

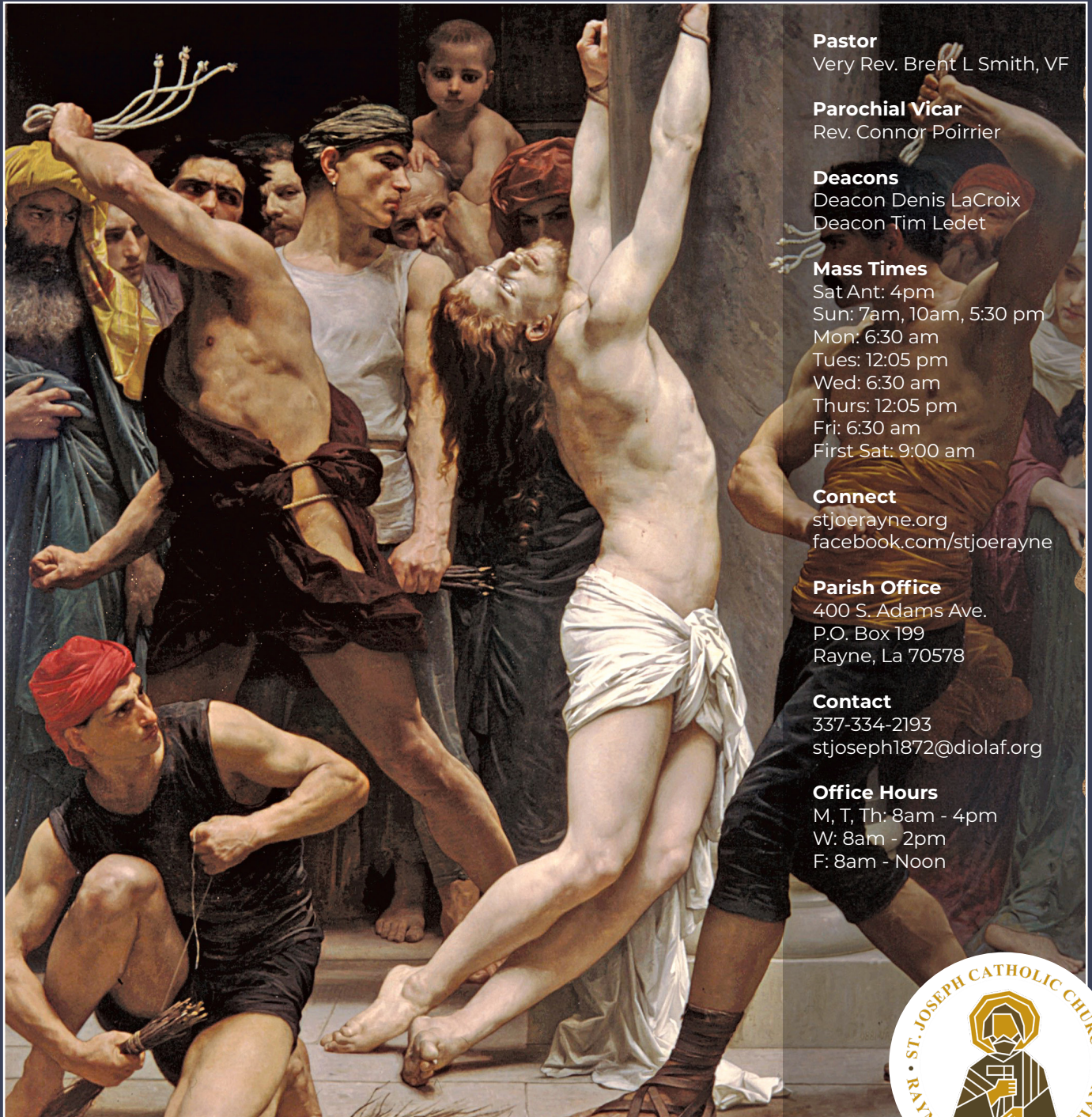
# st. Joseph

## Roman Catholic Church

Est. 1872

Lent – 2nd Sunday

March 16, 2025



### 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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**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



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Offertory week of 3/2/25 \$ 14,986.76 .  
Weekly Budget \$ (12,230.00)  
Over \$ 2,756.76

### Prayers for the Sick

Connie Credeur Anderson, Melissa Arnaud, Edward Benoit, 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, Linda Durio, 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 Johnson, 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, Kraig Stutes, 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:

Dave Brune  
Wille & Edward Leger

### Pieta Lamp

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

Deceased Members of CDA

### Baptisms

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

Roman James Fontenot

### Dearly Departed

Our faith community remembers in prayer our dearly departed.

