



# st. Joseph

## Roman Catholic Church

Est. 1872

November 19th, 2023

**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### Pastor

Very Rev. Brent L Smith, VF

### Parochial Vicar

Rev. Connor Poirrier

### Deacons

Deacon Denis LaCroix

Deacon Tim Ledet

### 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

### 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



# iGiveCatholic Giving Days

St. Joseph Parish will once again participate in the iGiveCatholic Day of Giving on Tuesday, November 28th. The focus of our goal this year is to refurbish our Adoration Chapel.

Our focus was inspired by the Universal Church's call for Eucharistic Revival. What a better time than now to focus our efforts on revitalizing our Adoration Chapel?

Our Chapel has been a beacon of hope for those facing difficult times; the Chapel has been a place of rest for those burdened by the weight of the world; the Chapel has been a place of praise and worship for those who are grateful to God for His many gifts; and the Chapel has been a daily source of renewal to the faithful who truly understand Who is present there. Money raised through iGiveCatholic will be used to purchase new furnishings to replace the rockers and pews which have seen their better days. We also plan on cleaning/replacing the carpeting, painting the walls, adding statues and/or devotional items and transforming the Chapel into a truly inspirational and sacred space.

Advanced Giving begins this Monday, Nov. 13th. Donations during Advanced Giving can be made at the Parish Office or by utilizing the iGiveCatholic envelopes on the usher's tables.

This year an anonymous donor has agreed to match the first \$10,000 in donations dollar for dollar essentially doubling your donation!

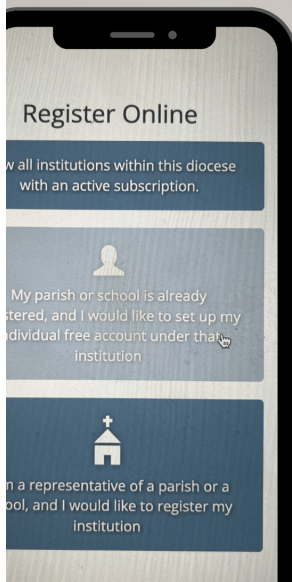
Thank you for supporting our effort to promote Eucharistic Revival at St. Joseph's Parish during the #iGiveCatholic Giving Day Campaign!



## 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](http://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.

## Find us on Social!

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


RED BIRD MINISTRIES PRESENTS

# FOLLOW ME

 *A Grieving Dad's Retreat*

**December  
1 - 3, 2023**

*\*Deadline to register Nov. 15*

Theriot House  
in Theriot, Louisiana   
Physical address to  
given closer to the date

*\*Space is limited.*

*\*Sponsorships are available. Contact us at [hello@redbird.love](mailto:hello@redbird.love) for more information.*

*All men who have experienced any form of child loss are invited: miscarriage, still birth, or the loss of an infant, child, adolescent, or adult child.*

Register now at  
[redbird.love/  
dadsretreat](http://redbird.love/dadsretreat) 



## 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 week of 11/5/23 \$18,061.08

Weekly Budget -\$12,230.00

Over/Under Budget \$5,831.08

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:

**Deceased Members of CDA**

**Joseph, Darrell, Ben, & Christine  
Ellen Stutes & Annette S. Bruner**

## The Pieta Lamp

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

**Orise Boudreaux**

**Ronnie Joseph Lavergne  
Martin Petitjean II**

## Baptisms

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

**There were no baptisms at the time of printing.**

## 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.

**Vivian Arceneaux Faul  
Ernest Gaspard**

## Prayers for the Sick

Carol M. Arceneaux, Patsy Aucoin, Marie Benoit, Obrey "Toboy" Benoit, Jr, Zora Boudreaux, Marie Breaux, 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, Zubaída 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, Roxanne Hardy, Ruby Harrington, Karen Hebert, Wayne Hebert, Susie Helo, Sammy Hernandez, Martha Hodge, Albert Johnson, Janelle Kibodeaux, Alex LaCroix, Harper Lancon, Leslie Leger, Dina Lejeune, Patsy Meaux, Richard Melancon, Larry Mire, Loretta Miller, Merita Mouton, Ron Myers, Bonnie Sue Navarre, Kristian Navarre, Dorothy Nelams, Natalie New, Jim Orillion, Mary Alice Petitjean, Francis Pellissier, Deacon Richard Picard, Shirley Quebodeaux, Emmett Richard, Judy Richard, Quentin Rowe, Hayden Ruffner, Gracie Ann Sanchez, Myrtle Servat, Jeanette Simoneaux, Lisa Soileaux, Carita Sonnier, Angela Stelly, Rose "Sis" Stelly, Ronald Stutes, Juanette Suire, Veronica Terro, Betty Theriot, Christina Thevenet, Natalie Alleman Touchet, Linda Viale, Rebecca "Becca" Vidrine, Josh Wylie

