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APRIL 18, 2021 - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION: Saturday from 3:00–3:55 pm, 20 minutes before daily Mass and by appointment, (please call the office).

BAPTISM: Preparation for the sacrament is provided to parents held in the evenings. (See bulletin for time and place.) Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy, to avoid undue delays.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: For Anointing, death, or in case of an emergency please call the parish office.

MARRIAGE: Couples planning marriage are asked to contact the pastor or deacon at least six months before.

CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST

Saturday:.....4:00 p.m.
Sunday:8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.

****Weekday Mass Change due to COVID:**

Monday & Friday 6:30 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday:.....8:30 a.m.
Holy Days:..... 6:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

WELCOME, VISITORS.

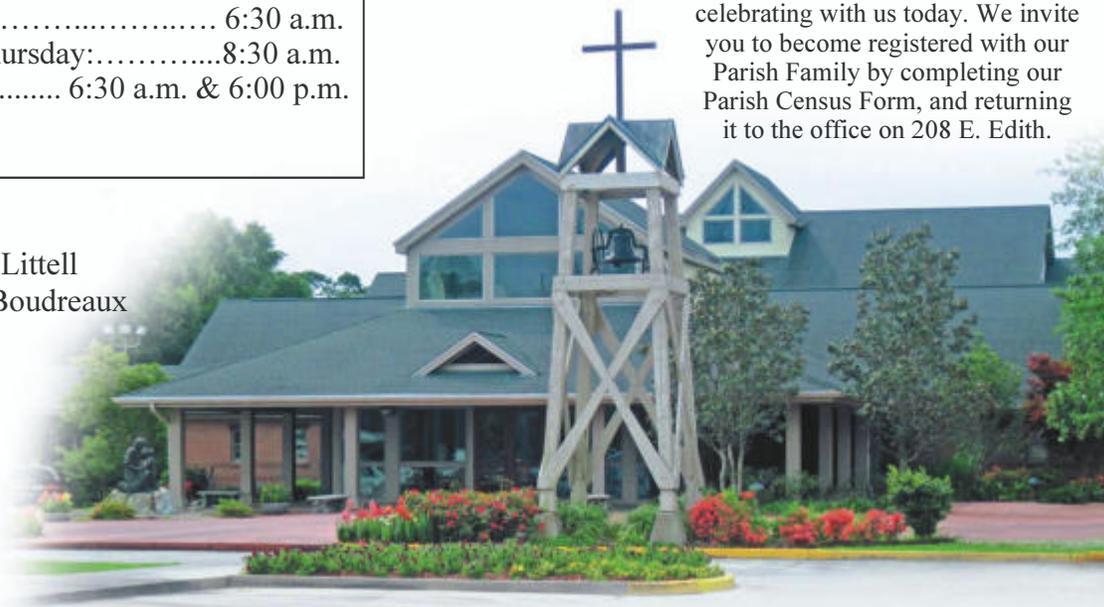
We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to become registered with our Parish Family by completing our Parish Census Form, and returning it to the office on 208 E. Edith.

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3rd Sunday of Easter

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively, and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News.

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Our Gift Back to God

Offertory	\$11,010.59
Mailed/Dropped in Office	\$ 1,370.00
Total (April 11th)	\$12,380.59
Weekly Goal	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus Our Goal	\$ + 380.59

Thank You!

This Week's Second Collection
Bishop's Services Appeal

Next Week's Second Collection
Catholic Home Missions

The disciples in today's Gospel came to know Jesus in the breaking of the bread. When we share what we have with those who are in need, we, too, will discover Jesus in our midst.

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled. You are witnesses of these things." - Lk 24:44, 48

Mass Intention

Weekend of April 17th & 18th, 2021
Sat. 4 p.m., Sun. 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. for the intentions listed,
Sun. 10:30 a.m. for our parish (Pro Populo)

John J. Ladner, Zachary Hebert, Edia P. Landry, Cody & Lea Miller, Mildred Baudoin, Cameron Bailey, David Graham, Marie Comeaux Broussard, Jacquelyn Albert, Wilda & Louis Theo Bares, Willis & Geri Morvant (Willis' Birthday), Edvard & Lydia Hebert Family, M/M Osta Duhon (Her Anniv.), Yenes & Elwood Baudoin, Loyd Denais, Bryan Joseph Schambough

