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WEEKEND MASSES

4:00 p.m. Vigil Saturday

Sunday 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

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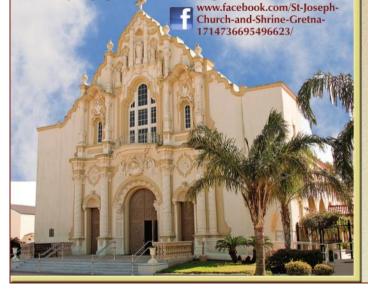
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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Vigil 10:30 a.m. Sunday

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Tuesday-Saturday 8:30 a.m. **First Friday** 8:30 a.m.

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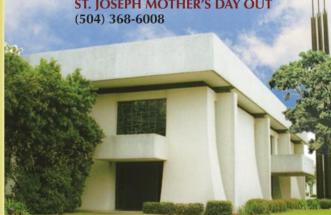
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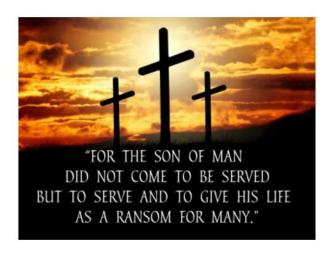
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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Readings for the week of October 20, 2024:

Sunday, October 20, 2024 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Monday, October 21, 2024

Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday, October 22, 2024 St. John Paul II, Pope Eph 2:12-22; Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday, October 23, 2024 St. John of Capistrano, Priest Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday, October 24, 2024 St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53 Friday, October 25, 2024

Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday, October 26, 2024

Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk 13:1-9

Sunday, October 27, 2024 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52



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 OCTOBER 12-13, 2024

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Envelopes, Loose, Checks	\$6,728.00
Online (10/7-13/24)	. \$1,346.00
Total Collected	
Budgeted Weekly Expense	. \$9,224.51
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense]	
Restoration Fund	. \$1,777.66
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Envelopes, Loose, Checks	. \$1,000.00
Online (10/7-13/24)	
Total Collected	
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Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense].	

Prayer for the Hurricane Season

Through the intercession of *Our Lady of Prompt Succor*, may we be protected from all loss of life and property during this hurricane season.

All Saints Day Schedule

St. Joseph Church & Shrine

Thursday, October 31 – Vigil 6:30pm Friday, November 1 – 8:00am followed by Adoration & Benediction; 11:30am, 6:30pm St. Anthony Church

Friday, November 1 - 8:30am followed by Adoration & Benediction

Blessing of Graves – Friday, November 1

Hook & Ladder Cemetery – 10:00am McDonoghville Cemetery – 1:00pm Westlawn Cemetery – 2:00pm Restlawn Cemetery (Avondale) – 2:00pm

All Soul's Day – Saturday, November 2

Special 10:00am Mass at St. Joseph Picture/Memento can be placed in front of Altar for the Mass

MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

ST. JOSEPH

Saturday, October 19, 2024

4:00 p.m. – Amy Loup, Terrio Fly., The Ehret Fly., Benny Randazzo, Jr., The Ortolano Family, The Falterman Fly., Patsy Grefer, Favors Granted from St. Lucy, Consecration of Our 2024 Election to Our Blessed Virgin Mary, For the Healing of Francis Bologna, All Souls in Purgatory, Dominic Thanh Do, Maria Tuoi Do, Maria Pham Lieu, Maria Rung, Vinsonte Ngoan Pham, Parents Souls, Grandparents Souls, Honor Rosary Mary Lady

Sunday, October 20, 2024 7:30 a.m. – Priscilla J. Cosse'

9:30 a.m. – Cambre, Brunet, Fonseca & Boudreaux Flys., Wiley J. Beevers, Marie Lynn Reine, Josephine Pasateri Weigel, Joni Bathel, Sharon Babin Beaman, The Leger Family, Frank Ehret III, Frank DeJesus Palacio, Mary Susan "Susie" Labadot Newman, Leona "Sue" Cambre, Michael McGee

11:30 a.m. – For All Parishioners

6:30 p.m. – For the Haitian Community

Monday, October 21, 2024 12:10 – Heather Houin Mebane

Tuesday, October 22, 2024 6:30 p.m. – William Sherman, Jr.

