

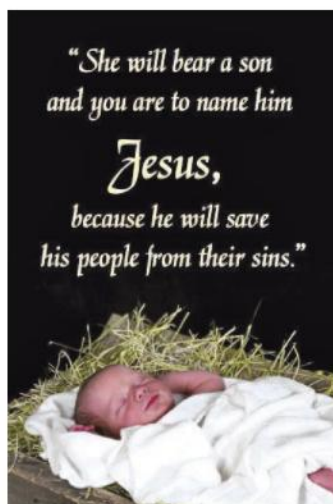
NATIVITY OF THE LORD

And the Word
became flesh
and made
his dwelling
among us,
and we saw
his glory, the
glory as of
the Father's
only Son,
full of grace
and truth.

JOHN 1:14



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Scripture Readings for the Week of December 22, 2019

Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Advent Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24
Monday	Saint John of Kanty, Priest Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66
Tuesday	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79 Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25
Wednesday	Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
Thursday	Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22
Friday	Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a and 2-8
Saturday	Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
Sunday	Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23



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.

Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction with Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be held at St. Anthony Church on First Friday following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. All are welcome.



COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER 14-15, 2019

ST. JOSEPH

Envelopes	\$2,452.00
Loose Collection	<u>\$1,798.86</u>
Total Collected	\$4,250.86
Budgeted Weekly Expense	\$9,224.51
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense]	-\$4,973.65

Immaculate Conception	\$ 995.10
Christmas Decorations	\$1,697.00

ST. ANTHONY

Envelopes	\$ 699.00
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 640.75</u>
Total Collected	\$1,339.75
Budgeted Weekly Expense	\$5,342.00
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense]	-\$4,002.25

Christmas Decorations	\$ 262.00
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COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER 7-8, 2019 ST. ANTHONY

Envelopes	\$2,374.00
Loose Collection	<u>\$2,660.00</u>
Total Collected	\$5,034.00
Budgeted Weekly Expense	\$5,342.00
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense]	-\$ 308.00

Immaculate Conception	\$ 346.00
Retired Religious	\$1,224.00

The second collection at all masses December 24 & 25 will be for Clergy Welfare. This collection helps all of our Archdiocesan priests with medical and living arrangements. Please be as generous as your means will allow.



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MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

ST. JOSEPH

Saturday, December 21, 2019

4:00 p.m. – Leta & Sidney Phillips, James K. Gaudet, Clinton & Irma Terrio, Eddie & Kay Boudreaux, Letha & Al Ehret, Barbara Perron, Patsy Grefer, All Souls in Purgatory, Anthony Bono, Jr., Lisa Sanders Pitre, For the Unborn, Russell & Sharon Kospelich Continued Good Health, Kenneth Leithman

Sunday, December 22, 2019

7:30 a.m. – For All Parishioners

9:30 a.m. – John Ronquillo

11:30 a.m. – Luke LaBruzza, Sr.

6:30 p.m. – Emelda Jacobsen Griffin

Monday, December 23, 2019

12:10 – Gladys & Marlin Leger, Sr.

Tuesday, December 24, 2019 (Vigil of Christmas)

12:10 – For All Deceased Parishioners

Novena will be celebrated during 12:10 Mass

4:00 p.m. – Bill Swiler, Letha & Al Ehret, Gerald LaBorde, Sr., Anthony & Katherine Labruzzo, Jesse W. Boudreaux, Dexter, Laurie & Camile Gros, Jr. Flys., Jane Sanchez, Rome & Barrilleaux Flys., Peter Taulli, Sr., Evelyn D. Taulli, Julian Taulli, William Taulli, Eola White, Doyce Hebert, Marvin J. Miller, Felix, Lucille & Eldon Hebert, Charles V. & Philomena Miller, Richard & Mercedes Lehenbauer, Wiley J. Beevers, Marie Lynn Reine, Josephine Pasateri Weigel, Anthony H. Christiana, Jr., Sue, Edward, Bobby & Ray Comeaux, Lemm & Isabella Bauer, Brooks Stewart, Quentin J. McGuire, Luke LaBruzza, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Guidry, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony LaBruzza, Kimberly LaBruzza, Horace & Vernell Soileau, E.J. & Beulah Cambre, Jackie Cambre, Malcolm “Mack” Landry, Mildred & “Buddy” Capdeville, Mary Ann & Aaron Lemoine, Marion “Shackle” Short, Adolph & Angelina Gattuso, Clarence & Doris Acosta, Lionel & Vivian Broussard, Robert Fulton, Emelda Jacobsen Griffin, Barbara Perron, Christian P. Duet, Joseph A. Ringuette, Louise Suer, Leonard Enger, Patsy Grefer, Tita de Varela, Doris Blanchard Taravella, Palermo Family – Emile, Mamie, Ciro, Josie, Sadie Beaucoudray, Cathy, For the Unborn, Gerald Celino, Dewey & Grace Celino, Charles & Teresa Bienvenu, William & Mary Treadway, Philomina Bartolo, Laurie Stefani, Lisa Sanders Pitre, Eugene & Margaret Palmer, Tony Palmer & the Poor Souls, Charles Joseph Baldwin, Sr., Joseph “Pappy” Dominguez, Ernest & Josephine Dominguez & Dominguez Family, Martha Overbay, Dr. Francis Joseph Matthew Alessi, Bessie Ross Stewart, Russell LeNormand, Nancy LeBlanc Ordoyne, Myra Ziifle Thalheim, Doris Blanchard Taravella, Patricia Kane Heinemann, Clara Sullivan, Wayne Philip Kleinpeter, Shirley Moore Smith

6:00 p.m. – Karen Barnes

12:00 Midnight – Mary Ann Territo Isemann

Wednesday, December 25, 2019 (The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas)

There will be no 7:30 a.m. Mass

9:30 a.m. – Jane & Bunny Uzee

11:30 a.m. – Elda & Jesse Larkin, Edgar Laborie, Sr.

