



st. Joseph

Roman Catholic Church

Est. 1872

Pastor

Rev. Brent L. Smith

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Henry Paul Antony, HCN

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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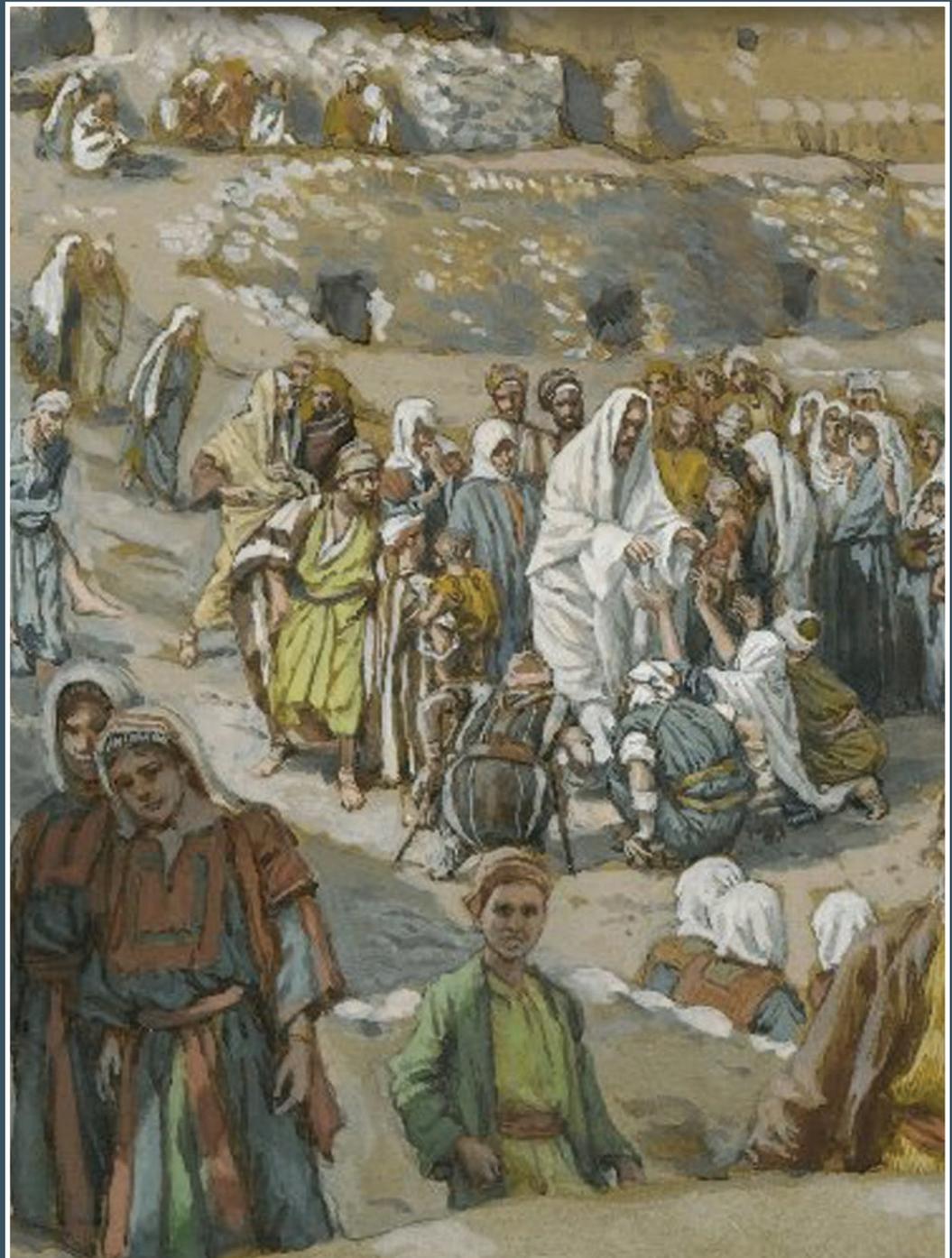
M, T, Th: 8am - 4pm

W: 8am - 2pm

F: 8am - Noon

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 21, 2022





TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 21, 2022

Strive to enter through the narrow gate,
for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter
but will not be strong enough.

