

**Pastor Notes:**

I had a great time at priest convention last week. Thank you for your prayers. This week I am at the diocese for leadership training. Although I am away during the days, you are all very much in my prayers.

The next Mass at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Chapel will be on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October at 6:30 p.m. I will try to offer a Mass there on every second Tuesday of the month.

Our Family day is going to be on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October. Kindly make yourself available to enjoy this day of fellowship as the members of St. Joseph.

I am sure that you are all enjoying the Bible classes and the video shows. May it help you to learn more about our faith! Kindly encourage others to attend these classes, which would benefit many more people.

Reflections for this week: Acceptance Is the Key to Handling Life Well!

When we don't accept an undesired event, it becomes "Anger"; When we accept it, it becomes "Tolerance". When we don't accept uncertainty, it becomes "Fear", When we accept it, it becomes "Adventure". When we don't accept other's bad Behaviour towards us, it becomes "Hatred"; When we accept it, it becomes "Forgiveness".

When we don't accept other's Success, it becomes "Jealousy"; when we accept it, it becomes "Inspiration".

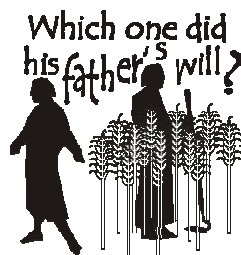
Have a blessed week, and God bless you all!

Fr. Philip Kuruvilla

**REFLECTION FOR THIS WEEKENDS READINGS**

*"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did."* Mt 21:28-32

A preacher gave his congregation a simple rule to live a good and happy life. He said, "Turn right and go straight." Implicit in that simple truth is the need for each person to make a free will decision to choose to do right rather than wrong, to do good rather than evil. Jesus tells a parable that calls us to discern God's will and make a free will decision to choose to do God's will even if it is inconvenient, unpleasant or risky. The father told one son to go work in the vineyard; he said "No!" but had a change of heart and went. The second son said "Yes sir!" but did not go. Jesus teaches us that our first response to God's will for us may be "No!", but our final response to God must be "Yes." Doing God's will may not be easy, it can be challenging. For many Catholics and Christians around the world today it involves losing all worldly possessions and is a matter of life and death. But to be true disciples of Jesus we have no choice but to "Turn right and go straight." and say "Yes!" to God.



**SECOND COLLECTION**

The second collection this weekend is to help the people affected by Hurricane Irma. Please place your weekly donation in the first basket passed and Charity/Hurricane Irma in the second basket, which will pass right after the first collection.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL**

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. in the church office meeting room.



**BULLETIN ADS**

We are in need of our local businesses to support our weekly bulletin by purchasing an ad. If your business is interested in purchasing an ad on the church bulletin, call the church office at 594-5859 and the sales representative will contact you with more information.

**FAMILY FUN DAY**

*Mark your calendars!* Our Family Fun Day will be held on Sunday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, beginning with the 10 a.m. Mass. Food and activities start after Mass on the Church Grounds!

**BIBLE STUDY**

St. Joseph Church is hosting a Bible Study on the Book of Revelation. The book of Revelation is probably one of the most misunderstood books of the Bible. While some have used the imagery of the book to insult and defame the Catholic Church, we show why the Book of Revelation is a very Catholic book that sheds light on the validity of the Catholic Church and the importance of the Mass! Come early for refreshments and fellowship. Classes begin Wednesday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> & Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m., in the St. Joseph Youth Center. Come and bring a friend!

**FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION**

First Friday Devotion will be held on Friday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, beginning with Mass at 8:30 a.m., followed by a devotional service, and quiet time before the Blessed Sacrament.

## MARRIAGE BLESSING (VALIDATION)

Anyone who was married civilly (justice of the peace) who would like to get their marriage validated (blessed) please call the church office at 594-5859 to schedule an appointment with the priest or deacon. It is a simple process to go through.



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration Prayer Service will be held Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral at 2:00 p.m. A reception will immediately follow in the courtyard. St. Joseph Parish will also celebrate on the weekend of October 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, at all Masses for couples celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, (and beyond) anniversary. If you wish to participate in St. Joseph's program, contact the church office before October 16<sup>th</sup> to register. All registered anniversary couples will receive an inscribed diocesan & parish certificate during the parish celebration.

