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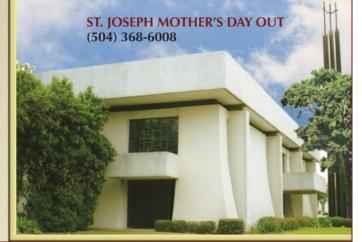
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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



Scripture Readings for the Week of February 2, 2020

Sunday Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18;

Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22-32

Monday Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint

Ansgar, Bishop

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7;

Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3;

Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and

Companions, Martyrs

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10, 11ab,

11d-12a, 12bcd; Mk 6:7-13

Friday Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51;

Mk 6:14-29

Saturday Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine

Bakhita, Virgin

1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14;

Mk 6:30-34

Sunday Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5;

Mt 5:13-16



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 JANUARY 18-19, 2020 ST. JOSEPH

Envelopes	\$2,552.13
Loose Collection	\$2,345.25
Total Collected	\$4,897.38
Budgeted Weekly Expense	\$9,224.51
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense] ·	

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Envelopes	\$ 891.00
Loose Collection	\$1,484.00
Total Collected	\$2,375.00
Budgeted Weekly Expense	\$5,342.00
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COLLECTIONS FOR JANUARY 25-26, 2020 ST. JOSEPH

Envelopes	\$2,521.14
Loose Collection	\$1,246.63
Total Collected	\$3,767.77
Budgeted Weekly Expense	\$9,224.51
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense] -	-\$5,456.74

Catholic Schools	852.36
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ST. ANTHONY

Envelopes	\$5,724.00
Loose Collection	\$ 522.00
Total Collected	\$6,246.00
Budgeted Weekly Expense	\$5,342.00
Net Income [+ or - budgeted expense]+	\$ 904.00

Catholic	Schools	 \$ 339.00



The second collection at all Masses February 8-9, 2020, will be taken up for Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans. Your support in this second collection provides crucial funds

that enable Catholic Charities to bring hope and support to those in need in our archdiocese. Donations through this second collection enable Catholic Charities to help over 77,099 individuals and families each year. Donations provide life-giving services such as food deliveries for the elderly, care for the physically and developmentally disabled, support and care for new and expecting mothers, and so much more!

MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

ST. JOSEPH

Saturday, February 1, 2020

4:00 p.m. – Leta & Sidney Phillips, James K. Gaudet, Letha & Al Ehret, Joseph, Wilhelmina & Thomas Terrio, Patsy Grefer, Kenneth Leithman, Raymond John Brandt, Ruth Marie Guidry Whipple, Ernest Taylor, Veronica Denise Dixon Meyers, Allen Grabert, Ioria Babin Dupont Terrebonne, Elmore Crosby, Jr., Evelyn Champagne Hunter, Beverly Garcia Scales, Family of Charlene Garcia, Anthony Bono, Jr., Thanks for God

Sunday, February 2, 2020

7:30 a.m. – Liz Sanderson, Karen Barnes, Wiley J. Beevers, Marie Lynn Reine, Josephine Pasateri Weigel, Robert John Benoit, Jr., Linda Ochoa, Marvin J. Miller, Felix, Lucille & Eldon Hebert, Charles V. & Philomena Miller, Richard & Mercedes Lehenbauer, Kay Herrin Hester, Kathy Cazaubon Dauterive, Horace & Vernell Soileau, E.J. & Beulah Cambre, Jackie Cambre

9:30 a.m. - For All Parishioners

11:30 a.m. - Quentin J. McGuire

6:30 p.m. – For the Haitian Community

Monday, February 3, 2020 (Feast of St. Blaise)

12:10 - Ralph Goodwyne, Jr.

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

12:10 - Beulah & Margaret Cheramie

6:30 p.m. – Calvin Dockery

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

12:10 - Richard Hallenus

Thursday, February 6, 2010

12:10 - Edward & Jenny Brunet, Jennifer Eymard

Friday, February 7, 2020(First Friday)

8:00 a.m. – Ellen McDermott

12:10 - Barbara Brothers

In Memoriam

Let us remember to pray for the repose of the souls of *Richard LaCour*, *Emelda Rachel*, and *Whitney Gonzales*, *Jr*. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. *Amen*.

