



st. Joseph

Roman Catholic Church

Est. 1872

Pastor

Rev. Brent L. Smith

Mass Times

Sat Ant: 4pm

Sun: 7am, 10am, 5:30 pm

Mon: NO MASS

Tues: 12:05 pm

Wed: 6:30 am

Thurs: 12:05 pm

Fri: 6:30 am

First Sat: 9:00 am

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M, T, Th: 8am - 4pm

W: 8am - 2pm

F: 8am - Noon

Third Sunday of Easter

May 01, 2022



THIRD SUNDAY OF Easter

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Jesus said to him,
"Feed my sheep."

John 21:17



CHURCH

The Easter season provides us an opportunity to reflect upon who we are as Church, in light of the first experiences of Jesus' followers. From today's Gospel, we realize that all we do is founded on our friendship with and trust in Jesus, as witnessed in Jesus' dialogue with Peter. From Revelation, in the image of Jesus as the sacrificial Lamb, we can anticipate suffering for the sake of love for God and for others. From the apostles' bold speech in Acts, we remember that when we stay true to the Gospel, even at great cost, we must always embody God's forgiveness toward those who resist God's invitation. The early Church struggled to understand how to live the way of Jesus, and we can expect no less struggle for ourselves. And like them, we may also know the joy of growing friendship with God along the way.

OBEYING GOD

In the first chapters of Acts, the apostles venture out energetically, soon after Pentecost, to proclaim the risen Jesus. Today's reading shows the Sanhedrin, the formal religious body that had condemned Jesus shortly before, now threatening the apostles. The Sanhedrin likely feared that Jesus' followers would, in vengeance for the Crucifixion, stir up a riot or even a violent revolt. The apostles, consistent with Jesus' own dealings with the authorities, proclaim Jesus' message of God's forgiveness of everyone, and refuse to incite violence.

It is a great challenge, as Peter said, to "obey God rather than man." Throughout history, when groups of God's people, inspired by God's dream for a just and free world, have spoken out non-violently against injustice and oppression, they have sought to obey God's summons. We the Church, while always mindful of the dangers of self-deception, are similarly called to discern and obey God in our own time and place.

REPEATED QUESTIONS

In today's Gospel, John sets the scene for Jesus' encounter with Peter, sitting by a "charcoal fire." There is just one other mention of a charcoal fire in John's Gospel: when Peter warms himself while awaiting Jesus' trial, and Peter goes on to deny knowing Jesus, three times. The evangelist directly links Jesus' three questions of Peter, "do you love me?", to Peter's three denials. Through his repeated questioning, Jesus helps Peter to face his actions fully, and to accept forgiveness fully as well.

When God invites us into prayer, we may be invited to enter into deep conversation with God about our lives. God can pose the same questions to us, again and again over time, to face what we might prefer to avoid: Can you forgive someone who has hurt you? Can you be more generous? Can you let go of obstacles to becoming more loving? And even: Do you love me? Jesus' encounter with Peter suggests that we can face such questions with deep trust in God.

TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41
Psalm 30:2, 4, 5–6, 11–12a, 13b
Revelation 5:11–14
John 21:1–19 [1–14]

Men's Bible Study

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

Sacraments

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.

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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:

**Hilda Mae Breaux Dugas
Borne & LeBlanc Family**

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

Baptisms

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

No baptisms this week.

Weddings

We joyfully share in the Sacramental union of:

No weddings this week.

Dearly Departed

Our faith community remembers in prayer our dearly departed.

Bruce Matthieu

Prayers for the Sick

Dale Alleman, Natalie Alleman, Helen Boudreaux, Nessie Boudreaux, Ricky Boudreaux, Zora Boudreaux, Willie Bourque, Nola Comeaux, Preston Comeaux, Denise Constantin, Marvin Constantin, Phoebe Deshotel, Susan Dollison, Kerry Doucet, Theresa Cramer Doucet, Margie Dubois, Zubaida Elahi, Diego Escandon, Martha Fontenot, Paula Fontenot, Shannon Fontenot, Debra Fusilier, Barbara & Tanya Gaspard, Laura Gautreaux, Laurie Guenther, Keylonna Guidry, Raymond & Deanean Guidry, Karen Hebert, Sammy Hernandez, Martha Hodge, Lloyd Jeffers, Candi Hebert Latino, Leslie Leger, Tara P. Logsdon, Merella McFalls, Richard Melancon & Family, Jessica F. Miller, Loretta Miller, Judy Mouton, Ronnie Myers, Kristian Navarre, Mark Navarre, Francis Pellissier, Claudia "Pie" Richard, Darrell (Bubba) Richard, Jr., Judy Richard, Hayden Ruffner, Myrtle Servat, Jeanette Simoneaux, Carita Sonnier, Mary Trahan, Rose Venable, Linda Viale, Becca Guidry Vidrine, Marguerite Wyble

Weekly Offertory

Offertory of 04/17/2022 \$13,066.61

2nd Collection next weekend is for Bishop Services Appeal Fund

Tea Party



Garden Club



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.