Luke 13:24

COVENANT RELATIONSHIP

The term “fair-weather friend” might need a technological-era updating. Perhaps “short attention span friend” would work. In our world of multiple communication platforms, it somehow has become increasingly easy to lose track of friends. We shouldn’t be surprised when we reach out and they’ve moved on due to our indifference. The God who is love and whose covenant is one-hundred percent about relationship is depicted in the same way by Jesus today. Hey God, remember us? There was that one time we were really in trouble and you helped out; well, we’re in trouble again. But we may find that God has moved on since we turned out to be only foul-weather friends. The covenant relationship has two parties: God and us. If that covenant relationship falls apart, and we’re no longer “friended” by God, it’s not because God failed as a friend. Keeping up the friendship and relationship with God is equally our responsibility.

FROM EAST TO WEST

With our modern understanding of the world and its various cultures and religions, it’s hard to grasp how shocking Isaiah’s words today would have been to those who first encountered them. After all, they were the people God called “Chosen.” It was easy for them to presume that after the sufferings of exile that God’s freeing redemption would be for them and them alone. Yet here is Isaiah saying that the saving hand of God will extend to all nations, even those of varying ways and languages. Perhaps most shocking to Isaiah’s initial audience would have been today’s final line: that God would take these outsiders and fugitives, elevating them to the priesthood, to include them in the descendants of one of Jacob’s sons, Levi. It’s not difficult to imagine that this sweeping vision of God’s mercy and love beyond the bounds of the Chosen People was met with resistance, much as similar messages are met with resistance today.

FROM NORTH AND SOUTH

Jesus shows himself to be firmly in Israel’s prophetic tradition, a true son of Isaiah today, as he proclaims a similar message. Those who had been chosen as disciples could not presume that merely keeping physical proximity with Jesus or remaining in his company gave them any real claim to call themselves true disciples. As important as table fellowship is in Luke’s Gospel, even eating and drinking with Jesus does not guarantee an eventual seat at the table of God’s reign. Even being a “pureblood” (a descendant of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob) doesn’t make your final destination a sure thing. How the world has placed you into its categories—first or last—just might get scrambled too. It is those who follow Jesus through the “narrow gate” of discipleship, truly abiding by his example who are sure to find themselves reclining at table in the kingdom.

TODAY’S READINGS

Isaiah 66:18–21
Psalm 117:1, 2
Hebrews 12:5–7, 11–13
Luke 13:22–30

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.

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:

**Willie & Edward Leger
Katie & Anatole Gary
Nappy & Cecile Landry**

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
Myron Joseph Meche
John Ledlow**

Baptisms

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

Ana Kate Comeaux

Weddings

We joyfully share in the Sacramental union of:

There were no weddings this week.

Dearly Departed

Our faith community remembers in prayer our dearly departed.

Scott Mitchel Johnson

Prayers for the Sick

Dale Alleman, Helen Boudreaux, Nessie Boudreaux, Ricky Boudreaux, Zora Boudreaux, Mabel Louise Broussard, Courtney Comeaux, Denise Constantin, Gloria Cormier, 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, Laurie Guenther, Keylonna Guidry, Raymond & Deanean Guidry, Karen Hebert, Dana Hernandez, Martha Hodge, Lloyd Jeffers, Candi Hebert Latino, Janice Lavergne, Elaine LeBlanc, Leslie Leger, Jessica F. Miller, Loretta Miller, Judy Mouton, Kristian Navarre, Mark Navarre, Francis Pellissier, Claudia "Pie" Richard, Darrell (Bubba) Richard, Jr., Judy Richard, Quentin Rowe, Hayden Ruffner, Myrtle Servat, Cade Siebold, Jeanette Simoneaux, Carita Sonnier, Mary Trahan, Rose Venable, Linda Viale, Becca Guidry Vidrine, Marguerite Wyble

