# The Ascension of the Lord



# Saint Joseph Catholic Church

P. O. Box 365 117 South Main St. Loreauville, Louisiana 70552 (337) 229-4254 FAX (337) 229-4255 Rev. Barry F. Crochet, Pastor Rev. Godwin Nzeh CMF, Associate Pastor Deacon Roland Jeanlouis, Pastoral Associate pastor@stjosephparishonline.org stjosephparishonline.org

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass — 4:00 p.m. Sunday — 7:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory Monday — 6:45 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory Tuesday — 5:30 p.m. at Saint Joseph Wednesday — 6:45 a.m. at Saint Joseph Thursday — 5:30 p.m. at Saint Joseph Friday — 6:45 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory 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**

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

The Adoration Chapel has reopened. The Main Church is also accessible from this entrance for your convenience.

### **FUNERALS**

Please contact the Church Office to make Funeral Service arrangements prior to your appointment with the Funeral Home.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

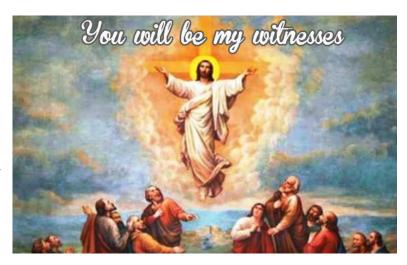
Please contact the Church Office to make arrangements for your child's Baptism.

### SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please contact the Church Office six months prior to the desired date of marriage. No dates for marriage are reserved until after the first marriage interview with clergy.

## SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the Church Office to set up an appointment.



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Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ Your Son I our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow in hope.

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

Stuart Sandoz, Duffy Domingue, Eric Clements, David Louviere, Trevor Louviere, Austin Willett, Willey Poirrier, Inez Barras, Butch and Debbie White, Lydia May, Louis "CoCo" Landry Jr., Rowena Borel, Falyn Sonnier, Caline Provost, Patricia Freyou, Lecia Broussard, Roshondra Nora, Noah Abraham, Jimmy LeBlanc, Chad Borel, Ashley Hebert, Stephen Dugas, Jade Delcambre, Pat Villermin, Ira Bourque, Hailey Thomassee, Lon Prioux, Brennan Wingfield, Betty Suire, Joe Judice, Lisa Adcock, Kathleen Heitkamp, Lori Brasseaux, Jamie Brady, Lisa N. Dugas, Nona Bourque, Leroy Begnaud, Betty Champagne, Keri Bonin Boutte, Leroy and Gloria Courville, Robert, Anna Richard, Wayne LeBlanc, Melvin Broussard, June Granger, Max Borres, T-Boy and Diane Leger, Vivian LeBlanc, Beckie LeBaron, Patricia Sorrell, Ned Dugas, Ted Habetz, David Dupuy, Hazel LeBlanc, Ava Rose and Olivia James Dworaczyk, Nolan Pellerin, Emily V. Louviere, Ray Broussard, Craig Breaux, Hariette Boudreaux, Curt Tauziin, Randy Jett.

May 22, 2022		
Regular Sunday Offering Envelopes	\$ 4,019.00	
Regular Sunday Offering Loose	\$ 3,002.00	
Regular Collection Total	\$ 7,021.00	
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,385.00	
Difference	-\$ 364.00	
Present Loan Balance	\$ 248,324.85	
Donation Against Loan Balance	\$ 261.00	
Insurance Balance 2021-2022	\$ 15,341.00	
Insurance Collection	\$ 80.00	

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning for For the Community The Vocation Chalice is at the home of Gerald and Ethel Dugas. Please pray for vocations. If you would like to have the vocation chalice in your home please call the rectory office at 229-4254 The Bi-Monthly Statue is in the home of Parishioners Flowers on the Altar are in loving memory of: For the Community Saint Joseph Altar Candles are burning for: Special Intention, Boudreaux Family Nola Champagne, Mark and Penny Landry Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory Pope, Priest, Religious, Vance Breaux Sr., Safe Trip, Special Intention (EB) Charles and Jackie Poirrier Family, Mr. and Mrs. Collins Louviere Kerney Louviere, Will and Lily Roberts, Louto and Anite Gondron Family Jon-Luke Lancon, Martha Escagne Rodriguez, In Thanksgiving Steve and Donna Berard, Special Intention

