

# st. Joseph

## Roman Catholic Church

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### Office Hours

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

### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 20, 2022

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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.

## Men's Bible Study

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

## 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:

**Robert Delahoussaye  
Thurston & Maude Duhon  
Family of GG Rushia**

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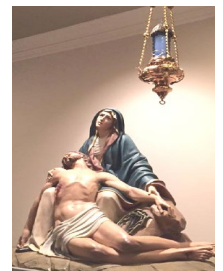
## Prayers for the Sick

Dale Alleman, Darrell Bellard, Nessie Boudreaux, Ricky Boudreaux, Zora Boudreaux, Nola Comeaux, Preston Comeaux, Denise Constantin, Marvin Constantin, Phoebe Deshotel, Diana Meaux Doty, Kerry Doucet, Theresa Cramer Doucet, Margie Dubois, Zubaida Elahi, Paula Fontenot, Shannon Fontenot, Abigail Foreman, 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, Sammy Hernandez, Martha Hodge, Lloyd Jeffers, Tara P. Logsdon, Sandy Matte, Merella McFalls, Debra Ann Meaux, Richard Melancon & Family, Jessica F. Miller, Loretta Miller, Ronnie Myers, Kristian Navarre, Francis Pellissier, Clyde Reed, Darrell (Bubba) Richard, Jr., Judy Richard, Hayden Ruffner, Myrtle Servat, Kevin Simon, Jeanette Simoneaux, Carita Sonnier, Mary Trahan, Rose Venable, Becca Guidry Vidrine

## The Pieta Lamp

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

**Garrison Cole Gautreaux  
Melvin "Peanut" Moreau, Jr**



## Weekly Offertory

Offertory of 02/06/2022

\$13,519.41

## Baptisms

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

Rosemarie Elizabeth Gulzar  
Landri Kate Hebert  
Samuel Joseph Valdetero

## 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.

Roger Dale Fusilier



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## Feeding our Faith

Feeding our Faith returns for a special Lenten series on Tuesday evenings, March 15th, 22nd, and 29th from 6pm to 7:30pm in the Family Life Center.

Each session begins with a free supper followed by a video presentation and discussion. Our video series is entitled "The Hidden King: The Jewish Roots of St. Joseph" by Dr. Brant Pitre.

What is your image of St. Joseph? A poor, humble carpenter, an elderly widower, or a man in his prime, the chaste spouse of Mary?

In this series, Dr. Pitre takes the popular figure of St. Joseph and opens up the mysteries of his hidden identity, his relationship with Mary, and his role as the earthly foster-father of Jesus.

Many books on St. Joseph focus on legends and private revelations. In this Bible study, Dr. Pitre focuses on what we can learn about St. Joseph from the Bible, ancient Jewish and Roman history, and the Living Tradition of the Church.

As you will discover, when looked at through ancient Jewish eyes, Joseph stands with Jesus and Mary at the center of salvation history.

Feeding our Faith is offered free of charge so please come and join us as together we unpack the mystery of our Patron, St. Joseph, during this special 150th Anniversary Year of St. Joseph Parish.

## Proverbs 27:17 Men's Group

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."

Men of St. Joseph parish, you don't have to go through Lent alone this year. We are resurrecting the Proverbs 27:17 group this Lent. Proverbs 27:17 was formed to assist the men of St. Joseph Parish in developing a closer and more fulfilling relationship with Jesus and by extension with each other. We will utilize a three pronged approach of Prayer, Sacrifice and Brotherhood to strengthen our will, our determination and our accountability so that we can live in the freedom to choose a life in Christ rather than a life in the world.

Preview meetings will be held on Wednesday February 23rd at 7:00am and 6:00pm in the Cry Room of church. If you are interested in learning more about this dynamic opportunity to walk the disciplines of Lent with other men, please join us for one of these preview meetings. For more information, contact Deacon Denis at the Parish Office.



## Witness To Love

Congratulations to Tyler and Katy Melancon who were united in marriage at St. Joseph Catholic Church on August 28, 2021.



