# 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



# Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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#### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass — 4:00 p.m. Sunday — 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. [Temporary] Monday and Friday — 6:45 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory Wednesday— 6:45 a.m. at Saint Joseph Tuesday and Thursday — 5:30 p.m. at Saint Joseph First Saturday — 8:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory

#### SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Every Saturday from 3:00 p.m. to 3:40 p.m. and one-half hour before all weekday Masses, or by appointment during office hours. **OFFICE HOURS** 

#### OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday — 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. If possible please conduct parish business by phone or email.

#### **RECEPTIONIST/BOOKKEEPER/CEMETERIAN**

Mrs. Gail Borel — gail.borel@stjosephparishonline.org

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Mrs. Sherry Hebert — sherry.hebert@stjosephparishonline.org EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Adoration Chapel is closed until further notice. The Main Church is open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday for your convenience.

#### **FUNERALS**

A Funeral Service in church without Mass will be celebrated along with a graveside service at the cemetery.

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism will be celebrated with godparents and immediate family only. Those with compromised immune systems should not attend. Families may opt to delay the baptism until the whole family can gather in celebration. In the case of an emergency Baptism is always permissible.

#### SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Weddings are to be celebrated according to the Rite for celebrating marriage outside of Mass with immediate family only. Engaged couples may wish to consider rescheduling their weddings, if possible.

#### SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

"Anointing of the Sick will remain available as needed by the faithful."



July 19, 2020

Show favor, O Lord, to Your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of Your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping Your Commands.

#### Please pray for our parish family members who are sick:

We invite you to submit the names of people who are in need of our prayers.

Lisa Adcock, Kendall Romero, Joseph Huval, Marie Lee Prioux, Troy Barras, Kelly Ransonet, Jessica Scott, Mary Smith, Brian Thibodeaux, Jackie Savoy, Barry Thibodeaux, Doris "Boutte" Barras, Michele Dugas Burke, Paul Crochet, Craig Breaux, Helen Simon, Ross Rouly, Jamie Brady, Holly LeBlanc, Faye Gary, Tony Berard, Glenn Romero, Stuart Sandoz, Duffy Domingue, Eric Clements, David Louviere, Hayden Ransonet, Trevor Louviere, Vanessa Courville, Wayne Louviere, Austin Willett, Willey Poirrier, Inez Barras, Helen Bastian, Butch and Debbie White, Guy Thibodeaux, Lydia May, Louis "CoCo" Landry Jr., Jerry Fruge, Jimmy Clifton, Rowena Borel, Megan Scully, Maxine Latiolais, Dawn Derouen, Falyn Sonnier, Rickey Sonnier, Caline Provost, , Patricia Freyou, Lecia Broussard, Jason Walker, Michael Theriot, Roshondra Nora, Noah Abraham, Jimmy LeBlanc, Chad Borel, Sophie Bonin, Ashley Hebert, Stephen Dugas, Bonnie Hebert, Jon-Luke Lancon, Jade Delcambre, Doris Prados, Gail Louviere, Pat Villermin., Ira Bourque, Hailey Thomassee, Lon Prioux, Francis Crochet.

Please note that our office will purge the names on our sick list every quarter. We ask anyone who lists someone's name to please call the parish office to add or remove a name.

#### Instructions with Regard to Mass Attendance

We continue with Phase II reopening until July 28. We will continue to follow the temporary Sunday Mass schedule until further notice. This schedule is still subject to change with regard to civil authorities. The temporary Sunday Mass schedule is as follows:

Saturday - 4:00 p.m. — Last names beginning with A - G only
Sunday - 8:00 a.m. — Last names beginning with H - N only
Sunday - 10:00 a.m. — Last names beginning with O - Z only
Division by last name is due to state Fire Marshall regulations

which impose a 50% occupancy limit for our buildings. If you are unable to attend the suggested Mass above please go to Mass when you can. Thank you for helping with this.

All Sunday Masses will be livestreamed on YouTube at: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCB5E10COR9\_ITotQhZ7MtRQ

The Ushers will continue to seat everyone. Entrance into the church is by the front center doors only. Please cooperate with the Ushers as only the pews marked with blue tape will be used. Phase II Reopening requires a limit of 50% occupancy of our buildings. Please help us in this endeavor.

At the end of Mass everyone may exit in an orderly manner using all doors to prevent crowding.

Persons who are ill as well as those with preexisting conditions should not attend Mass. Also, persons over 65 years old are at a higher risk of experiencing worse symptoms than others if they contract the coronavirus virus and should consider not attending Sunday Mass. You are encouraged to attend Mass on a weekday.

All Catholics in the Diocese of Lafayette remain dispensed from their obligation from attending Sunday Masses. We encourage everyone in reasonably good health to begin returning to Church and at least fulfill your spiritual duty on any weekday. Sit toward the front of church in a pew marked with blue tape.

