

st. Joseph

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The Epiphany of the Lord

January 08, 2017

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Weekly Calendar

Monday, January 9

The Baptism of the Lord

9:00am - Rosary Group, Church

Tuesday, January 10

6:15pm - Choir Practice, Church

Wednesday, January 11

9:00am - Elderberries Sr. Group, FLC

10:00am - Rayne Guest Home Mass

6:30pm - RCIA, FLC

Thursday, January 12

9:00am - Babyberries, FLC

6:30pm - Ultreya, Church

Friday, January 13

Saturday, January 14

Sunday, January 15

8:15am - Adult Faith Formation, FLC

Weekly Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am, 10:00 am & 5:30 pm

Monday: 6:30 am

Tuesday: 12:05 pm

Wednesday: 6:30 am

Thursday: 12:05 pm

Friday: 6:30 am

First Saturday: 9:00 am

Reconciliation/Confession

30 minutes prior to Mass or any other time by appointment.

Baptism

Baptisms are held each Sunday after 10 AM Mass. Contact the Parish Office (334-2193) to schedule the sacrament. Preparation Classes are held the 4th Sunday of each month after 10 AM Mass.

Marriage

Call the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance of desired wedding date to schedule an appointment and begin the preparation process.

Funerals

Funeral home personnel will contact the parish office for you to make all the necessary arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick

Contact the parish office to schedule the sacrament of anointing with one of our priests.

Readings of the Week

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38;

Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9;

Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9;

Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11;

Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8;

Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15;

Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10;

1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

The Sanctuary Lamp

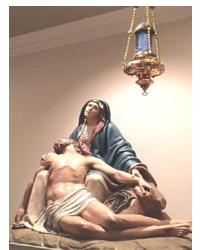


The Sanctuary Lamp burns constantly to proclaim the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Tabernacle. This week we dedicate the flame to:

Clarice Stewart & Amanda Claire Briggs

The Pieta Lamp

Mother of Sorrows, You who held Jesus in your arms, please intercede with your Divine Son on behalf of:



The Youth of the Parish

Baptisms

We welcome those who entered our Catholic faith through the waters of Baptism:

Sawyer Lee Ralston



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Survivor of Suicide Support Group

The death of a loved one is never easy and grief is experienced differently for everyone. The Jacob Crouch Suicide Prevention Services and the Office of Marriage and Family Life are forming a support group especially tailored for survivors of suicide. This group will provide a safe place for those who have lost a loved one to suicide to share their struggles, experiences, and pain as they struggle to regain hope and strength. The group will be facilitated by a licensed counselor and is open to all survivors of suicide over the age of 18.

The group will meet on two evenings a month. Please call Kelley Chapman at 337 261 5653 for more information or to register. Check out our webpage for resources, <http://www.diolaf.org/suicide-survivors>

Retrouvaille Weekend

Retrouvaille will be held on January 20th-22nd in the Acadiana area. Retrouvaille is a ministry for couples in troubled marriages. Retrouvaille is French for rediscovery or reawakening. You may be more familiar with marriage encounter, which is intended to enrich good, stable marriages. Retrouvaille is more like a lifeline for troubled or broken marriages and hurting couples. It is for married couples who are anxious about their marriage, alone or distant from their partner, disillusioned or bored in their marriage, or who are experiencing coldness or conflict.

Locally, Retrouvaille of Acadiana hosts 3 weekends per year followed by the six post-weekend sessions on Sunday afternoons.

The weekends involve intensive work on communication skills and provide the foundation for the forgiveness and trust essential for rebuilding broken marriages. The six post-sessions frame up the concepts and provide practical solutions such as a method to resolve conflicts in a way that avoids the hurts of the past.

Retrouvaille is a peer ministry, meaning that all of the presenting couples are past attendees who came to Retrouvaille with marriages in trouble and who have firsthand experience of the benefits that can result.

Retrouvaille is a Catholic ministry and encourages individual and spiritual growth and the ultimate goal is to reinstall in hurting couples the joy and satisfaction of sacramental marriage.

