

#### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Readings for the week of December 3, 2023:

Sunday, December 3, 2023 First Sunday of Advent Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Monday, December 4, 2023 St. John of Damascus, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11 Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 6, 2023 St. Nicholas, Bishop

Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 7, 2023 St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1&8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27 Friday, December 8, 2023 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12: Lk 1:26-38

Saturday, December 9, 2023 St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday, December 10, 2023 Second Sunday of Advent Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8



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 NOVEMBER 25-26, 2023**

#### ST. JOSEPH

Envelopes, Loose, Checks	\$3,62	20.00
Online (11/20-26/23)	\$ 79	<b>97.00</b>
Total Collected	\$4,41	<b>17.00</b>
<b>Budgeted Weekly Expense</b>	\$9,2	24.51
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense]	-\$4,8	07.51

### ST. ANTHONY Will be reported in a future bulletin

#### **COLLECTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 18-19, 2023**

#### ST. JOSEPH

Envelopes, Loose, Checks	. \$5	,513.25
Online (11/13-19/23)	. \$1	,057.00
Total Collected	. \$6	5,570.25
Budgeted Weekly Expense	\$9	,224.51
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense]	\$2	2,654.26
Human Development	\$	807.00

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#### COLLECTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 11-12, 2023 ST. ANTHONY

Envelopes, Loose, Checks	. \$7,876.00
Online (11/6-12/23)	. \$ 235.00
Total Collected	\$8,111.00
Budgeted Weekly Expense	. \$5,342.00
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense]	+\$2,769.00



Second Collection
December 9-10, 2023
Retirement Fund for Religious
See attached letter from
Archbishop Aymond



#### MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

#### ST. JOSEPH

Saturday, December 2, 2023

**4:00 p.m.** – Luke Labruzza, Sr. Ehret Fly., Eddie Falterman, Loislyn Scardino, Amy Loup, The Giangrosso Family, Constance M. "Connie" Bahman, Shani Sanchez, Patsy Grefer, Melissa Giangrosso, Shannon Olivero

Sunday, December 3, 2023 7:30 a.m. – Mary Goodwyne

9:30 a.m. – John Lanier, Paul Walther, Sr., Josie & Junior Barbier, Wiley J. Beevers, Marie Lynn Reine, Josephine Pasateri Weigel, Melissa Bartholomew, Jackie Figarola, People Affected by Hawaii Fires, Patricia Chaisson, Barry Giglio, Terre Baughman, Fritz H. Windhorst, Blaine Noel Newcomb, Vanessa LeBlanc Giambelluca, Harold Joseph Percle, Kendrick West, Rita Palmer, Denise Elizabeth Carter – Harrison, Irvin Southall, Clence Lindsey, Eulalie Marie Zeno Merton, Michael B. McGee

11:30 a.m. - For All Parishioners

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

Monday, December 4, 2023 12:10 – Barry Giglio

Tuesday, December 5, 2023 6:30 p.m. – Wiley J. Breaux, Sr.

Wednesday, December 6, 2023 12:10 – Eymard Fly.

Thursday, December 7, 2023 12:10 – Sean Baldwin

**6:30 p.m. – Vigil for the Immaculate Conception** Foley Family

Friday, December 8, 2023 (Immaculate Conception) 8:00 a.m. – Barry Giglio 12:10 – Lucille T. Link 6:30 p.m. – All Souls in Purgatory

#### ST. ANTHONY

Saturday, December 2, 2023

**5:00 p.m.** – Lloyd Bellaire, Jr.

Sunday, December 3, 2023

10:30 a.m. - Carmen Koenig Kass, Valerie Thibodaux

Monday, December 4, 2023 8:30 a.m. – For Peace in the World

Tuesday, December 5, 2023 8:30 a.m. – Ralph Fryou, Jr.

Wednesday, December 6, 2023 8:30 a.m. – Billy R. Cannon

**Thursday, December 7, 2023 8:30 a.m.** – Morris Plaisance, Jr.

Friday, December 8, 2023 (Immaculate Conception) 8:30 a.m. – Margaret D. Arnold

Saturday, December 9, 2023 8:30 a.m. – For All Deceased Parishioners

**5:00 p.m.** – Lloyd Bellaire, Jr.

Sunday, December 10, 2023 10:30 a.m. – Carmen Koenig Kass, Coyne Family



St. Anthony's giving tree will support needy families in our community this year. Please take a symbol from the tree and buy an item for the person on the symbol. Then wrap the item and place the name tag securely on it. All gifts need to be returned by Sunday, December 17th and placed under the tree or on the

**table**. Thank you for your generosity and support of those less fortunate in our community.

### In Memoriam

Let us remember to pray for the repose of the souls of *Rose Mancuso*, *Gerald Buras*, *Sr. and Edward Hymel*, *Sr.* May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. *Amen*.



