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st. Joseph  
Roman Catholic Church  
Est. 1872



First Sunday  
of Lent

February 18, 2018

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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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## Weekly Calendar

### Monday, February 19

6:00pm - Cub Scouts, FLC

### Tuesday, February 20

6:30pm - Parish Lenten Mission, Church

### Wednesday, February 21

8:00am - Elderberries, FLC

6:30pm - Parish Lenten Mission, Church

### Thursday, February 22

9:00am - Babyberries, FLC

6:30pm - Parish Lenten Mission, Church

### Friday, February 23

5:30pm - Stations of the Cross, Church

### Saturday, February 24

### Sunday, February 25

8:30am - CCD, RCE

10:00am - CCD Mass, Church

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 scheduled through the Parish Office. Please call 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:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday:** 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

**Sunday:** Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

## The Sanctuary Lamp

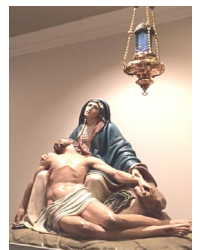


The Sanctuary Lamp burns constantly to proclaim the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Tabernacle. This week we dedicate the flame to:

**Ronald "Ronnie" Thibodeaux**  
**James H. Comeaux**

## The Pieta Lamp

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



**Mark F. Beslin**  
**Vernice Sonnier & Family**  
**Sharon Touchet & Family**

## Weekly Offertory

Offertory of 02/04/2018 \$12,389.99

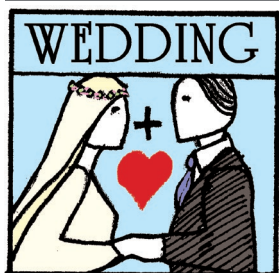
## Baptisms

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

Elodie Jane Hebert



## Weddings



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We joyfully share in the Sacramental union of:

Derek Patrick Louviere &  
Valerie Elizabeth Guidry

Christopher Anthony Autin &  
Adrienne Claire Dailey

## 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.

Jeanette Babineaux, Edwin Coy Wyatt,  
Larry J. Richard, Faye Schexnider Pleasant  
Mark Wayne LeMaire

## Lenten Books

The Little Black Book for Lenten reflections on the Passion according to Mark are now available for \$1.00 at the parish office.

## Prayers for the Sick

Taylor Michelle Arceneaux, Elsie Besse, Betty Boullion, Madilyn Claire Boyer & Family, Susan Kibodeaux Bourque, Christine Brandon, Debbie Breaux, Gladdie & Nora Breaux, Jim Breaux, Sheila Breaux, Betty Bush, Susie Carrier, Martin Chatelain Jr., Lima Clement, Christopher Comeaux, Kinley Comeaux, Eli Cormier, Russell Credeur, John Thomas Crouch, Peggy Deville, James Dogua, Fr. Benoit Drapeau, Kathy Duhon, Elgie Dupuis, Frannie Dupuis, Susan Dupuis, Mary Dugas, Daniel Fontenot, Racy Foreman, Richard Foreman, Barbara Gaspard, Judy Gautreaux, Mike Guidry, Roberta Mier Guidry, Karen Hebert, Jordan Hollier, Kathryn Istre, Lloyd Jeffers, Janell Kibodeaux, M. J. LaCroix, Malcolm Landry, Paul Matte, Ruth McBride, Shirley Menard, Ian Miller, Norma Miller, Rita Monceaux, Wilma Normand, Joseph Ortego, Scott Pharr, Derek Plaisance, Ularay Romero, Ruth Saloom, Edith Seaux, Linton Seaux, Layna Simon, Michelle Simon, Jeanette Simoneaux, Jerome Simoneaux, Chasity Stakes, Jerry Tanner, Tina Terro, Dexter Theunissen, Jr. Thibodeaux, Billy Towry, Connor Trahan, Joe Trahan, Sherman Trahan, Kurt Venable, Trevor Walker

## Lenten Activities

**Lenten Parish Mission: Ignatian Prayer and Rules of Discernment by Fr. Rene Pellessier**  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (Feb 20-22)  
6:30-7:30pm in church

**Lenten Book Club: "The Case for Jesus" by Brandt Pitre. Led by Frs. Bordelon and Cambre**  
Tuesdays (2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3/27) 6-7pm in the FLC (Books will be available in the rectory by Ash Wednesday for a \$10 donation)

### Stations of the Cross:

Fridays of Lent at 5:30pm

## A Catholic Guide to Surviving Divorce

St Joseph Parish will once again offer an exciting new ministry that will bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. Surviving Divorce features a six week video presentation that covers topics such as shock and grief, anger and forgiveness, money issues, dealing with children and a former spouse, and annulment and remarriage. This program is for the newly separated, the divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. It will help them find answers to their questions, restore their hope, and begin authentic healing.

