



## 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](mailto:gail.borel@stjosephparishonline.org)

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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 6:00 p.m. 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, Lord our God, that we may honor You with all our mind, and love everyone in truth of heart.



**YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH**  
DIOCESE OF LAFAYETTE

ADORE.

OBEY.

SERVE.

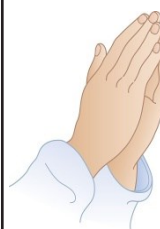
### *Please pray for our parish family members who are sick:*

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, 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, Falyon 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, Lawrence Albert, Betty Suire, Joe Judice, Lisa Adcock, Joan Arceneaux, Eric Suire, Nola Champagne, 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.*



January 24, 2021

Regular Sunday Offering Envelopes	\$ 3,159.00
Regular Sunday Offering Loose	\$ 3,771.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,385.00
Regular Collection Total	\$ 6,930.00
Difference	- \$ 455.00
Present Loan Balance	\$ 296,971.58
Donation Against Loan Balance	\$ 1,030.00
Insurance Balance 2020-2021	\$ 30,531.00
Insurance Collection	\$ 322.00

### Mass Intentions — 1/30 — 2/6

**Saturday 4:00 p.m.** — Ronald Albert, Richard, Harry and Evelyn Guillotte, Ronald Albert, 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, Harold 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, Gloria and Sam Delcambre and Family, 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, Ossie Romero, Jr., Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Protection from and end to Corona Virus, Judice and Walet Families, Dr. John Rellus Hebert, DDS, Phil Dore, John Sonnier, Jr. and Marie and John Sonnier, Sr., Louis J. “Nego” and Lita N. Judice and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Peltier, Sr., Msgr. Richard Soseman, 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, Benny and Glo Granger, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Granger, Dr. Raymond Schneider, Elaine Schneider, Skip Schneider, Lolly Harbin, Breaux and Delcambre Families, Lenwood Delcambre, Borel, Dugas and Chataignier Families, Joe and Rita Habetz, Mary Kay Habetz, Tom Voorhies, Oris Cormier, S.J. “Butte” Granger and Junius and Mary Hebert, Lovell Romero, Catherine Defelice and Tracey Defelice Guilbeau, Msgr. Richard Soseman, 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.** — Richard and Judice Families, 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, Angelle Family, Loto Louviere, Jr., Gam and Velma Gondro, Antoine Judice Family, Mike Judice and Suzette Judice, Msgr. Richard Soseman, 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, Msgr. Richard Soseman, Ruben Rogers,

### The Sanctuary Lamp is burning for

Louto and Anite Gondron Family  
Loto Louviere, Jr.

### 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

Deceased Members of Saint Joseph Church

### The Bi-Monthly Statue is in the home of Parishioners.

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### Saint Joseph Altar Candles are burning for:

Delcambre and Breaux Families, Jon-Luke Lancon  
Deyna Champagne. Harold 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  
Mike and Liz Thibodeaux (Special Intention)  
Glenn and Liz Delahoussaye, In Thanksgiving

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** — Charlene King Broussard, Richard Guillotte, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Protection from and end to Corona Virus, Msgr. Richard Soseman, 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** — Robin, Stan and Van Judice, Carol Boutte Romero, Andrew “Toupee” Bonin, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Protection from and end to Corona Virus, Msgr. Richard Soseman, 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** — Richard Guillotte, Broussard and Bony family, Steven and Donna Berard Family, Special Intention, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Protection from and end to Corona Virus, Msgr. Richard Soseman, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.

**First Friday 6:45 a.m. OLV**— Steve and Donna Berard Family, Special Intention, Gam and Velma Gondron, Alma Jo Landry, Doris Prados, Katie Boutte, Andrew “Tupee” Bonin, Renee Landry Hoffpauir, Chad Stansbury, Jody Segura, Martin Lee Broussard, Danny Latiolais, Myrtle Mestayer (Special Intention), Rhule, Mabel and Wayne Gondron, Gam and Velma Gondron, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Protection from and end to Corona Virus, Judice and Walet Families, Msgr. Richard Soseman, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.

**First Saturday 8:00 a.m. OLV**— Steven and Donna Berard Family, Ancestors and Descendants, Special Intention, Champagne and Landry Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Msgr. Richard Soseman, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet.

## Prophets, demons, and false gods

by Carl E. Olson

We Americans have a rather complicated, even fascinating, relationship with prophets and demons.

