

# St. Joseph Bulletin

**St. Joseph Catholic Church (Established 1848)**  
**1011 First Street, Patterson, LA 70392**

## Fourteenth Sunday: Power Made Perfect In Weakness

The second reading for today is written by a troubled man. The reading itself is troubling for us. In St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians, he writes about a thorn in the flesh that he suffered from. Three times he begged the Lord to remove this from Him. But all he heard was the Lord saying, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." What was it that was upsetting St. Paul so much? People have speculated over the years, but we have no way of knowing. Whatever it was, it was significant for Paul. It could not have been something as minor as a speech impediment as some have speculated. Nor could it have been his caustic temper. It was something far more personal and even more severe. It probably kept him awake at night.

It is troubling for us to think about the great St. Paul have a major personal problem. Even in our cynical age, we still want to turn our saints into perfect little plastic statues. But people are not perfect, and even the greatest of the saints were people like you and me, continually fitting our own tendencies to sin.

The voice of the Lord told Paul that His Power, the Lord's Power, is made perfect in weakness. It was clear to Paul, that the wonders of the Lord that took place through his ministry only occurred because God was working through him. He went on to write in Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

It is easy for people to get so bogged down with their own conception of what the minister of the Lord should be like that they miss the Word of God. It is also easy for all of us to get so bogged down with the recognition of our own sinfulness, that we refuse to allow the Lord to use us for others.

In the first reading Ezekiel is told that the people would not want to hear the Word of God which the Lord told him to proclaim. But that did not lessen the fact that it was still the Word of God. Perhaps Ezekiel was strange to them. Certainly he seemed to be unconventional. He shocked people with many of his prophetic actions. They laughed at him. They derided him. But his words came true. Instead of looking at the man speaking, they should have listened to the man speaking.

The same thing happened to Jesus as related in today's Gospel. Jesus was in Nazareth, the place where he grew up. The people were his neighbors. They knew him since he was small. They were so bogged down in their knowledge of Jesus and his humanity, that they refused to listen to the Word of God that He was proclaiming and that He was. Their lack of faith resulted in Jesus not being able to perform any of the mighty deeds of God among them.

We often make the same mistake. Some people seem too ordinary to us to be vehicles of God's truth. They may be our parents or our children, our neighbors or our companions at work or school. They proclaim a reality that could change our lives, but we don't want to hear it. Who does he think he is? Who does she think she is? We get so bogged down in the humanity of the proclaimer that we refuse to listen to the proclamation.

Perhaps what is even worse is when we are so overwhelmed with our own sinfulness that we refrain from proclaiming the Lord. Some adults' views of themselves is such a negative way that they refuse to lead their children properly. "Who am I to tell my child not to do this or that, when I know that I often do things far worse." And the Word of God is not proclaimed. And children think that they have implicit approval from their parents to do things their parents do not discuss.

Paul was told that Christ's power is made perfect in his weakness. Paul realized that it was God working through him that brought so many people to the faith. Christ's power also works through us. We really don't have the right to deny our responsibility to the Lord. We may think that we are not good enough to talk about the Lord, but we are good enough. He makes us good enough. Furthermore, the positive effects of what we say come from the Lord, not from us.

So we come before the Lord today and say with St. Peter, St. Paul and so many of the saints, "I am sinful, I can't do your work" and Jesus says, "Yes you can. My power will work through you in ways greater than you can ever realize. And you will know that it is me working, not you. My power is made perfect in your weakness." *Fr. Joseph Pellegrino*

### KC Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Date: Sunday, Aug. 12

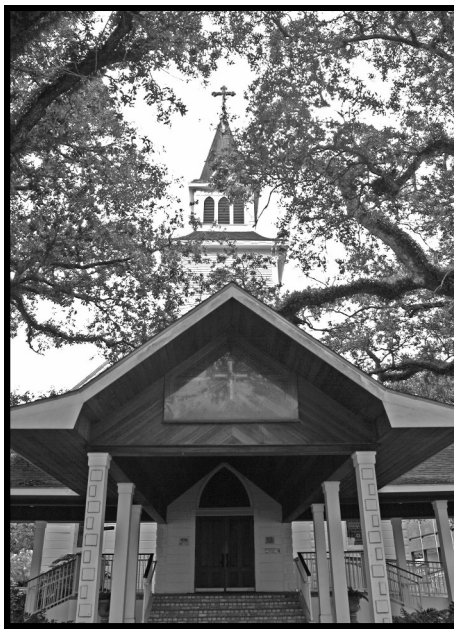
Time: 11am To 1pm

Where: KC Home \$8.00 a ticket

If anyone is interested in donating deserts please contact one of our KC members!



