

st. Joseph  
Roman Catholic Church  
Est. 1872



*Second Sunday of*  
*Advent*

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F: 8am - Noon

**Second Sunday of Advent**

December 5, 2021

stjoerayne.org  
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## Weekly Mass Times

**Saturday Anticipated:** 4:00 pm

**Sunday:** 7:00 am, 10:00 am & 5:30 pm

**Monday:** NO MASS

**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.

## HELP US FUND THE **NEW SOUND SYSTEM** FOR ST. JOSEPH CHURCH



**\$59,615**  
collected

**\$13,385**  
left to go

**\$73,000**

<https://stjoerayne.org/giving>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

## Prayers for the Sick

Brenda Albarado, Dale Alleman, Lesley Miller Baker, Lou Barry, Darrell Bellard, Nessie Boudreaux, Zora Boudreaux, Denise Constantin, Marvin Constantin, Phoebe Deshotel, Theresa Cramer Doucet, Margie Dubois, Linda Durio, Zubaida Elahi, Paula Fontenot, Shannon Fontenot, A.D. & Abigail Foreman, Roger Dale & Debra Fusilier, Barbara & Tanya Gaspard, Laura Gautreaux, Laurie Guenther, M/M Glenn Guidry, Keylonna Guidry, Raymond & Deanean Guidry, Stanley Granger, Sophie B. Guillory, Karen Hebert, Martha Hodge, Lloyd Jeffers, Janelle Kibodeaux, Tara P. Logsdon, Sandy Matte, Merella McFalls, Richard Melancon & Family, Jessica F. Miller, Loretta Miller, Ronnie Myers, Kristian Navarre, Francis Pellissier, Jackie Pintacura, Pam Quebodeaux, Clyde Reed, Darrell (Bubba) Richard, Jr., Judy Richard, Patsy Meaux Rogers, Hayden Ruffner, Myrtle Servat, Kevin Simon, Jeanette Simoneaux, Carita Sonnier, Mary Trahan, Rose Venable, Becca Guidry Vidrine, Jan Wright, Lois Yokum

## The Sanctuary Lamp



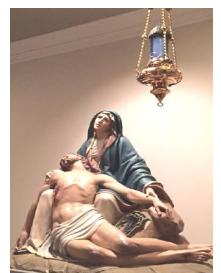
The Sanctuary Lamp burns constantly to proclaim the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Tabernacle. This week we dedicate the flame to:

**Ronnie J. Lavergne  
Vivian Boudreaux  
Lebodier & Onezima Lavergne**

## The Pieta Lamp

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

**Evelyn S. Petitjean  
Garrison Cole Gautreaux  
Vivian Boudreaux**



## Weekly Offertory

2nd Collection next weekend is for St. Joseph Parish Insurance Fund

## Immaculate Conception

Mass Schedule for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be 8:15am and 5:30pm on Wednesday, December 8th.

## Reflection Books

The books for Daily reflections for the Advent & Christmas season are now available and can be found on usher tables in church or purchased at the parish. Donations are \$1.00 while supplies last.

St. Joseph Church  
Electronic Offering

# ONLINE

# OFFERTORY



SCAN THE CODE TO GIVE



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Thank you for your generosity!

## The Light Is On For You

The Diocese of Lafayette is offering additional opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Advent season in preparation for Christmas. Confessions will be heard at St. Joseph Parish on Wednesday evenings, December 8th and 15th from 6:30pm until 8:00pm. The Light is on for you so come be reconciled with Jesus in preparation for His birth.

## High School Faith Formation Service Projects

Winter Session  
**SERVICE  
PROJECTS**

SIGN  
UP  
HERE



All teens registered for High School Faith Formation (Life Teen & Confirmation Candidates) are highly encouraged to participate.

**RAYNE**  **LIFE TEEN**

### Upcoming Service Projects:

- Saturday Dec. 11th | Giving Tree Delivery
- Saturday Dec. 18th | Movie Night Fundraiser

Scan the code to sign up now! Be sure when signing up the proper event you are wanting to sign up for is selected. This link will be used all session and will be updated accordingly.

## Men's Bible Study

Hosted by Fr Brent  
When: Fridays at 7am  
Where: Rectory



# NURSING HOME MINISTRY



## Accepting Donations for Christmas



### Religious Items:

Rosaries, Scapulars, Books,  
Prayer Cards

### Entertainment:

Puzzles, Playing Cards,  
Coloring Books

### Miscellaneous:

Socks, Candles, Room  
Decorations



Donations can be dropped off at the Church Office.

For more info: Charmin Broussard 337.717.8042



Thank you for putting a smile on the faces  
of our elderly community at The Ellington.  
Your love and support is greatly  
appreciated!



## A Festival of Lessons & Carols

**DEC 17** **7:00PM**  
**ST. JOSEPH CHURCH**

## LESSONS & CAROLS

FEATURING SASHA MASSEY

Experience the story of  
Redemption through  
scripture readings, songs,  
and silent meditation.

Free Admission



All are invited to attend a demonstration of Lessons and Carols performed by Sasha Massey. Experience the story of Redemption through scripture readings, songs and silent meditation. Free admission.

