

# st. Joseph

## Roman Catholic Church

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### Office Hours

M, T, Th: 8am - 4pm  
W: 8am - 2pm  
F: 8am - Noon

## Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 04, 2021

[stjoerayne.org](http://stjoerayne.org)  
[facebook.com/stjoerayne](https://facebook.com/stjoerayne)

## Weekly Mass Times

**Saturday Anticipated:** 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.

## NOW HIRING

**DIRECTOR OF  
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OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE  
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CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT (337)334-2193 OR  
EMAIL THE PASTOR AT BSMITH@DIOLAF.ORG**

## Prayers for the Sick

Dale Alleman, Lou Barry, Darrell Bellard, Helen Boudreaux, Nessie Boudreaux, Zora Boudreaux, Denise Constantin, Marvin Constantin, Theresa Cramer Doucet, Margie Dubois, Michael Dupont, Linda Durio, Paula Fontenot, Shannon Fontenot, A.D. & Abigail Foreman, Roger Dale & Debra Fusilier, Barbara & Tanya Gaspard, Laura Gautreaux, Laurie Guenther, The Goodwin Family, Ethan Guidry, M/M Glenn Guidry, Keylonna Guidry, Raymond & Deanean Guidry, Sophie B. Guillory, Karen Hebert, Martha Hodge, Lloyd Jeffers, Janelle Kibodeaux, James A Leger, Leslie & Zona Leger, Tara P. Logsdon, Justin Martindale, Merella McFalls, Richard Melancon & Family, Jessica F. Miller, Loretta Miller, Kristian Navarre, Francis Pellissier, Jackie Pintacura, Harold Prevost, Darrell (Bubba) Richard, Jr., Judy Richard, Herbert Roberie, Myrtle Servat, Jeanette Simoneaux, Carita Sonnier, Gladys Stutes, Sherman Trahan, Mary Trahan, Rose Venable, Becca Guidry Vidrine, Michelle Wheeler, Jan Wright

## The Sanctuary Lamp



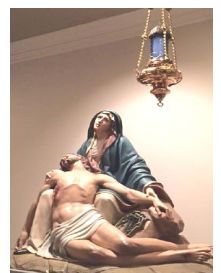
The Sanctuary Lamp burns constantly to proclaim the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Tabernacle. This week we dedicate the flame to:

**Willie Arceneaux Family  
Garrison Cole Gautreaux**

## The Pieta Lamp

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

**Charles W. Chappuis  
Ronnie Joseph Lavergne**





2nd Collection next weekend is for Bishop Services Appeal

## Baptisms

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

**Oliver Lawrence Lowery**

## Weddings

We joyfully share in the Sacramental union of:

**Jacob Wayne Seaux & Jessica Renee Rose**

## Dearly Departed

Our faith community remembers in prayer our dearly departed. We extend our sincere sympathy to their families and friends.

**Ruth Saloom, Louise T. Landry,  
Aaron Doucet**

## First Friday Mass & Adoration



The first Friday of the month is often marked by special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690) reported visions of Jesus Christ directing her to promote devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on nine consecutive First Fridays in reparation for sins and in order to show love to Jesus. In return for this act of devotion, which usually includes Mass, Communion, confession and even an hour of Eucharistic Adoration, our blessed Savior reputedly promised St. Margaret Mary the following blessings: "In the excess of the mercy of my Heart, I promise you that my all powerful love will grant to all those who will receive Communion on the First Fridays, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance: they will not die in my displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; and my Heart will be their secure refuge in that last hour."

***Our next first Friday is July 2nd. Please join us for 6:30am Mass followed by Adoration from 7-8am. Sacred Heart of Jesus, make my heart like yours!***

## Man-to-Man Conference



On Saturday, August 28, 2021, the man-to-man Catholic men's conference will be held at Saint Pius the 10th Catholic Church in Lafayette Louisiana. The day will begin with an invocation by Bishop Douglas Deshotel and will include keynote speakers Jesse Romero and Fr Bill Casey. Fr James Brady will celebrate the mass and Fr Brent Smith will serve as the Master of Ceremonies. Lunch will be provided. 800 men attended the last conference. You don't want to miss this one!

