

# st. Joseph

Roman Catholic Church  
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## Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

July 23, 2017

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### Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 8:00am - 4:00pm

Wednesday: 8:00am - 2:00pm

Friday: 8:00am - 12:00 Noon

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### Pastor

Rev. Fr. Kevin Bordelon

### Associate Pastor

Rev. Fr. Christopher Cambre

### Deacons

Deacon Tommy Adams

Deacon Denis LaCroix

Deacon Barry LeBlanc

Deacon Tim Ledet

### Director of Finance/Facilities

Albert Johnson

### Director of Youth Ministry

Jamie Orillion

### Elementary Faith Formation

Josette LeBlanc (*Parish and School*)

### Parish Secretary

Debbie Harrington

### Ministries and Outreach

#### Coordinator

André Landaiche

### Choir Director

David Lalande

### Organist

Kurt Boudreaux

### Facilities Keeper

John Comeaux

### Grounds Keeper

Doug Langley

### Sacristan

Flo Broussard

## Weekly Calendar

### Monday, July 24

9:00am - Rosary Group, Church  
6:00pm - Cub Scouts, Youth Hall

### Tuesday, July 25

### Wednesday, July 26

9:00am - Elderberries Sr. Group, FLC  
10:00am - Rayne Guest Home Mass

### Thursday, July 27

6:30pm - Ultreya, Church

### Friday, July 28

### Saturday, July 29

### Sunday, July 30

## 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:** Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6;

Mt 12:38-42

**Tuesday:** 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6;

Mt 20:20-28

**Wednesday:** Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19,  
23-28; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

**Thursday:** Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52-  
56; Mt 13:10-17

**Friday:** Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11;

Mt 13:18-23

**Saturday:** Ex 24:3-8; Ps 34:2-11;

Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

**Sunday:** 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-  
77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 [44-46]

## The Sanctuary Lamp



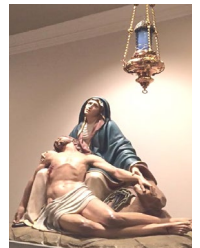
The Sanctuary Lamp burns constantly to proclaim the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Tabernacle. This week we dedicate the flame to:

**Thurston & Maude Duhon**  
**Linda P. Arceneaux**  
**Amanda & Ricky Briggs**

## The Pieta Lamp

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

**Wilson & Laura A. Meaux & Family**  
**Ronald "Ronnie" Thibodeaux**



## Weekly Offertory

Offertory of 7/09/2017

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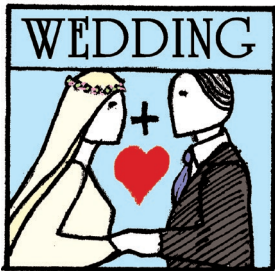
## Baptisms

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

Knox Layne Yarbrough



## Weddings



We joyfully share in the Sacramental union of:

Brock Martin Credeur &  
Kourtney Lynn Nero

## Dearly Departed

Our faith community remembers in prayer our dearly departed. We pray that they will find joy & peace in the Lord's presence. We extend our sincere sympathy to their families and friends.

Yvonne Sarsfield

## Sick and Shut-In

Anais Alleman, Darrell Alleman, Linus & Peggy Bellard, Denny Beslin, Mark Beslin, Betty Boullion, Christine Brandon, Herb Broussard Sr., Eugene Cahanin, Susie Carrier, Lima Clement, Christopher Comeaux, Kinley Comeaux, Eli Cormier, John Thomas Crouch, Peggy Deville, James Dogua, Jason "Cubby" Dogua, Elgie Dupuis, Frannie Dupuis, Kat Dupuis, Mona R. Falcon, Dano Fontenot, Racy Foreman, Mike Guidry, Karen Hebert, Hubert Hoffpauir, Kathryn Istre, Lloyd Jeffers, Deanna Lavergne, Jenee' Lavergne, Mark Wayne LeMaire, Noremia Lowenstien, Paul Matte, Janet McBride, Ruth McBride, Laura M. Meaux, Sandra Menard, Shirley Menard, Troy Menard, Ian Miller, Merlin & Norma Miller, Rita Monceaux, Joseph Ortego, Scott Pharr, Rita Rayon, Craig Richard, Ruth Saloom, Edith Seaux, Linton Seaux, Layna Simon, Michelle Simon, Jeanette Simoneaux, Dexter Theunissen, Jr. Thibodeaux, Billy Towry, Kenneth Trahan, Sherman Trahan, Kurt Venable

## Adult Confirmation

Do you or someone you know need and desire the Sacrament of Confirmation? Maybe you received the Sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist but never got Confirmed. Confirmation completes the Sacraments of Initiation and strengthens your resolve to live out the Christian way of life, it is also a necessary sacrament for you to be a godparent within the Church. Seminarian Blake Dubroc will be offering a Short Course during the month of August and September for those who wish to be confirmed. If you would like a faith refresher and are looking for a chance to learn more about your faith but do not need the sacrament, you are also welcome. Classes will be held every Sunday before 10:00am Mass between 8:30-9:45am in the Conference Room at Rayne Catholic Elementary beginning on August 6st. Confirmation will be held at 10:00am Mass on October 8th. Please call or come into the office to sign up for the class.

