

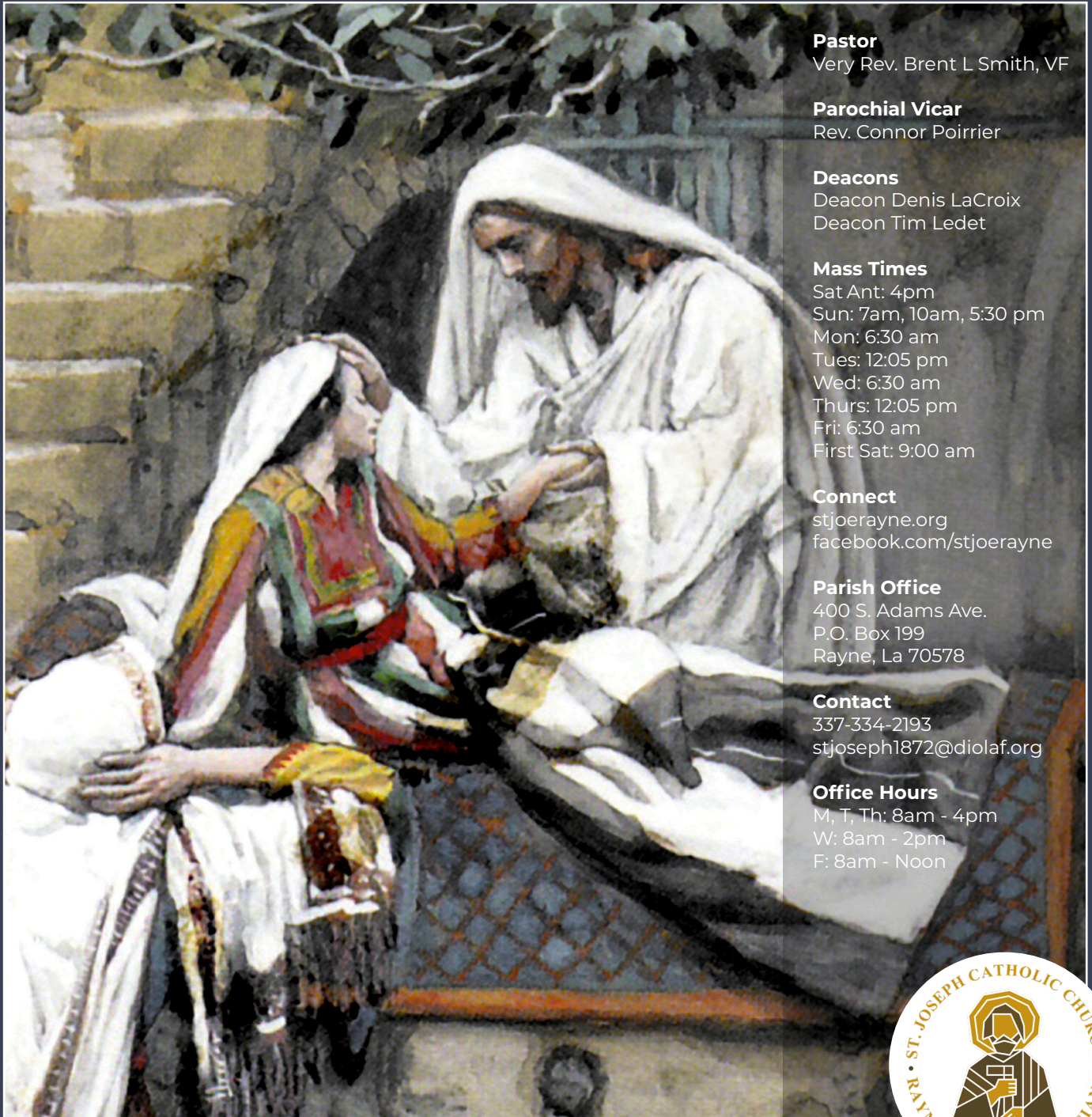
# st. Joseph

## Roman Catholic Church

Est. 1872

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 30, 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  
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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 Landaiache for more information. 337-250-1332