Many people, of course, scoff at the idea that someone might have the ability to foresee the future; if asked, they will most likely reject the possibility of prophetic powers as superstitious and unscientific. And yet certain types of prophets make regular appearances in our culture. For example, a tremendous amount of trust is often placed in the forecastings of experts in the fields of economics, demographics, and the climate.

We are told of impending economic recessions and recoveries and warned of impending doom due to either population explosion or global warming. It was only a few decades ago that some experts — secular prophets, I would call them — claimed that the rapid growth of population would decimate the earth by the year 2000.

Beliefs about the existence of Satan and demons are especially revealing. A 1991 study by Evangelical pollster George Barna found that 60% of those polled, regardless of their religious beliefs, thought Satan was just a “symbol of evil”, while just 35%

believed he is “a living being.” Amazingly, seven out of ten Catholics polled said they thought Satan was only symbolic in nature.

These numbers were repeated in a 2002 poll, which found that 75% of Catholics rejected the Church’s clearly stated belief that Satan and demons are real, not just symbolic. Meanwhile, a 1993 poll by *Time* magazine found that while less than 50% of respondents believed in the existence of “angels or devils,” almost 70% believed in the existence of angels.

Today’s readings show us, by way of an Old Testament prophecy and an exorcism performed by Jesus, that there are actual prophets and real demons. There are important, implicit connections to be made between the two. Moses gave a prophecy about a coming prophet — really, The Prophet — who would speak with the authority of God. This true prophet is contrasted to false prophets, those who speak “in the name of other gods.” As G. K. Chesterton noted in **The Everlasting Man**, his study of the Incarnation, “In the ancient world the demons often wandered abroad like dragons. They could be positively and publicly enthroned as gods.” In other words, the Israelites understood that false prophets were under the power or influence of living, evil forces who were in opposition to the one, true God.

The very first false prophet was the serpent in the Garden, who spoke — that is, prophesied — against God. “Behind the disobedient choice of our first parents,” remarks the **Catechism**, “lurks a seductive voice, opposed to God, which makes them fall into death out of

envy. Scripture and the Church’s Tradition see in this being a fallen angel, called “Satan” or the “devil” (¶391). The devil, *the* false prophet, is intent on the destruction of man and rebellion against God. The two, in fact, go hand in hand, for every rebellion against God leads to the destruction of man. Jesus came to break the power of this diabolical and destructive kingdom. “Indeed,” the Apostle John wrote, “the Son of God was revealed to destroy the works of the devil” (1 John 3:8).

Saint Mark’s account emphasizes both the authority of Jesus and the urgency of his work. The unclean spirit, face to face with the Prophet of God, could only acknowledge the truth: “I know who You are — the Holy One of God!” In their torment, the demons recognized Who Jesus is. Yet they refused to believe; their choice had been made long before, outside of time, when they “radically and irrevocably rejected God and His reign” (CCC 392).

It is sometimes argued that the demons cast out by Jesus were not really living, evil beings, but symptoms of illness. Yet Saint Mark clearly distinguishes between those who “were sick with various diseases” and those possessed by demons (Mark 1:34). Demonic oppression is just as real as physical illness. Thankfully, the Prophet, the Holy One of God, came to save us from both real evil and false gods.

Carl E. Olson is editor of Catholic World Report and Ignatius Insight.



**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.

January 31	Rev. Jason Mouton/Caleb Henry Dcn. Frank Cormier/Sr. Mary Elizabeth Demeo, MSC
February 1	Pope Francis/ Rev. Patrick Broussard, Director of Seminarians Dcn. Mike Crain/Sr. Audrey Ruth Donnenfelter, MSC
February 2	Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI/ Rev. Blake Dubroc, Director of Vocations Dcn. Harry Darce/Sr. Stephania D’Souza, MSC
February 3	Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel/ Seminary Faculty, Parents and Benefactors of Seminarians Dcn. Kenneth David/Sr. Naoma Duhe, MSC
February 4	Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell/Eric Hernandez Dcn. Daniel Didier/Sr. Barbara Dupuis, MSC
February 5	Rev. Joseph Nasser, SJ/Luke Kirk Dcn. Samuel Diesi/Sr. Kathleen Farrell, MSC
February 6	Rev. James Bam Nguyen/Alex Lancon Dcn. Keith Duhon/Sr. Audrey Fontenot, MSC

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**Our Lady of Victory Food Pantry** is open on the first and third Thursday of each month, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. This is a twice per month distribution. Clients that are in need of social service, please call Ms. Cindy Louis for an appointments at 337-962-6704



## A Different Inauguration by Fr. Paul D. Scalia

Saint John Henry Newman once observed that men always think of their own day and age as the worst. In every time, he said, “serious and anxious minds, alive to the honor of God and the needs of man, are apt to consider no times so perilous as their own.” Indeed, we see this from Cicero — *O tempora! O mores!* — to Thomas Paine — *These are the times that try men’s souls!* — to today’s political hyperboles.

