

# st. Joseph

Roman Catholic Church  
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## The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

December 25, 2016

### Parish Office

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### 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 26**

9:00am - Rosary Group, Church

**Tuesday, December 27**

**Wednesday, December 28**

9:00am - Elderberries Sr. Group, FLC

10:00am - Rayne Guest Home Mass

6:30pm - RCIA, FLC

**Thursday, December 29**

**Friday, December 30**

**Saturday, December 31**

4:00pm - Mass, Church

**Sunday, January 1**

**Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God**

7:00am - Mass, Church

10:00am - Mass, Church

5:30pm - 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:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59;

Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12;  
Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 1:5 -- 2:2; Ps 124:2-5,  
7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6;  
Lk 2:36-40

**Friday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21  
[12-17]; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13;  
Jn 1:1-18

**Sunday:** Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;  
Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

## The Sanctuary Lamp



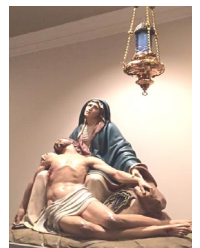
The Sanctuary Lamp burns constantly to proclaim the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Tabernacle. This week we dedicate the flame to:

Hazel Prevost,  
Wilson & Laura A. Meaux Family,  
Daniel Landry, Sr.

## The Pieta Lamp

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

Joyce Z. Faulk,  
Clarice Stewart,  
Agnes "Gene" Navarre



## SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Saturday, December 31 - 4:00pm

Sunday, January 1 - 7:00am, 10:00am & 5:30pm

## Icon Workshop/Retreat

The Diocese of Lafayette Office of Worship is sponsoring a week-long residential icon painting workshop at the Jesuit Spirituality Center in Grand Coteau, LA., from January 30 through February 5, 2017. Instructor is Dmitri Andreyev of the Prosoption School of Iconology. Participants will leave with a completed icon of St. Michael the Archangel, leader of the Heavenly Hosts. Cost is \$1230.00 and includes room and board for the week, 36 hours of painting instruction, and all art supplies. For more information, please contact Faye Drobnic at [fdrobnic@diolaf.org](mailto:fdrobnic@diolaf.org) or call 337-261-5554 or 337-344-7031.

## 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)

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## Weekly Offertory

Offertory of 12/11/2016

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## Baptisms

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

Mila Rose Conques



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## 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.

Kermit J. Duplechin & Gilford J. Boudreaux, Sr.

## 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

## Confirmation Sponsor Meeting

There is a mandatory Sponsor and Candidate meeting for Confirmation on January 8th after the 5:30pm mass in the Family Life Center. All sponsors are required to register.

Registration is available online at:  
[stjoerayne.org/confirmation/sponsor](http://stjoerayne.org/confirmation/sponsor)



## 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](http://stjoerayne.org/registrations)

## 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.

## Steubenville Early Bird Registration

STEUBENVILLE SOUTH  
JUNE 23-25

REGISTER NOW!

Early Bird Registration Through Jan 15  
[stjoerayne.org/steubenville](http://stjoerayne.org/steubenville)

## Youth Spotlight



**What is your favorite activity to do with Edge?**

I love going to Joe's on Friday nights. It gives me a chance to be social and hang out with good people.

**What has been the most memorable part of the semester for you?**

I really liked the first night. I didn't know what to expect from it, but it was really fun.

**What keeps you coming back every week?**

The games are really fun, but so are the talks and stuff. I just like everything about it.

**Which talk was your favorite?**

I really liked Kemp's talk. It was cool to talk about Mary the whole semester and learn about how she brings our prayers to Jesus.

**What would you say to a friend that might be interested in Edge?**

You can get more facts about Jesus and his life from Edge. You learn more about your faith while hanging out with your friends, so it's really cool.

*James Charles Orillion*

## 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

## This Christmas, open up your heart.

Pope Francis gave this encouragement during this morning's General Audience in the Vatican's Paul VI Hall, as he continued his new series of catecheses on Christian hope.

Reminding those present that we are approaching Christmas, he noted how the prophet Isaiah can help us again to open ourselves up to the hope of the Good News of the coming of salvation.

Francis used the reading to illustrate how God never abandons His people, and Whose grace surpasses all and any sin.

