

st. Joseph

Roman Catholic Church
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Second Sunday of Advent

December 04, 2016

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 8:00am - 4:00pm
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Associate Pastor

Rev. Fr. Samuel Fontana

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Director of Youth Ministry

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Organist

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Facilities Keeper

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Grounds Keeper

Doug Langley

Sacristan

Flo Broussard

Weekly Calendar

Monday, December 5
9:00am - Rosary Group, Church

Tuesday, December 6

Wednesday, December 7
9:00am - Elderberries Sr. Group, FLC
10:00am - Rayne Guest Home Mass
5:30pm - Anticipated Immaculate Conception Mass - Church
6:30pm - RCIA, FLC
6:30pm-7:30pm - Light is On, Church

Thursday, December 8
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
6:30am - Immaculate Conception Mass, Church
8:15am - Immaculate Conception Mass, Church
9:00am - Babyberries, FLC
12:05pm - Immaculate Conception Mass, Church
6:00pm - St. Vincent dePaul, Youth Hall

Friday, December 9
6:00pm - Joe's Café, Youth Hall

Saturday, December 10
9:00am - Mass & Advent Morning Reflection

Sunday, December 11
8:30am - CCD, RCE
6:30pm - EDGE, FLC

Weekly Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 7:00 am, 10:00 am & 5:30 pm
Monday: 6:30 am
Tuesday: 12:05 pm
Wednesday: 6:30 am
Thursday: 12:05 pm
Friday: 6:30 am
First Saturday: 9:00 am

Reconciliation/Confession

30 minutes prior to Mass or any other time by appointment.

Baptism

Baptisms are held each Sunday after 10 AM Mass. Contact the Parish Office (334-2193) to schedule the sacrament. Preparation Classes are held the 4th Sunday of each month after 10 AM Mass.

Marriage

Call the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance of desired wedding date to schedule an appointment and begin the preparation process.

Funerals

Funeral home personnel will contact the parish office for you to make all the necessary arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick

Contact the parish office to schedule the sacrament of anointing with one of our priests.

Readings of the Week

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14;
Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac,
11-13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8,
10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4;
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6;
Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b,
15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10;
Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

The Sanctuary Lamp



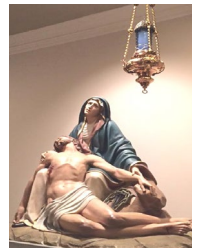
The Sanctuary Lamp burns constantly to proclaim the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Tabernacle. This week we dedicate the flame to:

**Hilda Robichaux Family,
Vivian Boudreaux, May H. Hains**

The Pieta Lamp

Mother of Sorrows, You who held Jesus in your arms, please intercede with your Divine Son on behalf of:

**Trahan/Deville Families and
Connie Richard**



Bishop's Services Appeal

This weekend is Bishop's Services Appeal Follow-Up Weekend. Your personal sacrifice and generosity to the Appeal will mean so much to so many; and your kindness will be rewarded. May St. Joseph parish respond generously.

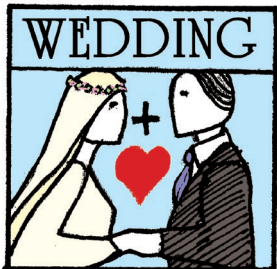
Baptisms

We welcome those who entered our Catholic faith through the waters of Baptism:

Xzavier Lee Broussard,
Kodi Rose Doucet,
Jonas Brent Guthrie



Weddings



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We joyfully share in the Sacramental union of:

Ryan Jude Leonards &
Stephanie Kate Zaunbrecher
Donavan Cade Soileau &
Hannah Elise Arsement

Dearly Departed

Our faith community remembers in prayer our dearly departed. We pray that they will find joy & peace in the Lord's presence. We extend our sincere sympathy to their families and friends.

Connie Richard

Daily Manna Food Drive

There will be a food drive for the Daily Manna Service Center on December 6th from 6am-6pm. All non perishable food items should be dropped off at the center located at 600 Section Street, Rayne.

