

st. Joseph

Roman Catholic Church

Est. 1872

Ascension of the Lord

May 12, 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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Parish Office

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Office Hours

M, T, Th: 8am - 4pm
W: 8am - 2pm
F: 8am - Noon





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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

Weekly Offertory



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

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:

Anatole & Katie Gary
Lois, Constance & Kenny Myers
Nina R. Hayes

Pieta Lamp

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

Freida Simoneaux

Dearly Departed

Our faith community remembers in prayer our dearly departed.

Hilda Theunissen Haure
Fr. Richard Wagner

Prayers for the Sick

Patsy Aucoin, Marie Benoit, Obrey "Toboy" Benoit, Jr, Laura Boudreaux, Fr. Allen Breaux, Conrad 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 Fauchaux, Katie Fruge, 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, Carla Lormond, 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, 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

Witness To Love

Congratulations to Anthony and Mary Lucas on the celebration of their marriage on April 27, 2024. Officiating the ceremony was Deacon Denis LaCroix.



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Exposition at 6:00 PM

on Monday, May 13th

MINISTRY SPONSOR:

St. Joseph Rosary Makers

Talk by
Father Poirrier on:

*Eucharist as
Communion*

St. Joseph



Rosary Makers

Confessions begin at 6:30pm

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 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.

WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT

The JMJ Coalition



AUGUST 22-25, 2024



Diocese of Sivagangai

Tamilnadu State, Southeast INDIA

June 8-9, 2024

Mission Appeal to fund new open Auditorium and a Library at **St. Joseph Catholic Middle School in Ramnagar**

Currently, 382 boys and girls are studying at St. Joseph Catholic Middle School under the tutelage of 16 teachers. The school plays a vital role in the development of the community at large and Catholics in particular.



The school buildings in 2018



New building today with the help of past Mission Appeals



Why Do We Need Your Help for This School?

The school building is just completed, mostly by the money from the mission appeals in the past years in our diocese. The school needs an open auditorium and a library. These students are from poor families that cannot afford to pay for this building.

An estimated \$48,000.00 (Forty-Eight thousand U.S. dollars) will help to build this new auditorium and the Library. Your sacrificial donation will help the children:

- ❖ **Get adequate space for their extracurricular activities, functions, events and cultural programs.**
- ❖ **Equip themselves with needed books and facility to further improve their skills.**

Rev. Arockia Sebastian, SVD will celebrate all Masses and preach on the need for the Missions this weekend (Jun.8-9) at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rayne.

Rev. Arockia Sebastian, SVD is a Divine Word Missionary from Sivagangai, India
Currently serving as Associate Pastor at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church
Lafayette, LA



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