

PEACE

...all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Lk 3:6



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Readings for the week of December 8, 2024:

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

Monday, December 9, 2024 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday, December 10, 2024 Our Lady of Loreto

Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3&10ac, 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 11, 2024 St. Damascus I, Pope

Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8&10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, December 12, 2024 Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Judith 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:2638 or 1:39-47

Friday, December 13, 2024 St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4&6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, December 14, 2024 St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac&3b, 15-16, 18-19;
Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday, December 15, 2024 Third Sunday of Advent

Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18



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.



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Rev. Gary P. Copping, Pastor



COLLECTIONS FOR NOV 30-DEC 1, 2024

ST. JOSEPH

Envelopes, Loose, Checks \$6,121.50
Online (11/25-12/1/24) \$ 869.00
Total Collected \$6,990.50
Budgeted Weekly Expense \$9,224.51
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense] . . .-\$2,234.01

Maintenance Fund \$1,271.00

ST. ANTHONY

Envelopes, Loose, Checks \$1,912.00
Online (11/25-12/1/24) \$ 160.00
Total Collected \$2,072.00
Budgeted Weekly Expense \$5,342.00
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense]. . .-\$3,270.00

Maintenance Fund \$ 469.00

COLLECTIONS NOVEMBER 23-24, 2024

ST. JOSEPH

Envelopes, Loose, Checks \$5,884.00
Online (11/18-24/24) \$ 752.00
Total Collected \$6,636.00
Budgeted Weekly Expense \$9,224.51
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense] . . .-\$2,588.51

ST. ANTHONY

Envelopes, Loose, Checks \$3,936.00
Online (11/18-24/24) \$ 160.00
Total Collected \$4,096.00
Budgeted Weekly Expense \$5,342.00
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense]. . .-\$1,246.00



Second Collection December 14-15, 2024

St. Joseph Restoration Fund

Monies collected have been earmarked for this fund and will be used for major repairs to the interior & exterior of the church, auditorium, cafeteria building, and other major projects to restore the beauty of St. Joseph Church. This collection will not replace the monthly Maintenance Fund collection but will be an additional collection.

Wedding Banns
Saturday, December 14, 2024
Ivan Valdespino
Jessica Nguyen



MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

ST. JOSEPH

Saturday, December 7, 2024

4:00 p.m. – Barry Giglio, The Ehret Fly, The Falterman Fly, The Blanchard Fly, The Scardino Fly, The Uzee Fly, The Cannon Fly, John Hefti, Robert Klein Fly, Souls in Purgatory, For the Healing of Frances Bologna, Patsy Grefer, Mary Grace Orsag, Henry & Carol Hatty, Ray & Marilyn Reynolds, Franz Meidert

Sunday, December 8, 2024

7:30 a.m. – Amy Loup

9:30 a.m. – Wiley J. Beevers, Marie Lynn Reine, Josephine Pasateri Weigel, W. Richard & Helen White, Susan Newman, Frank Ehret III, Frank DeJesus Palacio, Leona “Sue” Cambre, Michael McGee, Darnell LeBlanc, Kermit Ortolano

11:30 a.m. – For All Parishioners

6:30 p.m. – For the Haitian Community

Monday, December 9, 2024 (Immaculate Conception)

12:10 – Barry Giglio

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

6:30 p.m. – Stacy Ann Link

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

12:10 – Eric Nelson

Thursday, December 12, 2024

12:10 – Sidney J. Waguespack, Jr.

Friday, December 13, 2024

12:10 – Louis J. Guccione, Jr.



The Sanctuary Light this week at St.
Joseph will burn in memory of
Josie Palermo

ST. ANTHONY

Saturday, December 7, 2024

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.

Monday, December 9, 2024 (Immaculate Conception)

8:30 a.m. – Janet Rachal Thomas

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

8:30 a.m. – Billy R. Cannon

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

8:30 a.m. – Buddy Kass

Thursday, December 12, 2024

8:30 a.m. – Simone Scanio

Friday, December 13, 2024

8:30 a.m. – David Hamann, Jr.

