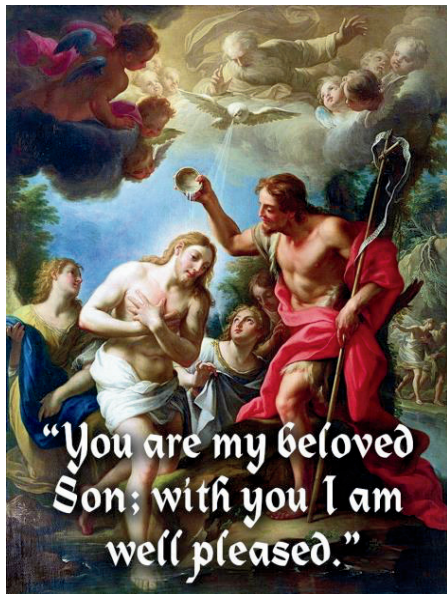


Baptism *of the Lord*

After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him.

Matthew 3:16

BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Readings for the Week of January 10, 2021

Sunday	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3); Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11
Monday	Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday	Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday	Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday	Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday	Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday	Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a); 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42



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.



The St. Joseph and St. Anthony Offices will be closed **Monday, January 18, 2021** in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



COLLECTIONS FOR JANUARY 2-3, 2021

ST. JOSEPH

Envelopes, Loose, Checks	\$4,918.01
Online (12/28/20-1/3/21)	\$1,114.00
Total Collected	\$6,032.01
Budgeted Weekly Expense	\$9,224.51
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense] -	\$3,192.50

Solemnity of Mary	\$2,169.00
Maintenance Fund	\$1,589.80

ST. ANTHONY

Envelopes, Loose, Checks	\$6,191.00
Online (12/28/20-1/3/21)	\$ 200.00
Total Collected	\$6,391.00
Budgeted Weekly Expense	\$5,342.00
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense] -	\$1,049.00

Solemnity of Mary	\$1,247.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 820.00



Second Collection January 16-17, 2021 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, January 9, 2021

4:00 p.m. – Eddie Falterman, Nola Marchese, Leta & Sidney Phillips, James K. Gaudet, Patsy Grefer, Rene Oubre, Letha & Al Ehret, Maria Dang, Ellis J. Piglia, Sr., Roy Allain, Jr., Benny Randazzo, Jr., Roy, Marguerite & Kenney Ortolano, John Hefti, Robert & Notile Klein, Frances, Darlene & Donna Hefti, Charles & Della Perry, Souls in Purgatory, Fr. Michael Fraser, Cheryl Perry Smith, President Donald & Melania Trump, Emelda Jacobsen Griffin, Shirley Sisung Poole

Sunday, January 10, 2021 (Baptism of the Lord)

7:30 a.m. – Francis “Dellie” Kennedy

9:30 a.m. – Ramona H. Ramos, Wiley J. Beevers, Marie Lynn Reine, Josephine Pasateri Weigel, Cambre, Brunet, Fonseca & Boudreaux Flys., Ruth Casler, Bill Swiler

11:30 a.m. – For All Parishioners

6:30 p.m. – For All Victims of the Coronavirus

Monday, January 11, 2021

12:10 – Poor Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

12:10 – Sean Baldwin

6:30 p.m. – Alton & Ruth Casler

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

12:10 – Conversion of Sinners

Thursday, January 14, 2021

12:10 – Marlin A. Leger, Sr. & Gladys Leger

Friday, January 15, 2021

12:10 – Kendall Alfortish



ST. ANTHONY

Saturday, January 9, 2021

5:00 p.m. – Louise Roche', Jay Paul Roussel, Sr.

Sunday, January 10, 2021 (Baptism of the Lord)

10:30 a.m. – Carmen Koenig Kass

Monday, January 11, 2021

8:30 a.m. – Jay Paul Roussel, Sr.

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

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

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

8:30 a.m. – Wedge Family

Thursday, January 14, 2021

8:30 a.m. – For All Victims of the Coronavirus

Friday, January 15, 2021

8:30 a.m. – Poor Souls in Purgatory

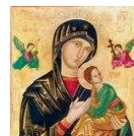
Saturday, January 16, 2021

8:30 a.m. – For All Parishioners

5:00 p.m. – Jay Paul Roussel, Sr.

Sunday, January 17, 2021

10:30 a.m. – Carmen Koenig Kass, Vera & Arthur Schexnayder Wedding Anniversary, Jay Paul Roussel, Sr.



Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

In this novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (also known as Our Mother of Perpetual Help from this icon pictured on the left) we pay tribute to the Blessed Virgin Mary in asking for her assistance. This picture of the Blessed Mother with her Divine Son above has helped her provide strength, comfort and even miracles to the faithful for centuries! Come join us for Mass and Novena.