#### SUNDAY AND MONDAY BINGO'S AT GRETNA BINGO PALACE BENEFIT ST. JOSEPH RESTORATION

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.

#### **Baptismal Seminar**

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



Feast of Immaculate Conception
Holy Day of Obligation
Mass Schedule is as follows:

St. Joseph

December 7 – 6:30 pm Vigil Mass December 8 - 8:00 am, 12:10, 6:30 pm

St. Anthony

December 7 – There will be no vigil mass

December 8 - 8:30 a.m.

A collection will be taken up at all masses

Our Society of St Vincent de Paul was able to bless 16 families with food boxes! Thank you to all parishioners who donated to our food drive. These families will have a brighter Thanksgiving through your generosity.





Our St. Joseph calendars are in. Please pick one up in the back of church. We thank Sue Cambre again this year for making these calendars available to us.



#### Community Center for Life Toy Drive

Please give to Community Center for Life's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Jingle Bells: Christmas Toy Drive. This toy drive is an opportunity for you to provide a Christmas shopping experience for



the moms enrolled in either our First4 program (mentoring & parenting) or our postpartum support program at Community Center for Life.

During the month of November, we ask you to participate in the toy drive by donating items for boys and girls ages 0-4. Our CCL moms will then "shop" for Christmas gifts for their children in the Village Shop. This is your opportunity to spread Christmas cheer to our brave and strong moms raising children in a difficult season of their lives.

#### Don't want to visit the Malls!



Come visit our Gift Shop at St. Joseph Church where religious articles for the Christmas season will be available for purchase before and after all masses, beginning December 2-3 through

December 16-17. (Christmas cards with a photo of the altar at Christmas time on the cover will also be available for purchase (pack of 10 cards with envelopes for \$10).

In need of a Christmas present!
St. Joseph "Mother Church"
Cookbook will also be available for purchase during the month of
December at a cost of \$25.00. Please make checks payable to St. Joseph
Restoration Fund. The cookbooks



are also available for purchase year-round in the



Save the Date!!
April 20, 2024
Women's Day of Reflection

On. Saturday, April 20, 2024, Sr. Tracey Matthia Dugas, FSP will be our Spiritual Guide and Presenter for our Women's Day of Reflection. Please mark your calendars. More information to come.



#### Chili Cookoff on the River 2023



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#### Shop the Huey Saturday, December 9, 2023 9am – 3pm Gretna Cultural Center

Perfect event to pick up all those gifts on your list! Vendors will be selling indoors & outdoors.

Visit the St. Joseph Restoration table for St. Joseph ornaments and cookbooks!

St. Joseph Church and Shrine in Gretna invites the public to enjoy the Living Nativity that will be presented on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on the neutral ground of Huey P. Long Avenue between 6th and 7th Streets.



#### ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOOD FOR SENIORS PROGRAM

Catholic Charities Food for Seniors is the sole agency of Louisiana's Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) which will provide monthly nutritional food boxes to seniors who are 60 years of age or older and who meet Federal Income Guidelines with nutritious United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) foods. U. S. Citizenship is not required, but a participant must be a legal resident of the United States.

Applications, flyers which provide information about the program and income guidelines may be obtained on-line or are available when St. Joseph Parish Office is open. In addition to distributing food, the Food for Seniors program also provides a variety of educational programs on nutrition, food preparation and how to stretch your food dollars.

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After you complete your application, you will be notified of your acceptance and the distribution site closest to your home.

7<sup>th.</sup> Annual Blessing of Motorcycles Saturday, November 25, 2023







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November 8, 2023

To: Clergy, Religious and Laity of the Archdiocese

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Please be advised of the upcoming 2023 collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This annual appeal assists nearly 25,000 elderly sisters, brothers and religious order priests nationwide.

I am grateful for the significant influence that women and men religious, both past and present, have had on my own spiritual journey. I deeply appreciate their invaluable contributions to our archdiocese and the wider community. Perhaps you too have been touched by the kindness and guidance of an older woman or man religious who made a positive difference in your life.

We are called to recognize that many of our senior vowed religious have dedicated their lives to service, usually receiving little pay in return. Consequently, their religious communities face a shortage of retirement savings. Compounding this challenge are rising health-care costs and decreased income. Religious communities find it increasingly difficult to meet the day-to-day needs of aging members, including their medical expenses, nursing assistance and other necessities.

Your generous donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide vital financial support, enabling religious communities to care for their aging members.

I know you are frequently asked to support many worthy causes. I invite you to contribute whatever you can toward this year's collection. In addition to your financial gift, please keep all our women and men religious in your prayers.

Wishing you God's blessings and with the assurance of my prayers, I am,

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond Archbishop of New Orleans

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This letter is to be made available the weekend of December 2 and December 3, 2023 in a manner which you deem most effective.





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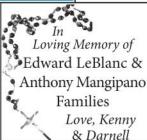
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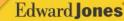
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