



# ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

SHREVEPORT, LA

## THE SOWING

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## BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY

Deacon Bill Roche

This Sunday the Diocese of Shreveport honors the men and women who have chosen to answer God's call to service as Consecrated Religious Men and Women. Some of the members of these Religious Orders are very visible in our community: Brother Giovanni Reid and Brother Andrew Stettler at Christian Service are both Franciscans and can usually be seen in their characteristic brown robes. Others, such as Sr. Marilyn Vassalo and Sister Patricia Cairns, both members of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, usually wear secular professional clothing that does not distinguish them as Religious.

Canon Law describes Consecrated Life as men and women who live their lives as priests, brothers or sisters within a religious community, having made solemn vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. They are dedicated to serving God and God's people, guided by prayer.

By **obedience**, the religious is obedient to the "Rule" of the order which is directed by the superior of the religious order, or local community. **Poverty** means that all of their worldly possessions are owned in common with the other members of the community. **Chastity** means that they live a life of celibacy, free of voluntary sexual pleasure. Usually they live with other, members of the community. The community is central to their daily life. The members of the community support one another in their daily lives, and they pray with and for other members of the community.

Each religious order has its own particular mission that can be expressed in a variety of ways. Jesuit (Society of Jesus) priests and brothers teach and provide spiritual guidance in the form of retreats. Franciscans (Order of St. Francis) can be male or female and usually work among the poor and disadvantaged.

In Shreveport, Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows, sponsor the Renzi Child Development Center and the Renzi Education and Art Center. For many years the Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows directed the Holy Angels Residential Facility. Similarly, for many years Christus Schumpert Medical Center was directed by the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, abbreviated CCVI.

At the same time that high school boys were taught by Jesuits at Jesuit High School, high school girls were educated by the Daughters of the Cross at St. Vincent Academy, the current location and facility of the Catholic Center. Both the Jesuits and The Daughters of the Cross have a profound lingering effect on the men and women of this area who were blessed to attend those schools which were later merged into Loyola College Prep.

Consideration of the great work in the Diocese of Shreveport by Religious is incomplete if we do not mention our own Fr. Thomas Elavunkal, a member of the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate. Fr. Thomas is one of approximately seven members of that community here in the Diocese.

Historically, for adult Catholics born in the mid 20th century, Consecrated Religious were most visible in the area of Catholic Schools. Catholic Schools, which we will celebrate beginning next Sunday, were the primary mission of many Orders of Religious. Even though membership in Religious Orders has declined drastically in the last 40 years, Catholic Schools are a living testimony to the effort of many dedicated Religious, mostly women, who are responsible for the Catholic education of many men and women of my generation. I think I speak for most of my contemporaries when I say "Thank you, from the bottom of my heart!"

- Deacon Bill

**PARISH CALENDAR**

A Quick Glance!

- Jan 25**  
Men of St. Joseph 6:00 am SR  
M.A.L.E. Spirituality 7:00 pm A  
Parish Finance Council Meeting 11:45 am CR
- Jan 26**  
GRECO Course #2 6:30 pm SR
- Jan 27/28**  
Engaged Couples Weekend FLC
- Jan 28/29**  
ACTS Bake Sale
- Jan 29**  
Parish Chili Dinner 5:30 - 7:30 pm MH
- Feb 1**  
Men's Fellowship 12:00 Noon MH  
Baptism Seminar 6:30 pm A
- Feb 4/5**  
Mardi Gras Butterbraids sold after all Masses
- Feb 11/18**  
Mardi Gras Parades - Mass details to come.

**PARISH ACTIVITIES**

Don't Miss a Moment!

**GRECO Course** The GRECO Institute began their new semester last Thursday with a course at St. Joseph entitled, "Catholic Identity". The course is based on the statements to which Catholics attest when praying the Creed. This 8 week course will continue on Thursdays in the FLC. This course is taught by Mike Broussard and is a foundation course for catechist certification. PSR and religion teachers should consider this course for their personal development.

**St. Joseph Chili Dinner!** It's Time for our Annual Family Chili Dinner on Sunday, January 29, 5:30-7:30 pm in the Family Life Center. Come before or after Mass. Come for fun, food and great fellowship! Please RSVP by Jan 26. (Calling all "Chili Cookers, we need your Chili! Call Dotye Sue, 841-8208).