Emma Gardiner Norris

### Scholarships

**CDA Court Rayne 844 is now accepting applications for the 2025 Irene M. Petitjean Memorial Scholarships.**

Applications can be obtained by calling the Scholarship Chairperson, Ellaine Turner (337) 258-3658, or by downloading from Court Rayne's website: <https://sites.google.com/view/cda-rayne-844>.

**Deadline to receive applications is 03/25/25 at 5pm.**

### 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



## ASSIST OUR TEENS IN ATTENDING STEUBENVILLE SOUTH THIS SUMMER!

Donations can be dropped off at the St. Joseph Parish Office or scan the code below to make an online donation



Donation Questions? Contact Shelby Fuselier at [shelby@stjoerayne.org](mailto:shelby@stjoerayne.org)

## BEGINNING MONDAY, MARCH 24

MONDAY MORNING MASS WILL NO LONGER BE OFFERED

LOCAL CHURCHES THAT OFFER MASS ON MONDAY INCLUDE:

- ST. MICHAEL-CROWLEY - 12:05PM
- OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART-CHURCH POINT-12:05PM
- STS. PETER & PAUL-SCOTT-12:10PM
- ST. LAWRENCE-MOWATA-5PM
- ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR-DUSON - 6PM

## Celebrate the Year of Hope with a story of survival, faith and community



### Guest Speaker: Wade Berzas

Wade Berzas, the lone survivor of the December 2019 plane crash in Lafayette, will discuss how his life changed within seconds that day. He will share about the power of his faith and how the love of his family and prayers of the community helped him recover.

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

WHEN: Wednesday, March 26th . 6:00 PM

WHERE: St. Joseph Catholic Church . Rayne

Food and fellowship to follow in the Family Life Center

Sponsored by: The JM|ACTS Coalition



## THANK YOU AND FAREWELL FATHER POIRRIER

With gratitude and love, we invite you to a Farewell Reception as we celebrate and give thanks for the ministry of Father Poirrier. As he embarks on a new journey, let us come together to express our appreciation for his dedication and service to our parish.

Date: Sunday, March 16th

Location: Family Life Center

Time: After 10am Mass

Please join us as we share memories, offer our prayers, and send him off with our blessings. Light refreshments will be served. We hope to see you there!

### Witness To Love

Matthew Taylor and Laura Loewer will be united in Holy Matrimony at St. Joseph Catholic Church on June 6th, 2025 with Father Brent Smith presiding over the ceremony. They met in middle school and have been together for 5 years. Matthew attends school at Louisiana State University and Laura works for Waggoner Engineering while attending Louisiana State University. Their favorite thing to do together is to cook. Once married, the couple plans to reside in Monroe while Matthew attends medical school. Their mentor couple is Paul and Marianne Lombas. They have been married for 5 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. 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

