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## DECEMBER 26, 2021 - THE HOLY FAMILY

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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.

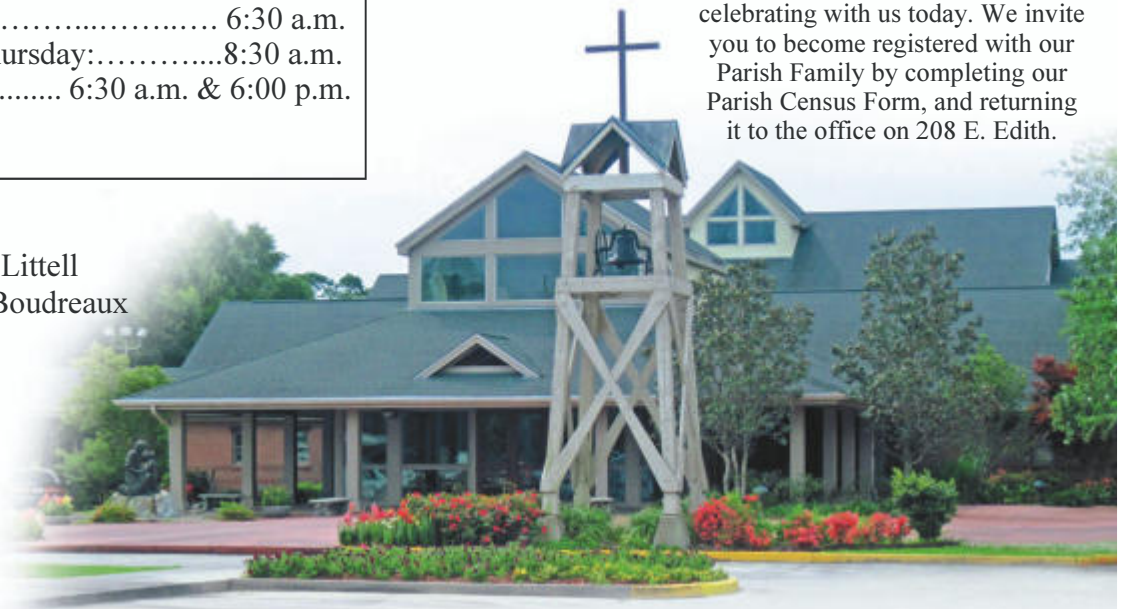
We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to become registered with our Parish Family by completing our Parish Census Form, and returning it to the office on 208 E. Edith.

### PASTORAL COUNCIL

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**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

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**Please Pray For The Sick**

Susan Vincent Gunner Breaux Brennen Albert  
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**Our Gift Back to God**

Offertory (*Due to early printing, not available*) . . . \$

Offertory (December 12th) . . . . . \$13,971.00

Online Giving (Nov. 1st-30th) . . . . . \$ 3,933.70

Immaculate Conception . . . . . \$ 1,063.00

Retired Religious Fund . . . . . \$ 2,747.00

**Thank You!**

**Next Week's Second Collection**

Building & Maintenance Fund

The first reading today provides a challenging guideline for the good stewardship of our family relationships. How do I measure up?

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

*Mass Intention*

**Weekend of December 25 & 26, 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)**

Preston Hebert, Jr., James O. Baudoin, Gloria Trahan, Louis D. Baudoin, John Ivy & Hazel Broussard & Family, Leger Family, Emily Kay Benoit, Beverly C. & Mildred B. Picard, Dalfred John Guidry, Clayus & Annie T. LeBlanc, Peggy Landry Brasseaux, Jacquelyn Albert, Harold Vice, Sr., Elodie Bodin, Preston Joseph Hebert, Sr., Tanya Wilson, Pam McDonald, Martha Stelly, William "Billy" Hawkins, Jr., Clifford J. Viator, Etienne & Leona Clark, Gurlie Steiner, Raymond Romero, Sr., Anna Mae B. Hebert Bourque, L. L. Bourque (Anniv.), Louis Guidry, Lou Dixon, Betty Smith, Cameron Bailey, Alvin Trahan, Abbie Fontenot, Joseph Minus Romero (Birthday), Bradley Broussard, Ernest Gautreaux, Eustis & Beulah Toups, Ella Mae Fontenot, Katherine M. Fontenot, M/M Alton Broussard, Frank E. Landry, Allen Anslem, Azamia & Sarah Hanks, M/M Roland Smith, M/M Surville Girard, Earless Romero, Willis & Geri Morvant, Charlie Myers, Bye Broussard, Thomas Privat, Sr., Lillian Nepveux, Ronald Joseph Romero, Wilda & Louis Theo Bares, Ernest & Laura Hebert, Thomas & Dorothy Collins, Rose Hulin, Yenes, Mildred & Elwood Baudoin, M/M Deussard Baudoin, M/M Romain Broussard, M/M Wilmer Landry, Pam McDonald, Loyd Denais, M/M Osta Duhon, Geraldine (Gerry) Foreman, M/M Gabriel Denais, M/M Pressley Broussard, Edwin & Editha H. Simon, Eura V. Simon, Mabry, Tina & Children Simon, Therian LaFleur, Jacquelyn Albert, Orena & Damas Viator, Marie Comeaux Broussard, Mena & Murphy Courts, M/M Gabriel Denais (His Anniv.), Joseph & Vivian Johnson, Jimmy Courville Family, Kearney Family, Dardar Family, Trahan Family, M/M Leody Boudreaux, Alphonse & Lula Domingue, Francis & Louella Hebert, Janice Scott, Dudley & Amie Denais, Erwin & Winnie Bixenman, Nicholas Mouton