Saturday, December 14, 2024

8:30 a.m. – Phan Nguyen

5:00 p.m. – Clay Leon III, Clay Leon IV

Sunday, December 15, 2024

10:30 a.m. – Doris Lowe

St. Anthony Ladies Club Meeting

The St Anthony Ladies Club will meet every second Wednesday of the month in the St Anthony School Cafeteria at 6pm. Please consider joining our Ladies of St Anthony for this group. Their next meeting is Wednesday December 11 at 6pm.



**SUNDAY AND MONDAY
BINGO'S AT GRETNA
BINGO PALACE BENEFIT
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.



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.

**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>).



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.

"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.**



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 the St. Joseph calendars available to us.

Save the Date!!

Saturday, February 1, 2025

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An Evening with Burgundy

You are cordially invited to spend an evening with Music by Burgundy for this exclusive one-time only event!

For information call

Helen 504-450-8481

Ray 504-957-4104

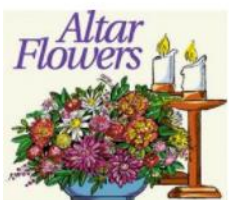
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Reservations are now open!

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\$400 tables of 10



Anyone wishing to contribute to Flowers on the Altar in memory of a loved one, please note that the cost has increased to \$60 which is for one week (covers Sunday – Saturday).

In Memoriam

Let us remember to pray for the repose of the souls of **Betty Ann Morris and Doris Sullivan**. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. *Amen.*

ANNUAL BLESSING OF MOTORCYCLES SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2024

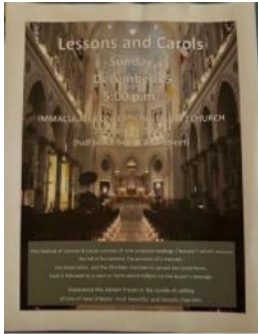


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**Everyone is Invited to
Lessons and Carols
Sunday, December 15th
5:00pm
Immaculate Conception
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The Festival of Lessons & Carols consists of nine scripture readings ("lessons") which recount the fall of humankind, the promise of a messiah, the Incarnation, and the Christian mandate to spread the Good News. Each is followed by a carol or hymn which reflects on the lesson's message.

Experience this Advent Prayer in the candle-lit setting of one of New Orleans' most beautiful and historic churches.

Fr. Gary again this year is offering classes on our Catholic Faith for those interested in becoming Catholics or wanting to enrich their Faith. **Classes 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
Tuesday -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



Please bring your Baminelli (Baby Jesus from your Nativity set) to Mass on Saturday December 14/Sunday December 15 to be blessed.

The Blessing of the Baminelli was first instituted by St. John Paul II. On the Third Sunday of Advent, the children of Rome are encouraged to bring the baby Jesus (Baminelli) from each of their Nativity sets to St. Peter's Square. Following the Sunday Angelus address, the Pope blesses the figurines. Now celebrated in other churches around the world, this Advent tradition is a way for children to connect their Nativity scene at home to the celebration of Christmas at their church. At St. Joseph and St. Anthony, we will observe it on the Third Sunday of Advent.

We Are Proud of Our St. Joseph St. Vincent du Paul Conference

The 18 active members and 10 associate members of our St Vincent de Paul Conference provided \$33,602 of assistance to 555 needy people this past fiscal year. They also were able to help them with food and furniture in the amount of \$1520 in addition to the \$33,602. The members and associates gave over 790 hours of service hours to help the poor. It is in gratitude and much appreciation that we thank our SVdP Conference for their hard work; you, for your contributions to the collection and poor box to help fund our SVdP Conference; the poor for allowing us to share our blessings; and, most of all, to God, who gives us the graces, blessings, and abilities to serve Him in our neighbor. If you wish to join us as a member or an associate, please call the Parish Office 504-368-1313 or the SVdP line 504-298-6907 and leave a message.



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