

“Pilgrimage Church for the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy”

St. Joseph Catholic Church

(Established 1848)



Pope Francis

Twentieth Sunday: Withstanding the Challenge

As you are all aware, the new school year has begun. There will be new opportunities for our young people to grow and through them for our families will continue to grow. There will be new challenges for the children and their folks, new hurdles to overcome from understanding a difficult subject matter to learning to get along with others. Although the school year begins with enthusiasm, it is going to take a lot of hard work for our young people to finish the school year successfully.

And so it is with every aspect of our lives. Enjoying success, conquering a goal, result from accepting the challenge, and sacrificing time and energy. It demands accepting temporary setbacks while remaining true to our course. The young couples whom I marry, looking so picture perfect that they belong on the cover of a bridal magazine, have to meet the challenges of sacrifice and commitment if they really want to have happy marriages. The happily married couples in our parish all know that marriage has brought them out of themselves as individuals, turned them away from their own natural selfishness and taught them to give and thus to truly love. Marriage is a personal challenge which they embrace and which leads them to real love.

Looking at the readings for this Sunday it has occurred to me how grounded in reality our faith is. Our faith is not afraid to speak about both happiness and sadness. It is not afraid to speak about both virtue and vice. It tells us that if we attempt to love God without loving others, we are living a sham life, a make believe faith. Faith encourages us to base all relationships on respect, particularly within marriages. Faith tells us to understand the meaning of the word sacrifice and to realize that all that is worthwhile from learning demands sacrifice. With all our liturgical splendor, with our deep understanding of the mysteries of our faith, Catholicism is fundamentally grounded in reality.

So today we come upon Jeremiah the prophet, having a bad day, a real bad day. Jeremiah had been called to be a prophet from his mother's womb. Scripture presents many different types of prophets. Jeremiah was a royal prophet. He was the prophet at the King's court. He should have been held with the deepest respect. But he refused to butter up the king by just telling the king what he and the people wanted to hear. Because Jeremiah stood for the truth, he was berated and mocked. In today's reading he was thrown into a cistern where he would have died if the King had not stood up against his own counselors and saved Jeremiah's life. Jeremiah's life should have been wonderful, beautiful, full of honor. But being true to the Word of God resulted in his being treated with contempt.

The persecution which Jeremiah experienced was something that afflicted all the prophets due to their determination to stand up for God's word, to stand for what was right and good and true, no matter what others would say about them or do to them.

Grounded in reality, our faith tells us that it is also difficult for us to stand for what is right and true. It is difficult to stand for the Lord because we will be persecuted and mocked. Yet we have to meet the challenges of life, and we have to overcome all the barriers to the truth that society and we ourselves put in our way.

This is what Jesus did. He stood for the truth and was put to death. But he was not going to compromise the Word of the Father. If this meant denouncing the leaders of the Temple, he would do so. If this meant criticizing his closest followers, he would do so. If this meant journeying to Jerusalem where he knew he would die, he would do so. The people who first heard the Gospel of Luke proclaimed had to recognize that the strife and division they experienced from all who persecuted the Early Church had its root in their determination to stand up for the truth, to stand for what was right and good.

It is in this context that we can understand the difficult gospel for this Sunday and the grim things predicted. The strife and the sword that the Lord's presence in the world will instill results from Christians accepting and embracing the challenges of Christian life.

Consider the young people of our parish who will be in middle school and high school this year. Those who refuse to go along with the drinking and drugs, those who refuse to let others take advantage of them physically, will all be given some sort of nasty label. Life would be much easier for them to go along with the crowd. But being rooted in the Lord demands that they be a minority.

Consider the parents of our parish. They will be criticized this school year for setting moral standards within their homes. Their own children will tell them that they need to get real and allow them to go along with what everyone else's parents allow them to do, basically, contemporary immorality. Many of the parents of our parish will have to put up a terrible struggle to stand for what is right and true in their own homes, with their own children. But living for the Lord is worth the struggle.

Consider our senior citizens. Their challenge to follow Christ means trusting in him as their bodies and the bodies of their loved ones begin to fail. For so many of our seniors their challenge means being a care giver when they are exhausted. Every day presents a new challenge for seniors to embrace faith and trust and hope in the Lord and live in the Light of Christ when, physically, life might be getting a bit darker. But this is the challenge that draws them nearer to God. Actually, by meeting the challenge of faith and hope they are bringing God nearer to our world.

Every day I hear of a new challenge that confronts a parishioner or a family. This family has to deal with emotional problems. That family with physical problems. This family has financial problems. That family has marital problems. All of these challenges of life, all of the daily crises we all face, all lead us to God if we embrace them with selflessness with faith, with trust in God, and with love.