## End of Life Matters

Whose life is it, anyway? Must we do everything? Who decides? Does a living will help? These and other questions will be discussed at a seminar to be offered by Fr. Keith LaBove, Pastor of St. Patrick Church and long-time hospital chaplain. We will explore basic church teaching on the stewardship of life and end of life care, look at some specific issues that arise, and talk about advanced directives. This one night session will be repeated at 4 locations: Tuesday, August 1 (6:00-7:30 p.m.): St. Michael the Archangel Church (Parish Hall), Crowley; Wednesday, August 2 (6:00-7:30 p.m.): St. Patrick Church, Lafayette; Tuesday, August 8 (6:00-7:30 p.m.): Holy Ghost Church (Parish Hall), Opelousas; Wednesday, August 9 (6:00-7:30 p.m.): Sacred Heart of Jesus Church (Parish Hall), New Iberia. All are invited and welcome to attend any of the presentations. Pre-registration is not required and there is no cost to attend. These workshops are presented in partnership between St. Patrick Church and Hospice of Acadiana. For more information, please contact Mary Bergeron, Hospice of Acadiana (w: 337-232-1234; m: 337-344-3885; mbergeron@hospiceacadiana.com). Please join us!

## Facebook

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## Dear Youth, Love Core

Though summer is notoriously a time for rest, relaxation, and recuperation, it is also a time of transition. Whether you're simply moving on to the next year of school or majorly transitioning to something like college, it is undeniable that things are changing. As we get older, we notice that every year brings more responsibility and we finally admit to ourselves how seemingly easy last year was compared with this year's onslaught of obligations. And though these transitions prove our growth and maturation as human beings, it often makes us busier individuals. So busy, in fact, that we start prioritizing our lives and activities, eventually allowing our faith lives to decline.

Think about someone that you speak to every single day and someone else that you speak to for maybe an hour every week. Surely, your relationship with the person you speak to every single day is stronger than your relationship with the person you see only once a week for an hour. As your daily tasks build and your schedule becomes cluttered, what happens to these relationships? Admittedly, your relationship that involves everyday communication will thrive, while your once-a-week relationship faces a serious decline as time goes on because you simply don't have enough time to keep up with such a minute relationship. But what if this relationship was with God?

If you're only visiting him once a week for an hour at Mass, will your relationship with Him last your ever-growing mountain of responsibilities? Now think, on the other hand, how your relationship with Him would thrive if you spoke to Him daily. Consult Him with your daily struggles as well as your victories, ask Him for guidance and support throughout the day, pray for strength and endurance, and never forget that He's right there with you. We're praying for you.

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, on your own intelligence do not rely; in all your ways be mindful of Him, and He will make straight your paths."*  
Proverbs 3:5-6

### RCIA

*Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic?*

Beginning Wed. August 16, 2017 @ 6:30pm

**Where:** Family Life Center

**Contact:** Randy Bertrand

**Phone:** 337-356-1909

**Email:** rnjbert@gmail.com



### Church Humor



# Pope Francis



Pope Francis introduced a new criterion for Beatification, added to the three existing previously: “the offering of life,” where the baptized person accepted a premature death for the service of others. In a Motu Proprio, published on July 11, 2017, the Holy Father sets out the norms of this new way, which calls for the recognition of a miracle to make a Beatification possible.

“Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends” (John 15:13). It is the introduction of Pope Francis’ Motu Proprio “maiores hac dilectionem, establishing that Christians who have “voluntarily and freely offered their life for others and persevered to death in this regard,” are “worthy of consideration and honour.” They “merit Beatification.”

This new way, specifies an article published in L’Osservatore Romano for the coming into force of the legislation, makes possible the Beatification “of faithful who, driven by charity, offered their life heroically for their neighbour by freely and voluntarily accepting a certain and premature death with the intention of following Jesus.”

In fact, writes the Pontiff, “the offering of a heroic life, suggested and sustained by charity, expresses a true, full and exemplary imitation of Christ” and, consequently, “merits this admiration” that the community of the faithful reserves to the Blessed.

## A Fourth Way

Up to the present, the norms of the Catholic Church have provided three ways opening to Beatification: martyrdom, the “heroic: practice of human and Christian virtues and the rarest way of “equivalent” causes,” when the Pope confirms an already ancient devotion.

These three ways “do not seem sufficient to interpret all possible cases of holiness,” one reads in the opinion column published by the Vatican newspaper. Therefore, henceforth a fourth is added, which contains elements of martyrdom by “the heroic gift of self” including death and elements of heroic virtues by “a heroic act of charity” inspired by Christ’s example.

