



SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST



Readings for the week of May 28, 2023:

Sunday, May 28, 2023 Solemnity of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34;

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

Monday, May 29, 2023 The Blessed Virgin Mary,

Mother of the Church

Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-2, 3&5, 6-7;

Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday, May 30, 2023 St. Joan of Arc

Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14&23; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday, May 31, 2023 The Visitation of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6;

Lk 1:39-56

Thursday, June 1, 2023 St. Justin, Martyr

Sir 42:15-25; Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 10:46-52

Friday, June 2, 2023 Ss. Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs

Sir 44:1, 9-13; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a&9b;

Mk 11:11-26

Saturday, June 3, 2023 St. Charles Lwanga & Companions,
Martyrs

Sir 51:12cd-20; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mk 11:27-33

Sunday, June 4, 2023 Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56;

2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18



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.



COLLECTIONS FOR MAY 20-21, 2023

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| Envelopes, Loose, Checks | \$5,361.38 |
| Online (5/15-21/23) | <u>\$1,054.00</u> |
| Total Collected | \$6,415.38 |
| Budgeted Weekly Expense | \$9,224.51 |
| Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense] .. | –\$2,809.13 |

Restoration Fund \$1,357.65

ST. ANTHONY

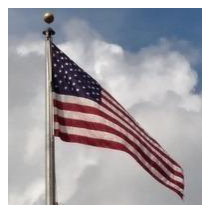
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| Envelopes, Loose, Checks | \$1,303.00 |
| Online (5/15-21/23) | <u>\$ 175.00</u> |
| Total Collected | \$1,478.00 |
| Budgeted Weekly Expense | \$5,342.00 |
| Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense].. | –\$3,864.00 |

Maintenance Fund

June 3-4, 2023



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.



Both the St Joseph and St Anthony Offices will be closed for Memorial Day. The administrative offices of the Archdiocese of New Orleans **will be closed on Monday, May 29, 2023**, in observance of Memorial Day. The offices will re-open at 9:00 AM, on Tuesday, May 30, 2023.

St. Joseph Church

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St. Anthony Church

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Rev. Gary P. Copping, Pastor

MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

ST. JOSEPH

Saturday, May 27, 2023

4:00 p.m. – Terrio Fly., Ehret Fly., Helen Ehret Bach, Eddie Falterman, Loislyn Scardino, Patsy Grefer, Amy Loup, The Phillips Family, Karen Barnes, Jimmy Pham, James S. Giangrosso Fly., Mamie Palermo, Sadie Beaucoudray

Sunday, May 28, 2023 (Pentecost Sunday)

7:30 a.m. – Helen E. Bach

9:30 a.m. – Carmen Koenig Kass, Wiley J. Beevers, Marie Lynn Reine, Josephine Pasateri Weigel, Theresa DiPascal, W. Richard & Helen White, Jay Sunseri, Constance “Connie” Bahman, Ruth & Floyd Faucha, Sharon Faucha, Trudy Morris, Melissa Bartholomew

11:30 a.m. – For All Parishioners

6:30 p.m. – For the Haitian Community

Monday, May 29, 2023

12:10 – U.S. Military

Tuesday, May 30, 2023

6:30 p.m. – Gabriella Rodrigue

Wednesday, May 31, 2023

12:10 – Bill Ryan

Thursday, June 1, 2023

12:10 – Anthony J. Labruzzo, Jr.

Friday, June 2, 2023 (First Friday)

8:00 a.m. – Helen E. Bach

12:10 – Joyce Berthelot

ST. ANTHONY

Saturday, May 27, 2023

5:00 p.m. – Susan P. Petersen, Tre’ Anthony Walker, Lloyd Bellaire, Jr.

Sunday, May 28, 2023 (Pentecost Sunday)

10:30 a.m. – Margaret D. Arnold, Nidia Rodriguez

Monday, May 29, 2023

8:30 a.m. – Michael C. Arnold, Jr.

