



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

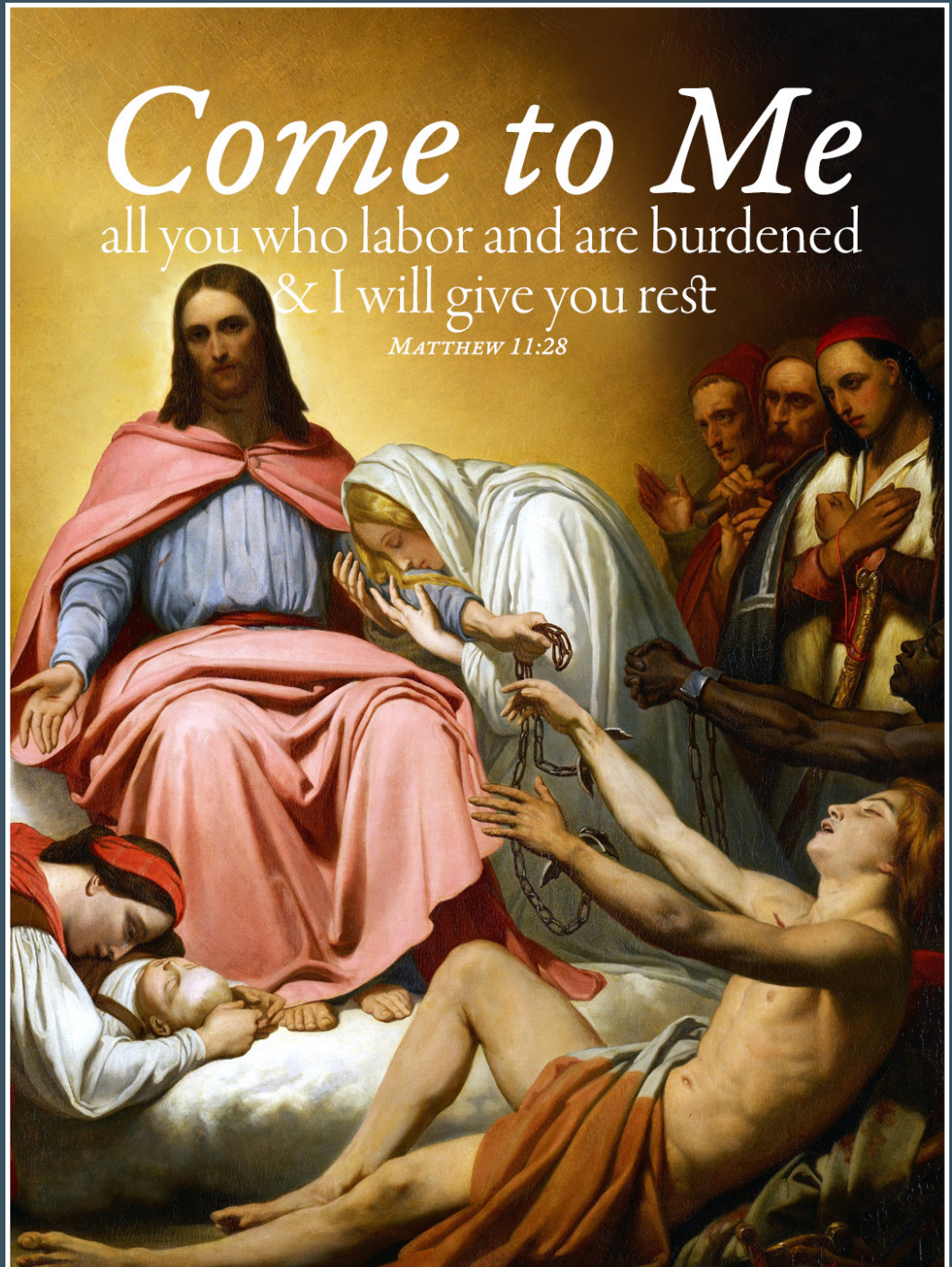
July 9, 2023

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Come to Me

all you who labor and are burdened
& I will give you rest

MATTHEW 11:28



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Parish Office

400 S. Adams Ave.

P.O. Box 199

Rayne, La 70578

Contact

337-334-2193

stjoseph1872@diolaf.org

Office Hours

M, T, Th: 8am - 4pm

W: 8am - 2pm

F: 8am - Noon

Altar Server Training with Fr. Brent!



Sat. July 22nd At 10:00 in Church. No Registration Needed.

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.