ST. ANTHONY

Saturday, February 1, 2020

5:00 p.m. - Judy Dominick, Kenneth Leithman

Sunday, February 2, 2020

10:30 a.m. - Catherine Laughlin

Monday, February 3, 2020 (Feast of St. Blaise)

8:30 a.m. - William D. Herzog & Larry Kass

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

8:30 a.m. - For Peace in the World

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

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

Thursday, February 6, 2020

8:30 a.m. – For the End of Abortions in Our World

Friday, February 7, 2020 (First Friday)

8:30 a.m. - Barbara Brothers

Saturday, February 8, 2020

8:30 a.m. - For All Parishioners

5:00 p.m. - Kenneth Leithman, Nel Simon

Sunday, February 9, 2020

10:30 a.m. - Betty Laughlin



The next meeting of the St. Anthony Church Centennial Committee will be at 6:30pm on Thursday, March 12th in the St. Anthony Parish Hall. Please come and share your ideas.

Baptismal Seminar

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





That Man is You! Men's Group

That Man Is You! has started a new 13-week session. The sessions are held on Fridays starting at 5:45am for breakfast and 6:20 program start. That Man Is You! combines Scripture,

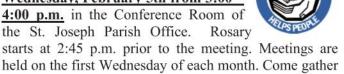
solid secular research, and a little fun to address the pressures and temptations facing men in our modern culture. It seeks to form authentic leaders who will be capable of transforming home and society. See the flyer on the back table in church for more details.



Feast of St. Blaise is Monday, February 3rd. Throats will be blessed at 8:30 a.m. mass at St. Anthony and 12:10 mass at St. Joseph. Blessed candles will be

available for purchase.

The St. Joseph Society of St. Vincent de Paul is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, February 5th from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the St. Joseph Parish Office. Rosary



with other Vincentians to learn and grow in Holiness.

Save the Date!

Meatballs & Spaghetti Dinner w/Salad & Garlic Bread Sunday, February 9 – 11am-2pm Tickets: \$9.00 Desserts & Drinks: \$1.00 Bread Pudding: \$2.00 Take outs available

Tickets will not be sold at the door
All proceeds benefit the St. Joseph Restoration Fund

Magnificat Breakfast – Westbank Chapter Saturday, February 8 – 9:30am – Noon Café Hope at Timberlane Country Club 1 Timberlane Dr., Gretna Speaker: Fr. Lance Campo

Tickets: \$20.00 - On sale thru February 3 Contact: Westbank Religious Supply House

341-6558

It's hard to believe that we are now in 2020 and the Feast of St. Joseph is rapidly approaching. The St. Joseph Women's Club will begin making cookies for the St. Joseph Altar on



Monday, February 3rd. Volunteer workers are needed to help with making the cookies. All fingers and hands are useful – men and women! The regular hours of work are 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday-Thursday, but whatever time you can volunteer is appreciated. Make a pledge in honor of St. Joseph in thanksgiving and donate your time. You can call the St. Joseph Parish Office or 362-6631 (cafeteria) for more information.

Donations are always needed. Thank You.

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Day of Silence on Social Media February 8, 2020

On this day, we will again be going Silent on Social Media with the theme: "Don't post...pray!" For 24 hours, beginning at 12 midnight on February 8, do not use your social media for viewing or posting until midnight on February 9th. Traffickers often use social media to exploit their victims. Buyers often use social media to purchase victims. Let's go silent in solidarity with those who are being victimized and as a sacrifice to offer for all involved in Human Trafficking. "Like" the Respect Life Office page on Facebook to get social media updates for February 8th. https://www.facebook.com/NOLArespectlife/

Novena to End Human Trafficking, February 9th-17th-go to https://nolacatholic.org/novena-to-end-human-trafficking **for** information.

