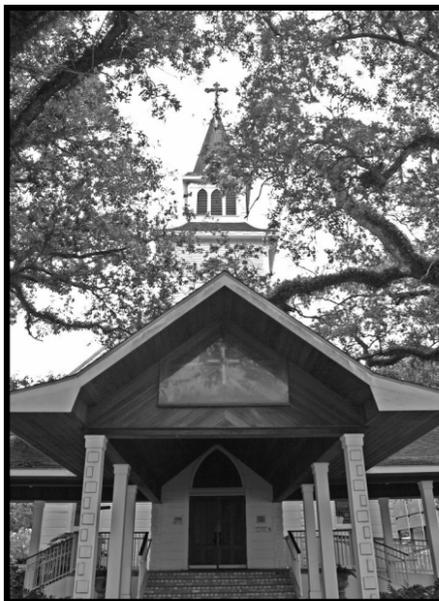


St. Joseph Bulletin

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



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.

On the 50th anniversary of "Humanae Vitae" - Father Seán Connolly

Pope Paul VI stood firm in the midst of the moral permissiveness which came under the guise of "freedom" in the 1960s, and boldly proclaimed the truth of married love.

Later this year, Blessed Paul VI will be raised to the altars as a saint. The canonization is expected to take place in late October at the close of a meeting of the Synod of Bishops. It is fitting that his canonization is taking place this year, which marks the 50th anniversary of what Pope Paul is perhaps best known for—his controversial encyclical *Humanae Vitae*.

This significant document reaffirms the Church's condemnation of artificial "birth control"—a misnamed concept, because as G.K. Chesterton cleverly puts it, "what is quaintly called Birth Control...is in fact, of course, a scheme for preventing birth in order to escape control" (*The Well and the Shallows*, in vol. 3 of *The Collected Works of G.K. Chesterton* [Ignatius Press]). Not only is this encyclical clarifying, it has proven to be prophetic. The world did not listen to Pope Paul in 1968 and the stark warnings he gave about what the widespread acceptance of contraception would mean for society have all come to pass. And now, a half-century later, the world no longer remembers what he even said in the first place. We would do well to honor the memory of this soon-to-be-sainted pontiff by using this anniversary year to recall and boldly proclaim his oft-neglected message on the nature, purpose, and dignity of married love.

The teaching and reception of *Humanae Vitae*: Pope Paul VI brought clarity to the debate, stating what has always been the Church's understanding of married love. Citing Vatican II's Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, he stated: **"Marriage and conjugal love are by their nature ordained toward the procreation and education of children. Children are really the supreme gift of marriage and contribute in the highest degree to their parents' welfare" (Humanae Vitae 9)**. He also reasserted the "... inseparable connection, established by God, which man on his own initiative may not break, between the unitive significance and the procreative significance which are both inherent to the marriage act" (HV 12). And as a result, that "each and every marital act must of necessity retain its intrinsic relationship to the procreation of human life" (HV 11). **Thus, sexual intercourse that is deliberately contraceptive through use of unlawful birth control methods is labeled "intrinsically wrong" (HV 14)**.

The encyclical did however, acknowledge there could be well-grounded reasons for spacing births, and as a result married people "may then take advantage of the natural cycles immanent in the reproductive system and engage in marital intercourse only during those times that are infertile, thus controlling birth in a way which does not in the least offend the moral principles which We have just explained" (HV 16). This practice has come to be known as "Natural Family Planning" (NFP). To be clear, NFP is not a form of contraception, which deliberately renders sexual intercourse incapable of resulting in conception. Pope Paul clarifies: "Neither the Church nor her doctrine is inconsistent when she considers it lawful for married people to take advantage of the infertile period but condemns as always unlawful the use of means which directly prevent conception, even when the reasons given for the later practice may appear to be upright and serious. In reality, these two cases are completely different. In the former the married couple rightly use a faculty provided them by nature. In the later they obstruct the natural development of the generative process" (HV 16).

The choice to avoid or postpone birth can be licit under just and reasonable conditions that are medical, economic, and social. This is the *via media* in the debate over birth control. As Msgr. William Smith observes: "Some style themselves 'providentialists' in their claim that God will provide for whatever number of children you have.... The providentialists say, do nothing to interfere with procreation (including NFP). The seculars say, have 1.78 children. The Catholic position is neither of these but calls for generosity, while recognizing there can be serious reasons for spacing children or limiting family size. The point is to get the couples to ask themselves are they really answering God's call to generosity in the service of life" (William Smith, *Modern Moral Problems: Trustworthy Answers to You Tough Questions* [Ignatius Press]).

