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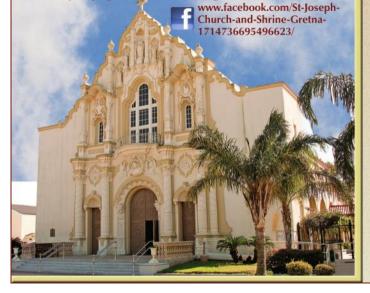
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WEEKEND MASSES

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DAILY MASSES

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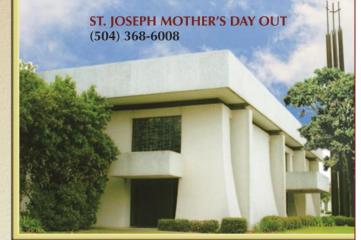
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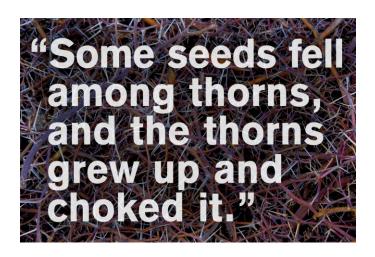
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15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Scripture Readings for the Week of July 12, 2020

Sunday Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or Mt 13:1-9

Monday Saint Henry

Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23;

Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday Memorial of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8;

Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and

Doctor of the Church

Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15;

Mt 11:25-27

Thursday Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab and 15,

16-18, 19-21; Mt 11:28-30

Friday Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16;

Mt 12:1-8

Saturday Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest

Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21

Sunday Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or Mt 13:24-30



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.





ST. JOSEPH

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ST. ANTHONY



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PLEASE OBSERVE NEW MANDATES FOR PHASE II

Some of the civil parishes are sending representatives to visit churches and businesses to make certain that the guidelines regarding large gatherings are being enforced. A report is given to law enforcement regarding compliance. Please make sure that social distancing is observed and that masks are worn. In Orleans and Jefferson parishes **MASKS ARE REQUIRED**. We want to observe these rules so as not to spread the virus. The Catholic Church is a leader in this effort.

MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

ST. JOSEPH

Saturday, July 11, 2020

4:00 p.m. – Leta & Sidney Phillips, James K. Gaudet, Letha & Al Ehret, Rene Nelson Oubre, Sr., Patsy Grefer, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Eddie Falterman, Charles Russo, Frank Cardinale, Conversion of Sinners

Sunday, July 12, 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, Alton Casler, Christian Duet, Judge Henry G. Sullivan, Jr., Poor Souls in Purgatory

11:30 a.m. – Edgar Laborie, Sr., Elmore A. Crosby, Jr., A.J. Borne, Jr.

6:30 p.m. – For the End of the Coronavirus

Monday, July 13, 2020

12:10 - Sidney J. Waguespack, Jr.

Tuesday, July 14, 2020

12:10 - Christian Duet

6:30 p.m. – Joseph Granda, Lena Lanier Granda, Paul Granda

Wednesday, July 15, 2020

12:10 – Ralph Goodwyne, Sr.

Thursday, **July 16**, 2020

12:10 - Leta & Sidney Phillips

Friday, July 17, 2020

12:10 - Robert J. Mayville, Sr.



The Flowers on the Altar at **St. Joseph** this week will be in memory of *Robert J. Mayville, Sr., Sidney J. Waguespack, Jr.*

ST. ANTHONY

Saturday, July 11, 2020

5:00 p.m. – Nel Simon, Emelda Rachel, Henry Strohmeyer, Jr.

Sunday, July 12, 2020

10:30 a.m. - Margaret D. Arnold

Monday, July 13, 2020

8:30 a.m. – For the End of the Coronavirus

Tuesday, July 14, 2020

8:30 a.m. - Nellie Relle

Wednesday, July 15, 2020

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

Thursday, July 16, 2020

8:30 a.m. – Barbara & Harry Cook

Friday, July 17, 2020

8:30 a.m. – Coyne Family

Saturday, July 18, 2020

8:30 a.m. – For All Parishioners

5:00 p.m. – Emelda Rachel, Grace Bonnet Granger, Lloyd L. Bellaire, Sr.

Sunday, July 19, 2020

10:30 a.m. – For All Victims of the Coronavirus

Shield the Badge with Prayer

A monthly Rosary for Peace for law enforcement, emergency personnel, firefighters, military, and peace in the world will be held at St. Joseph Church at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 20th. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, please call Mary Grace at 367-7515.

