



# st. Joseph

## Roman Catholic Church

Est. 1872

April 9, 2023  
Easter 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

### Connect

[stjoerayne.org](http://stjoerayne.org)

[facebook.com/stjoerayne](https://facebook.com/stjoerayne)

### Parish Office

400 S. Adams Ave.  
P.O. Box 199  
Rayne, La 70578

### Contact

337-334-2193  
[stjoseph1872@diolaf.org](mailto:stjoseph1872@diolaf.org)

### Office Hours

M, T, Th: 8am - 4pm  
W: 8am - 2pm  
F: 8am - Noon







**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.

*New Beginnings*

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

Rediscovering your identity after the loss of a spouse.

**1st & 3rd Tuesday | Monthly | 6:00 PM**

*Starting April 18th from 6:00 - 7:00 PM*

For more information call the St. Joseph Office 337.334.2193

## 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](http://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:

**Deynoodt Richard  
Roy, Alton & Arthur Myers Jr.**

## The Pieta Lamp

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

**Ronnie Joseph Lavergne  
Deceased Members of CDA  
Willie & Edward Leger**

## Baptisms

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

**Leo Allen LaCroix  
Merritt Adele LaCroix  
Ann Catherine Belaire**

## Weddings

We joyfully share in the Sacramental union of:

**There were no weddings at the time of production.**

## Weekly Offertory

**Offertory of 03/26/2023      \$8,701.57**

## Dearly Departed

Our faith community remembers in prayer our dearly departed.

**Carey Cormier**

## Prayers for the Sick

Dale Alleman, Natalie Alleman, Betty Bellard, Nessie Boudreaux, Ricky Boudreaux, Zora Boudreaux, 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, 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, Shirley Quebodeaux, Darrell (Bubba) Richard, Jr., Judy Richard, Quentin Rowe, Hayden Ruffner, Myrtle Servat, Cade Siebold, Jeanette Simoneaux, Carita Sonnier, Angela Stelly, Ronald Stutes, Juanette Suire, Veronica Terro, Mary Lee Trahan, Linda Viale, Becca Guidry Vidrine, Marguerite Wyble

St. Joseph Church  
Electronic Offertory

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**OFFERTORY**

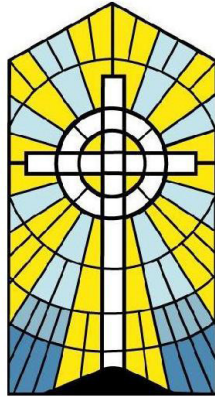
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**Thank you for your generosity!**





# Happy Easter!

Happy Easter! He is alive! We should feel unparalleled joy today because today is the day that Christ triumphed over evil.

Easter is only possible because of Good Friday. And every year on that day, I can't help but think of the hymn "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?"

In addition to asking "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?" subsequent verses ask "Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?" "Were you there when the sun refused to shine?" and "Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?"

Every year, in the parish I grew up in, we would sing this song, and every year it made me cry, for it forced me to really visualize Christ's crucifixion. After each question, the song laments: "Sometimes it causes me to tremble."

Christ died a horrible and violent death for me. He died a horrible and violent death for you. No, we were not physically present there. But we were there in that very person who had existed and who would ever exist in Christ's mind during every second of His Passion. So, yes, we were there, because we are the reason that He allowed Himself to be tortured and killed.

There has never been a love so immense as the love God has for us. He proved that love on Good Friday so that we could have an Easter Sunday. What a gift! The blood He shed for our sins opened eternity with Him for us. So yes, we should tremble. We should tremble at the innocent blood that was spilled on Good Friday. But we should also tremble with joy—at the empty tomb, at the promise fulfilled, and at the mercy of an all-loving and all-powerful God.