Tuesday, May 30, 2023

8:30 a.m. – For Peace in the World

Wednesday, May 31, 2023

8:30 a.m. – Billy R. Cannon

Thursday, June 1, 2023

8:30 a.m. – Margaret D. Arnold

Friday, June 2, 2023 (First Friday)

8:30 a.m. – Harriette Charles

Saturday, June 3, 2023

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

5:00 p.m. – Tre’ Anthony Walker, Lloyd Bellaire, Jr.

Sunday, June 4, 2023 (Most Holy Trinity)

10:30 a.m. – Ester Bello

St. Cletus Church in Gretna is seeking committed adorers for their Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. Information pamphlets are available in the rear of church. Hours are available Monday-Friday from 8:00am to 9:00pm. To sign up or if you would like more information about adoration, please contact one of the St. Cletus chapel coordinators: Monica Cancienne (504)452-9748 or Tessa Matrana (504)382-8398.



**SUNDAY AND MONDAY
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3/5/23 – Emmett John Encalade
Son of Darren Encalade & Sarintha Stricklin
3/5/23 – Payton Elizabeth Stricklin
Daughter of Shawn Stricklin & Sarah Lepine
4/16/23 – Leo Antoine Ford, V
Son of Leo Ford, IV & Shelbi Boudreaux
4/16/23 – Wyatt James Jones
Son of Darrell Jones & Christina Barrilleaux
4/23/23 – Andi-Kate Lynn Laiche
Daughter of Brandon Laiche & Victoria Enclade
5/7/23 – Madilynn Marie Morvant
Daughter of Wesley Morvant & Shayna Beevers
5/14/23 – Aiden Anthony Vinet
Son of Spenser Vinet & Kristin Hammond



**St Joseph Church & Shrine
Married Couples Retreat**

Would you like to break away with your spouse and spend quality time enriching your marriage?
Then join us on our parish sponsored **Married Couples Retreat** at the beautiful St. Joseph Abbey in Covington. The retreat begins with

breakfast on January 13th and ends after lunch on Sunday January 14th. Don't miss out on this great weekend get-a-way!
For more information or to register go to FaithandMarriage.org. **Limited to the first 30 couples!** Suggested donation of \$325 is requested but *not required*. Pre-registration deposit, which is part of the donation, is \$100. There are a limited number of rooms, so please sign up today!

St Joseph will be holding a diaper drive for the Community Center for Life on weekend of May 27/28. Please bring a pack or two of diapers to Mass starting this weekend (drop off box will be provided in the rear of church).

Diapers can also be dropped off to the Parish Office or directly with the CCL Office on the corner of 6th and Lafayette. An assortment of sizes is needed. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Our next Pizza with The Pastor will be on June 12, 2023 at 6:30pm in St. Joseph Church. We will have devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and then have dinner in the Rectory. All are invited to attend.

Cherished: A Retreat for Those in a Season of Infertility
Friday July 7 -
Saturday, July 8, 2023
St. Joseph Abbey
Retreat Center,
Covington



The Archdiocese of New Orleans Office of Marriage and Family Life and Springs in the Desert are partnering to offer the above retreat. Infertility is a heavy burden that not everyone understands, but you don't have to carry it alone! Wherever you are on the path of infertility, the Marriage and Family Life Office invites you to join the Springs in the Desert team as they reflect on the emotional, relational and spiritual aspects of the infertility experience, and offer practical suggestions for strengthening your relationship with God and your spouse. Come with your spouse or on your own for a time of prayer, healing, and friendship. To learn more about Cherished and to register, visit springsinthedesert.org/nola. If you would like to speak with someone about the retreat, please contact Chris O'Neill, Director, Marriage and Family Life Office, at 504-861-6243 or coneill@arch-no.org.

St. Joseph Ladies
Retreat
August 18, 19, 20



Shrine of Our Lady of Hope
Catholic Retreat Center
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Special Guest: Sr. Judith Gomila
"Gaudete Et Exsultate"

Cost: \$325 per person

If you would like to attend, please pick up a registration form in the rear of church and return to the St. Joseph Parish Office

For more information, please call Linda LaBorde at (504)458-6562

Our Lady of Hope is a wonderful place to experience a closer relationship with our Heavenly Father, and we are hopeful that you will give prayerful consideration to join Fr. Gary on this St. Joseph Women's weekend retreat opportunity.