Folks, hang in there. Trust in God. You do not struggle alone.

The readings for today are clear and grounded in reality. Life is full of challenges and struggles. And the greatest of these challenges are rooted in our standing for what is right and true, standing for God. But each challenge met, each crisis overcome, forms each us into more loving people.

The Letter to the Hebrews for this Sunday concludes with: "Do not grow despondent and abandon the struggle." To this I must add the last words of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew: "And know that I am with you always."

Fr. Joseph Pellergrino



Celebration of Holy Mass

Weekends:

Saturday 4:30pm (Vigil Mass)

First Sat. Rosary 4pm

Sunday 8am, 10am, 5pm

Weekdays:

Mon. Wed. & Fri. 6:30am

Tues. Nursing Home 9:30am,

Thurs. 12:10pm

Reconciliation

20 minutes before Masses begin or anytime by appointment.

Rectory Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9am - 3pm

Friday 9am - Noon

New Parishioners

We welcome you with great joy and invite you to register and worship with us regularly.

Forms are available in the rectory.

SACRAMENT INFORMATION

Baptism - Instructions are offered for both parents and godparents during the months of February, May, August, and November. Plan accordingly when expecting a child or choosing godparents and call 395-3881 to register for the class or to schedule a baptism.

Confirmation - Young people are prepared for Confirmation through the Confirmation Program. Adults are prepared for Confirmation through the R.C.I.A.

Matrimony - Diocesan Policy requires that a couple make arrangements with the pastor at least 6 months prior to desired date.

Sacrament of The Sick - Call the rectory to make arrangements for Communion and Anointing.

Rite of Christian Burial -

Arrangements to be made with a priest by the family.

Sacrament of Holy Orders or calling to religious life - please

contact the priest in order to discern God's will.

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) - This process is structured to provide information for the formation of those who are seeking a fuller life as Christians in the Catholic Tradition. For information, please call the Office of Religious Education.

Religious Education For Children

Call the Office of Religious Education for information about registering your child.

Knights of Columbus - Meet the second Thurs. of the month at 7pm.

Come Lord Jesus Groups -

Seeking to become closer to God, learning more about scripture and being spiritually prepared for Sunday liturgy....consider joining a CLJ Group Call Marguerite Sumrall 395-5304 for more information.

Need a Ride to 10am Mass-call Evelyn Estay at 985-395-3610 by 3:00 PM on the Friday before each Sunday that you need assistance.

Parish Directory

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Websites:

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EXTRAORDINARY HOLY YEAR OF MERCY: Dec. 8, 2015 – Nov. 20, 2016

Individuals and groups visiting our parish as a pilgrimage site are very welcome! Church doors will be open from 8:00am to 5:00pm. A register and informational pamphlets are available in the entrance of church for your convenience. For groups – if you call in advance to make an appointment (985-395-3616) some additional arrangements can be made. To gain plenary indulgence, follow the 5 actions listed: Holy Door, Confession, Mass-Communion, Nicene Creed, Pray for the Pope. For more information call the rectory.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, AUG. 15 ASSUMPTION OF MARY OFFICES CLOSED
6:30am: Fr. Vu, M/M Frank Cardinale (After Mass: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena)
6:00pm: Judy Clark, M/M Gus Cremaldi
TUESDAY, AUG. 16
9:30am: Nursing Home- Cosimo Cremaldi

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 17

6:30AM:

THURSDAY, AUG. 18

12:10PM:

FRIDAY, AUG. 19

6:30AM: M/M Allen Tabor Sr.

SATURDAY, AUG. 20

4:30pm: Danny & Norris Broussard, Anthony & Marie Morella, Anna Ruth Taylor, Clyde G. Peterson, Amy Lowery, Donald Ross, Lawrence Gautreaux

SUNDAY, AUG. 14

8:00am: Lenny Guzzino, Ray Jude Vidos Sr., For the People of our Parish, Jo Broussard

10:00am: Frank Governale, Judy Clark, Verona Vidrine, Harold Allemond, Jerry M. Lipari, John D. & Annette Carpenter, Craig Verdine Jr., Gertrude S. Bailey, Ira LaCoste,

5:00pm: James Blocker Jr., Beth Verret, Katherine Cardinale, Ross Grimbald, Elsa Y. Parchmont, Holy Souls, Antonia Lipari Mire, Judy Clark, Jerry Nezat

**Sanctuary Light
Lawrence Gautreaux**

Note: If a name is not printed above, due to human error, be assured that God has accepted your intention in heaven. Canon Law 94