## LIL CAILLOU AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP

The Lil Caillou Family Al-Anon group meets every Monday at 6 p.m. in the Parish Center. Family members and loved ones of those struggling with alcoholism, drug, & gambling addiction, etc. are welcome to attend to find support. We ask all attending to park in the circle near the cemetery and enter the building through the rear doors. The meeting room is the first door on your left when entering the Parish Center from the back.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Classes are held on Mondays, at 7 p.m. in the Youth Center. For more information on classes, call the rectory office at 594-5859.

## LAGNIAPPE COOKBOOKS

The Lagniappe Cookbooks are available at the Church Office for \$10 each.

## FAITH FUSION PROGRAM FOR YOUTH

St. Joseph Religious Ed. Program is announcing the Faith Fusion Program for Youth. This program is designed to prepare a child to re-enroll into our religion program after having skipped one or more years of religion. Any children in grades 3<sup>rd</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> are welcome. Please register your child today.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & CONFIRMATION

Religious Ed. classes will be held on Sundays for grades K-9<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30 p.m. and 11<sup>th</sup> grade from 6-8 p.m. Please consult your schedule for dates. *For more information on the Religious Ed. Program contact Carla Babin at 594-4152 or email: [stjosephdre@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephdre@gmail.com).*

## LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY

Any lady 18 and older, who would like to join the Ladies Altar Society, please contact Phylis Henry at 594-5233, or attend a meeting.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

1. There will be a Bake Sale after all Masses the weekend of Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> & Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. Youth Chapel Night will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Chapel. Please check Facebook page for more information.
3. March for Life Pilgrimage will be held on January 15<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. The deadline for your registration form first deposit is October 1<sup>st</sup>. Please contact Rachael for more information.



*For more information about the choir or youth ministry contact Rachael at 876-3447.*

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

There will be a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Business meeting on Thursday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. A meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. The rosary will be prayed before the meeting.

## THURSDAY NIGHTS OF RENEWAL

On Thursday nights from 6:35-8:35 p.m., prayer services will be held at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Adoration Chapel. Private & Personal Prayer Ministry offered after Night of Renewal; Charismatic/ Eucharistic Nights of Prayer with the Rosary.

- Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> – Teaching: “Are You Ready?”; Speaker: Denise Beyer
- Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> – Teaching: “Word of Knowledge & Wisdom Workshop”; Speaker: Kay Stoufflet

## ANNUAL LIFE CHAIN

The Annual Houma Life Chain will be held on Respect Life Sunday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, from 2-3 p.m. (rain or shine). Those participating will line the median of Tunnel Boulevard and stand prayerfully, silently holding Life Chain signs. Join with other pro-life Christians to make a statement to our community that **“ABORTION KILLS CHILDREN”!**



## ROSARY AND ADORATION

The Knights of Columbus & Ladies Auxiliary will lead a Rosary and Adoration on Monday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Chapel. Mary Griffin will lead the Rosary. October is the month of the rosary. Pray for pro-life, reparation of sin. Pray for all who labor & the salvation of sinners. All are invited to attend.

## FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY

Food for the Journey will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, at Ellendale Country Club. Doors open at 10:45 a.m. The cost is \$15. For more information or to register call 850-3178.

**PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE & 100 YEAR LADY OF FATIMA ANNIVERSARY**

America is at a historic crossroad. Secularists are trying to push God from the public square. They reject His beneficial action upon society. But without God, where will our leaders get the wisdom to solve the great problems we face? We must stop the secularist advance and pray to God for help. He will hear us, if we pray through the Intercession of His Blessed Mother. That's why we're launching the 2016 Public Square Rosary Crusade.

A rosary will be prayed on Saturday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>, at 12 noon, at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Adoration Chapel. For more information contact Leland Neil at 594-2824.

**ST. ELIE CEMETERY**

Parishioners who have loved ones buried in St. Elie Cemetery (Upper Little Caillou) are asked to make a kind donation for upkeep of the graveyard. Please contact Herbert Fanguy at 879-2760, Derek Charpentier at 790-6266, or Darrell Charpentier at 872-4292. Thank you for your support in years past.

**PICOU CEMETERY**

Parishioners who have loved ones buried at E. Picou Cemetery (the hill) are asked to make a kind donation for the upkeep of the graveyard. Please contact Kim Bourg at 594-4706.

