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### Saint Joseph

610 Sixth Street, Gretna, LA 70053  
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#### OFFICE HOURS

**Monday - Thursday:** 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

**Friday:** Office Closed

Church is open for prayer until 4:30 p.m. daily.

#### WEEKEND MASSES

**Saturday** 4:00 p.m. Vigil  
**Sunday** 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.  
6:30 p.m. (Haitian/Creole)

#### DAILY MASSES

**Monday-Friday** 12:10 p.m.  
**Tuesday** 6:30 p.m. Mass & Novena  
**First Friday** 8:00 a.m. Mass  
Adoration until 12:10 p.m. Mass

#### CONFESSIONS

**Saturday** 3:00-3:45 p.m.  
**Sunday** 8:30 a.m. (upon request)  
**Tuesday** 6:00-6:30 p.m. Anytime by appointment.

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#### OFFICE HOURS

**Monday** 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Tuesday & Thursday** 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

#### WEEKEND MASSES

**Saturday** 5:00 p.m. Vigil  
**Sunday** 10:30 a.m.

#### DAILY MASSES

**Monday** 8:30 a.m. & Novena  
**Tuesday-Saturday** 8:30 a.m.  
**First Friday** 8:30 a.m.  
Mass Holy Hour & Novena

#### CONFESSIONS

**Saturday** 4:30 p.m.  
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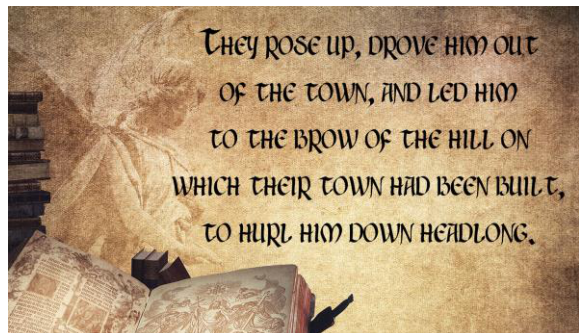
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## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Readings for the Week of January 30, 2022

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Jer 1: 4-5, 17-19 17/ 1 Cor 12: 31-13: 13 or 1 Cor 13:4-13/ Lk 4: 21- 30
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest</b> 2 Sm 15: 13-14, 30; 16:5-13/ Ps 3:2, 4-5, 6-7/ Mk 5:1-20
<b>Tuesday</b>	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/ Ps 86: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mk 5:21-43
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</b> Mal 3:1-4/ Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/ Heb 2:14-18/ Lk 2:22-40
<b>Thursday</b>	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/ 1 Chr 29:10, 11 ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/ Mk 6:7-13
<b>Friday</b>	Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 & 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr</b> 1 Kgs 3:4-13/ Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13,14/ Mk 6:30-34
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/ Ps 138: 1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8/1 Cor 15:1-11/ Lk 5:1-11



**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.**



### Notre Dame Seminary Bible Marathon 2022: A Public Reading of The Bible

**Monday, January 31, 2022 12:30 PM-Midnight**

**Tuesday, February 1, 2022 12:00 PM-Midnight**

**Wednesday, February 2, 2022 12:00 PM-6:00 PM**

The Celebration of Candlemas will follow the Bible Marathon with Mass at 6:00 PM in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception at NDS on Wednesday, February 2nd.

**Questions? Email [biblemarathon@nds.edu](mailto:biblemarathon@nds.edu)**



## COLLECTIONS FOR JANUARY 22-23, 2022

### ST. JOSEPH

Envelopes, Loose, Checks .....	\$4,975.00
Online (1/10-23/22) .....	<u>\$1,107.00</u>
<b>Total Collected .....</b>	<b>\$6,082.00</b>
<b>Budgeted Weekly Expense .....</b>	<b>\$9,224.51</b>
<b>Net Income [+ or - budgeted expense] ..</b>	<b>-\$3,142.51</b>

### ST. ANTHONY

Envelopes, Loose, Checks .....	\$2,205.00
Online (1/17-23/22) .....	<u>\$ 75.00</u>
<b>Total Collected .....</b>	<b>\$2,280.00</b>
<b>Budgeted Weekly Expense .....</b>	<b>\$5,342.00</b>
<b>Net Income [+ or - budgeted expense]. .</b>	<b>-\$3,062.00</b>