The Priest and deacon will function as Eucharistic Ministers until further notice. They will also fulfill the other ministries as well.

For the distribution of Holy Communion, the priest and deacon will go out to the people. **Please do not leave your pew.** 

#### Weekday Mass Schedule:

Monday and Friday - 6:45 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory Wednesday - 6:45 a.m. at Saint Joseph Tuesday and Thursday - 5:30 p.m. at Saint Joseph

Weekday Livestream Mass on YouTube - 10:00 a.m. On days when it is not possible to celebrate this Mass on time it will be recorded earlier in the day for your convenience.

### Please pray for our priests, seminarians, deacons and religious

Eternal Father, we lift up to You these special sons and daughters. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

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July 19	Rev. Joseph Stemmann/Eric Hernandez
	Dcn. Coby Thomas/Sr. Mary David Hecker, MSC
July 20	Rev. Michael Sucharski, SVD/Luke Kirk
	Dcn. Tam Tran/Sr. Mary Kay Kinberger, MSC
July 21	Very Rev. Jared Suire, VE/Joshua LaFleur
	Dcn. Jeff Trumps/Sr. Cynthia Knowles, MSC
July 22	Rev. Brian Taylor/Alex Lancon
	Dcn. Stephen VanCleve/Sr. Marlene Labbe, MSC
July 23	Rev. Charles Thibodeaux, SJ/Jacob LeBlanc
	Dcn. Durk Viator/Sr. Charolette LeBoeuf, MSC
July 24	Rev. Jude Thierry/Bret Lee
	Dcn. William Vincent/Sr. Joel Miller, MSC
July 25	Rev. Charles Nicholas Trahan/Calvin LeMaire
	Dcn. Jose Vincente Blanco/Sr. Mary Murray, MSC

Saturday 4:00 p.m. - Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Protection from and end to Corona Virus, Avmar "Poon" and Beulah Dugas, Ide Dugas Family, Alexis Laviolette Family, Wayne LeBlanc, Lily Mae and Alvin LeBlanc, Otto Sr. and Laurence Girouard, Terradot Family, Theresa Girouard Allen, Chad Romero, Deyna Champagne, Audrey Crochet, Jordan Prince and Special Intention, Barry Eldridge and Ned Broussard Families, Melvin Dugas, Roy Sr. and Gladys Berard, Forbus and Myrtle Mestayer Sr., Granger and Mestayer Family, Ronald, Sr. and Mildred Gonsoulin, Leed and Mabel Gondron, Fred Laviolette, Louis and Grace Moran, Virginia Frioux, Lennet and Marie Antoinette Crochet, Clenie and Eve Segura and Billie, Sally Domingue, Cabrol and Domingue Family, Martha Escagne Rodriguez, Lloyd Broussard, Claude and Felicie Granger, Nancy Broussard, Clarence and Hilda Landry, Billie and Armance Barrilleaux, Kay Dooley and William and Dolores Dooley, Earl Mestayer, Kim Decuir, Chris and Annie Decuir Family, Benjamin Decuir Family, Ron and Jana Angelle Family, Michael Decuir Family, Ossie Romero, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Peltier, Sr., Johnny Doumit, Warren Dupoy, Sib and John Mullican, Gloria and Sam Delcambre and Family, Johnny Doumit, Huey Broussard, Dewey Halphen, Dr. William Walsh, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet. Sunday 8:00 a.m. - John Michael Steiner,

Jay Gonsoulin Family, Paul Sonnier Family and Clyde Warfel Family, Loto and Leah Louviere, Antoine "Boy" LeBlanc Family, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Albert Sr., Champagne and Landry Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Protection from and end to Corona Virus, Maude Granger, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Granger, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Granger, Dr. Raymond Schneider, Elaine Schneider, Skip Schneider, Lolly Harbin, Breaux and Delcambre Families, Lenwood Delcambre, Emus Borel, Gwen Borel, Chataignier Family, Joe and Rita Habetz, Mary Kay Habetz, Tom Voorhies, Oris Cormier, S.J. "Bute" Granger and Junius and Mary Hebert, Virginia Landry, Catherine Defelice and Tracey Defelice Guilbeau, Huey Broussard, Dewey Halphen, Dr. William Walsh, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.

