



st. Joseph

Roman Catholic Church

Est. 1872

Pastor

Rev. Brent L. Smith

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Henry Paul Antony, HGN

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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 04, 2022



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

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Anyone of you who
does not renounce
all your possessions
cannot be my disciple.

Luke 14:33

HELP US COMPREHEND

Wisdom asks us “Who can know God’s counsel, or who can conceive what the LORD intends?” If we put this in contemporary language, we might say “You haven’t got a clue!” There are times when none of us knows what is going on. Life is beyond our understanding. We seek loved ones, mentors, friends, spiritual directors, and therapists to help us comprehend. This is a common theme through all of today’s scriptures. Wisdom reminds us, “scarce do we guess these things on earth, and what is within our grasp we find with difficulty.” Psalm 90 pleads, “Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart.” Saint Paul is speaking on behalf of Onesimus, and begging Philemon to welcome him. Luke’s Gospel is very challenging to hear. Today we see that not all the lessons we need to learn are pleasant or joyful, but they are timely.

MINISTRIES AND CALLS—VOCATIONS AND AVOCATIONS

Prior to this week’s Gospel, great crowds were beginning to follow Jesus. Excitement was building, as there were whispered conversations wondering if this were the long-awaited King that the Hebrews were hoping for. The crowds’ idea of a king was very different, however, from what Jesus was offering. The king they were waiting for was a high priest, a Messiah. This was not the kingdom that Jesus was preaching, but rather one of pain, of carrying one’s cross and burdens—a kingdom that one must not approach lightly, but make serious plans and efforts to help build. Too often we see this passage, thinking it harsh and referring only to those called to religious life. The truth is that we are all called to charity. Taking up our cross is not a call to suffer for the sake of suffering, but to pursue goodness and righteousness.

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

The Cost of Discipleship is the name of the powerful book written by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the theologian who was killed in a Nazi death camp. Today we see breakdowns in family relationships over religion and politics. We see those who forget how to forgive, and those who were never taught how to love. Bonhoeffer offered a message that could be applied to any story right out of the evening news. He said that Christian love doesn’t distinguish between enemies, except that those who hate more bitterly are in greater need of love. Indeed, they should expect only unqualified love from a Christian. Bonhoeffer concludes that if one is not willing to love indiscriminately as a disciple of Christ, then one is not a Christian at all. When Jesus asks us today to take up our cross, he is asking us to take up the discipline of Christian love.

TODAY’S READINGS

Wisdom 9:13–18b
Psalm 90:3–4, 5–6, 12–13, 14 and 17
Philemon 9–10, 12–17
Luke 14:25–33

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:

Borne & LeBlanc Family
Wallace Arceneaux Family
Charlie Habetz

The Pieta Lamp

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

Robert Delahoussaye
Roy P & Lois Myers
Myron Joseph Meche

Baptisms

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

Joseph Abraham Guillory

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.

Lucy Latiolais Boudreaux

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, 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 8/21/2022 \$11,863.84

2nd Collection next weekend is for St. Joseph Parish Insurance Fund

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Witness to Love

Congratulations to Nicholas and Hailey Wyatt who were united in marriage on May 28, 2022.



Join the Choir

IF YOU'D LIKE TO SING

WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

REHEARSALS ARE ON TUESDAYS AT 6:30PM
SUNDAY MASS AT 10:00AM

We will give you time each Tuesday night to gather with others to learn, share fun and beautiful music. We simply need YOU to add YOUR voice and "SING TO THE LORD, PRAISE HIS NAME"

We sing with the FOUR "P's"
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Think about it. Those are four very cool things to have in your life. And you can experience all four for yourself through our choir.

Inquiries to Denise Brignac 337-288-4515 cbric318@aol.com or come and try us out.

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



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.

PreK-8th Parent Meeting


A parent meeting will be held in the Family Life Center on September 7th at 6:30 pm for all PreK-8th grade parents unable to attend the first Family Catechesis parent meeting. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Shelby Fuselier at shelby@stjoerayne.org or Brandon 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.

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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



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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.

A poster for the K.C. KAR Show. The background is a close-up of a classic car's front end. The text "K.C. KAR Show" is written in a large, stylized font. To the right, it says "24 | SEPTEMBER 2022". Below the title, it says "RAYNE FROG FESTIVAL GROUNDS" and "SPONSORED BY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS". The event times "9AM TO 2PM" are listed. The costs "\$25 PER VEHICLE" and "\$10 PER VISITOR" are shown. The text "PEOPLE'S CHOICE JUDGING" is highlighted with a green underline. At the bottom, it lists "LIVE ENTERTAINMENT BY POCKET CHANGE. 12-2.", "50S, 60S, 70S, BEST UPGRADED, BEST ORIGINAL.", "FOOD & DRINK. BOUNCE HOUSE FOR KIDS.", and the website "WWW.LOUISIANAKC.ORG TO ENTER".

Who Me?

Do you love God's holy word? Do you love the Holy Eucharist? We need you as a Lector proclaiming his Word. We need you as an Extraordinary Minister bringing Christ's Body and Blood to his people.

Call André Landaiche for more information. 337-250-1332

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



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

Men's Bible Study

**Fridays at 7am
In the FLC**

*Except for 1st Friday
(due to 1st Friday holy hour)*

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, Charmaine 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

Adoration Sign Up

Sign up for Adoration

rayne.weadorehim.com



Rayne Catholic Elementary

Our students will learn together, work together, and pray together in answering the call to a faith-filled life of service.

MRS. ALICIA ARDOIN, PRINCIPAL
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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!

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