6:30 p.m. – For Peace in the World

Thursday, December 26, 2019

12:10 – Leta & Sidney Phillips

Friday, December 27, 2019

12:10 – Anthony J. Labruzzo, Jr.

ST. ANTHONY

Saturday, December 21, 2019

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

Sunday, December 22, 2019

10:30 a.m. – Margaret D. Arnold, Casey W. & Margie K. Jones

Monday, December 23, 2019

8:30 a.m. – For Peace in the World

Tuesday, December 24, 2019 (Vigil of Christmas)

8:30 a.m. – For All Deceased Parishioners

5:00 p.m. – Jody Anne Breaux-Pope

Wednesday, December 25, 2019 (The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas)

10:30 a.m. – Marie & C.W. Cox, Margaret D. Arnold, Strohmeier Family, Lirette Family, Leonard Bertolino, Sr., Barbara K. Cook, Valerie Landry, Mr. & Mrs. Wilfred D'Aquin, Carol Vignes, Harold Flanagan

Thursday, December 26, 2019

8:30 a.m. – Margaret D. Arnold

Friday, December 27, 2019

8:30 a.m. – For the End of Violence in Our Archdiocese

Saturday, December 28, 2019

8:30 a.m. – For All Parishioners

5:00 p.m. – Carol Vignes, Anna Billa Kerner, Judy Dominick, Kenneth Leithman

Sunday, December 29, 2019

10:30 a.m. – Margaret D. Arnold



The Sanctuary Light at **St. Joseph**
this week will burn in memory of
Adolph & Angelina Gattuso

The Sanctuary Light at **St. Anthony** this
week will burn in memory of
Margaret D. Arnold



Wedding Banns
December 28, 2019
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Baptismal Seminar

For information regarding Baptismal
Seminars, please call the St. Joseph
Parish Office or send an email to
stjosephgretna@arch-no.org.



Everyone is invited to attend
a "Mini Christmas
Concert" at St. Joseph
Church featuring our own
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The concert will be held on **Christmas Eve,**
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In Memoriam

Let us remember to pray for the repose of the
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Jr. May their souls and the souls of all the
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Archbishop Blenk Knights of
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host a **baby shower for the**
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Lafayette and Sixth Streets in
Gretna at their January 15th meeting. Please
contribute baby items in the boxes provided in the
rear of both churches. Example of items most
needed **NEW** items at this time are baby wipes,
head-to-toe baby wash, baby lotion & other baby
care products, onesies & swaddles (gender neutral),
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Stroke Scan Plus will be at St. Joseph Parish on January 17, 2020 to provide life-saving, wellness ultrasound screenings. It is important to perform preventive maintenance for ourselves yearly. Do you have **high blood pressure or high cholesterol, diabetes, or a family history of heart disease, stroke, abdominal aneurysm or internal cancers?** If so, do not miss this opportunity for early detection of a possibly serious disease. These screenings are typically NOT performed at your annual check-up, and insurance companies may not pay for them unless you are symptomatic. Diagnostic versions of these screenings cost thousands of dollars in a hospital. **Stroke Scan Plus** will be offering them to you for **\$139** for all 7 combined ultrasound screenings (Stroke, AAA, AFIB & organs). Insurance is NOT necessary and appointments are limited. Stroke Scan will be available at the church for you to register on **January 11 & 12, 2020** or please call 832-437-7355 or toll free 1-866-935-7226 to schedule an appointment today for you or a loved one. The screenings will take place in the St. Joseph Auditorium. Prevention is your key to quality health! For more information, please visit www.strokescan.com.



The Archdiocese of New Orleans, Office of Marriage and Family Life is pleased to announce that starting in 2020 the Archdiocese of New Orleans will annually host a **wedding anniversary celebration for those couples who have been married for 25 years.**

Only couples married in the YEAR 1995 are invited to attend this celebration.

This celebration will take place on **Sunday, March 22, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. in St. Joseph Church in New Orleans.** Please note that this celebration will not be a Mass, but a prayer service. Attendance of Mass for Sunday obligation will have to be met within one's parish.

Please register with the St. Joseph Parish Office by January 9, 2020.



The St. Joseph and St. Anthony Offices will be closed on **Tuesday, December 24th and Wednesday, December 25th** in observance of **Christmas.** The Church Offices will also be closed on **Tuesday, December 31 and Wednesday, January 1** in observance of **New Year's.**



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve
Tuesday, December 24, 2019

St. Joseph

4:00 p.m.

(Mini-Concert with the Holy Family Singers begins at 3:15 p.m.)

6:00 p.m. and Midnight

St. Anthony

5:00 p.m. Vigil

Christmas Day
Wednesday, December 25, 2019

St. Joseph

There will be no 7:30 a.m. Mass

9:30 & 11:30 a.m.

6:30 p.m. Haitian Mass

St. Anthony

10:30 a.m.

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