**10:00 a.m.** — Carol Boutte Romero, For our president, our governor and all elected officials, Alvin and Faye Tauzin, Edmonia Tauzin, Marcel and Nadage Broussard, Jimmy Eldridge, Elaine Plessala and Eldridge Family, Cheryl Segura, Pliny Walet Family, Agnes Breaux, Louis and Elbay Judice, Boots Thomas, Joe Boudreaux and Justin Boudreaux, Katie Boutte, Sandra Angelle and Glenn Angelle, Percy Granger, Alvaro Jimenez, Robert Lawrence, Judy Dressel Judice and Clyde Dressel, Starit and Laura Courville, Marie Lee Prioux, Mike Judice, Suzette Judice, Antoine and Marie Judice Family, Philip, Jr. and Neil Hebert, Suzette Judice, Antoine and Marie Judice Family, Kelly Louviere, Huey Broussard, Dewey Halphen, Dr. William Walsh, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.

Monday 6:45 a.m. OLV — Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Protection from and end to Corona Virus, Huey Broussard, Dewey Halphen, Dr. William Walsh, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.

Tuesday 5:30 p.m. StJo — Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Protection from and end to Corona Virus, Eugene Falgout, Dolan Kleinpeter, Tony Gary, Suzette Judice, Huey Broussard, Dewey Halphen, Dr. William Walsh, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.

Wednesday 6:45 a.m. StJo — Andrew "Toupee" Bonin, Mike Judice, John Michael Steiner, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Protection from and end to Corona Virus, Huey Broussard, Dewey Halphen, Dr. William Walsh, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.

Thursday 5:30 p.m. StJo — Eugene Falgout, Dolan Kleinpeter, Tony Gary, Jack Braquet, Francis Crochet, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Protection from and end to Corona Virus, Huey Broussard, Dewey Halphen, Dr. William Walsh, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.

Friday 6:45 a.m. OLV — Chris and Annie Decuir Family, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Judice and Walet Families, Protection from and end to Corona Virus, Huey Broussard, Dewey Halphen, Dr. William Walsh, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet. The Sanctuary Lamp is burning for: Warren Dupoy

**The Vocation Chalice is in Church** Please pray for vocations. If you would like to have the vocation chalice in your home please call the rectory office at 229-4254

Flowers on the Altar in memory of Katie Boutte

The Bi-Monthly Statue is in the home of Parishioner from Saint Joseph Church

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Saint Joseph Altar Candles are burning for Charles and Jackie Poirrier Family Chad Romero and Deyna Champagne Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory Pope, Priest, Religious, Protection from and end to Corona Virus Charlene Stanley (Special Intention) Delcambre and Breaux Families, Jon-Luke Lancon

July 12, 2020		
Regular Sunday Offering Envelopes	\$ 5,633.00	
Regular Sunday Offering Loose	\$ 1,685.00	
Weekly Budget	\$7 <b>,</b> 385.00	
Regular Collection Total	\$ 7,318.00	
Difference	-\$ 67.00	
Present Loan Balance	\$ 302,534.58	
Insurance Balance 2020-2021	\$ 35,457.98	
Insurance Collection	\$ 65.00	

-of 1314 families used collection envelopes (% participation). -of 1314 families attended Mass this weekend (% attendance). Thanks to those who practice Sacrificial Giving and give of their time, talent and treasure as an act of profound Christian stewardship.

With the retirement of the debt on the 2012 Church Restoration our parish still has a loan balance with regard to other repairs and maintenance work, most notably the new roof and interior repairs to Saint Theresa Hall

> This is the reason for the item known as Present Loan Balance



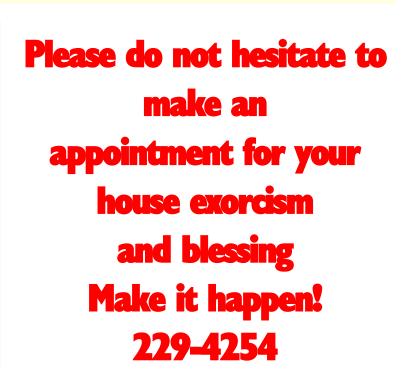
### New Holy Water Fonts

In honor of the Year of Saint Joseph we have purchased Holy Water Fonts for all entrances of the church.

At this time we are seeking memorial donations to help defray the cost of these fonts A memorial plaque will be placed on each font stating the intention of your memorial donation

The suggested donation amount is \$825.00.

Please contact the parish office at 229-4254 if you are interested. Thank you for your kind consideration in this matter.





# Bye-Bye, Blaine Amendments by Casey Chalk

Bad luck comes in threes, so they say. Sometimes so do good things, as demonstrated by three recent Supreme Court decisions on religious liberty. In a sea of recent bad news in the United States, we should welcome these rulings as a happy interruption that will hopefully provide some protection to the Catholic Church's work and witness in the United States.

The first in our happy triduum was the June 30 ruling that the Montana state constitution's ban on public funding of religious institutions violates the First Amendment. Montana's law has a historic anti-Catholic pedigree. As one of the nation's many "Blaine Amendments" (Montana's was ratified in its 1889 constitution), it prohibited public funding of "sectarian" causes or religious institutions, which showed preference for anti-Catholic, implicitly Protestant public education to the detriment of Catholic institutions. The irony in this case, Espinoza v. Montana Department of Revenue, is that the institution in question, Stillwater Christian School, isn't even Catholic.