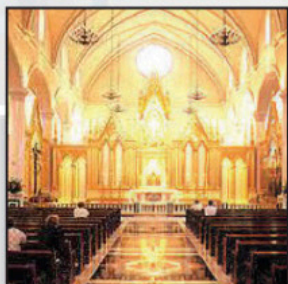
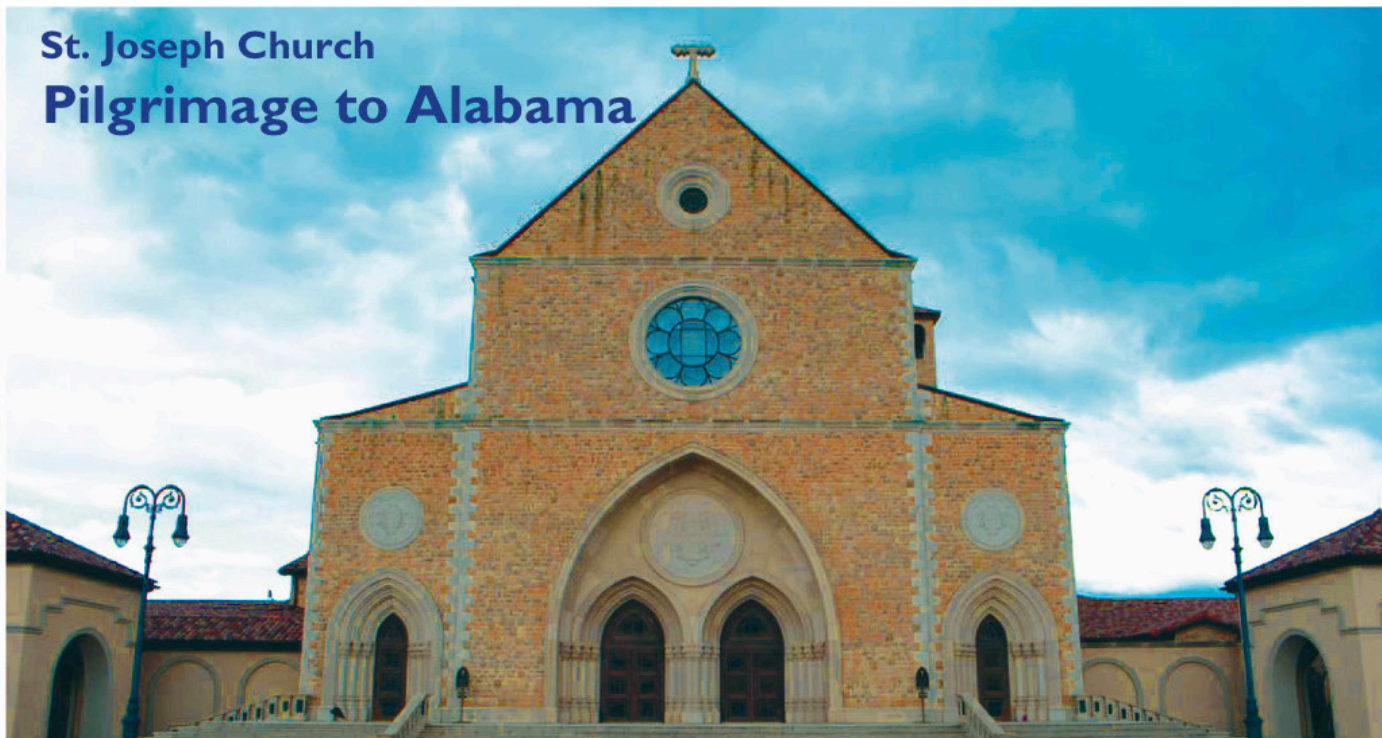
The two individuals on the road to Emmaus met Christ after the Resurrection, but they didn't recognize Him right away. It was only when He broke the bread and gave a blessing that they realized it was He. Sometimes we are like those men. We don't recognize Christ in our lives, or we are so focused on our own lives that we just don't see Him. But when we hear His words, our hearts burn, too. Lent is over, but our journey to heaven is never ending.

So as we think about Christ's sacrifice today and as we sing joyful hymns and praise God for the gift of Himself, let us promise Him that we will work every day to not only achieve eternity with Him but to help others get there as well. Our faith demands that we evangelize. Let us begin by shouting our joy that He has risen.

And let us rejoice, for today we celebrate our salvation!



## 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](http://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

### April 2023

**Sat. 4pm:** Lector - Debra Reed  
Extraordinary Ministers - Lyn Guidry, Brenda Hooper Altar Servers - 4 o'clock Team

**Sun. 7am:** Lector - Allison Gray  
Extraordinary Ministers - Phil Speyrer, Albert Johnson, Eddie Ware Altar Servers - 7 am Team

**Sun. 10am:** Lector - Richard Dupuis  
Extraordinary Ministers - Linda Ancona, Angelo Ancona, Joan Gatte - Choir Altar Servers - 10 am Team

**Sun. 5:30pm:** Lector - Adela Leger  
Extraordinary Ministers - Tammy Clark, Emma Landaiche, Ramona Besse Altar Servers - 5:30 Team

## Adoration Sign Up

### Sign up for Adoration

[rayne.weadorehim.com](http://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  
FR. BRENT SMITH, PASTOR

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athletics | 337.783.8776  
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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!***