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## MAY 2, 2021 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### PARISH MINISTERS

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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.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Pam Begnaud                    Trista Littell  
 Bob Cole                        Troy Boudreaux  
 Dan Guidry  
 Steve LeMaire

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**5th Sunday of Easter**

“Spiraling out of control,” is a phrase that can easily describe the current display of human existence. In addition to the violence, unrest, uneasiness and turmoil that are common elements of our daily news, other essential pieces are misplaced or missing. Many lack an objective center around which to order and structure their lives or a clear set of definable goals or morals to act as guideposts and life directives. It appears that “feelings” have become a “new god” and traditional structures and ideals set aside. It is almost as if history only shows that we got this whole thing wrong and many are determined to finally set things right. The real truth, however, is that while wrongs and errors are certainly a part of our often-checked past, it is hardly the case that all was wrong. It is not our task to rewrite the history of our lives, but to learn from mistakes that were made, and preserve the perennial wisdom at the root of our successes. Learning is an essential part of being human.

The question becomes, however, from whom do we learn? Some have such a hard time placing God in that position, but that is precisely where God needs to be. God is the Master Teacher from whom all of humanity learns and gets its cues. It is in and through this relationship with the Gardener of Life that we are fashioned and pruned into the people we are intended to be and can be. It is only in God that we are able to find our best selves. Sadly, many think that religion too, as well as history in general, has also gotten all this wrong. Yet, our resurrection faith tells us differently. We are reminded, today especially, that we are meant to remain in Christ as Christ remains in us. We are also reminded that Jesus, the Incarnate God, is the vine upon which we grow, the branches that flow from the source of God’s life.

Giving up our will to God’s can be a painful endeavor. It is not easy to set our own desires and wants aside and allow God to step in and direct and guide our growth. But this is the only way to prevent deadly weeds from overtaking us and bringing us to a place of self-destruction. God’s commandments are the very guideposts and benchmarks we need, yet many seek to remove them from all public view because they appear to limit self-expression and suppress what is considered by many to be “human freedom.” They are the only way we can find freedom, however. And, until we learn this fundamental lesson, we will continue to spiral out of control, never really knowing who we are, what our potential can be or how life really can be lived. We will not know peace.

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**Our Gift Back to God**

Offertory . . . . .	\$ 8,477.00
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Total (April 25th)	\$12,902.00
Weekly Goal . . . . .	\$12,000.00
Plus/Minus Our Goal . . . . .	\$ +902.00
Catholic Home Missions . . . . .	\$ 1,734.71
Building & Maintenance (April) . . . . .	\$ 3,629.05

**Thank You!**

**This Week’s Second Collection**  
Building & Maintenance Fund

**Next Week’s Second Collection**  
Aid to Eastern Europe

The good steward lives the advice of St. John, loving in deed and in truth, rather than just talking about it.

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.” - Jn 15:1-2

*Mass Intention*

**Weekend of May 1st & 2nd, 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 Chaisson & Family (4th Anniv.), Jeanette Gallet, Warren Baudoin, Mena Courts Romero, Isadore Leger, Kiley Begnaud (Birthday), Mildred Baudoin, Jacquelyn Albert, Jude Stelly, Paula Jamison, Emily Kay Benoit, Anna Mae B. Hebert Bourque, Chelsea Trahan (Birthday-Living), Pierre Long Hebert, M/M Earl Sinitiere, J. V. Landry, Jr. (4th Anniv.)

*Weekday Masses*

- Monday 3 Earless Romero (Anniversary), Ella Mae Fontenot (Anniversary), Harris Zeringue
- Tuesday 4 Gary Boudreaux (Anniversary)
- Wednesday 5 Jeanette Gallet, Bossley Family, John J. Ladner
- Thursday 6 Vocations to the Priesthood
- Friday 7 Frank & Viola Martin

*Sanctuary Candle*

John Chaisson (4th Anniversary)

*Please Pray For The Sick*

- Susan Vincent Gunner Breaux Brennen Albert
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- Phillip LaCour, Sr. Norval Knapp Heather Herrick
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**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.

**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](http://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!



**April**

We welcome into the family of St. Joseph's the newly Baptized. Welcome:

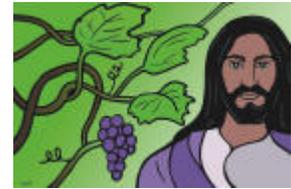
*Charlie Grace Jeter  
Phoebe Patricia Guidry  
Piper Rae Spinney*

**Events This Week**

- Mon. (3rd):** Mass 6:30 a.m.
- Tues. (4th):** Mass 8:30 a.m.
- Wed. (5th):** Mass 8:30 a.m.  
Adoration 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Thurs. (6th):** Mass 8:30 a.m.
- Fri. (7th):** Mass 6:30 a.m.  
Parish Office Closed
- Sat. (8th):** No Events Scheduled
- Sun. (9th):** No Events Scheduled

