

# st. Joseph

## Roman Catholic Church

Est. 1872

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 22, 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

### Connect

[stjoerayne.org](http://stjoerayne.org)  
[facebook.com/stjoerayne](https://facebook.com/stjoerayne)

### Parish Office

400 S. Adams Ave.  
P.O. Box 199  
Rayne, La 70578

### Contact

337-334-2193  
[stjoseph1872@diolaf.org](mailto:stjoseph1872@diolaf.org)

### 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>

**10 Virtues of Mary**

**St. Joseph in Rayne**

**Adoration, Talk & Confessions**

**6PM - 7PM**  
**Monday, Oct 14**

**Fr. Poirrier**

**Sponsor:**  
**Catholic Daughters of America**

**Rayne Catholic Elementary**

*Our students will learn together, work together, and pray together in answering the call to a faith-filled life of service.*

MRS. ALICIA ARDOIN, PRINCIPAL  
 FR. BRENT SMITH, PASTOR

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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)

### Weekly Offertory



Offertory week of 9/8/24 \$10,996.01  
Weekly Budget -\$12,230.00  
Under Budget **-\$1,233.99**

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### Prayers for the Sick

Marie Benoit, Obrey "Toboy" Benoit, Jr, Shannon Benoit, Laura Boudreaux, Fr. Allen Breaux, Conrad Breaux, Bobby Caldwell, Courtney Comeaux, Kinley Comeaux, Tony Comeaux, Denise Constantin, Joseph Mel Daigle, Sherrie David, Dolores Deville, Peggy Deville, Cheryl Edwards, Zubaída 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 & Dana Hernandez, Martha Hodge, Dianne Istre, Janelle Kibodeaux, Alex LaCroix, Harper Lancon, Sandra Lavergne, Leslie Leger, Dina Lejeune, Carla Lormond, Noreima Lowenstein, Patsy Meaux, Judy Melancon, Mary Melanson, Berna Menard, Loretta Miller, Merita Mouton, Ron Myers, Bonnie Sue Navarre, Kristin Navarre, Dorothy Nelams, Natalie New, Sandy Parks, Mary Alice Petitjean, Deacon Richard Picard, Shirley Quebodeaux, Madeline Reed, Edward Richard, Dee Rogers, Quentin Rowe, Hayden Ruffner, Myrtle Servat, Ashley & Kade Siebold, Jeanette Simoneaux, Angela Stelly, Ronald Stutes, Juanette Suire, Veronica Terro, Christina Thevenet, Joel 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:

Obrey & Bertha Benoit

### Pieta Lamp

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

Nathan I. Mouton

### Baptisms

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

Violet Anais Fogleman  
Jane Marie Hebert  
Demi Grance Lafleur

### Dearly Departed

Our faith community remembers in prayer our dearly departed.

Rodney Richard

### 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

# PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY



Dec. 27, 2024 - Jan. 4, 2025

Fr. Brent Smith  
*Spiritual Director*

## PILGRIMAGE HIGHLIGHTS:

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| <p><b>Assisi</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basilica of Saint Francis</li> <li>• Tomb of Saint Francis</li> <li>• Basilica of Saint Clare</li> <li>• San Damiano</li> <li>• Relics of Bl. Carlos Acutis</li> </ul> <p><b>Rome</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holy Doors</li> <li>• Basilica of Saint Peter</li> <li>• Vatican Museums</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sistine Chapel</li> <li>• Basilica of Saint Mary Major</li> <li>• Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls</li> <li>• Basilica of Saint John Lateran</li> <li>• Basilica of Saint Peter in Chains</li> <li>• Catacombs</li> </ul> |
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Take a pilgrimage to Italy!  
Visit Vatican City, the epicenter of our Catholic faith and see historical and cultural sites in Assisi, Rome and more.



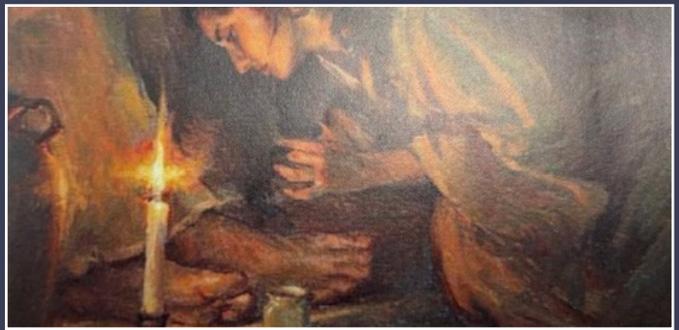
For More Information:  
**337-291-1933**  
[www.holytravels.org/FrBrentItaly](http://www.holytravels.org/FrBrentItaly)

## Seven Sisters Apostolate

St. Joseph Parish is planning a new ministry called the Seven Sisters Apostolate. This lay apostolate began in 2010 in St. Paul, Minnesota and grew out of one woman's desire to pray more frequently and intentionally for her Pastor.

The goal of the apostolate is to gather 7 women (sisters) who will commit to pray one holy hour per week specifically for the support of her Pastor. A different day is chosen by each of the 7 "sisters" and then the time of day of the holy hour can be adjusted by each "sister" to accommodate her schedule. Prayer guides are available. For more information contact the Parish Office.

In strengthening the priest you strengthen the whole Church...strengthen the priest and you strengthen the whole foundation, you strengthen everything in the Church. - Fr. Gerald Fitzgerald, s.P., Founder Handmaids of the Precious Blood.



