

# st. Joseph

## Roman Catholic Church

Est. 1872

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 17, 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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[stjoerayne.org](http://stjoerayne.org)  
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**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>

Your generosity contributes to our mission:  
 Providing opportunities for others to Encounter Christ, Share His love  
 & Become more like Him.

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ONLINE GIVING

To give electronically, use the camera on your phone, hover over the code above and tap the link that pops up.

**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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*.....home of the PIONEERS*

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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

**CONTACT US AT:**

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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 11/03/24 \$16,389.52  
Weekly Budget -\$12,230.00  
Over \$4,159.52

**venmo**

### Prayers for the Sick

Marie Benoit, Obrey "Toboy" Benoit, Jr, Shannon Benoit, Laura Boudreaux, Fr. Allen Breaux, Conrad Breaux, Flo Broussard, Bobby Caldwell, Courtney Comeaux, Kinley Comeaux, Tony Comeaux, Denise Constantin, Joseph Mel Daigle, Scott Daspit, 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, Catherine Meaux Hardy, Monica Harrington, Karen Hebert, Wayne Hebert, Sammy & Dana Hernandez, Martha Hodge, Janelle Kibodeaux, Alex LaCroix, Harper Lancon, Sandra Lavergne, Leslie Leger, Dina Lejeune, Garland LeJeune, Carla Lormond, Noreima Lowenstein, Patsy Meaux, Judy Melancon, Mary Melanson, Berna Menard, Loretta Miller, Ron Myers, Bonnie Sue Navarre, Kristin Navarre, Dorothy Nelams, Natalie New, Brannon O'Connor, Sandy Parks, Amelia Grace Pellerin, Mary Alice Petitjean, Deacon Richard Picard, Shirley Quebodeaux, Edward Richard, Dee Rogers, Glenda Meaux Rogers, Quentin Rowe, Hayden Ruffner, Linton Seaux, Myrtle Servat, Ashley & Kade Siebold, Jeanette Simoneaux, Angela Stelly, Ronald Stutes, Juanette Suire, Veronica Terro, Christina Thevenet, Joel Thevenet, 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:

Eloi & Anne Guidry  
Edith & Adonicien Leger  
Leora Credeur

### Pieta Lamp

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

Freida Simoneaux  
Jeanette Leger

### 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

SING A SONG FOR  
**CHRISTMAS**

CARPENTERS CHOIR

*'tis the season*

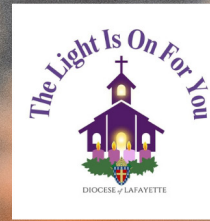
TO JOIN THE CHOIR

PRACTICES ARE TUESDAY'S 6:30 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
337-288-4515



St. JOSEPH  
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
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CONFESSIONS  
AVAILABLE

WEDNESDAY'S 6:30 PM - 8 PM

December 4th

December 11th

December 18th



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH PRESENTS:  
THE VIGIL PROJECT

WAY  
OF THE  
STAR

A one-night Advent mission experience of  
Scripture, music, art, and Eucharistic encounter



TUESDAY DECEMBER 3, 2024 // 6:00 PM

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH  
401 SOUTH ADAMS AVENUE  
RAYNE, LA 70578

ADMISSION IS FREE (DONATIONS APPRECIATED)  
QUESTIONS? CONTACT THE PARISH  
OFFICE: 337-334-2193

THEVIGILPROJECT.COM

Solemnity of Our Lord  
**CHRIST  
THE KING**



November 24th



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## JMJ Men's ACTS Retreat

The JMJ Coalition Men's ACTS Retreat will be held February 20-23, 2025.

The retreat begins Thursday evening, February 20th.

Retreatants will return to St. John's in Mermentau for Mass on Sunday, February 23, 2025 at 11:30 am.

Registration is currently open and will remain open until all spots have been filled.

You may register online using the QR code below or visiting our website.

A large, soft-focus image of the Immaculate Conception, showing the Virgin Mary in a blue robe holding the Christ Child. The background is a warm, golden light.

# SOLEMNITY

of the  
Immaculate Conception

## MONDAY DECEMBER 9TH

### MASS TIMES

6:30 am | 8:15 am | 5:30 pm

To fulfill the Holy Day obligation,  
you may attend mass on Sunday at 5:30 PM (if you have  
attended ANOTHER mass for the Sunday Obligation)  
or any mass offered on Monday December 9th.

HOLY DAY OF  
OBLIGATION

A circular logo for St. Joseph Catholic Church. It features a central figure of St. Joseph and the text 'ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH' around the top and 'EST. 1872 • LOUISIANA' around the bottom.

## LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

I want to express my sincere gratitude for your ongoing and consistent support of St Joseph's parish. To all of those who have committed to spending a Holy Hour of Adoration with our Lord in the Adoration Chapel, all those who volunteered to lead and who signed up for small groups, those who have stepped up when there is a need with facilities or in providing ministry opportunities for the faithful, and all those who have served steadfastly in some capacity for the good of the parish in so many ways: THANK YOU!

I pray that our parish grows in our faith, our relationship with the Lord, and in the bonds of community together.

As I'm sure all of you know, the cost of property insurance has increased substantially. For a while now, we have been able to continue with a relatively good rate. However, recently our previous insurance company withdrew from Louisiana, and the diocese had to negotiate an agreement with a new provider. As a result, our cost of property insurance this year has increased 26%: an increase of \$14,177.

I also want to point out that periodically the church building has to be "waterproofed." I'm told that this process has cost about \$100,000 in the past. We will have to have this done in the near future.

Your generosity enables us to carry on our mission here at St. Joseph's. In addition to ministries, sacramental and liturgical needs, we continue to have practical ones including things like insurance coverage and facilities maintenance. Please consider prayerfully what you can contribute to support the parish. The financial stability of St Joseph's depends greatly on your consistent generosity.

May God abundantly bless you and our parish family.

In Christ,  
Fr Brent



St. Joseph High School Faith Formation

# WHY BE CATHOLIC?



*Why should we be Catholic versus any other religion?*

*How do we know that our faith is the correct faith?*

November 17 | 6:30 pm | FLC



Why is there something rather than nothing?

Why is everything so obviously messed up?

What if anything has God done about it?

How should I respond?



Ever ask yourself these questions?

We invite you to participate in our Advent Devotions from The Rescue Project.

Together we can discover The Story.

BOOKS AVAILABLE IN CHURCH OR PARISH OFFICE  
DONATION: \$3

St. Joseph High School Faith Formation

# Fall Youth Nights

SEPTEMBER 22

OCTOBER 13

NOVEMBER 17

DECEMBER 15

- Prayer
- Talks
- Community
- Food
- Games
- Small Groups

Family Life Center | 6:30 pm

**Interested in learning more or have questions?**  
Contact Fr. Poirrier at the parish office for more info.

## Witness To Love

Congratulations to Patrick & Catherine Savoie who were united in marriage on October 18, 2024. Officiating the ceremony was Father Brent Smith.



## PREGNANCY & INFANT LOSS SUPPORT & RESOURCES



St. Joseph's offers resources and support for families who have experienced the loss of a child from pregnancy through adulthood.



For Information:  
(337) 334-2193  
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## Funeral & Burial Options

*"It is part of the discipline of God to make His loved ones perfect through Trial and Suffering. Only by carrying the Cross can one reach the Resurrection."*

— Blessed Archbishop Fulton Sheen