



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 — 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

If possible please conduct parish business by phone or email.

RECEPTIONIST/BOOKKEEPER/CEMETERIAN

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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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.”



Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to You, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the Author of all that is good.



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.

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, Gail Louviere., Pat Villermin., Ira Bourque, Hailey Thomasee, Lon Prioux, Francis Crochet, Brennan Wingfield, Danny Latiolais, Lawrence Albert, Lloyd Dugas. Betty Suire, Joe Judice., Lisa Adcock, Joan Arceneaux, Jamie Brady.



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.

November 8, 2020

Regular Sunday Offering Envelopes	\$ 3,755.00
Regular Sunday Offering Loose	\$ 3,977.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,385.00
Regular Collection Total	\$ 7,732.00
Difference	+ \$ 347.00
Present Loan Balance	\$ 298,967.58
Donation Against Loan Balance	\$ 70.00
Insurance Balance 2020-2021	\$ 31,748.98
Insurance Collection	\$ 0

Mass Intentions — 11/14 — 11/20

Saturday 4:00 p.m. — Richard Guillotte, Harry and Evelyn Guillotte, John Sonnier, Jr. and Marie and John Sonnier, Sr., 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, Ken Segura, 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., Francis and Lorena Dupoy, Patrick Lasseigne Family, Sib and John Mullican, Warren Dupoy, Harold and Alma Jo Landry and parents, Suzette Judice, Antoine and Marie Judice Family, Walter and Doris M. Judice, Gloria and Sam Delcambre and Family, Justin Boudreaux, Elton

Bourque Family, Philip Hebert Family, 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. — Ruby Molaison, Michael J. Landry and Alvin Bodin, 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, John and Doris Prados, 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, Lovell Romero, S.J. “Butte” Granger, Junius & Mary Hebert, Catherine Defelice and Tracey Defelice Guilbeau, 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. — 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

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning for
The Community

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
For the Community

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
Delcambre and Breaux Families, Jon-Luke Lancon Deyna Champagne and Chad Romero Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory Pope, Priests, Religious Protection from and end to Corona Virus Charles and Jackie Poirrier Family

Angelle and Glenn Angelle, Solari Family, Alvaro Jimenez, Robert Lawrence, Doris Prados, Antoine Judice Family, Mike Judice and Suzette Judice, Ann, Jerry and Bubba Thibodeaux, Carol Boutte Romero, Mike Judice, Suzette Judice, Antoine Judice Family Philip, Jr. and Neil Hebert, 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, 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 — Michael Decuir Family, 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, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.

Wednesday 6:45 a.m. StJo — Andrew “Tupee” 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, 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, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.
Friday 6:45 a.m. OLV — Odile Henry Borel, Waldo Joseph Borel, Sr., 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, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY
FOOD PANTRY

THIRD ANNUAL
THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 20TH 2020
10:00 a.m. UNTIL 1:00 p.m.

DRIVE THROUGH PICK UP ONLY

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED

**Please make
an appointment
for your home
Exorcism**



**and Blessing
Make it happen!
229-4254**



**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.

November 15	Rev. Joel Faulk/Pier Zeringue Dcn. Tim Ledet/Sr. Mary Suma Rani, MC
November 16	Rev. Emmanuel Fernandez/Dylan Allen Dcn. Barney Lejeune/Sr. Mary Fidelia, MC
November 17	Rev. Thomas Finley/Reed Bellingham Dcn. Tom Lindsey/Sr. Margaret Caire, RSCJ
November 18	Rev. Sam Fontana/Haden Coleman Dcn. Joseph Liuzza Sr. Maria Louisa Cotto, RSCJ
November 19	Rev. Abelardo Gabriel, SVD/Myles Creek Dcn. Phil Lizotte/Sr. Suzanne Lasseigne, RSCJ
November 20	Rev. William Gearheard/Gabe Dowden Dcn. Jose Luna-Becerra/Sr. Lucie Nordman, RSCJ
November 21	Rev. Taj Glodd/Rev. Mr. Casey Dugas Dcn. Tim Maragos/Sr. Rose Marie Quilter, RSCJ



#iGIVECATHOLIC
#GIVINGTUESDAY

DECEMBER 1, 2020

Visit www.iGiveCatholic.org and search for:

**Our Lady
of Victory
Food Pantry**

For more information about supporting #iGIVECATHOLIC contact us at:

**Ms. Cindy Louis
337-962-6704**

From the Pastor

With regard to the *iGIVECATHOLIC* program mentioned above, I opted not to have Saint Joseph Church Parish listed as asking for donations. I felt that in light of our good financial standing throughout the last eight months and the extraordinary challenges faced by other church parishes in our diocese (as well as our neighbors to the West in Lake Charles) that I could not in conscience ask for further donations for Saint Joseph Parish. Our parish family is already engaged in donations to the Bishop's Services Appeal, the Diocese of Lafayette Centennial Campaign, loan repayment for the Saint Theresa Hall roof, a large donation to the Diocese of Lake Charles for Hurricane Relief, and ongoing weekly donations to cover our operating expenses. I would ask that if you are so inclined to make a donation to other Catholic entities, especially, and not limited to, the Food Pantry at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church. Thank you so much for your continued generosity. Since you cannot outdo God in generosity, you will be richly rewarded.

