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WEEKEND MASSES

4:00 p.m. Vigil Saturday

Sunday 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

6:30 p.m. (Haitian/Creole)

DAILY MASSES

Monday-Friday 12:10 p.m.

6:30 p.m. Mass & Novena Tuesday

First Friday 8:00 a.m. Mass

Adoration until 12:10 p.m. Mass

CONFESSIONS

3:00-3:45 p.m. Saturday

8:30 a.m. (upon request) Sunday

6:00-6:30 p.m. Anytime by appointment. Tuesday

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OFFICE HOURS

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Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Vigil 10:30 a.m. Sunday

DAILY MASSES

8:30 a.m. & Novena Monday

Tuesday-Saturday 8:30 a.m. First Friday 8:30 a.m.

Mass Holy Hour & Novena

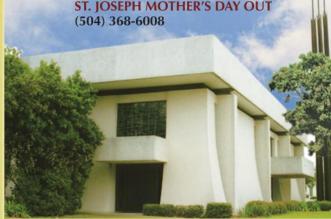
CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



"I am the resurrection and the life."

Scripture Readings for the Week of March 29, 2020

Sunday Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17,

20-27, 33b-45

Monday Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or

Dn 13:41c-62; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21;

Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday Dn 3:14-20, 91-92. 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56;

Jn 8:31-42

Thursday Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit

Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7;

Jn 10:31-42

Saturday Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the

Church

Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13;

In 11:45-56

Sunday Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14—27:66 or

Mt 27:11-54

Maintenance Fund April 4-5, 2020

A second collection for the



<u>Maintenance Fund</u> 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.

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ALL WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND MASSES, CONFESSIONS & NOVENA HAVE BEEN CANCELLED BY ARCHBISHOP GREGORY AYMOND DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS

St. Joseph Church is open during the day for prayer, lighting of candles, Stations of the Cross (also available in the garden), Adoration, and comfort. Drop by the Church during these days of concern and lay your burdens down at the foot of the Cross. Offertory can be placed in donation box in Church. Prayer petitions can be placed near Pieta in area under Bell Tower inside of Church. Fr. Gary is doing his private mass each day for all the People.



COLLECTIONS FOR MARCH 14-15, 2020

ST. JOSEPH

Envelopes	\$2,723.00
Loose Collection	\$2,053.54
Total Collected	\$4,776.54
Budgeted Weekly Expense	\$9,224.51
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense]	-\$4,447.97

Restoration Fund \$1,366.96

ST. ANTHONY

Envelopes	\$ 837.00
Loose Collection	\$ 641.00
Total Collected	\$1,478.00
Budgeted Weekly Expense	\$5,342.00
Net Income [+ or - budgeted expense] -	-\$3,864.00

COLLECTIONS FOR MARCH 21-22, 2020

ST. JOSEPH

Envelopes	\$	836.25
Loose Collection	\$	916.00
Total Collected	\$1,	752.25
Budgeted Weekly Expense	\$9	,224.51
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense]	-\$7,	472.26

Catholic Relief Services \$ 50.00

ST. ANTHONY
Will be reported in future bulletins

MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

ST. JOSEPH

All intentions will be honored

Saturday, March 28, 2020

4:00 p.m. – Leta & Sidney Phillips, James K. Gaudet, Letha & Al Ehret, Thanks for God, All Souls, In Honor of St. Joseph & the Mother of God, Rosa Do & Joseph Dang, Patsy Grefer, Conversion of Sinners, End of the Corona Virus

Sunday, March 29, 2020

7:30 a.m. – For All Parishioners

9:30 a.m. – Dexter, Laurie, Camile Gros, Jr. Flys., Willie Boudreaux, Jr., Jane Sanchez, Rome & Barrilleaux Flys., Wiley J. Beevers, Marie Lynn Reine, Josephine Pasateri Weigel, Horace & Vernell Soileau, E.J. & Beulah Cambre, Jackie Cambre, Kathryn Hotard, Andrew Schurb, Oliver "Brock" Bourgeois, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Adrian (Jay) Combe III

11:30 a.m. – Henry Hatty

6:30 p.m. – For All the Corona Virus Victims

Monday, March 30, 2020

12:10 – Sr. Mildred Cheramie, D.C., Elzie Shook & William Donahue, Sr.

Tuesday, March 31, 2020

12:10 – Cheramie, Popovich, Inguagiato Flys. & George Saunders

6:30 p.m. – Hilbert, Annie, Bob, Lloyd & Carolyn Morvant

Wednesday, April 1, 2020

12:10 - Fr. Patrick Kennedy

Thursday, April 2, 2020

12:10 - Richard Hallenus

Friday, April 3, 2020 (First Friday) 8:00 a.m. – Robert Griffin

12:10 - Willie Boudreaux, Jr.