For more information or to register visit:  
<https://www.m2m21.com/>

## RCIA Registration Opened

Registration is now opened for the 2021-2022 RCIA process. Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Were you baptized Catholic, and need to complete your sacraments and become a full member in the faith? Or; would you like to deepen your understanding of the Catholic faith? We are here to help!!! Contact: St. Joseph Parish Office @ 337-334-2193 or Randy Bertrand @ 337-356-1909 or email at [rjbert@gmail.com](mailto:rjbert@gmail.com) Register online @ [stjoerayne.org](http://stjoerayne.org)

## Called to Serve





# Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JULY 4, 2021

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Many who heard Jesus  
were astonished. They said,  
“Where did this man get all this?  
Is he not the carpenter,  
the son of Mary?”

MARK 6:2,3

## PAYING THE PRICE

In the Sunday Lectionary, the first reading is usually chosen from anywhere in the Hebrew Bible to tie together with the Gospel. Currently, the second reading is from Saint Paul's second letter to the Corinthians. Often the second reading is not so closely related to the day's Gospel selection, because those books are read in a more continuous fashion from week to week. But today, all three of the scripture readings go together very well. Ezekiel struggles with the job he is given by the Lord, speaking to a rebellious people. Paul is dealing with a “thorn in his side,” that is, the difficulties of his own personal weakness and foibles, and learning to rely on God's grace. Mark's Gospel introduces us to a Jesus who is struggling to be believed and accepted in his native country. In all three passages, the major figures are following the will of God and paying the price of rejection by the community for their efforts.

## I DON'T GET NO RESPECT

Years ago there was a popular comedian named Rodney Dangerfield, and he would riff about his family life or his work and his catchphrase was “I don't get no respect!” You knew this refrain was coming, and was part of the punch line, so you waited to hear it and usually laughed or groaned with it. The idea of Jesus being disrespected is a much more foreign feeling. It is easy to forget that Jesus was both human and divine. We can easily romanticize his life and ministry and forget his struggles and the difficulty he had being heard, understood, and respected, especially in his own country. Placed in the larger context of Mark's story, this was very early in Jesus' ministry, and the message he was proclaiming was not what the people wanted to hear. Jesus was not speaking about the Messiah that the Jews were hoping for. Add that together with the fact that people are often hardest on their own. Somehow “local boy makes good” just didn't sit well with them, and they didn't want to have anything to do with Jesus or his message. Jesus was caught off guard by this.

## A MESSAGE FOR OUR TIME

There are times when being Catholic, or even being Christian is very countercultural. It used to be you belonged to a parish, and that was your home, based on your geographic boundaries or ethnicity. But now people change parishes depending on pastors, styles of music, or the Mass schedule. In these days of Covid-19, many who stayed away because of social distancing have not yet found their way back. Many never recovered from their disillusionment over the abuse scandals. Others left Catholicism for non-denominational churches, or explored other paths such as Buddhism. Still others consider themselves “spiritual but not religious” or are labeled “nones.” Frequently, families who once sat together every week in church are now scattered all over the spiritual spectrum. In the face of all this, let us pray for the strength of Ezekiel to continue to preach our faith by the lives we live, despite everything in our culture that rebels against religion. May we have the wisdom of Paul to persevere despite our weaknesses and the thorns in our side. And like Jesus, may we always find the faith we need to endure, even when those around us do not.

## TODAY'S READINGS

Ezekiel 2:2-5  
Psalm 123:1-2, 2, 3-4  
2 Corinthians 12:7-10  
Mark 6:1-6



## No Bad News

There are many times when we say, “Tell me what I want to hear, and don’t confuse me with facts.” And we don’t take kindly to someone who might be bold enough to snuff out our expectations.