Sick Relatives & Friends

Please pray for the sick of our parish & their caregivers:

Stella Saleme, Linda Thomas, Charles Felterman, Arthur Roy, Scott Governale, Linda Adams, Anthony Trosclair, Mary Ann Trosclair, Dana Griffin, B.L. & Jackie Como, Charles Culotta, Brittany Richoux, Andy Hebert, Evita & Karter Boutte, Earl McNail, Frank Black, Kristin LaPointe, Natalie Hyatt, Pat Gary, Gayle Verdin, Loretia Plemons, Barry Broussard, Wilda & Frank Cali, Barry Tobias, Sylvia Felterman, Cary Mac Staples, Clyde Aucoin, Carol Covillier, Ruby Crapell, Iris Roy, Sally Rogers, Karen Thurgie, Geraldine Dinger, Coutrey Cox, Emma G. Cox, Tessie Michel, Michelle Thomas, Fr. Vidrine, Cindy Dugus, Joe Guillory, Amber Grogan, Rip & Cherly Verdin, Nola & Deidra Verdin, Michelle Thomas, Dean Carrington, Mary Sehon, Greg Cart, Noel & Aedia Verdin, Lloyd Marshall, Melissa Michel, Ellen C. Bougeious, Sandy Mire, Mathilde Harrington, Quinn Williams, Lara Campbell, Lillian Rose, Dennis Taylor, Ken Montgomery, Trevor Matherne, Mary Boudreaux, AJ & Myrna Bourg, Hunter Alpha, Mary Graves, Charles LaSalle, Danell Kimble, Burt Williams, Leona Cloud, Kevin Cole Simon, Bobby Johnson, Sterling Hebert, Carla LaSalle, Regina Wheeler, Bonnie Comeaux, Ronnie Roy, Ahney Chauvin, Barbara Guarisco, Lucas Griffin, Gary Clark, Totsie Harrington, Louis & Suzanne Lipari, James Veazey, John Dimatteo, Daisy Leblace, Fr. Joe Breaux, Tammy Chauvin, Joey Estay, Rose Johnson, Ronald Blanchard, Nancy Shllings, Ian Davis, Celeste Henry, Darlene Paul, Harold Gobert, Bob Opperman, Alice Davis, Donavan Lebane, Mildred Trujillo, Gail Smith, Sally Rogers, Brenda Simon, Randy Verret, Brandy Brown, Susan Guzzetta Fromenthal, Floyd Estay, Anna George, Cindy M. Ribaul, Sadie Grow, Gretchen Lambert, Donald Jumonville, Charles Esprit, Sherda Reedom, Jermaine Boutte, Mindy Kincade, Ray Primeaux, Jacob Billington, Cary James Laiche, Jimmy Aucoin, Anna George, Samantha Floyd, Eula Trahan, Susan Howell, Jane Daves, Ramona Carpenter, Claude Czaja, Emily Carrington, Coni Marble, Allie Keith, Sennett Wiggins III, Joslyn Cannon, Wilda Riles, Chloe St. Julian, Brie Landry, Dr. Whyba Duay, Mike Alisio, Peggy Grimbald, Theresa LaGrange, Leona Cloud, Judi Garrett, Tanya Clamon, Fr. Robert Marcelle, Janet Boudier, Patsy Huskey

Please call the rectory to add or delete a

Weekly Offerings

Last week collection: \$3468.00
 Building & Maintenance \$1356.65
 God Bless you for your stewardship.

Office of Religious Education & Formation

Mamie Perry 395-3881 stjodre@teche.net

**Family Registration for
Grades 1-11 Religion Classes**

July 18 - August 12

Classes will begin Wednesday, August 31

Letters to all enrolled families have been mailed to remind parents to register during these 2 weeks.

- Registration fee for each student is \$20.00, and checks should be made payable to St. Joseph's.
- Payment plans can be set up by phone if needed and will be available to those families registering by the deadline of August 11.
- Enrolled families have the option of mailing or dropping off their completed registration form and fees.

New families are encouraged to call and come by to register new students for our parish program. Catholic School students are also reminded to register for sacrament preparation (First Reconciliation, First Communion, or Confirmation) at this time. A copy of the baptism certificate is needed for all students registering for the first time as well as a signed photo release form by their parents. We hope that some among you will consider volunteering your time and talents to be a part of our education ministries.

Women's Study Group any woman interested in sharing a few mornings discussing matters of faith and family should contact the religious education office for more information. (First meeting TBA)

A new **Adult Confirmation** program will be offered @ St. Joseph for interested adults who have completed all other Sacraments of Initiation leading up to Confirmation.

