



st. Joseph

Roman Catholic Church

Est. 1872

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

337-334-2193
stjoseph1872@diolaf.org

Office Hours

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

April 30, 2023

Good Shepherd Sunday



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For more information call the St. Joseph Office 337.334.2193

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Go to www.formed.org/signup and search for St. Joseph to **sign up for free!**

Eucharistic Series

Join us Monday, May 8th for our final session of Lectio: Eucharist featuring Dr. Brant Pitre. This week's session covers Revelation: Heavenly worship and the end of time. Dr. Pitre will lead a teaching on what heavenly worship looks like as well as the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

Light refreshments will be served at 6:30pm followed by the video presentation and discussion.

Please join us as we unpack the mystery of the Eucharist throughout the Bible and Sacred Tradition.

ND Athletics Crawfish Boil



The Notre Dame Athletic Club is selling crawfish boil tickets. The event is scheduled for Sunday, May 7th at the Rayne Frog City Pavilion. Drive through. An order consists of 4# of crawfish and a potato for a donation of \$15 per order. Serving will be from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Please call 337-783-8776 if you need tickets or have any questions.

Witness To Love

Congratulations to Alex & Mayci Higginbotham who were united in marriage on Saturday, March 11, 2023. Officiating the ceremony was Father Mitchell Guidry, Pastor of Our Lady Queen of All Saints Church, Ville Platte



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.

Weekly Offertory

Offertory of 04/16/2023 \$12,210.83

2nd Collection next weekend is for Building & Maintenance Fund

St. Joseph Church
Electronic Offering

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Thank you for your generosity!



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:

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

The Pieta Lamp

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

James H. Comeaux

Baptisms

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

Ella Katherine Vondenstein, Charlotte Mae Bourque,
Oliver James Neil Guidry

Weddings

We joyfully share in the Sacramental union of:

There were no weddings at the time of production.

Dearly Departed

Our faith community remembers in prayer our dearly departed.

Darrel "Bubba" Richard, Lucien Richard Jr.,
Carroll Louis Credeur

Prayers for the Sick

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, 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, Wena York

VBS Save the Date!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023 JUNE 5-8

REGISTRATION OPENS IN MAY



THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD
THERE IS NOTHING I SHALL WANT
PSALM 23:1

Good Shepherd Sunday

Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd calls to us in every one of today's readings. We are the sheep, He is our Master, our Savior, and forgiver of sins.

The apostle Luke is quite direct in the First Reading from Acts. "...God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." (Acts 2:14) Luke then reports that Peter called on all to repent and have their sins forgiven. He tells them to follow the call of our Lord God, Jesus Christ.

Follow the call of the Lord. This phrase reminded me of a fantastic animated short video about David the shepherd. A very young lamb is seen frolicking about and gets itself into a very precarious situation.

