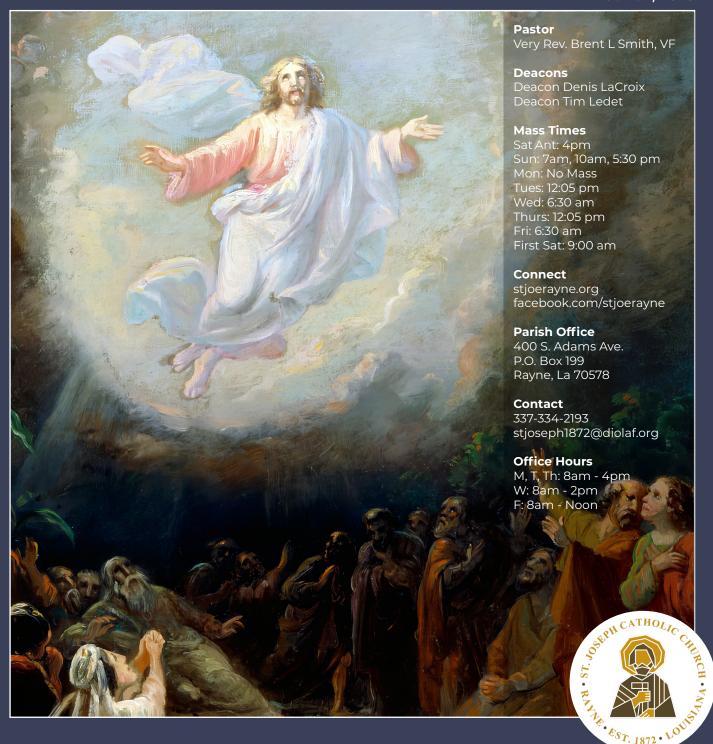
St.Joseph Roman Catholic Church

Est. 1872

Ascension of the Lord June 1, 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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GIVING

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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.

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

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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 05/18/2025 Weekly Budget

\$ 18,748.02 \$ (12,596.15)

Over/Under Budget

6,151.87

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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, Sybil Blanchard, Laura Boudreaux, Fr. Allen Breaux, Conrad Breaux, Flo Broussard, Monica Broussard & Family, Courtney Comeaux, Kinley Comeaux, Tony Comeaux, Joseph Mel Daigle, Scott Daspit, Dolores Deville, Peggy Deville, Harry Dogie, Linda Durio, Cheryl Fabacher, Donald Faulk, Racy Guidry Foreman, Katie Fruge, Kathy Pellerin Fruge, Debra Fusilier, Barbara & Tanya Gaspard, Judy Gautreaux, Laura Gautreaux, Keylonna Guidry, Lurline Guidry, Raymond & Deanean Guidry, Rose Guidry, Monica Harrington, Karen Hebert, Wayne Hebert, Sammy & Dana Hernandez, Martha Hodge, Clyde Hunter, Charlotte Istre, Janelle Kibodeaux, Harper Lancon, Sandra Lavergne, Dina Lejeune, Carla Lormond, Noreima Lowenstein, Patsy Meaux, George Melancon, Jr., Judy Melancon, Mary Melancon, Berna Menard, Loretta Miller, Bonnie Sue Navarre, Kristin Navarre, Dorothy Nelams, Natalie New, Brannon O'Connor, Sandy Parks, Amelia Grace Pellerin, Mary Alice Petitiean, Deacon Richard Picard, Shirley Quebodeaux, Clyde Reed, Clifford & Helena Richard, Edward Richard, Emmett Richards, Dee Rogers, Glenda Meaux Rogers, Quentin Rowe, Hayden Ruffner, Theresa Savoie, Linton Seaux, Myrtle Servat, Ashley & Kade Siebold, Nanette Simoneaux LeBlanc, Angela Stelly, Kraig Stutes, Ronald Stutes, Juanette Suire, Mike Suiter, Veronica Terro, Christina Thevenet, Joel Thevenet, Betty M. Thevis, Veronica Thevis, Rita Trahan, 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:

