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Mass Schedule
Sunday Masses: 10 a.m. & 8:30 p.m.
Weekday Masses: 12:15 p.m.
Holy Day Masses: 12:15 p.m.

Church Open
Mondays thru Fridays: 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
One hour before each Sunday Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions): Wed. & Fri. 11:50—12:10; Sundays 7:45—8:15 p.m.

Baptisms
Call the Pastor to make appointment. Parents and Godparents need to attend instruction for sacrament prior to date being established.

Weddings
Contact priest at least six months prior to planned wedding date. After contacting priest, contact the wedding director, (x141) to reserve the time and date for your wedding.

Ministry to Sick
Please call the church office if your loved one is hospitalized or shut-in and unable to attend Mass for the Anointing of the Sick for healing and to receive communion.

New Parishioners
Welcome to St. Joseph Church. If you wish to become a member of our parish family, please complete one of the registration forms on the table in the rear of the church. You can turn in the completed form to the receptionist in the church office.
Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2017

10:00 am Joann Hirstius (+), Judy Bonano (+); Dorothy Marie James (+);

8:30 pm St. Joseph Parishioners and Benefactors

Monday, May 8, 2017—
12:15 p.m. Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday, May 9, 2017—
12:15 p.m. Todd Hurley (+)
Wednesday, May 10, 2017—St. Damien de Veuster
12:15 p.m. Fr. Tom Anslow, CM (+)
Thursday, May 11, 2017—
12:15 pm Br. Matthew Teel, CM (+)
Friday, May 12, 2017—Sts. Nereus, Achilleus & Pancras
12:15 pm Ester Sherman (+)

SANCTUARY CANDLE AND MASS INTENTIONS

The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week to pray for the eternal rest of Dennis Rigg. If you would like to reserve a date to burn the Candle in memory of someone or for a special intention, please call the church office (522-3186). The Sanctuary Candle offering is $15 for two weeks. The offering for Mass intentions is $5.00 per Mass.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS, WHO ARE IN NEED OF HEALING:


TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

At one time, of course, the bread for the Eucharist was the ordinary bread of the day, except unleavened, probably prepared at home. It was broken and distributed to the faithful. Early on the loaf itself was referred to as the hostia in Latin, meaning the “sacrifice,” the same word for the sacrificial animal in Jewish worship, and for Jesus as the Lamb of God. By giving his life on the cross, Jesus became the hostia for us. To this day in the Greek Church, one of the tasks of the priest’s wife is to bake the bread for the Divine Liturgy, sometimes in a bakery oven dedicated to that purpose and called a “Bethlehem.”

Today’s familiar individual hosts first appeared in the eleventh century at about the time when tabernacles were coming into use. The turn away from “bready” bread allowed the hosts to be reserved since they did not spoil like regular bread, and made the annual “Easter duty” counts easier.

READEINGS FOR THE WEEK

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8:30 pm St. Joseph Parishioners and Benefactors

Saturday, May 6, 2017: St. Francis Assisi
12:15 pm Fr. Robert pantalla, CM (+)
The Archdiocesan will host a workshop with staff from the National Catholic Partnership on Disability on Sat., May 20, 2017, at St. Dominic Parish, New Orleans, in the Rectory Building - Siena Meeting Room from 9:00 AM – 12 Noon, for parish disability advocates and other interested persons, and will focus on training in the advocate role and ways in which we can make our parishes even more welcoming to those with disabilities.

**Marriage Prep Training Program.** The Family Life Apostolate is sponsoring a training for the Witness to Love marriage prep program on Fri. May 12, 2017, from 6:00 - 9:30 PM at St. Luke in Slidell. Witness to Love is a virtue-based marriage program which focuses on forming couples in discipleship and engaging them in parish life, before and after the wedding. Conducted by Ryan and Mary Rose Verret, the authors of Witness to Love. Info. Family Life Office 504-861-6247.

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**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — All peoples called by God will receive the gift of the Spirit if they repent and are baptized (Acts 2:14a, 36-41).

**Psalm** — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

**Second Reading** — Once we were like straying sheep; but now we have been returned to the shepherd, our guardian (1 Peter 2:20b-25).

**Gospel** — The shepherd leads the sheep out into pastures of abundant life (John 10:1-10).

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**THE CALL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

The Twenty-third Psalm, today’s responsorial psalm, is arguably the best known of all the psalms. The line that reads “Even though I walk in the dark valley / I fear no evil; for you are at my side / with your rod and your staff / that give me courage” (Psalm 23:4) connects this week’s scriptures to the wonderful story of the road to Emmaus, which we heard last week.

The Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, is always at our side. He calls us each by name, beckoning us into a deeper relationship with him. That call, issued to each of us at the moment of our baptism, carries with it the promise of the Good Shepherd: “I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly” (John 10:10).

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**Pope Francis’ May Intentions**

That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.

Happy Golden Wedding Anniversary to Alan and Judy Maldonado! 50 years!!!

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**CHARTER FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

In response to the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Archdiocese of New Orleans continues to make the Hot Line available for anyone who has been hurt or sexually abused by anyone who works for the Church. The Hot Line continues to be available; the number is (504) 522-5019. In continuing our commitment to support and to heal, we invite and encourage individuals who have been hurt or sexually abused recently or in the past by clergy, religious or other employees of the Archdiocese to call our Hot Line. The Hot Line is available 24 hours a day and your message will be received confidentially by a trained mental health professional. In addition, anyone can make a direct call during regular business hours to the Vic-