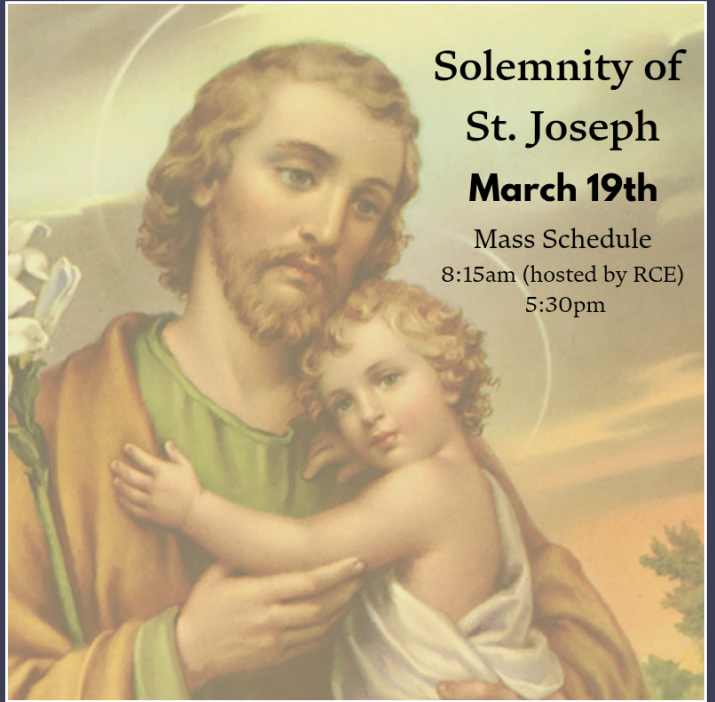
8:00 AM - 6:30 PM

*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 blessed 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



## Solemnity of St. Joseph March 19th

Mass Schedule  
8:15am (hosted by RCE)  
5:30pm

### 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 miss out!



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## Growing the Pioneer Legacy

Help us shape the future of Notre Dame High School by joining a one-hour Listening Session. Share your input to help guide the strategic vision for the vitality and growth of our beloved school. These round table meetings are for anyone who desires the best for NDHS, now and in the future.

### JOIN A LISTENING SESSION

- Sunday, March 23 @ 3:30 pm - St. Michael Church Parish Hall, Crowley
- Friday, March 28 @ 11 am - Notre Dame Library
- Wednesday, April 2 @ 6 pm, Notre Dame Library
- Thursday, April 3 @ 6 pm - Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church Annex, Church Point
- Sunday, April 6 @ 11 am - St. Joseph Family Life Center, Rayne
- Monday, April 7 @ 8:30 am - Notre Dame Library

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TO REGISTER  
FOR AN EVENT



QUESTIONS?  
337.783.3519  
NDPIOS.COM



## Mothers Day Women's Retreat

Join us for a transformative weekend of prayer and reflection with Mary. Together, we'll untangle the wounds and burdens we carry, surrendering them to Jesus. Through shared experiences, we'll discover how to love deeply, following Mary's example of trust and devotion. Allow this time to be a journey of healing and renewal in our spiritual lives.



### "Unraveling Our Wounds" through Mary Undoer of Knots

#### FEATURED PRESENTERS



ANNE TRUFANT  
Speaker



FATHER POIRRIER  
Celebrant



BEHOLD MUSIC  
WORSHIP TEAM

#### RETREAT HIGHLIGHTS

- Community Prayer
- Inspiring Talks
- Praise and Worship
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Mass & Confession
- and more!



**MAY 9-10, 2025**

Retreat Cost: \$180.00  
Our Lady of the Bayous  
Retreat Center, Abbeville LA  
Registration Opens  
03.01.25 at 7 am

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Questions - BeholdCatholicMinistries@gmail.com

# LENTEN MISSION



*A two-night Lenten Mission with  
Fr. J. Patrick Hough, SJ  
featuring Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction*

Presenting:

*"Triumph of Grace over Tribulation"*

NIGHT ONE

**MONDAY**  
March 31st

**6 PM - 7 PM**

NIGHT TWO

**TUESDAY**  
April 1st

**6 PM - 7 PM**



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

**Location: St. Joseph Catholic Church**

**ATTENTION ALL 7TH-12TH GRADERS!**

WEST DEANERY PRESENTS:

# LENT Retreat

March 29, 2025  
@ 9 AM-4 PM

VENUE: ST. MICHAEL CHURCH  
PARISH HALL IN CROWLEY

Cost: \$20/person  
includes lunch and snacks

TO RSVP OR FOR MORE INFO EMAIL  
COACH JOHN BRAHAM: JBRAHAM@NDPIOS.COM

GUEST SPEAKERS  
SMALL GROUP  
DISCUSSION  
FOOD  
GAMES  
ADORATION  
CONFESSION  
MASS



Saint Joseph Catholic Church

**WAY OF THE CROSS**  
**EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT**



Unable to attend the  
Parish Listening Sessions?

AN ONLINE SURVEY IS  
NOW AVAILABLE



ALL RESPONSES ARE RECORDED  
ANONYMOUSLY