Ironically, Newman made this observation on the way to claiming that the trials of his own day were indeed the worst. They were such that “would appall and make dizzy even such courageous hearts as Saint Athanasius, Saint Gregory I, or Saint Gregory VII. And they would confess that dark as the prospect of their own day was to them severally, ours has a darkness different in kind from any that has been before it.”

One sympathizes.

As we look at the cultural, political, and ecclesiastical wreckage around us, we are tempted to conclude the same. Political division and cultural relativism, simmering religious persecution, widespread infidelity, and ecclesiastical confusion — these make our times arduous and presage more difficulties ahead.

Still, it’s of little use and of frequent distraction to try to pinpoint our time’s exact location on the chart of woeful times. What matters is not how today’s evils compare to yesterday’s, but how we respond to them. In such circumstances, it’s good to go back to basics. And basics are just what today’s Gospel gives us. (Mark 1:14-20)

Last week the world was focused on the presidential inauguration. Today’s Gospel presents another — a very different and more important — inauguration: the beginning of our Lord’s public ministry. “After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God.”

Our Lord even gives a brief inaugural address: “This is the time of fulfillment.

The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.” Unlike the typical timebound, agenda-laden inaugural address, our Lord’s words focus on eternal truths. They are timeless and thus apt for every moment in history, including our own.

He declares, “This is the time of fulfillment.” For the ancient Israelites, that had a very specific meaning: the realization of all that had been promised and prophesied for centuries. The long-awaited Messiah has come. The Kingdom of God is no longer a desire, but at hand.

More broadly, we can take the “time of fulfillment” to indicate that all time and all times have meaning only in relation to Christ and His Kingdom. He relates all of history to Himself and thus sets it in proper perspective. If we try to interpret and respond to our times apart from Him, we tragically misread them.

This is the proper supernatural outlook: to measure our current circumstances not according to the world’s standard and solutions, but according to the reality and power of the Kingdom of God that is at hand no less today than 2000 years ago. And that Kingdom requires two things: repentance and faith.

“Repent” is the foundational Gospel command. It’s always timely. Sin is the construction of my own petty little kingdom. It might be a squalid, selfish, peevish place, but at least it’s *mine*. Admission into the Kingdom of God requires that I repent and renounce this miserable rival kingdom.

This repentance takes on greater significance as we are called to confront the evils of our day. The greatest danger in war is to adopt the immoral tactics of the enemy. So, in opposing the culture of death, we risk growing bitter, hardened, and resentful. Our response to evil must always be seen in relation to the “time of fulfillment,” and thus preceded by our own repentance. Only a heart set right with Christ can see with clarity and speak with charity.

The prophets of Israel never considered themselves exempt from the

sinfulness of their people. “Woe to me! For I am lost,” says Isaiah, “For I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips.” (Isaiah 6:5) The first step in speaking the truth is repentance for our own actions against it. As we have an obligation to bear witness to the Truth, so we should understand ourselves as rebellious, sinful, and in need of the Truth we proclaim.

Next, “believe in the Gospel.” Repentance cleanses our souls; faith opens them to God’s grace and Truth. Again, this takes on greater significance in our trying times. Against increasing darkness, the light of faith enables us to judge wisely, so that the world’s deceits will not mislead us. That faith also makes us stouthearted, able to stand fast and persevere, because we know the one in Whom we have believed. (cf. II Timothy 1:12)

An exchange between Frodo and Gandalf is helpful for this consideration. The poor hobbit has just learned that the evil Sauron was rising again and menacing Middle Earth. He says, “I wish it need not have happened in my time.” Again, one sympathizes. But Gandalf responds, “So do I, and so do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us.”

For us, the first and most fundamental thing to do with the time that is given us is to repent and believe in the Gospel.

*Fr. Paul Scalia is a priest of the Diocese of Arlington, Va, where he serves as Episcopal Vicar for Clergy. His new book is **That Nothing May Be Lost: Reflections on Catholic Doctrine and Devotion.***