CDA Court Rayne #844  
Rosary Pilgrimage  
October 11, 2024

Please join us as we travel to  
St. Helena Catholic Church  
122 S. 1st Street - Amite, LA

We will pray The Rosary in Church and then  
tour the campus.

Lunch will be on your own, but you are welcome to  
join us at Mike's Catfish Inn.

We will leave St. Joseph's Church at 8:00 AM

Please RSVP to Tammy  
Clark by October 8th at  
[tclark3570@hotmail.com](mailto:tclark3570@hotmail.com)  
or use the QR code so we  
can get a count for the  
Church and Restaurant



Father Mark  
Beard served  
from July 2011  
until his death  
in August of  
2023  
Travelers from  
all over visit the  
campus each  
year.



The Repose Room



St. Paul

Celebrate Homecoming 2024 and support  
Notre Dame High School  
by attending this fun, family event!

Thursday, October 10 ~ Notre Dame Practice Field

6:00 pm ~ Following the Homecoming Parade



\$5 per person in advance or at the event!

Admission includes all the gumbo you can eat!

Soft Drinks and Water will be available for purchase.

Tickets can be purchased at Notre Dame or by  
calling Kayla Link at 337-783-7143  
[mmiller@ndpios.com](mailto:mmiller@ndpios.com)



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### OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

September 10, 2024

Message to the Faithful of the Diocese of Lafayette  
From Most Reverend J. Douglas Deshotel, Bishop of Lafayette  
On Faithful Citizenship

In a short time, our country will be entering an important election season. As faithful citizens of our country all of us are called to contribute and participate in the country we live in. The catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, "As far as possible, citizens should take an active part in public life." The Second Vatican Council in *Gaudium et Spes* declares, "One must pay tribute to those nations whose system permits the largest possible number of citizens to take part in public life in a climate of genuine freedom."

As citizens of the United States, we enjoy many benefits from the land we live in. Benefits that have been won by the sacrifices and hard work of those who have gone before us. We contribute to our society locally and nationally by actively participating in the public life of our society. The right to vote and freely elect those in authority should move us to work for the common good as much as we can. As the elections draw near, it is important for all of us to inform ourselves on the issues and candidates who are seeking office. The founding fathers of our nation stated many times that the greatest danger to a democracy is an uninformed citizenry.

As Catholics, we should vote for good laws and good lawmakers who contribute to the common good of our society. Our society is improved when laws protect the sanctity of the family, the building block of any stable country. Human life must be protected at all stages from conception to natural death. Resources should be available for those who are without the basics of human dignity; food, clothing, shelter, and education. A legal and humane pathway should be provided for those who immigrate to our country to escape oppression in their country. Our leaders should work to ensure a stable economy which provides employment and decent wages.

With the election season approaching, I urge all of us as faithful citizens to inform ourselves of the issues and candidates. Pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance as you work for the common good of our society.

Faithfully yours,

Most Reverend J. Douglas Deshotel, D.D.  
Bishop of Lafayette

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**Join in the Great Novena for the Diocese of Lafayette**

**What is it?**

A 9 year novena leading up to 2033, the 2,000th anniversary of our salvation.

**When is it?**

It begins Saturday, Sept 14th on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross and continues until Sept 14th, 2033. A small act of fasting is encouraged from Sept 11th-13th in preparation for the kick off.

**How do I participate?**

There are 3 pieces:

- 1) Pray the novena prayer every day.
- 2) Read the monthly reflections published for the Great Novena
- 3) Observe the special days of prayer and fasting for each year

**Where do I find out more?**

Visit [GreatNovenaLafayette.com](http://GreatNovenaLafayette.com)



# WHY WE BELIEVE IN GOD

Speaker:  
*Deacon Denis LaCroix*

Sunday, October 6th  
9:00am-9:45am

Location: RCE Gym



## ST. JOSEPH'S CARPENTERS CHOIR

### JOIN THE CHOIR!

*Offer your singing voices in praise to the Lord!*

INQUIRIES: DENISE BRIGNAC, DIRECTOR

Email: [cbrie318@aol.com](mailto:cbrie318@aol.com)

PHONE: 337-288-4515

Come Sing with us!!

Rehearsals on Tuesdays at  
6:30pm

## Advent Silent Retreat

LED BY  
VERY REV. BRENT SMITH

DECEMBER 15-18, 2024

AT THE JESUIT SPIRITUALITY CENTER  
IN GRAND COTEAU

TO REGISTER, SCAN THE QR CODE,  
OR CALL THE PARISH OFFICE



### CDA FALL SALAD FUN

The CDA FALL SALAD FUN is on MONDAY, OCTOBER 21 in the Family Life Center. Come enjoy a delicious meal of salad and dessert, prize games & great door prizes. Doors open at 5:30pm - Meal served at 6:00pm - Games start at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$15.00 (includes meal, drink, dessert and 1 card to play 10 games). Extra cards available for \$1 each. Seating is limited, so get your ticket today from any Catholic Daughter of Court Rayne or at the St Joseph Parish Office. Sorry, tickets will not be sold at the door. Deadline to buy a ticket is October 10 (or once we reach capacity). Split pot tickets will be sold with drawing at end of evening.

Have questions or need more info? Call Chairperson Elaine Miller 334-7726