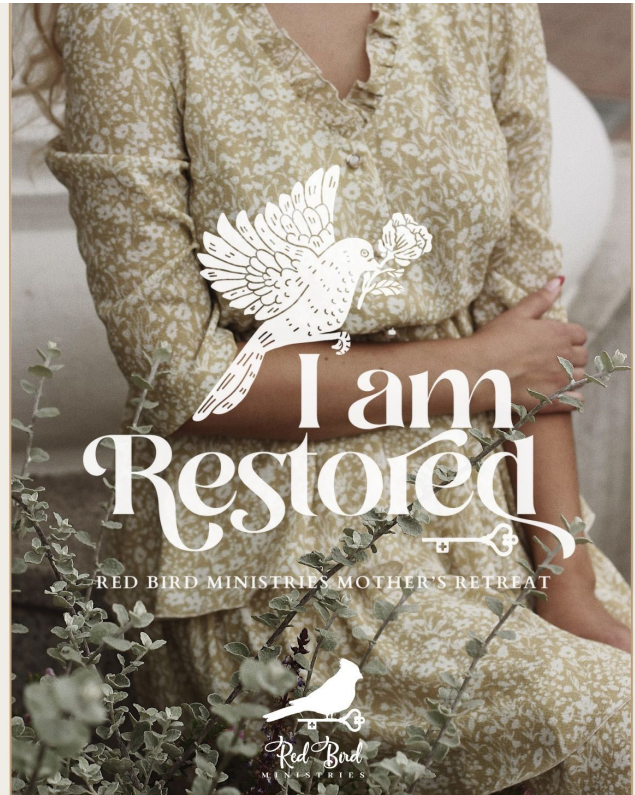
If you would like to donate toward this special addition to our church, please call the parish office or scan the QR code. Please label the donation as 'Murals'.



St. Joseph, Defender of the Church



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



I am Restored

RED BIRD MINISTRIES MOTHER'S RETREAT



For:

Mothers of child loss.
Pregnancy through
adulthood.

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 6/25/23 \$11,922.53
Weekly Budget -\$11,730.77
Over/Under Budget \$191.76

Monthly Offertory EFT/Credit Card 35%
Monthly Building & Maintenance \$ 3,267.04

St. Joseph Church
Electronic Offering

ONLINE



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:

Deceased Members of CDA

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
Willie & Edward Leger

Baptisms

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

Francis Paul Faulk

Weddings

We joyfully share in the Sacramental union of:

There were no weddings at the time of printing.

Dearly Departed

Our faith community remembers in prayer our dearly departed.

Earline Richard Menard
Lula Benoit Hoffpauir
Raymond Dale Domingue

Prayers for the Sick

Natalie Alleman Touchet, Carol M. Arceneaux, 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, Cheryl Edwards, Zubaida Elahi, Diego Escandon, Cheryl Fabacher, Jennifer Falcon, Michael "Micky" Fontenot, Debra Fusilier, Barbara & Tanya Gaspard, Laura Gautreaux, Laurie Guenther, Keylonna Guidry, Raymond & Deanean Guidry, 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, Ron Myers, Bonnie Sue Navarre, Kristian Navarre, Kim Neu, Jim Orillion, Mary Alice Petitjean, Deacon Richard Picard, Shirley Quebodeaux, Judy Richard, Quentin Rowe, Hayden Ruffner, Gracie Ann Sanchez, Myrtle Servat, Cade Siebold, Shirley Simon, Jeanette Simoneaux, Carita Sonnier, Angela Stelly, Ronald Stutes, Juanette Suire, Veronica Terro, Mary Lee Trahan, Linda Viale, Marguerite Wyble, Wena York

Taking the Time to Rest



I'd like you to take a moment and trace the past week of your life. Other than sleeping, did you take any intentional rest? We just finished the Independence Day holiday here in the United States. If you live in the US, did you squeeze in every last bit of work in the office before closing your computer for the holiday? Did you actually sign off from work for the holiday? Or did you try to multitask, only to find yourself zigging and zagging between sporting events, and reading work emails on your phone during backyard barbecues, without ever actually resting?

If you've ever felt more tired after a holiday than before, chances are that today, you feel like a burnt out sparkler. I have a consolation for you: today's Gospel reading is especially for you because in it Jesus tells us to rest.

If we rest in Scripture today, we are privileged to hear a sacred conversation. We hear Jesus resting in prayer with the Father. "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth," Jesus says. The prayer in verses 25-27 is one of only three places in which Matthew records Jesus' prayers with God the Father. The second instance is in the Garden of Gethsemane (Mt 26:39, 42), and the third is Jesus's last words on the cross, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mt 27:46).