NEW GARDEN MAUSOLEUM UPDATE



Representatives (Joe Blanchard, Keith Boudreaux, and Tommy Lyons) from American Cemetery Consultants would like to convey their utmost gratitude to all of you who have welcomed them into your homes and for your gracious hospitality. The response to the St. Joseph Cemetery Mausoleum addition is going well. We expect to continue visiting and signing up families for approximately one more month. Please don't delay. Spaces are reserved on a first come basis and payment plans are available only during the pre-sales program. The number of mausoleum crypts selected before construction will determine the final size of the building. So if anyone is interested in purchasing or has questions, please return the card attached to the brochure you recently received or call 337-347-6989

DID YOU KNOW?



A 3-day retreat was conducted in 1952 for the sick and elderly in the area. It was not only the first in the area but the first conducted in the United States, and was sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of America, Rayne Court 844.

THE FIRST 150 YEARS



St. Joseph First Communion 2022

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| Levi Ardoin | Hailey McGoffin |
| Lily Arsement | Kora Melancon |
| Rhett Boutin | Diem Mire |
| Emma Boyer | Charlotte Richard |
| Annalee Credeur | Cruz Richard |
| Graison Credeur | Graham Prevost |
| Edison Daigle | Ann-Marie Primeaux |
| Madelyn Derise | Ricki Quibodeaux |
| Emma Fogleman | Camille Schexnayder |
| Maleke Francis | Silas Seaba |
| Jacqueline Francois | Eleanor Simon |
| Camille Fusilier | Jason Smith |
| Charley Fusilier | Audrey Stanford |
| Lee-Michael Guidry | Isla Stewart |
| Avah Henry | Karsyn Stutes |
| Leighanna Houston | Abigail Terro |
| Olivia Judice | Rami Terro |
| Myles Labbie | Cullen Thomas |
| Gracie Lagneaux | Elizabeth Trahan |
| Kasen Leger | Stella Woods |
| Drew Marks | Paul Tran Anh Viet |



Witness to Love

Congratulations to Christian and Shelby Brown who were united in marriage on Saturday, March 19, 2022.



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!**



Ministers Schedule

May 2022

Sat. 4pm: Lector - Cathy Breaux Extraordinary Ministers - Mary Comeaux, Ramona Besse Altar Servers - 4 o'clock Team **Sun. 7am:** Lector - Connie Speyrer Extraordinary Ministers - Betty Bellard, Phil Speyrer, Albert Johnson Altar Servers - 7 am Team **Sun. 10am:** Lector - Paul Molbert Extraordinary Ministers - Liz Deaville, Charmaigne Lawless, Gracie Mouton - Choir Altar Servers - 10 am Team **Sun. 5:30pm:** Lector - Charmin Broussard Extraordinary Ministers - Bryan Guidry, Andy Richard, Emma Landaiche 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!

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we begin the Holy Season of Lent, we are called to fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. Let us remember in our prayers the people of Ukraine who are suffering the ravages of a brutal war of aggression by Russia. We see every day how this brutality is affecting men, women, children, the elderly and infirm. Children and the elderly are being forced from their homes in an attempt to flee destruction.

None of us can imagine our lives being upended as the Ukrainian people are enduring. In the middle of winter they are without heat, electricity, food and medicine. Many of the elderly, walking with crutches, must tread through snow, water and mud trying to find safety. We cannot help but be moved to have compassion for our fellow human beings. Please remember them in your prayers. Pray also that national leaders will be moved to seek peaceful means to resolve their differences.

Many have asked how they could help monetarily. Donations will be used to provide food, medicine and even warm clothes. If anyone wishes to help, donations may be given to your pastor or to me at the Diocesan Offices, 1408 Carmel Drive, Lafayette, LA 70501, marked "Ukrainian Relief". The United States Conference of Bishops has a close relationship with the Ukrainian Bishops and any donations will be forwarded to them for relief efforts.

Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us.

Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel
Bishop of Lafayette

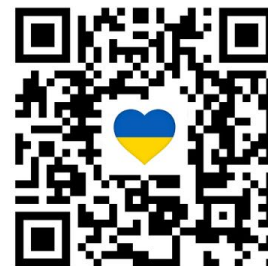


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