



st. Joseph

Roman Catholic Church

Est. 1872

December 3, 2023

First Sunday of Advent

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

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Parish Office

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Contact

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Office Hours

M, T, Th: 8am - 4pm

W: 8am - 2pm

F: 8am - Noon



WELCOME Fr. Poirrier & Rectory Open House

Sunday December 3rd
After 10:00 am Mass

St. Joseph Parish Parishioners are all invited after the 10:00 am Mass to welcome Fr. Poirrier and to see the finishing touches of our beautiful Rectory.



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The Catechism in a Year Podcast
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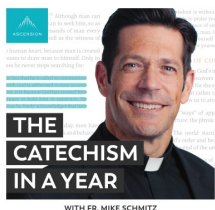
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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULES

DEC. 24
SUNDAY MASSES

7 AM
10 AM
(NO 5:30 PM MASS)

DEC. 24
CHRISTMAS EVE

4 PM
6 PM
(HOSTED BY RCE)

DEC. 25
CHRISTMAS DAY

MIDNIGHT
9 AM

YOU MUST ATTEND A
"SUNDAY" MASS

AND

A "CHRISTMAS" MASS.

St Joseph Parish Candlelight Marian Procession

Commemorating the
Solemnity of
The Immaculate Conception

After the 5:30pm
Vigil Mass
Thursday, December 7th



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 11/19/23 \$12,513.54

Weekly Budget -\$12,230.00

Over/Under Budget **\$283.54**

2nd Collection next weekend is for St. Joseph Parish Insurance Fund

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:

Ellen Marie Stutes

The Pieta Lamp

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

**Vivian Boudreaux
A. D. Foreman Jr.**

Baptisms

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

**Andrus Dean Frey, Joseph Ashton Molbert,
Maelee Rynn Trahan**

Weddings

We joyfully share in the Sacramental union of:

Aaron David Enlund & Madison Claire Terrot

Dearly Departed

Our faith community remembers in prayer our dearly departed.

Bridget Venable Hanks.

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, 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, 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, Noreima Lowenstein, 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 Wyble

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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
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

Witness to Love

Stephen Cormier and Leeann Gray will be united in matrimony on February 3, 2024 with Deacon Tim Ledet presiding over the ceremony. They both attended Notre Dame High School, started dating when they were in college and have been together for 4 years. Stephen attended the University of Louisiana at Lafayette earning a degree in Civil Engineering, while Leeann attended Mcneese State University earning a degree in Radiology. Currently, Leeann is a Radiologic Technologist at Ochsner Lafayette General Medical Center, and Stephen works as an Engineering Intern at Sellers & Associates, Inc., a civil engineering firm in Lafayette.. They have recently purchased a home in Rayne where they look to settle down and start a family. Their mentor couple is Chris and Jane Stevens of Crowley who have been married for 28 years and have 3 children.

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



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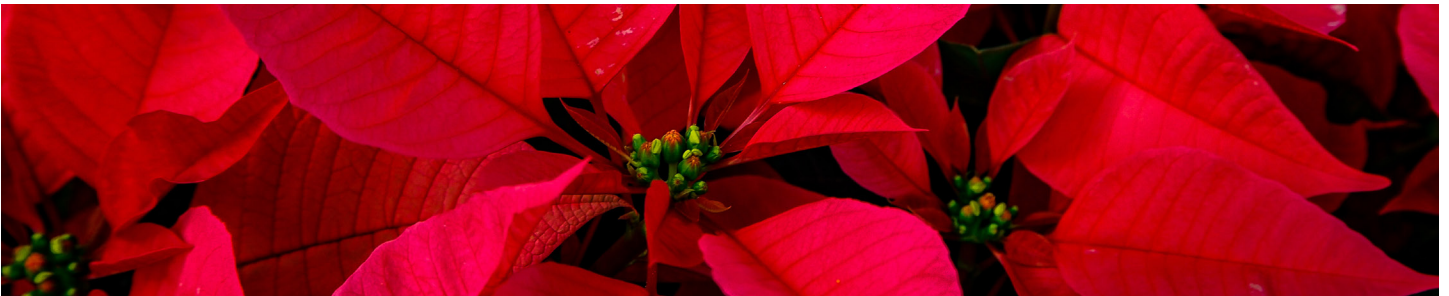
The Light is On For You

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.

Christmas Flower Donations



In Memory of: _____

Donated By: _____

Amount: \$ _____ Phone: _____

Please return this form and your donation to the Parish Office or place it in the collection basket by December 15th.

Thank You and may the Lord Bless you and yours during this Christmas Season and throughout the coming year.

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

December 2023

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

Sun. 7am: Lector - Allison Gray,
Betty Bellard Extraordinary Ministers -
Damian D'Augereaux, Brandon Leger,
Randy Bertrand Altar Servers - 7 am Team

Sun. 10am: Lector - Luke Beslin,
Scott Privat Extraordinary Ministers -
Donna Levy, Marlon Leger, Gracie Mouton -
Choir Altar Servers - 10 am Team

Sun. 5:30pm: Lector - Tessa Himel
Extraordinary Ministers - Tammy Clark,
Emma Landaiche, Jimmy Fontenot
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!