**Word of Life** “Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.” *For persons with disabilities: May their lives always be recognized as worth protecting and fighting for in all circumstances.*

**Welcome New Parishioners!** *We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following Parishioners who registered with St. Joseph during the month of May: Katherine Courts, M/M Trent Guidry, Loveless Broussard, Maria Cortez, and M/M Stewart Delcambre. We would also like to remind parishioners who have not registered with us, to consider this also. Registration forms can be found online at [stjo-milton.org](http://stjo-milton.org). If you should have any questions, please call the office.*



**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.**



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14
- Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11
- Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

**Next Sunday’s Readings**

- Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
- Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4
- 1 John 4:7-10
- John 15:9-17

## 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](http://www.diolaf.org) and click on Central Deanery under Parishes tab, then calendar of events to register. Register by April 30th.

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**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](mailto: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:

Pope Emeritus Benedict, XVI  
Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel  
Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell  
Very Rev. Chester Arceneaux,  
VF  
Rev. Michael Arnaud  
Rev. Emmanuel Awe, SSI  
Rev. Matthew Barzare

### Branching Out Isn't Always What It's Cracked Up to Be

"That's a really beautiful tree branch. Man, would you look at the bark on that thing? The others are real duds, but that low-hanging branch has really got it all together."

I've never heard anyone say this. Maybe I just need to hang out with more arborists, but I can't recall ever hearing someone admire the particular beauty of a single branch. When someone comments on a tree, it's usually the whole tree — perhaps a visual element of it, like the color of the leaves or its height. But people don't usually zero in on one branch.

Maybe that's because usually, if one branch is looking a little weak, chances are every other branch is, too.

The Bible tells us that when we bear fruit as good everyday stewards, it is for the Father's glory. We are the branch on His magnificent tree. What we have is from Him, and what we do likewise points back to Him. We also tend to reflect how well the other branches around us are incorporating the nutrients coming their way. That's all fine and good in theory. In practice, it can be an arduous exercise in humility.

When I do something virtuous or charitable or kind, there is a part of me that wants to stand out for it. I think that's true for all of us. We've given of ourselves in some way or overcome some human temptation to accomplish a little bit of good in this world, and even though we know God sees us, we'd really love for everyone else to see it, too.

It's a struggle, for sure. But we need to remember that our fruit belongs to the whole tree.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

*Thought of the Week*  
*Perseverance is not a long race;*  
*it is many short races one after another.*

## Is Gossip a Sin?

**Question:** Is gossip a mortal sin?

**Answer:** To really ask this question, we must consider the Eighth Commandment: "You shall not bear false witness."

In its reflections on this commandment, The Catechism of the Catholic Church invites us to not only think about what bearing "false witness" means, but to also consider how we understand the truth and how we communicate more broadly. This is why so much of this section of the Catechism has to do with the gift of language. With this in mind, we will notice that the word "gossip" isn't used by the Catechism. Instead, we find the words "detraction" and "calumny," which are actually two forms that gossip can take, and both can be quite serious.

First, detraction is the revealing of "another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them," without morally valid reasons. Calumny, by extension, is saying something about another person that is untrue, and it is sinful because it "harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgements" (see no. 2477).

In all of our communication, we have to always recognize that we have a moral obligation to the truth and to always work to protect the reputation and honor of our neighbors (see no. 2479).

Gossip can, in fact, prove to be a very serious sin. After all, the Catechism reminds us: "No one is bound to reveal the truth to someone who does not have the right to know it" (no. 2489). When we have gossiped, especially if we are aware we have damaged another person's good name or reputation, we want to make every effort to undo the damage we have done, including seeking the grace and forgiveness offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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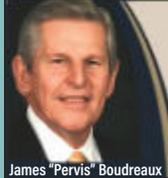
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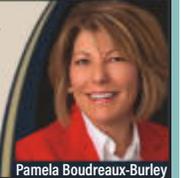


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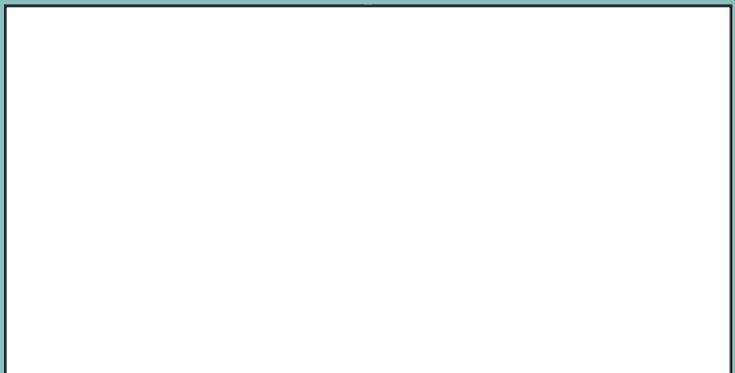
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