

st. Joseph

Roman Catholic Church
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Easter Sunday

April 16th, 2017

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 8:00am - 4:00pm
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Rev. Fr. Kevin Bordelon

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Organist

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Facilities Keeper

John Comeaux

Grounds Keeper

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Sacristan

Flo Broussard

Weekly Calendar

Monday, April 17

9:00am - Rosary Group, Church
6:00pm - Cub Scouts, Youth Hall

Tuesday, April 18

6:00pm - Choir Practice

Wednesday, April 19

9:00am - Elderberries Sr. Group, FLC
10:00am - Rayne Guest Home Mass

Thursday, April 20

No Babyberries

Friday, April 21

Saturday, April 22

8:00pm - EDGE Spring Retreat, FLC

Sunday, April 23

8:30am - CCD Class and Mass, RCE/Church
6:30pm - Life Teen Summer Kickoff

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 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

The Sanctuary Lamp



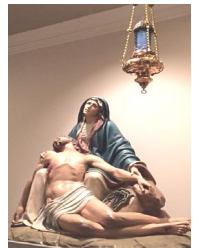
The Sanctuary Lamp burns constantly to proclaim the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Tabernacle. This week we dedicate the flame to:

Vernice Sonnier & Family

The Pieta Lamp

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

Rayne High Class of 1959
(Living & Deceased Members)
Benji Vienne



Weekly Offertory

Offertory of 4/02/2017 \$11,900.50

Baptisms

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

Emma Ann Boudreaux
Owen Lee Bearb
Nash Ray-Allen Campbell
Parker Lane Nero



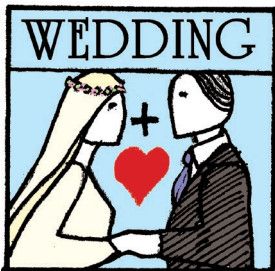
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Parish Office Hours Changing

Beginning May 3rd the parish office will be closed at 2pm on Wednesdays for public business. Much of what our parish staff does (especially sacramental and financial recording) requires some period without interruption. I have decided to work 2 hours of that time into their regular work week. Access to a priest in case of an emergency anointing will not be affected. Please plan accordingly and I thank you in advance for your understanding.

- Fr. Bordelon

Weddings



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We joyfully share in the Sacramental union of:

James Caro Raggio &
Kaysha Lea Cormier

125 Years of Catholic Ed

You are invited to join Rayne Catholic Elementary School on May 5th, 2017, as we celebrate 125 years of Catholic Education begun by St. Joseph Parish and The Sisters of Mount Carmel in 1891. Our celebration will begin with Mass at 10:00 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church immediately followed by the May Crowning ceremony and a reception on the school campus. If you have any questions please call the school office at 334-5657.

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.

Susan Justice

Sick and Shut-In

Anais Alleman, Darrell Alleman, Mary Baronet, Denny Beslin, Mark Beslin, Betty Boullion, Christine Brandon, Rodrick Broussard, Eugene Cahanin, Susie Carrier, Lima Clement, Marcia Coleman, Christopher Comeaux, Comeaux Family, Kinley Comeaux, Eli Cormier, Gil Cormier, John Thomas Crouch, James Dogua, Jacob Dogua, Jason "Cubby" Dogua, Kathy Duhon, Elgie Dupuis, Frannie Dupuis, Kat Dupuis, Anthony Emmons, Dwayne Gallagher, Tanya Gaspard, Dano Fontenot, Helen Foreman, Karen Hebert, Kathryn Istre, Lloyd Jeffers, Leora Latiolais, Deanna Lavergne, Jenee' Lavergne, Chris Leger, Ethel Leger, Mark Wayne LeMaire, Noremia Lowenstien, Paul Matte, Janet McBride, Laura M. Meaux, Melvin Meaux, Dylan Menard, Sandra Menard, Troy Menard, Ian Miller, Merlin & Norma Miller, Rita Monceaux, Joseph Ortego, Alison Reed, Craig Richard, Garry Rivers, Ruth Saloom, Edith Seaux, Linton Seaux, Layna Simon, Jeanette Simoneaux, Dexter Theunissen, Billy Towry, Kenneth Trahan, Rebecca Williams, Scott Pharr

German Heritage Museum Meeting

The Roberts Cove German Heritage Museum is inviting anyone who is interested in volunteering with the Museum to a Volunteer meeting April 20th at 10AM in the Museum.

Little White Books

The Little White Book (reflections on the Resurrection narrative of Mark) are now available for only \$1.00 at the parish office.

Facebook

For frequent updates and spiritual discussions please follow us on facebook: [facebook.com/stjoerayne](https://www.facebook.com/stjoerayne)

VBS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL May 29th through June 2nd, 2017



Completed Pre-K through 12th Grade REGISTRATIONS are being mailed out the week of April 10th. If your child did not attend last year you can get the forms to register at www.stjoerayne.org/vbs.