6:30 p.m. – Mass & Stations of the Cross (CANCELLED)
Richard A. LaCour

ST. ANTHONY All intentions will be honored

Saturday, March 28, 2020

5:00 p.m. – Carol Vignes, Emelda Rachel, Msgr. Gerard W. Poche

Sunday, March 29, 2020

10:30 a.m. – Lou Spahr

Monday, March 30, 2020

8:30 a.m. – Yvonne Calvo

Tuesday, March 31, 2020

8:30 a.m. – For All Parishioners

Wednesday, April 1, 2020

8:30 a.m. – Fr. Patrick Kennedy

Thursday, April 2, 2020

8:30 a.m. – For All the Corona Virus Victims

Friday, April 3, 2020

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

Saturday, April 4, 2020

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

5:00 p.m. – Nel Simon, Carol Vignes, Emelda Rachel

Sunday, April 5, 2020 (Palm Sunday)

10:30 a.m. – Barbara & Harry Cook



Lenten Confessions Archdiocesan Confessions have been cancelled due to the Coronavirus.

Baptismal Seminar

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





The St. Joseph Society of St. Vincent de Paul monthly meeting originally scheduled for **Wednesday**, **April 1**st has been **cancelled**.

CANCELLED

Seder Meal
Sunday, April 5 (Palm Sunday)
7:00 p.m.
St. Joseph Social Room





We are very happy to announce that Sr. Jeannette Daniel, SLW and Sr. Judiann Derhake, SLW who taught Montessori Kindergarten at St. Anthony

School for 32 years, will be retiring from St. Anthony School in Bunkie, LA after 15 years. They will be returning to our area and will be living on their own. We would like to help them obtain the necessary items needed to furnish & run their new residence.

We are planning a welcome back reception for them (and a surprise house shower) on Saturday, April 18 after 5pm mass in the St. Anthony School Cafeteria. We are seeking volunteers to help with set up and decorating and donations of cash, debit cards, or items for their new home.

For more information, please call Jan Mitchell (504-701-4391) or Toni Richard (504-228-6913).

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Bulletins are available on our church's webpage. Also, important messages from Fr. Gary are available on our webpage.

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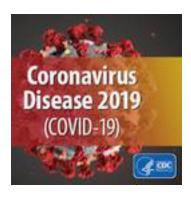
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Dear Parishioner,

With so much uncertainty regarding the COVID-19 virus and increasing recommendations to avoid crowds and take proper safety precautions, we wanted to remind you that we

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- 1. Visit our church website at www.stjosephgretna.com and click on the online giving link for either St Joseph or St Anthony
- 2. Create an account.
- 3. Schedule your recurring gifts.

Please prayerfully consider giving online. If you have any questions, contact the church office.

God Bless, Fr. Gary Copping

Watch Mass on TV & Online

Mass will be broadcast live at 12:05pm, Monday thru Friday & 11am on Sunday via WLAE-



TV or via the website www.thedailymass.com.

Since you will not be able to receive the Holy Eucharist in person, consider this special prayer, an Act of Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus,

I believe that You

are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

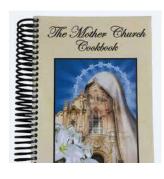
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

St. Alphonsus Liguori



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Attention Ladies!

Please consider joining our two church's Women's Clubs.



St. Joseph Women's Club – please contact Debbie Swiler at 504-361-0619 (home)

St. Anthony Ladies Club – please contact Marie Cannon at 504-368-6950 (home)

All ladies 18 years or older are welcome to join!

Increased Offertory Program

St. Joseph Church & St. Anthony Church Program Summary Report



Thank you for supporting our Building On Our Past - Living In The Present - Securing Our Future Program at St. Joseph Church & St. Anthony Church! The results confirm our commitment as a community and our desire to continue our mission. I am grateful to each of you for your offering, but this is more about our concern for each other and our parish. You have helped each other through your collective sacrifice. As we build our faith we must now implement the appropriate actions to build our parish. This report provides you a brief summary of the results from our program and we will follow up with additional reporting periodically in the future.

May the Lord's blessing be on you and your family.

Humbly Yours In Christ Through Mary, Fr. Gary

Our results from the Building - Living - Securing Program were encouraging. Almost 26% of the parishioners from St. Joseph's and 48% of parishioners from St. Anthony's who gave to the Sunday offertory in the last year made a commitment for the next year. We also had 15 families newly identify themselves as active supporters our of parishes. Overall, commitments from St. Joseph's reflect a 22% increase in the offertory over previous donations from those that responded with a commitment card while the commitments from St. Anthony's reflect a 68% increase. Please – it is important that parishioners maintain these commitments throughout the year so that our churches are able to continue our mission.

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