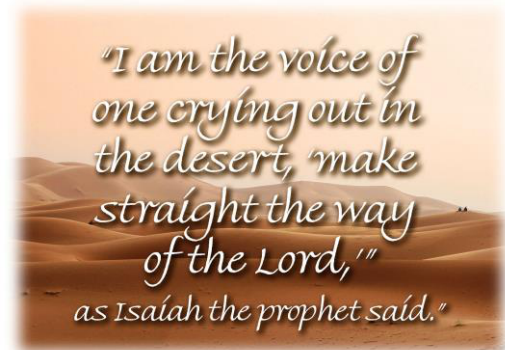


Advent



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Readings for the week of December 17, 2023:

Sunday, December 17, 2023 Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday, December 18, 2023

Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday, December 21, 2023 St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Friday, December 22, 2023

1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abed; Lk 1:46-56

Saturday, December 23, 2023 St. John of Kanty, Priest

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10&14; Lk 1:57-66

Sunday, December 24, 2023 Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38



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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Rev. Gary P. Copping, Pastor



COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER 9-10, 2023

ST. JOSEPH

Envelopes, Loose, Checks	\$5,156.83
Online (12/4-10/23)	<u>\$1,379.00</u>
Total Collected	\$6,535.83
Budgeted Weekly Expense	\$9,224.51
Net Income [+ or - budgeted expense] ..	-\$2,688.68

Immaculate Conception	\$1,924.00
Religious Retirement Fund	\$1,553.25

ST. ANTHONY

Envelopes, Loose, Checks	\$1,145.00
Online (12/4-10/23)	<u>\$ 85.00</u>
Total Collected	\$1,230.00
Budgeted Weekly Expense	\$5,342.00
Net Income [+ or - budgeted expense] ..	-\$4,112.00

Immaculate Conception	\$ 55.00
Religious Retirement Fund	\$ 340.00

COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER 2-3, 2023

ST. ANTHONY

Envelopes, Loose, Checks	\$2,481.00
Online (11/27-12/3/23)	<u>\$ 235.00</u>
Total Collected	\$2,716.00
Budgeted Weekly Expense	\$5,342.00
Net Income [+ or - budgeted expense] ..	-\$2,626.00

Maintenance Fund	\$ 642.00
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The second collection at all masses December 24 & 25 will be for Clergy Welfare. This collection helps all of our Archdiocesan priests with medical and living arrangements. Please be as generous as your means will allow.



The St. Joseph and St. Anthony Offices will be closed Monday, December 25, 2023 and Monday, January 1, 2024 in observance of Christmas and New Year's.



MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

ST. JOSEPH

Saturday, December 16, 2023

4:00 p.m. – Annabelle Peltier, Ehret Fly., Benny Randazzo, Ortolano Fly., Eddie Falterman, Loislyn Scardino, Amy Loup, Catherine Kloor, George W. Smith, Jr., Joyce Mancuso, The Giangrosso Family, People Affected by Hawaii Fires, Carolyn Marie Helmer Rivere, Thomas McGinnis, Patsy Grefer, Melissa Giangrosso, Shannon Olivero

Sunday, December 17, 2023

7:30 a.m. – Helen E. Bach

9:30 a.m. – Wiley J. Beevers, Marie Lynn Reine, Josephine Pasateri Weigel, Melissa Bartholomew, Jackie Figarola, Patricia Chaisson, Barry Giglio, Terre Baughman, Michael B. McGee

11:30 a.m. – For All Parishioners

6:30 p.m. – For the Haitian Community

Monday, December 18, 2023

12:10 - Buddy Dubreuil

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

6:30 p.m. – Constance “Connie” Bahman

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

12:10 – Barry Giglio

Thursday, December 21, 2023

12:10 – All Souls in Purgatory

Friday, December 22, 2023

12:10 – Barry Giglio



Due to tornado damage at Infant Jesus Church, the Westbank Charismatic Prayer Group will be meeting at St. Anthony Church on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Rosary at 7:00pm, Praise & Worship at 7:30pm, and Mass at 8:00pm.

ST. ANTHONY

Saturday, December 16, 2023

5:00 p.m. – Lloyd Bellaire, Jr.,

Sunday, December 17, 2023

10:30 a.m. – Antonia Balbuena, Victor Balbuena, Carmen Koenig Kass

Monday, December 18, 2023

8:30 a.m. – For Peace in the World

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

8:30 a.m. – For the End of Violence in Our World

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

8:30 a.m. – The Kass Fly.

