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OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday: Office Closed

Church is open for prayer until 2:00 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.

Website: www.stjosephgretna.com

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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

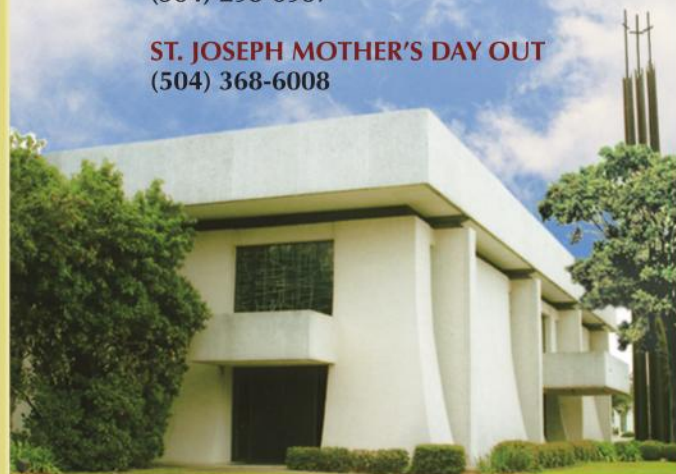
Monday 8:30 a.m. & Novena
Tuesday-Saturday 8:30 a.m.
First Friday 8:30 a.m.
Mass Holy Hour & Novena

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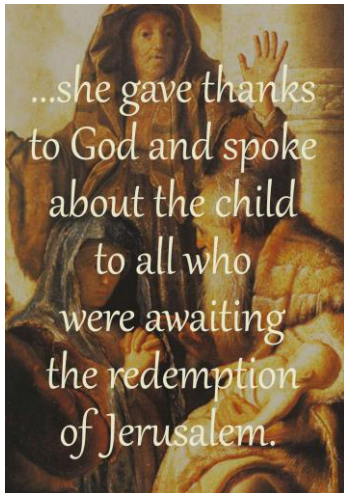
Saturday 4:30 p.m.
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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



Readings for the week of December 31, 2023:

Sunday, December 31, 2023 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Monday, January 1, 2024 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday, January 2, 2024 Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church

1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday, January 3, 2024 The Most Holy Name of Jesus

1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34

Thursday, January 4, 2024 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42

Friday, January 5, 2024 St. John Neumann, Bishop

1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 1:43-51

Saturday, January 6, 2024 St. Andre' Bessette, Religious

1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Sunday, January 7, 2024 The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



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 DECEMBER 16-17, 2023

ST. JOSEPH

Envelopes, Loose, Checks \$6,739.73
Online (12/11-17/23) \$1,096.00
Total Collected \$7,835.73
Budgeted Weekly Expense \$9,224.51
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense] . . .-\$1,388.78

Christmas Flowers\$2,081.76

ST. ANTHONY

Envelopes, Loose, Checks \$1,648.00
Online (12/11-17/23) \$ 135.00
Total Collected \$1,783.00
Budgeted Weekly Expense \$5,342.00
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense]. . .-\$3,559.00

Christmas Flowers\$ 755.00

COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER 23-24, 2023

Will be reported in a future bulletin

Maintenance Fund January 6-7, 2024



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.



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

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MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

ST. JOSEPH

Saturday, December 30, 2023

4:00 p.m. – Ehret Fly., Eddie Falterman, Loislyn Scardino, The Giangrosso Family, Barry Giglio, David Bealer, Jr., Shannon Olivero, Patsy Grefer, Michael B. McGee, Thanksgiving to St. Anthony

Sunday, December 31, 2023

7:30 a.m. – For All Parishioners

9:30 a.m. – Ciaccio Fly.

11:30 a.m. – Labruzzo Fly.

New Year's Eve Mass:

11:30 p.m. – Special Mass to Ring in New Year
Foley Family

Monday, January 1, 2024 (New Year's Day)

9:30 a.m. – Priscilla J. Cosse'

11:30 a.m. – For All Parishioners

Adoration & Benediction following Mass

Tuesday, January 2, 2024

6:30 p.m. – All Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, January 3, 2024

12:10 – John H. Link, Sr.

Thursday, January 4, 2024

12:10 – Francisco Cuellar

Friday, January 5, 2024 (First Friday)

8:00 a.m. – Ellen McDermott

12:10 – The Foley Family



ST. ANTHONY

Saturday, December 30, 2023

5:00 p.m. – Lloyd Bellaire, Jr.

Sunday, December 31, 2023

10:30 a.m. – Carmen Koenig Kass, Denise Schonacher

Monday, January 1, 2024 (New Year's Day)

10:30 a.m. – Billy R. Cannon

Tuesday, January 2, 2024

8:30 a.m. – For Peace in the World

Wednesday, January 3, 2024

8:30 a.m. – Margaret D. Arnold

Thursday, January 4, 2024

8:30 a.m. – For the End of Abortions

Friday, January 5, 2024 (First Friday)

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

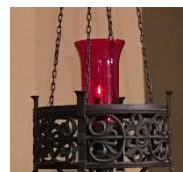
Saturday, January 6, 2024

8:30 a.m. – Ray Escoffier

5:00 p.m. – For the End of Violence in Our
Archdiocese

Sunday, January 7, 2024 (Epiphany of the Lord)

10:30 a.m. – For All Parishioners



The Sanctuary Light this week at **St. Anthony** will burn in memory of
Margaret D. Arnold

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.





**SUNDAY AND MONDAY
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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.

Baptismal Seminar

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



**Stroke Scan Plus Vascular
Ultrasound Screening Event**

On January 23 and 24, St. Joseph will have a Vascular Ultra Screening Event from 10am to 8pm in the Social Room of St. Joseph Complex. To sign up for the screenings, there will be a representative at St. Joseph and St. Anthony at all Masses on the weekend of January 6 & 7 who will make a short announcement of the event and do pre-registration and sign up. The representative will be happy to answer any of your questions.

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.



Sweet!!



Please join us on Sunday, January 7th after our 9:30am Mass for King Cake and coffee sponsored by our St. Joseph Young Adult Ministry and our Hospitality Committee. The cake will be served in the Garden (subject to weather). Please join us!!

**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.

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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 –

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Wednesdays - 1:00PM –

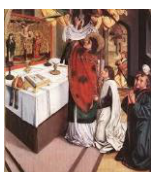
St. Joseph Cafeteria

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

The St. Joseph Women's Club will hold their quarterly meeting on **Monday, January 8th at 1:00 p.m. in the Social Room of the Family Life Center.** All women, 18 years of age or older, are invited to attend.



Our next St. Joseph Young Adult Ministry Meeting will be Monday, January 15th starting at 6:30pm. More details to come. Save the date and please come out.

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Women's Day of Reflection
Saturday, April 20, 2024






Sr. Tracey Matthia Dugas is a Media Nun. She belongs to the Daughters of St. Paul, an international community of women religious who preach the Gospel through all forms of media. She is originally from Loreauville, Louisiana and earned a Master of Arts in Theological Studies from Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans, LA. She is currently stationed in Boston, MA where she serves as Director of Pauline Mission Advancement. Sr. Tracey's creative outlet is 'hand lettering'. You can follow her artwork on Instagram: @Sistah_Tee_Letters and @daughterstpaul.







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