



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

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

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EUCCHARISTIC 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.”



O God, Who have prepared for those who love You good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of Your love, so that, loving You in all things and above all things, we may attain Your promises, which surpass every human desire.



YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH
DIOCESE OF LAFAYETTE

ADORE.

OBEY.

SERVE.

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, 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 Thomasse, Lon Prioux, Francis Crochet, Lovell Romero, Brennan Wingfield, Danny Latiolais.

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.

Ite ad Joseph
Pastoral Letter
Inaugurating the Year
of Saint Joseph

To the Priests and Deacons, Members of Consecrated Life, and Lay Faithful of the Diocese of Lafayette:

“*Ite ad Joseph*” (Genesis 41:55). In time of trial and distress, when all of Egypt and the entire world became hungry and cried out for food, Pharaoh told the Egyptians, “Go to Joseph, and do whatever he tells you” (Genesis 41:55). The Old Testament Joseph, the beloved son of the patriarch, is a type of Saint Joseph. Exiled to Egypt, Joseph was entrusted with the king’s treasures and under his apt administration they were protected and increased. When famine struck, the whole world came to Joseph to receive food. In a much more sublime and supernatural way, Saint Joseph found favor with his heavenly Father and was entrusted with the Father’s greatest treasures, Jesus and Mary (cf. *Quamquam pluries*). During turbulent times in the Church and world, this truth inspired Pope Pius IX to “go to Joseph” by proclaiming Saint Joseph Patron of the Universal Church (*Quemadmodum Deus*). As we enter the 150th Anniversary of that declaration, I too would like to “go to Joseph” by inaugurating a Year of Saint Joseph in the Diocese of Lafayette, beginning August 16, 2020 and concluding May 1, 2021. It is my desire that in the difficult times we find ourselves today, we might go to Saint Joseph for his help and protection and learn from his example how to become better disciples.

Saint Matthew attests to the holiness of Saint Joseph when he describes him as “a righteous man” (Matthew 1:19). This holiness accrues from the marriage of Joseph to Mary, the Immaculate Mother of God. Joseph is told “do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this Child has been conceived in Her” (Matthew 1:20). By “taking into his home” Mary and the Divine Child, Joseph embraced the Mystery of Mary’s Divine Maternity and with it the Mystery of the Incarnation. In freely assuming his dignity as husband of Mary, foster father of the Incarnate Word, and head of the holy family, Joseph was truly sanctified. Saint Joseph’s unique share in the mystery of holiness was recognized by the Church and a greater devotion to Saint Joseph developed with the passage of time.

Saint Teresa of Avila in the 16th Century boasted never to have been refused anything through the intercession of Saint Joseph. Pope Saint John XXIII inserted the name of Saint Joseph in the Roman Canon immediately following the Blessed Virgin Mary and before the apostles Peter and Paul. Pope Francis did the same for the other Eucharistic Prayers. Pope Saint John Paul II affirms the unique holiness of Saint Joseph stating that he participated in the Mystery of the Incarnation “like no other human being except Mary, the Mother of the Incarnate Word” (*Redemptoris Custos*, 1). We can thus have great confidence and “go to Joseph” with our needs and concerns.

The Year of Saint Joseph will offer many opportunities for beseeching Saint Joseph’s intercession and entrusting ourselves to his protection. There will be pilgrimages to the thirteen churches of Saint Joseph with the opportunity of receiving a Plenary Indulgence. I am also asking these parishes to host conferences on the various titles and virtues of Saint Joseph in order to increase our devotion. Various activities will be held at the level of the diocese, deanery, parish, and family. The Year of Saint Joseph will afford a wealth of reflection, prayer and study. Nonetheless, I would like to briefly highlight some qualities of Saint Joseph’s life which I believe are relevant for our times.

Saint Joseph is a man of deep prayer. As head of the Holy Family it would have been Saint Joseph’s responsibility to lead common prayers in the family and before meals. He gathered the family for the Sabbath synagogue services and led the frequent pilgrimages on feasts to the temple in Jerusalem (Luke 2:41). It was Joseph’s duty to name the Child on the occasion of its circumcision and to redeem the first-born son forty days after birth (Luke 2:21-22). In addition to his liturgical and family prayer, Joseph is a model of personal prayer. His complete surrender to the Will of God in silence can only be explained from a deep interior life. Saint Joseph prayed in darkness as he contemplated a course of action when learning of Mary’s pregnancy (Matthew 1:19), when unable to find room in the inn for Her to give birth (Luke 2:7), when leaving by night for Egypt to escape Herod’s attempt on the Child’s life (Matthew 2:14), and when searching helplessly for the lost Child (Luke 2:44-45). In this Year of Saint Joseph, we go to Joseph to learn commitment to daily personal and family prayer. I would ask that if possible, we could all offer a daily prayer to Saint Joseph. And

let us ask Saint Joseph to help all Catholics to return to Sunday Mass and the Sacraments.