Thursday, December 21, 2023

8:30 a.m. – Jackie Figarola

Friday, December 22, 2023

8:30 a.m. – For the End of Violence in Our Archdiocese

Saturday, December 23, 2023

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

5:00 p.m. – Lloyd Bellaire, Jr., Tre' Anthony Walker, Desmond Walker, Jr., Adam Blazio, Sr., Verna Blazio

Sunday, December 24, 2023

10:30 a.m. – Carmen Koenig Kass

5:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Vigil

Michael C. Arnold, Jr., Lloyd Bellaire Jr., Rita Cadres



Msgr. Rareshide and some friends from St. Anthony celebrating his 90th birthday!



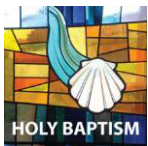
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BINGO'S AT GRETNA
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RESTORATION**

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.

**St. Joseph Young Adult
Ministry Meeting
Monday, December 18**



The next St Joseph Young Adult Ministry's Meeting will be held on **Monday December 18 at 6:30pm**. They will meet in **St Joseph Church** for Adoration then move to the Rectory for food, fun and fellowship. **All are welcome.**



Baptismal Seminar

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

**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.



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.

In Memoriam

Let us remember to pray for the repose of the souls of *Margaret Rowley and Jamie Franklin*. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. *Amen.*



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For those of you who haven't heard, Fr. Frank Carabello has moved to the Northshore. Anyone wishing to send him a Christmas card, please mail to:

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Registration is now open for the Archdiocese of New Orleans Men's Conference, Saturday, February 24, 2024 at St. Catherine of Siena, Metairie. This year's conference theme is *"I Have Called You Friends"*. Recent studies indicate that the percentage of adult men with at least 6 close friends has been cut in half since 1990 and as many as 20% of men report having no close friendships at all. It is a growing problem not only for the life of the Church, but one which is gaining attention and causing concern even within secular society. Our Catholic faith is rooted in friendship. Our men need friends to live up to their calling as men of God and as men of the Church. Please help us call all the men of our local Church of New Orleans to this important event! Parishes will be receiving more information from the Office of Marriage & Family Life.



For more information, contact 504-861-6243 or mfl@arch-no.org. Find us on Facebook/Instagram @nolacatholicmen!



Fr. Gary will again this year be offering classes on our Catholic Faith for those interested in becoming Catholics or wanting to enrich their Faith. Classes have already resumed and are being held in the St Joseph Rectory and will run throughout the year until Holy Week. Call Parish Office for details. We are also looking for those who would like to assist Fr. Gary in presenting the classes. Sometimes the best way to learn our Faith is to teach our Faith. All are welcome!

Come, Lord Jesus! Bible Study

Tuesdays - 6:30PM -

31 Derbes Dr., Gretna

Wednesdays - 1:00PM -

St. Joseph Cafeteria

Thursdays - 9:30AM - St. Anthony Rectory

Saturdays - 10:00AM - 516 Evergreen Dr., Gretna

If interested, contact Ginny Dufrene, Regional

Coordinator (504) 451-1265



Adult Catechetical Formation

Come join us on Mondays from 4pm to 5:30pm in the St Joseph Auditorium to watch renowned scholars on video present on Catholic topics to help us better understand and live out our Faith. No need to RSVP; just show up. Refreshments are generally served at the gathering

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!



SILVER WEDDING

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Office of Marriage and Family Life is pleased to announce that the annual Silver Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held on Sunday, March 17, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, New Orleans. This prayer service will honor couples who are celebrating or have recently celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. The celebration is open to couples married between 1994 - 1999. To register, please contact the parish office before Tuesday, January 16, 2024. Please Note: The Silver Wedding Anniversary celebration is a prayer service, not a Mass and will not fulfill the couple's Sunday obligation. Couples should plan to attend Mass at their home parishes.



Sponsor of the Week





Holiday Mass Schedule



Christmas Eve - Sunday, December 24, 2023

St. Joseph

4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. and Midnight

(Mini-Concert with the Holy Family Singers begins at 3:15 p.m.)

Note: In order to celebrate appropriately, a person should participate in Masses for 4th Sunday of Advent and again for Christmas Vigil/Day

St. Anthony - 5:00 p.m. Vigil

Christmas Day - Monday, December 25, 2023

St. Joseph

9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

There will be no 7:30 a.m. Mass

St. Anthony - 10:30 a.m.

New Year's Eve - Sunday, December 31, 2023

St. Joseph

11:30 p.m. (special mass to ring in the New Year)

Note: Because January 1, 2024 falls on a Monday, the Solemnity of Mary is not observed as a day of obligation although it remains a Solemnity

New Year's Day - Sunday, January 1, 2024

St. Joseph


9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

There will be no 7:30 a.m. Mass




St. Anthony - 10:30 a.m.







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