

# st. Joseph

## Roman Catholic Church

Est. 1872

Second Sunday of Advent

December 08, 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>

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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 cafeteria | 337.334.3247  
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*.....home of the PIONEERS*

*EDUCATING ITS STUDENTS IN MIND, BODY, & SOUL WITH THE LOVE OF JESUS, THE DISCIPLINE OF JOSEPH, & THE FAITH OF MARY*

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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 11/17/24 \$11,111.72  
Weekly Budget -\$12,230.00  
Under Budget -\$1,118.28

**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, 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, 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, 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:

Raymond Domingue  
Loretta Bordes

### Pieta Lamp

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

A. D. Foreman Jr.  
Willie Leger  
Bart Paul Guidry

### 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

# Meet our Lay Advocates



Jamie Prevost



Pam Landaiche



Scott Privat

Want to find out more about annulments?

Do you need to start the annulment process?

These parishioners have been specially trained by canon lawyers to guide you through the process.

And of course all the clergy at St Joseph's are available to help too!

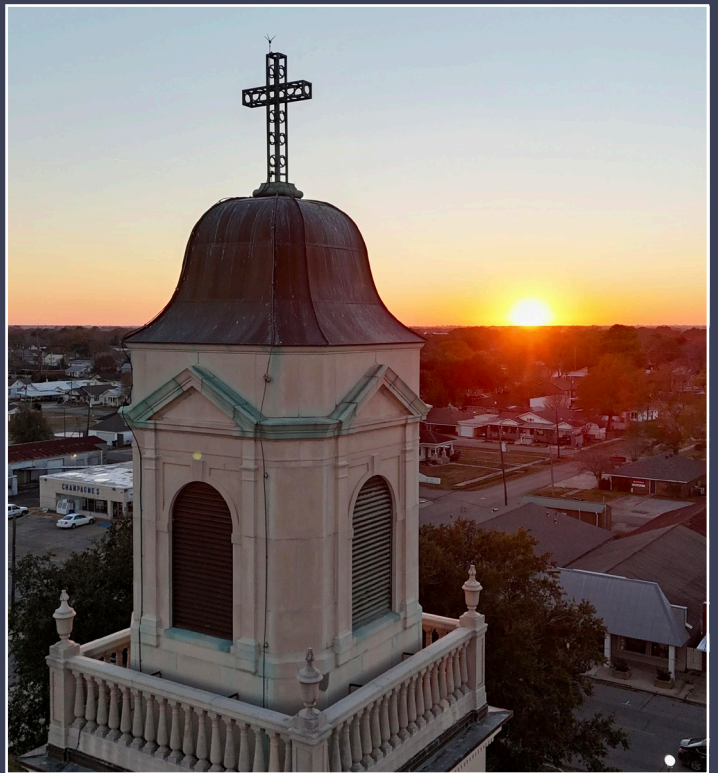
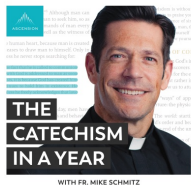
CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR AN APPOINTMENT

(337) 334-2193

## Get the FREE Reading Plan!

Scan this QR code with your phone to learn more and get your free reading plan!

[www.ascensionpress.com/ciy](http://www.ascensionpress.com/ciy)



## Announcement from the Pastor:

### G R E A T   N E W S !

We are pleased to announce that after consultation with the parish council and finance council and months of coordinating with the necessary Diocesan Offices, we have finalized the purchase of property near the church.

We hope this will offer opportunities for expansion of our parish ministry. For now, no decision has been made on what we will do with the land. The plan is to consult with the councils and parishioners before a final decision is made.

St. Joseph, pray for us.