**Catholic Women's Bible Study** will begin the next session on Sunday, January 22, following the 6:00 pm Mass, in Room B of the FLC. If you are interested in joining this Bible Study, please contact Kathy Schimschock in the Church office for more information about ordering your study workbook (865-3581). We look forward to beginning 2012 with "Courageous Generosity" by Stacy Mitch, a Bible Study for Women on Heroic Sacrifice.

**Planning Ahead:** VBS (July 9-13, 2012) and EDGE Camp (July 16-20, 2012).

**The Seedling** Please be sure to check out St. Joseph Church's newest publication! The Seedling is a monthly publications geared towards youth, K3 thru 5th Grade. It has announcements about upcoming youth events, puzzles, and gospel reflections. It's a Sunday bulletin, but for our youth! Please be sure to pick up your copy this weekend.



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**PARISH LEADERSHIP**

- Connie Sims** Pastoral Council Chair
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**FOR THE RIDE HOME**



Today is the third Sunday in Ordinary Time and in the reading from Mark's Gospel we are we are told of Jesus calling His disciples, starting with Simon and his brother Andrew. Jesus invited them

to put down their nets and to become "fishers of men".

**Question for Adults** As Christians we all have vocations. Most men and women are called to the vocation of married life. Even though the vows of poverty and obedience are not part of the marriage covenant, chastity certainly is, as are the vows to love, honor and respect one another. Do you live your life (as a single or married person) as though it's a religious vocation? Are you conscious of the grace of God in living a life of service to your marriage partner, to your family, or to your community?

**Question for Children** Do you ever wonder what God is calling you to do in your life? If God calls you to life as a priest, or as a religious priest brother or sister, will you obey God's call? In order to hear God clearly we have to listen so that we may hear Him. Prayer and quiet time with God are good opportunities to listen to God.

## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

### Monday, January 23

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89; Mk 3:22-30

**8:15 am** *Our Military, Overseas, Stateside & Veterans (SI)*

**5:45 pm** † Ellen Chavanne

### Tuesday, January 24

**Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church** 2 Sm

6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24; Mk 3:31-35

**8:15 am** † Dorothy Tooley

**5:45 pm** † John Shenaut

### Wednesday, January 25

**The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle** Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117; Mk 16:15-18

**8:15 am** † Ellen Chavanne

**9:45 pm** † Frances DeFatta

**5:45 pm** † Mr. & Mrs. J.S. Boney

### Thursday, January 26

**Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5; Ps 96; Mk 4:21-25

**8:15 am** † John Shenaut

**5:45 pm** † Margaret Beauclair Walker

### Friday, January 27

**Saint Angela Merici, virgin** 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51; Mk 4:26-34

**8:15 am**

† Andrew Vincent & Josephine Cush Miciotto

† Ellen Chavanne

† Frank Burroughs

† George Cowden

† Grace Ellen Johnson

† James Russo

† Jim Gibson

† Josephine Dormer

† Lois Brocato

*Lynne Roach (SI)*

**5:45 pm** † Margaret Walker

### Saturday, January 28

**Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51; Mk 4:35-41

**8:15 am** † Benedetto Pupilio

**4:00 pm**

† C.P. Brocato

† Carlos Martinez

† Dr. Robert Wolf

† Eddie Bordelon

† George Cowden

† Mercedes Colon

† Grace Ellen Johnson

† John Shenaut

† Joseph Cush

† Ferdinand Sartori & Family

### Sunday, January 29

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Dt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Ps 95; Mk 1:21-28

**8:00 am** † Debbie Vaughan

**9:30 am** *The People of St. Joseph (SI)*

**12:00 pm** *Yu Family (SI)*

**6:00 pm** † Ronald Ensminger

### For the Week of January 23 - January 29:

The Sanctuary Lamp burns in loving memory of:  
**Deceased Members of the Lamendola Family**

## FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

Dotye Sue Stanford ~ dstanford@stjosephchurch.net

**World Marriage Day** Celebrate this special **World Marriage Day** with your St. Joseph Family on



**Sunday, February 5, 2012** at the **12 noon Mass** and a **reception** following in the Gathering Space for all married couples celebrating their **10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or more** anniversaries **during the year 2012.** Please (PRINT) fill out the

form below and send to Dotye Sue or bring to the church office **no later than Mon., January 30.**

