

st. Joseph
Roman Catholic Church
Est. 1872



Third Sunday of
Advent

Parish Office

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Office Hours

M, T, Th: 8am - 4pm
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December 12, 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.

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:

Garrison Cole Gautreaux
Allison Comeaux & Comeaux Family
Ronnie Joseph Lavergne

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

\$65,915
collected

\$7,085
left to go

\$73,000

<https://stjoerayne.org/giving>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

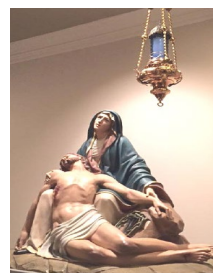
Prayers for the Sick

Brenda Albarado, Dale Alleman, Lesley Miller Baker, Lou Barry, Darrell Bellard, Nessie Boudreaux, Zora Boudreaux, April Bourgeois, Nola Comeaux, Denise Constantin, Marvin Constantin, Phoebe Deshotel, Diana Meaux Doty, Kerry Doucet, 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, Debra Ann Meaux, 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, Delores Trahan, Mary Trahan, Rose Venable, Becca Guidry Vidrine, Jan Wright, Lois Yokum

The Pieta Lamp

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

Deceased Catholic Daughters
Evelyn S. Petitjean
Edward Neal Leger



Weekly Offertory

Offertory of 11/21/2021	\$11,535.76
Offertory of 11/28/2021	\$8,268.03
Monthly Offertory EFT/Credit Card	26.00%
Total Building & Maintenance	\$2,645.25

2nd Collection next weekend for Retirement for the Religious

Baptisms

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

Finley Dale Joseph Thibodeaux, Dawson Jude Henry,
Jedd Joseph Bearb, Evangeline James Racca

Weddings

We joyfully share in the Sacramental union of:

Jacob Edward Bourgeois and Courtlyn Elizabeth Richard

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.

Nila Breaux Lake

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.

Service Projects

Saturday Dec 18th - Movie Night Fundraiser

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

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.

St. Joseph Church
Electronic Offering

ONLINE



OFFERTORY

SCAN THE CODE TO GIVE



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Thank you for your generosity!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Dec. 24 | Christmas Vigil

- 4:00pm
- 6:00pm

Dec. 25 | Christmas Day

- Midnight
- 8:00am

Jan. 1 | Solemnity of Mary

- 9:00am



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.

The Light Is On For You

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

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:

Donated by: _____

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.



THIRD

Sunday
OF

Advent

DECEMBER 12, 2021

Whoever has two cloaks should share
with the person who has none.
And whoever has food should do likewise.

Luke 3:11

REJOICE

Today is known as *Gaudete*—Rejoice—Sunday, the day’s Latin nickname is taken from today’s ancient official Entrance Antiphon, “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.” The optional rose vestments—reminiscent of winter’s early morning skies as the solstice draws near, the festal organ music, the floral arrangements, all these ancient traditions together with the antiphon are meant to anticipate, in sight and sound, the soon-to-break-upon-us Christmas joy. How well today’s scriptures illustrate the struggle between Advent’s contrasting moods: “joyful expectation” in light of Christ’s nativity, and “serious repentance” inspired by John the Baptist’s preaching, reminding us that Christ’s next coming—at death or at the end of time—will be for judgment as well as redemption.

JOY AND EXULTATION

Joy and exultation ring through the first reading, as Zephaniah’s ancient messianic prophecy pictures God “rejoicing over (us) with gladness, renewing (us) in his love, singing joyfully because of (us) as one sings at festivals.” This joyful God is not distant: the prophet declares twice that God “is in your midst.” Zephaniah so trusts this joyful God’s love for us that he declares our deliverance “a done deal”: both from inward fear and guilt—“the Lord has removed the judgment against you”—and from external threats: “he has turned away your enemies.” The Responsorial Psalm, from Advent’s principal prophet, Isaiah, echoes an exultant joy that should prompt us to be “confident and unafraid,” “for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.” Paul likewise exhorts the Philippians—and us—to joy, to a kindness that should be evident to all, to prayer free from anxiety, serene and thankful.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

But then John the Baptist cries out on Jordan’s bank: Repent! Prepare for a Messiah whose baptism “with the Holy Spirit and fire,” unlike John’s water baptism, will utterly transform its recipients. His winnowing fan will clear away the dead wood, bundling wheat and burning chaff in unquenchable fire. If this is going to be “good news” for us, then well might we, like the crowds, tax collectors, and soldiers who first heard John, ask “What should we do?” When John responds to the people then, and to us today, the answer, while supremely challenging, is almost surprisingly simple. Nobody is ordered to abandon the place in which their personal life’s journey or the realities of a history beyond their control have put them. God saves us not despite or apart from our real-life circumstances but in them and through them. Our call now is to practical, generous charity: we are to share clothing and food; practice justice and professional and personal integrity; and be honest toward others and with ourselves. Such is the teaching of the Messiah that John heralded.

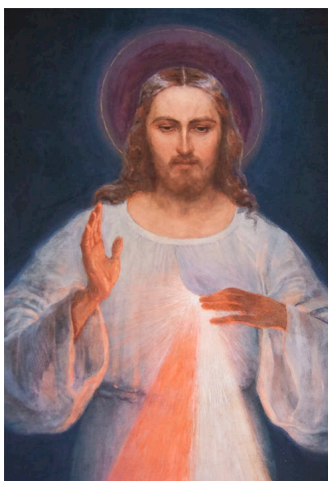
TODAY’S READINGS

Zephaniah 3:14–18a
Isaiah 12:2–3, 4, 5–6
Philippians 4:4–7
Luke 3:10–18

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

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

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(Name - PLEASE PRINT)

(Signature)

(Date)

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