



# 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 30, 2023

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Connect

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

[facebook.com/stjoerayne](https://facebook.com/stjoerayne)

### 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

# St. Joseph Cemetery II

## Mausoleum VII



The construction phase of Mausoleum VII has officially started. If you were unable to purchase burial space during the pre-sales phase of the project there are still available crypts. If your interested in purchasing space call 337-347-6989 for more information.

*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

*I am Restored*  
 RED BIRD MINISTRIES MOTHER'S RETREAT

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Red Bird Ministries logo featuring a white dove with a key in its beak.

**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*

**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

## 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 7/16/23	\$11,812.53
Weekly Budget	-\$11,730.77
<b>Over/Under Budget</b>	<b>\$81.76</b>

2nd Collection next weekend is for Building & Maintenance Fund

St. Joseph Church  
Electronic Offering

**ONLINE**



**OFFERTORY**

SCAN THE CODE TO GIVE



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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:

**Christy D. Alleman**

**In Loving Memory of "Alyson Elizabeth Louviere"**  
forever held in Mary's arms.

## 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**

**Ronnie Joseph Lavergne**

**Ellen Marie Stutes**

## Baptisms

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

**Emmie Marie Turner**

## 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.

**Gloria Lopez**

## Prayers for the Sick

Carol M. Arceneaux, Zora Boudreaux, Courtney Comeaux, Kinley Comeaux, Tony Comeaux, Denise Constantin, 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, Joanne Fauchaux, Michael "Micky" Fontenot, Debra Fusilier, Barbara & Tanya Gaspard, Laura Gautreaux, Laurie Guenther, Keylonna Guidry, Raymond & Deanean Guidry, Gerhard Habetz, Karen Hebert, Wayne Hebert, Susie Helo, Dana Hernandez, Sammy Hernandez, Martha Hodge, Alex LaCroix, Candi Hebert Latino, Jeremy Lavergne, Leslie Leger, Dina Lejune, Patsy Meaux, Jessica F. Miller, Loretta Miller, Merita Mouton, Ron Myers, Bonnie Sue Navarre, Kristian Navarre, Kim Neu, Jim Orillion, Mary Alice Petitjean, Deacon Richard Picard, Judy Richard, Quentin Rowe, Hayden Ruffner, Gracie Ann Sanchez, Myrtle Servat, Cade Siebold, Shirley Simon, Jeanette Simoneaux, Lisa Soileaux, Carita Sonnier, Angela Stelly, Ronald Stutes, Juanette Suire, Veronica Terro, Natalie Alleman Touchet, Mary Lee Trahan, Linda Viale, Marguerite Wyble, Wena York

## Witness to Love

Aaron Enlund and Madison Terro will be united in holy matrimony on Saturday, November 18, 2023 at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Deacon Barry LeBlanc presiding over the ceremony. The couple met at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette while pursuing degrees in Civil Engineering. They have been together ever since for the past five years. Aaron and Madison both graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. Aaron is a project engineer at Bluewing Civil Consulting. Madison is a project engineer at Mader Engineering, Inc. The couple plans to reside with their future family in Lafayette, LA. Their mentor couple is Deacon Barry LeBlanc and Josette Leblanc. Deacon Barry and Josette have been married for 37 years. The LeBlancs have 4 children and 8 grandchildren.

Please join us in praying for this couple.

We praise you, Lord for your gentle plan draws together your children in love for one another.

Strengthen their hearts, so that they will keep faith with each other, please you in all things, and so come to the happiness of celebrating the sacrament of their marriage. Amen



## Witness to Love

Congratulations to Abram & Elizabeth Broussard who were united in marriage on July 1st, 2023. Officiating the ceremony was Father Mike Polson.



## 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.




## 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.

PLEASE DO NOT PUT GRAVEL, LIMESTONE, OR  
ANY TYPE OF AGGREGATE AROUND  
GRAVESITES.

Thank you for doing your part!



# FAMILY CATECHESIS

**REGISTRATION:** ←

Registration is open for PreK-8th Grade students.  
Register at: [stjoerayne.org/familycatechesis](http://stjoerayne.org/familycatechesis)

→ **PARENT MEETING:**  
August 13th at 6:30 in the  
Family Life Center

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
Contact: Shelby Fuselier at [shelby@stjoerayne.org](mailto:shelby@stjoerayne.org)

# FIRST COMMUNION



**REGISTRATION:**  
Registration is now open.  
Register at:  
[stjoerayne.org/firstcommunion](http://stjoerayne.org/firstcommunion)

**PARENT MEETING:**  
August 27th at 6:30  
in the Family Life  
Center.

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
Contact: Shelby Fuselier at [shelby@stjoerayne.org](mailto:shelby@stjoerayne.org)

ATTENTION 10TH AND 11TH GRADERS

# CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION NOW OPEN



call the office or go  
to [stjoerayne.org](http://stjoerayne.org)

# O.C.I.A. REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Interested in becoming  
Catholic or want to learn  
more about the faith?

- weekly sessions on Sunday after 10am Mass
- classes begin [September 3rd](#)
- in the Family Life Center

• all applicants must meet with Fr Brent before classes begin.

Call the parish office to sign up now!



ST. JOSEPH'S

# RAYNE YOUTH

registration now open  
meetings begin Sept 10th

**OPEN TO ALL  
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!**

go to [stjoerayne.org](http://stjoerayne.org)  
to register or call the  
parish office



## Witness to Love

Congratulations to Blaise & Andrea Venable who were united in marriage on July 8, 2023. Father Andrew Mattingly, Pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel, St Joseph Parish, Kansas City, Missouri and brother of the Bride, officiated the ceremony.



## 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

### August 2023

**Sat. 4pm:** Lector - Larry Van Pelt  
Extraordinary Ministers - Diana Duhon, Mary Comeaux  
Altar Servers - 4 o'clock Team

**Sun. 7am:** Lector - Allison Gray  
Extraordinary Ministers - Phil Speyrer, Albert Johnson, Eddie Ware  
Altar Servers - 7 am Team

**Sun. 10am:** Lector - Matthew Molbert  
Extraordinary Ministers - Joan Gatte, Richard Dupuis  
Altar Servers - 10 am Team

**Sun. 5:30pm:** Lector - Tessa Himel  
Extraordinary Ministers - Ramona Besse, Crystal Moody, Jimmy Fontenot  
Altar Servers - 5:30 Team

## Adoration Sign Up

### Sign up for Adoration

[rayne.weadorehim.com](http://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!*