

God took the fragrance
of a flower...

The majesty of a tree...

The gentleness of
morning dew...

The calm of a quiet sea...

The beauty
of the twilight hour...

The soul
of a starry night...

The laughter of a
rippling brook...

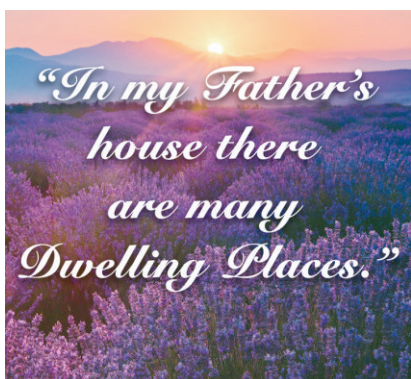
The grace of a bird
in flight...

Then God fashioned
from these things
A creation like no other,
And when his
masterpiece was through
He called it simply -
Mother.

~Herbert Farnham

In Honor of Our Mothers

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Scripture Readings for the Week of May 10, 2020

Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12
Monday	Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday	Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday	Our Lady of Fatima Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday	Feast of Saint Matthias, Apostle Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Jn 15:9-17
Friday	Memorial of Saint Isidore Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday	Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday	Sixth Sunday of Easter Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

New Mass Guidelines

Public Masses can now be celebrated. Masses at St. Joseph Church are as follows:

Sunday – 8am, 10am, & 11:30am
Monday – 12pm
Tuesday – 12pm & 4pm with Novena
Wednesday – 12pm
Thursday – 12pm
Friday – 12pm
Saturday – 8am & 4pm

Please practice proper hygiene with handwashing & masking along with physical distancing (sit at least 6 feet apart & stand 6 feet apart in communion line).



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Envelopes, Loose, Checks, Online . . . \$6,486.50
Budgeted Weekly Expense \$9,224.51
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense] -\$2,738.01

Diocesan Priest Retirement \$ 762.00

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Envelopes, Loose, Checks, Online . . . \$1,990.00
Budgeted Weekly Expense \$5,342.00
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense] -\$3,352.00

Second Collection

May 16-17, 2020

St. Joseph Restoration Fund

Monies collected have been earmarked for this fund and will be used for projects such as washing/waterproofing/restoring the stucco to the exterior of the church, repair of termite damage in the auditorium/cafeteria building, and other major projects to restore the beauty of St. Joseph Church. This collection will not replace the monthly Maintenance Fund collection but will be an additional collection.



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MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

ST. JOSEPH

Saturday, May 9, 2020

4:00 p.m. – Leta & Sidney Phillips, James K. Gaudet, Letha & Al Ehret, Clinton & Irma Terrio, Rene Nelson Oubre, Sr., Conversion of Sinners, In Honor of St. Joseph, Rosa Do & Joseph Dang, Patsy Grefer, Eddie Falterman, Mary Grace Curry

Sunday, May 10, 2020 (Mother's Day)

7:30 a.m. – Ralph Goodwyne, Jr.

9:30 a.m. – For All Parishioners

11:30 a.m. – Marie Eva Cotton, Christian Paul Duet, Katherine Labruzzo, Jessie W. Boudreaux, Barbara Perron, Susie & Edward Comeaux, Ray & Bobby, Lemm & Isabella Bauer, Elda Larkin, Rosa Day, Lucille Borne, Josie Stewart, Living & Deceased of the Guillot, Russo, Danna & Marcel Flys., Souls In Purgatory, Conversion of Sinners, Bessie Stewart, Wiley J. Beevers, Marie Lynn Reine, Josephine Pasateri Weigel, Lucille Hebert, Philomena Miller, Lucille Link, Mary Foley, Horace & Vernell Soileau, E.J. & Beulah Cambre, Jackie Cambre, Joy Millet, John & Leonore Charles, Charles Lyons, Theresa DiPascal, Roland Hebert, W. Richard & Helen White, Gustave Peter Crammond, Anna Walsh Klotter, Jim Walsh & Claire Walsh, Jerry Broome, Sr.

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

Monday, May 11, 2020

12:10 – Roxanne Gonsulin

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

12:10 – George & Nancy Pitre, Lelia Pitre Boudreaux

6:30 p.m. – Howard Peltier

Wednesday, May 13, 2020

12:10 – Dexter, Laurie, Camile, Gros, Jr. Flys., Jane Sanchez, Rome & Barrilleaux Flys.