Spaghetti Dinner



### Celebration of Holy Mass

Summer Weekends :  
 Saturday 4:30pm  
 Sunday 9am & 5:00pm

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.

### Parish Directory

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### Websites:

St. Joseph Church  
[www.stjosephpatla.org](http://www.stjosephpatla.org)  
 Diocese of Lafayette  
[www.diolaf.org](http://www.diolaf.org)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, JULY 9**

6:30am: Fr. Vu,

**TUESDAY, JULY 10**

9:30am: Nursing Home—

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 11**

6:30AM:

**THURSDAY, JULY 12**

12:10:

**FRIDAY, JULY 13**

6:30 AM: Norman P. Hymel

**SATURDAY, July 14**

4:30PM: M/M J.P. Lipari, Velma Beadle Dawson, Roy & Isabel Blanchard, Murray & Melba Trahan, Dianne Governale

**SUNDAY, JULY 15**

9:00am: Ray Jude Vidos Sr., For the People of our Parish, Lenny Guzzino, John DiMatteo, Louis Lipari, Frank & Dianne Governale, Adeline Carlino, Carey Mac Staples, Harold Allemond, Nancy Shilling

5:00pm: James Blocker Jr., Beth Verret, Katherine Cardinale, Ross Grimbball, Elsa Y. Parchmont, Holy Souls, Judy Clark, Raymond Lahoste

Sanctuary Light

**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**



**Centennial News -**

**Centennial News - Sunday, July 8**

**Mother Teresa Visits Lafayette** - One of the most memorable events of the 100 years of the Diocese of Lafayette was certainly the visit Acadiana received from a Saint. Mother Teresa, who founded the Missionaries of Charity in 1950, came to Lafayette in July 1986 to establish a chapter of her order here in Lafayette. Mother Teresa was a longtime friend of Fr. Joseph Brennan, and during her visit she prayed at St. Genevieve Church and spoke to the people of Acadiana in a packed Cajundome on July 10, 1986. The Missionaries of Charity continue to witness to the Gospel in Acadiana with four religious sisters serving in Lafayette today.

**National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministries** – in this Centennial Year, the Diocese of Lafayette is happy to host a national Marriage and Family Conference – July 15-17 at the Cajundome Convention Center. Please pray for the holiness of marriage and family and the success of this conference. For information on the conference and to register, visit, [www.nacflm.org](http://www.nacflm.org)

**August 15 – get your boat and join the procession - Fete Dieu de Vermilion** – our Eucharistic Adoration will be on the Vermilion River this year beginning in Abbeville at St. Mary Magdalen with a Mass in French at 8am. The river procession will begin after with a Rosary and Benediction in Milton @11:35 @Wawees, then a Rosary and Benediction at River Ranch @1:40 @Rufinno's, then a foot procession @ 3:45pm from Beaver Park to Cathedral up University St. to the Cathedral – Vespers at 5pm and Mass at 5:30 with Bishop Deshotel. Having 121 Church Parishes in our Diocese we would like to have at least 1 boat from each parish. To register, please visit [ww.fetedieuduteche.org](http://ww.fetedieuduteche.org) or call 337-394-6550. This is an extraordinary event and we ask that you please consider being a part of the 121 boats.

**UPCOMING EVENTS...**

**Adult Discussion Group:** Resumes Mon., July 16 @ 6:30 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.

**Want to convert hearts?...come and pray the rosary** at 8:30am every Monday morning in church.

**Catholic Daughters** will meet the first Thursday of each month at 6pm in the parish hall. If you are interested in joining please call the rectory.

**Ladies Altar Societies**— all altar societies are invited to participate in this Centennial Year in a Novena to St. Anne and then gather together to attend a Mass 12:05 at St. John Evangelist Cathedral on July 26th. For more information call Bonnie Broussard 337/288-7131

**Come and Celebrate the Centennial of the Diocese of Lafayette! Fête-Dieu du Vermilion, Eucharistic Boat Procession up the Vermilion River,** will take place on the Feast of the Assumption, Wednesday, August 15. For more information email at [fetedieuduteche@gmail.com](mailto:fetedieuduteche@gmail.com) or call (337) 394-6550.

**Part-time Housekeeper position**— now accepting applications. Apply at church office.

**ST. JOSEPH FOOD PANTRY**

The food pantry is in need of these items: , dry beans, canned milk, canned meat, rice, mac & cheese, spaghetti sauce, crackers, cereal, grits, oatmeal, bathroom tissue, peanut butter, jelly and snacks for kids.

