

st. Joseph

Roman Catholic Church
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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 17, 2017

Parish Office

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Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 8:00am - 4:00pm
Wednesday: 8:00am - 2:00pm
Friday: 8:00am - 12:00 Noon

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Pastor

Rev. Fr. Kevin Bordelon

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Fr. Christopher Cambre

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

Elementary Faith Formation

Josette LeBlanc (*Parish and School*)

Parish Secretary

Debbie Harrington

Ministries and Outreach

Coordinator

André Landaiche

Choir Director

David Lalande

Organist

Kurt Boudreaux

Facilities Keeper

John Comeaux

Grounds Keeper

Doug Langley

Sacristan

Flo Broussard

Weekly Calendar

Monday, September 18

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

Tuesday, September 19

6:30pm - Choir Practice, Church

Wednesday, September 20

9:00am - Elderberries Sr. Group, FLC
10:00am - Rayne Guest Home Mass
6:30pm - RCIA, FLC

Thursday, September 21

9:00am - Babyberries, FLC
6:30pm - Ultreya, Church

Friday, September 22

Saturday, September 23

Sunday, September 24

8:30am - Adult Confirmation Class, RCE
8:30am - CCD Class, RCE
11:00am - Baptismal Classes, Church
6:30pm - EDGE Kickoff, Rectory

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: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6;
Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6;
Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5;
Mt 9:9-13

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20;
Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5;
Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18;
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

The Sanctuary Lamp



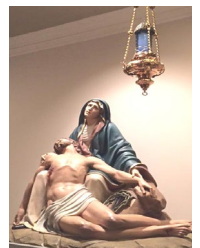
The Sanctuary Lamp burns constantly to proclaim the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Tabernacle. This week we dedicate the flame to:

**Vernice Sonnier & Family
Lennard & Irene Durio
Ronald "Ronnie" Thibodeaux**

The Pieta Lamp

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

**Chester Boudreaux
Robert L. Richard
Laura M. Meaux & Family**



Weekly Offertory

Offertory of 9/03/2017

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Baptisms

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

Molly Cecile Rice
Laney Catherine Guidry
Conrad Billiu Melancon



Surviving Divorce

St Joseph will sponsor a 6 weeks Surviving Divorce Program starting on Oct 10, 2017. The program will be held in St Joseph Parish Life Center on Tuesdays at 6pm. The cost will be \$15.00, which will cover all materials needed and the Surviving Divorce Personal guide. Registration forms can be picked up and dropped off at the rectory. Anyone needing more information can contact Mary Terro at 337-224-1898 or by email: mtvip40@yahoo.com.

Elderberries Bourré

Elderberries Senior Group Semi-Annual Bourre' Tournament

When: Saturday Sept. 30, 2017
Where: St. Joseph Family Life Center
Time: 10:00am - 3:30pm
Registration Fee: \$20.00

You get \$500.00 in poker chips
Money Prizes to the 3 top players

Sandwich - \$4.00 - Beverage/Chips .50 each - Free sweets

Come play and have fun. Meet your friends, bring your neighbors. You don't have to be a professional, just love to play the game. Advance registration requested, but you can register at the door. Bring a friend or two with you. Come pass a good time.

FMI - Call Jeanette Leger 334-2186 or
Elaine Myers 334-9496

Sick and Shut-In

Anais Alleman, Darrell Alleman, Peggy Bellard, Denny Beslin, Betty Boullion, Madilyn Claire Boyer & Family, Christine Brandon, Herb Broussard Sr., Eugene Cahanin, Mona Carrier, Susie Carrier, Lima Clement, Ronald Clement, Christopher Comeaux, Kinley Comeaux, Eli Cormier, John Thomas Crouch, Peggy Deville, James Dogua, Wesley Doucet, Kathy Duhon, Elgie Dupuis, Frannie Dupuis, Kat Dupuis, Mona R. Falcon, Racy Foreman, Elizabeth Freeman, Judy Gautreaux, Mike Guidry, Karen Hebert, Hubert Hoffpauir, Kathryn Istre, Lloyd Jeffers, Deanna Lavergne, Jenee' Lavergne, Malcolm Landry, Mark Wayne LeMaire, Noremia Lowenstien, Paul Matte, Terri H. Matte, Janet McBride, Ruth McBride, Walter McCoy, Sandra Menard, Shirley Menard, Troy Menard, Ian Miller, Merlin & Norma Miller, Rita Monceaux, Joseph Ortego, Scott Pharr, Rita Rayon, Craig Richard, Ruth Saloom, Edith Seaux, Linton Seaux, Layna Simon, Michelle Simon, Jeanette Simoneaux, Dexter Theunissen, Jr. Thibodeaux, Billy Towry, Kenneth Trahan, Sherman Trahan, Kurt Venable

Now we're cookin'!

SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 15TH



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Safe Environment

There will be an Initial Safe Environment Training sponsored by St. Joseph Church on Monday, Sept. 25th at 6:00pm in room 11 at the RCE campus. Continuing Education for Safe Environment will be held Sept. 25th at 6:30pm in room 12 at the RCE campus. Anyone participating in a ministry which in any way involves youth is required to be Safe Environment certified and that certification must be renewed annually through continuing education.

Missionary Appeal

The second collection next weekend will be for our Missionary Appeal. The Prelature of Sicuani is located in Peru South America. A Prelature is an ecclesiastical territory with the same function as a diocese. It is a poor rural area high up in the Peruvian Andes, which present huge challenges for the priests there, especially in terms of ministering to the people in extreme poverty while at the same time coping with living at an elevation higher than 14,000 feet above sea level. Currently the prelature has 15 students at the seminary, which gives much hope for the future. Bishop Bustamante wants to accept more vocations for the seminary but he does not have funding for their formation.

Thank You!

Dear Fr. Bordelon,

The parishioners of St. Joseph Church donated \$ 828.99 during this year's baby bottle campaign for our pregnancy resource center, St. Marguerite d'Youville Home, and Baby & Me Boutique. The wonderful gift given to us by your parish enables us to help these young women with unplanned pregnancies who daily call our center seeking assistance. With the help of the home and boutique we are able to provide each client with the information and resources she needs to make one of the most important decisions in her life. Approximately 90% will choose LIFE.

Please thank Debbie Harrington and Elizabeth Alleman and the many donors who returned the bottles with donations!

May God bless you and the parishioners of St. Joseph Church parish abundantly.

For Life in His Name,

Brenda DesOrmeaux, M.E.V.

CC: Debbie Harrington, Elizabeth Alleman

Facebook

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LIFE TEEN Kickoff - SUNDAY!

6th Annual Priest Cookout and LIFE TEEN Kickoff

Sept. 17th at 6:30pm
Behind the Parish Rectory

RAYNE  LIFE TEEN

EDGE Kickoff

EDGE KICKOFF NEXT SUNDAY 9/24

We are kicking off EDGE in the
Family Life Center 6:30pm - 8:00pm
All 6th-8th Grade Students are invited to attend.
Please visit the parish website now to register.
www.stjoerayne.org/registrations

Dear Youth, Love Core

Why Do Bad Things Happen?

In the wake of tragedy, we often can't help ourselves but ask, "How could God let this happen?" Importantly, though, we need to understand that horrible things are not part of God's Perfect Plan. Of course, God is involved in everything; however, we have free will and that's something that God will not disrupt. When we are in a state of loss or feel threatened by loss, we find ourselves selfishly obsessing over things that don't truly matter. We frantically pray as we feel threatened, but then we defend ourselves endlessly to assure that our differences are heard and we condemn other people because their actions affect us. When it comes to disaster, we mourn over our lost goods and the work it took to create them, we whine about repair time, and we sink ourselves into a depression over THINGS.

Here's the thing: Your life is important. Your neighbor's life is important. If you are alive, you have a chance at eternal life. St. Peter does not stand at those pearly gates and assess how much stuff you have before letting you into the Kingdom of Heaven. Your chance at real, eternal LIFE is based on your soul. No, God doesn't make bad things happen. However, it does matter how you respond to those bad things. Thank God for your life, your things, your dignity, your freedom, and everything in between, while helping your neighbor to seek the same thankfulness.

"Because God did not make death, nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living." Wisdom 1:13

High School Retreat

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION
is now open for Fall Retreat
through September 17th.

All High School Students are
invited to attend.

Please visit the parish website now to register.
www.stjoerayne.org/registrations



Church Humor



Pope Francis

Catechesis on Hope and Memory

Today I would like to return to a very important topic: the relation between hope and memory, with particular reference to the memory of a vocation. And I take as an example Jesus' call to the first disciples. This experience remained so imprinted in their memory, that one of them even made a note of the hour: "for it was about the tenth hour" (John 1:39). The evangelist John recounts the episode as a clear memory of youth, which remained intact in his memory as an elderly man, because John wrote these things when he was already elderly.

The meeting happened near the river Jordan, where John the Baptist was baptizing; and those young Galileans had chosen the Baptist as spiritual guide. One day Jesus came, and had Himself baptized in the river. He went there again the next day, and then the Baptizer, that is, John the Baptist said to two of his disciples, "Behold the Lamb of God!" (v. 36).

It was a "spark" for those two. They left their first teacher and went to follow Jesus. On the way, He turned to them and asked the decisive question: "What do you seek?" (v. 38). Jesus appears in the Gospels as an expert of the human heart. At that moment He had met two youths who were seeking, healthily restless. In fact, what youth is a satisfied youth without a question of meaning? Young people who don't seek anything are not young people; they are retired, they have grown old before the time. It's sad to see young people in retirement. And Jesus, throughout the Gospel, in all the meetings that happen to Him along the way, appears as an "ignitor" of hearts. Hence His question seeks to have the desire emerge for life and of happiness that every youth bears inside: "What do you seek?" I would also like to ask the young people who are here in the Square today, and those listening through the media: "You, who are young, what do you seek? In your heart, what do you seek?"