Sick and Shut-In

Anais Alleman, Darrell Alleman, Linda Arceneaux, Mary Baronet, Donald L. Bearb I, Levi Bearb, Denny Beslin, Mark Beslin, Ferrell Bordelon, Percy Breaux, Rick Briggs, Joseph "Blackie" Broussard, Christopher Comeaux, Kinley Comeaux, Eli Cormier, Gil Cormier, Lisa Cormier, James Dogua, Jacob Dogua, Jason "Cubby" Dogua, Kathy Duhon, Tanya Gaspard, Gussie Guidry, Steve & Nelda Guidry, Mona R. Falcon, Dano Fontenot, Karen Hebert, Mary Hebert, Tommy Hodges, Leora Latiolais, Jenee' Lavergne, Chris Leger, Nugie LeLeux, Mark Wayne LeMaire, Rita Logan, Laura M. Meaux, Melvin Meaux, Daniel Melancon, Pat Melancon, Richard Melancon, Sandra Menard, Sue Menard, Merlin & Norma Miller, Lois Myers, Joseph Ortego, Craig Richard, Dot Royer, Melvin Savoie, Edith Seaux, Linton Seaux, Layna Simon, Paige Sonnier, Dexter Theumissen, Chuck Terro, Keith Terro, Kenneth Trahan

Immaculate Conception Services

Wednesday December 7th 5:50pm Anticipated
Thursday December 8th - 6:30am, 8:15am, 12:05pm

CDA Mass & Banquet



Catholic Daughters of The Americas Court Rayne #844
1923 - 2016: Celebrating 93 years of service to the Lord
and to St. Joseph Parish

You are invited to attend the 93rd Anniversary Mass & Banquet on Sunday, December 11, 2016. Mass at 10:00 am, followed by banquet in the Family Life Center. Advance reservations only by Dec. 3rd. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Call Elaine Miller (334-7726) or email cda.rayne844@gmail.com

K of C Street Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be having their annual street drive on Dcember 23rd from noon-5pm and December 24th from 8am-noon. Proceeds to benenefit Daily Manna Service Center.

Retrouvaille Weekend

Retrouvaille will be held on January 20th-22nd in the Acadiana area. Retrouvaille is a ministry for couples in troubled marriages. Retrouvaille is French for rediscovery or reawakening. You may be more familiar with marriage encounter, which is intended to enrich good, stable marriages. Retrouvaille is more like a lifeline for troubled or broken marriages and hurting couples. It is for married couples who are anxious about their marriage, alone or distant from their partner, disillusioned or bored in their marriage, or who are experiencing coldness or conflict.

Locally, Retrouvaille of Acadiana hosts 3 weekends per year followed by the six post-weekend sessions on Sunday afternoons.

The weekends involve intensive work on communication skills and provide the foundation for the forgiveness and trust essential for rebuilding broken marriages. The six post-sessions frame up the concepts and provide practical solutions such as a method to resolve conflicts in a way that avoids the hurts of the past.

Retrouvaille is a peer ministry, meaning that all of the presenting couples are past attendees who came to Retrouvaille with marriages in trouble and who have firsthand experience of the benefits that can result.

Retrouvaille is a Catholic ministry and encourages individual and spiritual growth and the ultimate goal is to reinstall in hurting couples the joy and satisfaction of sacramental marriage.

For more information or to register for the weekend, please contact:

Stacy or Donea Benandi
Community Coordinators
985-714-2442-/2443

or

Bill and Andi Says
337-298-5170

Please visit our website:
www.HelpOurMarriage.com

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The Respect of Attention

Our attention is sacred. You probably haven't thought of it as such but undivided attention to one particular subject is a true gift. While it may be great to receive, there are some scenarios where attention is practically expected.

Imagine going to grab dinner with a great friend that you love dearly. You don't get to see this friend as often as you like, so you cherish the time that you do have with them. Right after you order your food and you're about to see how they are doing, their attention has now vanished for an app on their phone. Rude, right? That's what we're doing when we pull out our phone during the Mass.

