

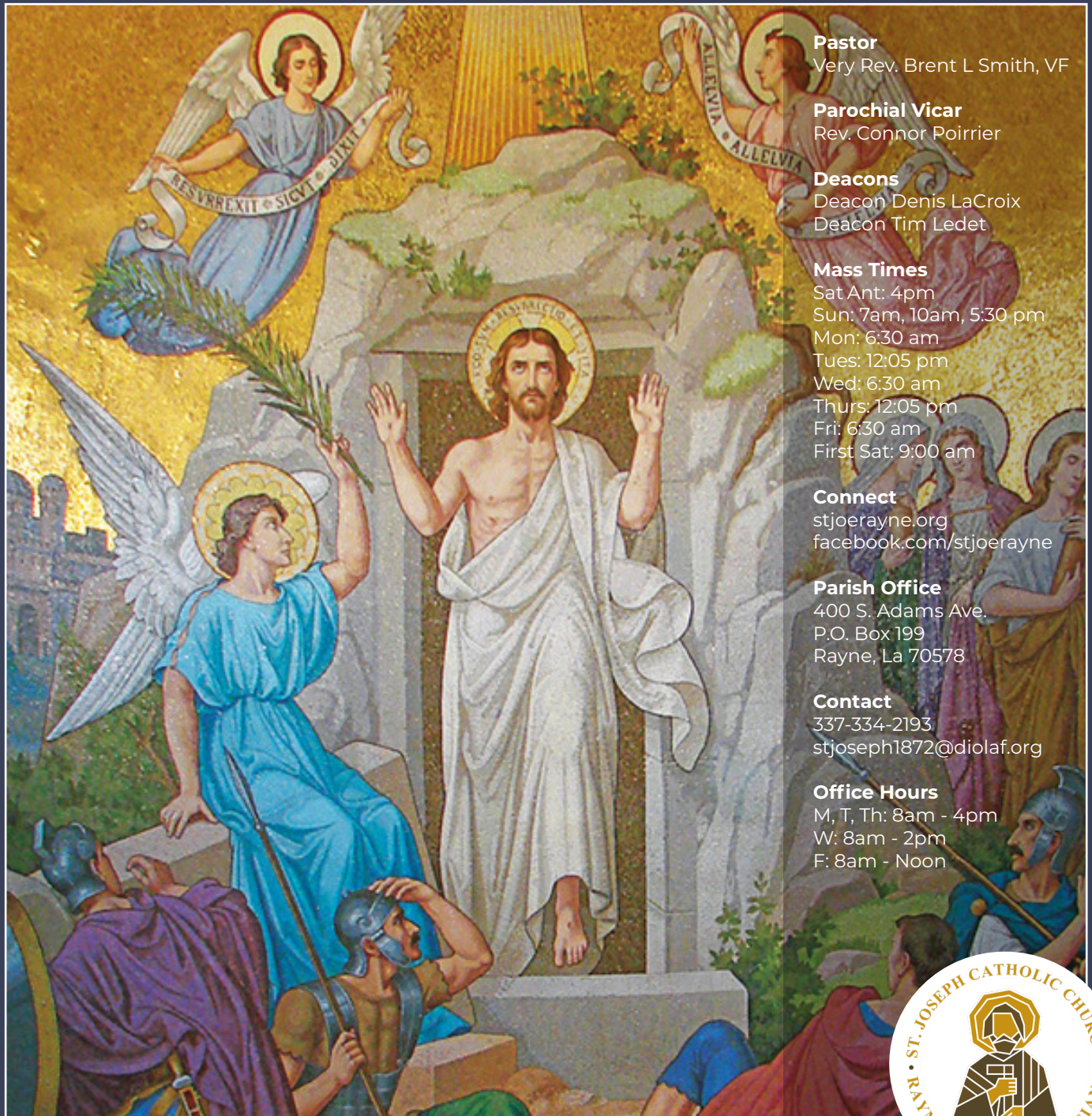
st. Joseph

Roman Catholic Church

Est. 1872

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024



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: 6:30 am
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






O, COME LET US ADORE HIM

Sign up today for Eucharistic Adoration
<https://rayne.weadorehim.com/>


Guest Speaker:



**Sr. Fatima,
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— TOPIC —
**PRAY
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CEASING**

Sunday, April 7th
9:00 am
**FAMILY LIFE
CENTER**




**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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**PASTORAL CARE
Service**

In an effort to provide timely pastoral care to our St. Joseph parishioners who are suffering from an extended illness or an extended hospital stay or receiving palliative care, we ask the family to please notify the Parish Office to arrange a visit from our clergy.



