

# st. Joseph

## Roman Catholic Church

Est. 1872

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 31, 2025



### Pastor

Very Rev. Brent L Smith, VF

### Deacons

Deacon Denis LaCroix  
Deacon Tim Ledet

### Mass Times

Sat Ant: 4pm  
Sun: 7am, 10am, 5:30 pm  
Mon: No Mass  
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







THE MISSION OF ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH *is to form disciples who come to know, love and experience God in His truth, beauty and goodness, and then share with others what we have come to know.*




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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**NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL of ACADIA PARISH**  
*.....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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 athletics | 337.783.8776  
 fax | 337.788.2115




**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
- ✓ Denis LaCroix – Deacon

**CONTACT US AT:**

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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 08/17/25 - \$22132.92  
Weekly Budget - (\$12596.15)  
Over/Under Budget - \$9536.77

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, Rosa Benoit, Shannon Benoit, Laura Boudreaux, Fr. Allen Breaux, Flo Broussard, Naomi Faul Carriere, Courtney Comeaux, Kinley Comeaux, Tony Comeaux, Gail Crisp, Joseph Mel Daigle, Dolores Deville, Peggy Deville, Harry Dogie, Abigail Leonards Duthu, Linda Durio, Tom Ehni, 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, Rose Guidry, Monica Harrington, Karen Hebert, Wayne Hebert, Sammy & Dana Hernandez, Martha Hodge, Charlotte Istre, Janelle Kibodeaux, Harper Lancon, Sandra Laverigne, Nanette Simoneaux LeBlanc, Dina Lejeune, Carla Lormond, Noreima Lowenstein, Patsy Meaux, Judy Melancon, Mary Melancon, Berna Menard, Loretta Miller, Patrick Miller, Bonnie Sue Navarre, Kristin Navarre, Dorothy Nelams, Brannon O'Connor, Sandy Parks, Amelia Grace Pellerin, Mary Alice Petitjean, 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, Angela Stelly, Kraig Stutes, Ronald Stutes, Juanette Suire, Mike Suiter, Dylan Terro, Veronica Terro, Christina Thevenet, Joel Thevenet, Horace Thibodeaux, Rita Trahan, Chris Van Pelt, Linda Viale, Rebecca "Becca" Vidrine, Josh Wyble, Linda Zaunbrecher

### 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:

James H. Comeaux

### Pieta Lamp

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

Wallace Hanks Family  
Evelyn Petitjean

### Baptisms

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

Madalynn Joyce Bergeron  
Thomas Watley Fontenot

### Dearly Departed

Our faith community remembers in prayer our dearly departed.

Donna Dupont Decoux

### 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



### Youth Ministry Kickoff Events

Check this event happening soon! Please kindly pre-register using QR code.

- Sunday, September 7th is a Diocesan event for 8th-12th graders. Bishop Deshotel will celebrate mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist followed by dinner, and a talk by Fr. Andrew Schumacher. This night will be in celebration of the canonization of newly ordained Sts. Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati. **Only 20 spots available!**

Any inquiries can be sent to Liz Holloway via email: lizihol4239@gmail.com or phone 337-849-0368

## Diocesan Youth Ministry Kick-off



5 p.m.- Mass: Presided by Bishop Deshotel  
6 p.m.- Dinner and Fellowship  
7 p.m.-Speaker: Fr. Andrew Schumacher

Where: Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist

When: Sunday, September 7, 2025

Who: 8th-12<sup>th</sup> graders

How: Register by scanning QR Code or with link:  
<https://forms.gle/EbqrmxpQr38Gw3xf6>



## 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

### Welcome to the Church

Welcome to the Catholic Church, Jeremiah Timothy Guillory! Jeremiah is the son of Joshua & Theresa Bercier Guillory.



### Welcome to the Church

Welcome to the Catholic Church, Madalynn! Madalynn is the daughter of Kane & Lexie Bergeron.



### Welcome to the Church

Welcome to the Catholic Church, Thomas Watley Fontenot! Thomas is the son of Joshua & Sarah Fontenot.





## Welcome to the Church

Welcome to the Catholic Church, Jack Tanner Peltier!  
Jack is the son of Joshua and Sidney Peltier.



Attention Ladies! Encourage the  
man in your life to attend  
(That Man is YOU!)

# TMIY

It helps men be better husbands,  
fathers, brothers, friends and  
authentic men of God.

Starting September 2<sup>nd</sup>  
on Tuesday mornings

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



## INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

# OCIA

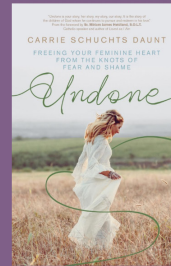
OCIA (The Order of Christian Initiation) is the  
process within the Catholic Church for adults  
who are seeking to become members of the  
Catholic faith or who wish to complete their  
initiation into the Church.

Scan the qr code or click on the link to register.  
The program will begin in September.



# Undone

A Book Study for Women



Grow closer to God and  
connect with other women  
through prayer, reflection,  
and meaningful conversation  
during this 4-6 week study.

All are welcome.  
Come journey deeper.

📅 Begins **September 13th**

🕒 Saturdays • 8:00-9:30am

📍 Family Life Center

Please purchase the book before the first session.

To sign up, contact:

**Josette Leblanc**      **Shawn Lacroix**  
[josette@stjoerayne.org](mailto:josette@stjoerayne.org)    [murphylacroix1@gmail.com](mailto:murphylacroix1@gmail.com)

**Katrina Benoit**  
[katrina@stjohnstmargaret.com](mailto:katrina@stjohnstmargaret.com)

## ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

# Babyberries

will begin on Friday,  
**September 5, 2025**

in the Family Life Center

**9:00 am – 9:45 am**

All children from birth to  
non-school age (ages 0-4)  
are invited to attend.

We will have songs to  
dance and sing along with,  
snacks, crafts and stories.

Please contact Josette LeBlanc  
at [josette@stjoerayne.com](mailto:josette@stjoerayne.com)  
if you need more information.



## GET INVOLVED!

### 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

### Ultreya

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

### Lay Carmelites

Cathy Breau | 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

### Sacristans

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>

## Parish Vitality Update

### The Vision Comes Alive:

Thanks to all of those parishioners who participated in the visioning process as the future looks very bright for St. Joseph Parish.

The Vision Implementation Team that will begin meeting this month. Here are their objectives:

- Understand the contents of the Pastoral Strategic Vision Report
- Review the prioritized list of Vision Area Goals
- Break into three working subcommittees: Truth, Beauty and Goodness
- Address the top Vision Area Goals with strategies and tactics
- Work closely with the clergy, staff and Pastoral Council on implementation process
- Provide regular updates to parishioners through communication and media

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