## FORMED

St. Joseph has purchased a parish account at Formed.org. There you will have access to Hundreds of Hours of Watching, Reading, and Listening to the Best Catholic Content online.

Go to [www.formed.org/signup](http://www.formed.org/signup) and search for St. Joseph to **sign up for free!**

## Christmas Flowers

Monetary donations in memory of loved ones may be made for the purchase of Christmas flowers to beautify our Church.

Christmas Flowers In Memory of:

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Donated by: \_\_\_\_\_

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Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

Please bring this form and your donation to the parish office or place it in the collection basket by December 17th. Thank You and May the Lord bless you and yours during this Christmas Season and throughout the coming year.



SECOND

Sunday  
OF

Advent

DECEMBER 5, 2021

John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan,  
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Luke 3:3

### THREE ADVENTS

Almost nine hundred years ago, Saint Bernard of Clairvaux suggested in one of his Advent homilies that we should think of three Advents of Christ: the First, when Christ came in humility as Mary's Child, clothed in our human nature; the Second, when Christ will come in glory as Judge and Redeemer of the world. Then Saint Bernard speaks of a Middle Coming, an "in the meantime" Advent, when Christ comes to us in his Word, in the Eucharist, and in those who need our love and care, family and friends, neighbors and strangers. That's this year's Advent, the one we're celebrating now; and this Advent's question is: how attentive am I to Christ's coming into my life-story, right here, right now?

### AN UNNOTICED ADVENT

Today Luke solemnly announces the names of the secular and sacred powers who thought they held the world's destiny in their hands. But they completely missed the decisive event that forever changed the world's religious and political history. When no one else was listening, God's Word came to a nobody, John the Baptist, and not in the temple sanctuary or palace throne room, but "out in the sticks," the Word that would one day cleanse the temple and topple thrones. The powerful names that Luke announces were not popular with ordinary people: times were tough, the economy was bad, people were having to make do with less; and those names reminded common folks that so much of life was beyond their control. Sound familiar? Yet just then, when many were far from hopeful, God acted decisively to save the people, and John the Baptist invited his listeners then, and us today, to join in the Good News of new life.

### GOD'S RECONSTRUCTION PLAN

We heard Baruch, in the first reading, picturing our broken world reborn: the dispersed being carried home, tears wiped away, righteousness and justice, peace and worship. How we wish it could all be true! It will be true, Paul declares, optimistic that God, who has already begun such good work in us, will continue to complete it for the day of Christ's glorious return, increasing our love and sharpening our discernment of the values that endure. So we should begin this second week of Advent reinvigorated with hope in God's plan for the world's salvation. But John the Baptist reminds us that God's "reconstruction plan" for the world's transformation begins much closer to home: what twists and turns of my own life must be untangled, what lofty mountains of my own pride and self-centeredness brought low, which gorge-deep valleys of my own indifference and neglect filled in? Come, Lord Jesus, and make the whole creation new—but start right here, right now, with me!

### TODAY'S READINGS

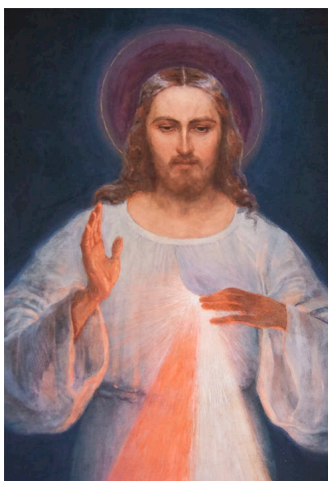
Baruch 5:1–9  
Psalm 126:1–2, 2–3, 4–5, 6  
Philippians 1:4–6, 8–11  
Luke 3:1–6



## Ministers Schedule

December 2021

**Sat. 4pm:** Lector - Debra Reed Extraordinary Ministers - Brenda Hooper, Lyn Guidry Altar Servers - 4 o'clock Team **Sun. 7am:** Lector - Dan Landry Extraordinary Ministers - Betty Bellard, Connie Speyrer Altar Servers - 7 am Team **Sun. 10am:** Lector - Matthew Molbert Extraordinary Ministers - Liz Deaville, Charmaigne Lawless, Joan Gatte -Choir Altar Servers - 10 am Team **Sun. 5:30pm:** Lector - Leah Guidry Extraordinary Ministers - Jimmy Fontenot, Andy Richard, Mike Richard Altar Servers - 5:30 Team



### 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

Sign up for Adoration

[rayne.weadorehim.com](http://rayne.weadorehim.com)

## 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."

*Please join us every first Friday of the month for 6:30am Mass followed by Adoration from 7-8am. Sacred Heart of Jesus, make my heart like yours!*

## Please consider supporting our Parish

### DIRECT DEPOSIT OFFERINGS

Detach, and return to parish office with a voided check.

General Offertory in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Frequency: ☐ Monthly / ☐ Bimonthly Draft on Date: ☐ 2nd / ☐ 16th

Building and Maint. in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Frequency: ☐ Monthly / ☐ Bimonthly Draft on Date: ☐ 2nd / ☐ 16th

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(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

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