John's and Andrew's vocation began thus. It was the beginning of such a strong friendship with Jesus as to impose a commonality of life and of passions with Him. The two disciples begin to be with Jesus and are transformed immediately into missionaries, because when the meeting ends they don't return home calmly: so true is this that their respective brothers – Simon and James – are soon involved in the following. They went to them and said: "We have found the Messiah; we have found a great prophet": they gave the news. They are missionaries of that encounter. It was such a touching, happy encounter that the disciples would remember for ever that day that illumined and oriented their youth.

How does one discover one's vocation in this world? It can be discovered in many ways, but this page of the Gospel tells us that the first indication is the joy of the encounter with Jesus. Marriage, consecrated life, priesthood: every vocation begins with an encounter with Jesus who gives us a new joy and hope and leads us, also through trials and difficulties, to an ever fuller encounter, that encounter grows greater; the encounter with Him and to the fullness of joy.

The Lord doesn't want reluctant men and women walking behind Him, without having in their heart the wind of joy. You, who are in the Square, I ask you – each one answer to himself – do you have in your heart the wind of joy? Each one should ask himself: "Do I have in me, in my heart, the wind of joy?" Jesus wants people who have experienced that to be with Him giving an immense happiness, which can be renewed every day of life. A disciple of the Kingdom of God who isn't joyous doesn't evangelize this world; he is sad. We become preachers of Jesus not by sharpening the arms of rhetoric: you can talk, talk, talk but if there isn't something else, how do we become preachers of Jesus? By keeping in our eyes the twinkle of true happiness. We see so many Christians, also among us, who with their eyes transmit to one the joy of the faith: with their eyes!

Therefore, a Christian, as the Virgin Mary, protects the flame of his falling in love, in love with Jesus. Certainly, there are trials in life; there are moments in which one must go on despite the cold and adverse winds, despite much bitterness. But Christians know the way that leads to that sacred fire that lighted them once and for all.

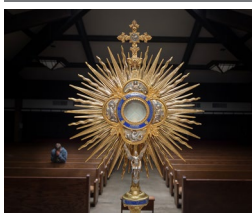
But please, I recommend: let us not heed disappointed and unhappy persons, let us not listen to one who recommends cynically not to cultivate hope in life; let us not trust one who extinguishes at birth every enthusiasm saying that no enterprise is worth the sacrifice of a whole life. We don't listen to the "old" of heart who suffocate youthful euphoria. We go to the old who have eyes shining with hope! Instead, we cultivate healthy utopias: God want us capable of dreaming as He does and with Him, while we walk very attentive to the reality, to dream of a different world. And if a dream is extinguished, go back to dream it again, drawing with hope from the memory of the origins, of those embers that, perhaps after a not very good life, are hidden under the ashes of the first encounter with Jesus.

Here then is a fundamental dynamic of Christian life: to remember Jesus. Paul said to his disciple: "Remember Jesus Christ" (2 Timothy 2:8); this is the advice of the great Saint Paul: "Remember Jesus Christ." To remember Jesus, the fire of love with which one day we conceived our life as a project of goodness, and to revive our hope with this flame.

September 2017 Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Day	Time	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers
Sat.	4:00 pm	Peggy Lake Debra Reed	Larry LeBlanc, Larry Van Pelt, Dr. Neal Duhon, Brenda Hooper	Emma Guidry Charlie Cantrell Jackson Casanova
Sun.	7:00 am	Dolores Deville Clinton Boullion	Janet Bertrand, Sylvia Alleman, Mona Vienne, Keith Vienne	Caleb Calhoun Elise Calhoun
	10:00 am	Anthony Emmons Phillip Rodrigue	Margaret Young, Peggy Deville, Thomas Hebert, Jared Lawless	Evan Hebert Lane Comeaux JC and Ashton Orillion Justin Dupuis
	5:30 pm	Linda Swinkey	Jimmy Fontenot Andy Richard	Emma Landaiche Alaysha Dupont

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.

RCE Asks: Did You Know?

John F. Kennedy was the only Catholic president in American history.



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

- Sept 18 Rev. Joseph Breaux
Rev. Kevin Bordelon, Director of Vocations
- Sept 19 Rev. Joseph Brennan
Parents of Seminarians
- Sept 20 Rev. Francis Brou, SJ
Benefactors and Seminary Faculty
- Sept 21 Rev. A. Rex Broussard
Sem. Reed Bellingham
- Sept 22 Rev. David Broussard
Sem. Donald Bernard
- Sept 23 Rev. Henry Broussard
Sem. Br. John Joseph, CJC (Payton Bourque)
- Sept 24 Rev. Ken Broussard
Sem. Joseph Boustany

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