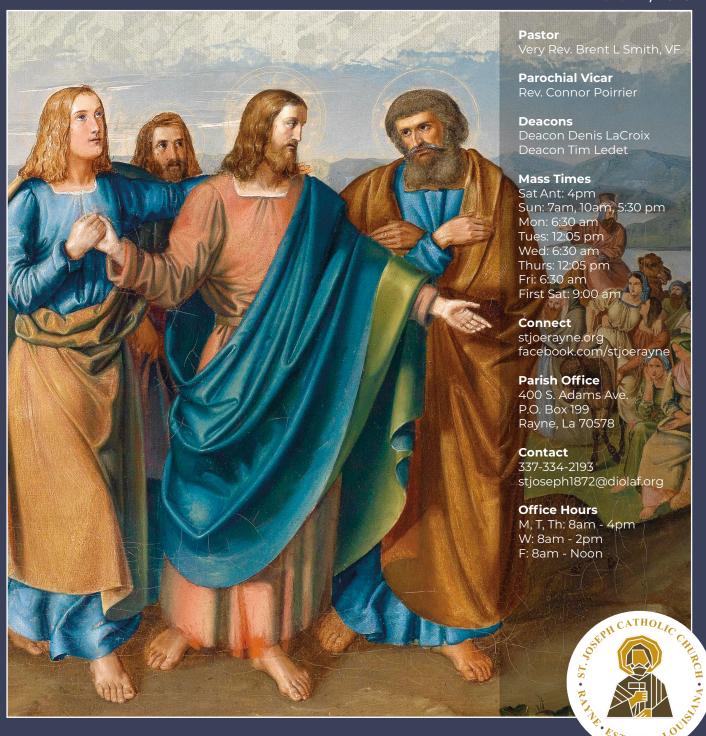
St.Joseph Roman Catholic Church

Est. 1872

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time March 2, 2025







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







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Rayne Catholic Elementary

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

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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 Deacor

CONTACT US AT:



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

Weekly Offertory



Offertory week of 2/16/25 \$ 13,201.37 . Weekly Budget \$ (12,230.00) Over \$ 971.37

2nd Collection next weekend is for Bishop Services Appeal Fund

Prayers for the Sick

Connie Credeur Anderson. Melissa Arnaud, Marie Benoit, Obrey "Toboy" Benoit, Jr, Shannon Benoit, Diane Bergeron, Laura Boudreaux, Fr. Allen Breaux, Conrad Breaux, Flo Broussard, Bobby Caldwell, Courtney Comeaux, Kinley Comeaux, Tony Comeaux, Denise Constantin, Joseph Mel Daigle, Emma Lavergne Danna, Scott Daspit, Dolores Deville, Peggy Deville, Harry Dogie, Cheryl Edwards, Diego Escandon, Cheryl Fabacher, Joanne Faucheaux, Linda Credeur Faul, Katie Fruge, Kathy Pellerin 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, Clyde Hunter, Charlotte Istre, Albert Johson, Janelle Kibodeaux, Alex LaCroix, Harper Lancon, Sandra Lavergne, Dina Lejeune, Garland LeJeune, Carla Lormond, Noreima Lowenstein, Patsy Meaux, Judy Melancon, Mary Melancon, Berna Menard, Loretta Miller, Elaine Myers, 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, Emmett Richards, 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,

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:

Deceased Knights of Columbus

Pieta Lamp

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

Deceased Catholic Daughters

Baptisms

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

Aubree Teal Comeaux

Prayer Before Receiving Holy Communion

Josh Wyble

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





CALLING ALL Married Couples

Interested in being a Mentor Couple for Witness to Love?

MENTOR COUPLES MUST BE:

- Married in the Church 5+ years.
- 2 Actively involved in St. Joseph Parish
- Committed to growing spiritually with an engaged couple for 6 months

For more information, contact aprimeauxediolaf.org

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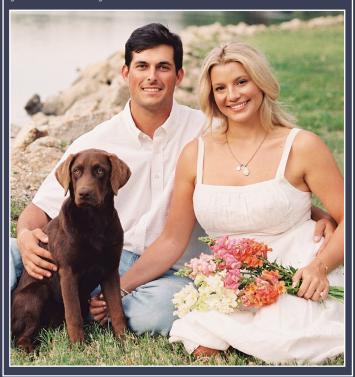
Adam Zulli and Madeline Gautreaux will be united in Holy Matrimony on Saturday May 17, 2025 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church with Father Henry Antony and Deacon Denis LaCroix presiding over the ceremony. The couple met during their first week of medical school and have been together for 3 ½ years. Adam graduated from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge with a Bachelor's degree in Biology and Madeline graduated from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette with a Bachelor's degree in Biology and a minor in Chemistry. Both are currently in their 4th year of medical school at LSU Health Shreveport applying to General Surgery and Orthopedic Surgery residency. After residency, they plan to reside in Lafayette or Mandeville. Their mentor couple is Jake and Kristen Molbert, who have been married for 6 years and have 2 children. Please join us in praying for their marriage- Heavenly Father, through the intercession of the Holy Family, help this couple to treasure the gift of marriage and bless their family graciously and inspire in them the unity, peace and the same mutual love that you



Witness To Love

Jack Veillon and Madicyn Boudreaux will be united in Holy Matrimony on May 30, 2025 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in New Orleans with Father Brent Smith presiding over the ceremony. They met through mutual friends and have been together for 4.5 years. Jack works for Doucet Sheet Metal and Madicyn works for Upstream Life. Their favorite thing to do together is spend time outdoors with their chocolate lab, Roux. Once married, the couple plans to reside in Acadiana. Their mentor couple is Colby and Ashley Hebert. They have been married for 5 years and have 3 children.