### Holy Hour Sign Up

Sign up for Adoration  
[rayne.weadorehim.com](http://rayne.weadorehim.com)

### Weekly Offertory



Offertory week of 6/16/24 \$17,786.59  
Weekly Budget -\$12,230.00  
Over Budget \$5,556.59

2nd Collection next weekend is for Building & Maintenance Fund

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### Prayers for the Sick

Patsy Aucoin, Marie Benoit, Obrey "Toboy" Benoit, Jr, Shannon Benoit, Laura Boudreaux, Fr. Allen Breaux, Conrad Breaux, Bobby Caldwell, Courtney Comeaux, Hollie Comeaux, Kinley Comeaux, Tony Comeaux, Denise Constantin, Rhena V. Cramer, Joseph Mel Daigle, Sherrie David, 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, Sandra Lavergne, Leslie Leger, Dina Lejeune, Carla Lormond, Noreima Lowenstein, Vinice Matte Jr., 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, Edward Richard, Linda Robichaux, Quentin Rowe, Hayden Ruffner, Myrtle Servat, Jeanette Simoneaux, Angela Stelly, Ronald Stutes, Juanette Suire, Veronica Terro, Christina Thevenet, Natalie Alleman Touchet, Chris Van Pelt, Fr. Clint Trahan, Linda Viale, Rebecca "Becca" Vidrine, Josh Wyble

### 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:

Roland & Oswald Myers  
Willie Arceneaux Family

### Pieta Lamp

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

Edward & Willie Leger  
Anne Caillier Guidry  
Ethel Breaux Broussard

### Baptisms

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

Elizabeth Susan Porter

### Weddings

We joyfully share in the Sacramental union of:

Kane Jude Bergeron & Lexie Claire Marks

### Dearly Departed

Our faith community remembers in prayer our dearly departed.

LeRoy Joseph Ogea  
Janice Reed LeBert

### 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

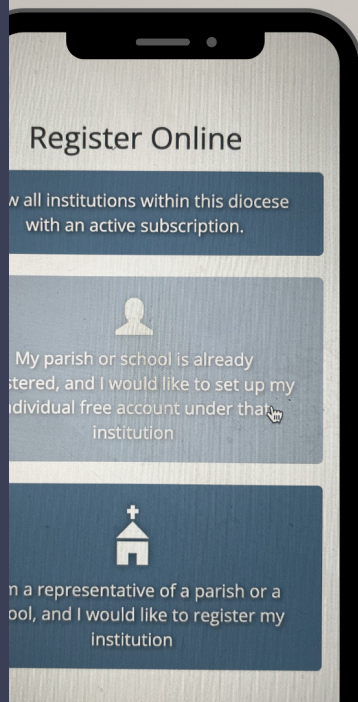
## Baby Bottle Campaign

St. Joseph will host a PRO-LIFE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN starting this weekend for the DESORMEAUX FOUNDATION. Donations will be collected from Saturday, June 29th until Sunday, July 13th to benefit our local pregnancy resource center, maternity home, and mother & baby boutique which provides necessary items for both mothers and children. You may place donations in the plastic baby bottles in the baskets at the back of the church or drop off bottles at the parish office. Please return all baby bottles, so that they may be re-used for future campaigns.



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1.

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### REGISTER ONLINE

Select the option to set up an individual account under that institution. (St. Joseph - Rayne)

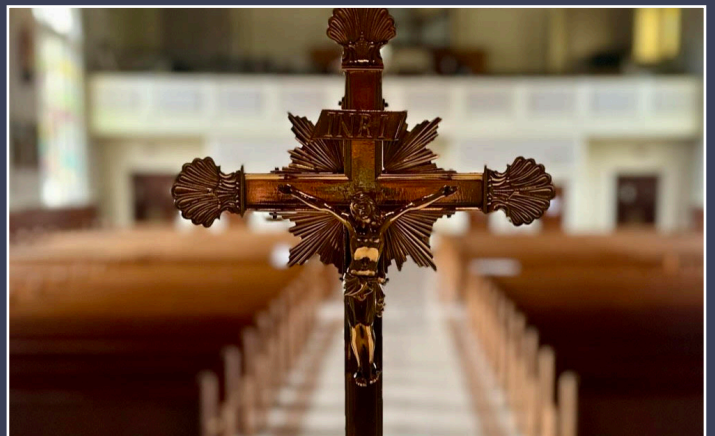
3.