OUR CLERGY:

- ✓ Very Rev. Brent L. Smith, VF
- ✓ Rev. Connor Poirrier
- ✓ Denis LaCroix – Deacon

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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!

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.

Serve in the Liturgy

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

Holy Hour Sign Up

Sign up for Adoration
rayne.weadorehim.com

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:

Martin Petitjean II
Ronnie Joseph Lavergne
Nina R. Hayes

Pieta Lamp

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

James H. Comeaux
Freida Simoneaux
Curlless A. Arabie

Baptisms

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

Ellie Claire Dysart
Jane Faustina Breaux
Katharine Belle Breaux

Dearly Departed

Our faith community remembers in prayer our dearly departed.

Ethel Breaux Mouton

Prayers for the Sick

Patsy Aucoin, Marie Benoit, Obrey "Toboy" Benoit, Jr, Phylis Besse, Ricky Boudreaux, Conrad Breaux, Laura Mae Breaux, Marie Breaux, Bobby Caldwell, Courtney Comeaux, Kinley Comeaux, Tony Comeaux, Denise Constantin, Rhena V. Cramer, Joseph Mel Daigle, Sherrie David, Phoebe Deshotel, Dolores Deville, Peggy Deville, Cheryl Edwards, Zubaida Elahi, Diego Escandon, Cheryl Fabacher, Joanne Faucheaux, Debra Fusilier, Barbara & Tanya Gaspard, Laura Gautreaux, Laurie Guenther, Cameron John Guidry, Keylonna Guidry, Raymond & Deanean Guidry, Ruby Harrington, Karen Hebert, Wayne Hebert, Susie Helo, Sammy Hernandez, Martha Hodge, Dianne Istre, Albert Johnson, Janelle Kibodeaux, Alex LaCroix, Harper Lancon, Leslie Leger, Dina Lejeune, Noreima Lowenstein, Patsy Meaux, Judy Melancon, Berna Menard, Larry Mire, Loretta Miller, Merita Mouton, Ron Myers, Bonnie Sue Navarre, Kristin Navarre, Dorothy Nelams, Natalie New, Jim Orillion, Mary Alice Petitjean, Deacon Richard Picard, Shirley Quebodeaux, Holden Racca, Madeline Reed, Emmett Richard, Linda Robichaux, Quentin Rowe, Hayden Ruffner, Myrtle Servat, Jeanette Simoneaux, Angela Stelly, Ronald Stutes, Juanette Suire, Veronica Terro, Christina Thevenet, Blaire Boudreaux Thibodeaux, Natalie Alleman Touchet, Chris Van Pelt, Linda Viale, Rebecca "Becca" Vidrine, Angela Faulk Wall, Josh Wyble

Weekly Offertory



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Offertory week of 3/17/24 \$12,552.03
Weekly Budget -\$12,230.00
Over Budget \$322.03
2nd Collection next weekend is for
Building & Maintenance Fund

Witness To Love

Congratulations to Tylor & Rhiannon Fontenot (and son, Beckham) who were united in marriage on March 2, 2024. Officiating the ceremony was Father Brent Smith, VF.



Witness To Love

Congratulations to Patrick & Caitlyn Pierrottie on the Convalidation of their marriage on March 5, 2024. The celebrant was friend of the family, Father Joseph Caraway, Diocese of Lake Charles.



Eucharist as Sacrifice

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Exposition at 6:00 PM on April 8th

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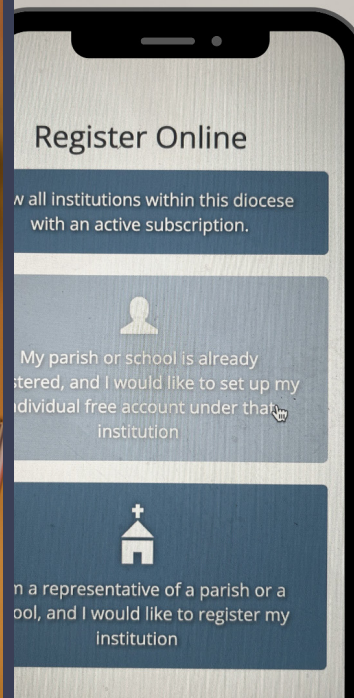
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Confessions begin at 6:30 pm
Divine Praises begin at 7:00 pm

CATECHETICAL INSTITUTE FRANCISCAN 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.

