St.Joseph Roman Catholic Church

Est. 1872

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 27, 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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EDUCATING ITS STUDENTS IN MIND, BODY, & SOUL WITH THE LOVE OF JESUS, THE DISCIPLINE OF JOSEPH, & THE FAITH OF MARY

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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 07/13/25 - \$11389.86 Weekly Budget - (\$12596.15) Over/Under Budget - (\$1206.29)

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2nd Collection next weekend is for Building & Maintenance Fund

Prayers for the Sick

Connie Credeur Anderson, Melissa Arnaud, Marie G. Benoit, Obrey "Toboy" Benoit, Jr, Shannon Benoit, Laura Boudreaux, Fr. Allen Breaux, Flo Broussard, Monica Broussard & Family, Courtney Comeaux, Kinley Comeaux, Tony Comeaux, Joseph Mel Daigle, Dolores Deville, Peggy Deville, Harry Dogie, Abigail Leonards Duthu, Linda Durio, Cheryl Fabacher, Donald Faulk, Racy Guidry Foreman, Katie Fruge, Kathy Pellerin Fruge, Debra Fusilier, Barbara & Tanya Gaspard, Laura Gautreaux, Lurline Guidry, Raymond, Keylonna, & Denean Guidry, Roland 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, Alex Menard, Berna Menard, Loretta Miller, Patrick Miller, Bonnie Sue Navarre, Kristin Navarre, Dorothy Nelams, Brannon O'Connor, Sandy Parks, Amelia Grace Pellerin, Mary Alice Petitiean, Deacon Richard Picard, Shirley Quebodeaux, Clyde Reed, Clifford 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, Horace Thibodeaux, Rita Trahan, Chris Van Pelt, Linda Viale, Rebecca "Becca" Vidrine, Josh Wyble, Linda

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:

Christy D. Alleman

Pieta Lamp

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

Simon & Nero Families Ronnie Joseph Lavergne

Baptisms

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

Molly Ann Petitjean Demi Rose Broussard

Dearly Departed

Our faith community remembers in prayer our dearly departed.

Vera Robinson Guidry

Prayer Before Receiving Holy Communion

Zaunbrecher

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

COMPLETED PROJECTS

LAWN SERVICE	\$40,580
LANDSCAPING	\$5,080
PROPERTY PURCHASE	\$72,579
CATHOLIC VITALITY	\$17, 557
ELECTRICAL	\$9,178
FAMILY LIFE CENTER A/C UNIT	\$14,865
FAMILY LIFE CENTER PARKING AREA (2024 IGIVE CATHOLIC)	\$21,400
CHURCH/RECTORY A/C REPAIRS	\$4,678
RECTORY/CEMETERY II PLUMBING REPAIRS (FREEZE)	\$2,493
PARISH OFFICE HOT WATER TANK	\$1,697

PROJECTS NEEDED

 PARISH OFFICE ROOF
 \$12,000

 BELL TOWER WATERPROOFING/REPAIR
 \$120,000

 RECTORY (NEW SIDING/REPAIR)
 \$106,000



24-25 EXPENSES/PROJECTS

Building, Maintenance & other expenses

GREAT NEWS

TMIY

TMIY! (That Man Is You!)

is coming back

It was the biggest and best activity we had parish-wide with over 100 men attending weekly.

SIGN UP NOW AND GET MORE DETAILS

Starting September 2nd

on Tuesday mornings

Sign up by using the QR Code or click hhtps://programs.paradisusdei.org/join/812138





FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION











CONFIRMATION



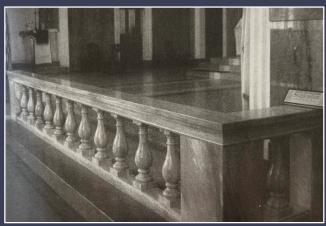




Registration can be completed online at stjoerayne.org

Seeking Old Marble Communion Rail Pieces

There is interest in putting an altar rail back in church. In the past, pieces of the old marble rail were dispersed. If anyone has a column from the old altar rail, Father is asking for you to consider donating it back to the parish so that it might be incorporated into the new altar rail and reduce the cost of construction of a new one.



St. Joseph Church Back-To-School Picnic

Sunday, August 10th from 11:00 - 1:00 After 10 am Back to School Mass on the Church Lawn

> BBQ burgers, hot dogs, Kona Ice, chips, drinks, and sweets will be available for cash purchase or feel free to pack a lunch!

Tables and chairs will be available.

Hope to see you there!!



Bishop's Pro-Life Rose Dinner

The 2025 Interfaith Bishop's Pro-Life Rose Dinner and Awards is scheduled for Saturday, August 9, 2025, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Ballroom. We invite you to join us in honoring individuals and couples who have committed to the pro-life movement. Our guest speaker, bestselling author Tori Hope Petersen, will share her powerful personal firsthand experiences with foster care.

By purchasing a ticket or table, you are directly supporting the vital work of pregnancy centers that serve on the front lines, saving lives each day. The centers benefiting from your support include The Desormeaux Foundation's Women's Center of Lafayette, Acadiana Pregnancy Center and Clinic (Lafayette), The Unexpected Pregnancy Center (New Iberia & Franklin), Vermillion Women's Resource Center (Abbeville), The New Life Pregnancy Center (Mamou), and the Opelousas Pregnancy Center.

For additional information or to purchase tickets, please visit our website: https://diolaf.org/bishopsdinner



Your Guide to Local Jubilee Holy Sites



SCAN ME!



Women's ACTS Return Mass

The JMJ Coalition would like to invite all parishioners to attend the Women's ACTS Return Mass on Sunday, August 24 at 11:30 am at St. John the Evangelist in Mermentau. We hope you can join us!

WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT =

The JMJ Coalition



AUGUST 21-24, 2025

Return Mass: Sunday, August 24th St. John the Evangelist at 11:30am



INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?



OCIA (The Order of Christian Initiation) is the process within the Catholic Church for adults who are seeking to become members of the Catholic faith or who wish to complete their initiation into the Church.

Scan the qr code or click on the link to register.

The program will begin in September.



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www.ascensionpress.com/ciy







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

Ultreva

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

OCIA

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

Ushers

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

Welcome to our New Office Staff!



Mandy MillerPastoral Assistant
Wedding Coordinator



Kellie Hollier Bookkeeper

Madison Boudreaux
Wedding Coordinator

Jonathan BoutinDirector of Facilities