"I will pose the question: who is greater, God or sin? God! And who wins in the end? God or sin? God," Francis stressed, saying, God's love has the power to conquer the biggest, most terrible sin.

"The most beautiful of Christmas joys," Francis went on to say, "is the joy of inner peace: 'the Lord has blotted out my sins, the Lord has forgiven me, the Lord has had mercy on me, he came to my rescue.'"

"This is the joy of Christmas!" he said.

### Reasons for Hope

"When everything seems to be over, when, in front of so many negative realities, faith becomes tiring and is tempted to say that nothing else makes sense, here was the good news."

God, the Argentine Pontiff added, is coming to do something new. While he comes to establish a kingdom of peace, and bring freedom and consolation, we must realize evil will not triumph forever, he noted.

Since "the desperation is conquered, for God is with us," the Pope observed, "we are also urged "to wake up a bit" and "become men and women of hope."

"How bad when we find a Christian who has lost hope! "But I do not hope anything, everything is over for me": so says a Christian who is not able to look at horizons of hope and in front of his heart only a wall."

"But God destroys these walls with forgiveness!" he continued. "And for this we must pray that God will give us every day and give hope to all, the hope that comes when we see God in the manger in Bethlehem."

### Urgent

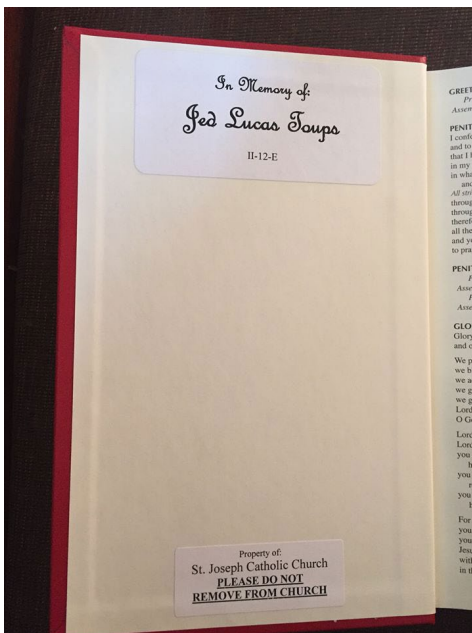
The message of the Good News entrusted to us, the Pontiff exclaimed, is "urgent," as the world cannot wait for justice, truth, and peace.

"And seeing the little Child of Bethlehem, the little ones of the world will know that the promise was fulfilled," Pope Francis concluded, "the message has come true."

"In a newborn baby, in need of everything, wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger, found inside is all the power of the God who saves."



# 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.

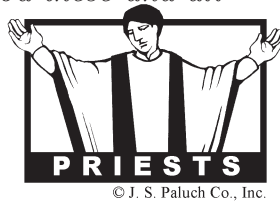
There are only 200 sponsorships available and will be sold on a first come first serve basis. Please call the parish office for more details.

# January 2017 Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Day	Time	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers
Sat.	4:00 pm	Larry Van Pelt Cathy Breaux	Charmin Broussard, Erin Breaux Diana Duhon, Lyn Guidry	Caleb Calhoun Elise Calhoun Peyton Menard
Sun.	7:00 am	Becky Miller	Sylvia Alleman, Betty Bellard Pat Miller	Alaysha Dupont Ivy Credeur
	10:00 am	Paul Molbert Debra Reed	Peggy Deville, Thomas Hebert, Jared Lawless, Hubert Matte, Faye Jeffers	Lane Comeaux Noah David
	5:30 pm	Linda Swinkey	Mike Abshire, Brian Guidry Jimmy Fontenot, Andy Richard	Lizzie Prevost Hayden Thomas

## 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 26** Rev. Emmanuel Awe, SSJ  
Seminarian Jonathan Harris
- Dec 27** Rev. Donald Bahlinger, SJ  
Rev. Mr. Matthew Hebert
- Dec 28** Rev. Matthew Barzare  
Seminarian Nicholas Hebert
- Dec 29** Rev. Herbert Bennerfield  
Seminarian Sal Istre
- Dec 30** Rev. Lloyd Benoit  
Seminarian Andrew Killeen
- Dec 31** Rev. Paul Bergeron  
Seminarian Luke Kirk
- Jan 01** Pope Francis  
Seminarian Hayden Lacour

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

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