Husband's full name \_\_\_\_\_

Wife's name & maiden name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding Date \_\_\_\_\_ # Years Married \_\_\_\_\_

Church, City & State of Wedding \_\_\_\_\_

## SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

**Parishioners in Africa for Mission Work** On Sunday, February 19 at 3:00 pm, Rose and Jim Unger will be sharing their story about their mission trip last year to Cameroon, Africa. Rose and Jim travel, performing medical procedure on patients in 3rd world countries. Please join St Vincent De Paul in honoring them and supporting them as they begin another Mission to Africa in March. During this gathering, donations will be taken up for their expenses incurred on this mission.

## ACTS MINISTRIES

**ACTS Women's Retreat** St. Joseph will be host their second ACTS Women's Retreat beginning at 5:00 pm on Thursday, April 12 and lasting until after the Noon Mass on Sunday, April 15. The retreat will take place at Maryhill Retreat Center in Pineville (transportation will be provided). Registration information can be found on the St. Joseph Website, or by stopping by the church office. Please prayerfully consider taking this opportunity to renew not only your faith but your whole being.



**ACTS Bake Sale** The ACTS Ministry of St. Joseph will be having a bake sale on the weekend of January 28/29, following all the Masses, while supplies last. Funds will go to defray costs associated with the Men's and Women's ACTS Retreats. Information about the retreat will also be available after those Masses.

## BINGO - POSTPONED

Due to a scheduling conflict, the January 25 Bingo has been postponed until February. Please see the Sowing in the weeks to come for further details.

\*\*\*Note: Bingo at St. Joseph Church does not have cash prizes nor any financial compensation. This event is a leisure activity through the ministries of St. Joseph Church.\*\*\*

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY**Roxanne Chumley ~ [rchumley@stjosephchurch.net](mailto:rchumley@stjosephchurch.net)[www.stjosephchurch.net/youth.htm](http://www.stjosephchurch.net/youth.htm)

**Abbey Youth Fest** is set for March 10, 2012. Register now with Roxanne if you'd like to go! Many describe this event as a Catholic Woodstock filled with great bands and speakers.

**OUTREACH MINISTRY**Jane Snyder ~ [jsnyder@stjosephchurch.net](mailto:jsnyder@stjosephchurch.net)

**Celebration of Service** On Wednesday, February 15, at 6:45 pm, St. Joseph Church will be having our Second Annual Celebration of Service Mass honoring the service of those in our Parish who reach out to be the hands and feet of Christ in our community. We ask you to join us for Mass and invite others in our church community who would be interested in coming.

**CALLING CATHOLICS HOME**[www.callingcatholicshome.com](http://www.callingcatholicshome.com)

A six-week series entitled "Calling Catholics Home" will be offered beginning Wednesday, February 15, at the Cathedral, in the Parish Hall, at 6:30 pm. The sessions are for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church.

Please invite those you might know to join us. For information call Jane Snyder (865-3581) or go to the website above.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH**Julia Norton ~ [jnorton@stjosephchurch.net](mailto:jnorton@stjosephchurch.net)**Schedule of Events**

Jan. 22 - EDGE Night

Jan. 29 - EDGE Night

**Catholic Schools Week Speaker**

Mark your calendars for our nationally known speaker, Roy Petitfils, for parent night on Wednesday, February 1, at 6:30 pm in the Church. The youth night will be on Thursday, February 2 at 6:30 in the SJAC/Gym.

**PARISH BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**Dan Currey ~ [dcurrey@stjosephchurch.net](mailto:dcurrey@stjosephchurch.net)  
Luisa LeMoine ~ [llemoine@stjosephchurch.net](mailto:llemoine@stjosephchurch.net)**General Weekend Collection (Jan 14/15)**

\$22,356.00 (Budget: \$25,000.00)

-\$2,644.00

**Phase V Building Fund (Jan 14/15)**

\$4,567.00 (Budget: \$4,500.00)

+\$67.00

**Building Fund Loan Balance (Jan 17)**

\$1,347,313.41

**2011 Contribution Statements** The school and church contribution statements are being prepared this week and will be mailed to parishioners beginning next week. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these statements, please feel free to contact the business office.

