# St.Joseph Roman Catholic Church Est. 1872

### 6th Sunday of Easter

May 5, 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

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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

#### Weekly Offertory



Offertory week of 4/21/24 \$12,000.93 Weekly Budget -\$12,230.00 Under Budget -\$229.07

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2nd Collection next weekend is for Bishop Services Appeal Fund

#### 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 Catholic Daughters

#### Pieta Lamp

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

Freida Simoneaux

#### Baptisms

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

Allison Lauren Venable

#### Dearly Departed

Our faith community remembers in prayer our dearly departed.

Joni Ann Price Doreen Credeur Hanks James "Jim" Orillion

#### Prayers for the Sick

Patsy Aucoin, Marie Benoit, Obrey "Toboy" Benoit, Jr, Laura Boudreaux, Ricky Boudreaux, Fr. Allen Breaux, Conrad 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, Judy Gautreaux, Laura Gautreaux, Laurie Guenther, Keylonna Guidry, Raymond & Deanean Guidry, Monica Harrington, Karen Hebert, Wayne Hebert, 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, 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, Fr. Richard Wagner, Josh Wyble

#### 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



#### Women's ACTS Retreat

We are happy to announce that the JMJ Coalition Women's ACTS Retreat is August 22-25, 2024! The name of our program is The JMJ Coalition ACTS Retreat. This name is a result of Fr. Andrew Schumacher and Fr. Brent Smith teaming up to provide ACTS retreats to parishioners of their parishes: St. John the Evangelist in Mermentau, LA, St. Margaret of Scotland in Estherwood, LA, and St. Joseph's in Rayne, LA.

ACTS is a parish-based retreat in which parishioners serve parishioners. The ACTS Retreat, an acronym for Adoration, Community, Theology and Service, began in the 1980's in San Antonio, Texas. The retreat's goals are to strengthen our faith and its application in our daily life, to renew ourselves spiritually, to build strong, lasting friendships, and to grow in our relationship with our Lord, our parish and one another. The ACTS weekend is presented by lay Catholics, with support provided by a Spiritual Director/companion or clergy. Parishioners who serve on ACTS retreats strive to provide the opportunity for our parish community to experience, become, and share the Body of Christ. Once parishioners attend a JMJ Coalition ACTS Retreat, they can help serve in future retreats. Please consider this wonderful gift for yourself or someone you love. Are you interested in deepening your faith and finding a community

Are you interested in deepening your faith and finding a communit of faith to help support you on your faith journey? If so, consider attending a JMJ Coalition ACTS Retreat. Typically held twice a year for both men and women, the retreats begin Thursday evenings with check-in at 5:15 p.m. Retreatants return on Sunday in time for Mass.

Registration for a retreat opens a few months before it is scheduled to take place, usually at noon on Sundays. Registration remains open until all spots have been filled. Those interested may register online by filling out an application. Registration links will be published in the bulletin, website and/or Facebook.

The cost is \$325.00 per person for St. John, St. Margaret & St. Joseph parishioners and \$375 for anyone that is not a parishioner of one of the JMJ parishes. Payment instructions are given to those who are accepted into the retreat. For more information, call the Parish Office at 337-334-2193.

The JMJ Coalition Women's ACTS Retreat will be held August 22-25, 2024. The retreat begins Thursday evening, August 22nd. Retreatants will return to St. Joseph's in Rayne for Mass on Sunday, August 25, 2024 for Mass at 10:00 am. Registration will open Sunday, April 28, 2024 at 12:00 pm and will remain open until all spots have been filled. You may register online using the QR code below or visiting our website.



## PARISH FORMATION Marriage

#### What is marriage in itself?

The exclusive, lifelong, indissoluble conjugal union contracted between one man and one woman, ordered to procreation and the mutual assistance of the spouses.

What are the two fundamental properties of marriage? 1. Unity — this bond unites man and wife in a complete, complimentary, and exclusive way; 2. Indissolubility— this bond can only be broken by death.

What are the effects of the sacrament of marriage?

1. Increase of sanctifying grace in those who receive it worthily; 2. Unique sacramental grace that helps spouses fulfill their duties of state; 3. Confirmation of the unity and indissolubility of the contracted marriage bond.

Why is the Catholic family called a domestic church?

From the early centuries of Christianity, the family was seen as the Church "in miniature." "The family is, so to speak, the domestic church. In it parents should, by their word and example, be the first preachers of the Faith to their children; they should encourage them in the vocation which is proper to each of them, fostering with special care a vocation to a sacred state."

#### Has the Church often praised large families?

Yes. "Large families are the most splendid flower beds in the garden of the Church. ... Their youth never seems to fade away, as long as the sweet fragrance of a crib remains in the home, as long as the walls of the house echo to the silvery voices of children and grandchildren.... Children in large families learn almost automatically to be careful of what they do and to assume responsibility for it, to have a respect for each other and help each other, to be openhearted and generous. For them, the family is a little proving ground, before they move into the world outside, which will be harder on them and more demanding."



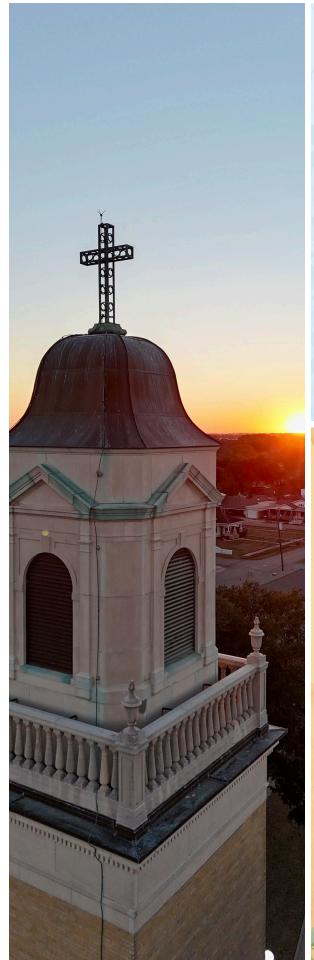


VBS REGISTRATION NOW OPEN Registration begins on April 21st and will Close on May 10th for all Campers and Volunteers.

No one will be accepted after May10th.

Register online at stjoerayne.org/vbs







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