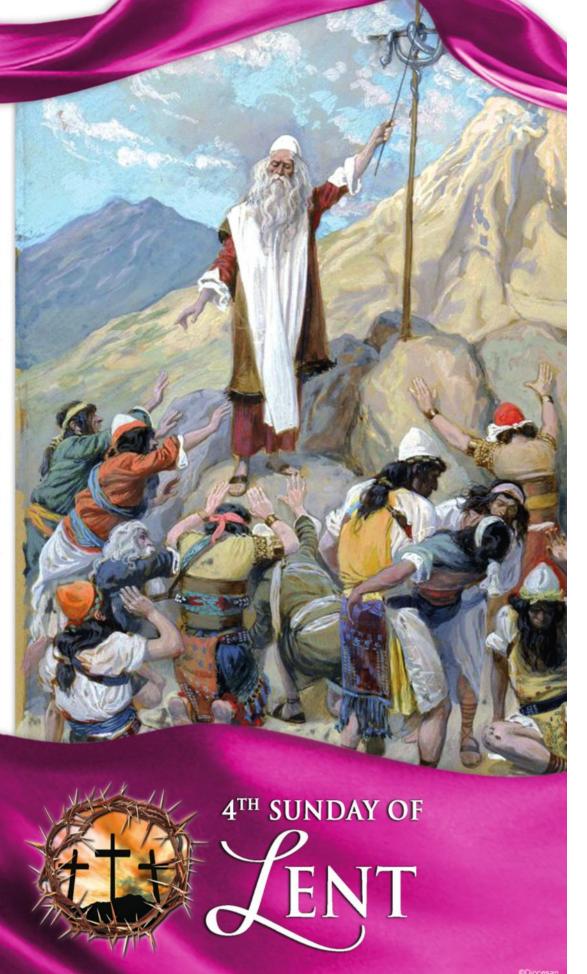
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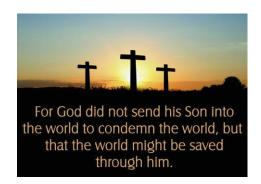
"Just as Moses
lifted up the
serpent in the
desert, so must
the Son of Man
be lifted up,
so that everyone
who believes
in him may have
eternal life."

John 3:14,15

The Brazen Serpent by James Tissot, circa 1899



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Readings for the Week of March 14, 2021

Sunday Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5,

6: Eph 2:4-10: Jn 3:14-21

Monday Is 65:17-21: Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and

13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday Saint Patrick, Bishop

Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;

Jn 5:17-30

Thursday Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor

of the Church

Ex 32:7-14: Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23:

Jn 5:31-47

Friday Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Or Lk 2:41-51a

Saturday Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12;

Jn 7:40-53

Sunday Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15;

Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33



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.



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COLLECTIONS FOR MARCH 6-7, 2021

ST. JOSEPH

Envelopes, Loose, Checks	\$5,398.20
Online (3/1-7/21)	\$ 594.00
Total Collected	\$5,992.20
Budgeted Weekly Expense	\$9,224.51
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense] -	-\$3,232.31

Maintenance Fund \$1,789.00

ST. ANTHONY

Envelopes, Loose, Checks	\$	10,213.00
Online (3/1-7/21)	\$	350.00
Total Collected	\$1	10,563.00
Budgeted Weekly Expense	\$	5,342.00
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense]+	\$	5,221.00



Dear Brothers and Sisters... I urge all the faithful to assume their responsibility

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- Few realize that the Archdiocese has to pay for men to attend Notre Dame Seminary and St. Joseph Seminary College. This constitutes one of the largest line items in the annual budget for our local Church.
- One seminarian costs about \$124 per-day, \$3800
 per month, \$45,000 per year We have 30 men.
- Out of the hundreds of seminarians at both seminaries, these 30 men will be serving in our local Church, serving our children and grandchildren as wiests for generatings to come. We need them
- Why is it so expensive? They receive the very higher levels of training and formation, from academic and pastoral care along with services to aid their personal development. We are committed to this mission and believe now more than ever that the faithful need and deserve the very best the Church can provide.