The U.S. Constitution, asserted Chief Justice John Roberts in the majority opinion of the case, "condemns discrimination against religious schools and the families whose children attend them." If secular private schools qualify for public aid programs, religious schools must have coequal access, he added. Though the state's revenue department argued that scholarships could only be applied to non-religious schools because of the "no-aid clause" in Montana's constitution, Roberts decreed that the no-aid "plainly excludes schools from clause government aid solely because of religious status." Many Catholic legal experts have lauded the decision, according to a July 5 article by the Catholic News Service.

In the second case on July 8, the Supreme Court ruled in Little Sisters of the Poor v. Pennsylvania that the Little Sisters cannot be compelled to cooperate in providing contraceptive coverage to employees in their homes for the elderly under the federal Affordable Care Act (ACA), legislation enacted during the Obama administration. The decision followed a 2016 decision that ordered the Little Sisters and the federal government to reach an agreement that respected the Sisters' conscientious opposition to contraception. The Trump administration then directed the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to craft a rule to shield religious groups from the ACA's contraceptive mandate.

Justice Clarence Thomas in his majority opinion declared that HHS possessed the authority to exempt the Little Sisters from the contraceptive mandate. The *Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993*, he added, also ensures the religious order with legal protections. Attorney Adele Keim, attorney at the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, told *Crisis: "Little Sisters* was an important moment for religious liberty in this country." Indeed, if the court had ruled differently, it "would have called into question potentially hundreds of cases regarding religious exemptions."

Third and finally, our highest court ruled in Our Lady of Guadalupe School n. Morrissey-Berru and Saint James School n. Biel that teachers in Catholic parochial schools should be designated as "ministers of the Church" and are thus not covered by federal job discrimination law. Two parochial schools in Los Angeles had separately refused to renew the contracts of two teachers because of poor classroom performance. The two teachers claimed to have been fired for other reasons — one because she had breast cancer and the other because of her age.

Justice Samuel Alito writing in the majority opinion reversed a decision by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals (which had ruled in favor of the teachers). Alito explained that the First Amendment's religion clauses prohibit courts from getting entangled in quarrels involving ministerial personnel. Moreover, Alito argued, the Catholic school teachers qualified as ministers of the Church. Keim says the decision is in accord with forty years of jurisprudence — including twice in the last decade — regarding how the court interprets Title VII of the Civil Rights Act regarding employment discrimination and legal protections enjoyed by religious organizations.

Archbishop Thomas G. Wenski of Miami, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee for Religious Liberty, and Bishop Michael C. Barber of Oakland, chairman of the Committee on Catholic Education, praised the decision in a July 8 press release. They declared: "As institutions carrying out a ministry of the Church, Catholic schools have a right, recognized by the Constitution, to select people who will perform ministry. The government has no authority to second-guess those ministerial decisions. We welcome the Supreme Court's decision, which rightly acknowledged this limit on state authority. This decision means that the Church can continue to serve Her neighbors with integrity."

Justice Sonia Sotomayor, who opposed the decision, argued in her dissenting opinion that the majority's interpretation of the ministerial exemption grants religious employers

unwarranted, excessive freedom to fire employees. The ruling allows "religious entities to discriminate widely and with impunity for reasons wholly divorced from religious beliefs," claimed Sotomayor. "Everyone agrees that the ministerial exemption is strong medicine," acknowledges Keim. "It is a strong, robust protection of internal affairs of religious organizations." "Religious organizations have a sphere of autonomy, and it is up to themselves how they use that freedom," Keim continued. "This is about respecting people's voluntary religious associations." In the religious sphere, "the state has no business telling religious groups how to run their business."

The latter two cases, says Keim, will have an immediate impact on religious liberty cases across the country. She cites as one example *Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany v. Vullo*, which sought to challenge health insurance policies in the state of New York that provide coverage for "medically necessary" abortion services. "That case is now making its way through the state courts," she said. Moreover, in regards to the ministerial exemption, there are cases involving people who were fired because of entering into same-sex marriages. The court's ruling in *Our Lady* should inform federal and state courts in those cases as well.

Keim hopes the decisions will inform not only the "back end" of the legal system (meaning these kinds of court cases), but also "encourage governments to protect and keep in mind religious objectors" when drafting or amending legislation. For a brief moment, Catholics can thank God for these victories. We'll also need to pray for His continued assistance to protect our religious freedoms in the future. Undoubtedly, we'll be back in the fray soon enough.

Casey Chalk is a senior contributor at *Crisis*. He holds a Masters in Theology from Christendom College.

