



# 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

### Connect

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

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### 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

May 21, 2023  
Ascension of the Lord





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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.

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT ARRANGEMENTS ARE WELL-SECURED AT YOUR GRAVE SITES. DURING WINDY TIMES NUMEROUS ARRANGEMENTS ARE BLOWN FROM GRAVES AND NEED TO BE PICKED UP. WE DO OUR BEST TO PUT ARRANGEMENTS BACK ON THE CORRECT GRAVE BUT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO KNOW FOR SURE. IF A WEATHERED ARRANGEMENT HAS BEEN BLOWN FROM A GRAVE IT WILL BE DISCARDED. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF HURRICANES AND TROPICAL STORMS WE USUALLY ALLOW A DAY OR SO BEFORE PICKING UP WIND-BLOWN ARRANGEMENTS THUS ALLOWING FAMILIES THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECOVER ARRANGEMENTS AND PUT THEM BACK ON THEIR GRAVES.

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



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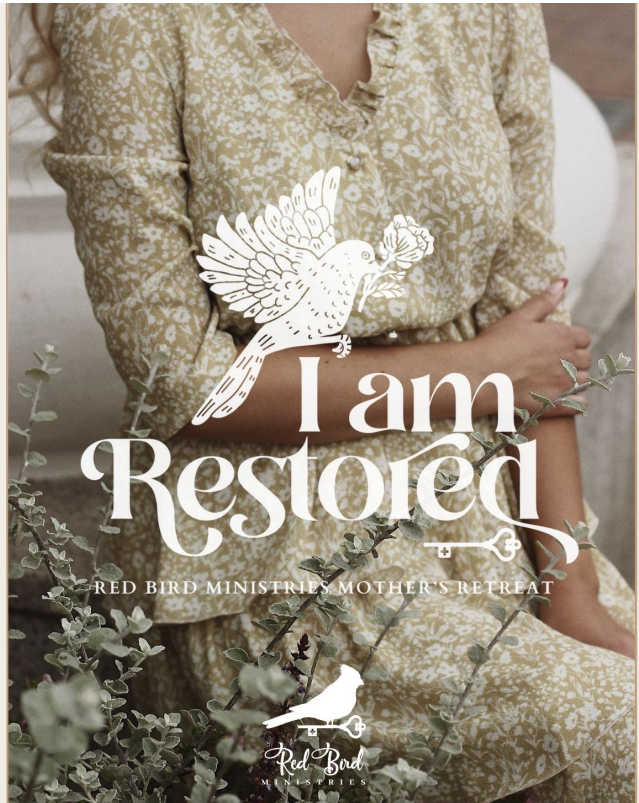


Saint Joseph Dying in the Presence of Our Lord and Our Lady

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



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**I am Restored**

RED BIRD MINISTRIES MOTHER'S RETREAT



**For:**

Mothers of child loss.  
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**When:**

September 8-10, 2023  
Check-in at 4 pm

**Where:**

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

A Catholic GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY

## 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 4/30/2023	\$8,058.92
Monthly Offertory EFT/Credit Card	22.00%
Total Building & Maintenance	\$3,899.51

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:

Anatole & Katie Gary  
Darrell "Bubba" Richard  
Martin Petitjean II

## The Pieta Lamp

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

Myron Joseph Meche  
Gloria Ann Boulet  
Carson Brignac Sr

## Baptisms

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

Camille Elizabeth Briscoe  
Josey Marie Fauchoux

## Weddings

We joyfully share in the Sacramental union of:

Clayton David Latiolais & Lindsey Blair Guidry

## Dearly Departed

Our faith community remembers in prayer our dearly departed.

Jerry Allen Comeaux

## Prayers for the Sick

Betty Adams, Natalie Alleman, Betty Bellard, Ricky Boudreaux, Zora Boudreaux, Courtney Comeaux, Kinley Comeaux, Tony Comeaux, Denise Constantin, Racie Cormier, 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, Dina LeJune, 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, Ron Sonnier, Angela Stelly, Ronald Stutes, Juanette Suire, Veronica Terro, Mary Lee Trahan, Linda Viale, Becca Guidry Vidrine, Marguerite Wyble, Wena York