When we choose to look at our phone during Mass, we're putting our God second, and whatever is on our phone is first. Are we really going to pull ourselves away from a celebration as beautiful as the Mass for pixels on a screen? It doesn't matter what text, tweet, snapchat, or sports update it is; There is no notification on your phone that is more important than what is happening in the Mass.

When our attention and focus leave whatever we're focused on, we also lose some of its importance to us. To go back to the dinner analogy, if someone was to look at their phone during that time, than a little bit of time that should've been between two people is now gone. No matter what happens at that dinner, possible experiences and memories are now gone. The dinner has, more than likely, become less of an experience.

Similarly, when we choose to look at a screen during Mass, our attention is diminished and we might get less out of the Mass. Mass is a celebration but when we look at our phone, we might not get the full message of what that Mass has to offer. In order to get the full effect of the Eucharist, we need to give full attention to everything in the Mass.

Joe's Café

This upcoming Friday night, December 9th, Joe's Café will be open for all 6th-8th graders starting at 6pm in the youth hall. For more information and a schedule of Joe's nights, please see the Joe's Café section on the ministries page of the parish website.



High School & Jr. High Ministry

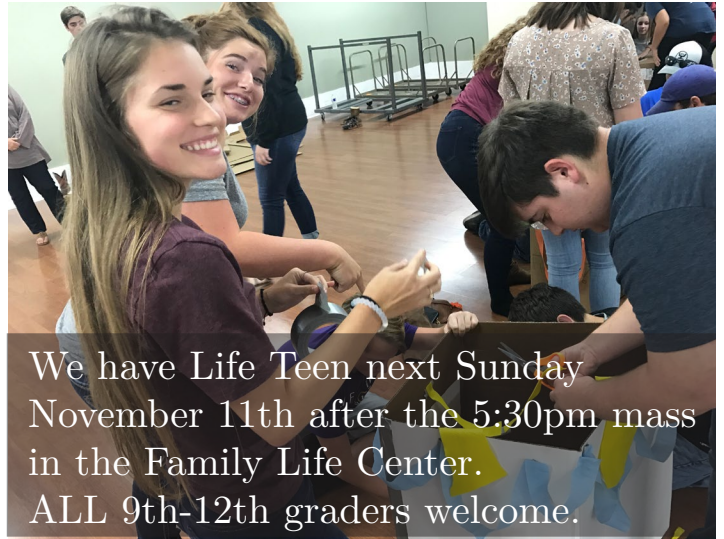
You are always welcome! It's never too late to sign up for Youth Ministry. Registration for EDGE and Life Teen is OPEN. All High School and Jr. High students welcome.

Registration is available online at: stjoerayne.org/registrations

Life Teen Giving Tree

A tree has been placed in the back of church with household items for the less fortunate. Please show your support by taking an ornament and returning with the item listed. Items can be returned under the tree through December 11th.

Life Teen



We have Life Teen next Sunday November 11th after the 5:30pm mass in the Family Life Center. ALL 9th-12th graders welcome.

Church Humor



"We don't know what you're doing in here, but we've been waiting five minutes to talk to you about the broken hand dryer in the ladies' room."

Life Teen Fall Retreat

Pope Says He Keeps Track of Death Anniversaries as Reminder Time Is Passing

Pope Francis today dedicated his homily at morning Mass in the Casa Santa Marta to a reflection on death.

Taking his cue from the day's reading from the book of Revelation, the Pope's homily focused on the reality of how all of us will face Jesus on the day of judgement, Vatican Radio reported.

The Holy Father acknowledged that death is not something we like to think about, but is a reality we all face. He said he keeps a diary in which he notes the date of a person's death, so that as each year passes and he sees the anniversary, he reflects on how time has passed.

The Pope said this obliges us to think about what we'll leave behind:

"We'd do well to think: 'But what will the day be like when I will be in front of Jesus? When He asks me about the talents that he gave me, what use I made of them, when He will ask me: how was my heart when the seed was dropped, like a path or like thorns: that Parable of the Kingdom of God. How did I receive His Word? With an open heart? Did I make it germinate for the good of all or in secret?'"