RCIA....Journey of Faith

Is RCIA for you?

- Are you unbaptized? Would you like to be baptized in the Catholic Faith?
- Are you baptized in another Christian faith and want to explore entry into the Catholic Faith?
- Are you married to a Catholic and want to learn more about your spouse's faith?
- Are you a baptized Catholic, but never celebrated the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation?

If you can say yes to any of these questions and want more information, please call Mamie @ 395-3881.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Discussion Group: Mon. 6:30pm in the parish hall
First Saturday Rosary: The Holy Rosary will be prayed before the Vigil Mass in church beginning at 4pm the first Saturday of each month. Please join us.
Fr. Bennerfield will be reciting the Divine Mercy Chaplet after every 10:00am Mass on Sundays. Please join him.

Thanks a Lot! :

A big thank you to all who remembered me in anyway on the recent anniversary of my birth. The cards, well-wishes, singing, gifts and especially the prayers are much appreciated by your now old (?) pastor. May God bless you for your generosity and kindness. I think most all are aware of my love for you and how I enjoy being your pastor. Grazie!
 Fr. B



(Vatican Radio) The witness of God's merciful love which the Church, as mother, is called to give was at the center of Pope Francis' Wednesday general audience address. The catechesis 10 Aug audience, which was held this week in the Vatican's Paul VI hall, is the latest in a series of addresses connected to the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

Dear Brothers and Sisters: In our continuing catechesis for this Holy Year of Mercy, we now consider the miracle of Jesus' raising of the son of the widow of Nain. Jesus, moved by compassion for the grief of a mother, directly confronts the reality of death and restores life to her young son. This encounter before the town gates can inspire our own encounter with the Lord's life-giving mercy as we pass through the Holy Door on our Jubilee pilgrimage. We approach that Door bringing with us our entire past, its joys and sorrows, trusting that Jesus will grant us a new beginning and revive our hope in his promises. The new life given to the son of the widow of Nain reminds us that we too have been raised from the dead and given new life in Christ through the grace of baptism. The Church has become our mother and we are called to be witnesses of God's merciful love before the world. During this Jubilee Year, may we turn once more to Jesus, for he is the Door leading to salvation and new life. May the divine mercy which we have received pass from our hearts to our hands, and find expression in our practice of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

St. Joseph is now accepting Bulletin ads. You may purchase an Ad for your business or in memory of someone. Ads are \$20.00 a month or \$240.00 a yr. If you would like to place an Ad in the Bulletin please call the rectory 395-3616.

<p>Cajun Breakers, Inc. Electrical Equipment & Supplies www.cajunbreakers.com 985/702-1004 Micah Thibodaux Cell (985)255-1352</p>	<p>Vital Signs Custom sign shop Heath Theriot 985/992-0072 Hillary Theriot 985/225-2974 Wendel Theriot 985/18-1234</p>	<p>In Loving Memory of Wendel, Loren, Bryant, & Kaylee Henry</p>	<p>In Loving Memory of James Blocker Jr. Oct. 20, 1945 Jan. 10, 2007</p>
<p>Frank's Agency, Inc. Complete insurance Services 985-395-9351 frankg@bellsouth.net</p>	<p>In Loving Memory of Roy & Bourque Families</p>	<p>Knights of Columbus #1710 Protecting Catholic Families for Generations</p>	<p>CHRIST OUR King 90.5 FM 1230 AM CATHOLIC RADIO FOR ACADIANA.COM</p>
<p>Mausoleum Crypt For sale by parishioner Double vault \$7650.00. Call rectory if interested 395-3616</p>	<p>Darnall, Sikes, Gardes & Frederick Certified Public Accountants 985-384-6264</p>	<p>BOB'S HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING SERVICE INC. Residential / Commercial Service all Makes 985-384-0283</p>	<p>Violin Lessons # 985-714-4502 Gina Doran Facebook: Fiddling Classics</p>
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Aug. 20 & 21

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Eucharist

Lector

Altar Servers

Sat. 4:30pm Terry Burgess, Joy Guarisco, Lee Michel
 Sun. 8:00am AJ Gaudet, Anna & Jean Picou Jr.
 Sun. 10:00am Ruby Delaune, Monica LaSalle, Mamie Perry
 Sun. 5:00pm Loretta & Mike Brocato, Angela Harrington

Melvin Vining
 Rand Dooley
 Don Breaux
 Kerrie Foret

Mary Frances Cali
 Kaylee Craddock
 Madalyn/ Zachary Landry
 volunteer