

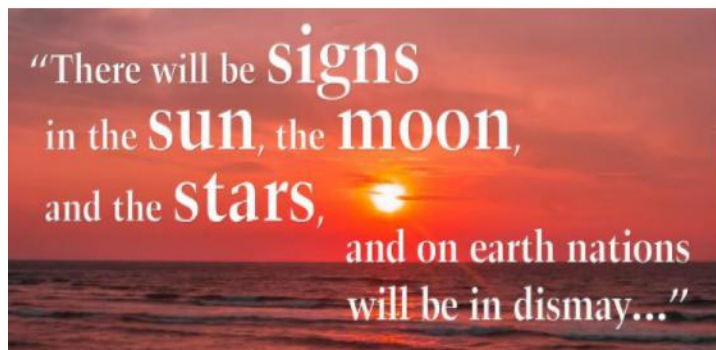
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Be vigilant at all times...

Lk 21:36



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Readings for the week of December 1, 2024:

Sunday, December 1, 2024 First Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2;
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday, December 2, 2024

Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 3, 2024 St. Francis Xavier, Priest

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 4, 2024 St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 5, 2024

Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1&8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 6, 2024 St. Nicholas, Bishop

Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday, December 7, 2024 St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday, December 8, 2024 Second Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11;
Lk 3:1-6



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 NOVEMBER 23-24, 2024

Will be reported in next week's bulletin

COLLECTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 16-17, 2024

ST. JOSEPH

Envelopes, Loose, Checks	\$5,840.78
Online (11/11-17/24)	\$ 416.00
Total Collected	\$6,256.78
Budgeted Weekly Expense	\$9,224.51
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense] ..	–\$2,967.73

Human Development \$1,139.25

ST. ANTHONY

Envelopes, Loose, Checks	\$1,156.00
Online (11/11-17/24)	\$ 210.00
Total Collected	\$1,366.00
Budgeted Weekly Expense	\$5,342.00
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense] ..	–\$3,976.00

Human Development \$ 408.00



Second Collection
December 7-8, 2024
Retirement Fund for
Religious
See attached letter from
Archbishop Aymond

It's not too late to be included in our new church directory and get a complementary family portrait!

Go to the Universal Church Directories website (www.ucdir.com).

Enter your church code **LA158**;

enter your church password **photos**
to schedule your appointment.

Photos will be taken between the hours of 2pm – 8:30pm on Tuesday Dec 10 through Friday Dec 13.

On Saturday, Dec 14, photos will be taken from 10am – 4:30pm in the Social Room at St. Joseph.

For more information, call Parish Office 504-368-1313 or Fr. Gary 504-485-3164.

MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

ST. JOSEPH

Saturday, November 30, 2024

4:00 p.m. – Luke J. Trombatore, The Ehret Fly., The Falterman Fly., For Healing of Frances Bologna, Patsy Grefer, All the Souls, All the Poor Souls, Mary Grace Orsag, Violet Saladina

Sunday, December 1, 2024

7:30 a.m. – Amy Loup

9:30 a.m. – John Lanier, Paul Walther, Sr., Wiley J. Beevers, Marie Lynn Reine, Josephine Pasateri Weigel, Frank Ehret III, Frank DeJesus Palacio, Leona “Sue” Cambre, Michael McGee, Darnell LeBlanc, Louis Labauve, Lois LaBruzza, James “Jerry” Buras, Sr., Manuel Rotolo, Mark David Deane, Gary Wayne Bass, Carlo Ferrara, John Joseph Roy, Salvatore Vincent Gagliano II, La’Dawn Nichelle Paul, Linzy Alou Antoine, Helen Gean Clark, Alberta Sister Campbell, Joseph B. Sunseri

11:30 a.m. – For All Parishioners

6:30 p.m. – For the Haitian Community

Monday, December 2, 2024

12:10 – Luke LaBruzza, Sr.

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

6:30 p.m. – Mary Goodwyne

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

12:10 – Theresa DiPascal

Thursday, December 5, 2024

12:10 – John W. Brown

Friday, December 6, 2024 (First Friday)

8:00 a.m. – Lucille T. Link

12:10 – Dorine Eymard Fly



The Sanctuary Light this week at **St. Joseph** will burn in memory of
St. Lucy
For Favors Granted

ST. ANTHONY

Saturday, November 30, 2024

5:00 p.m. – Shirley Rachal

Sunday, December 1, 2024

10:30 a.m. – Henryetta Rareshide Waguespack, Kori Tennyson Allemand

Monday, December 2, 2024

8:30 a.m. – Simone Scanio

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

8:30 a.m. – Henryetta Rareshide Waguespack

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

8:30 a.m. – Buddy Kass

Thursday, December 5, 2024

8:30 a.m. – Fr. Lanaux Rareshide

Friday, December 6, 2024

8:30 a.m. – Mary Miller

Saturday, December 7, 2024

8:30 a.m. – Doris Lowe

5:00 p.m. – Simone Scanio, Lloyd Leaber, Sr., Laura Leaber, Lawrence Pfeiffer, Hazel Pfeiffer

Sunday, December 8, 2024

10:30 a.m. – Michael C. Arnold Jr. Family, Ralph Fryou Jr.



St. Anthony's Giving Tree will support families from the Community Center for Life here in Gretna. Please wrap your gift and attach the tag to it. **All gifts need to be returned to St. Anthony Church by Sunday, December 15th.** Thank you for your generosity.

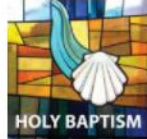


**SUNDAY AND MONDAY
BINGO'S AT GRETNA
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ST. JOSEPH
RESTORATION**

St. Joseph Church has 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.