In Memoriam

Let us remember to pray for the repose of the souls of **Gary Relle and Nancy Escoffier**. 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.

Archdiocesan Silver Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Sun. March 14, 2021–3:00 pm

St. Joseph Church

Tulane Ave. in New Orleans



If you will be celebrating your 25th Wedding Anniversary next year (married in the year 1996) and wish to attend, please register with the parish office by January 15, 2021. This celebration will not be a Mass, but a prayer service. Attendance of Mass for Sunday obligation will have to be met within one's parish.



The Archdiocesan Men's Conference will be held at St. Catherine of Siena parish on Saturday February 27th, 2021. This year's theme is "Sons of the Father". To ensure reasonable social

distancing, the number of "on campus" participants will be limited. We will also be making a live "virtual" option available where men can participate (individually or in groups) in the conference remotely. To register, please visit: www.neworleanscatholic.com.

15 Ways to Gain an Indulgence in the Year of the Eucharist and St. Joseph

Ways to remove the temporal punishment due to sin for yourself or for a soul in purgatory. Please visit the St. Joseph website to read this article, which can be found in the right-hand column under Parish News.

Copies are also available in the rear of St. Joseph Church.



Coronavirus Prayer

Loving and faithful God, the coronavirus reminds us that we have no power, and we are dependent on you. We place ourselves in your loving hands. Give eternal rest to all who have died from the virus. Place your healing hand on those who are ill and give your protection to us in this time of fear and uncertainty. Calm our fears and help us to trust you as our faithful God. Enlighten our government and Church leaders as they are faced with important decisions. Give blessing to those in healthcare and protect them.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us.

Blessed Francis Seelos, pray for us.

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How to Receive Help - Please leave a voice mail on our phone line (504) 298-6907. A team member will contact you to set up an appointment for a home visit.

How to Provide Help - Monetary donations are accepted by placing funds in the Poor Box inside St Joseph and St Anthony Churches.

How to Join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul - We welcome all to attend our monthly meetings held in the St Joseph Church Office on the first Wednesday of each month at 3 p.m. We begin at 2:45 p.m. by reciting the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary. If you have any questions, please leave a message on our phone line (504) 298-6907.



The St. Joseph Women's Club will hold their quarterly meeting on Monday, January 11th at 1:00 p.m. in the Social Room of the Family Life Center. All women, 18 years of age or older, are invited to attend.

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, January 16th. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, please call Mary Grace at 367-7515.



That Man Is You! "The Battle for the Bride"

Spring Semester begins Friday, January 22, 2021 ++ Every Friday morning with 5:45am breakfast, 6:15am greeting, 6:20am Video Presentation; 7:00am small group discussion, and 7:30am dismissal. Please come. Program runs for 13 weeks. We meet in the St. Joseph Auditorium (above the Cafeteria).

Come Lord Jesus! Bible Study - In St Anthony Parish Office/Hall -- Thursdays at 10:30 in St Anthony Rectory ++ Also on Wednesdays at 1 pm St Joseph has their CLJ in the St Joseph Social Room ++ Please



join us for either++ It's a program that was developed in the Diocese of Lafayette, Louisiana in the late sixties and early seventies by Father Conley Bertrand, a parish priest. Graced with a love for prayer and Scripture and an ardent zeal, he sought to communicate these qualities to his parishioners. Come, Lord Jesus! is the fruit of many years of prayer, reflection on Sacred Scripture, and experimentation. This inspiring program is a complete study of the Sunday Readings, including Gospels (Be My Witness), Epistles (Love One Another) and the Old Testament (Give Glory to God) in three separate volumes. Following the Liturgical Calendar and utilizing the Catechism of the Catholic Church, members grow in sanctification through prayer, Scripture, Eucharist, and Christian community.

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During this time of the Mass, we usually have our collection or offertory. As you may know, our offerings to God are an age-old practice that allows the faithful to bring their gifts to God. Those gifts offered can be in many forms; an offering of your prayers, giving of your service to your family or neighbors during this time and/or financial giving. I recognize this time may be difficult for some people to feel like they can give, but I remind you that if you need help, please reach out to the Church. But also, if you can help, please reach out to the Church. We want to connect the great generosity that we know is present, with the need in our community.

St. Joseph and St. Anthony need you.

Your financial gift is needed more than ever as we no longer have the regular income that allows the parish to operate and minister. If you would prayerfully consider mailing in your offering (or making an online gift), we would be grateful for your sacrifice as we continue to serve your spiritual needs.

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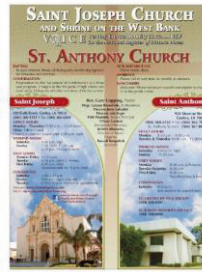


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