



# st. Joseph

## Roman Catholic Church

Est. 1872

### Pastor

Rev. Brent L. Smith

### Mass Times

Sat Ant: 4pm  
Sun: 7am, 10am, 5:30 pm  
Mon: 6:30 am  
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

### The Ascension of the Lord

May 29, 2022







AS HE BLESSED THEM  
HE PARTED FROM THEM  
AND WAS TAKEN  
UP TO HEAVEN.

LUKE 24:51

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## CONTINUING JESUS' MINISTRY

The celebration of the Ascension of our Lord occurs distinctively this year, when the two most detailed descriptions of the event, both written by Luke the evangelist, are brought together in today's readings. We hear both the concluding verses from Luke's Gospel, the first volume of his work, and the first verses of Acts, his second volume. For Luke, the Ascension is the hinge of his two-volume work. The evangelist apparently thought the story of the Ascension was important enough to tell twice. While his first telling emphasizes the meaning of Jesus' earthly ministry, the second telling shifts to how the community of his followers are commissioned to continue this same ministry. Now the apostles, and by implication all who follow Jesus, will bring healing and hope to a world that desperately needs them. Luke reminds us that we the Church are also summoned by Jesus to participate in his work.

## ABSENCE AND PRESENCE

Appreciating the Ascension within the larger story of Jesus can be difficult. This is partly because of the mystical features of Luke's two descriptions, and also the lack of description in the other Gospels. The Ascension describes both the absence and the presence of Jesus. Why did Jesus have to leave? As Jesus told his disciples, his departure makes possible his continuing presence in a new way, through the work of the Spirit beginning at Pentecost.

The Ascension is more than a departure, for it describes how the bodily, human Jesus is now "at the right hand of God," and that the Father exalts Jesus as Lord of heaven and earth. We need to hold these two together: that Jesus knows our human trials and joys and walks compassionately with us; and Jesus also is our Lord, who pushes us out of our comfort zones toward Christian maturity, and holds us accountable.

## WITNESSES

In the descriptions of the Ascension in today's readings, Jesus tells the disciples "You are witnesses" or "you will be my witnesses." The image of witness evokes a legal proceeding, where a person affirms the truth of an event. Sometimes physical evidence, such as a DNA test, serves as witness to the truth. This same word is used again and again in Acts, as the apostles witnessed to the Resurrection, or to the whole story of Jesus. We are called to witness the truth of the Gospel.

We might witness in at least three ways. In dialogue with others, we can speak the witness, by explicitly sharing the biblical story and what it means for us. We can do the witness, by aligning our actions and lifestyle so as to share love for others. We can be the witness, in our fundamental openness and faithful response to God, and in our grace-filled personal presence with others. We are the best evidence of the truths of our faith.

## TODAY'S READINGS

Acts 1:1-11  
Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9  
Ephesians 1:17-23 or  
Hebrews 9:24-28  
Luke 24:46-53

## 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

Offertory of 05/15/2022 \$11,940.15

2nd Collection next weekend is for Building & Maintenance Fund

## 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:

Roy P Myers  
Charles W. Chappuis

## 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 for this week.**

## Weddings

We joyfully share in the Sacramental union of:

Luke Anthony Cormier & Alexandra Nicole Schneider

## Dearly Departed

Our faith community remembers in prayer our dearly departed.

Margaret Habetz Boullion, Merella Melancon  
McFalls, Gladys Bourque, Douglas Langley,  
Donald Dore Sr., Edward "Eddie" Leger