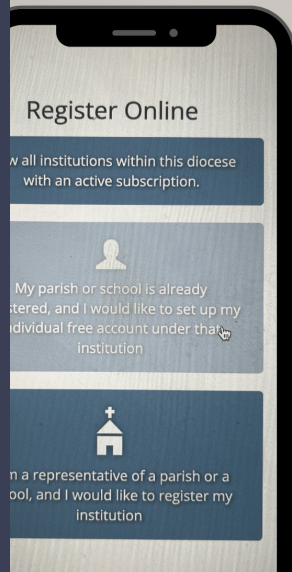
With Gratitude,  
Fr. Brent



## FREE RESOURCE

# 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.

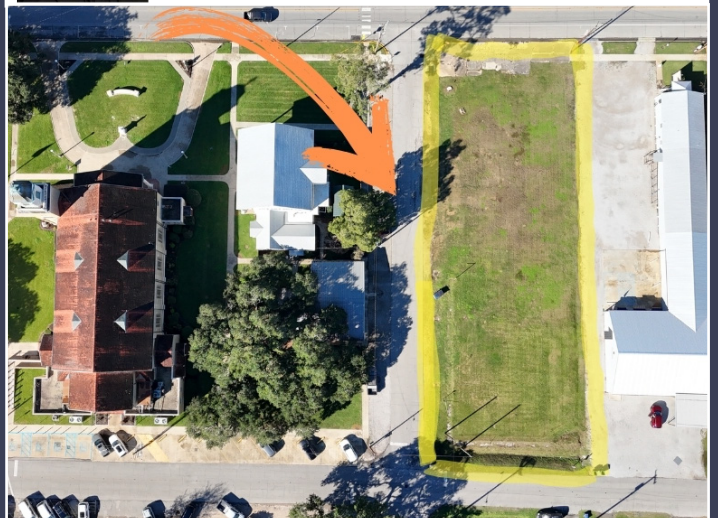
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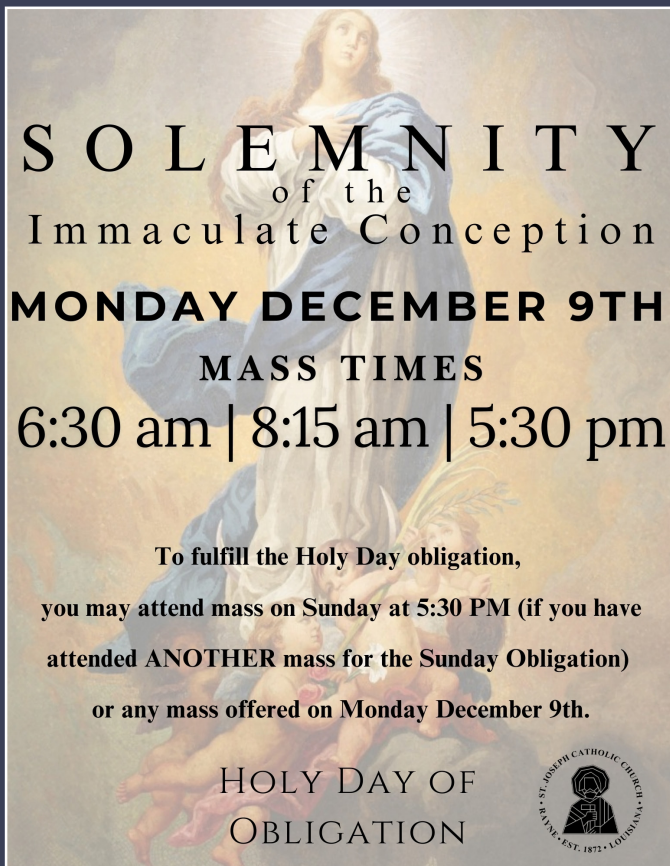
Select the option to set up an individual account under that institution. (St. Joseph - Rayne)

3.

CHOOSE YOUR WORKSHOP

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





**S O L E M N I T Y**  
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



**CHRISTMAS**  
MASS  
SCHEDULE

DEC. 24  
CHRISTMAS EVE | 4PM  
6PM  
(HOSTED BY RCE)

DEC. 25  
CHRISTMAS DAY | MIDNIGHT  
8AM

**C O N F E S S I O N S**  
**A V A I L A B L E**

*WEDNESDAY'S 6:30 PM - 8 PM*

December 4th  
December 11th  
December 18th



**CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATION**

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donated by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form and your donation to the Parish  
Office or place it in the collection basket by December 13th.**

**Thank You and may the Lord Bless you and yours during  
this Christmas Season and throughout the coming year.**

## ST JOSEPH MARIAN PROCESSION



Commemorating the Solemnity of  
The Immaculate Conception

After the 5:30 PM Mass  
Sunday, December 8th



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.

St. Joseph High School Faith Formation

## Restless Until We Rest in God



Why the world can't satisfy us  
Troubles from when we seek fulfillment in things that  
aren't God  
How our hearts are restless until they rest in God

December 15 | 6:30 pm | FLC

## 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  
stjoseph1872@diolaf.org

### 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