



st. Joseph

Roman Catholic Church

Est. 1872

Pastor

Very Rev. Brent L Smith, VF

Mass Times

Sat Ant: 4pm

Sun: 7am, 10am, 5:30 pm

Mon: No Mass

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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Office Hours

M, T, Th: 8am - 4pm

W: 8am - 2pm

F: 8am - Noon

June 04, 2023

The Most Holy Trinity





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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



**150TH ANNIVERSARY
ALCOVE MURAL INSTALLATION**

We are looking into installing these two murals to the alcoves above the side entrances to St. Joseph Church.

The cost will be \$25,000 each.

If you would like to donate toward this special addition to our church, please call the parish office or scan the QR code. Please label the donation as 'Murals'.



St. Joseph, Defender of the Church



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



*Seen.
Known.
Loved.*

*A VIRTUAL RETREAT FOR
GRIEVING MOTHERS*

June 9-10

*FRIDAY, 6:30 PM - 9 PM CT
SATURDAY, 10 AM - 4 PM CT*

You can register at <https://www.redbird.love/calendar>

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 5/21/23	\$10,224.45
Weekly Budget	-\$11,730.77
Over/Under Budget	-\$1,506.32

2nd Collection next weekend is for Bishop Services Appeal Fund

St. Joseph Church
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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:

Thurston & Maude Duhon

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

Baptisms

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

**Elijah Bradford Cook
Jude Louis Gatte**

Weddings

We joyfully share in the Sacramental union of:

Gabriel Francis Fontenot & Brooke Nicole Bordelon

Dearly Departed

Our faith community remembers in prayer our dearly departed.

Marie Menard Habetz

Prayers for the Sick

Betty Adams, Natalie Alleman, Betty Bellard, Ricky Boudreaux, Zora Boudreaux, Courtney Comeaux, Kinley Comeaux, Tony Comeaux, Denise Constantin, Racie Cormier, Rhena V. Cramer, 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, Jennifer Falcon, 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, Jeremy Lavergne, 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

Welcome *Coby Hebert*



Seminarian Coby Hebert will be joining St. Joseph Parish for his Summer assignment this June & July.

Coby was born in Egan, LA, and graduated from Iota High School. In 2005, he graduated from ULM Pharmacy School and worked as a pharmacist for almost 20 years, spending the majority of his time with Lourdes Hospital in Lafayette. He even worked with Fr. Brent at the Heart Hospital before it became a part of LGM. Like Fr. Brent, Coby felt the call for the priesthood later in life and entered Notre Dame Seminary last fall. He recently completed his first year of pre-theology. He is looking forward to working with Fr. Brent again and serving St. Joseph Parish this summer.



GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON JOHN 3:16

That All May be Saved

In today's Gospel we read perhaps the most quoted verse of Scripture, that "God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." It's printed on t-shirts, coffee mugs, those fancy picture frames that everyone has hanging in their bathroom, and on pencils to hand out to youth groups.

I wonder if this is one of those verses that is so often quoted that it has lost some of its importance and just become a commonplace phrase. But today, on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, let's take some time to really dive deep into what this passage means. If we go all the way back to the beginning we see Adam and Eve in the garden. They have been given everything they could possibly desire, but through an act of disobedience and selfishness, they lose their inheritance. They want to be God and in trying to become like him, they turn their back on the very One they want to imitate.

God, of course, knew this was going to happen and had a plan from the beginning. The irony is that God wanted to allow all of us to share in his divine life. He wanted us to participate fully and intimately in his very divinity. This was the desire of Adam and Eve, to be more like God, but they tried to get there through disobedience, while Christ brings us there by his obedience to the Father. I have shared this quote from the Catechism (221) before that states, "God himself is an eternal exchange of love, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and he has destined us to share in that exchange."

Adam and Eve lost their inheritance through disobedience. Jesus gave us our inheritance back by his obedience to the Father and offers to make us partakers of the divine life through the Holy Spirit. It's the ultimate comeback story. This is why John 3:16 is such an important verse. Not because it can sell more merchandise to the Christian world than any other verse, but because it tells us of God's plan right from the beginning to perfect us.

This perfection does not come without a cost. As Scripture says, "We have been purchased for a price." That price is the death and torture of Jesus Christ, who became man in order to allow us to fully participate in the life of the trinity. What Adam and Eve did in the beginning, and what we continue to do today through our sin, can only be rectified by God stepping in and saving us. Today, let's rejoice that he has.

From all of us here at Diocesan, God bless!

Day of Reflection

The Catholic Daughters are hosting a Day of Reflection with the theme of "Sisters in Christ" on Saturday, June 10th in the Family Life Center beginning at 10am with lunch included. You do not have to be a member of the Catholic Daughters to attend - everyone is invited. Leah Guidry will give a presentation entitled, "Sisters, Mary and Martha" followed by lunch. Then guest speaker, Anne Richard, who is the sister of the "Little Cajun Saint" Charlene Richard, will give a presentation entitled, "Me and My Sister". There is no charge to attend, but love offerings will be accepted. Mark your calendar and bring your friends to this remarkable Day of Reflection!