# The Great Commission

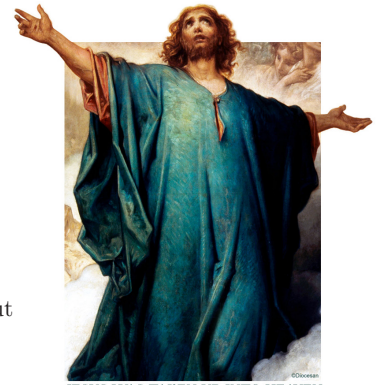
“He would be everywhere, whenever his friends gathered to pray. He would continue to act through them just as he promised: forgiving sins, sharing mercy, bringing young and old into the embrace of eternal life through Baptism, and feeding their very souls with himself, the Bread of Life. He would remain on earth through his Church.” (Great Adventure Kids Catholic Bible Chronicles, by Amy Welborn, p 265)

There is one command at the end of the Gospel of Matthew; to go and make disciples. A disciple doesn't just believe, but acts. He imitates his leader. As we recognize in James 2:26 that faith without works is dead, we are called to live our faith out in our daily life. By doing so, we inspire others to follow similarly.

Catholic Social Teaching explains, “No one can be a Christian merely for his own benefit. Coming to Jesus, seeking his friendship, and following him also means publicly professing faith in him, allowing him to speak to us and commission us. All of us must be ‘messengers’ and ‘witnesses’ of the Gospel.” (DOCAT 235)

So that we might proclaim the Kingdom of God in word and deed, God gives us the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Having wonder and awe of how good God is, we will seek to please Him by sharing this same goodness. We show what we believe by loving one another.

In the end, God will measure our lives by how much we love. How much we love Him will show by spilling over to how much we love those that he has placed in our path. Christ lives in us through our words, healing, sharing, acts of kindness and mercy. Unconditionally serving one another is essential to true love.



JESUS WAS TAKEN UP INTO HEAVEN



*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.*

## *Farewell Reception*

**FOLLOWING 10:00 AM MASS  
SUNDAY, MAY 28TH**

*Please join us in thanking him for his humble and inspiring ministry which has impacted so many in our community.*




O, COME LET US ADORE HIM

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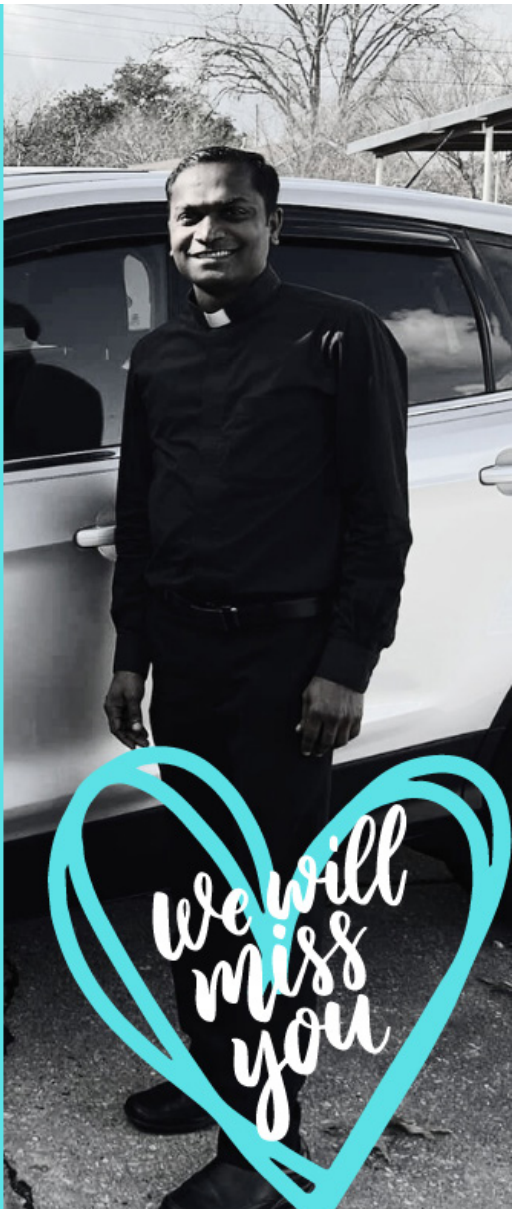
# CALENDAR CHANGES

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 & 28TH.

**THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THE PARISH CALENDAR WILL BE IMPLEMENTED:**

- **EFFECTIVE MAY 29TH - NO MASS OFFERED ON MONDAYS.**
- **EFFECTIVE MAY 31ST - WEDNESDAY EVENING ADORATION HOLY HOUR IN CHURCH WILL BE DISCONTINUED.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING DURING THIS TIME OF ADJUSTMENT.**



## 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

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### Rayne Catholic Elementary

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

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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!*