### CHOOSE YOUR WORKSHOP

Select the workshop you wish to attend. You can opt to participate with or without a mentor.

## Witness To Love

Congratulations to Kane and Lexie Bergeron who were united in marriage on June 15th, 2024. Officiating the ceremony was Father Nick Ware.



## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION 2024



Speaker:

Fr. Poirrier

Topic:

The Most Chaste  
Heart

MINISTRY TO SPONSOR:



**St. Joseph Catholic Church  
Exposition at 6:00 pm  
on Monday, July 8th**

**Confessions begin at 6:30pm**

## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### *Who's More Generous?*

Does the Christian duty to help the poor seem to be overwhelming? We hear more and more are out of work, more and more are homeless, and we see more and more pictures of starving children. Even in St. Paul's time there was more than enough poverty to go around. He was trying to build interest (in our second reading) in a project to help the Christians in Jerusalem. We see two of his reasons here.

First he tells what fine Christians they are, and hopes that they will be just as good in giving to his collection. (Reminds me of letters from the bishop, telling parishioners how good and generous they have been in the past.) But Paul isn't just flattering the Corinthians; he is challenging them to continue to show their love for God in their support for fellow Christians. The second reason was to show a good example: By helping the church in Jerusalem, they would show that Christians were united in faith and love for each other. He also doesn't make a competition out of who could be most generous. He expects them to be more interested in love for each other than in outdoing each other.

The main example he uses is Jesus, who made himself poor (i.e., human) so that we could be rich in grace and forgiveness. Paul challenges them, and us, to follow that example in giving from our wealth so that others can survive. Note that he doesn't expect them to live in poverty, just to share what they have out of love for Christ. Perhaps they may need help themselves sometime, and could count on the other church to do the same for them.

Today, we can ask ourselves, "Do I give to the poor because I feel guilty about all that I have? Or do I want to show my love for Jesus when I see him in the poor? Do I give because I want the parish to look more generous than the neighboring parish, or to show that we are all united in concern for each other?" By looking at why we give to charities, we may find ourselves being even more generous than we expected.

*Tom Schmidt*



## The Head and the Heart

Have you ever known something intellectually, with your mind, yet not really believe it with your whole heart and soul? I love to try and see if I can figure out the connections between the Sunday Mass readings, particularly the First Reading and the Gospel. While reflecting on today's Mass readings to write this reflection, I realized I knew something in my head but didn't know it in my heart.

The First Reading hit me right between the eyes. God didn't create disorder in the world, and he hates that the human race must deal with the fallout of sin. Sin brings all kinds of disorder in our world, but perhaps one of the most well-known and experienced forms of disorder comes through health - or lack thereof.

In today's Gospel reading, two women are experiencing devastating health events, one was even near death. At that point, the lightbulb finally went off in my head. "God doesn't want this for anybody. He doesn't want those women - or anyone - to suffer with bad health or in a myriad of other ways." He didn't make death or revel in it, but God had a plan to clean it all up. And to increase faith among his followers, he heals both women that day, prefiguring our life in Heaven with God.

Have I always known that God didn't make death or revel in it? In my head, yes. In my heart, no. I suspect that there is some sort of truth about God that you know and believe in your intellect, but don't truly embrace with your whole heart and soul. That's okay, my friend. Ask God for the grace and ability to believe it and to welcome it firmly into your inner being. And, like the women healed that day, maybe, just maybe, you'll witness a little miracle in your life.

*By Mary Thissen*