The Surviving Divorce program will begin on April 5, 2018. We will meet every Thursday for 6 weeks from 6:00 pm to 8 pm in the St Joseph Family Life Center. The cost of the program is \$20.00 which includes the Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide and all materials needed. You can pick up a registration form at the St Joseph Catholic Church Rectory. For more information you can call the rectory at 337-334-2193 or contact Mary Terro at 337-224-1898 or [mtvip40@yahoo.com](mailto:mtvip40@yahoo.com).

## Centennial Yard Signs

Due to the tremendous response "Diocese of Lafayette Centennial" yard signs are available at the parish office for purchase at \$10 each.

## Facebook

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

## Dear Youth, Love Core

### Sunday Mass Obligation: A Gift not a Rule

I was the homily critic and the cute girl police, the philosopher and the daydreamer. In high school, I found ways to “get through” Mass, but as I left my home church and went off to college, I realized that it was now my choice to go to Mass. This is when the questions surfaced: Do I need the Mass? Can't I just be a good person, say my prayers, and be fine? As I looked to learn more about “the faith,” I got involved at my college Catholic center. For the first time in my life, I was going to Mass on weekdays and working on really living like a Christian (whatever that meant).

#### A Question

Then this summer, after two years of college, I went to work at a non-denominational Christian summer camp and some old questions returned. My summer church camp was awesome. We did so many great things for the poor, gave food to homeless, helped rehabilitate drug addicts, and emphasized the importance of building community. My weeks were spent at the church camp, and on the weekend I would go back home, which meant going to Catholic Mass at my home parish. I believed that without the Eucharist I would be missing out on something truly special. But each time I went back to camp during the week, I was hit with confusion. Was the wonderful church camp really missing out, or was my Catholic church back home the one missing out? At the church camp, I was surrounded by people who loved and served their neighbors — the weak, the poor, and the lonely. They didn't have the same Eucharist as Catholics, but they sure had God's love. So I started wondering: if they, as non-Catholics, can do God's will, do I even need to go to Mass? Why do I need to go to Mass when they seem to be living better Christian lives than I, as a Catholic, am?

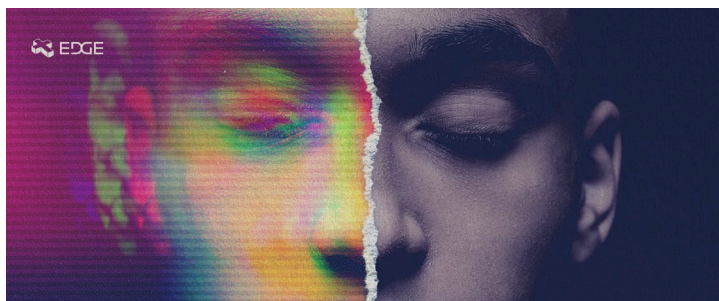
#### A Better Question

I prayed about this, talked to priests and other people, and finally started making sense of some of it. But the answer was not what I expected for it seemed I had been asking the wrong question. Instead of wondering whether I needed to go to Mass, I began wondering whether I wanted to go to Mass. In other words, did God give us the Mass because it truly makes our lives better? Because if He did, then it should be one of my highest priorities.

#### Experience

After some more time, I found some guidance from my own experiences. I thought of a time I was moved to tears during Communion, where my heart was filled with thanks for a God that actually cared about me. I thought of the wonderful changes in my life that occurred from going to daily Mass, such as an increased willingness to give up my time for other people. It was clear that when I sought out and fully participated in the Mass, I truly found “good fruit” from the Mass. **The Mass is a gift to receive, not an obligation to avoid.** Yes, there are parts of the Mass I may never be able to understand. Yes, I may sometimes be tempted to believe there is something better I could be doing. But, like any freely given gift from God, it's when we choose to accept that we receive.

