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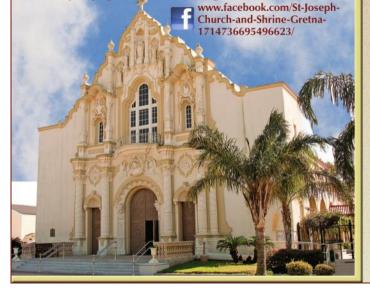
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Mass Holy Hour & Novena

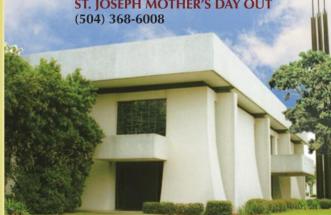
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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Readings for the week of January 14, 2024:

Sunday, January 14, 2024 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10;

1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

Monday, January 15, 2024

1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21&23; Mk 2:18-

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 17, 2024 St. Anthony, Abbot

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10;

Mk 3:1-6

Thursday, January 18, 2024

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13; Mk 3:7-12

Friday, January 19, 2024

1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6&11; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday, January 20, 2024 St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr, St. Sebastian, Martyr

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21

Sunday, January 21, 2024 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20



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 30, 2023-JANUARY 1, 2024

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Wedding Banns Saturday, January 20, 2024 Julia Chau and Andrew Nguyen

MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

ST. JOSEPH

ST. ANTHONY

Saturday, January 13, 2024

4:00 p.m. – Patsy Grefer, Joseph A. Aucoin, the Ehret Family

Sunday, January 14, 2024

7:30 a.m. – Amy Loup

9:30 a.m. – Leger Fly., Michael B. McGee, Jackie Figarola, Rose Mancuso, Cathy Breaux, Lisa Alito Grisaffi, Wiley J. Beevers, Marie Lynn Reine, Josephine Pasateri Weigel, Robin Osborne, Patricia Chiasson

11:30 a.m. – For All Parishioners

Monday, January 15, 2024

12:10 – For the End of Violence in Our Archdiocese

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

6:30 p.m. – Schexnayder Wedding Anniversary

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

12:10 - Louis J. Guccione, Jr.

Thursday, January 18, 2024

12:10 - For Peace in the World

Friday, January 19, 2024

12:10 - Casler Fly.



The Sanctuary Light this week at St.
Joseph will burn in memory of
Arthur & Vera Schexnayder
Wedding Anniversary

In Memoriam

Let us remember to pray for the repose of the souls of *Joni Panepinto Bathel and Anna Clair Guidry Caminita*. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. *Amen*.

Saturday, January 13, 2024

5:00 p.m. – For All Deceased Parishioners

Sunday, January 14, 2024

10:30 a.m. – For All Parishioners

Monday, January 15, 2024

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

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

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

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

8:30 a.m. – Schexnayder Wedding Anniversary

Thursday, January 18, 2024

8:30 a.m. – For Healing of Mr. Douglas Jacques

Friday, January 19, 2024

8:30 a.m. – For Peace in the World

Saturday, January 20, 2024

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

5:00 p.m. – For All Parishioners

Sunday, January 21, 2024

10:30 a.m. – For the End of Racism & Discrimination



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.

Calling All Ladies

St. Anthony Ladies Club meets every second Wednesday of the month in the school cafeteria at 6:00pm. All ladies are invited to attend. Please join us for dinner and socializing.





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 stiosephgretna@arch-no.org.





Our next St. Joseph Young Adult Ministry Meeting will be Monday, January 15th starting at 6:30pm. All are welcome.

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.



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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.

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!

If you or someone you know in St. Joseph or St. Anthony Parishes is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, please notify the office at 504-368-1313 and someone will be in contact with you.





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.

Fr. Gary will be away from the office January 22-26 attending a priest retreat. If you need assistance, please contact the Parish Office.

Please pray for him.

JANUARY 14, 2024

Friendship

Some time ago a friend introduced me to a man, who I found to have a number of interesting qualities. He seemed to be powerful but kind, enlightened but occasionally difficult to understand, brave but humble. I decided it was up to me to follow my instinct and learn more about him. Paul was from a unique environment, and he spoke with a wisdom that seemed to be beyond my level. All of this encouraged me to be patient and look further into the reason for my curiosity. Hopefully you will follow me on this journey. We will be hearing him at mass throughout the year.

St. Paul was a Roman who terrified Jesus' followers for some time, until he was thrown from his horse and then accepted the mission that Jesus called him to do. St. Paul found this experience a call to true humility. Jesus picked him to spread the good news to all the people. He taught that God loved everyone and that they would have eternal life through Baptism and by following the teaching of Jesus. Before this the people of Corinth focused on the present, the here and now rather than the eternal life which Jesus wanted them to have. St. Paul's writing style may seem challenging, but we must understand that the language and customs of that period were unique. Corinth was a very large and busy city in those days. There was no moral code concerning the body or spirit, much like today in some regards. Paul focused on the importance of the body and spirit in leading them to God's plan for eternal life. As we follow the words of St. Paul, I hope that you will join me to a better understanding of his message to them and us.



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!

In Honor of St Blaise, Bishop & Martyr, we will be blessing throats at all masses at both St. Joseph and St. Anthony on February 3 & 4, 2024.



Save the Date!!



That Man is You will start back on Fridays beginning January 19. Join us for breakfast in the St. Joseph Cafeteria at 5:45am; we will begin our presentation at 6:15am followed by small group discussion; we will have

you out by 7:30am. Register for this free program online at www.tmiy.org. All men are invited.

World Day of The Sick in on Sunday February 11th. This is celebrated in association with the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes. Normally on or around the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes, parishes may have a Communal Anointing of the Sick. St Joseph will have their



Communal Anointing of the Sick on Monday February 12th at the 12:10pm Mass (the day after the World Day of The Sick). Please come out and get the Sacrament of the Sick if you are elderly, about to undergo surgery, or have a serious medical condition. Invite or take someone you know who may fall into this category with you to Mass and experience God's Saving Graces.

Domestic Church Families Informational Meeting February 3 - Our Lady of the Lake

Those interested in joining the Domestic Church Families Movement are invited to attend an informational meeting at Our Lady of the Lake in Mandeville on Saturday February 3rd at 9:45 a.m.

What is the Domestic Church Movement?

Domestic Church is a lay movement for Sacramentally married couples that provides Catholic Christian community and lifelong spiritual formation through small groups and retreats. The movement was founded in Poland in the early 1970s. Today, there are more than 13,000 couples in Poland, and nearly 5,000 more couples around the world. For more information contact Ashley Gernon at Ashley.gernon@gmail.com or 504-452-1077.

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January 2024

To the Clergy, Religious and Laity of the Archdiocese of New Orleans

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Pope Francis has named the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time as **Sunday of the Word of God**. This is an annual observance aimed at helping us grow in a deeper appreciation of the Sacred Scriptures.

When we gather on Sunday or for any Mass, God speaks his word to us through the Scriptures. Our desire is to open our ears and our hearts to listen attentively. May I suggest that we could more effectively do this by reading the Sunday Scriptures before Mass in order to prepare our hearts to receive his word.

As we reflect on the importance of the Word of God in our lives, it would be an opportunity to give some consideration to joining a Bible study group, reading a few verses of Scripture every day or reading a book explaining the Scriptures.

God speaks to us in many ways, but in a very unique way, through the Scriptures. By praying the Scriptures, we will know of God's personal love for us and his call to be disciples of Jesus.

Wishing you God's blessings, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

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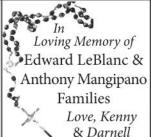
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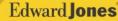
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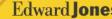


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