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ST. THOMAS AQUINAS' PRAYER
(After Communion)

HEAVENLY FATHER, I GIVE YOU THANKS, FOR IN YOUR GREAT MERCY, AND NOT BECAUSE OF MY OWN MERITS, YOU HAVE FED ME, A SINNER AND UNWORTHY SERVANT, WITH THE PRECIOUS BODY AND BLOOD OF YOUR SON, OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. MAY THIS HOLY COMMUNION NOT SERVE AS MY JUDGMENT OR CONDEMNATION, BUT AS MY FORGIVENESS AND SALVATION. MAY IT BE MY ARMOUR OF FAITH AND SHIELD OF GOOD PURPOSE. MAY IT ROOT OUT IN ME ALL VICE AND EVIL DESIRES AND INCREASE MY LOVE AND PATIENCE, HUMILITY, OBEDIENCE AND EVERY VIRTUE AND MAKE IT A FIRM DEFENSE AGAINST THE WILES OF ALL ENEMIES, SEEN AND UNSEEN, WHILE RESTRAINING ALL EVIL IMPULSES OF FLESH AND SPIRIT. MAY IT HELP ME TO CLEAVE TO YOU, THE ONE TRUE GOD, AND BRING ME A BL

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Women's ACTS Retreat



Are you interested in deepening your faith and finding a community to help support you on your journey? If so, consider signing up for the St. Joseph Women's ACTS Retreat which will be held November 17 – 20, 2022. The retreat begins Thursday evening, November 17th, with check-in at 5:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's parish. Retreatants will return to St. Joseph for the 10am Mass on Sunday, November 20th.

ACTS is a parish-based retreat in which parishioners serve parishioners. The goals of the ACTS Retreat, an acronym for Adoration, Community, Theology and Service, are to strengthen our faith and its application in our daily life, to renew ourselves spiritually, to build strong, lasting friendships, and to grow in our relationship with our Lord, our parish and one another.

Registration is currently open and will remain open until all spots have been filled. You may register utilizing the QR Code in this week's bulletin or online at stjoerayne.org/womensacts beginning this Sunday. The cost of the retreat is \$300.00 per person. You will be given payment instructions once it is confirmed that you have been accepted for the retreat. For more information, call the Parish Office at 337-334-2193.

Chili Cookoff



Calling all **COOKING TEAMS**

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REGISTRATION ONLINE ONLY AT STJOERAYNE.ORG/CHILICOOKOFF

RCIA REGISTRATION

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Are you baptized Catholic but need to complete your sacraments of initiation such as Eucharist and/or Confirmation? Now is the time to register for our upcoming RCIA sessions. RCIA meets weekly on Wednesday evenings in the Family Life Center from 6:30pm to 8:00pm beginning on September 14th. Please call the Parish Office at 337-334-2193 or visit our website stjoerayne.org for registration information.



Safe Environment Training

A Safe Environment Training will be held on Tuesday, August 30th on the RCE Campus. Initial Training will begin at 6:00pm and Continuing Education Training will begin at 6:30pm. Anyone who participates in ministry involving youth is required to attend an initial Safe Environment training and to renew their training yearly.

Rayne Youth Registration

HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION RAYNE YOUTH REGISTRATION

YTEAM | SMALL GROUP | PRAYER | FOOD | YOUTH | MINISTRY

stjoerayne.org/rayneyouth



REGISTRATION
NOW OPEN

HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FORMATION CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

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stjoerayne.org/registrations



All TEENS in St. Joseph Parish are welcome to attend. Join us, we are doing a new thing!

- Register your High School Teen for Rayne Youth Ministry stjoerayne.org/rayneyouth
 - Like and Follow Rayne Youth on Facebook Rayne Youth & Instagram @rayneyouth
 - Join the High School Faith Formation group on Flock Note
 - Join YTeam and discover many ways to assist in equipping the future of our parish
- <https://stjoerayne.flocknote.com/signup/89807>

Confirmation Registration is NOW OPEN for all 11th-grade students wishing to confirm in St. Joseph Parish.