**Our Pantry is Bare!!**

*Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated.*  
**“Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink...”**

**Sick Relatives & Friends**

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

Stella Saleme, Jason Hernandez, Herman Lajaunie, Archer Rogers, Ruth Bourgeois, Amanda Boggs, Ahney Chauvin, Peggy Grimbball, Drue Langlinais, Linda Adams, Nicole Hingle, Wilda Cali, Angelle Hebert, Aba Grace Lang, Sally Rogers, Ian Davis, Daniel Broussard, Robert, Susan, Karter Esprit, Evita Boutte, Cameron Boutte, Trinty Simons, Madeline Venable, Annie Russo, Tuwana Ray, Bobby Johnson, Cindy Guidry, Billy Garcia, Kristi Liner, Iris Roy, Celeste Jumonville, Owen Hebert, Jackie & B.L. Como, Sherry Hughes, Anna George, Doug Hood, Guy Gilmore Jr., Frank Guarisco, Mary Bellard, Bruce LaHoste, John Rouso, Brinda Beam, Curtis Gautreaux, Chase Broussard, Suzanne Lipari, Billy Picou, Debra Roy, John Michell, Quinn Toups, Leona Cloud, Aiaire Glaviano, Cliff Couture, Kylie Cayce, Shane Cayce, Benny Perry, Louie Need, David Hartford, Jerry Barrilleaux, Steve Ledet, Barbara LaCoste, Edna Porche, Robbie & Casie Toups, Frank Black, Bertha Wiggins, Morgan Murphy, Helen Brandon, David Bourdier, John Menard, Lee Michel, Allen Rink, Brenda Cutrera, Floyd Estay, Gully Taylor, Anne Broussard, Wilson Bailey, Sam & KK McGill, Pat Cullotta, Howard Smith, Randy Girior, Cursey Gordon, Herbert Estay, Antoinette LeBlanc, Ricky Gunther, Scott Rhodes, Josie Moncada, Tory & Deanne Pope, Rose Johnson, Mathilde & Theonis Harrington, Travis Young, Tanya Clamon Priseilla Scully, Edd Thornton, Susie Drash Gafford, Scott Governale, Joseph Governale, Kevin Tabor, Donna Toler, Phyllis Cook

**Please call the rectory to add or delete a name on the list.**

**Stewardship Area**

**“Give to the Most High as He has given to you, for the Lord is one who always repays, and He will give back to you sevenfold.” Sirach 35:10**

Last Weekend \$3556.00  
 Maintenance Fund \$900.75



**LUCIAN SYLVIUS:**

**A Preventable Yet Warranted Tragedy In Two Acts**

*A Play Written & Directed by Parker Felterman*

Where: Café Jojo's The River Room (624 Front St., M.C.)  
 \*July 19-20 @7pm \* July 21 @ 2pm & 7pm  
 Tickets can be purchased at Café Jojo's, The Lamplighter, Jon-Jon's Cajun Corner, Si Senor or call 985/300-4925  
 Admission \$10.00

**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><i>Mausoleum Crypts Are still available here at St. Joseph. If interested please call the rectory. 395-3616</i></p>	<p>St. Joseph has a lot for sale on Grout St., if anyone is interested please contact the rectory for more information.</p>		<p><b>Bulletin Ad's Available — call the office 395-3616</b></p>
<p><b>In Loving Memory of James Blocker Jr. Oct. 20, 1945 Jan. 10, 2007</b></p>	<p><b>Knights of Columbus #1710</b></p> <p>Protecting Catholic Families for Generations</p>	<p><b>Mausoleum Double crypt</b> for sale! Contact M/M Daniel Caruso 225/928-9139</p>	<p><b>TOWN &amp; COUNTRY FLORIST &amp; GIFTS, INC</b>                  Owner: Glynda Lasseigne                  3515 Hwy 182, Berwick 985/385-6929  <a href="http://www.tandcflorist.com">www.tandcflorist.com</a></p>
<p><b>Frank's Agency, Inc.</b>                  Complete insurance Services                  985-395-9351  <a href="mailto:frankg@bellsouth.net">frankg@bellsouth.net</a></p>	<p>                  Darnall, Sikes, Gardes &amp; Frederick                  Certified Public Accountants                  985-384-6264</p>	<p><b>RE-FURB-IT</b>                  Specializing in fiberglass life raft repair</p> <p><b>Ray Vidos Owner</b>                  (985) 312-2053</p>	<p><b>Member FDIC</b></p> <p>                  PATTERSON STATE BANK</p>

**July 14 & 15**

**Extra Ordinary Ministers of Eucharist**

**Lector**

**Altar Servers**

Sat. 4:30pm Linda Thomas, Jane Watson, Joy Guarisco  
 Sun. 9:00am Irene Mouton, Anna & Jean Picou  
 Sun. 5:00pm Cliff Couture, Mike & Loretta Brocato

Bo LaGrange  
 Shannon Freeman  
 Nicole Bracato

Brian Landry  
 Kobi Lipari  
 Parker Brocato, Paris Guidry