

# st. Joseph

## Roman Catholic Church

Est. 1872

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 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.  
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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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**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



Due to Thanksgiving printing schedule the weekly offertory report will be available in a future bulletin.

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2nd Collection next weekend is for St. Joseph Parish Insurance 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, Conrad Breaux, Flo Broussard, Naomi Faul Carriere, Courtney Comeaux, Kinley Comeaux, Tony Comeaux, Gail Crisp, Dolores Deville, Linda Durio, Abigail Leonards Duthu, Tom Ehni, Richard Ellerbe, 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, Janelle Kibodeaux, Harper Lancon, Sandra Laverne, Nanette Simoneaux LeBlanc, Blakely James Leger, Dina Lejeune, Carla Lormond, Noreima Lowenstein, Dianna Meaux Doty, Patsy Meaux, Judy Melancon, Mary Melancon, Berna Menard, Loretta Miller, Patrick Miller, Bonnie Sue Navarre, Brannon O'Connor, Amelia Grace Pellerin, Mary Alice Petitjean, Deacon Richard Picard, Clyde Reed, Clifford Richard, Edward Richard, Emmett Richards, Dee Rogers, Glenda Meaux Rogers, Quentin Rowe, Hayden Ruffner, Theresa Savoie, Courtney Schexneyder, Linton Seaux, Myrtle Servat, Ashley & Kade Siebold, Earline Pastor Spell, Angela Stelly, Gladys Stutes, Ronald Stutes, Juanette Suire, Dylan Terro, Veronica Terro, Christina Thevenet, Joel Thevenet, Rita Trahan, Chris Van Pelt, Rebecca "Becca" Vidrine, 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:

Sandra L. Bush  
Raymond Domingue  
Ronnie J Laverne

### Pieta Lamp

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

Vivian Boudreaux  
Nina Hayes

### Baptisms

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

Rhett Christopher Duhon  
Axel Paul Johnson

### Dearly Departed

Our faith community remembers in prayer our dearly departed.

Helena Rochester Mouton  
Ruth Ann Leger  
Joseph Mel Daigle  
Della Stelly Alleman  
Kraig John Stutes

**MEN'S ACTS RETREAT**

The JMJ Coalition



CATHOLIC CHURCHES



**FEBRUARY 19-22, 2026**



### 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



# Pursuing Truth, Beauty and Goodness

God's love certainly unites us!

This is evident in the parish response to our recent annual stewardship outreach. THANK YOU! I am humbled and grateful for your commitment to St. Joseph Catholic Church, especially during challenging times. Through your commitment, our parish remains vibrant, engaged and Christ-centered in the Eucharist and in serving one another.

God's work is never done! Your prayerful response both materially and spiritually is setting the groundwork for a path forward as we plan for the future of our parish and continuation of critical ministries and service programs. St. Joseph Catholic Church continues to grow as a strong, faith-filled stewardship community because of parishioners like you!

Thank you for your generosity, prayers, and commitment to  
St. Joseph's!

In Christ,



Very Rev. Brent Smith, VF

## NOTE OF GRATITUDE



SAINT JOSEPH  
CATHOLIC PARISH



## Highlights

**\$80,451**

in additional offertory  
commitments  
(contributions not  
yet realized)

**\$34,535**

committed in  
one-time gifts

**33%**

response rate  
from those actively  
supporting the parish

**36**

new families  
welcomed into our  
parish community

**20**

additional electronic  
giving participants

*If you have not yet renewed your commitment to our parish, please return your commitment card within the next few weeks. We are looking for 100% participation from our parish families! Each response makes a huge impact!*

### We Invite You To:

#### Our Mission

Joyfully worship and make the Eucharist our core and Summit

- Attend Mass
- Attend Adoration
- Actively participate in the Liturgy
- Pray with others

#### Our Community

Develop and grow a personal relationship with Christ

- Through scripture and Bible study
- Celebrate the Sacraments
- Join a book study, small group, or class
- Pray to find Christ in everything and to grow in faith

#### Our Witness

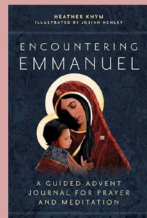
God asks us to share our gifts for the good of others

- Join a parish ministry
- Volunteer to charitable causes
- Practice corporal works of mercy
- Give in faithful response as a generous steward



## Encountering Emmanuel

Heather Khym



Journey through Advent with this beautiful guide to experiencing God's presence in the waiting.