On March 20 and 21, the Archdiocese of New Orleans will host a very important second collection to raise funds to offset the costs of educating seminarians at Notre Dame Seminary and St. Joseph Seminary College. This is the first time this collection has been held in the archdiocese and all funds will go directly to supporting the educations and formation of the 30 men currently studying to be priests in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. The annual cost to fund one seminarian is \$45,000 and this total is one of the largest budgetary items in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Please continue to pray for these men and those who work with them on their priestly formation and please give generously to this very important fund that will provide monetary support to those men who will minister to the people of God in New Orleans for many years to come.

<u>Please disregard the collection envelope for Central & Eastern Europe.</u>

MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

ST. JOSEPH

Saturday, March 13, 2021

4:00 p.m. – Rick Rodrigue, Leta & Sidney Phillips, James K. Gaudet, Patsy Grefer, Letha & Al Ehret, Conversion of Sinners, Eddie Falterman, Benny Randazzo, Jr., Roy, Marguerite & Kenney Ortolano, Mae Capdeville, Janice Gros, Ronald Bonano, Sr., Lynn & Lois Blanchard, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Thanksgiving to St. Theresa, Mark & Patricia McCloskey, Rush Limbaugh, Patrick O'Rear, Dan Bongino, Myrtis Whiting, Former President Donald Trump & Melania Trump, Victims of Frigid Weather

Sunday, March 14, 2021

7:30 a.m. – Janice Gros

9:30 a.m. – Wiley J. Beevers, Marie Lynn Reine, Josephine Pasateri Weigel, Carmen Koenig Kass, Cambre, Brunet, Fonseca & Boudreaux Flys., Ruth Casler, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Nora Romano, Conversion of Sinners, Ruth Ziifle, Mitch Boyter, Floyd Dannelly, Jr., Dorothy Thompson Jambon, Lloyd J. Camus, Jr., John Chester Sanderson, Mary Louise Bobbitt, Manuel Anthony Duhe', Karen Sue Hicks, Milagros Lopez Pagan, Janice Gros, Felix Carlos Alfonso, Jr., Lawanda Theresa Pinkins Mackey, Tabitha Hunter Buricaga, Michael Shargois, Jr., Lt. Michael Boutte, Ernest L. Harvey, Jr., Ronald A. Bonano, Jyri Williamson, Amy DeMoras

11:30 a.m. - For All Parishioners

6:30 p.m. -

Monday, March 15, 2021 12:10 – Poor Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, March 16, 2021 12:10 – Conversion of Sinners 6:30 p.m. – Roy Allain

Wednesday, March 17, 2021 12:10 – Margaux Vegas Confessions – 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 18, 2021 12:10 – Lloyd Frisch, Jr.

Friday, March 19, 2021 (Feast of St. Joseph) There will be no 12:10 Mass 10:00 a.m. – Alton & Ruth Casler 6:30 p.m. – Mass & Stations of the Cross Helena LeBlanc

ST. ANTHONY

Saturday, March 13, 2021

5:00 p.m. – Marilyn Borne, Jay Paul Roussel, Sr., Ronald Bordelon

Sunday, March 14, 2021 10:30 a.m. – Lawrence Kass, Sr.

Monday, March 15, 2021 8:30 a.m. – Poor Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, March 16, 2021 8:30 a.m. – Jay Paul Roussel, Sr.

Wednesday, March 17, 2021 8:30 a.m. – Wedge Family Confessions – 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 18, 2021 8:30 a.m. – Lois Kuchler

Friday, March 19, 2021 8:30 a.m. – Mr. & Mrs. Lionel Kass

6:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross (No Mass)

Saturday, March 20, 2021 8:30 a.m. – Jay Paul Roussel, Sr.