**DIOCESAN ACTIVITIES**

**Patrick Madrid** Renowned speaker and author, Patrick Madrid, coming to St. John Berchmans.

**Fri, Feb 17, 6:00 – 8:30pm**Topic: *"Why Be Catholic, Q&A"***Sat, Feb 18, 9:00am – 3:00pm**Topic: *"Search & Rescue, The Bible & The Catholic Church, Any Friend of God's, Q&A"*

Come learn more about the Catholic Faith, How to share it, How to defend it!

Tickets: \$15,

includes admission for both days and lunch on Saturday

Tickets available in the St. John Berchmans Church Office, 939 Jordan Street, Shreveport, LA 71101  
[www.sjbcathedral.org](http://www.sjbcathedral.org) or 318-221-5296

**Alzheimer's Family and Friends Support Group**

The Oaks of Louisiana (formally Live Oak) host a support group for friends and family caring for loved ones with Alzheimer's on the 4th Wednesday of every month. The next gathering will be on January 25, 2:00 pm, at The Oaks of Louisiana (600 E Flournoy Lucas Rd). Please contact Mickie Cowan at 212-2122 for more information.

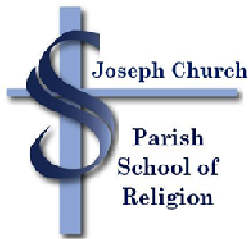
## FAITH FORMATION

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### PSR (Parish School of Religion) .

#### Upcoming PSR schedule:

- January 22 Regular classes  
 January 29 On campus activity, grades K-4 to 7,  
 in Family Life Center at regular time.  
 Confirmation class meets in regular  
 location.  
 February 5 Regular classes  
 February 12 Regular classes  
 February 19 No Class. President's Holiday weekend



Today is Vocations Awareness Sunday. It's a good time to consider that all of us have a vocation, a call from God. No matter what our career choices are, whether we marry, stay single, or pursue the priesthood or consecrated religious life, God calls us to be holy and turn our lives to Him.

So, since we all have vocations, we can't ignore this day during which we pray that those who are called to the priesthood, the diaconate, and to religious life, have the strength and courage to say "Yes" to God. All of us need to say "Yes" to God in our decisions to live lives that are informed by the Gospel and guided by the Holy Spirit.

As you spend some time this day reflecting on your call from God, please give thanks and say a little prayer for the men and women who have answered God's call to the priesthood, the diaconate, and to religious life. They need the support and prayers of everyone as they attempt to live the life of service to God and to God's people.

Regardless of whether we are conscious of it, all of our lives have been affected by the priestly and religious vocations of other people. Their generous response has made it possible for us to attend Mass regularly and to receive the Sacraments.

Let this be a day of gratitude for all those who have answered God's call.

**R.C.I.A.** RCIA sessions continue every Tuesday evening at 6:45 pm. In the next few weeks we will concentrate on the Eucharist and Morality, two weeks on each topic.

Please begin to turn in your certificates of baptism if you have not already done so. We will need these soon. It's almost time to start counting the weeks until the Rite of Election scheduled for 2:30 pm on Sunday, February 26, at the Cathedral of St. John Berchmans.

Please keep the Catechumens, the Candidates, their sponsors, and their families in your prayers as they continue their pilgrimage to Baptism, or to Full Communion with the Catholic Church.

## SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL

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# Catholic Schools

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK JANUARY 29 - FEBRUARY 3

### ~ SCHOOL NEWS ~

**St. Joseph celebrates 60 years in Catholic education! Our legacy is our alumni! We celebrate you!**

**Online Current Family Registration** begins Monday, January 23! All registrations will be done online this year. Information concerning instructions for online registration will be sent out soon.

**6th & 7th grade Science Fair** Thursday, January 26!

**Catholic Schools Week** will be Sunday, January 29 - Friday, February 3. See the insert this weekend for more details!

**Open House:** Sunday, January 29; 1:00 - 3:00 pm  
 Tuesday, January 31; 9:00 am - 2:00 pm