## COLLECTIONS FOR JANUARY 15-16, 2022

### ST. ANTHONY

Envelopes, Loose, Checks .....	\$1,359.00
Online (1/10-16/22) .....	<u>\$ 75.00</u>
<b>Total Collected .....</b>	<b>\$1,434.00</b>
<b>Budgeted Weekly Expense .....</b>	<b>\$5,342.00</b>
<b>Net Income [+ or - budgeted expense]. .</b>	<b>-\$3,908.00</b>

## Maintenance Fund

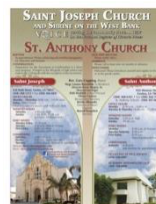
### February 5-6, 2022

**A second collection for the Maintenance Fund will be taken up at all masses next weekend.** This monthly collection will be dedicated solely for the maintenance, repairs, or upgrades to our church complexes. Please be as generous as your means will allow.



## Communal Anointing of the Sick 8:30am Mass – February 11 St. Anthony Church

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## MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

### ST. JOSEPH

**Saturday, January 29, 2022**

**4:00 p.m.** – Joseph, Wilhelmina & Thomas Terrio, Leta & Sidney Phillips, James K. Gaudet, Kathryn Kate Hotard, Carol Lee Kerner Fortmayer, Eddie Falterman, Letha & Al Ehret, Philip Nasca, Enrique Moncada Alvarez, Special Intention, Roy & Marguerite Ortolano, Kenney Ortolano, Benny Randazzo, Jr., All the Souls, Conversion of Sinners

**Sunday, January 30, 2022**

**7:30 a.m.** – For All Parishioners

**9:30 a.m.** – Wiley J. Beevers, Marie Lynn Reine, Josephine Pasateri Weigel

**11:30 a.m.** – Jackie Roy, Carmen Koenig Kass, John Wallace Brennan, Kenneth Dwight Peterson, Sr., Anthony Kirk Jones, Ephiam Perry, Jose Raul Hurst, Michelle Denise Holiday Bonds, Sarah Edward Pitre, Ida A. Saik, Vincent Godfrey Adams, Laura Cuccia Cacioppo, Elden Nunnery, Henry Flattmann, Family of Calgan Carter, Poor Souls in Purgatory

**6:30 p.m.** – For the Haitian Community

**Monday, January 31, 2022**

**12:10** – Ida Stansberry

**Tuesday, February 1, 2022**

**12:10** – Stanley Mendoza

**6:30 p.m.** – Ernest & Daisy Brunet, & Denise Danza Hunter

**Wednesday, February 2, 2022**

**12:10** – Louis J. Guccione, Jr.

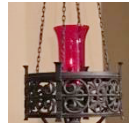
**Thursday, February 3, 2022**

**12:10** – Ralph Goodwyne, Jr.

**Friday, February 4, 2022 (First Friday)**

**8:00 a.m.** – Jonas Vegas

**12:10** – Rev. Joseph Doyle



The Sanctuary Light this week at **St. Joseph** will burn in memory of  
**Gerald T. LaBorde, Sr.**

### ST. ANTHONY

**Saturday, January 29, 2022**

**5:00 p.m.** – Angel Noland, Emelda Rachel, Judy Dominick, Johnny Rideau

**Sunday, January 30, 2022**

**10:30 a.m.** – Margaret D. Arnold

**Monday, January 31, 2022**

**8:30 a.m.** – Raymond Strohmeyer, Sr.

**Tuesday, February 1, 2022**

**8:30 a.m.** – The Wedge Family

**Wednesday, February 2, 2022**

**8:30 a.m.** – Margaret D. Arnold

**Thursday, February 3, 2022**

**8:30 a.m.** – William D. Herzog

**Friday, February 4, 2022 (First Friday)**

**8:30 a.m.** – Mary Louise Catanese

**Saturday, February 5, 2022**

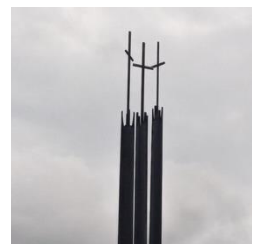
**8:30 a.m.** – Mary Louise Catanese

**5:00 p.m.** – Emelda Rachel, Judy Dominick, Johnny Rideau

**Sunday, February 6, 2022**

**10:30 a.m.** – Joseph Long Nguyen

St Anthony Church has a lending library of Catholic books, movies, and cd's in the back of the Church. Please check out the wide assortment of media and consider checking out something for yourself or for someone you know, so that you may increase your Faith and understanding of time-held beliefs.