Any questions, call the CCD Office at 337-735-4568

Life Teen / EDGE

Looking Ahead

Just a reminder that **EDGE** Spring Retreat and Summer Kickoff is on April 22nd in the Family Life Center. Students are to report to the Family Life Center at 9:00am. Please pray for our EDGE students while they are on retreat.

Also, **Life Teen** will be hosting their annual Summer Kickoff on April 23rd starting at 6:30pm. For details and directions please contact Jamie at the parish office or by email: jamie@raynelifeteen.com

CCD Summer Kickoff

Next Sunday, April 23rd will be our last CCD Class and Mass. Everyone have a safe Summer and see you next year.

Confession

I remember this trip to the confessional like it was yesterday. A big sin was weighing on my heart, and I sat face to face with my chaplain. What would he think?

“Father, forgive me for I have sinned...”

I decided to get the worst out of the way first. I muttered it as fast as I could, in as vague a way as I could manage. Then I proceeded to list the other, more venial sins on my mental list. Then I waited. Silence.

“What was that first one again?” Father asked, perhaps thinking he hadn’t heard me correctly.

I repeated it, head down, full of shame. And then I looked up at him. I’ll never forget his response.

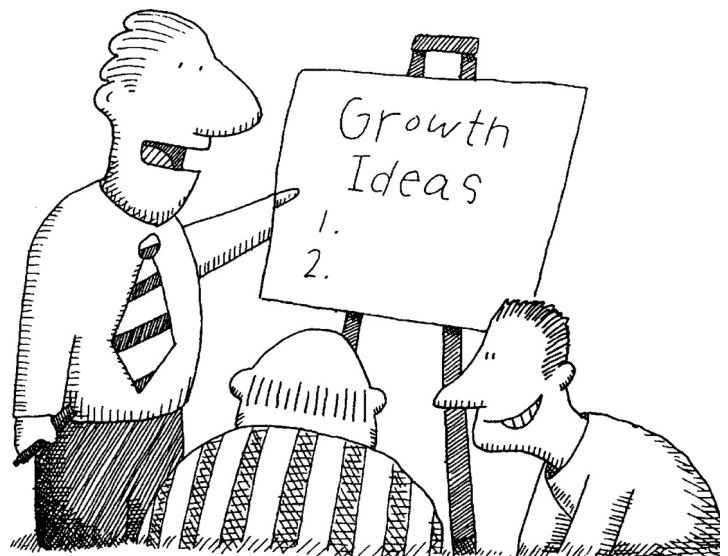
“What’d you do?” he asked. Not in condemnation. Not in judgmental probing for details. Rather, with sympathy. He spoke those words as if his heart was breaking. I felt like a little child who had played where I shouldn’t and scraped my knee. I sat before my father—before my Heavenly Father—like a child with tears in my eyes. And the Lord’s response, communicated through this spiritual father? Comfort. Concern. “What’d you do?” I could picture God asking, concern in His eyes, inspecting my scraped knee, wondering where I had wandered off to, wondering how badly I had been hurt.

And then, acknowledging this hurt...the Father offered me healing. Absolution. Forgiveness. Reconciliation. Unconditional mercy. The spiritual wound was cleaned and bandaged, kissed by my Heavenly Father.

That’s the awesome thing about our Father: He is good and merciful. It doesn’t matter where we’ve wandered, as long as we come back. Then we are safe. Then we are home. And our Heavenly Father scoops us up and binds our wounds.

St. Joseph offers confession 30 minutes prior to every mass. Don't wait! Who cares how long it's been.

Church Humor



“Besides calling every Sunday ‘Easter,’ does anyone else have ideas for improving church attendance?”

Pope Francis

Remember God's Blessings In Your Life

Remember God's active role in your life, including the blessings he has bestowed on you. According to Vatican Radio, Pope Francis sent this strong message during his daily morning Mass at Casa Santa Marta. He was reflecting on how God is always faithful to His covenant, reflecting specifically on how he kept faith with Abraham and He is faithful to the salvation promised in His Son.

The Pontiff drew his inspiration from today's first Reading, narrating the story of the covenant God made with Abraham, and the Gospel, in which both Jesus and the Pharisees refer to "Father" Abraham.

In his chapel, the Holy Father called on those present to pause during the day to reflect on their own life story, in order to rediscover, that even in the midst of difficulties, the beauty of the love of God in their lives.

Abraham, a man of faith and hope, believed God's words that he would have a child although he was 100 years old, and his wife was sterile.

"He believed against every hope," Francis underscored.