Rather than bringing the debate over birth control to a close, the promulgation of *Humanae Vitae* provoked antagonistic protest and dissent. Pope Paul suffered much for proclaiming the truth on the nature and purpose of married love. The encyclical was received with almost universal scorn and condemnation from the world, including many within the Church. Numerous bishops and priests spoke out against the encyclical. Perhaps the most infamous instance of this was when Father Charles Curran of the Catholic University of America organized a media campaign to protest its principal teachings and arranged to have more than 600 theologians sign a "Statement of Dissent," which he penned. So fierce was the backlash, Pope Paul did not issue another encyclical in the remaining 10 years of his pontificate. Today, the teachings of *Humanae Vitae* are, arguably, the most disobeyed doctrines of the Catholic Church.

But 50 years later, his words have proven to be prophetic. Dale Ahlquist observes: The Holy Father had upheld the truth, upheld the teaching of the Church. He had gone against the tide and was paying an awful price. The rest of the world wanted sex without consequences. But sex without consequences...has consequences. And the Pope knew it, and since then

he has been proved right a million times over. All of his predictions about birth control leading to divorce, leading to abortion, leading to perversion, were absolutely correct, but no one listened at the time. Not only did Pope Paul say that contraception was bad; he said it would have bad consequences. And he was right.

Parish Directory

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Seminarian Talk & Dinner

Date: Monday, July 30

Time: 6:30 PM Where: Parish Hall

All are welcome to join us in wishing our summer seminarian Calvin LeMaire a blessed good-bye as he continues his priestly formation. He will be giving a talk on his vocation story and discussing how to follow God's will in your own lives. Please join us for a free spaghetti dinner and great company!



Spaghetti Dinner

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JULY 23

6:30am: Fr. Vu,

TUESDAY, JULY 24

9:30am: Nursing Home—

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

6:30AM:

THURSDAY, JULY 26

12:10: Edith Grizzaffi

FRIDAY, JULY 27

6:30 AM: Russell & Molly Governale , Glynn Fontenot, Special Intentions

SATURDAY, July 28

4:30PM: M/M J.P. Lipari, Cheryl Williams, Danell Kimball

SUNDAY, JULY 29

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, Danell Kimball, Walter Bailey

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

Sanctuary Light

In Memory of Walter Bailey

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, 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 Rousso, Brinda Beam, Curtis Gautreaux, Chase Broussard, Suzanne Lipari, Billy Picou, Debra Roy, John Michell, Quinn Troups, 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 Troups, Frank Black, Bertha Wiggins, Morgan Murphy, Helen Brandon, David Bourdier, John Menard, Lee Michel, Allen Rink, Brenda Cutrera, Floyd Estay, Gulley 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, Judy Roy, David Williamson, Marvin Ledet, Jr., Magan Simmons

Please call the rectory to add or delete a name

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 \$2426.50
Second Collection \$1391.50

The prophecies of Humanae Vitae

In Humanae Vitae, Pope Paul VI asserts the widespread use of contraception would “lead to conjugal infidelity and the general lowering of morality.” No one can deny that 50 years later there has been a sweeping decline in morality throughout the world. The vast increases in divorce and children born out of wedlock, the tragedy of abortion being procured on a horrifying scale, and the perversion that pervades contemporary popular culture all testify to this fact.

The encyclical also foretold how the use of contraception would be detrimental to conjugal love. Pope Paul argued that contraception would ultimately lead to a loss of respect for the woman, where “her physical and psychological equilibrium” would no longer be cared for as she would be considered “a mere instrument of selfish enjoyment and no longer as [her husband’s] respected and beloved companion.” All persons have an innate dignity as beings created in the image and likeness of God. The Church’s teaching that the use of artificial contraception is an intrinsic evil that can never be accepted is designed, in part, to protect this understanding of the dignity of the human person. That dignity is violated when spouses use each other’s bodies as mere objects for their own gratification by obstructing the natural end of their sexual union. By this act they display a lack of commitment and authentic love for one another and frustrate the ultimate purposes of their **marital union, which are their mutual good and bringing children into the world. The final warning of this prophetic document was that contraception would lead man to think he has unlimited dominion over his own body. God’s will has been replaced with the selfish desire of the individual.**

