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OFFICE HOURS

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

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Church is open for prayer until 2:00 p.m. daily.

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Saturday 4:00 p.m. Vigil
Sunday 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.
6:30 p.m. (Haitian/Creole)

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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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Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

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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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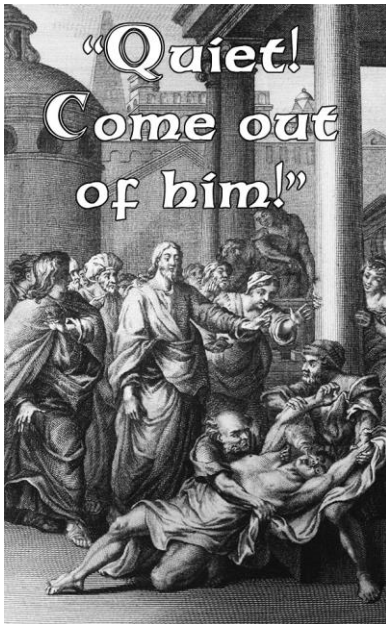
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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Readings for the week of January 28, 2024:

Sunday, January 28, 2024 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

Monday, January 29, 2024
2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday, January 30, 2024
2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday, January 31, 2024 St. John Bosco, Priest
2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday, February 1, 2024
1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Mk 6:7-13

Friday, February 2, 2024 The Presentation of the Lord
Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18;
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Saturday, February 3, 2024 Sts. Blasé, Bishop & Martyr and Ansgar, Bishop

1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday, February 4, 2024 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39



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 JANUARY 20-21, 2024

ST. JOSEPH

Envelopes, Loose, Checks	\$6,616.00
Online (1/15-21/24)	\$ 822.00
Total Collected	\$7,438.00
Budgeted Weekly Expense	\$9,224.51
Net Income [+ or - budgeted expense] ..	-\$1,786.51

ST. ANTHONY

Envelopes, Loose, Checks	\$1,020.00
Online (1/15-21/24)	\$ 135.00
Total Collected	\$1,155.00
Budgeted Weekly Expense	\$5,342.00
Net Income [+ or - budgeted expense] ..	-\$4,187.00

COLLECTIONS FOR JANUARY 13-14, 2024

ST. ANTHONY

Envelopes, Loose, Checks	\$1,564.00
Online (1/8-14/24)	\$ 85.00
Total Collected	\$1,649.00
Budgeted Weekly Expense	\$5,342.00
Net Income [+ or - budgeted expense] ..	-\$3,693.00

Maintenance Fund February 3-4, 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.



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.



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.

MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

ST. JOSEPH

Saturday, January 27, 2024

4:00 p.m. – Patsy Grefer, Terrio Fly., The Ehret Family, Nicholas Schiano, Frederick Miller, Fr. Joseph Patrick Cusack, Benny Randazzo, Jr., The Ortolano Family, David Bealer, Jr.

Sunday, January 28, 2024

7:30 a.m. – Amy Loup, Eric & Alice Houin, Patricia Chaisson, Richard Labonte', Maria, Anna

9:30 a.m. – For All Parishioners

11:30 a.m. – Alvin Simoneaux

6:30 p.m. – For the Haitian Community

Monday, January 29, 2024

12:10 – For the Healing of Frank Huezo

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

6:30 p.m. – Jacqueline Rome Roy

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

12:10 – For All Deceased Parishioners

Thursday, February 1, 2024

12:10 – Ernest Brunet Fly.

Friday, February 2, 2024 (First Friday)

8:00 a.m. – Sean Baldwin

12:10 – Louis Guccione, Jr.

ST. ANTHONY

Saturday, January 27, 2024

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

Sunday, January 28, 2024

10:30 a.m. – Raymond Strohmeyer, Sr.

Monday, January 29, 2024

8:30 a.m. – For Peace in the World

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

8:30 a.m. – Michael C. Arnold, Jr. Family

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

8:30 a.m. – Raymond Strohmeyer, Sr.

Thursday, February 1, 2024

8:30 a.m. – Michael C. Arnold, Jr.

