

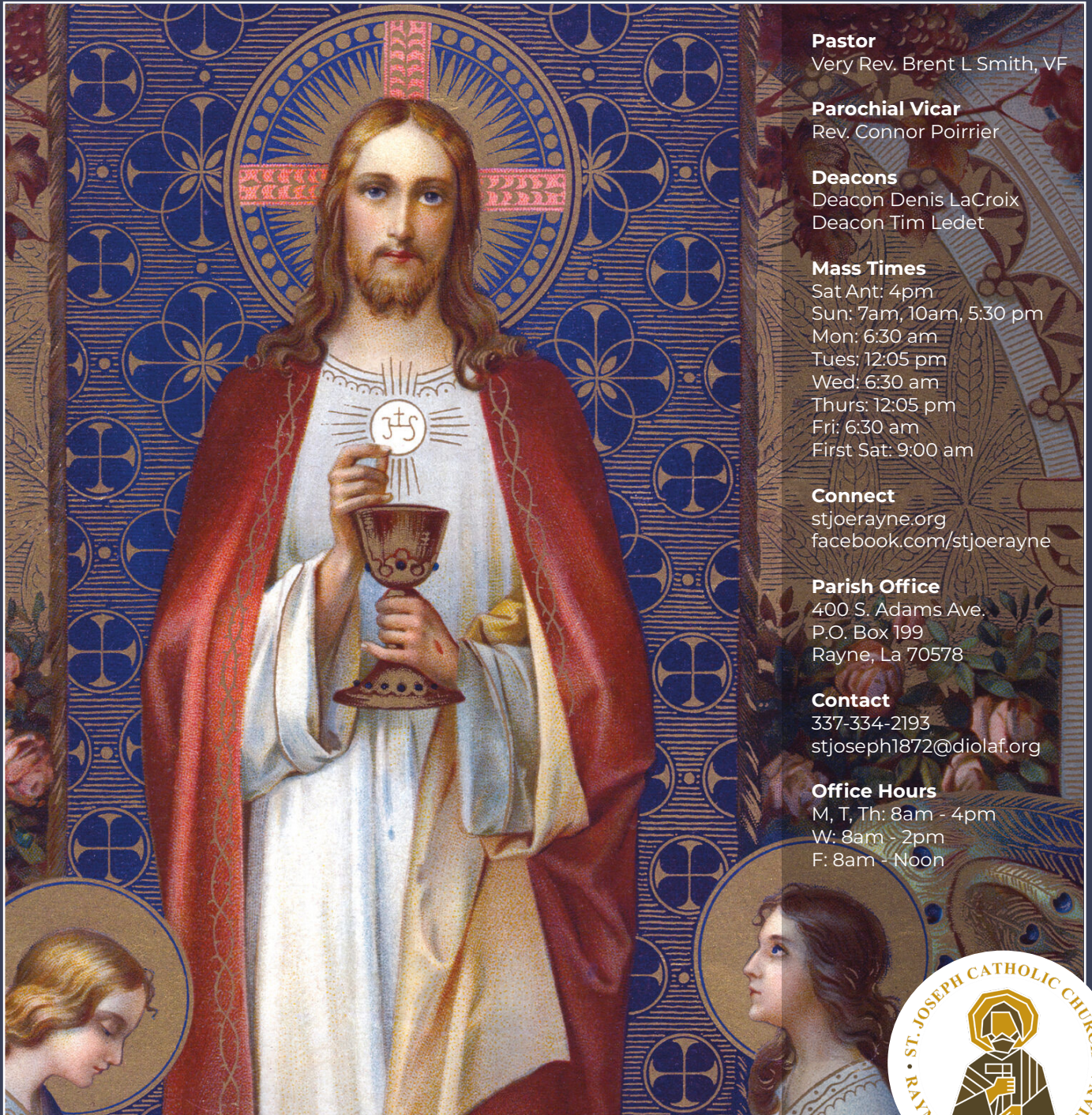
# st. Joseph

## Roman Catholic Church

Est. 1872

**Corpus Christi**

June 02, 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](http://rayne.weadorehim.com)

### 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

### 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:

Souls In Purgatory

### Pieta Lamp

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

Patsy Bienvenu & Family

### Weekly Offertory



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Offertory week of 5/19/24 \$16,197.40  
Weekly Budget -\$12,230.00  
Over Budget \$3,967.40

2nd Collection next weekend is for Bishop Services Appeal Fund

## Summer Seminarian

St. Joseph's Parish is happy to welcome Michael Johnson, a seminarian of the Diocese of Lafayette. Michael will be spending the month of June in our parish as part of his summer seminarian formation. He is from Rayne and is sponsored by St. Leo the IV in Roberts Cove. He attended Rayne Catholic Elementary, John Paul the Great Academy, and graduated from St. John of the Cross Academy. He then attended LSU for three years studying Wildlife Ecology.

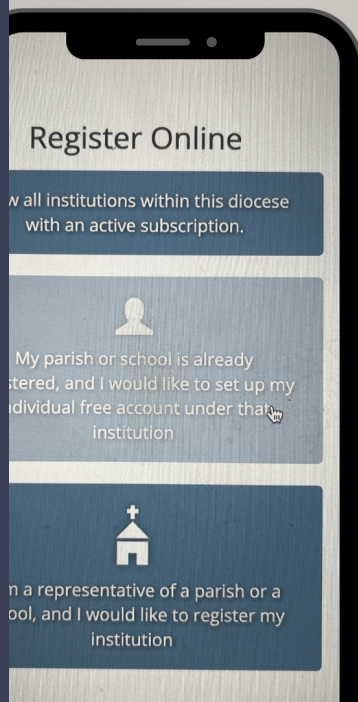


It was after those three years he felt called to the priesthood and entered into seminary formation for the Diocese of Lafayette. He has just completed the Discipleship stage of formation at St. Joseph Seminary College in Covington. He will be moving on to the Configuration stage at the North American College in Rome this Fall.