5:00 p.m. – Louise Roche', Larry Kass, Jr., Lawrence Kass, Sr., Jay Paul Roussel, Sr., Ronald Bordelon

Sunday, March 21, 2021 10:30 a.m. – Philo Boudreaux



Baptismal Seminar

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

Lenten Confessions

Archdiocesan Lenten Confessions will be available in all parishes on March 17 & 24, from 5:00 -6:30 p.m.



Come Lord Jesus! Bible Study -- In St Anthony Parish Office/Hall --Thursdays at 9:30am in St Anthony Rectory (notice change in time) ++ Also on Wednesdays at 1 pm St Joseph has their CLJ in the St



Joseph Cafeteria ++ 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.



Congratulations to Alice and Eric Houin of St Joseph Church & Shrine (pictured left) and Iris & Lynn Coyne of St Anthony Church (pictured right) on being chosen as recipients of the Order of St Louis

Medallion in recognition of their great dedication and years of service to the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. The Order of St Louis is one of the highest and most cherished honors bestowed by the local Church on a member of the laity. It was established more than 50 years ago to recognize individuals who have given unselfishly of their time and talent to the work of the Church for many years. The Medallion will be presented during a prayer service at St Catherine of Siena Church, 105 Bonnabel Blvd., Metairie, on Sunday March 21 at 2:30 pm.





Copies of The Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for Lent 2021 are available in the rear of church.



Donations for Easter Flowers can be placed in the collection basket during the month of March. Weekly contributors please use envelope provided in your packets. For those who do not receive envelopes, donations can be placed in the envelopes provided in pews.

There will not be a designated second collection this year.

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, March 20th. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, please call Mary Grace at 367-7515.



A&W Catering Service, 1119 10th St. in Gretna is sponsoring a fish fry every Friday during Lent. 10% of proceeds will benefit St. Joseph Church. Fried fish plates (\$9.00) will be available for pick up from 11am-2pm (first come first Please call 362-7597 or visit

www.awcateringservices.com to place your order.

In Memoriam

Let us remember to pray for the repose of the souls of *Randy Thibodeaux* and **Babson** (*B.J./Babo*) *LeBlanc*. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. *Amen*.

Phase III Coronavirus Restrictions

On March 2nd, Governor Edwards announced that church attendance is not limited to a percentage of capacity – however he stated that:

"Religious services will no longer have capacity limits, but social distancing is strongly encouraged,

and masking will still be required."

This does not apply to New Orleans. We still await the details of the newest restrictions. No more than 50% occupancy and social distancing is the current requirement in New Orleans. After consultation with medical professionals, the dispensation from Sunday obligation remains in place throughout the Archdiocese of New Orleans, More on this later.

Lenten Fish Fry Friday, March 26, 2021

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ST. JOSEPH ALTAR FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2021 SPONSORED BY ST. JOSEPH CHURCH AND ST. JOSEPH WOMEN'S CLUB PUBLIC INVITED

THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2021 ROSARY IN GYM ... 6:00 PM

Followed by Prayer Service Viewing of the Altar until closing at 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2021

SOLEMN MASS......10:00 AM

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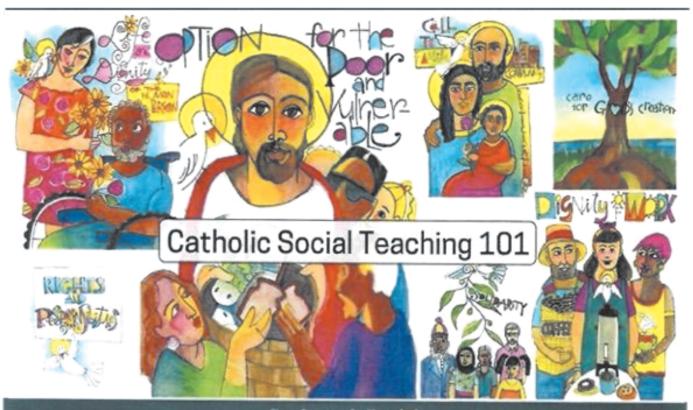
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Monday, March 22, 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, 6:30 p.m.

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