**BAPTISMS**

Born through Baptism into the family of Christ was: Braizlyn Dru child of Chancey Ledet & Dylan Barrios

**COLLECTION COUNTERS**

Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mary Griffin

Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>: Nell Henry

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

September 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>:

Envelopes: \$3,989.00

Loose: 474.12

Total Offertory: \$4,463.12



**Thursday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>, Weekday, (St. Wenceslaus, St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions): 7:30 a.m.** Pamela Ledet; Al Naquin, Sr.

**Friday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>, Sts. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael: 8:30 a.m.** Souls in Purgatory; Imelda Pellegrin

**Saturday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, St. Jerome: 4 p.m.** Danny Lirette, Jr.; Carolyn Pellegrin; Rita Foret; Mary Beth D. Price; Fr. Gus & Josette Lapeyrouse; Nolan & Ora Portier; Marie Eschete; Hayes & Patty (anniv.) Authement; Charles Stevens; Delvin Henry; Narcisse & Genevieve Pellegrin (anniv.); Lawrence & Hilda Foret; Imelda Pellegrin; Luby "Richard" Neal

**Sunday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Respect Life Sunday): 8 a.m.** Winona Guidry; Hyman & Anna Belle Henry; Wilbur & Ruth Lyons; Jody Price; Hewitt & Viola White; **10 a.m. Parish Family** Leigh Bertness; Andrew Chauvin; Lois & Aaron Foret; Imelda & Myron Pellegrin; **5 p.m.**

**Monday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>, The Holy Guardian Angels: 7:30 a.m.** Abraham (anniv.) & Brent Griffin; Imelda Pellegrin

**Tuesday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Weekday: 7:30 a.m. No Mass**

**Wednesday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, St. Francis of Assisi: 8:30 a.m. All Souls List** Imelda Pellegrin

**Thursday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup>, Weekday, (Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos): 7:30 a.m.** Velma Marie (anniv.)

**Friday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, Weekday (St. Bruno; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher) 1<sup>st</sup> Friday: 8:30 a.m.** Earl Pellegrin, Sr.; Angelo Roberts, Jr.; Roy & Leola Thibodeaux; Jeannie Louviere; Thelma (anniv.) & Clarence Adams

*\*Please note schedule is for next weekend*

<b>Saturday Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> 4 p.m.</b>	<b>Commentator:</b> Kent Portier <b>Lectors:</b> Pat Thibodeaux <b>Rosary:</b> Pat Thibodeaux <b>Altar Servers:</b> Amanda Constrantiche; Lynn Belanger; Halle Pellegrin	<b>Center: B – Fr. Philip</b> <b>Center: B –</b> Donna Lirette (tab) <b>Cemetery: B –</b> Yvonne Soudelier <b>Sacristy: B –</b> Curtis Constrantiche	<b>W-</b> Dreus Lapeyrouse <b>W-</b> Sharon Picou <b>W-</b> Sheila Thibodeaux <b>W –</b> Olivia Constrantiche
<b>Sunday Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> 8 a.m.</b>	<b>Commentator:</b> Bob Henry <b>Lector:</b> Angel Domangue <b>Rosary:</b> Maxine Martin <b>Altar Servers:</b> Eddie & Gladys Guevara; Drew LeBoeuf	<b>Center: B – Fr. Philip</b> <b>Center: B –</b> Charles Bergeron (tab) <b>Cemetery: B –</b> Kate Fanguy <b>Sacristy: B –</b> Maxine Martin	<b>W-</b> Merita Lyons <b>W-</b> Tracie Bergeron <b>W-</b> Michael McCoy <b>W –</b> Karen McCoy
<b>Sunday Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m.</b>	<b>Commentator:</b> Tammy Pellegrin <b>Lector:</b> Shawn Robert <b>Altar Servers:</b> Alexis Authement; Nina Bergeron; Brennan Forest	<b>Center: B – Fr. Philip</b> <b>Center: B –</b> Patty Chabert (tab) <b>Cemetery: B –</b> Robin Chauvin <b>Sacristy: B –</b> Hollie Portier	<b>W-</b> Rhonda Guilfou <b>W-</b> Ouida Lirette <b>W-</b> Ralph Chauvin <b>W-</b> Kevin Portier
<b>Sunday Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> 5 p.m.</b>	<b>Commentator:</b> Carla Babin <b>Lector:</b> Addie Martin <b>Altar Servers:</b> Emily Bartholomew; Jacques Dupre; Magglou White	<b>Center: B – Fr. Philip</b> <b>Center: B –</b> Gary Dupre (tab)	<b>W-</b> Mark Fanguy <b>W-</b> Cynthia Henry