## Prayers for the Sick

Brenda Albarado, Dale Alleman, Natalie Alleman, Helen Boudreaux, Nessie Boudreaux, Ricky Boudreaux, Zora Boudreaux, Willie Bourque, Darla Bryson, Courtney Comeaux, Nola Comeaux, Preston Comeaux, Denise Constantin, Marvin Constantin, Phoebe Deshotel, Susan Dollison, Kerry Doucet, Theresa Cramer Doucet, Margie Dubois, Zubaida Elahi, Diego Escandon, Cheryl Fabacher, 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, Mona LaCroix, Candi Hebert Latino, Leslie Leger, Callan LeJeune, Jessica F. Miller, Loretta Miller, Judy Mouton, Ronnie Myers, Kristian Navarre, Mark Navarre, Francis Pellissier, Claudia "Pie" Richard, Darrell (Bubba) Richard, Jr., Judy Richard, Quentin Rowe, Hayden Ruffner, Myrtle Servat, Jeanette Simoneaux, Carita Sonnier, Mary Trahan, Rose Venable, Linda Viale, Becca Guidry Vidrine, Norris Webb, Marguerite Wyble





# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

## June 6-8 | 9:00am-Noon

REGISTER TODAY!  
[stjoerayne.org/vbs](http://stjoerayne.org/vbs)




### 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.

### Candle Fee Increase

Due to an increase in the cost from our supplier for 7 day candles, we unfortunately are having to raise the price of candle purchases to \$5 per candle effective May 23, 2022. We apologize, but this increase has become necessary for us to be able to continue to offer purchases of candles locally at the parish. We appreciate your understanding.



Rite of Ordination to the Priesthood

# DEACON NICK WARE

Saturday, June 11th, 10:00 am  
The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Lafayette, LA

**FIRST MASS: JUNE 12 | ST. JOSEPH CHURCH | 10:00 AM**

*Reception to follow at The Warehouse in Rayne, LA*

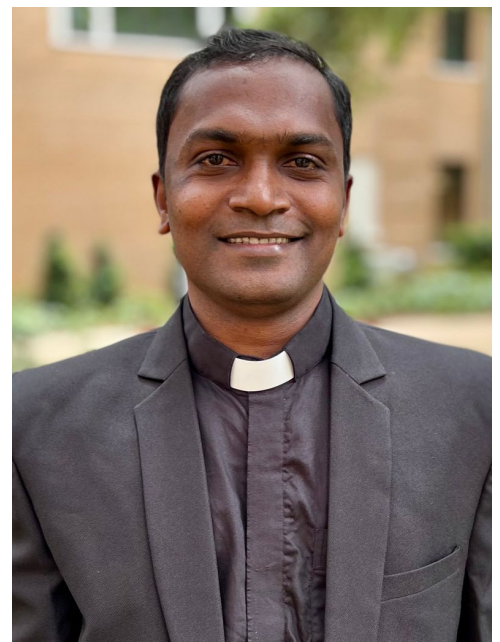
## Monday Mass

Monday morning Mass will resume starting May 30th @ 6:30am

## Welcome Father Henry!

Our parish welcomes Fr. Henry Paul Antony! Fr Henry is from India and belongs to the Order of the Heralds of the Good News. He discerned the call of God and entered the seminary after 10th grade in 2003. He was ordained to the Sacred Order of the Priesthood on May 6, 2014. Since then he has served in various assignments including parochial vicar, principal in Catholic schools, and Provincial Secretary.

Fr. Henry was appointed by Bishop Deshotel as parochial vicar at St Joseph's Church parish and began his assignment on May 9th. He has expressed that he is happy and very excited to work and pray with all of you and offer the Holy Mass for all of your intentions and well-being. We are grateful for Fr. Henry being with us, and look forward to seeing God's work being accomplished in and through his priesthood.





# Ministers Schedule

June 2022

**Sat. 4pm:** Lector - Annette Gossen Extraordinary Ministers - Lyn Guidry, Larry Van Pelt Altar Servers - 4 o'clock Team **Sun. 7am:** Lector - Allison Gray Extraordinary Ministers - Betty Bellard, Albert Johnson, Alternating Third EM Altar Servers - 7 am Team **Sun. 10am:** Lector - Matthew Molbert Extraordinary Ministers - Richard Dupuis, Joan Gatte Altar Servers - 10 am Team **Sun. 5:30pm:** Lector - Tammy Clark Extraordinary Ministers - Leah Guidry, Crystal Moody, Jimmy Fontenot 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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ALL DONATIONS COLLECTED WILL GO TO THE  
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