

# st. Joseph

## Roman Catholic Church

Est. 1872

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 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)  
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### 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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**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

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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 12/08/25 - \$13326.01  
Weekly Budget - (\$13076.92)  
Over Budget - \$249.09

### Prayers for the Sick

Connie Credeur Anderson, Melissa Arnaud, Marie G. Benoit, Obrey "Toboy" Benoit, Jr, Rosa Benoit, Shannon Benoit, Laura Boudreaux, Lauren Boulet, Fr. Allen Breaux, Conrad Breaux, Flo Broussard, Naomi Faul Carriere, Courtney Comeaux, Kinley Comeaux, Tony Comeaux, Gail Crisp, Dolores Deville, Blakley James Dogua, Stacy Dogua, 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, 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, Martha Pierret, 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, Lorena Trosclair, 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:

Nina R. Hayes  
Ronnie Joseph Laverne  
Nathan I. Mouton

### Pieta Lamp

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

Arthur Myers Sr. & Jr.  
Families  
Myron Joseph Meche  
Tommy & Evelyn Petitjean

### Baptisms

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

Landri-Ma'Kae Caazi  
Grotefend  
Adaline Coy Simon

### Dearly Departed

Our faith community remembers in prayer our dearly departed.

Julia Bull Schomaker  
Pierre Gary

### 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

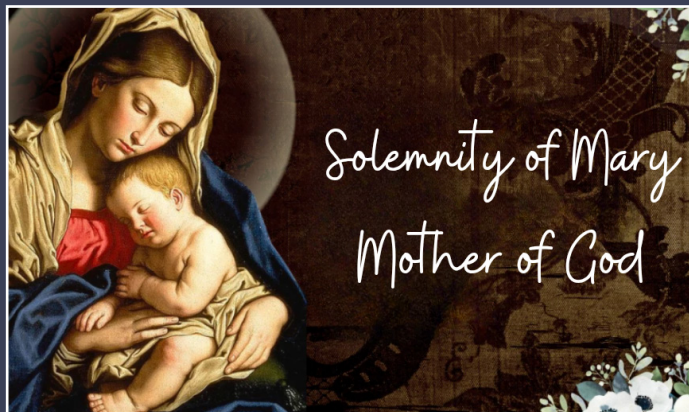


## PRECEPTS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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.



St. JOSEPH  
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Solemnity of Mary  
Mother of God

Vigil Mass | Wednesday, December 31st - 5:30pm

Thursday, January 1st - 9am

Holy Day of Obligation



**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.



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Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

## CONFESSION AVAILABLE

WEDNESDAYS 6:30-8:00PM

December 3th

December 10th

December 17th

# CHRISTMAS

## MASS SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 24  
CHRISTMAS EVE

4PM  
6PM  
(HOSTED BY RCE)

DECEMBER 25  
CHRISTMAS DAY

MIDNIGHT  
8AM



ANNOUNCING  
**THE ROSARY  
IN A YEAR  
PODCAST**



## St. Mike's and St. Joe's JR. HIGH WINTER 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 WINTER YOUTH NIGHTS

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





THE VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE  
**AND BEAR A SON**