



st. Joseph

Roman Catholic Church

Est. 1872

May 14, 2023
Mother's Day

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

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Office Hours

M, T, Th: 8am - 4pm

W: 8am - 2pm

F: 8am - Noon





Farewell Reception

As Fr. Henry begins his new assignment as Pastor of St. Anthony Parish in Krotz Springs, let us give thanks for his service to St. Joseph's Parish. In gratitude for his ministry to our parish and community, St. Joseph's will host a farewell reception for Fr. Henry following the 10am Mass on Sunday, May 28th. Please join us in thanking him for his humble and inspiring ministry which has impacted so many in our community.

WAYS TO HELP KEEP OUR CEMETERIES LOOKING THEIR BEST

Our ultimate goal in maintaining the appearance of our cemeteries is to show respect for our loved ones who've gone before us and comfort those visiting their final resting place.

THE PLACEMENT OF A U S FLAG IN FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS AND/OR VASES IS ALLOWED BUT WE ASK THAT THE ARRANGEMENT AND/OR FLAG BE REMOVED AND DISPOSED OF ONCE IT HAS BECOME WEATHERED.

Thank you for doing your part!

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

Upcoming Changes

Because of Fr. Henry's new assignment as Pastor of St. Anthony Parish in Krotz Springs, his last weekend here at St. Joseph's Parish will be May 27th and 28th. The following changes to the parish calendar will be implemented due to Fr. Henry's departure: Effective May 29th there will be no Mass offered on Mondays.

Effective May 31st our Wednesday evening adoration Holy Hour in church will be discontinued. Thank you for your understanding during this time of adjustment.

No First Saturday on June 3rd
 Due to Lafayette Priest Ordinations

I am Restored
 RED BIRD MINISTRIES MOTHER'S RETREAT

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For:	When:	Where:
Mothers of child loss. Pregnancy through adulthood.	September 8-10, 2023 Check-in at 4 pm	Lumen Christi Retreat Center 100 Lumen Christi Ln Schriever, LA 70395
Registration closes September 1, 2023 \$250 - Twin Bed Shared Room with Private Bath \$350 - Private Room and Bath with Double Bed		

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 update will be available in a later bulletin.

St. Joseph Church
Electronic Offering

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OFFERTORY

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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:

Jessie Mae Foreman
Deceased Members of CDA
Dorothy Richard

The Pieta Lamp

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

Lisa Huval Lutz
Vivian Boudreaux
Lebodier & Onezima Lavergne

Baptisms

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

There were no deaths at the time of production.

Weddings

We joyfully share in the Sacramental union of:

Lane Michael Lalande & Delaney Claire Choplin

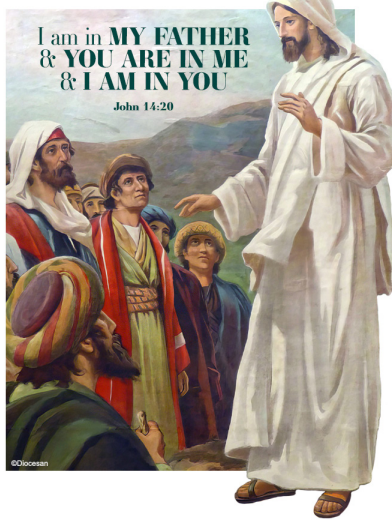
Dearly Departed

Our faith community remembers in prayer our dearly departed.

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Prayers for the Sick

Natalie Alleman, Betty Bellard, 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, Patsy Meaux, 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



Background Music: Life, Love and Prayer

“I live and you will live,” Jesus tells his disciples. You and I are both alive right now, so this seems easy to wrap our heads around. This is life, right? I’m living it right now. Is there more to life?

The fullest life that Jesus reveals is so much more profound than we could have known without His revelation to us: “I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you.” Jesus is in the Father, and we are IN Jesus, and Jesus is IN us! The One Who is the Way, the Truth, and Life itself dwells in us, and we dwell in Him, in the Father. This “mutual indwelling” that is true life is harder to wrap our heads around. But Jesus was very clear that this is the whole point of the Kingdom, and that God’s joy is to dwell with us, because He loves us and created us precisely for this.

What is love? How do we love the Lord we cannot see? Jesus tells us that the one who keeps His commandment loves Him. What is Jesus’ commandment? To love one another as He loved us. And if we love Jesus and love one another for love of Him, we will be loved by the Father and we will truly know Jesus. Loving one another as Jesus loved us is a tall order – He loved us infinitely, loved us all the way to the Cross and beyond, pouring Himself out utterly for us. He “loved me and gave himself for me,” as St. Paul says (Gal. 2:20), and continues to take care of me in every single moment.

The world in which we live and the busywork of much of our lives does not easily resonate with the vibration of divine life and love. Sin has obscured this and made it hard to keep in mind. But praying and loving (true, self-sacrificing love) re-tune our hearts and minds so that they again vibrate with the eternal rhythm of the divine, so that it can become the “background music” of all we think and say and do! The Advocate, the Spirit of truth, poured into our hearts remains with us always, and keeps us open to the will of the Father in every circumstance and situation.

How do we attune ourselves to this Holy Spirit? Prayer. In prayer, we are still enough to listen for love and conform our heart to its demands. In prayer, we give the Spirit opportunity and permission to continue and complete His work in us, so that we walk generously in His ways of love. As we advance in loving obedience and true, self-sacrificing love of others, all our thoughts and words and actions will become attuned to the will of the Father, and our lives will at last resonate with the beat of the very Heart of God.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023
JUNE 5-8



stjoerayne.org/vbs
REGISTRATION DEADLINE MAY 14TH!

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, Mary Comeaux
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!