## 20th Week in Ordinary Time



# Saint Joseph Catholic Church

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

Wednesday- 6:45 a.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** 

Mrs. Sherry Hebert --- sherry.hebert@stjosephparishonline.org

#### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Adoration Chapel is open. 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.

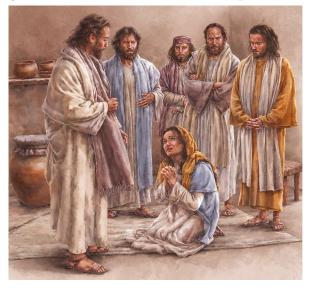
#### SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

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.

MINISTERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY				
	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers	
August 26 4:00 p.m.	Jana Angelle	Debbie Oubre	Volunteers	
August 27 7:00 a.m.	Sandy Sonnier	Carolyn Roseberry	Volunteers	
10:30 a.m.	Mike Ackal	Betty Guidry	Volunteers	



August 20, 2023

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.

Please pray for our Priests, Seminarians and Deacons			
Eternal Father, we lift up to You these special men. 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.			

Assessed 20	Rev. Brian Harrington/Tre Fontenot		
August 20	Dcn. Michael Thompson		
August 21	Rev. Msgr. Russell Harrington/Brother John Paul Fruge		
	Dcn. Joseph Trahan		
August 22	Rev. David Hebert/Brother Francis Xavier Gyles		
	Dcn. Tam Tran		
August 23	Rev. Matthew Hebert/Coby Hebert		
	Dcn. Jeff Trumps		
August 24	Rev. T.J. Hebert/Evan Hebert		
	Dcn. Stephen Van Cleve		
August 25	Rev. Gregory Heslip, LC/William Hebert		
	Dcn. David Vaughn		
August 26	Rev. Matthew Higginbotham/Caleb Henry		
	Dcn. Durwood Viator		

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

Clements, Trevor Louviere, Austin Willett, Willey Poirrier, Butch White, Lydia May, Rowena Borel, Patricia Freyou, Lecia Broussard, Roshondra Nora, Noah Ábraham, Chad Borel, Ashley Hebert, Stephen Dugas, Jade Delcambre, Pat Villermin, Ira Bourque, Brennan Wingfield, Betty Suire, Joe Judice,

Stuart Sandoz, Duffy Domingue, Eric Mike Habetz, Jamie Brady, Nona Bourque, Leroy Begnaud, Betty Champagne, Leroy and Gloria Courville, Anna Richard, Wayne LeBlanc, Melvin Broussard, June Granger, Max Borres, Vivian LeBlanc, Beckie LeBaron, Patricia Sorrell, David Dupuy, Hazel LeBlanc, Ava Rose and Olivia James Dworaczyk, Ray Broussard, Anne Adcock Hebert, Shyla

Romero, Bart Doucet, Ellenor Hebert, Jory L. Bernard, Annette Dugas, Kayla Barras Veronie, Jamie Ransonet, Robert LeBlanc, Sr., Kaylee Landry, Randy Dugas, Rudy Delcambre, Ted Habetz, Clarence Theriot, Junelle Jefferies, Robin Neuville, Fred Thibodeaux, Lucy Bernard, Charlie Berard, Allen Gondron.

August 13, 2023			
Regular Sunday Offering Envelopes	\$ 4,548.00		
Regular Sunday Offering Loose	\$ 3,838.00		
Regular Collection Total	\$ 8,386.00		
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,385.00		
Difference	+\$ 1,001.00		
Present Loan Balance	\$ 147,253.61		
Donation Against Loan Balance	\$ 220.00		
Insurance Balance 2023-2024	\$ 40,021.00		
Insurance Collection	\$ 65.00		

Altar Flowers were donated in memory of Deceased Parishioners of Saint Joseph Church.

