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Monday-Friday 12:10 p.m.

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8:30 a.m. & Novena Monday

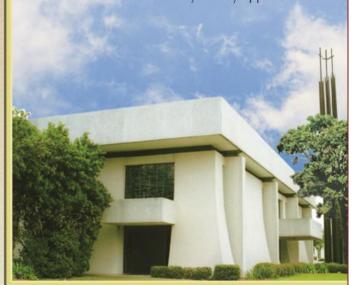
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Mass Holy Hour & Novena

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

and anytime by appointment



THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



Readings for the Week of June 24, 2018

Sunday The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15;

Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

Monday 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13;

Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-

3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and

Doctor of the Church

2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Ps 119:33, 34, 36, 37,

40; Mt 7:15-20

Thursday Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr

2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9; Mt 7:21-

29

Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Gal 1:11-20;

Jn 21:15-19

Friday Saint Peter and Paul, Apostles

Acts 12: 1-11; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9;

2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16: 13-19

Saturday The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman

Church / BVM

Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7,

20-21; Mt 8:5-17

Sunday Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13;2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24,

35b-43



Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help is held each Monday at 8:30 a.m. at St. Anthony Church and each Tuesday at St. Joseph Church during Mass at 6:30 p.m.

Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held at St. Anthony Church on First Friday following the 8:30 a.m. Mass.





COLLECTIONS FOR JUNE 16-17, 2018

ST. JOSEPH

 Envelopes
 \$2,692.25

 Loose Collection
 \$1,707.76

 Total Collected
 \$4,400.01

 Budgeted Weekly Expense
 \$9,224.51

 Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense]
 -\$4,824.50

Restoration Fund \$10,022.92

ST. ANTHONY

Will be included in next week's bulletin.

A second collection for the Maintenance Fund will be taken up at all masses next



weekend. This monthly collection will be dedicated solely for the maintenance, repairs, or upgrades to our church complexes. Please be as generous as your means will allow.

In Memoriam

Let us remember to pray for the repose of the souls of *Margaret "Margie" Bladsacker Arnold* and Mary Louise Kalil. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. *Amen*.

Independence Day Office Hours

The St. Joseph and St. Anthony Offices will be closed on **Wednesday**, **July 4th** in observance of Independence Day. St. Joseph Church will close immediately following 8:00 a.m. Mass. **There will be no 12:10 Mass.**

Reflection. The true secret of love consists in this: We must forget self like St. John the Baptist and exalt and glorify the Lord Jesus.

St. Peter Eymard

MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

ST. JOSEPH

Saturday, June 23, 2018

4:00 p.m. – Leta & Sidney Phillips, James K. Gaudet, Charles & Louise Lyons, Letha & Al Ehret, Louie & Rosalie Gattuso, Mamie Kass, Christopher Brannon Sweeney, Corinne Ribaul Sweeney, Theresa DiPascal, W. Richard & Helen White, Kenneth Leithman, Patsy Grefer, Don Hemelt, Carolyn Hornyak, Anthony J. Bono, Jr.

Sunday, June 24, 2018

7:30 a.m. - For All Parishioners

9:30 a.m. - Marie Lynn Reine

11:30 a.m. – Theresa DiPascal, Charles Cavanaugh Lyons II, Julia & Michael Dauenhauer, Horace & Vernell Soileau, E.J. & Beulah Cambre, Jackie Cambre, Josephine Pasateri Weigel, Charles Cavanaugh Lyons & Louise Diaz Lyons, Christopher Brannon Sweeney, Corinne Ribaul Sweeney, Mary & Joseph Ribaul, Sr. & Fly., Salvador P. Ribaul, Sr., Leon A. Ribaul, Sr., Joseph Ribaul, Jr., Jesse, Ronald & Ken Larkin, Edgar Laborie, Sr., Betty Dufrene, Gladys & Marlin Leger, Sr., Acklin J. Dufrene, Virgie Ott

6:30 p.m. - For All Deceased Parishioners

Monday, June 25, 2018

12:10 - Leon A. Ribaul, Sr.

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

12:10 - Joseph Ribaul, Jr.

6:30 p.m. – Christopher Brannon Sweeney

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

12:10 – Corinne Ribaul Sweeney

Thursday, June 28, 2018

12:10 - Mary & Joseph Ribaul, Sr. & Family

Friday, June 29, 2018

12:10 - Raleigh Sr., Raleigh Jr. "Slugger" & Anna Brunet

ST. ANTHONY

Saturday, June 23, 2018

5:00 p.m. – Carol Vignes, Kenneth Leithman

Sunday, June 24, 2018

10:30 a.m. - Casey W. & Margie K. Jones

Monday, June 25, 2018

8:30 a.m. - Raymond Strohmeyer, Sr.