Today, the most transient and material things of this world—clothes, cars, expensive vacations—are more desired than the joy of children. Our secular world has forgotten God and the greatest blessing he gives to any family—new life. There is no beauty, there is no joy, there is no compensation that anything could offer in the way of leisure, of so-called freedom from domestic duties, which could possibly compensate for one-thousandth part of the joy that an old man feels when he sees this beautiful thing: life beginning again as his ends, in those children that have come into the world through his love and through a marriage which has lasted through 50 and more years. There comes a point when you realize there is nothing that this world can offer in the way of success, in the way of adventure, in the way of honors, in the way of variety, in the way of so-called freedom, which could come within a hundredth part of measuring up to that wonderful sense of having been used as an instrument, not in the achievement of some stupid kind of personal erotic excitement, but in the realization of this wonderful thing—human procreation.

Pope Paul VI stood firm in the midst of the moral permissiveness which came under the guise of “freedom” in the 1960s and boldly proclaimed the truth of married love. But his message was a like a voice crying out in the wilderness. It is the cause of great controversy, and is despised and rejected. **But what ultimately, is the message of Humanae Vitae? Put very briefly: that the long and uncomplicated tradition of a man and a woman falling in love, getting married, and having children is a good thing. That the family is the most important unit of society. And that the natural order of all this should be respected. May the soon-to-be Saint Paul VI, help us to realize this again.** -By Fr. Sean Connolly

HOMEBOUND

If you known of anyone needing someone to bring Holy Communion to their home, please call the office 395-3616.

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>Bulletin Ad's Available — call the office 395-3616</p>
	<p>Knights of Columbus #1710</p>  <p>Protecting Catholic Families for Generations</p>	<p>TOWN & COUNTRY FLORIST & GIFTS, INC Owner: Glynda Lasseigne 3515 Hwy 182, Berwick 985/385-6929 www.tandcflorist.com</p> 
<p>Frank's Agency, Inc. Complete insurance Services 985-395-9351 frankg@bellsouth.net</p>	 <p>Darnall, Sikes, Gardes & Frederick Certified Public Accountants 985-384-6264</p>	<p>RE-FURB-IT Specializing in fiberglass life raft repair</p> <p>Ray Vidos Owner (985) 312-2053</p> <p>Member FDIC</p>  <p>PATTERSON STATE BANK</p>

Adult Discussion Group:

Monday, July 23 @ 6:30 P.M. in the parish hall

First Saturday Rosary:

The Holy Rosary will be prayed before the Vigil Mass in church beginning at 4:00 P.M. the first Saturday of each month. Please join us.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting-Tuesday,

July 24 at 5:30 P.M. in the parish hall.

Want to convert hearts?...come and pray the rosary

at 8:30 A.M. every Monday morning in church.

Catholic Daughters will meet the first Thursday

of each month at 6:00 P.M. 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 or call (337) 394-6550.

K.C. Annual Spaghetti Dinner:

Date: Sunday, Aug. 12. Time 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Where: KC Home - Costs : \$8.00 a ticket
If anyone interested in donating desserts, please contact one of our K.C. Members

Family Fun Day Festival Meeting:

Wednesday, August 1, 2018 @ 6:00 P.M. @ parish hall.

We will be collecting ideas and voting on a date for the Family Fun Day Festival. Please come if you have any ideas or would just like to help out. We need many volunteers to make this event successful. If you have any questions or cannot attend the meeting but would still like to share ideas or help out, please contact Donette Freeman at (504)-390-7015.

July 28 & 29

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Eucharist

Lector

Altar Servers

Sat. 4:30pm
Sun. 9:00am
Sun. 5:00pm

Linda Thomas, Jane Watson, Jamie Guidry
Marguerite Sumrall, Monica LaSalle, Lola Rivera
Rosie Pellerin, Henry Leray Debra Verret

Brightman Kornegay
Rand Dooley
Shannon Freeman

Landon Lipari, Brian Landry
Paris Guidry, Pariker Brocato
Kobi Lipari