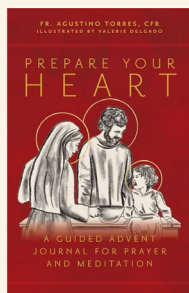
Fridays at 8:30 a.m.  
December 5, 12, & 19

• Ginger and Ivy Beauty Parlor  
226 N. Parkerson, Crowley

To join, contact Hannah Fulgium  
337-581-6451

## Prepare Your Heart

Fr. Agustino Torres



Start your Saturdays in Advent with prayer, reflection, and community as we ready our hearts to welcome Christ anew.

Saturday mornings at 8:00 a.m.

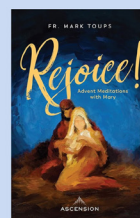
November 29 – December 20

Contact Danielle Duhon & Claudette Boudreaux  
to learn more and sign up!  
cssmith2011@gmail.com

UPDATED! TAKE ANOTHER LOOK

## Rejoice!

Fr. Mark Touns



Come and journey together with Mary as we walk closer and closer in preparing for the person of Jesus.

3-week series • December 2, 9, & 16

At the home of Cheryl Guidry – Rayne

Two group options:

- Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.
- Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Call or text Cheryl at 337-298-6519 to join a group

Reading and journaling material will be provided



## Married Couples Retreat

Sponsored by St Joseph Catholic Church  
at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Retreat Center

### ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES:

Would you like to spend quality time enriching your marriage?

Then join us on our parish sponsored married couples retreat at the beautiful **Our Lady of Hope Catholic Retreat Center in Mississippi**

Brought to you by Faith and Marriage. The Faith & Marriage Apostolate of the Willwoods Community is dedicated to promoting the Sacramentality of marriage and providing for married couples opportunities for growth, enrichment, and support.

Join us for our  
March 13-15, 2026  
Retreat!

Reserve your room at  
[faithandmarriage.org/retreats](http://faithandmarriage.org/retreats)



## St. Mike's and St. Joe's

### JR. HIGH FALL YOUTH NIGHTS

- **DECEMBER 3 @ ST. JOE'S**
  - MARY, STAR OF HOPE
- **DECEMBER 29 @ ST. MIKE'S**
  - CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA
- **JANUARY 7 @ ST. JOE'S**
  - HOW CAN I KNOW RIGHT FROM WRONG?
- **JANUARY 26 @ ST. MIKE'S**
  - IS ANYONE REALLY BAD?
- **FEBRUARY 4 @ ST. JOE'S**
  - WHY DO I NEED A SAVIOR?
- **FEBRUARY 23 @ ST. MIKE'S**
  - WHAT IF I NEED FORGIVENESS?

5-6:30 p.m.

## St. Mike's & St. Joe's HIGH SCHOOL FALL YOUTH NIGHTS

- **DECEMBER 7 @ ST. MIKE'S (6:00)**
  - LIVING A MORAL LIFE/ HOLINESS/ SAINTHOOD
- **DECEMBER 21 @ ST. JOE'S (6:30)**
  - HOPEFUL ANTICIPATION
- **JANUARY 4 @ ST. MIKE'S (6:00)**
  - LOS POSADAS
- **JANUARY 18 @ ST. JOE'S (6:30)**
  - THE EVIDENCE: PROOFS OF THE RESURRECTION
- **FEBRUARY 1 @ ST. MIKE'S (6:00)**
  - FAITH LEADS TO HOPE
- **FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> @ ST. JOE'S (6:30)**
  - HOPE VS. DESPAIR





*Solemnity*  
of the  
**Immaculate Conception**  
\*Holy Day of Obligation\*

**Monday**  
**December 8th**

**Mass Times**  
**12:05pm**  
**5:30pm**

The Holy Day obligation may be fulfilled by attending Mass on Sunday, Dec. 7th at 5:30pm  
IF ONE ATTENDS ANOTHER MASS TO SATISFY THE SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION

**CHRISTMAS**  
MASS  
SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE		4PM 6PM (HOSTED BY RCE)
DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS DAY		MIDNIGHT 8AM



The Light is ON  for You.  
Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

**CONFESSION AVAILABLE**

WEDNESDAYS 6:30-8:00PM  
December 3th  
December 10th  
December 17th



**Bambinelli Sunday**  
Sunday, December 14th - 10am Mass

Children are invited to bring the baby Jesus from your nativity set with you to Mass for a special blessing from Father Brent!

# Christmas Flower Donation

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Donated by: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank You and may the Lord Bless you and yours during this Christmas Season and throughout the coming year.*

Please return this form with your donation to the parish office or place it in the collection basket by December 14th.