Please join us in praying for their marriage-Heavenly Father, through the intercession of the Holy Family, help this couple to treasure the gift of marriage and bless their family graciously. Lord, inspire in them the unity, peace and the same mutual love that you found in your own family. Amen

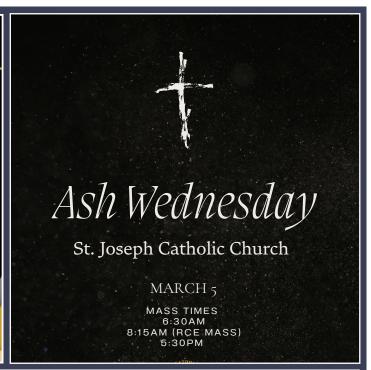


ST. JOSEPH ALTAR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025 8:00 AM - 6:30 PM Seven day votive candles available in the St. Joseph Parish Office Also available in the Family Life Center starting March 18th-19th \$5.00/each Candles, labeled with the names of your loved ones or special intentions, are olessed and placed on the St. Joseph Altar. After the celebration, you may take them home or leave them to burn in St. Joseph Church.

For more information, contact

Jamie Prevost 337-658-3006 or

Ellaine Turner 337-258-3658



Lenten Fish Fry

Knights of Columbus, Acadian Council 1897 - Rayne, LA - Join us for the 6th Annual Lenten Fish Fry! Plates are \$12.00 each and include fried catfish, fries, coleslaw, and a King's Hawaiian roll. Dates: March 7th, March 14th, March 21st, March 28th, April 4th, and April 11th. Pre-order your plates each week by calling: Albert Johnson – 337-581-9708 Daniel Simoneaux - 337-581-2306 Richie Colonna - 337-789-1120 Pick-up location: Behind the KC Hall at 300 S. Adams Ave, Rayne Time: Fridays from 5:45 PM until sold out. Extra plates will be available in limited quantities. Don't



8:00am - 6:30pm

Everyone is invited

8:15 am: Celebration of the Holy Mass 9:00 am: Tupa Tupa Ritual 9:15 am: Blessing of the St. Joseph Altar 11:00 am - 1:30 pm: Free traditional Italian Meal 8:00 am - 6:30 pm: Public visitation of Altar

Your donations are needed.

Please consider donating a pair of cakes, bread, cookies, flowers, fruits or vegetables; either store bought or handmade. Monetary donations are also welcome. Donations can be brought to the Family Life Center on Tuesday, March 18th from 1:00pm-6:00pm

Any reglious items you would like displayed & blessed on the Altar can be brought in on Tuesday, March 18th from 1:00pm-6:00pm

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"you did for me" Mt 25:35

ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION Wednesday, March 5

As a diocese, we will soon participate in an Ash Wednesday collection for Catholic Charities of Acadiana. This year's collection focuses on serving our neighbors experiencing hunger and homelessness.

Catholic Charities of Acadiana operates St. Joseph Emergency Shelter, St. Joseph Diner, and FoodNet Food Bank, Through these core programs, Catholic Charities of Acadiana esponds compassionately to thousands who experience hunger and homelessness throughout the eight civil parishes of the Diocese

Last year, Catholic Charities of Acadiana served 545 individuals through its homeless shelters, successfully transitioning 194 of our neighbors back to permanent housing. St. Joseph Diner prepared and distributed over 225,988 warm meals, while FoodNet Foodbank distributed over 32,227 supplemental food bags to our neighbors in need through partner pantries across the diocese

Our emergency homeless shelters, St. Joseph Diner, and FoodNet Food Bank are largely donor-funded programs. Your generous support of the Ash Wednesday second collection will help us to provide immediate relief to a neighbor in our community who is in crisis and has nowhere else to turn.



ase give generously to the Ash Wednesday collection supporting Catholic Charities of Acadiana's mission to provide for those experiencing hunger and homelessness i our community.

Make an impact today by visiting give.classy.org/Lent2025 or by scanning the code.



LENTEN MISSION





A two-night Lenten Mission with

Fr. J. Patrick Hough, SJ

featuring Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

Presenting:

"Triumph of Grace over Tribulation"

MONDAY

March 31st

6 PM - 7 PM

TUESDAY
April 1st

6 PM - 7 PM



REV. J. PATRICK HOUGH, SJ Retreat Director, Jesuit Spirituality Center

Location: St. Joseph Catholic Church





MARCH 22, 2025 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM

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