The biggest problem with such an attitude is not that we miss out on the truth or the facts, but that we miss out on the new and surprising gifts others can give us. Like the townspeople in today’s Gospel story, we too often refuse to allow others to display the talents that can be good news for us.

Today’s readings call for hospitality and faith and discernment. Hospitality opens the doors of our hearts and minds to the “stranger” among us, no matter how familiar he or she may seem to be. Faith enables us to accept the gifts of others, no matter how alarming or “strange” they may seem to be. Discernment helps us discover the prophets in our midst, no matter how amazing they may seem to be. Hospitality, faith, and discernment—cultivate these. Then, nobody can bring bad news.  
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## Staff Changes...Farewell / Welcome

We bid farewell to our Facilities Keeper of 5 years, John Comeaux, and we thank John for his years of service to St. Joseph’s Parish. John always went above and beyond the job description and his dedication to our parish was extraordinary. Thank you, John, and best wishes in your new endeavor.

As we bid farewell to John, we welcome our new Facilities Keeper, Bryan Guidry. Bryan and his wife, Leah, are active members of the St. Joseph Parish family. Bryan’s prior work experience and his strong faith make him a perfect fit for this new position. Congratulations, Bryan!

We look forward to working with you for many years to come!



## Ministers Schedule

July 2021

**Sat. 4pm:** Lector - Debra Reed Extraordinary Ministers - Larry LeBlanc, Neal Duhon Altar Servers - Emma Guidry, Anna Guidry **Sun. 7am:** Lector - Dan Landry Extraordinary Ministers - Randy Bertrand, Albert Johnson Altar Servers - Jackson Casanova, Sam Casanova **Sun. 10am:** Lector - Mandy Miller, Extraordinary Ministers - Charmaine Lawless, Nathan Mouton Altar Servers - Lane Comeaux, Nicholas Fogleman, Parker Simon **Sun. 5:30pm:** Lector - Matthew Molbert Extraordinary Ministers - Gracie Mouton, Mike Richard Altar Servers - Nasyr Billy, Nylan Billy



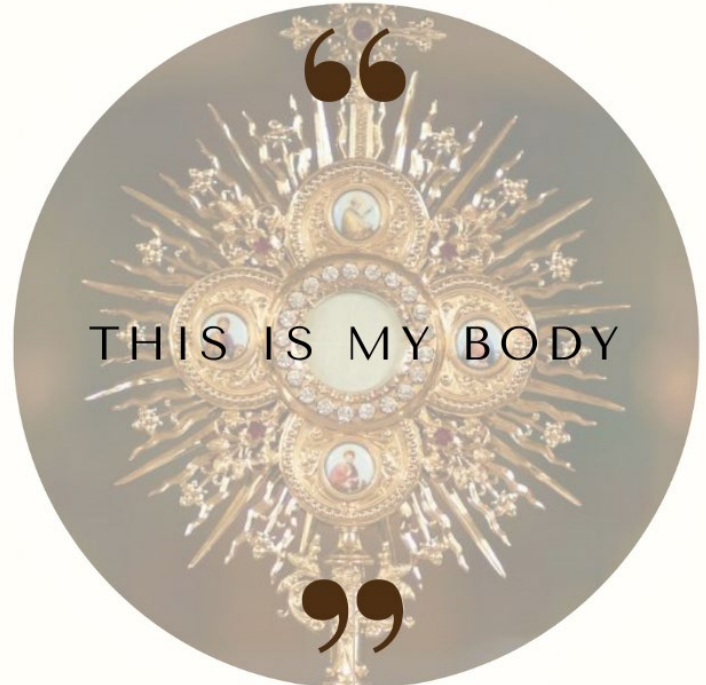
### Divine Mercy Ministry for the Dying

If you know someone who is in imminent danger of death, call the number below for a Divine Mercy chaplet to be prayed for that individual.

337-237-5059

A Diocesan Ministry of St. Pius X  
Catholic Church available for all,  
Catholic and non-Catholic

## Adoration Sign Up



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