# Mass Intentions — 5/28 — 6/4

Saturday 4:00 p.m. - Clarence and Hilda Landry, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Hebert, Gene Jeffries, Kim Dugas, Carolyn Walet, Evan and Owen Allen, Jimmy Clifton, Muchie Ransonet, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Ossie Romero, Clyde Hebert, Lucille Landry Hebert, Audrie Hebert Delahoussaye, Ancestors and Descendants, Robert Lee Prados, Lucille Breaux Prados, Nola Champagne, Lloyd and Maudrey Landry, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Landry and Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priests, Religious, Elvage Prados, Matilda Prados and Becky Doucet ancestors and descendants, Gloria and Sam Delcambre and Family, Otto Sr. and Laurence Girouard, Terradot Family, Theresa Girouard Allen, Theresa Judice Viator, Dr. J. R. Hebert, Perry Judice, Lorrain Breaux Families, ancestors and descendants, Ronald Albert, Johnny Albert, Sr. Family, John V. Perez Family, Chad Romero, Deyna Champagne, Harold Champagne, Paul Crochet Family, Jordan Prince and Special Intention, Ronald, Sr. and Mildred Gonsoulin, Vance Breaux, Sr., Sally Domingue, Cabrol and Domingue Family, Martha Escagne Rodriguez, Melvin Dugas, Roy Sr. and Gladys Berard, Lloyd and Anne Broussard, Claude and Felicie Granger, Forbus and Myrtle Mestaver, Kay Dooley and William and Dolores Dooley, Kim Decuir, Leed and Mabel Gondron, Carolyn Aquillard.

Sunday 7:00 a.m. — Suzette Judice, Sandra Daigle, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Judice and Walet Family, Chester Gonsoulin, Caplis Family, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Hebert, Jimmy Clifton, Breaux and Delcambre Families, Roland, Jamie and Gene Champeaux, John and Peggy Lagan, Roland Hebert, Lloyd and Guernice Dugas, Clifton and Shirley Maturin Family, John Michael Steiner, Jay Gonsoulin Family, Paul Sonnier Family and Clyde Warfel Family, Antoine "Boy" LeBlanc Family, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Albert Sr., Virginia Landry, Lloyd and Maudrey Landry, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants, Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priests, Religious, Maude Granger and Mr. and Mrs. Benny Granger, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Granger, Dr. Raymond Schneider, Elaine Schneider, Skip Schneider, Lolly Harbin, Joe and

#### MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
June 4 4:00 p.m.	Earl Price	Sandra Boudreaux	Volunteers
June 5 7:00 a.m.	Brynn Blanchard	Carolyn Roseberry	Volunteers
10:30 a.m.	Mike Ackal	Raymond Bergeron	Volunteers

Rita Habetz, Mary Kay Habetz, Tom Voorhies, Oris Cormier, S.J. "Bute" Granger, Junius and Mary Hebert, Lovell Romero.

**10:30 a.m.** — Carolyn Walet, Nelwin Vaughn, Loto Louviere, Jr., Gam and Velma Gondron, Gene Jefferies, Cathy Defelice, Tracey Defelice Guilbeau, Sandra Angelle and Glenn Angelle, Granger Family, Albert Escagne.

Monday 6:45 a.m. OLV — Lloyd and Maudrey Landry, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants, Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priests, Religious, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Jason Suarez Family, Cameron Barrilleaux Family, Destani Armstong Family.

**Tuesday 5:30 p.m. StJo** — Lloyd and Maudrey Landry, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants, Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priests, Religious, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, John and Doris Prados, Jordan Prince, Paul and Audrey Crochet, Jason Suarez Family, Cameron Barrilleaux Family, Destani Armstong Family.

Wednesday 6:45 a.m. StJo — Lloyd and Maudrey Landry, Josephine D'Antonio, John Michael Steiner, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants, Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priests, Religious, Victor and Guadalupe Lamadrich, Anthony Chataignier Family, Borel and Dugas Family, Clarence and Nola Champagne, Families Ancestors and Descendants, John Michael Steiner, Andrew "Toupee" Bonin.

