

st. Joseph
Roman Catholic Church
Est. 1872



Fourth Sunday of
Advent

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Office Hours

M, T, Th: 8am - 4pm
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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021

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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



\$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, 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 Sanctuary Lamp



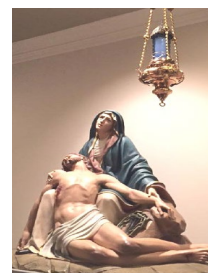
The Sanctuary Lamp burns constantly to proclaim the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Tabernacle. This week we dedicate the flame to:

Gus, Joe Sr., Carita & Gilda Guidry
Alex Istre
Ronnie J. Lavergne
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:

Alex Istre
Deacon Daniel Besse
Dupre' & Sabelle Menard
Tommy & Evelyn S. Petitjean



Weekly Offertory

Offertory of 12/05/2021 \$16,352.56

All Christmas masses 2nd collection for St. Joseph Seminarian Fund

Baptisms

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

Theodore Joseph Guidry

Weddings

We joyfully share in the Sacramental union of:

Josef Charles Schmid and Ashlyn Nicole Daville


FORMED: Catholic Faith On Demand

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 and search for St. Joseph to **sign up for free!**

GIVING TREE

The teens of High School Faith Formation are collecting donations for the needy families of Rayne. To participate, please take home an ornament from one of the Christmas trees in the vestibule. The unwrapped, newly purchased item listed on the ornament should be placed beneath the tree before January 6th.



St. Joseph Church
Electronic Offering



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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!



Sweets

THE PARISH GUMBO IS ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 7. IF YOU ARE ABLE PLEASE DONATE
HOMEMADE OR BOUGHT COOKIES, BROWNIES OR FUDGE FOR DESSERT. THEY CAN BE
BROUGHT TO THE CIVIC CENTER ANYTIME THAT AFTERNOON OR WHEN YOU GO THAT
EVENING. THANK YOU. ANNETTE GOSSEN PHONE 337-581-4290.

Blessed are
you among
women





FOURTH

Sunday
OF

Advent

DECEMBER 19, 2021

Mary set out and traveled to the
hill country in haste to a town of Judah,
where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

Luke 1:39-40

INCARNATION AND PASCHAL MYSTERY

For years, Catholic spiritual writers have drawn our attention to the Christmas liturgy's subtle—and not-so-subtle—linking of Christ's incarnation with his paschal mystery. In the infancy narratives of Matthew and Luke, there are countless intimations of the Passion and cross. The saints of the Christmas octave, dubbed “*comites Christi*,” Christ's companions in suffering, form a royal honor guard of martyrs and others who bore witness at great personal sacrifice to the Child we hail as “Prince of Peace,” while the wood of the manger evokes the wood of the cross. But these days, sadly, in the wake of seemingly endless mass shootings at schools, we need no reminders of how close in real life are the cradle and the cross. May our hearts find, if not answers, at least comfort in the prophet Micah's reminder that, from the pain of a woman's labor came forth the Child who is our incarnate peace.

COMFORT AND SALVATION

All of today's scriptures seem to declare Christmas's “comfort and joy.” Micah declares that, as small as Bethlehem is, the child born there will bring peace that “shall reach to the ends of the earth.” Hebrews proclaims that, despite pain and suffering, the “offering of the body of Jesus Christ” saves us all. In today's Gospel, bearing the Christ Child within her, Mary, barely more than a child herself, immediately, unselfishly sets aside her own preoccupations—and as a betrothed but as yet unmarried mother-to-be, how many they must have been—to travel in haste, over dangerous terrain, a four-day journey (the scholars say) from Nazareth to Ain-Karem, to the home of Elizabeth and Zechariah.

BLESSED

Then, just as David leapt and danced before the ancient Ark of the Covenant that bore precious signs of God's abiding presence, so John leaps in his mother Elizabeth's womb as Mary arrives, a living ark bearing God's living presence. Elizabeth joyfully greets Mary in words that we pray daily in the “Hail Mary”: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.” Why Mary is so “blessed” Elizabeth then explains: “Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.” Likewise, we may dare hope to be “blessed” for “believing that what was spoken” to us “by the Lord”—Jesus' promise of mercy—will be fulfilled as we share God's mercy with everyone. For by reason of our baptism and, more immediately and repeatedly, because of our participation in the Eucharist, we too bear within ourselves the living Christ. To whom, or to what situation, do we need to bear Christ this Christmas? Indeed, throughout the year, how selflessly do we set our own concerns aside? How eagerly—“in haste”—do we, disregarding difficulties, traverse whatever dangerous terrain needs conquering to be of service to another?

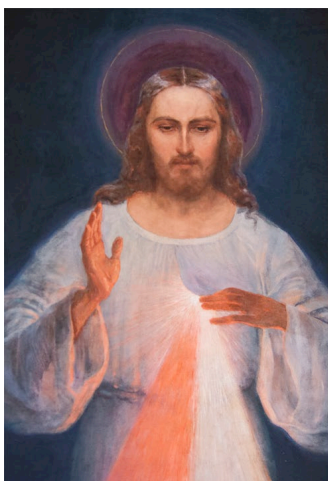
TODAY'S READINGS

Micah 5:1-4a
Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45

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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(Signature)

(Date)

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