*Weekday Masses*

Monday 27	Earless Romero (Birthday)
Tuesday 28	Gertrude Boudreaux, Jacquelyn Albert (Birthday), Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
Wednesday 29	Ted Simon
Thursday 30	St. Joseph Community
Friday 31	Harold & Gloria Simon (His Anniversary)

*Sanctuary Candle*

Previous Priests





**New Year's Eve** Friday, **December 31st** Mass will be celebrated at 4:00 p.m. Only (not an obligation this year). Masses will be celebrated at 4:00 p.m. Saturday, 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, Epiphany of the Lord.

#### **Opportunities for Adoration:**

Wednesday 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. 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.

#### **The Next Baptism Seminar**

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

#### **2022 Diocesan Pro-Life Rally**

**and Walk** Our annual Diocesan Pro-Life Rally/March/Prayer Service will start at Parc International on Saturday, **January 15th**. The rally will begin at 9:00 a.m. and it will end with us marching from Parc International to the Cathedral. We should arrive at the Cathedral for 11:30 a.m. where Bishop Deshotel will greet the participants on the steps of the Cathedral, and begin the prayer service. The prayer service will end at 12:30 p.m., then we will meet back on the streets and march to the federal courthouse. Once there, we will pray for our Nation. We will then head back to Parc International.

#### Events This Week

**Mon. (27th):** Mass 6:30 a.m.  
Parish Office Closed

**Tues. (28th):** Mass 8:30 a.m.  
Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.

**Wed: (29th):** Mass 8:30 a.m.  
Adoration 5:30-7:00 p.m.

**Thurs. (30th):** Mass 8:30 a.m.

**Fri. (31st):** Mass 4:00 p.m.  
Parish Office Closed

**Sat. (1st):** No Events Scheduled

**Sun. (2nd):** 9th & 10th Grade CCD

#### **Bishop Douglas Deshotel Celebrates Red Mass**

in honor of the members of the legal community on Friday, **January 7th** at 12:05 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Lafayette. The Red Mass is celebrated annually in honor of the members of the legal profession, civil courts, as well as the Church courts, to request guidance from the Holy Spirit for all who seek justice. It also offers the opportunity to reflect on the responsibility of all in the legal profession. You can watch The Red Mass streamed live on our YouTube Channel.



**Word of Life** “Like every other human family, the Holy Family had to confront real and concrete challenges. Yet, ‘in every situation, Joseph declared his own ‘fiat’” (PC 3). His ‘yes’ to the Lord meant that regardless of the hardship and personal sacrifice to himself, he consistently chose to put the needs of Mary and Jesus before his own. Joseph’s devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us.” *For all families: That as the domestic Church, they may pursue holiness, pass on the faith, and persevere in love.*

**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!

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35  
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40  
Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18  
Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

#### **Next Sunday's Readings**

Isaiah 60:1-6  
Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13  
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6  
Matthew 2:1-12



**Knights of Columbus Youth Leadership Award** The St. Joseph Knights of Columbus Council 12163 would like to invite high school seniors to compete in the Catholic Youth Leadership Award. There will be two winners (male and female) chosen from our parish who will each receive a \$100 prize. The winners will move onto the Diocesan level and those winners will go onto state. The Diocesan prize is \$1000. The State prizes are \$4,000 for 1st Place, \$3,000 for 2nd Place, and \$2,000 for 3rd Place. There will be a male and female winner awarded at all levels. Applications can be downloaded from the KC website at <https://www.louisianakc.org/programs/cyla/>. They must be printed, signed, and dropped off at the KC drop box. Deadline for receiving applications is **January 25, 2022**. For more information please contact Derek Meche at [mechetelecom@gmail.com](mailto:mechetelecom@gmail.com). Additional information is also available at the KC website listed above. Good luck and God Bless!

**Thought of the Week** *“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.”*



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

**Please Pray for Our Priest:**  
 Rev. Gregory Usselman, LC  
 Rev. Jason Vidrine  
 Rev. Richard Vidrine  
 Very Rev. Thomas Voorhies, VF  
 Rev. Thomas Vu  
 Rev. Augustine Wall, SVD  
 Pope Francis

**Runnin’ Revs Vs. Slammin’ Sems Basketball** Join us Tuesday, **December 28th** at 6:30 p.m. at Cathedral-Carmel School as the Running Revs take on the Slammin Sems in the annual basketball game between the Lafayette Diocesan priests and seminarians! This fun event helps support priestly and religious vocations. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 1286, it’s the perfect family outing during the Christmas holidays! Doors open at 6:00 p.m. with tip-off at 6:30 at Cathedral-Carmel School Gymnasium. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$1 for children. Concessions will be available. Join us to see who will win this year!



**Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church Presents Loving through Loss** A couples workshop (Miscarriage, Stillbirth, Infant Child, Adolescent, Adult). It will be held on Saturday, **January 8th** from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. in Knight Hall. Registration is \$75.00 per couple. For more information visit [www.redbird.love](http://www.redbird.love).



**All in the Family**

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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