You are cordially invited to a Public Rosary at the St. Joan of Arc Monument in New Orleans at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday May 30th at Decatur St. in the French Market. This event is sponsored by the TFP – Louisiana and the Prayer Warriors of St. Joan of Arc. We will place flowers at the monument, pray a rosary, along

with the Litany of St. Joan of Arc and sing hymns. For those too far or simply unable to join us, please remember to invoke the intercession of St. Joan of Arc for our country, the world, and especially the Church. Note: For those who would like to carpool, TFP – Louisiana (America Needs Fatima) will have a shuttle bus leaving at 9:45 a.m. from the Clearview Shopping Center in Metairie (parking lot in front of Target) to make it easier to get downtown and back. If you choose this offer to carpool, please contact TFP volunteer Alvaro Zapata at: azapata@tfp.org or 504-458-9417.



We are happy to announce that we will have Transitional Deacon Lawrence Wumya from the Diocese of Yendi in Ghana doing his Internship here at St. Joseph and St. Anthony. Lawrence was ordained to the Diaconate on Saturday, May 20th at St. Louis Cathedral. Please give him a warm welcome when you meet him and encourage him in his vocation.

Brief Family Background

Lawrence Wumya was born on Sunday, September 10, 1989, in Malshegu, Tamale, in the northern part of Ghana, to Mr. Charles Kobli Wumya Naporo and Regina Amina Wumya Dasana. Both parents got converted to Christianity before their marriage in 1988. I was baptized and confirmed on April 10, 2004, at Malshegu, a mission Church community of Holy Cross Parish.

I am the first of three children of my parents. My parents were baptized and confirmed Catholics. They were both devout Catholics and committed members of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. My father passed on May 17, 2017, two years into my seminary formation. The marriage life of my parents was one of dignity and respect, worthy of emulation. Their life together as a couple impacted and influenced my life greatly: my religious, social, and emotional worldviews have been shaped by their marriage life.

Brief Education Background

1996-2004 – Primary School and Junior High School

2004-2007 – Business Senior High School

2007-2011 – Four Year Business in Cost Accounting

2011-2014 – Three-year Diploma in Basic Education Certificate

2014 -2015 – Part-time classroom teacher in Primary Four and taught Core-Mathematics at Senior High School

2015-2016 – Started Seminary foundation at St. Michael Propaediutic Major Seminary, Diocese of Yendi

2016-2019 – St. Paul's Catholic Seminary, Accra – three-year philosophy studies

2019-2021 – St. Peter's Reginal Seminary, Cape Coast – theology studies

Midway through 2021 – transferred to Notre Dame Seminary, New Orleans, where he continues his studies until today.

Brief Vocation Story

The Priest who has been my role model in my discernment process was Fr. Olivier Leicester, Missionary of Africa, a French man. He learned and mastered the local language, Dagbani, and was even more fluent in speech and legible in writing than the natives. As a result, he translated almost everything about the liturgy into the local language. His desire, passion, zeal, perseverance, faith, hope, and love for people is what I want to model my priesthood upon.

My desire to be a priest began when I was a senior in high school. However, out of fear of failure, I decided to suppress the desire and I proceeded to enroll in Teacher Training College. The cause of my fear was, first, based on the fact, that my community is 97% Muslim, and my family is 90% Muslim. As Muslims, they cannot even conceive the idea of marrying one wife, how could they understand a man who would not marry at all? Second, people from my community have entered the seminary before me but left somewhere through. These were the causes of my fear because I do not want to begin a journey I would not end. I never lost the desire even as a teacher. However, because of the same fear, I decided to proceed to the university. A few weeks later, I visited a village on Ash Wednesday. They told me that they had not had Mass in three months because there were no priests. They only put ashes on their own heads to remind them that it was Ash Wednesday. This experience affirmed my desire for the vocation of priesthood and gave me the courage to enter the seminary without any regrets about passing up my university admission.



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