Prayer Before Receiving Holy Communion

I believe, O Lord, and I confess that Thou art truly the Christ, the Son of the living God, Who camest into the world to save sinners, of whom I am first. I believe also that this is truly Thine own most pure Body, and that this is truly Thine own precious Blood. Therefore, I pray Thee: have mercy upon me and forgive my transgressions both voluntary and involuntary, of word and of deed, committed in knowledge or in ignorance. And make me worthy to partake without condemnation of Thy most pure Mysteries, for the remission of my sins, and unto life everlasting. Amen. St. John Chrysostom

PARISH FORMATION

THE RESURRECTION

Q. - What is the most glorious mystery of Our Lord's life?

A. - The mystery of His Resurrection from the dead.

Q. - On what day did He rise again?

A. - At dawn on the third day after His death, i.e., on the first day of the week: Sunday (the Lord's Day).

Q. - How was Jesus raised to life?

A. - By a unique act of His divine omnipotence (in union with the Father and the Holy Spirit), He reunited His own soul to His body, and came forth living from the tomb.

Q. - What qualities did Christ's body possess when it came out of the tomb?

A. - It had the qualities of glorified bodies: brightness, impassibility, agility, and subtlety.

Q. - What is brightness?

A. - A brilliance capable of greater radiance than the sun, such as Our Lord revealed on Mount Tabor.

Q. - What is impassibility?

A. - Exemption from all suffering and enjoying perpetual youth.

Q. - What is agility?

A. - The ability to move from place to place with the rapidity of thought (see Lk 24:13-35).

Q. - What is subtlety?

A. - The property of the body being entirely submissive to the soul and expressive of it.

Q. - Why is Our Lord's Resurrection of such great importance?

A. - It is of first importance because it is: (1) The foundation of our faith; (2) The means whereby the fruits of the Redemption are applied to us; (3) The model of our spiritual life; (4) The cause of our future resurrection.

Q. - To whom did Jesus first show Himself after His Resurrection?

A. - Most probably and appropriately to His Blessed Mother, although this is not recorded in Scripture. "[We may] think that Jesus showed Himself first to His Mother, who had been the most faithful and had kept her faith intact when put to test. Lastly, the unique and special character of the Blessed Virgin's presence at Calvary and her perfect union with the Son in His suffering on the Cross seem to postulate a very particular sharing on her part in the mystery of the Resurrection."

Q. - To whom does Scripture record Our Lord appearing after His Resurrection?

A. - He appeared to: (1) Mary Magdalen and the holy women; (2) Simon Peter and other disciples at the Sea of Tiberias; (3) Two disciples on the way to Emmaus; (4) Disciples assembled in Jerusalem without St. Thomas.

Q. - When did He appear to St. Thomas?

A. - Eight days after His Resurrection, to offer all future Christians the lesson: "Blessed are they that have not seen, and have believed" (Jn 20:29).

Q. - Were there other appearances of Christ?

A. - Yes. He also appeared on a mountain of Galilee, and likely many other times not mentioned in the Gospel. St. Paul attests that He once appeared to an assembly of more than five hundred, and was again seen by St. James (see 1 Cor 15:6).

Q. - Of what value is the testimony of the apostles?

A. - It is incontestably certain, for: (1) The apostles themselves were incredulous at first (see Mk 16:14); (2) The apostles could not have been deceived; (3) They did not wish to deceive others, nor would it have benefited them; (4) Others could not have been fooled by such a deception.

Q. - What about claims of hysteria, hypnotism, ignorance, etc. to explain this testimony?

A. - They give too much credit to the apostles, who were simple men incapable of such a vast deception, and who ultimately purchased it at the cost of their own tortures and death.

Q. - What manifest fact especially confirms the testimony of the apostles?

A. - The rapid conversion of the known world to Christianity, despite obstacles that mere nature could not overcome and the complete absence of sufficient human means to achieve it.

Q. - Why has God given such striking proofs of Christ's Resurrection?

A. - Because this mystery is the very foundation of Christianity. If Christ has not risen, His religion is an imposture. If He has risen, then He is God, His religion is divine, and all must profess it. "If Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that He raised Christ—whom He did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised.... If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.... If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied" (1 Cor 15:14-15, 17,19).



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