**Thursday 5:30 p.m. StJo** — Lloyd and Maudrey Landry, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants, Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priests, Religious, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants.

First Friday 6:45 a.m. OLV — Lloyd and Maudrey Landry, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Landry and Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants, Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priests, Religious, Patricia Gachassin, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants, Judice and Walet Families, Gam and Velma Gondron, Helen and Joseph Bastien, Pliny Walet, Carolyn B. Walet, Ancestors and Descendants.

**First Saturday 8:00 a.m. OLV** — Special Intention, Champagne and Landry Families Ancestors and Descendants and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Donna and Steve Berard Ancestors and Descendants.



# Please pray for our priests

Eternal Father, we lift up to You these special sons 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.

May 29	Rev. Lambertus Lein, SVD
May 30	Rev. Seth Lemaire
May 31	Rev. Jaime Lorenzo, LC
June 1	Pope Francis
June 2	Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
June 3	Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel
June 4	Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell

The Diocese of Lafavette is offering a retreat for young men ages 15-25, on June 21–23 at the Community of Jesus Crucified in Saint Martinville, Louisiana. The Quo Vadis Retreat is a camp led by priests and seminarians that includes prayer, fraternity, recreation and talks on



discernment. The retreat is focused on helping young men discern God's call in their lives. If you are interested or know someone who would benefit from this retreat, please contact the Office of Vocations at 337-261-5690 or to register online go to:

https://www.lafayettevocations.com/events

**OFFICE OF CATECHETICS** 2022 SUMMER WORKSHOPS June 1 & 2, 2022 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

**Immaculata Center - Fusilier Hall** 

One price: \$50 to attend all workshops

featuring international speaker and evangelist

# **Damon Owens**



Damon Owens, international speaker and evangelist, is executive director of Joyful Ever After (joyfuleverafter.org). The first executive director of the Theology of the Body Institute and chairman of the 2016 International Theology of the Body Congress, Damon founded Joyful Ever After as a non-profit ministry dedicated to encouraging and educating couples to understand and live marriage and family life together with joy through St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Damon and his wife Melanie have eight children and live outside Philadelphia.

# GUEST SPEAKERS

Kathleen Corv **Ruah Woods Press** 







Fr. Alexander Albert Fr. Michael Russo Fr. Jason Vidrine St. Anne Youngsville St. Martin de Tours St. Martinville



Register at https://secure.ggiv.com/for/sumwor/event/848331/



# Vacation **Bible School** for the Village of Loreauville

For all youth entering Grades K-5th. We welcome mature 6th graders and older who can be helpers. Please register at the Parish Office.

For questions, please email: shebert@diolaf.com

# FREE !

# Saint Theresa Hall

# June 20-24, 2022 9:00-11:30 am



Who wills it! God wills it!

# **CURSILLO FAMILY POTLUCK PICNIC**

June 5th, Sacred Heart Church Prairie Ronde 651 Highway 104 Opelousas, Louisiana 70570

- Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Church in Prairie Ronde at Noon. Picnic will follow immediately after Mass.
- Bring a covered dish of your choosing!
- Games, face painting, balloon art to be provided.
- YOU NEED To Bring your own lawn chairs and 8x8 tents if you have one.
- WE NEED: If you're able, collapsible tables.



#### Abortion and the Genocide of the Black Community by Randall Smith

There's been a lot of discussion recently about the upcoming *Dobbs* decision, in which the Supreme Court might finally overturn the Court's deadly earlier decisions in *Roe v. Wade* and its companion case *Doe v. Bolton*. Many of the articles bemoaning the coming decision have been filled with incivility, mindless vitriol, fear-mongering, absurd non sequiturs, and outright lies.

When the Supreme Court overturned its 1986 decision in *Bowers v. Hardwick* seventeen years later in 2003 in *Lawrence v. Texas* – thereby protecting homosexual activity – liberals weren't screaming that *Brown v. Board of Education* was next, because they knew that would have been an absurd non sequitur.

