



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

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F: 8am - Noon

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 28, 2022





You have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem.

Hebrews 12:22

TWENTY-SECOND
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

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GROUNDED IN REALITY

If you look up the origins of the word “humility,” you will find that it is related to humus, dirt or earth. Gardeners and farmers know that it is a particularly rich kind of soil, composed by the decay of leaves and other organic material that has fallen on it. Too often we misunderstand it to mean not accepting compliments, relentlessly putting ourselves down, failing to accept our gifts in a positive way. None of this carries with it the meaning of being grounded in reality. Both our limits and our abilities, our grace and even our sin fall upon our lives to enrich us. In their different ways, Sirach and Jesus tell us to accept our lives, to be aware of who we are. Rather than presuming we deserve a higher-up place at the table, we ought to wait to be called to our rightful place, to be blessed with the joy of the righteous.

WHAT HUMILITY IS NOT

It’s easy to feel surrounded in our world. We have numerous technological means through which we can receive information (much of it put into circulation unfiltered). Ben Sira, author of the first reading, was in a similar situation: Israel was surrounded by much Greek philosophy and culture in addition to that of their Near-Eastern neighbors and their own. Hard to filter all that out and maintain their grounding in the covenant with God. However, Ben Sira manages to do that much-needed filtering for them, warning his students about pride (the sin of Eden). He promotes humility instead. It is an attitude of courtesy and respect to others, and not a mode of self-abasement. Rather, it refers to an awareness of one’s role in the world, offering appropriate respect always, deference only when called for, arrogance never. The mercy of God comes from this humility.

HOW TO BE HUMBLE

Ben Sira concludes that the ears listening to wisdom will rejoice. Jesus has such wisdom to offer today on the topic of humility. Those who hold position or riches would normally presume they were assured a good seat at the table. They are told “step back.” Instead, in the spirit of Ben Sira’s lesson on humility, they ought to wait to be invited up. Those schooled in the writings of Ben Sira may have nodded in agreement. Jesus then rips up the etiquette book. Do not to invite family and friends to your table, Jesus says, but welcome those who have no status, those who cannot repay you. In this way, Jesus makes the poor and outcast the ones who actually are able to exalt the humble. Luke’s world was as polytheistic and multicultural as Ben Sira’s, with plenty of outsiders and unclean folks to go around. Welcome these first, Jesus says, quite literally turning the table on his listeners!

TODAY’S READINGS

Sirach 3:17–18, 20, 28–29
Psalm 68:4–5, 6–7, 10–11
Hebrews 12:18–19, 22–24a
Luke 14:1, 7–14

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:

Charles W. Chappuis
Garrison Cole Gautreaux

The Pieta Lamp

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

John Reggie
James H. Breaux
Myron Joseph Meche

Baptisms

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

Jolene Cecile Brickey

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.

Agnes Constantine Dupont
Tyler Thibodeaux
Telesmar Thibodeaux

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

Weekly Offertory

Offertory of 8/14/2022 \$11,813.90

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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.

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.

Safe Environment Training

A Safe Environment Training will be held this 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. If you have any questions or need to confirm if your training is up to date, contact Deacon Denis at the Parish Office.



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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.

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



CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

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Join a national organization and our local chapter aimed at forming and supporting current and future medical professionals to live and promote the principles of the Catholic Faith in the science and practice of medicine.

Local Chaplain: Fr. Brent L. Smith

For more information visit: <https://www.cathmed.org/>



ND Gumbo Cookoff



Notre Dame High School of Acadia Parish will hold its annual GUMBO COOK OFF on Thursday, September 29 at 6:00 PM, immediately following the Homecoming Parade on the school's campus. All alumni classes, civic organizations, area businesses and school supporters are invited to participate by sponsoring teams and/or purchasing tickets. Awards will be presented for best gumbo, people's choice and best decorated booth. For information, call the Development Office at 783-7143 or download entry forms at ndpios.com. The Homecoming Parade will begin at 5:30 at Court Circle and roll north on Parkerson, turn right on Northern Avenue, turn right on N. Eastern and end at Notre Dame.

All Notre Dame, St. Joseph High School, St. Michael High School and St. Francis High School Alumni are invited to celebrate Mass with our students and faculty on September 27 at 9:25 AM in the A.B. Doré Memorial Gym. We also invite alumni and friends to join us on September 30 at 2:00 PM for our annual Homecoming Pep Rally in the gym. The week's festivities will conclude with the football game on Friday evening when the Pioneers take on the Cecilia Bulldogs at Gardiner Memorial Stadium in Crowley. Alumnae from the Notre Dame High School Classes of 1973, 1983, 1993, 2003 and 2013 are encouraged to attend. The 2022 Notre Dame Homecoming Court will be introduced during halftime. Kickoff is at 7:00 PM.

Men's Bible Study

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

Ministers Schedule

September 2022

Sat. 4pm: Lector - Cathy Breaux Extraordinary Ministers - Mary Comeaux, Ramona Besse Altar Servers - 4 o'clock Team **Sun. 7am:** Lector - Dan Landry Extraordinary Ministers - Phil Speyrer, Randy Bertrand, Albert Johnson Altar Servers - 7 am Team **Sun. 10am:** Lector - Richard Dupuis Extraordinary Ministers - Liz Deaville, Charmaigne Lawless, Joan Gatte - Choir Altar Servers - 10 am Team **Sun. 5:30pm:** Lector - Tammy Clark Extraordinary Ministers - Emma Landaiche, 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
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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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