Friday, February 2, 2024 (First Friday)

8:30 a.m. – Maurice Korndorffer

Saturday, February 3, 2024

8:30 a.m. – For the End of Abortions

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

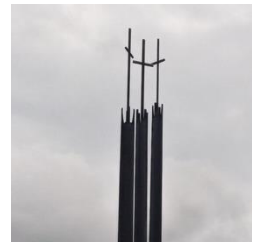
Sunday, February 4, 2024

10:30 a.m. – For All Deceased Parishioners



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 Church has a lending library of Catholic books, movies, and cd's in the back of the Church. Please check out the wide assortment of media and consider checking out something for yourself or for someone you know, so that you may increase your Faith and understanding of time-held beliefs.



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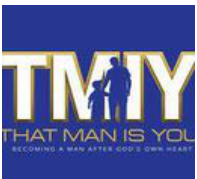
St. Joseph Church as the 3:00pm slots on Sundays and Mondays at the Gretna Bingo Palace. Please come out to play BINGO and support our Church.

Baptismal Seminar

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



Our next St. Joseph Young Adult Ministry Meeting will be Monday, February 19th starting at 6:30pm with recitation of Rosary in Church followed by a meal in Rectory. All are welcome.



That Man is You has started back on Fridays. 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.tmiv.org. All men are invited.

**Magnificat Westbank Chapter
Breakfast
Saturday, February 3 - 9:30am-Noon
Marrero KC Hall
566 Ave. D, Marrero**

Tickets: \$20.00 – On sale now thru January 29

Speaker: Tina Covington

Tickets available:

Westbank Religious (504)341-6558

Cindy Delger (504) 319-6788

Come listen to Tina Covington's story of what some claim is a miraculous healing of a rare and aggressive breast cancer.



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.

ECHO For Engaged Couples


A new weekend retreat for engaged couples that can be used as another option for official marriage preparation. This retreat offers a dynamic, integrated experience for couples to receive excellent formation on the nature of the sacrament of marriage and the needed tools to improve their readiness to live the gift of marriage well. **This retreat is currently being offered only once per year and has room for about 50 couples. The next scheduled retreat is February 23-25, 2024 at Maryhill Renewal Center in Pineville, LA.** Online registration is available on the St. Joseph web site or at the following link:

<https://www.echoretreats.com/engaged.html>

For further information, contact Brian Butler at 985-951-2215

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Save the Date!!
2024 St. Joseph Altar
Tuesday, March 19, 2024

We will begin making cookies for this year's Altar on Monday, February 5 at 9:30am in the Cafeteria.

Volunteers are welcome.



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



Flame of Love Feast Day Celebration
St. Anthony Church
Thursday, February 1st – 8:30am-4:30pm
(All day Eucharistic Adoration)

8:30-9:00 Holy Mass

9:00-10:00 Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, O Salutaris Hostia, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Quiet Time

10:00-11:05 Flame of Love Holy Rosary

11:05-11:20. Quiet Time

11:20-11:25. Flame of Love Litany of Saints

11:25-12:00. Addie's talk

12:00-1:00 Angelus, Quiet time with the Lord (Lunch)

1:00-3:00 Flame of Love Cenacle

3:00-4:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet, St. Michael Chaplet

4:00-4:30 Benediction, Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Divine Praises, Holy God

Friendship

In the second reading today, St. Paul spoke about the end of time, when the second coming of Jesus would signal an end of life on earth as we know it. He was given a teaching mission by Jesus to enlighten all people about the love and forgiveness of God the Father.

I once read something that the teacher can only teach what the students want to learn. St. Paul's students were the Jews, who had power and control which they did not want to give up and the Gentiles who had very few spiritual principles to live by and did not want to change. It would be like our first class of Algebra or the first time we were given a class on how to read sheet music. St. Paul did not give up, and was very successful, even though the reward for his efforts was to be put to death in Rome for his efforts.

In next week's second reading St. Paul is speaking to the Corinthians about anxiety, and how the things in our daily life can lead us away from the importance of the true reason for our existence. St. Paul reflects on how our everyday lives can distract us from the teachings of Jesus. Our relationships with each other and our use of things of this world are meant to lead us to everlasting life with our creator. People were created to be loved; things were created to be used. True peace can only be had by focusing on the hereafter not on the here and now.

Save the. Date!!
Second Annual Women's Day of Reflection
Saturday, April 20, 2024
Registration information coming soon!



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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