



3rd Sunday of Easter

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



*...he was made
known to them in
the breaking
of bread.*

Scripture Readings for the Week of April 26, 2020

Sunday	Third Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35
Monday	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday	Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; Saint Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest Acts 7:51—8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday	Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday	Saint Pius V, Pope Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday	Memorial of Saint Joseph the Worker Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59 or Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

**ALL WEEKDAY & WEEKEND
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CORONAVIRUS**



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March 17-31, 2020

Envelopes, Loose, Checks, Online \$1,850.00
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Easter Flowers \$ 10.00

APRIL 1-19, 2020

Envelopes, Loose, Checks, Online \$1,360.00
Maintenance Fund \$ 40.00
Holy Land \$ 306.00



Second Collection - May 2-3, 2020

The annual Diocesan Priest Retirement Collection on this World Day of Prayer for Vocations is used to support the medical and retirement expenses of over fifty retired priests in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Your participation in this collection is a way to say “thank you” to our retired Archdiocesan priests for their many years of service to us, the Church of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. **Note: Please disregard the envelope dated May 3, 2020 for The Catholic University of America.**

Please be reminded that St. Joseph Church is open daily from 8am-4pm. Drop by, light a candle, say a prayer, adore the Eucharistic Face of Jesus, walk the Stations, and lay your burdens down at the Cross.



St. Joseph Church

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Rev. Gary P. Copping, Pastor

MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

ST. JOSEPH

All mass intentions will be honored during
private liturgies

Saturday, April 25, 2020

4:00 p.m. – Leta & Sidney Phillips, James K. Gaudet,
Letha & Al Ehret, Luke J. Trombatore, Lucille Link, All
Souls, In Honor of St. Joseph & The Mother of God,
Rosa Do & Joseph Dang, Patsy Grefer

Sunday, April 26, 2020

7:30 a.m. – For All Parishioners

9:30 a.m. – Wiley J. Beevers, Marie Lynn Reine,
Josephine Pasateri Weigel, Willie Boudreaux, Jr.,
Horace & Vernell Soileau, E.J. & Beulah Cambre,
Jackie Cambre

11:30 a.m. – Ronald & Faye Larkin

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

Monday, April 27, 2020

12:10 – Theresa DiPascal

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

12:10 – Lucille Link

6:30 p.m. – W. Richard & Helen White

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

12:10 – Irvin, Sr., Lillian, & Irvin “Skippy” Jr., Brunet

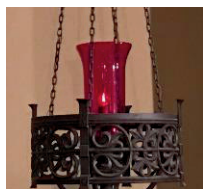
Thursday, April 30, 2010

12:10 – Everette & Anne Gauthreaux

Friday, May 1, 2020 (First Friday)

8:00 a.m. – Ellen McDermott

12:10 – Willie Boudreaux, Jr.



The Sanctuary Light
and Flowers on the
Altar at **St. Joseph**
this week will be in
memory of
Larry Boudreaux



ST. ANTHONY

All mass intentions will be honored during
private liturgies

Saturday, April 25, 2020

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

Sunday, April 26, 2020

10:30 a.m. – For the End of the Corona Virus

Monday, April 27, 2020

8:30 a.m. – For All Parishioners

Tuesday, April 28, 2020

8:30 a.m. – For Peace in the World

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

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

Thursday, April 30, 2020

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

Friday, May 1, 2020 (First Friday)

8:30 a.m. – Margaret D. Arnold

Saturday, May 2, 2020

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

5:00 p.m. – Valerie Thibodaux, Emelda Rachel

Sunday, May 3, 2020

10:30 a.m. – Lou Spahr

In Memoriam

Let us remember to pray for the repose of the
souls of **Russell Templet and Eddie Falterman**
(long time faithful employee of St. Joseph).
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful
departed rest in peace. *Amen.*

Baptismal Seminar

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



At the request of the Archbishop, the church bells will be rung daily at 6:00pm to offer prayer for protection from the coronavirus and to ask God's blessings on healthcare workers who serve us so well.

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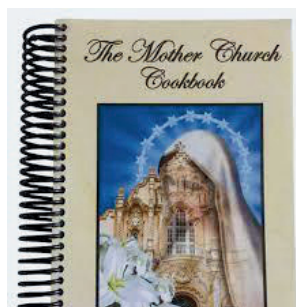
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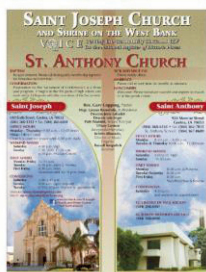
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**Archdiocesan Golden
Wedding Anniversary
Celebration Cancelled**

Unfortunately, this year's Golden Wedding Anniversary **scheduled for June 7, 2020**, needs to be canceled. However, since this event always includes those married 50 years or more, those planning to attend this year can plan to attend next year in 2021 and still receive a scroll and a picture with the Archbishop.