## EDGE



## POISON & POTENTIAL



We have EDGE next Sunday  
February 25th after the 5:30pm mass  
in Family Life Center.  
ALL 6th-8th graders welcome.

## Joe's Café

The all new Joe's Café.  
It's Coming!

## 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)

## Church Humor



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**“Why is it that a congregation that is still bitter about a 42-year-old misunderstanding can't remember last week's sermon topic?”**



## Centennial News



- Death of Bishop Jeanmard - On February 23, 1957, Bishop Jules B. Jeanmard died at the age of 77. He served as the first Bishop of the Diocese of Lafayette for over 37 years. In that time he oversaw incredible growth for the diocese. One of Bishop Jeanmard’s lasting legacies was his service to African Americans in the Diocese. In his will, he requested that his body be laid after his death at St. Paul’s before it was brought to the Cathedral for the funeral and burial. Jeanmard’s death made national news as Time magazine ran a picture of black parishioners offering their respects to Bishop Jeanmard, with the caption: “Last Homage to Negroes’ Friend.”

- Centennial Indulgence – an indulgence granted by Pope Francis can be gained throughout this Centennial Year by all who visit the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist and pray the Centennial Prayer (with the usual conditions for an indulgence). Please see the Diocesan Webpage for more information. The Centennial Prayer will be in the Cathedral beginning January 11th or you may print it from the webpage (available in various languages on webpage).

## Steubenville Youth Conference for High School Students



**Steubenville  
On the Bayou**



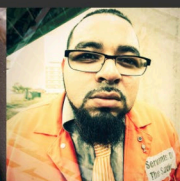
HOUMA, LOUISIANA

Hosted by: Lift 3:16 Ministries

**June 15-17, 2018**

[stjoerayne.org/steubenville](http://stjoerayne.org/steubenville)

**MINISTRY TEAM**

 Host Dan Harms	 Worship More Than Sunday	 Speaker Father Mike Schmitz
 Speaker Bishop Sam Jacobs	 Speaker Jackie Francois Angel	 Speaker Oscar Rivera
 Speaker Sean Forrest		

# February 2018 Liturgical Ministers Schedule

Day	Time	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers
Sat.	4:00 pm	Peggy Lake Cathy Breaux	Larry Van Pelt Dr. Neal Duhon	Katherine Gossen Elise Gossen Mattie & Boyd Boudreaux
Sun.	7:00 am	Betty Bellard	Albert Johnson Sylvia Alleman	Peyton Menard Parker Menard Max Trahan
	10:00 am	Luke Beslin Paul Molbert	Linda Ancona Angelo Ancona Liz Deaville	Evan Hebert Lane Comeaux JC and Ashton Orillion Tatum Hill
	5:30 pm	Linda Swinkey	Mike Abshire Denise Constantin	Emma Landaiche Caleb Calhoun Elise Calhoun

## 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.

## 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

- Feb 19 Rev. Paul Onuegbe  
Sem. Sal Istre
- Feb 20 Rev. Paul Osterale, SJ  
Sem. Luke Johnson
- Feb 21 Rev. Anthony Ostini, SJ  
Sem. Andrew Killeen
- Feb 22 Rev. Jose Padinjarepedika, CMI  
Sem. Luke Kirk
- Feb 23 Rev. John Paul, SJ  
Sem. Hayden Lacour
- Feb 24 Rev. Donald Pelous  
Sem. Joshua LaFleur
- Feb 25 Rev. Neil Pettit  
Sem. Alex Lancon

## RCE Asks: Did You Know?

Before Pope Francis made the decision to join the priesthood he obtained a degree in chemical technology and worked as a chemical technician.



## RCE New Family Registration!



**R.C.E.**  
407 South Polk St.  
Rayne, LA 70578

Rayne Catholic Elementary New Family Registration

February 19th – March 9th, 2018

Come by and see what we have to offer

And why it's a great time

To be an R.C.E. Tiger!

Contact Donna Melancon

334-5657 or [info@raynecatholic.org](mailto:info@raynecatholic.org)

Schedule a tour or for more information on how you can join our family.