Saint Joseph is a “doer of the word” (cf. James 1:23). Three times in Sacred Scripture we hear that Joseph heard the word of the Lord in a dream (Matthew 1:20, 2:13,22) and each time Joseph arose and “did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him” (Matthew 1:24). Despite his own plans and the difficulty that the Will of God entailed, Joseph surrendered his entire life to God’s Will and fully embraced his privileged but arduous role as husband of Mary and foster father of Jesus.

No words of Joseph are recorded in the Bible. We are simply told that Joseph heard, rose, and did what God asked. The way of Joseph is the way of listening in prayer and doing in action. Saint Joseph harmonized the life of prayer and action (cf. *Redemptoris Custos*, 26). During the Year of Saint Joseph let us go to Joseph and learn how to surrender ourselves to God’s loving Plan for us. Let us like him listen attentively in prayer and then with God’s grace rise and become doers of the word.

Saint Joseph is the provider for the Holy Family. Jesus and Mary needed housing, food, and clothing and it was Joseph who provided for these necessities. The Gospel of Matthew identifies Joseph’s trade when it recounts Jesus’ return to His native place and the offense that His own people took at Him: “Is he not the carpenter’s son?” (Matthew 13:55). We can rightly assume that many of Jesus’ hidden years in Nazareth were spent at Saint Joseph’s side in his carpenter shop. Joseph taught Jesus his trade and Jesus Himself was referred to as a carpenter, “Is this not the carpenter, the son of Mary?” (Mark 6:3) The Son of God labored alongside Saint Joseph with hammer and chisel. In such fashion work was redeemed and its dignity elevated. With confidence then we can go to Joseph for help in finding work to obtain an honest living. Like Saint Joseph let us spend time with our young, teaching them how to work, and giving them an appreciation for its redemptive value.

Saint Joseph is Protector of Mary and the Child Jesus. When the angry Herod ordered the massacre of all male children two years old and younger, it was to Saint Joseph that the angel of the Lord was sent. Joseph took the Child and His Mother and fled into Egypt and thus thwarted the attempt on Jesus’ Life (Matthew 2:13-15). We too go to Joseph for protection for our

families and for our diocese. Additionally, let us imitate Saint Joseph in our efforts to protect the vulnerable, the unborn, the young, the sick and the elderly from all harm — physical, spiritual, and emotional. Jesus was safe under the protection of Saint Joseph. May all those entrusted to our care be safe as well.

Saint Joseph is a model of chastity. The Church invokes Saint Joseph in the *Litany of Saint Joseph* as “Joseph Most Chaste” and in the *Divine Praises* as Mary’s “Most Chaste Spouse”. Joseph was called to give Mary a husband’s tender love and yet to be the Guardian of Her Divine Maternity and Virginity. Through the grace of the Holy Spirit he was able to surrender his life and place it at the service of a love that was both spousal and virginal. He “took Mary into his home, while respecting the fact that She belonged exclusively to God” (*Redemptoris Custos*, 20). This was possible because of the purity of his love. In our present time of sexual promiscuity and unchastity, addiction to pornography and

marital infidelity, let us go to Joseph to learn and obtain the courage to be chaste. I encourage all to turn to Joseph in their struggles. During this Year of Saint Joseph let us pray to him for a return of the great Christian virtue of chastity.

Our situation in the Church and world today is not unlike the situation of God’s people during the great famine in Egypt. We need heavenly Power to safeguard and steer us through the many trials of our day. It is my fervent hope that during this Year of Saint Joseph every Catholic in the Diocese of Lafayette may fervently and confidently “Go to Joseph” for his intercession, his protection, and his example.

O Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. O Saint Joseph, assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me all spiritual blessings through your foster Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord, so that, having engaged here below

your heavenly power, I may offer you my thanksgiving and homage. O Saint Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me, and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. Amen.