Fr. Crochet

Thanksgiving Mass Schedule

Wednesday, November 25, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
Saint Joseph Catholic Church

Thursday, November 26, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.
Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church

The Danger of Closing Gaps

by David Carlin

When there exists what we may call a “dignity gap” between a higher dignity thing and a lower dignity thing, we (I mean society) sometimes close that gap by making the lower thing more like the higher thing, thereby narrowing the gap if not eliminating it completely, and thus raising the dignity of the lower thing.

For instance, American society felt that by limiting marriage to heterosexual couples we were offending against the dignity of homosexual couples. And so we created a new thing, same-sex marriage (“marriage equality”). And in that way, we raised the dignity of homosexual unions. Americans now officially consider same-sex marriage to have a dignity equal to that of traditional marriage and the act of homosexual love to have a dignity equal to that of the act of heterosexual love.

Similarly, human beings have traditionally been regarded as having much greater intrinsic dignity than non-human animals like dogs and cats, horses, and bunny rabbits. This ranking can be seen as a kind of injury to non-human animals: injurious in itself, and the cause of further injuries, since humans often felt free, because of their feelings of superiority, to treat non-human animals as little better than inanimate things.

But in recent times our ethical advanced guards have developed the idea that nonhuman animals have rights. These rights are akin to human rights, and they are a reminder that non-human animals are akin to human persons and should be treated accordingly. We (that is to say, those of us who, unlike myself, are truly up-to-date) now think of non-human animals as having a dignity that is almost human.

The trouble with all this, I suggest, is that it doesn't simply raise the dignity of the lower thing; it also lowers the dignity of the higher thing. They meet someplace in the middle. In deciding that non-human animals are very like humans, we also decide by clear implication that humans are very like non-human animals – and accordingly may be treated as such.

Non-human animals, we have agreed for centuries, are purely biological beings; that is, entities without immortal souls. So if we humans are very like non-human animals, we too must be purely biological beings: entities without immortal souls. But the

traditional belief in human dignity has rested on the logically prior belief that humans are something more than merely biological entities. Do away with the belief in the immortal soul, and you're in danger of doing away with a belief in the dignity of human beings.

The two great revolutionary movements of the 20th Century, the Nazi movement and the Communist movement, held a purely biological theory of humanity. Not surprisingly, neither movement had much psychological difficulty in mass-murdering human beings – just as humans find it relatively easy to mass-slaughter animals if utility demands it.

It's worth noting that the most ardent supporters of abortion-on-demand are persons with little or no religion, persons who have either abandoned, or are skeptical of, the idea that all humans possess immortal souls. If the embryo/fetus is a purely biological entity, how can it claim a right to life? Can't it be disposed of if utility demands it? Conversely, ardent opponents of abortion are persons who cling to the old-fashioned idea of the immateriality and immortality of the soul.

Similarly, our attempt to raise the dignity of homosexual relationships by making them equal in dignity to opposite-sex marriage will result, I contend, in the lowering of the dignity of traditional marriage. We may tell ourselves and tell one another that homosexual unions are just as natural and just as good as heterosexual unions, and our schools and our mass media repeat this myth — but in fact nobody except for a few ideological fanatics actually believes this. Something deep down inside us tells us that homosexual marriages are not real marriages, and in the long run no amount of pro-gay propaganda will persuade us otherwise.

What this propaganda will do, however, is persuade us that heterosexual marriage is no better than same-sex marriage. In other words, it will persuade us that there is no such thing as true marriage.

One of the great results of Vatican II was to remind Catholics that all of us, laypersons no less than priests, are “called to holiness.” Before the Council, there was a common belief among Catholics (although this was never official Church teaching) that priests were supposed to be grade-A Catholics, while it was sufficient for laypersons to be grade C-minus Catholics. There was a kind of “ontological gap” between priests and

laypersons, almost as if they were two distinct sub-species of human beings.

The Council aimed at getting rid of this false idea of an ontological gap. Priests and laypersons are not two different kinds of persons. The priest happens to have a different churchly function than the layperson, but that's all. Both are equally called to sanctity.

Now, this was supposed to inspire the layperson with a priest-like aspiration to holiness. And no doubt it did this in many cases. But in many other cases, it seems to have inspired priests with the idea that a C-minus kind of holiness, the kind found in the average good Catholic layperson, will henceforth be good enough for a priest. Worse still, since many lay Catholics fell below the C-minus level while continuing to be Catholics in good standing, we should get used to the idea that priests, even “good” priests, might drop below the C-minus level.

And so it is not terribly surprising that many post-Vatican II priests embraced relaxed views on sexual morality, or that widespread homosexuality entered the priesthood, or that many priests came to believe that sexual contact with children was either a minor sin or no sin at all.

When common sense tells us that there is a great gap between A and not-A, we are often wise to leave well enough alone.

David Carlin is a retired professor of sociology and philosophy at the Community College of Rhode Island, and the author of **The Decline and Fall of the Catholic Church in America**.