He is looking forward to spending the month of June with the Parish and hopes to meet you all!

## 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](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.



EUCCHARISTIC  
ADORATION  
2024



Speaker:

Fr. Poirrier

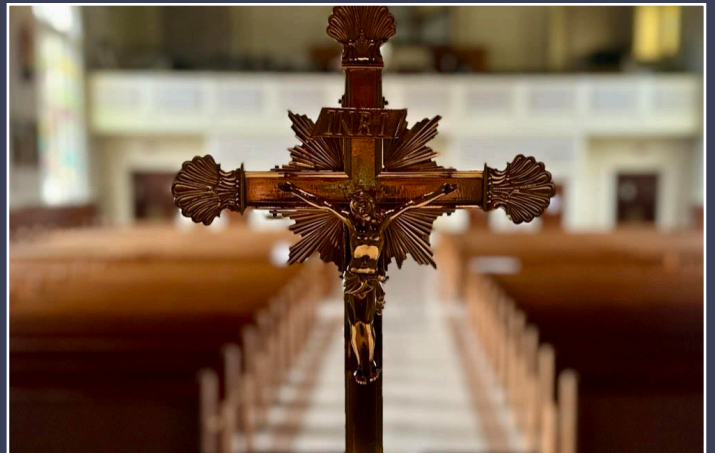
Topic:

The Sacred Heart  
of Jesus

MINISTRY TO SPONSOR:  
WOMEN'S SMALL GROUPS  
OF ST. JOSPEH

Confessions begin at 6:30pm

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
Exposition at 6:00 pm  
on Monday, June 10th



## New Beginnings

### GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Rediscovering your identity after the loss of a spouse.

1st & 3rd Tuesday | Monthly | 6:00 PM

Starting April 18th from 6:00 - 7:00 PM

For more information call the St. Joseph Office 337.334.2193

# 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



***Please pray for the persecuted Church in India.***

# PARISH FORMATION

## The Holy Eucharist

### What is the Eucharist?

The sacrament that perpetuates the sacrifice of the Cross, in which Christ's immolated and glorified body and blood are really, truly, and substantially offered, present, contained, and received under the appearances of bread and wine.

### Which three realities are signified in the Eucharist?

1. The past sacrifice of the Cross, made present through this sacrament; 2. The present heavenly grace, imparted by this sacrament to nurture and preserve the soul; 3. The future joy and eternal glory, pledged in this sacrament.

### What does the word Eucharist mean?

Thanksgiving, because Jesus Christ gives perfect thanks to His Father in this sacrament, and offers us the means to offer pleasing worship to God. It also means good grace, because it contains Jesus Christ, the author and source of all grace.

### What great miracle occurs when the priest speaks the words of consecration?

When the priest pronounces these words, Our Lord Jesus Christ becomes instantly, really, truly, personally, and substantially present under the appearances of bread and wine.

### How does Holy Scripture attest to the Real Presence?

In addition to many Old Testament preparations and foreshadowings, there are the remarkable accounts of its promise (see Jn 6:47-58), institution (see Mt 26:26-29; Mk 14:22-25; and Lk 22:15-20), and use (see 1 Cor 11:23-30)—texts that are clear and unequivocal.

### How does Tradition bear witness to the Real Presence?

Since the days of the apostles, every Father and Doctor of the Church has held and taught the fact of Our Lord's Real Presence in the Eucharist and its sacrificial character.

### Has this dogma also been confirmed by miracles?

Yes. Our Lord has at times made Himself known in this mystery by visible wonders, recorded throughout the world, as when sacred hosts have bled, levitated, been preserved from fire, etc. St. Thomas Aquinas asks: "Can anything be more marvelous than this sacrament?" and adds that the Eucharist is "the greatest of the miracles which Christ ever wrought (miraculorum maximum)"

Excerpts taken from CREDO by Bishop Athanasius Schneider



# Uniting AS THE BODY of CHRIST

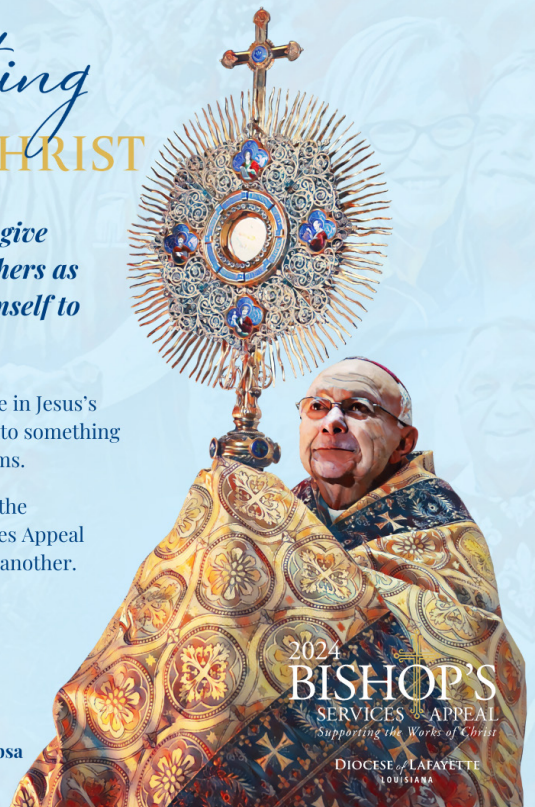
*"How do we give ourselves to others as Christ gave himself to us?"*

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*33 Days to Eucharistic Glory*

5 MEETINGS PLANNED  
Starting June 3rd  
Location TBA

Call the Parish Office for Group Leader's Contact Information

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