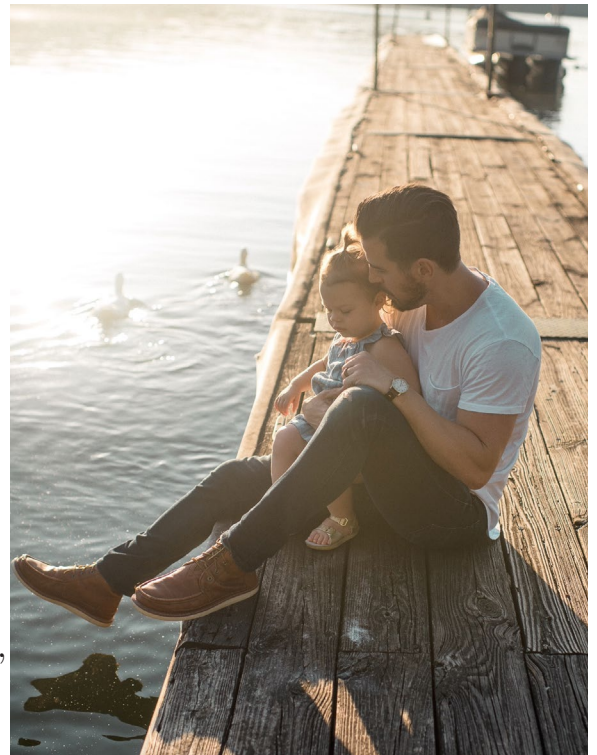
However, this way is also differentiated from the two others: as opposed to martyrdom, there is no “persecutor who would like to impose a choice against Christ” and, as opposed to heroic virtues, there is no “expression of a prolonged exercise of virtues.”

The offering of life, continues the text, values “a heroic Christian witness “ of a new order. In this case, the “perfection of charity” is not “the result of a prolonged, willing and joyful repetition of virtuous acts, but a unique heroic act that by its radicalism, its irrevocability and its persistence usque ad mortem expresses fully the Christian option.”

Among the criteria of this way, the Motu Proprio specifies a “short term” death: neither immediate nor distant (which would transform the heroic act into a heroic virtue). The papal document also explains that to access Beatification there must be “a link between the offering of life and a premature death,” the exercise of virtues “at least in an ordinary measure” before the offering, a reputation for sanctity “at least after death” and a miracle due to the intercession of the Servant of God.

# Natural Family Planning - NFP

At the first stage of life, centers for natural methods of regulating fertility should be promoted as a valuable help to responsible parenthood, in which all individuals, and in the first place the child, are recognized and respected in their own right and where every decision is guided by the ideal of the sincere gift of self. (EV, #88) From the scientific point of view, these methods are becoming more and more accurate and make it possible in practice to make choices in harmony with moral values. An honest appraisal of their effectiveness should dispel certain prejudices which are still widely held, and should convince married couples, as well as health-care and social workers, of the importance of proper training in this area. (EV, #97) It is therefore morally unacceptable to encourage, let alone impose, the use of methods, such as contraception, sterilization, and abortion in order to regulate births. (EV, #90)



# July 2017 Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Day	Time	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers
Sat.	4:00 pm	Cathy Breaux	Larry LeBlanc, Larry Van Pelt, Dr. Neal Duhon, Brenda Hooper	Charlie Cantrell Jackson Casanova
Sun.	7:00 am	Connie Miller	Betty Bellard, Sylvia Alleman, Mona Vienne, Keith Vienne	Caleb Calhoun Elise Calhoun
	10:00 am	Janet Bertrand Phillip Rodrigue	Charmaine Lawless, Jared Lawless, Linda Ancona, Angelo Ancona, Nathan Mouton	Evan Hebert Lane Comeaux Emma Landaiche Dillon Lopez
	5:30 pm	Linda Swinkey	Peggy Lake, Andy Richard	Marley Traub Emma Gossen

## 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.*



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- Amen

- July 24** Rev. Cedric Sonnier  
Sem: Seth Lemaire
- July 25** Rev. Joseph Stemmann  
Sem: Riley Maturin
- July 26** Rev. Michael Sucharski, SVD  
Sem. Scott Mitchell
- July 27** Rev. Jared Suire  
Sem. Rev. Mr. Stephen Pellessier
- July 28** Rev. Brian Taylor  
Sem. Ben Pitre
- July 29** Rev. Joseph Tetlow, SJ  
Sem: Connor Poirrier
- July 30** Rev. Alphonse Thainese  
Sem: Rev. Mr. Andrew Schumacher

## Eucharistic Adorers



Please consider scheduling one hour a week in the adoration chapel with our Lord.

For more information please call or text Cathy Breaux at 337-501-1404 or email stjoe24.7@gmail.com to schedule your time.

## RCE Asks: Did You Know?

The incense used in the Catholic Church symbolizes prayers rising to heaven. It is also used to bless and purify.



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