

# st. Joseph

Roman Catholic Church  
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## Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2016

### Parish Office

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Rayne, La 70578 [stjoseph1872@diolaf.org](mailto:stjoseph1872@diolaf.org)

### Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 8:00am - 4:00pm  
Friday: 8:00am - 12:00 Noon

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### Pastor

Rev. Fr. Kevin Bordelon

### Associate Pastor

Rev. Fr. Samuel Fontana

### Deacons

Deacon Tommy Adams

Deacon Denis LaCroix

Deacon Barry LeBlanc

Deacon Tim Ledet

### Director of Finance/Facilities

Albert Johnson

### Director of Youth Ministry

Jamie Orillion

### Director of Religious Ed

Georgette Richard

### Parish Secretary

Debbie Harrington

### Choir Director

David Lalande

### Organist

Kurt Boudreaux

### Facilities Keeper

John Comeaux

### Grounds Keeper

Doug Langley

### Sacristan

Flo Broussard

## Weekly Calendar

### Monday, December 19

9:00am - Rosary Group, Church

### Tuesday, December 20

### Wednesday, December 21

9:00am - Elderberries Sr. Group, FLC

10:00am - Rayne Guest Home Mass

6:30pm - RCIA, FLC

6:30pm-8:00pm - Light is On, Church

### Thursday, December 22

5:00pm - Girl Scouts, Youth Hall

6:30pm - RCE Christmas Play, Church

### Friday, December 23

8:15pm - RCE Mass, Church

5:00pm - Girl Scouts, Youth Hall

### Saturday, December 24

4:00pm - Christmas Mass, Church

6:00pm - Christmas Mass, Church

### Sunday, December 25

Midnight - Christmas Mass, Church

8:00am - Christmas Mass, Church

## 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:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

**Tuesday:** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

**Wednesday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

**Friday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

**Sunday:** Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

**Night:** Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

**Dawn:** Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

**Day:** Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

## The Sanctuary Lamp



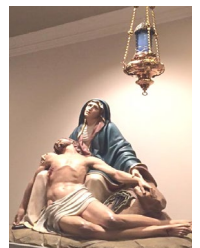
The Sanctuary Lamp burns constantly to proclaim the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Tabernacle. This week we dedicate the flame to:

Maude & Thurston Duhon,  
Anna Trahan,  
Beulah & Ferouse Cormier

## The Pieta Lamp

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

Hazel Prevost,  
Mike & Nelson Johnson,  
Curless Arabie



## Weekly Offertory

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## Baptisms

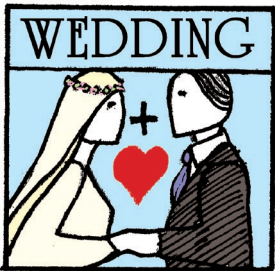
We welcome those who entered our Catholic faith through the waters of Baptism:

Anne Elizabeth Istre,  
Carmen Alise Meche &  
Hunter Joseph Hains



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## Weddings



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We joyfully share in the Sacramental union of:

Jason Louis Lalande  
&  
Kali Michelle Zaunbrecher

## 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.

**Percy John Breaux**

## Sick and Shut-In

Anais Alleman, Darrell Alleman, Linda Arceneaux, Mary Baronet, Donald L. Bearb I, Levi Bearb, Denny Beslin, Mark Beslin, Ferrell Bordelon, Betty Boullion, Rick Briggs, Joseph "Blackie" Broussard, Christopher Comeaux, Kinley Comeaux, Eli Cormier, Gil Cormier, Lisa Cormier, John Thomas Crouch, James Dogua, Jacob Dogua, Jason "Cubby" Dogua, Nora Dool, Kathy Duhon, Tanya Gaspard, Steve & Nelda Guidry, Mona R. Falcon, Dano Fontenot, Karen Hebert, Mary Hebert, Tommy Hodges, Leora Latiolais, James Lavergne, Jenee' Lavergne, Chris Leger, Nugie LeLeux, Mark Wayne LeMaire, Rita Logan, Janet McBride, Laura M. Meaux, Melvin Meaux, 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 Theunissen, Kenneth Trahan

## Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 24 - 4:00pm, 6:00pm  
Sunday, December 25 - Midnight & 8:00am

## Christmas Decorating

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Tuesday, December 20th starting at 9:00 a.m. We would love for you to be involved! Anyone wanting to help out can contact Leah Guidry at 337-207-4712.

## K of C Street Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be having their annual street drive on December 23rd from noon-5pm and December 24th from 8am-noon. Proceeds to benefit 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](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)

## Facebook

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## Steubenville Early Bird Registration



STEUBENVILLE SOUTH

JUNE 23-25

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### 11th Annual RUNNIN REVS vs SLAMMIN SEMS Priests vs Seminarians BASKETBALL GAME



**December 19, 2016 6:30 pm**  
**Cathedral-Carmel Gym**  
**848 St. John Street, Lafayette**  
 Admission: \$5 Adults \$1 Children  
 Sponsored by KC Council 1286

## CCD Classes

There will not be any CCD Classes on December 25, 2016 and January 1, 2017. Classes will resume on January 8, 2017. Wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Youth Spotlight



What is your favorite part about Rayne Edge or Rayne Youth?  
 I like the talks a lot.