Wednesday, October 23, 2024 12:10 – John Lanier

Thursday, October 24, 2024 12:10 – Milton Malik

Friday, October 25, 2024 12:10 – William Sherman, Jr.

ST. ANTHONY

Saturday, October 19, 2024

5:00 p.m. – Tre' Anthony Walker, Fr. Augustine Maria Dang, Consecration of Our 2024 Election to Our Blessed Virgin Mary, Maurice Korndorffer

Sunday, October 20, 2024

10:30 a.m. – Helen & Gene Bach, Jr., Kori Tennyson Allemand, Ken Bryant, Henryetta Rareshide Waguespack

Monday, October 21, 2024 8:30 a.m. – L. M. Beks (Living)

Tuesday, October 22. 2024 8:30 a.m. – Raymond Strohmeyer, Sr.

Wednesday, October 23, 2024 8:30 a.m. – Henryetta R. Waguespack

Thursday, October 24, 2024 8:30 a.m. – Doris Lowe

Friday, October 25, 2024 8:30 a.m. – Vera Schexnayder

Saturday, October 26, 2024 8:30 a.m. – Jordan Deen 5:00 p.m. – Simone Scanio

Sunday, October 27, 2024

10:30 a.m. – Doris Lowe, Kori Tennyson Allemand, Ken Bryant, Consecration of Our 2024 Election to Our Blessed Virgin Mary, President Donald J. Trump



The Mass Intention books for St. Joseph and St. Anthony are now opened for 2025. The cost is \$5.00 per mass intention. You may drop off your written list of intentions & payment to the St. Joseph Parish Office between the hours of 9am-Noon, Monday-Thursday, leave in "drop box" to the right

of the office door, or place in the collection basket at a weekend mass. Please make sure to include your name and contact phone number.

Note: Please remember that 12:10 Mass on Tuesdays is no longer celebrated unless it is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will still have 6:30pm Mass with Novena on Tuesdays. 8:30 a.m Mass will still be celebrated at St. Anthony.



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.



Two Ways to Donate Needed Items for the Holiday Season!!

The St. Vincent de Paul Society St. Joseph Conference is seeking help with collecting food items for Thanksgiving baskets. The food drive will be held Oct. 19/20 through Nov. 9/10. There



will be boxes in the back of St. Joseph Church marked as St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive.



As a reminder, the St. Joseph Women's Club sponsors a year-round Food Drive. Let us assist others in need at this time by donating non-perishable food items. The food will be donated to the

Gretna Food Bank. Please bring your non-perishable food items and place them in the box provided in the rear of St. Joseph Church.

Gretna Cemetery Tour Saturday, October 26th · Cost: \$30

Step back in time and carry memories with you of the past into the future. A guided tour through Gretna's historic Hook and Ladder Cemetery will lead you from grave to grave where local actors dressed in period costumes, will tell stories about the lives &/or deaths of various people buried there. First tour 5pm; Last tour 8pm (tour times every 15 minutes, space limited for each tour) Call 504-362-3854 for more information. Light buffet at the Red Maple Restaurant included in the price.

The St. Anthony Ladies Club will be raffling 2 tickets to the Saints vs. Falcons football game on Sunday, November 10, 2024. Tickets are \$5 a ticket or 6 for \$20 and will be



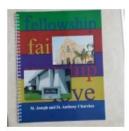
available after all Masses beginning Saturday, September 21. The winning ticket will be pulled after 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, November 3. Call Charlotte Roussel at 504-361-4942 if you want a ticket. Winner need not be present.



Concordia 1883 Worms-Abenheim German Singing Club

Free Concert on Sunday November 3rd at 3pm at St Joseph Church to benefit St Joseph and Salem Lutheran Churches -- donations accepted.