Simon & Nero Families Blake Touchette

Pieta Lamp

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

Oris & Iris Boudreaux Reggie & Jeanette Simoneaux

Baptisms

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

Noelle Katherine Reggie

Weddings

We joyfully share in the Sacramental union of:

Adam S. Zulli & Madeline E. Gautreaux

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

Summer Seminarian



Cole Zaunbrecher

Summer Seminarian

Originally from St. Leo IV Catholic Church in Robert's Cove, Cole attended and graduated from both St. Michael Elementary School and Notre Dame High School in Crowley. After graduation, he spent four years at St. Joseph Seminary College in Covington, Louisiana, earning a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy and Liberal Arts. Currently, Cole attends Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Maryland, furthering his studies and formation. He was ordained a deacon in our diocese on May 31st and after the summer, will return to Mount St. Mary's Seminary for one more year of formation and study before, God willing, being ordained a priest next summer. In Cole's words, "I'm excited to spend this summer at St. Joseph's after my ordination to the Diaconate! I look forward to getting to know you all better in my time with you! Please pray for me as I near ordination and know of my prayers for you



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Faith Formation

Elementary, Middle & High School Shelby Fusilier | shelby@stjoerayne.org

Rayne Catholic Elementary

www.raynecatholic.org | 337-334-5657 Principal | Alicia Ardoin

Babyberries

For children not of school age Fridays, 9am, FLC, September-April Josette LeBlanc | josette@stjoerayne.org

Elderberries

Meet on Wednesdays 8-12, FLC Carroll Menard | jmenard433@cox.net

Music Ministry

Denise Brignac | cbric318@aol.com

Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus is a Fraternal Organization of Catholic men from our parish, 18 years or older, dedicated to serving our church Daniel Simoneaux | bigsim002@gmail.com

Catholic Daughters

Ladies 18 or older - second Thursday of the month Tammy Clark | tclark3570@hotmail.com

Thursdays, 6:30-8:00, Cry Room Neal Duhon | nduhon@msn.com

Lay Carmelites

Cathy Breaux | cathyrbreaux@gmail.com

Men's Bible Study

Deacon Denis Lacroix | dcnlacroix@gmail.com Fridays 7:00-8:00am, FLC Damian D'Augereaux | Thursdays 5:30-7:00am, FLC

Come Lord Jesus

Bible Study Mary Terro | mtvip40@yahoo.com Debra Fusilier | debra 3757@aol.com

Homebound Communion

Deacon Denis LaCroix | dcnlacroix@gmail.com

ACTS

For more information

Grayson Benoit | 337-523-7497

For adults wishing to become Catholic or complete their sacraments Father Brent Smith | bsmith@diolaf.org | 337-334-2193

Lectors/Extraordinary Ministers/Altar Servers

Andre' Landaiche | alandaiche@gmail.com

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Brenda Hooper | bjh5802@gmail.com Helen Johnson | dezyndsurv@yahoo.com

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Jack McIntyre | jmcintyreii@hotmail.com

Small Group Initiative

Get involved in parish life by joining a small group today! Short-term & seasonal group opportunities available For more info: Mandy Miller | mandy@stjoerayne.org

To sign up for a Holy Hour:

https://rayne.weadorehim.com/en

August 2025 JMJ Women's ACTS Retreat

We are happy to announce that the JMJ Coalition Women's ACTS Retreat is August 21-24, 2025!

The name of our program is The JMJ Coalition ACTS Retreat. This name is a result of Fr. Andrew Schumacher and Fr. Brent Smith teaming up to provide ACTS retreats to parishioners of their parishes: St. John the Evangelist in Mermentau, LA, St. Margaret of Scotland in Estherwood, LA, and St. Joseph's in Rayne, LA.