For more information or to register for the weekend, please contact:

Stacy or Donea Benandi
Community Coordinators
985-714-2442-/2443

or

Bill and Andi Says
337-298-5170

Please visit our website:

www.HelpOurMarriage.com

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Sick and Shut-In

Anais Alleman, Darrell Alleman, Linda Arceneaux, Delores Aucoin, Mary Baronet, Donald L. Bearb I, Levi Bearb, Denny Beslin, Mark Beslin, Ferrell Bordelon, Betty Boullion, Rick Briggs, Zora Boudreaux, Joseph "Blackie" Broussard, Christopher Comeaux, Kinley Comeaux, Eli Cormier, Gil Cormier, Lisa Cormier, John Thomas Crouch, James Dogua, Jacob Dogua, Jason "Cubby" Dogua, Nora Dool, Kathy Duhon, Tanya Gaspard, Steve & Nelda Guidry, Mona R. Falcon, Dano Fontenot, Karen Hebert, Mary Hebert, Tommy Hodges, Lloyd Jeffers, Leora Latiolais, James Lavergne, Jenee' Lavergne, Chris Leger, Nugie LeLeux, Mark Wayne LeMaire, Rita Logan, Janet McBride, Laura M. Meaux, Melvin Meaux, Sandra Menard, Sue Menard, Merlin & Norma Miller, Lois Myers, Joseph Ortego, Craig Richard, Dot Royer, Melvin Savoie, Edith Seaux, Linton Seaux, Layna Simon, Paige Sonnier, Dexter Theunissen, Kenneth Trahan

Steubenville Early Bird Registration



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JUNE 23-25

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High School & Jr. High Ministry

You are always welcome! It's never too late to sign up for Youth Ministry. Registration for EDGE and Life Teen is OPEN. All High School and Jr. High students welcome.

Registration is available online at:
stjoerayne.org/registrations



CCD Classes

Classes will resume on January 8, 2017. Wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Volunteer Spotlight



My journey as a core member started during my freshman year of high school when I was in Life Teen for the first time. I'd never been in Edge, so I did not know what to expect. I remember talking to Jamie and all of the other core members, who were all so positive, and

I instantly became closer to them. After I made my confirmation, Jamie asked if I wanted to join Junior Core, which is now called Discipleship Team, and I, of course, said yes. At this point, I could not picture my life without this new family. When I was finally old enough to be a core team member, there was really no decision to make. Even when college and life get tough, being a core team member always keeps me in touch with God. There is no better feeling than helping teens strengthen their faith.

-Ivy Thibodeaux

Joe's Café

Our next Joe's Café will be on January 20, 2017. Joe's Café will be open for all 6th – 8th graders starting at 6pm in the Youth Hall. For more information and a schedule of Joe's nights, please see the Joe's Café section on the ministries page of the parish website.



Church Humor



Pope Francis

Allow Christ to transform and re-create you.

According to Vatican Radio, Pope Francis stressed this to faithful during his daily morning Mass at Casa Santa Marta, drawing from today's readings, and reflecting on the renewal that the Lord brings.

Yet, the Pope warned, we cannot paint over our sins without truly being ashamed in our hearts. Only by calling sins by their name, he said, will we be able to allow God to make us new women and men.

Recalling that in the first reading, the Prophet Isaiah speaks to us about renewal, that "Everything will be changed, from ugly to beautiful, from wicked to good." A change for the better: this, he said, is what the People of Israel were expecting from the Messiah. Reflecting on today's Gospel which speaks of how Jesus went about healing people, the Jesuit Pope pointed out that they followed Him because He helped them "to see a path of change," not because He was some "sort of novelty."

"They followed Him because the message of Jesus touched their hearts," he said.



Not Make up

What Jesus did, Pope Francis underscored, was not only change things from ugly to beautiful or from wicked to good: "Jesus made a transformation."

"It's not a problem of making something beautiful, it's not a problem of cosmetics, of make-up," he said, noting, "He changed everything from the inside!"

"He made a change that was a re-creation: God had created the world; man fell into sin; Jesus came to re-create the world. And this is the message, the message of the Gospel, that we can clearly see: before healing that man, He forgave his sins. Go that way, to a re-creation, He re-creates that man, [changing him] from a sinner to a just man: He re-creates him as a just man. He makes him new, totally new."

"Jesus," he said, "is capable of making us – us sinners – new persons." It is something, Pope Francis said, "that Mary Magdalen intuitively."

While she was healthy, he noted, "she had a wound within: she was a sinner." Yet, he highlighted, she had an intuition that Jesus was able to heal not only the body, "but the wounds of the soul. He could re-create it!"

For this reason, Francis stressed, great faith is needed.