**SUNDAY AND MONDAY  
BINGO'S AT GRETN  
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St. Joseph Church as the 3:00pm slots on Sundays and Mondays at the Gretna Bingo Palace. Please come out to play BINGO and support our Church.

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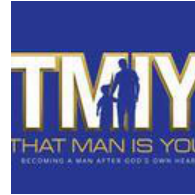
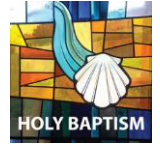
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**Baptismal Seminar**

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



**That Man Is You! ++ Starting back  
Friday February 4, 2022 ++ 5:45am  
Breakfast ++ 6:15am Presentation  
++ 7:30am End of Session ++  
St. Joseph Auditorium (above  
Cafeteria)**

**Session 14: Building a Culture of Peace**

- The Four Leadership Roles of Men
- Becker's Sustainable Socioeconomic Model
- The Story of Lino Zani and Pope St. John Paul II
- The Transcendent Prayer of Pope St. John Paul II
- The Final Confrontation between the Church and Anti-Church
- The Family at the Heart of the Struggle between Good and Evil
- Upcoming Novena in Nazareth and "Spiritual Workout"

**Surviving our Grief**

Grief comes in all forms and every one of us handle it differently. If you have lost a loved one, a child (stillborn, miscarriage, illness, suicide, or accident at any age), a spouse, a parent, a sibling, or a friend please join us. Everyone is welcome.

**WHEN: Saturday, February 5, 2022**

**WHERE: St. Philip Neri, 6500 Kawanee Ave., Metairie, LA**

**TIME: Coffee at 8:30am Presentation at 9:00am**

**Mass at 11:30am with Archbishop Gregory Aymond**

Please sign up at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F44AEAF2AAAFBC34-surviving>

This workshop is being presented by the Office of Marriage and Family Life Grief Ministry Coordinator Jewell Bayhi. For more information contact Jewell Bayhi at [jbayhi@arch-no.org](mailto:jbayhi@arch-no.org) or 985-778-6277





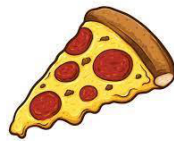
## Mass for the Victims & Survivors of Violence

February 6, 2022

On Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, Archbishop Aymond will celebrate the annual liturgy for the Victims and Survivors of Violence at the 11:00am Mass at St. Louis Cathedral. Please call the Church Office with the names of families in our Parishes who have been affected by violence and murder. The Archbishop will send them an invitation to this special Mass. The Archdiocese of New Orleans is asking the families who have lost loved ones to bring a photo of them to carry during the procession. Survivors who attend will also be remembered in prayer.

### ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS AGED 18 TO 40

We are planning our next "Pizza with The Pastor" on Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM, so please come and invite your friend(s) and acquaintances. The gathering, including some fun board games, will be held in the St. Joseph Auditorium.



### Come, Lord Jesus! Bible Study

Wednesdays - 1:00PM - St. Joseph Cafeteria

Thursdays - 10:30AM - St. Anthony Rectory

Thursdays - 6:30PM - Young Adult Ministry

(please call the Parish Office if interested)

### Remember Your Church

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits (Psalm 103:2)" ++ Please remember St Joseph and/or St Anthony when you choose your beneficiaries on your life insurance policies, IRA's, 401k's, and other accounts. ++ "Where are the benefits that I bestowed on you? When you were hungry and thirsty in the wilderness, did you not cry out to me... (2 Esdras 1:17)



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2. Create an account.

