

Mass Intentions:

Saturday 24, January 4:00pm- (St. Joseph)
-Craighton LaCombe, Leroy Fontenot, Ethan Luke Leckelt, Jake & Gen Trahan(L), Beau Hebert

Sunday 25, January 8:00am- (St. Jules)-
Charlene Thomas, Special Intention, Anna Belle Esteve, Donnie & Jamie Simar, Gwen Miller Fly. (L&D), C.J.F. Spl Int.

Sunday 25, January 10:00am (St. Joseph)-
Norman Hebert, Lynn, Greg, T-Clyde, & Tarry Miller, John Simar(L) , Pro-Populo(For the People)

Monday 26, January- No Mass

Tuesday 27, January 5:00pm- (St. Jules)-
Arista & Hazel Guidry

Wednesday 28, January 6:30pm-(St. Joseph)- Craighton LaCombe

Thursday 29, January 5:00pm- (St. Jules)-
Arista & Hazel Guidry

Friday 30, January 6:30am-(St. Joseph)-
Mebela & Morris LaCombe

Saturday 31, January 4:00pm-(St. Joseph)-
Craighton LaCombe, Leroy Fontenot, Ethan Luke Leckelt, Thomas Pinson Sr, Thomas Pinson Jr, Bonnie Andrus, Joseph(Bobby) LeJeune

Sunday 1, February 8:00am-(St. Jules)
Charlene Thomas, Special Intention, Gwen Miller Fly, C.J.F. Spl In, Jamie & Donnie Simar

Sunday 1, February 10:00am (St. Joseph)
Norman Hebert, Lynn & Matt Miller, Linda & Wayne Simar, Pro-populo(for the people)

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Saturday at 3:00pm
at St. Joseph

Rosary: Saturday 3:25pm at St. Joseph
Sunday 7:25am at St. Jules
Sunday 9:25am at St. Joseph
Tues & Thurs 4:30pm at St. Jules

Eternal Flame Rosary- Mon 6:00pm at St. Joseph

Women's Hour of Adoration and Praise:
1st Wednesday of every month. Beginning at 6:30pm
at St. Joseph.

Men's Bible Study: 7:00am every Friday in the
parish hall at St. Joseph.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sacred Scripture: As I continue on my catechesis on apologetics, I would like to talk about Apostolic succession. According to the Vatican II council document, *Lumen Gentium*, "In order that the mission entrusted to them might be continued after their death, [the apostles] consigned, by will and testament, as it were, to their immediate collaborators the duty of completing and consolidating the work they had begun, urgent them to tend to the whole flock, in which the Holy Spirit had appointed them to shepherd the Church of God. They accordingly designated such men and then made the ruling that likewise on their death other proven men should take over their ministry." The authority of shepherding souls comes through the line of succession beginning with the 12 appointed by Christ.

Unfortunately many non-catholics reject this teaching. However, if we look to the Scriptures we see the succession from the apostles. In Acts 1:15-16, a council convened, led by Peter, to replace Judas with another member of the twelve for they were eleven. They prayed, discussed and drew lots and the lots fell on Matthias who was numbered among the twelve. Here we see the Apostles understanding that they have the responsibility to appoint a successor for a specific mission.

We also look to Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians. In 1 Thess. 2:6,7 Paul identifies two men, Silvanus and Timothy as "apostles" who were ordained as bishops and regarded as having apostolic authority. The word apostle in the greek literally means "one who is sent." In that sense all the baptized are apostles, but Paul is using the word apostle to refer to specific persons within the body of Christ. Those who have the authority through the laying on of hands by one with the authority from Christ to do so.

We can teach, we can prophecy, we can admonish with the wisdom of God through our baptism but that doesn't mean we have the authority of the specific mission given through apostolic succession.

Readings for the Week:

Jan 25- Is 8:23-9:3, 1 Cor, 1:1-13,17, Mt 4:12-23(67)

Jan 26- 2 Tm 1:1-8, Mk 3:22-30(317)

Jan 27- 2 Sm 6:12b-15,17-19, Mk 3:31-35(318)

Jan 28- 2 Sm 7:4-17, Mk 4:1-20(319)

Jan 29- 2 Sm 7:18-19,24-29, Mk 4:21-25(320)

Jan 30- 2 Sn 11L1-4a,5-10a,13-17, Mk 4:26-34(321)

Jan 31- 2 Sm 12:1-7a,10-17, Mk 4:35-41(322))

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we are enduring the cold snap this weekend, let us meditate on how cold it was on the cross for Jesus. We have the opportunity to unite our sufferings with Christ for our relatives and friends whose relationship with God has grown cold. May the warmth of the Holy Spirit draw them back to the Eucharist and fullness of God’s teaching.

In the hearts of JMJ,

Fr Comeaux

Prayer List– Joseph David, Jay Benoitt, Carlton Rose, Margie Reed, Stephanie Fontenot, Mark Hebert, Fay Hebert, Faye Romero, Brian Benoit, Terry McFarlain, Brian Caillouet, Pat Gotte, Ira & Dot Fontenot, Tony Fontenot, Robert Fontenot, Sue Hebert, Tommy & Kathleen Guidry, Earline LaCombe, Sean Morgan, Christina Reed, Rita Bogard, Susan Bergeaux, Beth Richert, Remi Joseph, Sarah Kleinpeter, Anita Gary, Gerald Doucet, Jr., Joel Guinn, John F. LeJeune, Wilma LeJeune, Carolyn Lejeune, Adlas & Judy Herpin, Corey Raspberry, Bonnie McFarlain Gotte, Randy Gotte, Christine Gotte, Brenda Benoit, Brandy Hebert, Katrina Zaunbrecher, Vincent Daigle Call Mary Hadaway 368-6110.

Blessing of Candles Mass: Monday, February 2 at 8:00am at St. Joseph. Confessions will be heard 30 minutes prior.

Mardi Gras: Saturday, February 7 from 5:00-10:00 in the Parish Hall at St. Joseph. Children’s run at 6:00. Adult’s run 8:00. There will be a live auction, DJ, Gumbo, Burgers, Sweet, Beer, and Pop. For info. Call Kathleen 337-658-7615 or Monica 337-246-1219

Cover charge \$5 for over 18yrs

St Joseph and St Jules Mercy Works: We are looking for volunteers to establish a network of mercy works within our communities. The Mercy Works include: food trains, visiting sick and lonely, running errands, and maintenance for struggling and unable individuals. If you are interested please call the office.

Truckers Against Trafficking: tatnonprofit.org

Our Stewardship:

St. Joseph-\$1845	2nd- \$632
St. Jules- \$918	2nd- \$435

2nd collection for next week is for Maintenance

RCIA– Classes on 1st Sunday of month. February 1 at 4:00 in parish hall at St. Joseph.

Attention Confirmation Candidates and Parents-

There will be 6 mandatory classes for parents and students. At least one parent or guardian will need to attend with candidate. Classes will begin at 4:00 at hall at St. Joseph and will last appr. 1-2 hours

September 14	January 11
October 12	February 22
November 16	March 15

Confirmation- Bishop Michael Jarrell will be Confirming our candidates on Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 6:00pm at St. Joseph. Confirmation rehearsal will be on Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 6:00pm at St. Joseph.

Confirmation Retreat– Saturday, March 7 beginning with an 8:00am mass at St. Joseph and ending after the 4:00pm mass at St. Joseph. All candidates are required to attend this retreat.

First Communion: April 12 at the 10:00 mass at St. Joseph.

First Confession: Saturday, April 11 at 8:00am at St. Joseph. Practice will follow at 10:00am