



St. Joseph Catholic Church in Milton, La



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Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

This Sunday was a beautiful experience to celebrate Mass again with a congregation after so many weeks. It was a great joy to receive the Eucharist with our parish again. Although we are still strictly observing the Bishop and Governor's requirements for safe distancing in phase 1, our return entry back into the church was well received.

A **special thank you** to those who volunteered and/or simply stayed behind to help wipe down the pews and swiftly sanitize the restrooms. If you would like to help this weekend after any mass, please send email to secretery@stjo-milton.org or **reply** to this flocknote message before Thursday. We will put your name on the entry list. Gloves are provided, it is not a messy job at all when we all work together. A very special thank you to Steve Fontenot, Jerry Fontenot, Kevin Breau, Girard Lebat, Deacon Keith, and Nick Smith who helped to seat parishioners with ease into the Church. Steve has also been helping with the sound system and getting our audio sent out into the parking lot. **You are welcome to listen outside via 98.3 FM.** Audio is available for crowd overflow.

Entering the Church was very non intimidating. As more people would like to attend Mass inside, I will also need at least eight more volunteer hosts to help seat people at the Mass they would like to attend (two per mass). Again, please send an email reply soon so I can put your name on the list. You will need to arrive about 40 minutes early so we can show you the different sections of seating that will be available. Everyone else can begin entering 30 minutes before Mass. Once full, www.stjo-milton.org/live from your vehicle. Or 98.3 FM.

The normal **Sunday Mass schedule** returns for this weekend. All Masses are indoors. Masses are Saturday at 4pm with Confessions from 3 to 3:30pm. **Confessions** for the next several weeks will be heard in the exit area behind Church. You'll see the back door facing the coulee open. Sunday Masses are 8 am, 10:30 am, and 5 pm with **Confessions** heard in that same location from 4 to 4:30pm. Audio is available under the outside galleries for crowd overflow.

The **Daily Mass Schedule** for the remainder of this week and next week will be Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30 AM Indoors. For a while, audio will be available under the front galleries. Audio is available for crowd overflow.

The Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion

The new date for Confirmation for the 2020 Confirmation Class is Sunday, August 23 at 5pm Mass. Mrs. Eva Green will be in contact with our First Communion students with more information about a little preparation still needed for their First Communion and a new date. There was so much going on with the school closure, etc. It's best not to overwhelm our little ones with rushing to prep for this beautiful and important sacrament. As I continue to say, just a little bit longer--because Jesus is worth it and so are you!

Baptisms

Parents who wish to baptize their new child may contact our parish office, especially those who had to postpone. We can now baptize but with safe distancing and the celebrant will be wearing a face mask. This is also a good time for those reading to remind their young adult children, especially those in college or recently married, to join a Catholic Church parish and become an active parishioner in that parish which includes establishing a record of tithing with envelopes or online giving. Often time pastors are called upon to **truthfully** attest to one's parish involvement, tithing, and suitability to be a godparent.

At St. Joseph, a simple introduction after Mass, maybe three or four times and share something for me to remember you by or where you like to sit in Mass and I'll remember you. Again like with first communion, Jesus and our littlest ones are worth it! Let's make a great start together as a faithful godparent and newly baptized child. You'd be surprised how a good confession, a few weeks of consecutive regular mass attendance can get someone back to the faith for life!

Church Office and Religious Education Office

Our office spaces for the remainder of the summer will be non contact offices. The Religious Education Office is normally closed during the summer months of June and July. Our parish office can be contacted via 856-5997 and secretary@stjo-milton.org Sorry, no walk in visits for this summer. I will take appointments on an as-needed basis in the Church Gathering space.

Hope to see everyone at some point along the journey! My prayers for your families and the adventures ahead!

Fr. Schambough