



st. Joseph

Roman Catholic Church

Est. 1872

April 2, 2023
Palm Sunday

Pastor

Very Rev. Brent L Smith, VF

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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Parish Office

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Contact

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Office Hours

M, T, Th: 8am - 4pm

W: 8am - 2pm

F: 8am - Noon



Triduum & Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday

4/6- 7:00pm Liturgy of the Last Supper--following with Adoration-8pm--12am in the Family Life Center

Good Friday

4/7- 9:00am Walking Way of the Cross 3:00pm Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday

4/8- 8:00pm--Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday

Masses 4/9--7:00am and 10:00am

150TH ANNIVERSARY
ALCOVE MURAL INSTALLATION

Deadline to donate is April 15th!

GOAL \$50,000

43%

RAISED \$21,357

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St. Joseph, Defender of the Church

Saint Joseph Dying in the Presence of Our Lord and Our Lady

Remember Me

A support group for caregivers, family, and friends of individuals with dementia/Alzheimer's. They meet (in-person) every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 12 noon, and 3rd Monday of the month (teleconference) 6:30pm. The meeting in person is at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church in Lafayette. For more information call 337 235-1483.

ECHO 2023

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY RETREATS

EBRETT, LA | ENGAGED COUPLES

MARCH 01-APRIL 2
COVECREST | TIGER, GA | YOUNG ADULTS

JUNE 2-8
ABBEVILLE, LA | TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS

JUNE 23-25
CHICAGO, IL | YOUNG ADULTS

JULY 21-27
PINEVILLE, LA | TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS

SEPT 22-24
COVINGTON, LA | YOUNG ADULTS

OCT 13-15
DALLAS, TX | YOUNG ADULTS

NOV 10-12
LAKE CHARLES, LA | MARRIED COUPLES

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Help us get to Steubenville!

St. Joseph Parish is taking a group of teens to Steubenville South Youth Conference this summer and we need your support! The Steubenville Youth Conferences, an outreach of Franciscan University of Steubenville, are a series of 25 conferences across North America that help teens encounter the love of Christ every summer. Their mission is to build the Church by evangelizing, equipping, and empowering God's children to become radical and joyful disciples. As a Eucharist-centered movement within the Roman Catholic Church, Steubenville South leads teens and their communities into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ, and His Church. With the Blessed Virgin Mary as our intercessor and guide, the Steubenville South Conference seeks to unleash the fullness of the Sacramental power present within the young Church. For more information, visit: <https://steubenvillesouth.com/fearless2022/>

3 WAYS TO HELP:

1 ANNUAL ENVELOPE FUNDRAISER

Envelopes will be hanging on boards at the church entrances with a suggested donation amount on the outside (\$1-100). Envelopes with cash or check can be placed in the offertory or brought to the parish office.

ENTIRE MONTH OF MARCH

2 TWO DAY - BAKE SALE

Donate baked goods for Rayne Youth to sell or purchase baked goods at our two-day bake sale!

SAT. APRIL 1, 5:00 PM
AFTER MASS! SUN. APRIL 2, 11:00 AM

3 TEEN SPONSORSHIP

Sponsor a teen by paying for their registration for Steubenville South in the total amount of **\$165.** (does not cover the cost of transportation) **NOW UNTIL MAY**

FORMED: Catholic Faith On Demand

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 and search for St. Joseph to sign up for free!

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:

James H. Comeaux
Myron Joseph Meche
Charlene Fruge Pellerin

The Pieta Lamp

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

Linda P. Arceneaux
Yolande B. Pellerin
Juanita P. Alford

Baptisms

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

Elijah Cruz Souriya, Avery Kay Levy,
Dean Joseph Hoffpauir, Theodore Campbell Richard,
Arthur Lincoln Richard

Weddings

We joyfully share in the Sacramental union of:

Cade Christopher Guidry & Emilie Ann Slay

Weekly Offertory

Offertory of 03/19/2023 \$13,677.05

2nd Collection next weekend is for Bishop Services Appeal Fund

Dearly Departed

Our faith community remembers in prayer our dearly departed.

Emily Prejean Dupuis

Prayers for the Sick

Dale Alleman, Betty Bellard, Nessie Boudreaux, Ricky Boudreaux, Zora Boudreaux, Mabel Louise Broussard, Courtney Comeaux, Kinley Comeaux, Tony Comeaux, Denise Constantin, Joseph Mel Daigle, Sherrie David, Phoebe Deshotel, Elizabeth Deaville, Dolores Deville, Peggy Deville, Theresa Cramer Doucet, Margie Dubois, Emily Prejean Dupuis, Cheryl Edwards, Zubaida Elahi, Diego Escandon, Cheryl Fabacher, Paula Fontenot, Shannon Fontenot, Debra Fusilier, Barbara & Tanya Gaspard, Laura Gautreaux, Laurie Guenther, Keylonna Guidry, Raymond & Deanean Guidry, Marie Habetz, Karen Hebert, Wayne Hebert, Dana Hernandez, Martha Hodge, Alex LaCroix, Candi Hebert Latino, Leslie Leger, Jessica F. Miller, Loretta Miller, Bonnie Sue Navarre, Kristian Navarre, Mary Alice Petitjean, Deacon Richard Picard, Darrell (Bubba) Richard, Jr., Judy Richard, Quentin Rowe, Hayden Ruffner, Myrtle Servat, Cade Siebold, Jessie Simon, Jeanette Simoneaux, Carita Sonnier, Angela Stelly, Ronald Stutes, Juanette Suire, Mary Lee Trahan, Linda Viale, Becca Guidry Vidrine, Marguerite Wyble v

