



As we enter the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church, Bishop Deshotel has petitioned the Apostolic Penitentiary to grant plenary indulgences to all those who visit any of the 13 churches or mission chapels in the Diocese of Lafayette dedicated to St. Joseph beginning August 16, 2020 and ending May 1st, 2021. We, here at St. Joseph in Broussard are one of those 13 pilgrimage sites that many may want to visit, petitioning St. Joseph in difficult times, asking for his intercession for help and protection and learn from his example, how to become better disciples. Or, you may want to visit any of the other 12 sites to receive plenary indulgences such as:

- Spiritual pardon of sins
- Protection against infections such as COVID
- As well as protection for family and home

These plenary indulgences are granted when you:

- Visit a church where the indulgences apply
- Praying during that visit for the Holy Fathers intentions
- Making a sacramental confession and receiving Holy Communion within 20 days of the visit to the Church
- Being free from all attachment to sin, even venial sin

Beginning September 4th, we will have a 1-hour devotion to St. Joseph for plenary indulgences after the 7am mass on the 1st Friday of every month and on the 19th of every month during the Year of St. Joseph. You are invited to come out, pray and present your petitions.

We encourage you to use the St. Joseph prayer card that you received as you entered today to pray daily to St. Joseph until May 1st, 2021, asking for his help in your daily lives. Stamped “Year of St. Joseph” Brochures have been placed on the table in the rear of the church. Please pick one up! And as you visit any of the other 12 pilgrimage sites, have them stamp your brochure on the appropriate church site on the last page.