We will once again do a Photo Directory for St Joseph and St Anthony combined. Photos will be taken between the hours of 2pm and 830pm Tuesday November 5th through Friday November 8th. On Saturday



November 9th, photos will be taken from 10am to 4:30pm in the Social Room at St Joseph. Additional photos will be taken between the hours of 2pm and 830pm Tuesday December 10th through Friday December 13th. On Saturday December 14th, photos will be taken from 10am to 4:30pm in the Social Room at St Joseph. Volunteers will be needed once we start signing parishioners up for photo sessions. Please consider having your picture taken and also volunteering with scheduling.

Online scheduling instructions for family appointment setting are listed on our St. Joseph website.



Come join us on Monday, November 7th for a 6:00 Rosary and 6:30 Mass in honor of the Silver Rose - A **Higher Purpose** – Share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote respect for life participating in this meaningful pilgrimage. The Silver Rose program demonstrates the unity between

Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States and Mexico, through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady. Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Magnificat Westbank Chapter Breakfast Saturday, November 16, 2024 9:30am – Noon Speaker: Janice Charbonnet

Registration/Check in – 9:00-

9:30am

New Location: Knights of Columbus Hall

475 Franklin Ave., Gretna

Tickets: \$20.00 thru November 11

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That Man Is You! classes have resumed and are held each Friday. Breakfast is served at 5:45am in cafeteria, followed by presentation in auditorium.



Come, Lord Jesus! Bible Study



Tuesdays – 10:00AM – St. Joseph Rectory Tuesdays - 6:30PM – 31 Derbes Dr., Gretna

Wednesdays - 1:00PM – St. Joseph Cafeteria

Thursdays - 9:30AM - St. Anthony Rectory 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 Neo-Catechumenal Way program has started effective October 14th. Meetings will run for 8 weeks every Monday and Friday starting at 7:00pm through Friday December 6th. Meetings will be held in the St.

Joseph Auditorium. There will be a retreat offered after the 8 weeks are completed. Date of the Retreat TBA.

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.

The St. Joseph Women's Club will hold their quarterly meeting on Monday, November 4th 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.





Throughout the month of November, we will be praying for our deceased loved ones. You may write the names of your loved ones in the "Book of Life" which

has been placed on a pedestal in front of the Baptismal Font in St. Joseph Church and inside the main entrance to St. Anthony Church.

Come join the Young Adult Ministry for "Friendsgiving" on Monday, November 25th in the St. Joseph Auditorium. Please bring a covered dish. All are invited.



Holiday Craft Fair Saturday, October 26, 2024 10am to 3pm Free Admission Proceeds benefit Scholarship Fund Academy of Our Lady Gym 5501 Westbank Expressway Santa Pictures Crafts, Food, Jewelry, Home Décor, and so much more!

The Archdiocese of New Orleans is offering prayers and collecting funds for those affected in the devastated areas of North Carolina and Florida. You can make your check payable to the Archdiocese of New Orleans and send directly to:

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Thanks for helping us care for those who have lost so much in the recent hurricanes.

Whose plan was this anyway?

God's thoughts are not our thoughts, nor are our ways God's ways. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are God's ways higher than our ways, and God's thoughts higher than our thoughts there is one thing we know for sure it is this: God created everyone for success. God did not create anyone for failure. But what does success and failure mean? For most people success means to be the head of the pack. To succeed means to excel. Success is measured by comparing one's achievements against the achievements of one's competitors. But for Jesus success means the fulfilling of God's plan for them. Before people came into this world, divine providence had already crafted a plan for each person to live out. We do not come into life to write our own job description. We come with a divine job description in our hands and with the physical and mental qualities necessary to get the job done. Does this mean that God has already determined from the beginning the outcome of our earthly existence? No. God has an intended purpose for which He created you and me. But whether you and I achieve this purpose depends on if we accept God's grace. God gives us free will to choose His grace or not. God invites us to trust in him. He promises that everything will work out in the end, but he does not promise that everything will work out the way we want it to.

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