Is there a topic we covered this semester that was your favorite?  
 I liked how we focused on Mary. I loved how they mentioned that she was 13 or 14. That really hit me; she was my age! I was just like, "Wow." I don't think I could ever do what she did. I could never be like that. It

was just really cool for me to experience that concept.

What is your most memorable experience of the semester?

Definitely the costume-changing game! We had to run and change costumes and that was so fun!

What keeps you coming back?

Probably the motivational things. They keep challenging me to do these different things that I could never challenge myself to do. And I want to come back to see what else I can learn.

-Ava Thibodeaux

## Joe's Café

Our next Joe's Café will be on January 20, 2017. 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.



## Church Humor



# Pope Francis

## Never lose hope... Never...

Pope Francis stressed this during this morning's General Audience in the Vatican's Paul VI Hall, as began a new series of catecheses on the theme of Christian hope.

In this Season of Advent, "the time of expectation, in which we prepare ourselves to receive once again the consoling mystery of the Incarnation and the light of Christmas," he noted, it is important to reflect on hope.

"When we find ourselves before a child, perhaps we might have many problems and many difficulties, but a smile comes to us from within, because we find ourselves before hope: a child is a hope!

"And so," he continued, "we must be able to see in life the way of hope, which leads us to find God, God who became a Child for us — and it will make us smile"

"We need hope! We feel lost and also somewhat discouraged, because we feel impotent and it seems that this darkness will never end.

"However, we must not let hope abandon us, because God walks with us with His love."

The Pope encouraged faithful to allow ourselves to be taught by the Lord what it means to hope, beginning with the prophet Isaiah, 'the great prophet of Advent.'

In the second part of his Book, the Jesuit recalled, Isaiah addresses the people with a proclamation of consolation:

"Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. "

God the Father consoles by arousing consolers, proclaiming that "the warfare is ended, sorrow is ended, and sin is pardoned."

"For the people, consolation begins with the possibility to walk on the way of God, a new way, straightened and passable, a way to prepare in the desert, so that one can go across it and return to the homeland."

Therefore, Francis highlighted, to prepare that way means to prepare a way of salvation and of liberation from every obstacle and hindrance.

"When we are in darkness, in difficulties, we cannot smile and it is, in fact, hope that teaches us to smile to find that way that leads to God," he said.

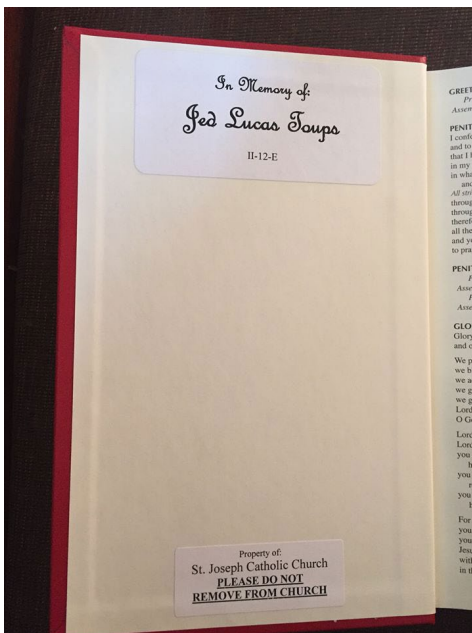
"Life is often a desert, it is difficult to walk in it, but if we entrust ourselves to God it can become beautiful and wide as a highway. Suffice it never to lose hope, suffice it to continue to believe, always, despite all."

"Let us wait confidently for the coming of the Lord and no matter what the desert is of our lives — each one knows in what desert he walks — it will become a flowering garden," Francis said, underscoring: "Hope does not disappoint!"

Pope Francis concluded, reminding faithful tomorrow is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, for which, he will continue the annual tradition of paying homage to Mary near Rome's Spanish Steps, and likely will visit afterward Rome's Marian Basilica, Santa Maria Maggiore.



# 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.

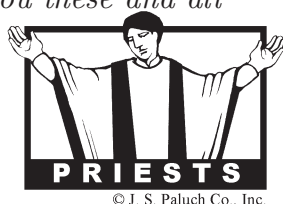
There are only 200 sponsorships available and will be sold on a first come first serve basis. Please call the parish office for more details.

# 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 19** Rev. Alexander Albert  
Seminarian Casey Dugas
- Dec 20** Msgr. Robert Angelle  
Seminarian John Dugas
- Dec 21** Rev. Chester Arceneaux, VF  
Seminarian Adam Fenstermaker
- Dec 22** Rev. Michael Arnaud  
Seminarian Sean Fontenot
- Dec 23** Rev. Edward Arroyo, SJ  
Seminarian Andrew Furka
- Dec 24** Rev. Gnanavoli Arulsamy, SVD  
Seminarian Jace Gyles
- Dec 25** Rev. Borgia Aubespain, SVD  
Seminarian Alexander Hargravet

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To get your free access code to start moving your faith forward please contact the parish office.

## 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](mailto:stjoe24.7@gmail.com) to schedule your time.

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