Abraham Wasn't Some 'Dreamer'

"If anyone wanted to give a description of the life of Abraham, he could say, 'This guy is a dreamer,'" the Pope said. He explained that Abraham had something of the dreamer in him, but it was "that dream of hope." He wasn't, the Pope said, crazy.

"Put to the test, after having had a child, a boy, a young child, he was asked to offer him in sacrifice: he obeyed, and went forward against all hope. And this is our father Abraham, who goes forward, forward, forward; and when Jesus says Abraham saw his day, saw Jesus, he was full of joy.

"He saw Him in promise, he saw that joy of seeing the fullness of the promise of the covenant, the joy of seeing that God had not deceived him, that God – as we prayed in the responsorial psalm – is always faithful to His covenant"

Remember the Wonders God Performs

The psalm, the Pontiff also stressed, invites us to call to mind the wonders God performs.

"For us, the descendants of Abraham, it's like thinking of our father who has passed away, and yet we remember the good things about him and we think: "He was a great father!"

On Abraham's part, Francis stressed, the covenant consists in having always obeyed. While on God's part, he continued, He has promised to make Abraham "the father of a multitude of nations."

"No longer shall you be called Abram, but Abraham," the Lord says. And Abraham believed. Then, in another dialogue, God tells him that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars in the heavens and as the sand on the seashore. And today we are able to say, "I am one of those stars. I am a grain of sand."

God Dreamed of Us, His People

The Pontiff went on to explain that between Abraham and us, there is another Story, the one of the heavenly Father and of Jesus.

For this reason, he explained, Jesus told the Pharisees that Abraham exulted in the hope of seeing "my day." Saying this is the great message, he noted, the Church today invites us to pause and to look to "our roots," "our father," who "has made us a people, a heaven full of stars, a beach full of grains of sand."

"Looking to history: I am not alone, I am a people. We go together. The Church is a people.

"But a people dreamed of by God," he continued, "a people He has given a father on Earth who obeyed; and we have a Brother who has given His life for us, to make us a people. And so we are able to look upon the Father, to give thanks; to look upon Jesus, to give thanks; to look upon Abraham and ourselves, who are part of the journey."

Underscoring God is faithful, Francis noted we should pause to discover, God's beautiful love present always, even amid life's challenges.

"Make today 'a day of memory,'" Francis encouraged, pointing out that "in this great story, in the framework of God and Jesus, there is the little story of each one of us."

Life-changing Homework to Be Full of Joy

"I invite you today to take five minutes, ten minutes, to sit down – without the radio, without the television – to sit down and reflect on your own story: the blessings and the troubles, everything. The graces and the sins, everything.

"And then look there and see the faithfulness of that God who remained faithful to His covenant, remained faithful to the promise He made to Abraham, remained faithful to the salvation He promised in His Son, Jesus.

"I'm certain that in the midst of all of the perhaps ugly things – because we all have them, so many ugly things in this life – if we do this today, we will discover the beauty of the love of God, the beauty of His mercy, the beauty of hope. And I am sure that we will all be full of joy."

Pope Francis concluded, saying, if we do so, he is certain "we all will be full of joy."



April 2017 Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Day	Time	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers
Sat.	4:00 pm	Cathy Breaux Mary Comeaux	Barbara Nugent, Diana Duhon, Lyn Guidry, Annette Gossen	Allie Mouton Aiden Mouton Emma Guidry
Sun.	7:00 am	Becky Miller Delores Deville	Sylvia Alleman, Betty Bellard, Mary Guidry, Brunella Reed	Jackson Casanova Dillon Lopez Ivy Credeur
	10:00 am	Devin Soeseno Margaret Young	Peggy Deville, Thomas Hebert, Jared Lawless, Linda and Angelo Ancona	Evan Hebert Lane Comeaux James Orillion Ashton Orillion
	5:30 pm	Laila Wyatt	Bryan Guidry, Lexi Babineaux, Brooke Bordelon	Emma Landaiche Katherine Gossen Nasyr Billy

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.*



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*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

- Apr 17** Rev. Ryszard Kalinowski, SVD
Sem: Korey LaVergne
- Apr 18** Rev. Andreas Kedati, SVD
Sem: Cade LeBlanc
- Apr 19** Rev. Steven Kimmons, SJ
Sem: Calvin LeMaire
- Apr 20** Rev. Clifton Labbe, SVD
Sem: Seth Lemaire
- Apr 21** Rev. Donovan Labbe
Sem: Riley Maturin
- Apr 22** Rev. Keith Labove
Sem: Scott Mitchell
- Apr 23** Rev. Paul LaFleur
Sem: Rev. Mr. Rene Pellessier

RCE Asks: Did You Know?

The fish, or ICHTHUS, is the symbol used by early Christians to identify themselves in times of persecution. In Greek, ICHTHUS is a monogram for the first five letters of the words "Jesus Christ Son of God, Savior."



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.