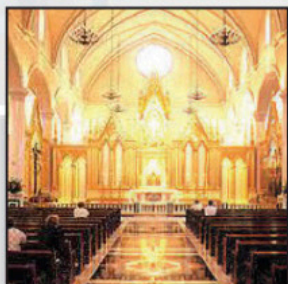
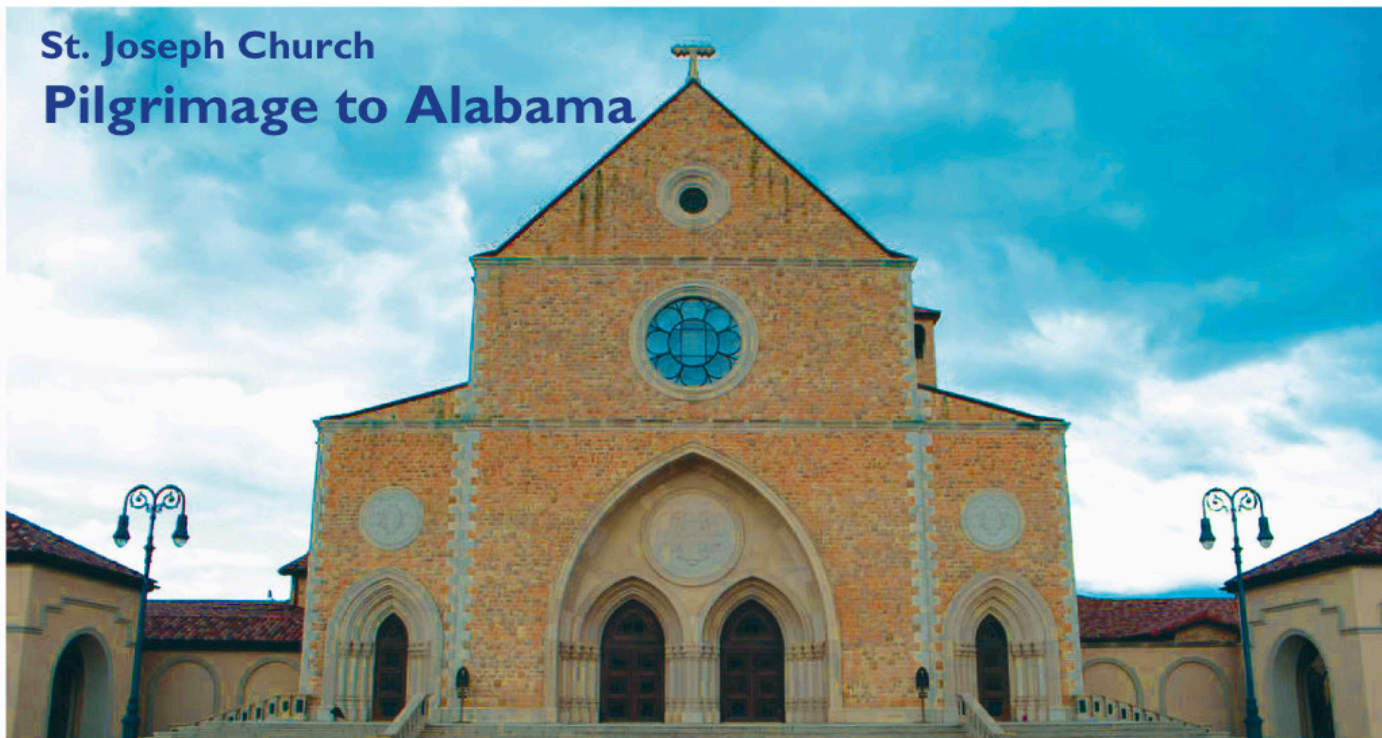
David, an expert with a slingshot and a faith-filled youth, is able to rescue the lamb. The two wind up very far from the rest of the herd. The scene cuts to a late evening shot of the now sleeping herd while a very impatient ewe paces, stops, turns her ear and hears a familiar voice singing a song of praise and worship while carrying the lamb in his tunic.

I'm reminded how we are all the lambs and sheep. Some easily recognize the voice of the One who cares for them. There are many others, possibly even our youthful selves, our kids [pun intended] or a person with not as much wisdom or experience as I may have, who don't or can't recognize that there is danger or harm in their path.

The Gospel is clear: "I am the gate for the sheep... Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture." (John 10:7,9)

I have to be very intentional in all aspects of life; thoughts, words and deeds. It is up to me to be vigilant in my desire to hear the Master's voice in every situation throughout the day and night. I need to hear His voice in my mind so I am not stolen away by a thief or robber, who would lead me astray and abandon or slaughter me. The Good Shepherd is there for me to turn to in every situation. He is there to forgive my erring way and to heal me. He is the Truth, the Way, the gate to everlasting life. Blessed be God in all His designs! Amen! Alleluia.

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

May 2023

Sat. 4pm: Lector - Annette Gossen
Extraordinary Ministers - Diana Duhon, Neal Duhon
Altar Servers - 4 o'clock Team

Sun. 7am: Lector - Andrea Gossen
Extraordinary Ministers - Betty Bellard, Erica Zaunbrecher, Randy Bertrand
Altar Servers - 7 am Team

Sun. 10am: Lector - Meagan Molbert
Extraordinary Ministers - Donna Levy, Richard Dupuis, Mandy Miller
Choir Altar Servers - 10 am Team

Sun. 5:30pm: Lector - Tessa Himel
Extraordinary Ministers - Tammy Clark, 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
FR. BRENT SMITH, PASTOR

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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!