**Remember to Support Your
Parish When You Are Not
Able to Attend**

Your generous contribution to support the mission and ministries of St. Joseph/St. Anthony Parishes has always been greatly appreciated. Your stewardship is an act of thanksgiving for all that God has done for you and your loved ones. During the Coronavirus pandemic, we cannot be physically together to celebrate the Holy Mass, but we can still make a gift of ourselves by continuing to support our parish by digital giving or through the US mail. No gift is too small or insignificant. God bless you in advance for your parish support.

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 have options in place now that you can use today. This option is an ideal way to support the parish and our mission should you elect to stay home and worship. Online Giving is available for you to make contributions to the church. This option makes use of current technology and security standards and allows you to easily setup recurring contributions. It also enables our church to take advantage of new tools to become more efficient. Online Giving Parishioner Benefits Secure and confidential. No need to share payment information with the church office. **Efficient.** Set up direct withdrawals from your checking, savings account or a credit card. **Simple.** Start, stop and change your contributions at any time. **Convenient.** No need to write a check or have cash available. **Remote flexibility.** You can give from virtually anywhere anytime. Online Giving is intended to be a convenient tool for you to use, and we strongly support both Online Giving and Offering Envelopes for contributions to the parish. Online Giving is the electronic way to participate in weekly offertory. **Start giving online today!**

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.



A Message from Your Pastor

What was going on from Good Friday to Easter Sunday?

Scripture tells us very little about what was going on in the Upper Room and in the minds of the disciples. Based upon Luke's account of Easter Sunday Morning and the discussion of the disciples' journey back to Emmaus, there was a great deal of sadness and discouragement being felt. In the Gospel of St John, the Apostles were gathered together in fear and isolation with the door locked. The disciples and Apostles of Jesus had given up everything to follow Jesus and within 24 hours, Jesus was arrested, tried, brutally scourged, and put to a violent death. A dazzling and luminescent future was clouded in darkness. The disciples retreated from the world and isolated themselves. In their fear, they convinced themselves that all was lost and would never get better and would not return to normal. We, like the disciples, are sad and we can relate to what the disciples were feeling from Good Friday to Easter Sunday. It sounds and feels so familiar, so similar. To whomever we speak, we hear a common story about how each and every one of us has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic personally, emotionally, financially, and spiritually. Like the disciples during those 3 long days, we are scared, isolated, and uncertain of what the future holds.

We, as the Church, are hurting. As Catholics, the high point of the week is Sunday Mass. To celebrate Mass without the full community is a reality no priest has ever dreamed would occur. Additionally, as a priest of Jesus Christ, we priest's dearly miss the opportunity to serve and interact directly with our people. It is a tragedy that public celebrations, gatherings, and services cannot be held at this time but there are opportunities to still live out our Catholic Faith in our Parish without having large number of parishioners together all at one time.

St Joseph Church is open daily from 8am to 4 pm. When I am present in the Church praying, I am available for Confessions and Pastoral Counseling. The Eucharist is exposed several hours a day. One can walk the Stations (inside the courtyard or inside the Church). Silent prayer and reflection can be done inside the Church in the comfort of a climate-controlled Church. I am in the office in the morning and am available during that time also if you want to visit or call. One can even send me an email to let me know what is going on in your life and if we can help. Our Church building is relatively empty, except for the devout souls that come every day to pray. Please consider stopping in to pray and to spend some time in God's Presence. It is truly rewarding! As a priest of Jesus Christ for almost seven years, I can say that I have experienced the joys and sorrows that were experienced by the Apostles, along with the light and darkness that they walked through. In our lives, we will feel scared, confused, hurt, and unsure about what the future holds. I heard Billy Graham once say, "I don't know what the future holds, but I know who holds the future". I believe that with my whole being, I know and have totally given of my life to the hope and joy of the Resurrection. Even though these days will try our patience and our endurance, I know that God will get me and you through them. Our Redeemer lives! God's Ways are not our ways; but His Ways are the best. Let us remain faithful and loyal to God. He will never deny us or fail us. Together we stand; divided we fall. We may experience setbacks and challenges; but we will emerge from this crisis as a stronger, holier, and determined Church with increased zeal, with livelier testimony and witness, and with more heartfelt service to God and neighbor. Easter is the best time to hear and proclaim the Good News. Scripture tells us, "Do not fear!" The Second Sunday of Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday. Like the bottom of the image says, "Jesus, I trust in You". You are in my prayers each and every day.

Fr. Gary

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