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ST. JOSEPH'S  
CATHOLIC  
CHURCH

## Monday Mass Schedule

ST. JOSEPH'S WILL BE HAVING  
MONDAY MORNING MASS AT 6:30 AM  
STARTING ON NOVEMBER 27TH.  
CONFESSIONS WILL BEGIN AT 6:00 AM

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT  
[WWW.STJOERAYNE.ORG](http://WWW.STJOERAYNE.ORG)  
OR CALL THE OFFICE: 337-334-293

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH  
PARISHIONERS

## 8TH & 9TH GRADE CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

*All current 8th & 9th grade St. Joseph parishioners  
will be receiving the  
Sacrament of Confirmation this coming  
May 2024*

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS  
JANUARY 28, 2024

Important dates:

January 28, 2024: Parent Meeting in the FLC at 6:30.

Classes will be held from 3:30pm until 5:15pm on these Sundays:

- Feb. 18, Feb. 25, March 3, March 10, March 17, March 24, April 7, April 14, April 21, and April 28.

May 4, 2024: Confirmation Retreat.

May 5, 2024: Confirmation Mass at 5:30pm.

Scan this QR Code to Register:



Any questions please Call Father Brent at the Parish Office: 337-334-2193



# The Light is On For You

## *Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Advent is a time of anticipation and preparation.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation & Confession  
will be available at  
St. Joseph's Catholic Church on  
Wednesday December 6th and 13th  
6:30pm-8pm.

# Welcome Fr. Poirrier

Grace and peace in Jesus Christ, my name is Father Poirrier and I am glad to say that I am the new parochial vicar for St. Joseph! I was ordained a priest on June 5, 2021 for the Diocese of Lafayette and Bishop Deshotel has graciously placed me here to serve this community of Rayne.

Originating from Scott, I went to high school at Acadiana High after which I discerned the priesthood, entered the seminary, and graduated from St. Joseph's Seminary in 2017 and from Notre Dame Graduate Seminary in 2021. Eight years of schooling and mission work has helped prepare me for my life as a priest.

Some of my favorite hobbies are hunting, cooking, and being with people. I am blessed to have the opportunity to get to know you all and be involved in the many ministries that are here and thriving already. Being present to you all throughout the year is something I am very much looking forward to.

I am glad that God has placed me here to walk with you all in your relationship with Him. If there is one thing that I wish to communicate in this writing, it is this: I would like to be a bridge between you and Jesus. I will do my best to get to know as many of you as possible while being here, and I will try to deliver my best in regards to preaching, teaching and living the faith. Please feel free to reach out to me whenever you would like. Be assured that I am here for you, Father Poirrier is your priest.

Again, I am excited about being here and hope to be able to walk with you all. Be assured of my love and prayers for you and your families. Please remember me in yours. God Bless!

To Christ through Mary,  
Reverend Connor Poirrier



The advertisement features a photograph of two men in clerical attire on the left. The text on the right reads: "LIVING A Legacy OF FAITHFULNESS AND PURPOSE". Below this, it states: "A legacy of faith is the best inheritance you can leave to your loved ones. Invest in those who will lead us as our future shepherds through the Bishop's Services Appeal. Your personal call to sainthood is joined with building the kingdom that Christ came to bring. Pledge online at [diolaf.org/BSA](http://diolaf.org/BSA) or text DIOCESE to 50155." At the bottom, it says "2023 BISHOP'S SERVICES APPEAL Supporting the Works of Christ" and includes a QR code.



## 2023 Bishop Services Appeal

Parish Goal:	\$43,244.00
Amount Donated Thru September:	\$32,965.00
Amount needed to reach goal:	\$10,279.00

**THROUGH YOUR GENEROSITY  
WE HAVE REACHED 76% OF OUR GOAL**



## 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

### November 2023

**Sat. 4pm:** Lector - Cathy Breaux  
Extraordinary Ministers - Brenda Hooper, Mary Comeaux, Neal Duhon  
Altar Servers - 4 o'clock Team

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

**Sun. 10am:** Lectors - Matthew Molbert, Richard Dupuis  
Extraordinary Ministers - Mandy Miller, Joan Gatte, Tyler Primeaux  
Choir Altar Servers - 10 am Team

**Sun. 5:30pm:** Lector - Adela Leger  
Extraordinary Ministers - Tammy Clark, Ramona Besse, 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

main office | 337.334.5657  
cafeteria | 337.334.3247  
fax | 337.334.3301



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WENDALL PRUDHOMME, PRINCIPAL  
FR. BRENT SMITH, CHANCELLOR

main office | 337.783.3519  
athletics | 337.783.8776  
fax | 337.788.2115



## 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!*