Pope Francis quoted from the Gospel reading that warns Christians not to be deceived. And the deception being spoken about, he explained, is alienation, estrangement, the deception of superficial things that do not have transcendence, the deception of "living as though we never had to die." When the Lord comes, the Pope asked, "how will he find me? Waiting for Him or in the midst of the many 'alienations' of life?"

"I remember as a child, when we went to catechism we were taught four things: death, judgement, hell or glory. After the judgement there is this possibility. 'But Father, this is to frighten us...' 'No, this is the truth because if you do not take care of your heart, because the Lord is with you and (if) you always live estranged from the Lord, perhaps there is the danger, the danger of continuing to live estranged in this way from the Lord for eternity.' And this is a terrible thing!"

Pope Francis concluded his homily by urging his listeners to think about their day of judgement and how they will fare but not to fear that moment because the Lord tells us, "remain faithful until death and I will give you the crown of life."

"Fidelity to the Lord does not disappoint. If each one of us is faithful to the Lord, when death comes, we will say like Francis (of Assisi) 'come sister death...' we won't be afraid. And when the day of judgement comes, we will look at the Lord: 'Lord I have many sins but I have tried to be faithful.' And our Lord is good. I give you this advice: 'be faithful until death - said the Lord - and I will give you the crown of life.' With this fidelity we won't be afraid of death, when we die we won't be afraid of the day of judgement."



Christmas Flowers

Monetary donations in memory of loved ones may be made for the purchase of Christmas flowers to beautify our Church. The name of your loved one will be included on a commemoration board on Christmas weekend. To include your loved one in this meaningful tribute, please fill out the form below.



2016 Christmas Flowers In Memory of: _____

Donated by: _____

Amount: \$ _____ Phone #: _____

Please send or bring this form and your donation to the parish office or place it in the collection basket by December 15th.

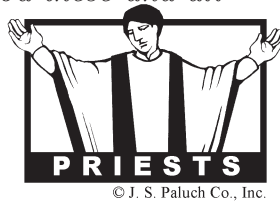
Thank You and may the Lord bless you and yours during this Christmas Season and throughout the coming year.

December 2016 Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Day	Time	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers
Sat.	4:00 pm	Allison Gray, Peggy Lake	Dr. Neal Duhon, Zubaida Elahi, Jimmy Fontenot, Annette Gossen	Allie & Boyd Gray
Sun.	7:00 am	Betty Bellard, Janet Bertrand	Sylvia Alleman, Betty Bellard, Mary Guidry, Randy Bertrand	Ivy Credeur
	10:00 am	Devin Soeseno Luke Beslin	Larry LeBlanc, Liz Deaville, Nathan Mouton, Margaret Young	Emma Landaiche James Orillion
	5:30 pm	Laila Wyatt	Albert Johnson, Erin Breaux Mike Ortego, Andy Richard	Caleb & Elise Calhoun

Pray For Priests and Seminarians

Eternal Father, we lift up to You these and all the priests and seminarians of the world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen



- Dec 05** Rev. Gene Tremie
Benefactors and Seminary Faculty
- Dec 06** Rev. Stephen Ugwu
Seminarian Mathew Ardoin
- Dec 07** Rev. John Vessels, SJ
Seminarian Reed Bellingham
- Dec 08** Rev. Jason Vidrine
Seminarian Donald Bernard
- Dec 09** Rev. Richard Vidrine
Brother John Joseph, CJC
- Dec 10** Rev. Thomas Voorhies, VF
Seminarian Joseph Boustany
- Dec 11** Rev. Thomas Vu
Seminarian Brice Cambre

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Eucharistic Adorers



Please consider scheduling one hour a week in the adoration chapel with our Lord.

For more information please call or text Cathy Breaux at 337-501-1404 or email stjoe24.7@gmail.com to schedule your time.

Parish Hymnals

In preparation for the new liturgical year you will notice hard back hymnals in the pews this weekend. In an effort to offset the cost of these new hymnals you can sponsor a book for \$20 "In Memory" or "In Honor" of a loved one. There are only 200 sponsorships available and will be sold on a first come first serve basis. Please call the parish office for more details.