



# 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

### Connect

[stjoerayne.org](http://stjoerayne.org)

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### Office Hours

M, T, Th: 8am - 4pm

W: 8am - 2pm

F: 8am - Noon

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022





# FIFTH SUNDAY OF *Easter*

MAY  
**15**  
2022

I give you a new commandment:  
love one another.

John 13:34



## GLORIFY GOD

In the first sentence of today's Gospel passage from John, Jesus' address at the Last Supper, the words "glorify" or "glorified" appear five times. For John, glory has to do with honor and reputation, the primary characteristic of a person. John thus invites us to reflect upon what God's glory fully means. God is glorified when God's truest nature is revealed, as the God who loves. Today's passage is situated between two demonstrations of Jesus' love: the washing of feet and going to the cross. The capacity to glorify God extends to all of us. Like Jesus, love is revealed both in our mundane acts of service and in our acts and commitments of great sacrifice. Jesus' "new commandment," flowing from God's love within us, invites us to extend and deepen our love for others, to include everyone. We may then reveal God's truest nature to everyone, and so glorify God.

## MADE FOR EACH OTHER

We are introduced to the book of Revelation's great concluding vision in our second reading. The completion of God's project of salvation is described as a new Jerusalem coming from heaven, to form a new heaven and new earth. The image of a marriage articulates this vision, in which the two sides of God's good creation, earth and heaven, are joined in a final union. Earth (the physical universe) will not be destroyed, but instead be fully renewed.

This vision rejects any notion that the physical and the spiritual are ultimately separate and opposed to each other. It rejects the idea that heaven is an escape from a prison of earthly life. Like a marriage partnership, these two sides of reality are fundamentally made for each other. Life in heaven and life on earth are quite different now. But the life of faith, here and now, offers a foretaste of God's promised future.

## ALL THINGS NEW

The new heaven and new earth described by Revelation is where God will dwell fully among God's beloved creation. God's reign will be a reign of love, where death will be no more. In Revelation, death fuels fear and resentment, which turn to cycles of violence and destruction, and to social systems that sustain injustice. These cycles of death will one day be broken by love. In God's reign of love, new energies of creativity and human fulfillment can be released.

When God says "behold, I make all things new," God is speaking of both the present and the future. God is working now, in every person and community, in every part of part of creation, to bring about this new reality. We the Church must learn to see God working in our lives, our workplaces, and our neighborhoods, breaking cycles of death. We are summoned to join in what God is doing, releasing new energies of love, anticipating the final fulfillment of God's work.

## TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 14:21-27  
Psalm 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13  
Revelation 21:1-5a  
John 13:31-33a, 34-35

## Men's Bible Study

Fridays at 7am  
In the FLC

## 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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## Weekly Offertory

<b>Offertory of 04/24/2022</b>	<b>\$9,032.99</b>
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Total Building & Maintenance	\$3,188.53
<b>Offertory of 05/01/2022</b>	<b>\$15,860.85</b>

## 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 Lavergne & Parker Hayes  
Anatole & Katie Gary  
Simon & Nero Families

## 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  
Garrison Cole Gautreaux  
Jameele & Ruth Saloom

## Baptisms

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

May Louise Wynn

## Weddings

We joyfully share in the Sacramental union of:

Trevor James Carriere & Charlyne Mare' Peltier

## Dearly Departed

Our faith community remembers in prayer our dearly departed.

Bradley Breau  
Lon "L.J." Moody III

## Prayers for the Sick

Dale Alleman, Natalie Alleman, Helen Boudreaux, Nessie Boudreaux, Ricky Boudreaux, Zora Boudreaux, Willie Bourque, Darla Bryson, 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, Eula Granger, Laurie Guenther, Keylonna Guidry, Raymond & Deanean Guidry, Karen Hebert, Sammy Hernandez, Martha Hodge, Lloyd Jeffers, Candi Hebert Latino, Leslie Leger, Callan LeJeune, 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, Norris Webb, Marguerite Wyble



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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!**



CALLING ALL GREEN THUMBS!

## ST. JOSEPH Garden Club

Fr. Brent is seeking volunteers to beautify and maintain our church with flowers and plants.

If interested, please call the Parish Office. 337.334.2193

## 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



We wish to thank everyone for the warm reception given to Joe Blanchard, Keith Boudreaux, and Tommy Lyons, who are visiting families in Rayne concerning the St. Joseph Cemetery New Mausoleum. The active survey part of the program is scheduled to be completed in the next few weeks. Therefore, all families that have not made a final decision are reminded that this will be the last opportunity to make financial arrangements with American Cemetery Consultants. If you have not been contacted about the new mausoleum, and are interested, only a short time remains on our survey period. Only those families that contract for spaces now will be assured burial places in the Memorial. Remember, the final size of the building will be determined by the number of families that select spaces during this part of the program. **ACT NOW!!** Call 337-347-6989



# St. Joseph First Communion 2022

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
Cecilia Ann Gagliano	Isla Stewart
Lee-Michael Guidry	Karsyn Stutes
Avah Henry	Abigail Terro
Leighanna Houston	Rami Terro
Olivia Judice	Cullen Thomas
Myles Labbie	Elizabeth Trahan
Gracie Lagneaux	Stella Woods
Kasen Leger	Paul Tran Anh Viet
Drew Marks	



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## 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](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!*

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

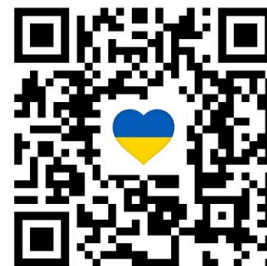


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