The Sanctuary Lamp is burning for The Community

The Vocation Chalice is in

The Adoration Chapel 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

#### Saint Joseph Altar Candles are burning for

Vance Breaux Sr., Martha Escagne Rodriguez, Deyna Champagne, Harold Champagne, Chad Romero, Mark and Penny Landry Ancestors and Descendants, and Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priest, Religious, Steve and Donna Berard Special Intention, Lynn and Theresa Delcambre Ancestors and Descendants, Domingue Family Special Intention, Jamie Brady, Ann Hebert.

#### Mass Intentions -8/19 - 8/25

Saturday 4:00 p.m. and 10:30 a.m. StJo - Robert Lee Prados, Lucille Breaux Prados, Nola Champagne, Ancestors and Descendants, Clyde Hebert, Lucille Landry Hebert, Audrie Delahoussaye, Ancestors and Descendants, David Allain, Special Intention, Nancy Meuneir, Jimmy Clifton, Dr. Harold and Kathleen Heitkamp, Judy Douet and Glen Martin, Robert Judice, Sr. Family, Earl and Jeannette Guidry, Louis and Elbay Judice, Wolla G. Broussard, Ronald and Louis, John Vedia and Barbara Ann Ozenne Perez, Antoine "Boy" LeBlanc Family, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Albert Sr., Lynn and Theresa Delcambre Family, Ancestors and Descendants, Sidney, Margaret, Craig Breaux, Pauline Guidry, Jeremy Savoy, Family, Clyde Hebert, Lucille Landry Hebert, Billie J. Bodin, Lawrence Melancon, Felicie Gaudet, Dr. Harold and Kathleen Heitkamp, Boo Castille, Dr. James Russell Romeo, Robert Judice, Sr., Joe Escagne, Sam and Glo Delcambre, Huey Olivier Family Ancestors and Descendants, Michael and Christine Arceneaux, Ancestors and Descendants, Roslie LeJeune, John Lacour, Special Intention, Gloria Albert (Special Intention), Ossie Romero, Jr., Daisy and Perfice Armentor, Billy Degeyter, Chester "Butch" Gonsoulin and Parents, Mutchie Ransonet, Sady and Daisy Ransonet, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, 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, Chad Romero, Deyna Champagne, Harold Champagne, Audrey Crochet, Paul Crochet Family, Jordan Prince and Special Intention, Vance Breaux Sr., Sally Domingue, Cabrol and Domingue Family, Dr. John Rellus Hebert, Perry J. Judice, Lorrain Breaux Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Martha Escagne Rodriguez, Albert Rodriguez, Clarence and Hilda Landry, Otto, Sr. and Laurence Girouard, Terradot Family, Theresa Girouard Allen, Melvin Dugas, Roy Sr. and Gladys Berard, Lloyd and Anne Broussard, Simon and Felicie Granger, Forbus and Myrtle Mestaver, Kay Dooley and William and Dolores Dooley, Kim Decuir, Leed and Mabel Gondron,