And today, no progressive liberal would find it acceptable were a conservative group giving out the home addresses of the *dissenting* judges in *Dobbs*, so that groups of angry demonstrators could gather outside *their* homes to pressure them to change *their* minds. No, only *one* side may do these things.

Well, to those defending *Roe*, I have only one thing to say: *You're on the wrong side of history*.

I've always wanted to say that. Mostly just to show people on the other side how it feels. I do in fact believe that those who are arguing for abortion are on the wrong side of history and that, in fifty years, with advances in neonatal care and greater knowledge of the developing child in the womb, abortion will be seen as barbaric as slavery does to us today.

And just for the record, if you study history, you'll find that when your side is the side that's using euphemisms to cover up what you're doing – breaking windows, lying, threatening people with violence, and stirring up mob anger, fear, and resentment – you usually *are* on the "wrong side of history."

But simply saying to one's opponents, "You're on the wrong side of history," is no argument. It is the verbal equivalent of a patronizing pat on the head. Imagine making a sophisticated argument about something only to have your interlocutor blurt out: "Well that's just stupid!" or "You're just wrong!" Now, I may be wrong; I may even be stupid. But you will have to make an actual argument to *show* that.

Too many people today assume they have no need to make logical arguments and can instead simply *assume* that "all good and sensible people" agree with them because, well, "it's obvious." The problem is, it almost never is, and with especially controversial issues, such as abortion, you can't simply assume it is. What you are saying when you claim, "It's obvious," is that the people who disagree with you are stupid — too dense to see what's "obvious."

So I'm not going to simply say to those who disagree with me about abortion, "You're on the wrong side of history." I think they are; they obviously think they're not. Fine. We need to move on and get to some real arguments and actual data.

"Disparate impact" and racial bias seem to be popular topics at the moment. You can barely go more than a day or two without a discussion of them showing up on the mainstream media. So let's talk about them with reference to abortion.

The claim one often hears is that overturning *Roe* would be "disastrous" for the black community. But here is the reality:

- Abortion is the leading cause of death for African Americans, more than all other causes combined, including HIV, violent crimes, accidents, cancer, and heart disease.
- Abortions are performed on black women at a rate 3.5 times higher than white women; black women have over 30 percent of abortions though they are only 12.6 percent of the population.
- Over their lifetimes, black women average 1.6 more pregnancies than White women but are 5 times more likely to have a pregnancy that ends in abortion.
- Approximately 360,000 pre-born black babies are aborted every year, nearly 1000 per day.
- More than 16-million black babies have died by abortion since 1973.
- The percentage of the black population in the U.S. has dropped from 12.6 percent in 2010 to 12.4 percent in 2020. The black population in the U.S. (41 million) has dropped precipitously below the Hispanic population (63 million), numbers that would be radically different had 16 million

black lives mattered enough to society to protect them from abortion and raise them to fruitful adulthood.

You might be thinking, "Yes, but the abortion providers didn't abort these black children *because* they were black." First, liberals *never* allow this excuse when it comes to any other "disparate impact" case. And second, are you so sure?

Everyone admits now that the eugenicist Margaret Sanger, the racist founder of Planned Parenthood, began her "Negro Project" in 1939 to stop the growth of the black population. And it's still the case that 79 percent of Planned Parenthood surgical abortion facilities are within walking distance (2 miles) of relatively high black and/or Hispanic populations. Black women are five times more likely to have an abortion than white women. If that isn't evidence of "systemic racism," then the term is meaningless.

So all you people demonstrating to protect the abortion industry, you're not only on the wrong side of history, you're also racist.

You? No, not you! You're the *good* people! Sixteen million dead black babies and counting, and you're absolutely certain the people pushing back against this racial genocide are the horrible, evil ones, and you *-you –* are the people who will be judged by history as the ones who *really cared* about the black community.

And you are *so certain* of this, in fact, that you're willing to silence your opponents, terrorize them in mobs, lie repeatedly, vandalize churches, disrupt church services, desecrate religious sacraments, tear down free women's care centers that provide women the resources to make the choice *not* to terminate the life of their unborn child, and even overthrow the democratic process itself, all so that some women can terminate the lives of their unborn sons and daughters.

Wow. Well, that's just stupid.

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