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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.



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.

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.



Watch Mass on TV & Online

For those who cannot attend mass in person, mass will be broadcast live at 12:05pm, Monday thru Friday & 11am on Sunday via WLAE-TV or via the website www.thedailymass.com.



If you are unable 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.

St. Alphonsus Liguori



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Come Lord Jesus Bible Study meets on

Wednesday at 1:00pm in the Social Room of the St. Joseph Family Life Center and on Thursday at 10:30am at St. Anthony Rectory.





St. Joseph Church has been contacted by many of you in regard to the annual Rummage Sale held in conjunction with the Gretna Citywide Yard Sale on October 10. By August 1, if

Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted as expected, the event should go on as planned. St. Joseph will accept donations in September. A list of items that will be accepted will follow.

Prayer for the Hurricane Season

Through the intercession of *Our Lady of Prompt Succor*, may we be protected from all loss of life and property during this hurricane season.



If you are unable to attend mass in person, there are several ways to receive our weekly parish bulletin:

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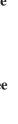
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Clarion Herald The e-edition of the Clarion Herald is available each week at http://clarionheraldla.newsmemorv.com.

A new electronic issue of the

Clarion Herald goes live every Tuesday at approximately 3:00pm. **Summer biweekly schedule - No print issues:**

July 11 & 25; and Aug. 8





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, some of us 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.

Wearing a Mask Displays True Love of Neighbor By Archbishop Gregory Aymond

The COVID-19 pandemic has forced us into a new way of life that has brought fears and uncertainty. Has it brought blessings?

- More time with family.
- A deeper appreciation of the need to trust in God.
- A vision to see our own needs and the needs of others.
- Hungers: Some for the next meal; also the hunger to be with others, thus appreciating family and others at a different level.
 - Hunger for the Eucharist.
 - More free time to pray and reflect this has even led some to think of a deeper meaning to life and their vocation. We have many questions:
 - There are many fears.
 - What are some of the blessings God sent me?
 - How can I keep those blessings/attitudes alive beyond COVID-19?

Every aspect of the COVID-19 pandemic has been perplexing. Not only has an invisible enemy taken the lives of more than 125,000 people in the United States, but it also has forced millions of Americans into unemployment and created a firestorm of fear and anxiety about the future.

Who is next? What is next?

Only God knows.

In the meantime, as we go about our daily lives trying to love God and love our neighbor, it is important that we do everything we can on a personal level to keep our part of the world as safe as possible during this global plague. We need only look at the spike in the number of coronavirus cases and hospitalizations since the loosening of social-distancing restrictions in some parts of the country to understand that we need to do our part to be good neighbors to each other.

There are far too many unknowns about the virus itself, but this much we do know: Wearing a mask in public and keeping a safe distance from those outside of our immediate household are true "acts of charity" toward our neighbor.

Wearing a mask in public – and certainly at Sunday Mass – is a small act of charity and may well save lives. This is a question much more about care than about fear.

There is virtually no scientific disagreement that wearing a mask reduces the possibility of dispersing into the air particles that may contain the virus and also reduces the possibility of inhaling any particles from another person.

As we have seen, many people who are infected with coronavirus are asymptomatic, which means they do not know they are sick and are capable of spreading the disease. Wearing a mask in public protects your neighbor in the grocery store, in the bank and in church.

Admittedly, wearing a mask can be an irritation, but doing so is a small act of charity that we as Christians are called to offer out of love for God and neighbor. Far from being a sign of weakness, wearing a mask is a sign of strength, selfless love and prudence.

In the Archdiocese of New Orleans, I've been humbled to see so many people spread out in church for Mass, wearing masks, and taking every precaution to keep a safe distance from each other. I've asked priests and extraordinary ministers of holy Communion to sanitize their hands and to wear masks as they give out the Eucharist. In an abundance of caution, we have asked Catholics to receive Communion in the hand and not on the tongue.

Some may make the argument that public advisories to wear masks infringe on our constitutional rights. I would hope, however, that we would view caring for the public health – the common good – as acting, as Christ would, as a servant to others. We are caring for our friends.

In New Orleans, masking takes on a meaning all its own during Carnival. We hide our faces behind masks to become someone else for a day. No one seems to complain that breathing through a mask on Mardi Gras is a bit odd and cumbersome. How much more important is it now to mask – when we're talking not about a pair of beads but about a life.

We need to show we care. Please wash your hands. Please wear a mask. Please save a life.

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