3. Schedule your recurring gifts.

Please prayerfully consider giving online. If you have any questions, contact the church office.



**The Catechesis on the Mass is held on Mondays at 4:00pm in the St. Joseph Social Room.**

## Marriage: A Foretaste of Heaven? Or a Foretaste of Hell?

Jackie Francois Angel  
January 19, 2022  
Wordonfire.org

I recently read an opinion piece in the *New York Times* titled “Why Marriage Requires Amnesia,” in which the author suggests that to survive a marriage requires “turning down the volume on your spouse so you can barely hear what they’re saying” and goes on to complain how her phlegm-y husband, who sneezes like an air horn, is “exactly the same as a heap of laundry: smelly, inert, almost sentient but not quite.” She goes on to say:

*Do I hate my husband? Oh, for sure, yes, definitely. I don’t know anyone who’s been married more than seven years who flinches at this concept. A spouse is a blessing and a curse wrapped into one. How could it be otherwise? How is hatred not the natural outcome of sleeping so close to another human for years?*

Oh, but he’s still as “smart and kind and extremely attractive as he was when [she] met him 17 years ago,” so writing this out loud for all the world to know is obviously wonderful and applaudable.

Can you even for a second imagine if her husband wrote this article instead of the wife? Saying things like, “I hate my wife because of her many personality flaws and behaviors I find annoying, but she’s a blessing because she’s still as attractive as she was 17 years ago.” This man would be canceled faster than he could be tarred and feathered.

Another female author penned a piece for *The Atlantic* in which she explained that although she loved her children and her husband, the constant cleaning of crumbs on the floor “got her down” and she wanted a dream life away from her husband who was “standing between me and the world, between me and myself.”

And I’m still constantly reminded of a celebrity couple, who, after ten years of marriage, called it quits because the sexual chemistry was waning, and they were becoming (in their own words) “more like friends.”

If the sacrament of marriage were Mr. Darcy, it would respond, “And this is your opinion of me! This is the estimation in which you hold me! I thank you for explaining it so fully.”

In the eyes of these women, marriage seems to be a foretaste of hell in which, even though you love your spouse, a human’s many annoyances and inability to satisfy your every

need and desire for “self-actualization” and pleasure will eventually lead one to hatred or even divorce.

Is that the truth, though? Is this the ultimate doom we are calling the majority of Catholics to in the sacrament of marriage?

I dare say not. In fact, the sacrament of marriage and the love between a husband and wife are supposed to be a foretaste of *heaven*, not a foretaste of hell. A husband and wife are supposed to love each other as Christ loves us, with an unconditional love that is free, total, faithful, and fruitful. We love because he first loved us (1 John 4:19), and a married couple that allows God’s love to be the foundation of their “one flesh” union will bear great fruit indeed.

Is this even possible? I can attest from my own marriage (and witnessing friends’ marriages): “Yes, it is!”

It is absolutely possible (and necessary) to realize that God alone can satisfy every desire of our hearts (“You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee”—St. Augustine). My husband is not God, and therefore, it would be horrible and unfair to idolize him and expect him to save me, heal me, and perfect me. Only God can do that. At the same time, because my husband loves me as Christ loves me—with an unconditional, tender love—I experience God’s healing through him.

Because our marriage is based on a “virtuous friendship” (which Aristotle describes as a friendship where two people have a common goal and each desires the good of the other), our goal is to get each other to heaven and help each other to be holy. This may hurt like hell in the process, since it is extremely painful to recognize and root out our own selfishness, vanity, pride, laziness, anger, lust, envy, doubts, fears, jealousies, etc., but it is the path of every disciple, and the grace of the sacrament and the healing power of God (and often therapy) helps it to be actualized.

One of our greatest fears as humans is that someone will leave or abandon us when they find out “who we really are.” In a marriage, where we can’t escape or pretend for very long, all of our “stuff” comes to the light. Our faults, our annoyances, our past. The foretaste of heaven in marriage is not just the ecstasy experienced in sex, but the heart-melting reality that someone *still* loves us—loves us even though they have seen the worst of us. Loves us even when we have shown the side of ourselves that may be comparable to smelly old clothes.





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