



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

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Mrs. Sherry Hebert — [sherry.hebert@stjosephparishonline.org](mailto:sherry.hebert@stjosephparishonline.org)

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

### FUNERALS

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### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

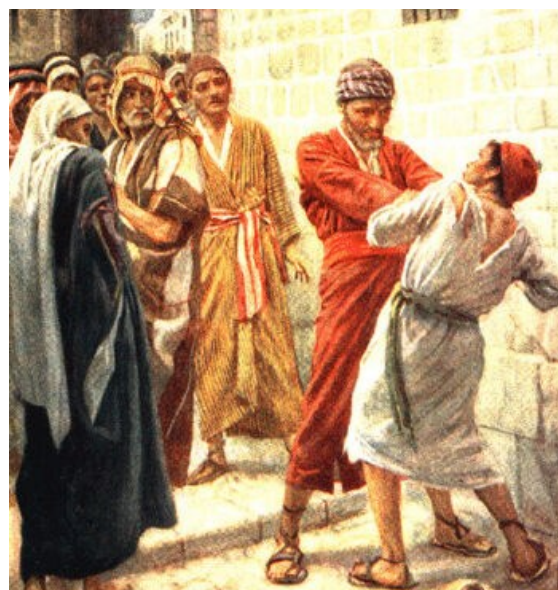
Please contact the Church Office to make arrangements for your child's Baptism.

### 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

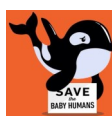
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Look upon us, O God, Creator and Ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of Your Mercy, grant that we may serve You with all our heart.

### MINISTERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
September 23 4:00 p.m.	Emily Begnaud	Margaret Bonin	Volunteers
September 24 7:00 a.m.	Sandy Sonnier	Lynn Delcambre	Volunteers
10:30 a.m.	Mike Ackal	Claire Breaux	Volunteers



### 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.

September 17	Rev. Msgr. H. A. Larroque, JCL/Caleb Henry Dcn. David B. Chambers
September 18	Fr. Korey Laverne/Eric Hernandez Dcn. Ronald Chauvin
September 19	Fr. Clyde Leblanc, SJ/Michael Johnson Dcn. Jerome Collins
September 20	Fr. Steven Leblanc/Bret Lee Dcn. Adam Conque
September 21	Fr. Mark Ledoux/Christopher Lee Dcn. Frank Cormier
September 22	Fr. Seth Lemaire, JCL/Stephen Melancon Dcn. Michael Crain
September 23	Fr. Jaime Lorenzo, LC/Giovanni Ranzino Dcn. Harry Darce

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

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

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, Leif Melancon, Charlie Berard, Allen Gondron, Brad Clifton, Rodney Prioux.

**September 10, 2023**

<b>Regular Sunday Offering Envelopes</b>	\$ 4,202.00
<b>Regular Sunday Offering Loose</b>	\$ 3,453.00
<b>Regular Collection Total</b>	\$ 7,655.00
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	\$ 7,385.00
<b>Difference</b>	+\$ 270.00
<b>Present Loan Balance</b>	<b>\$ 145,497.61</b>
<b>Donation Against Loan Balance</b>	\$ 67.00
<b>Insurance Balance 2023-2024</b>	<b>\$ 38,956.00</b>
<b>Insurance Collection</b>	\$ 7.00

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

**The Sanctuary Lamp is burning for**  
Renella Pelafigue

**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.

### **Mass Intentions — 9/16 — 9/22**

**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, Elivage Prados, Mathilda Prados, Becky Doucet, Ancestors and Descendants, Louise Bonin, Dr. Harold and Kathleen Heitkamp, Judy Douet, Glen Martin, Earl and Jeanette Guidry, Louis and Elbay Jusixe, Hazel Gregory Family, Lenwood and Mable Delcambre Family, Orford and Mary Lou Breaux Family, Carroll Delcambre, Rachel Ransonet Romero, Jimmy Clifton, Brad Clifton (Rec.), Robert Judice, Sr. Family, 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 Mestayer, Kay Dooley and William and Dolores Dooley, Kim Decuir, Leed and Mabel Gondron, Forgotten Souls in Purgatory, Henry and Renella Pelafigue and Josh,

Phyllis Crochet LeBlanc, 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 Mr. and Mrs. Amos Louviere, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Granger, Dr. Raymond Schneider, Elaine Schneider, Skip Schneider, Lolly Harbin, Lovell Romero, Tim Edler, Richard and Edler Families, Ronald Judice, Ryan and Landry Families, Elaine Villermin, Deanna and Alton Gondron, Larry Crochet, 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, Feast Day of Our Lady of LaSalette, 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 Armstrong Family.

**Wednesday 6:45 a.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, Michael and Christine Arceneaux, Ancestors and Descendants, John Michael Steiner, Andrew “Toupee” Bonin, Francis Crochet, Jacque Braquet, Leroy Bonin, Goldie T. Bonin, Janelle B. Broussard.

**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, Earline Crochet, 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, Janice Mestayer, Glen Martin, Judy Douet, Huey Olivier Family Ancestors and Descendants, Michael and Christine Arceneaux, Ancestors and Descendants, Lynn and Theresa Delcambre, Ancestors and Descendants.