"Shop the Huey"

**Saturday, December 14 – 9am – 3pm
Gretna Cultural Center
4th St. @ Huey P. Long Ave.**

Over 50 vendors will be selling a variety of items to cover your holiday shopping list! Visit the St. Joseph Restoration

Table for ornaments and cookbooks. **FREE Mimosas** available inside!

St. Joseph Church and Shrine in Gretna invites the public to enjoy the **Living Nativity** that will be presented on **Sunday, December 22 at 6:00 p.m.** on the neutral ground of Huey P. Long Avenue between 6th and 7th Streets.



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.

Don't want to visit the Malls!

Come visit our Gift Shop at **St. Joseph Church** where religious articles for the Christmas season will be available for purchase before and after all masses **beginning December 7-8 through December 21-22.**



**Giving Tuesday
December 3, 2024**

We're excited to announce that we are participating in #iGiveCatholic on Giving Tuesday, December 3rd. This is a nationally recognized, special day set aside to honor the beauty of our Catholic faith. It offers all of us the opportunity to support the many wonderful Catholic organizations that serve our community, such as St. Joseph Church & Shrine and St. Anthony Church & School. Join us to "Give Back & Give Catholic"! It is only with the prayers and generous assistance of our supporters that we can accomplish this important work and make a difference in the lives of those we are so blessed to serve. This year, we are trying to raise funds to help with the upkeep of our buildings and necessary maintenance. Any gift you make to assist us in this endeavor will be greatly appreciated. All gifts made on December 3rd or during the Advanced Giving phase starting Monday November 18th will make a difference.

**Feast of the Immaculate
Conception – December 9th**

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception falls on Monday, December 9th this year. **It is a Holy Day of Obligation.**

Masses on December 9th are as follows: St. Anthony will celebrate Mass at 8:30am and St. Joseph will celebrate Mass at 12:10pm. We **do not** have a Vigil Mass for Feast Day nor do we have the 8am or 6:30pm Masses at St. Joseph.



Our St. Joseph & St. Anthony 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.

Thank you to everyone who came out to Sam Garnett's organ concert on Monday, November 18th. We raised \$529 for World Central Kitchen.

**Fr. Gary &
Mother's Day Out
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**Catholic Daughters of
America will be having a
display of Nativities the
weekend of December 7th &**

8th in the back of Jerome Hall.

**Last year, there were more than 100 Nativities on
display!**

Saturday, December 7th from 3pm – 6:30pm

**Sunday, December 8th from 8:30am – 1pm & from
6:30pm – 8:30pm**

**If you would like your Nativity on display, please
contact Lawrence Nodier at 504-616-4180 or Angela
Hendrickson at 504-376-4841.**

Save the Date!!

Saturday, February 1, 2025

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Are You Ready

This is the time of the year for celebration. We just had Thanksgiving which is celebrated throughout the world as a blessing for the harvest. Next comes Christmas which 85% of Americans celebrate. Then for the people of New Orleans comes the Super Bowl. Then it is almost time for Mardi Gras.

Now for all of these celebrations there is a period of preparation. Cooking, present buying, party planning, and a numerous number of other things for us to take care of to make the celebrations joyful.

Today is the first day of Advent which is the Latin word for coming or arrival. The coming of the promise that God made to the Jewish people and to us many thousands of years ago. God had a plan and as culture progressed in the appropriate time He would reinstate all things to Jesus. Advent is the beginning of that time. A time to bring the love of God to all people and for them to share that love. Advent is the beginning of the celebration of the purpose of our lives and for that we need to prepare. **Are you ready?**

Daughters of St. Paul Christmas Concert December 18 – 6:30pm

The Daughters of St. Paul in Metairie not only run a Catholic book and gift store but annually perform a fantastic Christmas Concert which showcases their musical talents and love of the Lord. This year's Concert will be performed in only three cities, New York, Boston and New Orleans.

**The N.O. performance will be at Jesuit High
School's Auditorium on Wednesday, December 18
at 6:30pm.**

Tickets are \$35 and may be purchased at Pauline Books & Media, 4403 Veterans Memorial Blvd., Metairie (across from Clearview Mall or online at: <https://give.pauline.org/christmas-concert/new-orleans-dec-18>).

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November 6, 2024

To: Clergy, Religious and Laity of the Archdiocese

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The weekend of December 7th and December 8th our parishes will take up the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This campaign is crucial, benefiting more than 24,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have been faithful servants within the Church, devoting their lives to service.

As I reflect on their ministry, I am grateful for the impact these women and men religious have had on our faith journeys. Their devoted service has impacted our archdiocese, inspiring and guiding us as we grow in faith.

Most senior religious worked many years for little pay, leaving their religious communities with a shortage of retirement savings. Rising healthcare costs and decreased income compound the challenge to meet day-to-day needs for medications, nursing assistance, and other necessities.

Your contributions to the Retirement Fund for Religious play a vital role in providing necessary financial support. This support enables religious communities to care for their aging members while ensuring that the younger generation can carry forward the invaluable work of their elders.

Please consider contributing when asked and giving what you are able. Above all, I ask for your prayers for God's continued blessings on all our women and men religious, who keep you in their prayers as well.

Together, let us support the many religious women and men who have made enormous contributions to our Church and to the world.

Wishing you God's blessings and with the assurance of my prayers, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gregory M. Aymond".

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans

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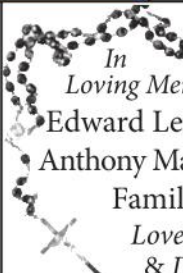
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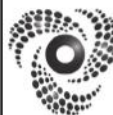
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