ACTS is a parish-based retreat in which parishioners serve parishioners. The ACTS Retreat, an acronym for Adoration, Community, Theology and Service, began in the 1980's in San Antonio, Texas. The retreat's goals are to strengthen our faith and its application in our daily life, to renew ourselves spiritually, to build strong, lasting friendships, and to grow in our relationship with our Lord, our parish and one another. The ACTS weekend is presented by lay Catholics, with support provided by a Spiritual Director/companion or clergy. Parishioners who serve on ACTS retreats strive to provide the opportunity for our parish community to experience, become, and share the Body of Christ. Once parishioners attend a JMJ Coalition ACTS Retreat, they can help serve in future retreats.

Please consider this wonderful gift for yourself or someone you love. Are you interested in deepening your faith and finding a community of faith to help support you on your faith journey? If so, consider attending a JMJ Coalition ACTS Retreat. Typically held twice a year for both men and women, the retreats begin Thursday, August 21st with check-in at 5:15 p.m. at St. Joseph's Family Life Center. Retreatants return on Sunday, August 24th to St. John the Evangelist in Mermentau at 11:00 Mass.

Those interested may register online by filling out an application. Registration links will be published in the bulletin, website and/ or Facebook.

The cost is \$325.00 per person for St. John, St. Margaret & St. Joseph parishioners and \$375 for anyone that is not a parishioner of one of the JMJ parishes. Payment instructions are given to those who are accepted into the retreat. For more information, call the Parish Office at 337-334-2193.

The JMJ Coalition Women's ACTS Retreat Registration will open Sunday, May 4th at 12:00 pm and will remain open until all spots have been filled. You may register online using the QR code below, visiting our website, or on our Facebook page.

WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT =

The JMJ Coalition



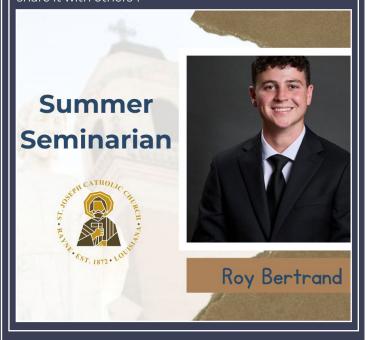


AUGUST 21-24, 2025



Summer Seminarian

Roy is an Abbeville native, where he was raised his entire life... and his Catholic, Cajun blood runs deep. He was brought up in a faithful, Catholic home, as the oldest child, with his parents, four brothers and one sister. He is exceptionally grateful for his upbringing in the faith, from his family, community and education. Roy is an alumnus of Mount Carmel and Vermilion Catholic and a parishioner of St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, where he and his family attended and served faithfully the entirety of his life. Roy now receives formation at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in Missouri, where he has experienced the transformative power of Jesus in prayer, the sacraments, his "formaters" and in fraternity. In Roy's words, "I have experienced a deep desire to simply be with Jesus, and this vocation appears to be the method in which He is leading me to encounter His love and share it with others".









Bake Sale Fundraiser!

June 7th and 8th After 4:00 and 10:00 Mass,

DONATIONS AND PROCEEDS WILL HELP OFFSET THE COST OF TRANSPORTATION FOR OUR TEENS TO ATTEND STEUBENVILLE SOUTH THIS SUMMER



Monetary donations can be made by scanning the QR code or dropping off donations at the parish office.

What does Prayer life look like for you? How much time a day do you spend in prayer? What do you pray about? What encourages your prayer life? What struggles do you have with prayer?"

"Pray Without Ceasing"

Women's Morning of Reflection Hosted by CDA Court Rayne #844

> Saturday, June 28, 2025 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM St. Joseph's Family Life Center 406 S. Adams Ave. Rayne, LA 70578



tclark3570@hotmail.com call or text Tammy at 337-288-9391 ou do not need to be a CDA member to attend Invite your friends and family

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

presented by Fr Brent Saturday, June 7, 2025 10am in Church

This is for NEW servers only



Meet our Lay Advocates







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

PRECEPTS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

- 1. Attend Holy Mass on all Sundays & Holy Days of Obligation.
- 2. Observe days of fasting and abstinence.
- 3. Confess our sins at least once a year.
- 4. Receive Holy Communion at least once a year during the Easter season.
- 5. Contribute to support the needs of the Church.
- 6. Observe the laws of the Church concerning Marriage.



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