Forgotten Souls in Purgatory, Rickie Oubre, Dr. Harold and Kathleen Heitkamp, Henry and Renella Pelafigue and Josh, Roland and Pee Wee Broussard, Virginia Landry, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Cloures Dugas, Mr. and Mrs. John Prados, Sr., John Michael Steiner, Jay Gonsoulin Family, Paul Sonnier Family and Clyde Warfel Family, Lloyd and Maudrey Landry, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Mark and Penny Landry, Ancestors and Descendants, Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priests, Religious, Joe and Rita Habetz, Mary Kay Habetz, Tom Voorhies, Tommy Breaux, Jennings Fournet, Maude Granger and John and Doris Prados, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Granger, Dr. Raymond Schneider, Elaine Schneider, Skip Schneider, Lolly Harbin, Lovell Romero, Tim Edler, Ronald Judice, Joe and Justin Boudreaux, Lawrence Albert, Robert Judice, Elaine Villermin, C.L. Romero, Rickie Oubre, Janice Mestaver Deanna Gondron, Rickie Oubre, Larry Crochet, Keri Bonin Boutte, Bonin and Boutte Family, Loretta Judice VanBrocklin, Matthew Thibeaux, Louis Thibeaux Family, Edmond Lancon Family, Viator and Judice Fly., Loto Louviere, Jr., Gam Gondron Family, Clyde Dressel, Judy Judice, Beauregard Judice, Gondron and Deville Family Ancestors and Descendants, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Wayne Guillory and Mathilde Romero, Horace and Sylvia Thibodeaux, Pliny and Carolyn Breaux Walet, Cathy Defelice, Tracey Defelice Guilbeau, Sandra Angelle and Glenn Angelle, Solari Family, Wade & Lou Dupre, Aline Smith, Derrick Taylor, Nellie Hebert Arceneaux, Sara Escamilla, Trenace Songe, Myra Starr, Brian Robichaux, Jane Watkins, Claire Landry, Lee Villarrubia, Milton Martinez, Bishop Warren Boudreaux, Bishop Joseph Latino, Msgr. John Newfield, Msgr. Francis Amedee, Msgr. Andrew Frey, Rev. Albert Richardson, Msgr. Richard Soseman, Fr. Varin Slacke OFM, Deacon Mel Marts, Ruben Rogers, Elizabeth Capps Rogers, Wayne Rogers, Clotilde Rogers, Alfred Crochet, Claude Hebert, Cecile Hebert, Deacon Jay Bergeron, Archbishop Harry Flynn, Sue Crochet, Francis Crochet.

Sunday 7:00 a.m. StJo — *Pro Populo* Saint Joseph & Our Lady of Victory Monday 6:45 a.m. OLV — Lloyd and Maudrey Landry, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Mark and Penny Landry Ancestors and Descendants, Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priests, Religious, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Huey Olivier Family Ancestors and Descendants, Michael and Christine Arceneaux, Ancestors and Descendants, Brian Derouen.

**Tuesday 5:30 p.m. StJo** — Lloyd and Maudrey Landry, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Mark and Penny Landry Ancestors and Descendants, Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priests, Religious, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Adeline and James Hebert, Chelsie Breaux, Huey Olivier Family Ancestors and Descendants, Michael and Christine Arceneaux, Ancestors and Descendants, Lynn and Theresa Delcambre Family, Ancestors and Descendants, Jason Suarez Family, Cameron Barrilleaux Family, Destani Armstong Family.

Wednesday 6:45 a.m. StJo — Francis Crochet, Jacques Braquet, Lloyd and Maudrey Landry, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants, Mark and Penny Landry Ancestors and Descendants, Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priests, Religious, Clarence and Nola Champagne, Families Ancestors and Descendants, Vickie Dugas, Robin, Stan and Van Judice, Roy and Michael Thibodeaux, Michael and Christine Arceneaux, Ancestors and Descendants, John Michael Steiner, Andrew "Toupee" Bonin, Francis Crochet, Jacque Braquet.

Thursday 5:30 p.m. StJo — Lloyd and Maudrey Landry, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants, Mark and Penny Landry Ancestors and Descendants, Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priests, Religious, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Huey Olivier Family Ancestors and Descendants, Michael and Christine Arceneaux, Ancestors and Descendants. Friday 6:45 a.m. OLV — Lloyd and Maudrey Landry, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families Ancestors and Descendants, Mark and Penny Landry Ancestors and Descendants, Souls in Purgatory, Pope, Priests, Religious, Clarence and Nola Champagne Families, Ancestors and Descendants, Judice and Walet Families, Gloria Stoltz, Glenda Guidry, Patricia Gachassin, Huey Olivier Family Ancestors and Descendants, Michael and Christine Arceneaux, Ancestors and Descendants, Lynn and Theresa Delcambre, Ancestors and Descendants.