Thank You

In appreciation for his humble service to St. Joseph's Parish, a farewell reception was held for Fr. Henry in the Family Life Center following the 10am Mass on May 28th. Thank you to the Catholic Daughters Court Rayne #844 for heading up this reception, the Sisterhood of St. Joseph women's group for assisting and to all who stopped by to wish Fr. Henry well in his new assignment. We will miss you, Fr. Henry!

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI

EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION

JUNE 11TH FOLLOWING 10:00 AM MASS

The procession will begin at St. Joseph Church, pause for a short period of adoration at the Depot Square & process back to church for adoration in church continually until just prior to the 5:30 Mass.





O, COME LET US ADORE HIM

Sign up today for Eucharistic Adoration
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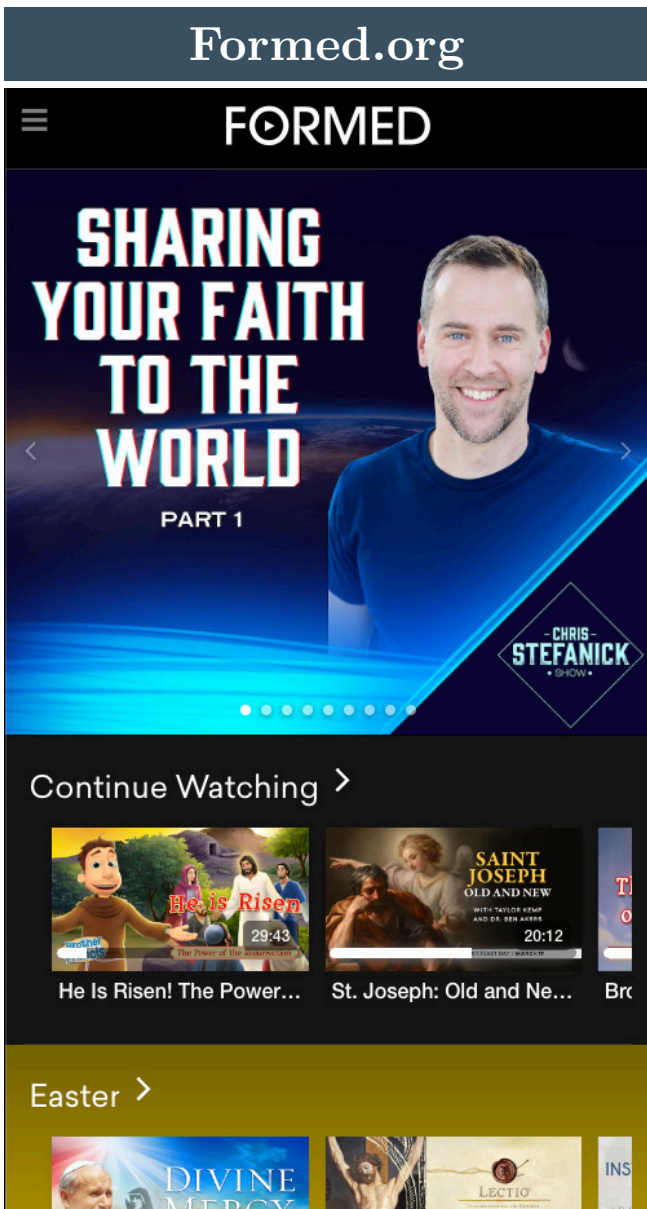
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He Is Risen! The Power... 29:43

St. Joseph: Old and Ne... 20:12

Easter >

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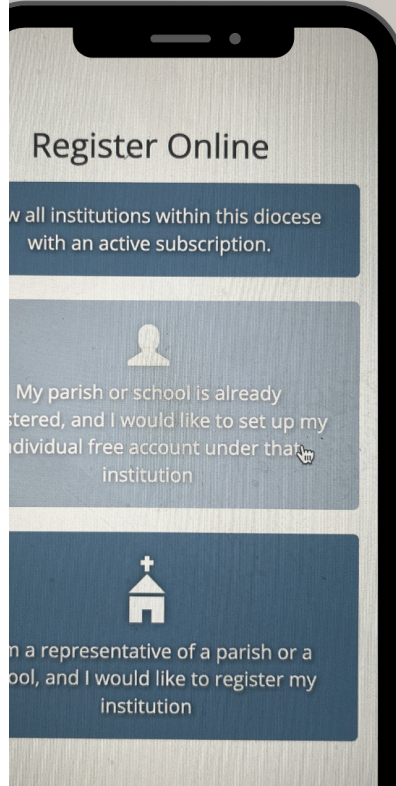
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Prayer before Receiving Holy Communion

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

June 2023

Sat. 4pm: Lector - Cathy Breaux
Extraordinary Ministers - Larry Van Pelt, Neal Duhon
Altar Servers - 4 o'clock Team

Sun. 7am: Lector - Mike Reynolds
Extraordinary Ministers - Phil Speyrer, Albert Johnson, Eddie Ware
Altar Servers - 7 am Team

Sun. 10am: Lector - Paul Molbert
Extraordinary Ministers - Charmaigne Lawless, Tyler Primeaux, Gracie Mouton - Choir
Altar Servers - 10 am Team

Sun. 5:30pm: Lector - Tammy Clark
Extraordinary Ministers - Ramona Besse, 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!