- Scan the QR code or follow the link: stjoerayne.org/registrations
- Scroll down to High School Confirmation and read carefully.

To lead a Confirmation Group: <https://stjoerayne.flocknote.com/signup/65313>
Physical Requirements are in the signup link.

All leaders MUST have Safe Environment certification
For initial training - contact the parish office
For continuing training - go to www.virtusonline.org/virtus/ or call the parish office.

Come and join us for the

St. Joseph's Back-To-School Picnic

Sunday, August 21st from 11:00 - 1:00
After 10 AM Mass on the Church Lawn

BBQ burgers, Minnie's Sno-Cones, chips, drinks, and sweets will be available for cash purchase or feel free to pack a lunch!

Tables and chairs will be ready for you.

PreK-8th Faith Formation

Registration is open for PreK-8th Grade Faith Formation. Register your child for the upcoming 2022-2023 year on the parish website at <https://stjoerayne.org/familycatechesis>. If you have any questions or concerns please email Shelby Fuselier at shelby@stjoerayne.org, or Brandon LeJeune at brandon@stjoerayne.org.

First Communion/Reconciliation

There will be a mandatory parent meeting for first communion/reconciliation on Wednesday, September 7th at 6:00 in the Family Life Center. Registration is now open on the parish website. To register your child please go to stjoerayne.org/familycatechesis. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Shelby Fuselier at shelby@stjoerayne.org or Brandon LeJeune at brandon@stjoerayne.org.

Women's ACTS Retreat

The JMJ Coalition (St. Joseph, St. Margaret, and St. John) Women's ACTS Retreat is scheduled for November 17th - 20th, 2022. Registration is currently open. Register by scanning the QR Code or on the website: stjoerayne.org/womensacts

WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT

THE JMJ COALITION
ST. JOSEPH
ST. MARGARET
ST. JOHN

NOVEMBER 17 - 20, 2022

ACTS

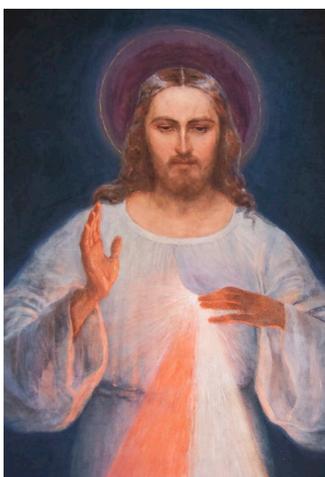
Men's Bible Study

Fridays at 7am - except for 1st Friday
(due to 1st Friday holy hour) In the FLC

Ministers Schedule

August 2022

Sat. 4pm: Lector - Larry Van Pelt Extraordinary Ministers - Lyn Guidry, Neal Duhon Altar Servers - 4 o'clock Team **Sun. 7am:** Lector - Mike Reynolds Extraordinary Ministers - Betty Bellard, Albert Johnson, Ramona Besse Altar Servers - 7 am Team **Sun. 10am:** Lector - Luke Beslin Extraordinary Ministers - Linda Ancona, Angelo Ancona Altar Servers - 10 am Team **Sun. 5:30pm:** Lector - Charmin Broussard Extraordinary Ministers - Crystal Moody, Jimmy Fontenot, Andy 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

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!

Adoration Sign Up

Sign up for Adoration
rayne.weadorehim.com

Prayer before Receiving Holy Communion

I believe, O Lord, and I confess that You are truly the Christ, the Son of the living God, who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am first. I believe also that this is Your own immaculate Body, and that this is Your own precious Blood. I pray: have mercy upon me, and forgive my offenses both voluntary and involuntary, of word and of deed, committed in knowledge or in ignorance. And make me worthy to partake of Your immaculate Mysteries, unto the forgiveness of my sins and life everlasting. Amen.

St. John Chrysostom

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