After concluding his prayer today, Jesus shares the intimacy of the relationship between Son and Father, with those around him. "[N]o one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the son and any one to whom the Son chooses to reveal him" (Mt 11:27). After this statement comes an invitation to rest. "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Commentators note that the rest that Jesus gives is the peace which surpasses all understanding (Phil 4:7). It is also the invitation to discipleship, for we know that following Jesus brings "rest for your souls" (11:29). Through resting in Jesus, Jesus reveals the Father to us for Jesus opens up the possibility of eternal union with God in heaven.

The first step toward unity with God today is simple: just rest. Spend time with this Gospel passage. Resist the urge to check your phone and just rest. Accomplish in prayer what Jesus asks of you today: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden" . . . "Take my yoke upon you" . . . "learn from me." (11:28-29)

Women's ACTS Retreat

Are you interested in deepening your faith and finding a community of faith to help support you on your faith journey?

If so, consider signing up for the next JMJ Women's ACTS Retreat.

The retreat is October 19th – 22nd, 2023 at the ABC Center in Richard.

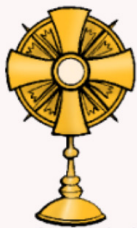
Registration opens from Sunday, July 16th at noon until all spots have been filled. Cost is \$300.

*Retreatants leave from the St. Joseph Family Life Center late afternoon on Thursday, October 19th and return for 11:30am Mass at St. John Catholic Church in Mermentau on Sunday, October 22nd.

ACTS is an acronym for Adoration, Community, Theology and Service. ACTS is a lay led, parish-based retreat in which parishioners serve parishioners with the goals of strengthening our faith, renewing ourselves spiritually, building strong lasting friendships, and growing in our relationship with our Lord, our parish and one another.

Please consider this wonderful gift for yourself or someone you love.

Healing Prayer Service



Thursday, July 13th at 6:00 pm
At St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rayne

Guest Priest:
Fr. Clint Trahan

Service will include:
Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament &
Faith Prayers for Healing



WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT



THE JMJ COALITION
ST. JOSEPH
ST. MARGARET
ST. JOHN

OCTOBER 19-22, 2023



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.

WHEN ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BECOME WEATHERED IT IS THE FAMILY'S RESPONSIBILITY TO REMOVE AND DISPOSE OF THEM. WE HAVE TRASH RECEPTACLES LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE CEMETERIES FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

Thank you for doing your part!

ECHO 2028
THEOLOGY OF THE BODY RETREATS

ECHORETREATS.COM

- FEB 24-26** PINEVILLE, LA | ENGAGED COUPLES
- MARCH 01-APRIL 2** COVECREST | TIGER, GA | YOUNG ADULTS
- JUNE 2-9** ABBEVILLE, LA | TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS
- JUNE 20-25** CHICAGO, IL | YOUNG ADULTS
- JULY 21-27** PINEVILLE, LA | TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS
- SEPT 22-24** COVINGTON, LA | YOUNG ADULTS
- OCT 13-15** DALLAS, TX | YOUNG ADULTS
- NOV 10-12** LAKE CHARLES, LA | MARRIED COUPLES

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SHARING YOUR FAITH TO THE WORLD
PART 1

- CHRIS STEFANICK - SHOW -

Continue Watching >

He Is Risen! The Power...
29:43

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

Easter >

DIVINE MERCY
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FREE RESOURCE

**CATECHETICAL INSTITUTE
FRANSCISCAN UNIVERSITY**

Learn more about Theology of the Body and explore other courses paid for by St. Joseph Parish.

- 1. VISIT THE WEBSITE**
franciscanathome.com/diolaf
- 2. REGISTER ONLINE**
Select the option to set up an individual account under that institution. (St. Joseph - Rayne)
- 3. CHOOSE YOUR WORKSHOP**
Select the workshop you wish to attend. You can opt to participate with or without a mentor.

Register Online

All institutions within this diocese with an active subscription.

My parish or school is already listed, and I would like to set up my individual free account under that institution

In a representative of a parish or a school, and I would like to register my institution

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

July 2023

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

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

Sun. 10am: Lector - Mandy Miller
Extraordinary Ministers - Linda
Ancona, Angelo Ancona Altar Servers
- 10 am Team

Sun. 5:30pm: Lector - Adela Leger
Extraordinary Ministers - Tammy
Clark, Emma Landaiche, Emma
Gossen 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!