 8 p.m./Vandebilt/Grades 8-12
- ◆ Mass—4 p.m.
- ◆ Second Collection: Easter Altar

Palm Sunday, March 24th:

- ◆ Mass—8 a.m.
- ◆ Youth Formation Mass—10 a.m.
- ◆ Second Collection: Easter Altar

A Thank You Message

Fr. Philip and the ministries of the diocese would like to thank everyone in St. Joseph Parish answering the call of prayers and generosity to the 2024 Bishop's Appeal. Thus far St. Joseph Parish has reached 27.41% of its \$20,000 appeal goal. Thank you for your support.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COMMUNITY PHARMACY

The St. Vincent de Paul TriParish Community Pharmacy may be able to help you or someone you know who cannot afford to pay for their medicines. Some of the prescription medicine may be obtained **FREE OF CHARGE** through St. Vincent Pharmacy if you have no insurance or you are underinsured and you do not have Medicaid or VA benefits. The person seeking help must bring a paper prescription from the doctor. The pharmacy is located at 201 Canal St. in Houma and is open on Tuesdays from 9-11 a.m.. For more information or assistance please call the pharmacy at 872-2253.



March 9 & 10, 2024

1st Collection

Envelopes: \$3,469.00
Loose: 709.50
Online: 370.00
Total: \$4,548.50

2nd Collection

Envelopes: \$ 825.00
Loose: 132.00
Total: \$ 957.00

Mass Attendance

4 p.m. 114
8 a.m. 40
10 a.m. 149

Collection Counters

Mar. 18th: Sheila Pitre
Mar. 25th: Mary Griffin
Apr. 2nd: Paige McGeHee
Apr. 8th: Evelyn Pellegrin

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 16th, Lenten Weekday, (Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53); Sunday Vigil: (Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33) 4 p.m. Danny Lirette, Jr.; Jonathon Theriot; Noel Curby Foret Jr; Fr. Gus & Josette Lapeyrouse & fly; Noble & Tod Thibodeaux; Rodney & Cecile Ledet; Patricia Ann Trahan & fly; Marie Eschete; Eugene "Skip" Pellegrin; Grace Chauvin; Earl Pellegrin, Jr. & Sr. & family; Gurvis "Go" & Janise Blanchard; Julius "NuNu" & Julius, Jr. Robichaux; Lawrence & Hilda Foret; Ural Neal; Durle Carlos; Jim & Errol Picou; Ora, Nolan & Darryl Portier; Leo & Joyce Martinez; Lauren, Mildred & Newell Dumond; Beatrice & Arthur Thibodeaux; Roosevelt "Kie" Neil; Frank Folse; Horace & Emeline Cunningham; Angelo & Jeanette (anniv.) Babin

Sunday, March 17th, 5th Sunday of Lent, (Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33) 8 a.m. Jonathon Theriot; George Sevin; Mary Beth D. Price; Melvin "Micky" Duplantis, Sr; Chester, Thelma, Ricky, Laverne & Jessica Rouse & the Rouse fly; Bryan LeBoeuf; Linda C., Ira and Ouida Pete; Kenneth LeCompte and the LeCompte & Griffin families; Paul Lyons; Houston "Sou" & Helen Lirette & family; **10 a.m.** St Joseph Parish Family; Jonathon Theriot; Glynn Hebert; Deanna Knight Dufrene; Una Arcement; Druis, Ismay & Lisa Lirette; Felton Boudreaux; Philip Chauvin; Lillian Lapeyrouse; Mr. & Mrs. Octave Lapeyrouse; Nathan Guilfou; Gregory Lopez; Russell Soulet; Lapeyrouse & Poincon families; Caprise & Hugh LeBlanc; Darrell Thompson; Christine Hebert; Joseph Pfister; Hyman & Annabelle Henry; Etta, John Daniel & Reed Thomas Ledet; Harry, Anna Lee & Luby Dumont; Brent Sevin & Becky and family; Philip Duplantis & family; Marilyn Henry (anniv.)

Monday, March 18th, Lenten Weekday, (St. Cyril of Jerusalem), (Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 22-62; Jn 8:1-11) 8:30 a.m. Patsy Henry
Tuesday, March 19th, St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, (2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a) 5:30 p.m. Paul Lyons; Godfrey Plaisance; Andrew & Mildred Chauvin

Wednesday, March 20th, Lenten Weekday, (Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42) All Souls List 8:30 a.m. Clarence & Thelma Adams; Armand & Lula Lirette; Danny Lirette, Jr.

Thursday, March 21st, Lenten Weekday, (Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59) 8:30 a.m. Liz Henry (anniv.)

Friday, March 22nd, Lenten Weekday, (Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42) 8:30 a.m. Wiley (anniv.) & Bernice Lirette & family

Saturday, March 23rd, Lenten Weekday, (St. Turibius of Mogrovejo), (Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56); Sunday Vigil: (Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33) 4 p.m. Danny Lirette, Jr.; Jonathon Theriot; Noel Curby Foret, Jr; Fr. Gus & Josette Lapeyrouse & fly; Noble & Tod Thibodeaux; Rodney & Cecile Ledet; Patricia Ann Trahan & fly; Marie Eschete; Eugene "Skip" Pellegrin; Grace Chauvin; Earl Pellegrin, Jr. & Sr. & family; Gurvis "Go" & Janise Blanchard; Julius "NuNu" & Julius, Jr. Robichaux; Lawrence & Hilda Foret; Ural Neal; Alex & Lydia Punch; Claude & Della Fanguy; Edward & Edna Fanguy; Milton "Pete" Pitre; Horace & Emeline Cunningham; Clinton & Wilma Picou; Amanda & Edgar Fanguy, Sr.; Harold Foret, Sr.; Jeannetta & Jill Lyons; Raymond & Nora Domangue

Sunday, March 24th, 6th Sunday of Lent, (Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33) 8 a.m. Jonathon Theriot; George Sevin; Mary Beth D. Price; Melvin "Micky" Duplantis, Sr; Chester, Thelma, Ricky, Laverne & Jessica Rouse & the Rouse fly; Bryan LeBoeuf; Linda C., Ira and Ouida Pete; Kenneth LeCompte and the LeCompte & Griffin families; Paul Lyons; Ida & Roland Picou, Sr. & Jr.; Luby "Richard" Neal; Houston "Sou" & Helen Lirette; **10 a.m.** St Joseph Parish Family; Jonathon Theriot; Glynn Hebert; Deanna Knight Dufrene; Una Arcement; Druis, Ismay & Lisa Lirette; Felton Boudreaux; Philip Chauvin; Lillian Lapeyrouse; Mr. & Mrs. Octave Lapeyrouse; Nathan Guilfou; Gregory Lopez; Russell Soulet; Lapeyrouse & Poincon families; Caprise & Hugh LeBlanc; Darrell Thompson; Joseph Thompson

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