## A Happy Birthday to Our Lady by Rev. Peter M.J. Stravinskias

We know relatively little of Our Lady's origins; our information comes mostly from the Protoevangelium of Saint James, which contains many pious legends and stories about Her parents (Anne and Joachim) and infancy. We know, for a fact, however, that every devout Jewish woman dreamed of being the Mother of the Messiah, or at least of giving birth to a daughter Who would be.

The Church Universal commemorates Mary's nativity on September 8. Though the Church normally honors saints on the dates of their death, not their birth, there are three exceptions: Our Lord, Our Lady, and Saint John the Baptist. Why those? Because Our Lord and His Blessed Mother were *conceived* without Original Sin, while it's common Catholic belief that the Baptist was *born* without sin due to his sanctification in the womb at the pregnant Mary's visitation of Elizabeth, causing John to "leap for joy." (Luke 1:44)

On this feast, we are presented with Jesus' genealogy according to Saint Matthew (1:1-17) — a rather strange Gospel passage, with even stranger names. Can we make some sense of it?

Saint Matthew presents a thoroughly Jewish Jesus, intending to show the continuity between Christianity and Judaism, indeed, the fulfillment of the latter in the former. Therefore, he portrays Jesus as the "new Moses," the Church as the "new Israel," and the Gospel as the "new Law."

He does this in various ways: a five-book structure of his work to parallel the five books of the Torah; frequent use of the number seven; dozens of citations from the Old Testament. But the evangelist Matthew also does something else to make this point and does it so subtly that most readers miss it.

His genealogy powerfully proclaims the Jewishness of Jesus — which definitively announces and demonstrates Jesus is a son of David, from whom the long-awaited Messiah would come, according to the prophets.

Properly to appreciate the genealogy, it's important to understand that the Jews (like most ancient peoples) had a great fascination with the symbolic value and meaning of numbers. For them, "seven" was the sign of absolute perfection, while "six" epitomized gross imperfection. No surprise, then, that the Messiah's lineage is broken into three groups of fourteen ancestors (twice the number of perfection and also the numerical value of the letters in David's name).

This is not "historical" in our modern understanding of the word, especially since there are many gaps. It does not tell us the lineage of the human race from Adam (as in Luke), but from Abraham, the man the Roman Canon calls "our father in faith." The list is punctuated by important events in Jewish history: the origins of the people, kingship of David, Babylonian exile, coming of the Messiah.

This differs significantly from standard Hebrew genealogies, particularly in that some women are included: Tamar, who seduced her father-in-law Judah into an incestuous union (Genesis 38); Rahab, the chief prostitute of Jericho, who sheltered Joshua's spies (Joshua 2); Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah who committed adultery with David and then conspired with him to murder her husband (II Samuel 11); Ruth, the wife of Boaz and daughter-in-law of Naomi, who stands as an exemplar of faithful love and devotion.

The inclusion of these women is notable for several reasons. First, the unsavory nature of most of them (and many of the males as well) is a reminder that we all — the Son of God as well — come into this world with a history. Second, that three of them are not only women but also foreigners points to Jesus' Mission to the Gentiles. Third, in a patriarchal society such as that of the Jews, name and property were passed on through males, not females. So the mention of these women serves as a crucial affirmation of the importance of the woman Mary, "of Whom Jesus was born, Who is called the Christ." (Matthew 1:16)

The genealogy is, indeed, Joseph's, not Mary's. But while the legal patrimony of Our Lord had to come through a male, His human origins did not — a point made eminently clear by the Evangelist.

Saint Matthew wants us to comprehend that Salvation History had reached a high-water mark in the Birth of Jesus, a new thing that Almighty God had prepared from all eternity, the coming of Emmanuel, God-with-us — the most significant event in history. And it occurred through the agency of a woman, unaided by a man! It's completely accurate to say that with the advent of God-in-the-flesh, the status of women changed.

"Let it be to Me according to Your word." "And the Word became flesh." Each and every time we imitate our Blessed Mother's response of faith and trust in God, the Word takes on flesh once more — within us and our world — as He did more than 2000 years ago in the tiny village of Nazareth.

But note: Our Lord's genealogy did not cease with His Conception and Birth. Through the grace of Baptism, which makes His redemptive incarnation and Paschal Mystery available to us, we have the high privilege of standing in that noble line. We show ourselves worthy of that honor by being identified with Jesus' Mother — Who shared the human condition but was so focused on Her God that He was able to use Her to undo the negative spiral of human history.

As Saint John Henry Newman said: "He who charges us with making Mary a divinity, is thereby denying the divinity of Jesus. Such a man does not know what divinity is ... To Her belongs, as being a creature, a natural claim on our sympathy and familiarity, in that She is nothing else than our fellow. She is our pride. In the poet's words, 'Our tainted nature's solitary boast.'"

May Mary, Mother of Christ and Mother of the Church, intercede with Her Son, our Brother, to enable us to respond with faith, hope, and love — to our own troubled moment.

Father Peter Stravinskias holds doctorates in school administration and theology. He is the founding editor of *The Catholic Response* and publisher of Newman House Press. Most recently, he launched a graduate program in Catholic school administration through Pontifex University.



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