Weekday Masses

Monday 19	St. Joseph Community
Tuesday 20	Bradley J. Demette (Birthday)
Wednesday 21	Vocations to the Priesthood
Thursday 22	First Responders & Those Serving in Our Armed Forces
Friday 23	Sick of the Parish

Sanctuary Candle

Previous Bishops

Please Pray For The Sick

Susan Vincent Gunner Breaux Brennen Albert
Joyce Comeaux James Benoit Marla Francois
Dolores Benoit Kathryn Trahan Bobby Trahan
Charlie Harrington Kim Vincent Hunter Henry
Luby Landry Jeanette Gallet Guy McKeon
Lilly Mae Romero Enola G. Bernard Gail Anslem
Mary Belle Broussard Mary Trahan Sara LaCroix
Phillip LaCour, Sr. Norval Knapp Heather Herrick
Bethany Touchet Bernice Blanchard Richard
Jeff Harrell Mike Blanchard Lynn Broussard

A Spiritual Communion - to be

prayed daily O my divine Jesus, how great is my desire to receive your sacred body! Oh, come now into my soul, at least, by a spiritual communion! O Jesus, my divine Savior, save me.

O my God, hiding myself with a humble confidence in your dear wounds, I give up my soul into your divine hands, Oh, receive it into the bosom of your mercy. **Amen.**

Guardian Angel, go to St. Joseph Church for me O holy Angel at my side go to the Church for me. Kneel in my place at Holy Mass where I desire to be.

At Offertory in my stead take all I am and own And place it as a sacrifice upon the altar throne.

At holy Consecration's bell adore with Seraph's love, My Jesus hidden in the Host come down from heaven above. And when the Priest Communion takes,

O bring my Lord to me, That His sweet Heart may rest on mine And I His temple be. **Amen.**

Year of St. Joseph Closing Mass

As our diocesan year comes to a close, we are gearing up for our final event. Please join us on Saturday, **May 1st**, the Memorial of St. Joseph the Worker, at St. Joseph Church in Milton. We will begin Mass in Church at 10:00 a.m., celebrated by Bishop Deshotel. Following Mass, we will have food, live music, and games on the Church grounds. Commemorative Year of St. Joseph merchandise will also be available for purchase.

The Ladies Altar Society Rosary Group

will meet on Tuesday, **April 20th**, at 9:30 a.m. in Church. There will be no hostess and no reception. Continue to practice social distance and wear a mask. All ladies of the community are invited.

Events This Week

Mon. (19th): Mass 6:30 a.m.
1st Grade CCD

Tues. (20th): Mass 8:30 a.m.
LAS Rosary Group
9:30 a.m. (Church)
3rd Grade CCD

Wed. (21st): Mass 8:30 a.m.
4th Grade CCD
Adoration 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Thurs. (22nd): Mass 8:30 a.m.

Fri. (23rd): Mass 6:30 a.m.
Parish Office Closed

Sat. (24th): **First Communion**
10:00 a.m. (Church)

Sun. (25th): 9th & 10th Grade CCD

Opportunities for Adoration:

Wednesday 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with appropriate silence and musical accompaniment. Friday, 6:50 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. Additionally, the Church is unlocked from dawn to dusk for personal prayer. Adorers may pray in our *Blessed Sacrament Chapel area* behind the altar. Seating is provided there.

St. Joseph Website

Please visit our Parish Website at www.stjo-milton.org. You will find lots of great information from calendars of current and upcoming events, religious ed registration forms, census forms, bulletins, and much more. This is a great way to stay informed!



The Sacrament of First Communion will take place on Saturday, **April 24th**, at 10:00 a.m.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Sunday, **May 2nd**, at the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

Word of Life "Christ invites us to trust in his invisible grace that prompts us to the generosity of supernatural charity, as we identify with everyone who is ill: 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me' (Mt 25:40)." *For all those in hospice: May the loving accompaniment of family and friends bear witness to the gift of their lives.*

The Next Baptism Seminar will be held on Thursday, **May 13th**, at 6:30 p.m. in Church. Parents are encouraged to attend during pregnancy in order to avoid any delays.