The Lord, the Pope said, "helps us to prepare ourselves for Christmas with great faith" because "for the healing of the soul, for the existential healing the re-creation that Jesus brings requires great faith in us." Being transformed, he said "is the grace of salvation that Jesus brings."

Stop Thinking: 'I Can't Do It'

"We need to overcome the temptation to say "I can't do it," and to allow ourselves instead to be transformed, to be re-created by Jesus. "Courage" is the word of God."

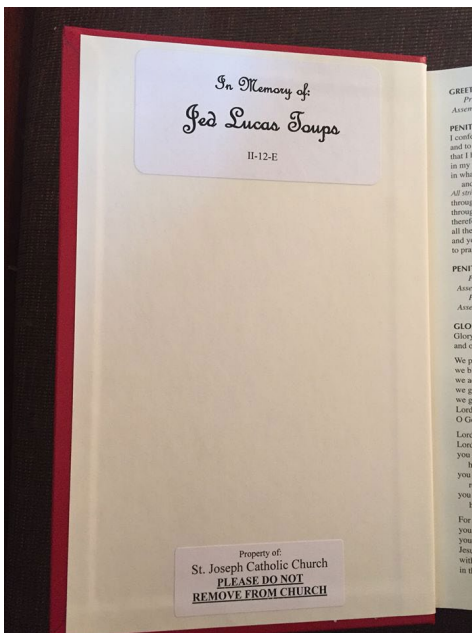
Instead, especially as we move toward Christmas, Francis noted, we must admit and name our sins, those which make us ashamed, and say: 'Lord, Re-create me'

The Pope concluded, encouraging us to let Him cancel our sins in order to make us truly new.

Francis concluded, emphasized a passage, which told the story of a Saint, a great Bible scholar, who had a very strong character. The Saint, talking to the Lord said: 'Are you content, O Lord' – 'No!' – 'But I have given you everything!' – 'No, there's something missing...' And this poor man did another penance, said another prayer, did another vigil: 'I have done this for you, O Lord. Is everything ok? – 'No! Something's missing...' – 'But what is missing, Lord?' – 'Your sins are lacking! Give me your sins!'

"This is what the Lord is asking of us today. 'Courage! Give me your sins and I will make you a new man, a new woman.' May the Lord give us faith, to believe this."

Parish Hymnals



In preparation for the new liturgical year you will notice hard back hymnals in the pews this weekend. In an effort to offset the cost of these new hymnals you can sponsor a book for \$20 "In Memory" or "In Honor" of a loved one.

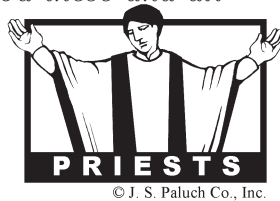
There are only 200 sponsorships available and will be sold on a first come first serve basis. Please call the parish office for more details.

January 2017 Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Day	Time	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers
Sat.	4:00 pm	Larry Van Pelt Cathy Breaux	Charmin Broussard, Erin Breaux Diana Duhon, Lyn Guidry	Caleb Calhoun Elise Calhoun Peyton Menard
Sun.	7:00 am	Becky Miller	Sylvia Alleman, Betty Bellard Pat Miller	Alaysha Dupont Ivy Credeur
	10:00 am	Paul Molbert Debra Reed	Peggy Deville, Thomas Hebert, Jared Lawless, Hubert Matte, Faye Jeffers	Lane Comeaux Noah David
	5:30 pm	Linda Swinkey	Mike Abshire, Brian Guidry Jimmy Fontenot, Andy Richard	Lizzie Prevost Hayden Thomas

Pray For Priests and Seminarians

Eternal Father, we lift up to You these and all the priests and seminarians of the world. 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



- Jan 09** Rev. Howard Blessing
Seminarian Riley Maturin
- Jan 10** Rev. David Borbridge, SJ
Seminarian Scott Mitchell
- Jan 11** **Rev. Kevin Bordelon**
Rev. Mr. Rene Pellessier
- Jan 12** Rev. Millard Boyer
Seminarian Stephen Pellessier
- Jan 13** Rev. James Bradley, SJ
Seminarian Ben Pitre
- Jan 14** Rev. James Brady, JCL
Seminarian Matthew Pitre
- Jan 15** Rev. Joseph Brasseaux, OSB
Seminarian Connor Poirrier

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Eucharistic Adorers



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