Thursday, May 14, 2010

12:10 – Mathilda Pfeiffer Trombatore

Friday, May 15, 2020

12:10 – John Lanier

ST. ANTHONY

Saturday, May 9, 2020

5:00 p.m. – Jody Anne Breaux-Pope, Coyne Family, Nel Simon, Emelda Rachel

Sunday, May 10, 2020 (Mother's Day)

10:30 a.m. – Doris Lirette, Lucille Kass Navarre, Mary Strohmeyer, Margaret D. Arnold, Nel Simon, Celeste LeSassier, Emelda Rachel, Marie Cox, Grace Bonnet Granger, Lloyd L. Bellaire, Sr.

Monday, May 11, 2020

8:30 a.m. – Raymond Strohmeyer, Sr.

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

8:30 a.m. – Joe Relle

Wednesday, May 13, 2020

8:30 a.m. – Barbara & Harry Cook

Thursday, May 14, 2020

8:30 a.m. – For the End of the Corona Virus

Friday, May 15, 2020

8:30 a.m. – Coyne Family

Saturday, May 16, 2020

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

5:00 p.m. – Emelda Rachel

Sunday, May 17, 2020

10:30 a.m. – Margaret D. Arnold

The Sanctuary Light at **St. Anthony** this week will burn in memory of
Nel Simon



Baptismal Seminar

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

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.



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.



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.

In Memoriam

Let us remember to pray for the repose of the souls of **Russell Vierung, Walter Navarre and Alton Casler**. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. *Amen*.

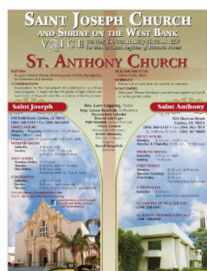


Since you will not be able to receive the Holy Eucharist in person, consider this special prayer, an Act of Spiritual Communion:

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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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.

April 27, 2020, Update from Archbishop Aymond

The governor extended the “stay home” mandate until May 15, 2020.

Because “Church” is an essential part of our lives – effective immediately, public Mass can be celebrated but only 10 people may attend each Mass.

The following directives are to be implemented for each Mass:

1. The people of the Archdiocese are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass.
2. If someone is vulnerable and not feeling well, they should not celebrate Mass in church with other people.
3. Attendance at Mass: The number of people who can gather in the church is not to exceed 10 people. This applies also to Baptisms, Weddings and funerals. This number will increase gradually.
4. For those who feel obliged to fulfill the Sunday obligation, a weekday Mass could accomplish this.
5. Additional Vigil Masses, Sunday and weekday Masses may be added to accommodate more people.
6. Either by computer, or by phone, people could make reservations to attend a specific Mass. More information on this soon.
7. An usher must make certain the 10-person rule is observed.
8. A specific Mass could be designated for the elderly who are in good health.
9. The church should be sanitized after each service.
10. Family members may sit in the same pew.
11. Social distancing must be observed – 6 feet apart. (This may necessitate roping off pews or putting markers for people to sit.) Six feet apart applies to the communion line as well.
12. Make sure all ministers observe proper hygiene of their hands.
13. Regarding the celebration of Mass:
 - a. Ministers and parishioners should wear a mask.
 - b. The priest/deacons should wear a mask at communion.
 - c. Give communion with no bodily contact. Gently let the host touch the person’s hand and drop it in their hand without touching them.
 - d. Communion on the tongue is not encouraged.
 - e. The chalice with the precious blood is not to be offered.
 - f. The sign of peace can be given by bowing to the other person.
 - g. As people depart from Mass, social distancing must be observed.

The number who may attend will increase gradually, but in the meantime, we want to cooperate, so the virus does not spread.

May 1 Update from Fr. Gary

Public Masses can now be celebrated. I am doing Masses as follows: Sunday 8am, 10am, and 11:30am; Monday 12pm; Tuesday 12pm and 4pm; Wednesday 12pm; Thursday 12pm; Friday 12pm; & Saturday 8am and 4pm. You are invited to celebrate with us. **Remember to please practice proper hygiene with handwashing and masking along with physical distancing.** Looking forward to seeing you at mass. Also, due to pastoral necessity, if I need to add masses, I can. If the number of attendees begins to exceed comfortable levels, I can celebrate more masses so that more people can attend. More to come!

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