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

8:30 a.m. - Charles Cavanaugh Lyons II

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

8:30 a.m. - Julia & Michael Dauenhauer

Thursday, June 28, 2018

8:30 a.m. – For Souls in Purgatory Without Prayers

Friday, June 29, 2018

8:30 a.m. - Charles Lyons

Saturday, June 30, 2018

8:30 a.m. - For Unborn Babies

5:00 p.m. – Kenneth Leithman

Sunday, July 1, 2018

10:30 a.m. - Mamie M. Kass



Baptismal Seminar

For information regarding Baptismal Seminars, please call the St. Joseph Parish Office.

Message from Food for the Poor, Inc.

To the St. Joseph & St. Anthony Families: Food for the Poor wishes to thank you for the welcome you extended to Fr. Thomas "Tom" Bouterie on our recent visit to your parishes. On behalf of our brothers and sisters throughout the Caribbean and Latin America, we thank you for your compassion and care. We are all blessed by and grateful for your generosity.

In Christ, The Food For The Poor Family

PARISH NEWS



St. Joseph Church is currently holding a raffle of a 30 inch statue of Our Lady of Fatima and a framed picture of St. John Paul II (28 ½" x 37") which came from the Vatican exhibit at the 1984 World's Fair in New Orleans. Tickets will be available after all masses at a cost of \$2.00 per ticket or \$5.00 for 3 tickets. Drawing

will take place after 12:10 mass on Monday, July 23rd. All proceeds will benefit the St. Joseph Restoration Fund.

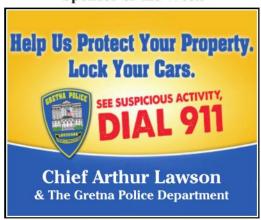
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Prayer for the Hurricane Season

Through the intercession of *Our Lady of Prompt Succor*, may we be protected from all loss of life and property during this hurricane season.

Sponsor of the Week





Consider volunteering or recommending a person to serve on our Pastoral Pastoral Council.

Requirements for the parish:

The role of the Parish Pastoral Council shall be consultative. The meetings of the Pastoral Council are authorized by the pastor or administrator who approves the agenda. While it is expected that the pastor give due consideration to the advice of the council, the pastor, in concert with the pertinent regulations of the Archdiocese, is responsible for all decisions affecting the life of the parish.

The duties of the Parish Pastoral Council:

To assist the pastor in setting direction, mission, vision, and values for the parish;

To participate in pastoral planning;

To collaborate with the parish Finance Council;

To review and promote the service and ministry activities of the parish;

To foster unity and a sense of community in the parish and an awareness of the place of the parish in the archdiocese and the universal Church;

To support diocesan initiatives (e.g. diocesan synods);

Shall include a minimum of five members and a suggested maximum of twenty;

Shall give due consideration to include youth, young adult, and an ethnically diverse representation.

The members of the Parish Pastoral Council are to:

Be supportive of the teachings of the Catholic Church;

Be active members of the parish.

We need you, so please consider serving. A member or representative from each of the ministries of the parish would be greatly appreciated.



Introduction to Evangelization: *The Mission is ME!*Thursday, June 28th - 7:00 p.m. St. Joseph Auditorium

Fr. Gary invites everyone to participate!

What does it mean to evangelize, and how do we engage our parishioners, leading them to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with others? These are questions that are at the heart of our Archdiocese of New Orleans (ANO) Office of Evangelization's one hour and thirty-minute presentation for parish clergy and parish leaders (Pastoral Council, heads of ministries, schools, etc.), to be introduced through the ANO Synod Priorities and Goals to the very mission and meaning of Catholic Christian discipleship. We believe that faith shared is faith strengthened! The challenges of our culture point out that now is an evangelizing moment; now is the time for Catholic Christians to proclaim the Lord Jesus with renewed conviction and fervor.

The interactive content of this prayer-filled presentation will look at local and national data and will introduce participants in the latest authors and writings on the topic of evangelization as well as the best practices of parishes and diocese around the U.S. that are showing success in their efforts to make "Missionary Disciples", as Pope Francis called all the Baptized. The task of Evangelization belongs to everyone. This presentation begins a conversation and serves as a great way to encourage parishioners to become comfortable with evangelization in their daily lives, and to help parish leaders to identify the elements of parish life that may be enhanced or adjusted in order to maximize evangelizing potential.

At the conclusion of this presentation, a copy of *The Evangelization & Organizational Inventory*, created from various offices within the Archdiocese of New Orleans, will be given to the pastor to assist him and others, to discern the parishes' further Evangelization resourcing needs.



Start cleaning out your closets, attics, and garages! We need your treasures!!

On Saturday, October 13th, St. Joseph Restoration Fund will participate in the annual Gretna Citywide Yard Sale. We are taking donations of:

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Shoes and Purses (in good condition)

Religious Articles

Vintage Clothing and Accessories

We are collecting your donations each Wednesday (except July 4) through September 26th between the hours of 9:00 a.m. - Noon in the Gym at the corner of Newton & Seventh Streets (please knock at the double doors on the Newton Street side). If you need assistance in picking up large items, please call Debbie Swiler at 504.361.0619 to schedule time/date for pick up.

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