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions Fundamental Rights: *We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis. St. Joseph Knights of Columbus of Milton*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/
Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday's Readings

Acts 4:8-12
Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29
1 John 3:1-2
John 10:11-18

Mother’s Day of Reflection

The Annual Mother’s Day of Reflection will be held on Wednesday, **May 5th** at the Immaculata Center (1408 Carmel Dr). Join us as Laura Huval, founder of Joyful Noise Ministries, discusses “Scripture & Song” and “Overwhelmed: How to Let Go”. The day will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 2:00 p.m. The cost of the day is \$25.00, which includes your lunch and materials for the day. Visit www.diolaf.org and click on Central Deanery under Parishes tab, then calendar of events to register. Register by April 30th.

Join our Bluejay Family 2021-2020 Class Openings. Among the many scholastic benefits you will find at St. Cecilia School, we offer: A rigorous academic program, meaningful digital learning with an emphasis on Google classroom, Faculty dedicated to meeting the needs of each child, Junior high single-gender classes. To apply, go to www.scsbluejays.org. Contact Brandi Badeaux at 837-6363.

Holy Cross Little Shepherds ELC Are you looking for a loving, nurturing, and safe learning environment for your toddler or preschooler? Holy Cross Little Shepherds is a Catholic Early Learning Center with classes available for children ages 18 months—PreK-4 located at Holy Cross Church in Lafayette. School hours are 9:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. and days to attend vary depending on your child’s age and preferences. Our dedicated and enthusiastic staff welcome the opportunity to have you join us. If you are interested in more information, a tour, or to register please call our office at 984-2636 or email us at sgallo@hollycrosslafayette.com.

“A priest is not a priest for himself, he is a priest for you.” - Cure’ of Ars

Please Pray for Our Priest:
 Very Rev. Thomas Voorhies, VF
 Rev. Thomas Vu
 Rev. Augustine Wall, SVD
 Rev. Derrick Weingartner, SJ
 Rev. Kyle White
 Rev. Ryszard Zawadzki, SVD
 Rev. Travis Abadie

How to Fail Your Way to Heaven

You know what are some of my favorite moments in Scripture? The little “Easter eggs” of Jesus’ humanity, things like Jesus falling asleep, Jesus drawing in the sand, Jesus playing with kids. And how about Jesus rising from the dead, appearing to his disciples and saying, “So, have you got anything to eat?”

It’s right for us to always keep in mind that Jesus is God. But we also have to remember that he was man. He got hungry. He cried when he felt sad and laughed when he felt happy. He got tired. He got bored.

Because he was God, none of those feelings ever led him into sin, like they do us. He never spent a car ride trying to pass the hours by seeing how annoyed he could make his older sister. He never smacked Peter over the head for saying something really stupid. But he did unleash some Biblically righteous anger on those traders in the temple, didn’t he? And he wasn’t shy about calling Peter “a Satan” when his friend tempted him to take the easy way out.

It’s the tightrope walk we all try to balance every day, honoring our human emotions while still answering God’s call to be better. Being perfect isn’t the domain of the Christian — that’s the domain of Christ only. Trying and failing, then trying again (and failing again) and again and again? That’s the domain of the Christian.—

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Confession & First Communion

Question: Do children need to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before their First Communion?

Answer: For centuries the Catholic Church has taught that a person needs to be in a state of grace (free from mortal sins) in order to worthily receive the Eucharist. To that end, Catholics should make an effort to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation any time they recognize the need for the sacrament (and in keeping with the precept of the Church that asks that we celebrate this sacrament at least once each year).

In the case of children preparing for their First Communion, the Code of Canon Law is very clear that they should also celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving the Eucharist for the first time: “It is the responsibility, in the first place, of parents and those who take the place of parents as well as of the pastor to see that children who have reached the use of reason are correctly prepared and are nourished by the divine food as early as possible, preceded by sacramental confession” (Canon 914).

While some might question the significance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation — especially in the case of children who might not fully understand the reality of sin or the meaning of the sacrament itself — a child’s “First Confession” can be a wonderful time for families to reflect together on the quality of their relationships, how they put their faith into practice, and, when it is possible, to celebrate the sacrament as a family. In the end, the celebration of these two sacraments marks important moments in the spiritual journeys of children and we hope their “First Confession” and “First Communion” help instill in them a love of the sacraments of the Church.



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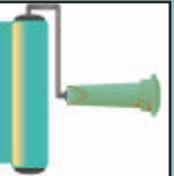
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