#### Cursing and Christian Living by David G Bonagura, Jr.

In rebuking the Pharisees for misunderstanding the heart of the Mosaic Law, our Lord issued a declaration, unprovoked by the immediate context, that reverberates today: "The things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile." (Matthew 15:18)

What is in the heart that our words manifest? Again, our Lord is quite direct "From the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, unchastity, theft, false witness, blasphemy. These are what defile a person." (Matthew 15:19-20)

That is, a host of unholy, sinful desires — they are collectively called "concupiscence" — joust within us every waking moment, and through our impure words they percolate into the world. Unholy speech comes in many kinds: gossip, detraction, calumny, deceit, lying, cheating, complaining, berating, lamenting, cursing. Controlling our tongues can seem like a Sisyphean task, as even the New Testament acknowledges: "If anyone does not fall short in speech, he is a perfect man." (James 3:1)

Of all these sins, the phenomenon of cursing provides a special window through which we perceive three critical facets of Christian living: the disorder of the soul, the need for self-discipline, the place of the Christian in the world.

In casual speech and tense situations, curse words punctuate nearly every sentence, especially among groups of men. Wielded as nouns, verbs, adjectives, and interjections (some four-letter words can be all four), curse words, the speaker believes, add emphasis and drama to the narrative. And they are accepted by society as part of the lexical landscape.

Coaching youth sports, I have found that children begin cursing quietly among themselves around age eight; by age ten they do so openly on the field and on the court, where they may perhaps receive a mild reprimand, but the adults around them largely look the other way — they are using the same words themselves.

Yes, curse words reveal disorder in our souls, which are torn between concupiscence and the God who calls us to perfection in Him. More than that, though, the nonchalance with which curse words are uttered points to a great danger of the spiritual life: the acceptance of sin as a normal part of living — not as something to be fought daily and eradicated.

From there it is but a few steps to dismissing sin as a reality altogether, as our modern age has done so effectively. A worse conclusion can follow: the cavalier and pernicious attitude of "I'm going to Hell anyway, so what difference does it make what I say or do?" This is the defilement that our Lord speaks of, and Saint Francis de Sales brilliantly captures the insidious danger that habitual cursing can generate:

An impure word falling upon a weak mind spreads its infection like a drop of oil on a garment, and sometimes it will take such a hold of the heart, as to fill it with an infinitude of lascivious thoughts and temptations.

This is also an infection that spreads not only in the heart of the listener but in the speaker himself. Mortal sinners are not born but made through the slow, cancerous growth first of vice and then of venial sins.

Growing up in a milieu where curse words are as common as any other, young people, without the benefit of a surrounding Christian culture, logically conclude that "this is how adults talk" and follow suit. To resist the false allure of this vocabulary requires tremendous self-discipline, especially when first trying to break the habit.

Most will not succeed if motivated only by the temporal desire to cleanse one's vocabulary. But if we realize that cursing is displeasing to God who loves us more than imaginable, we can acquire much-needed supernatural motivation to master our tongues. And if we can resist the temptation to curse, we will



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develop the virtue of self-restraint that will keep us from falling into other temptations.

I remain ever grateful to the young post-collegian leading me and a group of collegians through Europe years ago. He chastised me after I let go a few curse words when we could not figure out the trains. The rebuke stung – but I immediately understood that if I wanted to be a sincere Catholic, I had to lasso my tongue. With concerted effort and God's grace, it took only two more weeks for me to let go of those words for good.

To refrain from cursing in a curse-filled world is a constant reminder that Christians are never completely at home in this world. Conversations and situations filled with vice or sin should prick our consciences, for we know they are wrong. To be Christian can mean being alone with the Lord, suffering in silence, while simultaneously being surrounded by others in public.

Frankly, I have never had the courage to rebuke my fellow adults for their colorful language, though I am not sure it would do much good. What has been interesting over the years, however, is that acquaintances and associates of various kinds have noticed that I do not use these words and have commented in a complimentary way to that end on several occasions. Simply refraining from curse words, to my surprise, has served as a means of silent evangelization. In a world filled with profane words, not joining the racket can witness to the truth.

We need not be pure of heart to strive to root out vices — including small ones like cursing — and embrace virtue. Doing so can transform defilement into sanctification, but only with God's grace. So let us heed the exhortation of Saint Paul: "Let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful." (Colossians 3:15)