## St. Joseph Garden Mausoleum

We are pleased to announce that arrangements have been completed with American Cemetery Consultants LLC to build the beautiful new Garden Mausoleum in St. Joseph Cemetery. The program has the full approval of His Excellency, the Most Reverend J. Douglas Deshotel, D.D., Bishop of Lafayette.

Sales Representatives of American Cemetery Consultants will be contacting families in the Rayne area over the next few weeks to answer questions about the mausoleum and determine who is interested. The number of crypts selected before construction will determine the size of the mausoleum. Spaces are reserved on a first come basis; therefore, anyone seeking information should either mail in the postage paid reply card from the brochure mailer that was mailed to your home or call (337) 347-6989.



### Alms to the Poor

n.d.  
Rodolphe Bresdin  
French, 1825–1885  
Art Institute of Chicago

Luke 6:38

Give, and gifts will be given to you;  
a good measure, packed together,  
shaken down, and overflowing,  
will be poured into your lap.

## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

It's likely that some friends or followers of Jesus told him, from time to time, to “get real” when his teachings seemed too hard or impractical. John's Gospel, near the end of the Bread of Life discourse, reports that some disciples out and out turned away because it was too hard to continue following Jesus. When Jesus said to love our enemies, pray for those who hurt us, or do good for those who hate us, the response, “get real,” wouldn't be surprising. And yet, the very life and witness of Jesus is filled with his prophetic examples of doing just that; of refusing to return harm for harm. The lives of the saints are likewise filled with such examples, especially those saints who were laborers in the field for justice and peace. Is this command of Jesus difficult? Yes. Is it impossible? No.

### ROLE REVERSAL

It could have come straight out of a Hollywood script: two enemies, former friends and admirers of each other now pitted against each other. So it is today with Saul and David. Saul had actually praised David for slaying Goliath, and rewarded him by placing him in charge of Israel's military force. David flourished, and was praised, admired for how clearly the hand of God was upon him. Of course, Saul became jealous, and soon hatched a plot to finish him off. In a turning of the tables, Saul actually becomes the vulnerable one, and David has more than one opportunity to kill him. But it is not a surprise ambush that keeps David from slaying Saul, but the realization that Saul is a meshiach (Messiah), God's anointed one, the first to bear this title in Israel. Twice David has an opportunity—the second time he even has a witness and accomplice—and yet he will not do what it seems like the script says he should.

### REWRITE!

Jesus is also a master of subverting our expectations of what the script is going to do. The scriptwriter we call Luke is even more detailed than Matthew in what “love your enemies” means. Luke spells out specific, active ways to counteract the deeds of those whom we would label “enemies.” Beyond that, Luke's Jesus says not to lend merely the shirt off our back, but our coat as well; to lend money not only to those who can repay, but to those who can't. This is the script of God's Meshiach: do not perpetuate or escalate violence, but reply to it with love. What you think is sufficient generosity needs to be doubled, at the very least. Whenever it seems like the direction of the story needs to be changed—so that harm or sin or cruelty is overcome by love—change the story. Through God's goodness, we are free to change our story; through God's grace, we have Jesus to show us the way.

### TODAY'S READINGS

1 Samuel 26:2, 7–9, 12–13, 22–23  
Psalm 103:1–2, 3–4, 8, 10, 12–13  
1 Corinthians 15:45–49  
Luke 6:27–38

# Ministers Schedule

February 2022

**Sat. 4pm:** Lector - Tessa Himel Extraordinary Ministers - Ramona Besse, Larry Van Pelt Altar Servers - 4 o'clock Team **Sun. 7am:** Lector - Mike Reynolds Extraordinary Ministers - Betty Bellard, Phil Speyrer Altar Servers - 7 am Team **Sun. 10am:** Lector - Mandy Miller Extraordinary Ministers - Larry LeBlanc, Richard Dupuis, Joan Gatte -Choir Altar Servers - 10 am Team **Sun. 5:30pm:** Lector - Tammy Clark 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

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