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HOLY WEEK

The Messiah

Holy Week is a dramatic week. Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and from that point forward every action is oriented toward His sacrifice on the Cross. Up to this point, He had been leading up to His final sacrifice, but this was not always visible to His disciples. Now, His purpose was clear to all around Him, and they reacted accordingly. This is something for us to ponder as we experience Holy Week, hearing the familiar readings of the road to the Passion. Perhaps Christ has become familiar to us, so much so that we forget the impact of Who He truly is, God made man, the Son of the Father, the Kings of Kings, the Savior, the Messiah.

The people of Jerusalem recognized Christ's kingship and messianic authority as soon as He entered Jerusalem. He entered on a donkey, fulfilling the prophecy of Zechariah, and the people spread their cloaks upon the ground, accented with palm branches, a symbol of victory. They addressed Him as the Son of David, an explicitly messianic title, and told onlookers that He was a prophet. Already, the people recognized that Jesus was king, priest, and prophet, following in the lines of David, Melchizedek, and all of the prophets.

Peter, passionate and outspoken, told Jesus that He would never betray or abandon Him. He wanted to follow Him as his King and Lord wherever He went. Although he ended up denying Christ three times, he realized the gravity of his denial quickly, and wept bitterly for his disrespect and betrayal.

Not all treated Jesus with such reverence. Some treated Jesus with contempt, showing a deep hatred and cruelty in the proceedings of His trial and execution. The chief priests and the elders sent armed men to arrest Jesus, putting Him through a late-night examination, where He was subjected to heckling and physical assault. Later, they arranged for His scourging, after which the Roman soldiers placed on His head a sharp crown of thorns and beat Him with a reed. The criminals crucified with Him mocked Him along with the bystanders, telling Him to use His claimed divinity to save Himself.

We should realize that in their contempt, they were, in a sense, responding accordingly, even as others did Him homage. Jesus presented Himself as the King of kings, the Messiah, God in the flesh. Those who believed Him did Him homage befitting God Himself, and those who did not treated Him as a nefarious blasphemer, and if their assessment was right, that's exactly what He was.

Judas saw both sides of this, first brutally betraying his Lord and then regretting his action to the point of suicide. Being a Zealot, Judas was part of a sect of Judaism that used extreme measures to bring about the coming of the Messiah. As the Zealots interpreted the Scriptures, the Messiah's coming included violent uprising. Perhaps Judas believed Jesus to be such an impostor that he thought it better for the cause if He were dead. Realizing after the fact that Jesus was telling the truth, He understood that He had arranged for the execution of God Himself.

Each of these people we encounter on the road to the Cross understood that Christ was making a staggering claim, messiahship, prophecy, kingship, divinity. They reacted intensely, with deep conviction, because they knew that history depended on whether this man was right or wrong. Let us enter into Holy Week with open eyes to see Him, and open hearts to give Him the homage He deserves as our King, Messiah, and God.

St. Joseph Church Pilgrimage to Alabama



May 30 - June 2, 2023

Fr. Brent Smith
Spiritual Director

PILGRIMAGE HIGHLIGHTS:

Eternal Word Television Network Studios

- Studio Tour
- Mass

Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament

- St. John Paul II Eucharistic Center Tour
- Main Church and Crypt Church Tours
- Visit the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes
- Mass

Benedictine Abbey (St. Bernard)

- Ave Maria Grotto
- Outdoor Way of the Cross
- Mass

Take a pilgrimage to the EWTN Studios in Northern Alabama. Visit the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, the St. Bernard Abbey and other grottoes and churches. This pilgrimage is great for those who want to see spiritual destinations closer to home.



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RSVP for the Orientation Meeting:

337-291-1933

www.holytravels.org/frsmithalabama

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



Ministers Schedule

Triduum/Easter Sunday 2023

Holy Thurs. 7pm: Lector - Damian d'Augereaux, Larry Van Pelt
Extraordinary Ministers - Joan Gatte, Neal Duhon
Altar Servers - Triduum Team

Sat. Easter Vigil 8pm: Lectors - Andrea Gossen, Meagan Molbert, Paul Molbert, Scott Privat
Extraordinary Ministers - Mary Comeaux, Leah Guidry, Tammy Clark
Altar Servers - Triduum Team

Sun. 7am: Lector - Connie Speyrer
Extraordinary Ministers - Chuck and Patricia Greene, Betty Bellard
Choir
Altar Servers - 7 am Team

Sun. 10am: Lector - Andrea Gossen
Extraordinary Ministers - Charmaine Lawless, Ramona Besse
Altar Servers - 10 am 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!