 “Our faith is not just about ideas. It’s really about having an encounter with God and, in particular, the Risen Christ! Once we give ourselves over to the notion of God’s presence, we have to train ourselves to listen for God’s voice and be attentive to God’s call. Having companions on our faith journeys is so incredibly important as they can help us fine-tune our listening skills and discern God’s voice from others we may be hearing. Faith is all about having these profound encounters not only with God but with our brothers and sisters, and creation itself. Anyone or anything that is alive with God’s presence becomes an occasion for God to speak and call us to deeper graces and experiences. “Come, and you will see.” The example and teaching of Jesus, the lives of the saints, those living among us and those glorified in heaven, and the wonder and beauty of creation can all serve to help us listen more clearly and assist in positioning ourselves for this profound God meeting. It is an encounter that can quickly and easily lead to a friendship and intimate intertwining of our souls to their Maker, making a claim on us like no other. Then, the Word of God moves from being just a body of ideas to something we simply accept and do. The person of Jesus Christ swiftly moves from being just a good prophet in word and deed to the incarnate presence of God Himself, the Lamb of God. The voice leads us to the Person behind it. The Gospel is hard to follow. We can intellectually debate whether what Jesus said is really what we are asked to do. The Gospel ideas do not always make sense in our practical, secular world. The person of God always does. We can debate the practicality and sense of ideas and doing so often keeps the more difficult ones at a safe distance away from us. Jesus said to love our enemy, but we really don’t need to do that, our minds try to convince us. It just doesn’t make sense. Yet, if we are truly in love with the God who is behind the voice of those words, they make perfect sense. Our deep and intimate love of

Mass Intentions

Sat. 5:00 p.m.: Hilda Johnson, Alexson Mathieu, Audrey Mathieu, deceased members of the Mathieu & Mouton families, Christopher J Anderson, Wilbert & Thelma Jeanlouis, Harold Anderson Sr & Ethel Mae Decuir. Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and donors and for the wellbeing and intentions of our church members.

Sun. 8:00 a.m.: Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and Donors and for the wellbeing and intentions of our church members.

Sun. 10:00 a.m.: Joseph Leo Sias III, Christopher Anderson and the deceased members of the Decuir & Anderson families, Lionel Ryes, M/M Curley & Mary Ann Flugence, deceased members of the Flugence & St. Julien families, John C Francis, M/M Daniel Montgomery, M/M Aaron Kimble. Special Intentions for all of our church Benefactors and Donors and for the wellbe-



Prayers for the Sick: Merciful Jesus, onto your Compassionate Heart we recommend Emelda Harris, Shavawna Flugence, Gustavia Thibeaux, Florena Landry, John Albert Ledet, Charles Lee, Mayola Williams, Lester Mouton, Louvenia L. Gibson, Audrey Armelin, Rodney Dupuis, Bessie Johnson, Emery Joe, Sylvania Cormier and Leon Williams.



Will be conducted on an as-needed basis. Contact the church office to arrange Baptismal class and scheduling.

God’s Housekeepers:

St. Joseph: Thanks to all of the ladies in **Group A** that cleaned the church on January 16th, 2020. The next group is **Group B:** Gaynell Kimbel, Maire Francis and Jennifer Harris – January 23rd, 2021.

St. Anthony — January 2021: **(Group A)** Mary Alice Cormier, Loucinda George and Jeanette Mitchell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our parish office has noticed that there has been a rather large amount of returned mail and church offering envelopes by the post office in the last 2 months. If you have had an address change or no longer use a PO Box, please notify the office. Because the church parish is charged from the US Postal service for excessive return mail, we have had to mark the parishioners as Inactive. This does not mean that you are dropped from the church registry as a member. It just means that until we receive a valid mailing address, you will not be receiving your church envelopes or correspondences from the office.

This Monday, January 18th in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Day

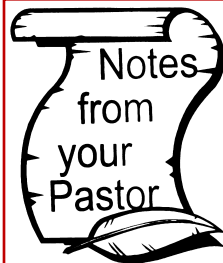
CHURCH OFFICE
CLOSED

ST. JOSEPH & ST. ANTHONY

Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
SATURDAY January 23, 2021 5:00pm	Cynthia Jacquet	Michael Keef		
SUNDAY January 24, 2021 8:00am				
SUNDAY January 24, 2021 10:00am	Claudette Nickerson	Terry Flugence		

Please Note: Lectors, Ushers, Altar Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion; by calling for a replacement when you are scheduled but cannot serve, you honor your commitment and help to ensure that there is no interruption for mass. Thanks!!

PASTORS CORNER



John 1:35-42

The call from God to holiness is constant in our lives and it requires a response from us. The Bible tells us of God’s call in the life of every person, manifesting his majesty, power and mystery. He presents every individual with the gift of life at the creation and calls each person by name. Calling by name signifies that God personally cares for him. He then gives new life with the Sacrament of Baptism where a person is dead to the world and reborn in Christ. God calls each individual on a specific mission to continue his work on earth, as a missionary, religious, priest, a teacher or any other work he has chosen. In the book of Deuteronomy Moses tells the people of Israel: “You are a holy people to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his possession out of all the people that are present on the face of the earth.” God’s call constitutes a permanent relationship expressed in the Old Testament in the form of the Covenant. God promises the people that if they truly obey his commands then he will be their God and they will be his people. In the New Testament we have the examples of the particular call given to the Apostles who were personally called to share his work of the Kingdom. Later he calls Paul while he was on his way to Damascus to be the Apostle of the Gentiles. Down the centuries we have the examples of thousands of people whom God has called to share his **Fr. Ryszard Zawadzki, SVD** life. God’s call continues even **pastorjabroussard@gamil.com** to-

ANNUAL DONATIONS

M/M Joseph St. Julien
MM Harold & Cynthia Anderson
Shawn Davis & Mary Flugence
M/M Ronald & Mavis Domingue

Mr. Allen Jean Batiste
Mr. Russell Flugence
M/M Steven Williams
Mr. Paul Stanford

TOTAL: \$550.00

Thank
You.

Inspirations for Your Week

May the fire of the Holy Spirit in you burn brighter than the fire of the world burning around you.



The Web Site for St. Joseph/St. Anthony is: stjostant.org

Our Giving

Jan 9th & 10th, 2021

St. Joseph: (42 Envelopes) **\$919.00**

St. Anthony: (21 Envelopes) **340.00**

\$1,259.00

2nd Collections:

Building Maintenance: 1.00
Annual Donations: 550.00

TOTAL: \$1,810.00

December Assessment Paid to Diocese: \$2,350.26

“No one shall appear before the Lord empty-handed, but each of you with as much as he can give, in proportion to the blessings