World Day of the Sick – February 11 Anointing of the Sick at 6:30 pm Mass at St. Joseph

Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest (Mt 11:28) Consoled by Christ to be ourselves the consolation of the afflicted Matthew's verse, though it may be read as addressing primarily sick or suffering persons, should correctly be understood as also addressing health workers. Although traditionally we have understood care to be provided by the healthy towards the sick, we should actually understand care as a relationship among the sick, as health workers, in addition to their burden of care, are also exposed to illness which, if it isn't physical, and temporary, may be spiritual or psychological, deriving from common daily life experiences. Health pastoral care is without a doubt directed towards those who, in their suffering, receive care, but it must actually begin with the health workers or volunteers who care for them. We cannot seek to give solace in Christ if we have not personally received solace.

Attention All Men!!

On March 7, 2020, the Archdiocese of New Orleans is hosting a life-changing Archdiocesan Men's Conference from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM at St. Catherine of Siena in Metairie. All men aged 18 and over are highly encouraged to make plans to be there and to bring all of their closest friends, teammates, brothers, fathers, men's groups, etc. We are expecting over 1,000 men!

Meet fellow men seeking holiness and hear inspiring talks from Focus CEO Curtis Martin, Catholic evangelist Peter Herbeck, and former Saints player and current NFL coach Jack Del Rio.

Registration is available on www.nolacatholicmen.com.



The Father/Son Program for 11-14 Year old boys and the Mother/Daughter Program for 10-12 year old girls will be held in the St. Catherine of Siena Barrett Complex (boys) and

Melancon Center (girls) on March 30, 2020. The purpose of these programs is to foster open communication between parent and child and to provide sexuality information and fertility appreciation in a Christ-centered atmosphere of love. The cost is \$35.00 for parent/guardian and one child. Pre-registration is required. Flyers and further information are available from the Office of Marriage and Family Life 504- 861-6243. Online registration is available, so you can use the following links in electronic communication or on your website:

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"Building On Our Past Living In The Present Securing Our Future" Program

Thank you for celebrating Commitment Sunday with us this weekend. Your commitment to our parish through our "Building On Our Past - Living In The Present - Securing Our Future" Program will continue to bring life to our community.

If completing your commitment card was not possible at Mass, an invitation to respond will be mailed later this week to your home. Please return your Commitment Card to the office this week or in next week's collection. If you have not yet done so, join the many others and give your gift online through our electronic giving program.

Please call the St. Joseph Parish Office with any questions.

To All Parishioners

On the 18th day of December 1999, I knelt on the altar of the St. Louis Cathedral under the outstretched hands of Archbishop Francis Schulte and received the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Holy Orders as a permanent deacon. This was the beginning of a new part of my life which was a light going off and saying what do I do now? Every morning, for the next twenty years, I prayed and asked God to show me where He wanted me to be and what He wanted me to do. I ended my prayer asking Him to give me the grace to be the man He created me to be. Since that time, I have been assigned to 3 different parishes, had 6 pastors, was Chaplain in two hospitals, and loved every assignment. Each experience has moved me closer to the goal God has set for me as I learn to accept people as they are and do my best to reflect Jesus' love for them.

At this point in my life, I see my ministry changing to a direction that will lead me away from Parish work to a more direct contact with people who need spiritual aid because of their age or health situation. In serving at St. Joseph and St. Anthony Parishes, I feel that, because of <u>vou</u>, my family has grown. The reception that you have given me has inspired me to dig deeper into my calling and work harder to fulfill the role that God has chosen for me.

My retirement has been both sad and joyous. I told Father Gary I am not going to disappear and will still be available. Mitzi and I will continue going to 9:30 mass on Sunday which leads us to have breakfast with our family. So, this is not goodbye but just a different time to see each other. I will not forget you and continue to pray for the parishes and the family that I have adopted.

May God bless you and your families.

Deacon Jerry

We would like to thank Deacon Jerry for all that he has done for our parishes, especially with the overseeing of the restoration work that was done to our historic St. Joseph Church complex and his assistance with the Restoration Committee events. Enjoy your well-deserved retirement Deacon Jerry!

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