(Ancient Prayer to Saint Joseph)

Saint Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, pray for us and pray for the Diocese of Lafayette!

With every good wish, I am Faithfully yours in Christ

Most Reverend J. Douglas Deshotel
Bishop of Lafayette

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning for

Loto Louvie, Jr. and Gam and Velma Gondron

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

Deceased parishioners of Saint Joseph Church.

The Bi-Monthly Statue is in the home of

Parishioners

The Weekly Statue is in the home of

Parishioners

Saint Joseph Altar Candles are burning for

Charles and Jackie Poirrier Family, 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

Cody Bourque, Gracie Brasseaux, Special Intention

August 9, 2020

Regular Sunday Offering Envelopes	\$ 3,069.00
Regular Sunday Offering Loose	\$ 5,619.00
Weekly Budget	\$7,385.00
Regular Collection Total	\$ 8,688.00
Difference	+\$1 303.00
Present Loan Balance	\$ 301,972.58
Insurance Balance 2020-2021	\$ 34,262.98
Insurance Collection	\$ 30.00

~~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



Every Thursday after
the 5:30 p.m. Mass

Please do not hesitate to make an appointment for your house exorcism and blessing. Make it happen! 229-4254

Instructions with Regard to Mass Attendance

The governor has again extended the Phase II reopening for another 21 days through the third week of August. 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_I0tQhZ7MtRQ

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.

Saturday 4:00 p.m. — Katie Boutte, Irene Theriot, Alma Jo Landry, Senac Louviere, Dr. John Rellus Hebert, Sr., Ronald Albert, Sr., Joseph and Lorraine Huval, James Steiner, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Peltier, Sr., Warren Dupoy, Sib and John Mullican, Ronald Broussard, Louis and Mae Mae Broussard, Gloria and Sam Delcambre and Family, Justin Boudreaux, Elton Bourque Family, Philip Hebert Family, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Protection from and end to Corona Virus, Aymar “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 Barilleaux, 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., Joyce Dartez, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Leroy Crochet, Florence Crochet, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.

Sunday 8:00 a.m. — Landry and Ryan Family, Dr. John Rellus Hebert, Sr., Catherine Defelice and Tracey Defelice Guilbeau, Suzette Judice, Antoine and Marie Judice Family, Kelly Louviere, 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, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Leroy Crochet, Florence Crochet, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.

10:00 a.m. — Vickie Dugas, Anna Mae Judice, Loto Louviere, Jr., Gam and Velma Gondron, Nicole Babineaux, Joseph Steiner, Landry Family, Marie Lee Prioux, Judy Dressel Judice and Clyde Dressel, Start and Laura Courville, Mike Judice, Suzette Judice, Antoine and Marie Judice Family, Philip, Jr. and Neil Hebert, 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, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Leroy Crochet, Florence Crochet, 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, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Leroy Crochet, Florence Crochet, 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, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Leroy Crochet, Florence Crochet, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.

Wednesday 6:45 a.m. Stjo — Andrew Bonin, Jr., John Michael Steiner, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Protection from and end to Corona Virus, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Leroy Crochet, Florence Crochet, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.

Thursday 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, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Leroy Crochet, Florence Crochet, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.

Friday 6:45 a.m. OLV — 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, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Leroy Crochet, Florence Crochet, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.

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.

August 16	Rev. Ambrose Akalawu, CSSp/Andrew Furka Dcn. Tim Ledet/Sr. Doris Ann Roy, SEC
August 17	Rev. Alexander Albert/David Furka Dcn. Barney Lejeune/Sr. Anthony Castellani
August 18	Rev. Thainese Alphonse/James Hamilton Dcn. Tom Lindsey/Sr. Kathy Farrelly, O. Carm
August 19	Rev. Anthony Anala, SVD/Evan Hebert Dcn. Joseph Liuzza/Sr. Christina Marie Griggs, O.Carm
August 20	Very Rev. Chester Arceneaux, VF/Caleb Henry Dcn. Phil Lizotte/Sr. Judith Hebert, O. Carm
August 21	Rev. Michael Arnaud/Eric Hernandez Dcn. Jose Luna-Becerra/Sr. Barbara Nell Laperouse, O. Carm
August 22	Rev. Borgia Aubespin, SVD/Luke Kirk Dcn. Tim Maragos/Sr. Janet LeBlanc, O.Carm