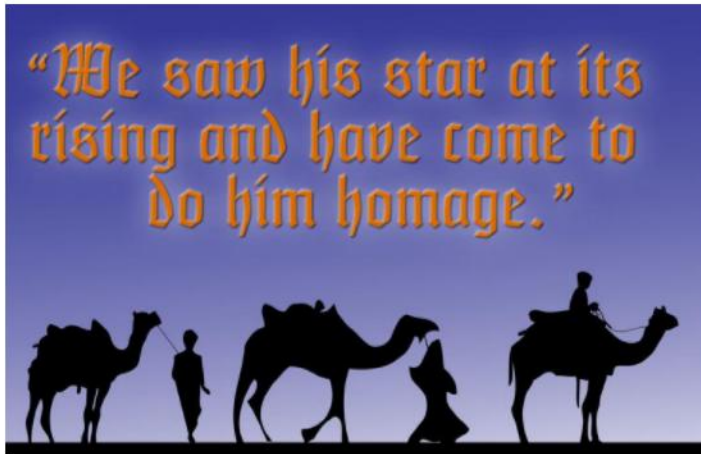


*Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage.*

Matthew 2:2

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Sunday, January 5, 2025 The Epiphany of the Lord
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 Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6,
 Mt 2:1-12

Monday, January 6, 2025 St. Andre' Bessette, Religious
 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday, January 7, 2025 St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday, January 8, 2025
 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday, January 9, 2025
 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14&15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22

Friday, January 10, 2025
 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday, January 11, 2025
 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a&9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday, January 12, 2025 The Baptism of the Lord
 Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or
 Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30; Acts 10:34-38 or
 Ti 2:11-14; 3, 4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



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 DEC 24-25, 28-29, 2024
 DEC 31-JANUARY 1, 4-5, 2025**
 Will be reported in next week's bulletin

COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER 21-22, 2024 ST. JOSEPH

Envelopes, Loose, Checks	\$5,907.00
Online (12/16-22/24)	<u>\$2,746.00</u>
Total Collected	\$8,653.00
Budgeted Weekly Expense	\$9,224.51
Net Income [+ or - budgeted expense] ...	-\$ 571.51

Christmas Flowers\$1,659.00

ST. ANTHONY

Envelopes, Loose, Checks	\$1,786.00
Online (12/16-22/24)	<u>\$1,210.00</u>
Total Collected	\$2,996.00
Budgeted Weekly Expense	\$5,342.00
Net Income [+ or - budgeted expense]..	-\$2,346.00

Christmas Flowers\$ 876.00



Second Collection January 11-12, 2025 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, January 11, 2025
Ngoc Dang
Huy Pham



The St. Joseph Women's Club will hold their quarterly meeting on Monday, January 13th 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.

MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

ST. JOSEPH

Saturday, January 4, 2025

4:00 p.m. – Anna Danjean, Amy Loup, Ehret Fly., Falterman Fly., Seal Fly., Uzee Fly., Cannon Fly., Mary Grace Orsag, Patsy Grefer

Sunday, January 5, 2025

7:30 a.m. – For All Parishioners

9:30 a.m. – Casler Fly., Darnell LeBlanc, John Lanier, Paul Walther, Sr., David L. Pitre, Frank Ehret III, Frank DeJesus Palacio, Priscilla J. Cosse', Allen J. Roussel, Babson "BJ" LeBlanc, Bob Martin

11:30 a.m. – Wiley J. Breaux, Sr.

6:30 p.m. – For the Haitian Community

Monday, January 6, 2025

12:10 – Jules Vegas

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

6:30 p.m. – Copping Fly.

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

12:10 – Norma Donahue

Thursday, January 9, 2025

12:10 – Priscilla J. Cosse'

Friday, January 10, 2025

12:10 – For All Deceased Parishioner



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.

ST. ANTHONY

Saturday, January 4, 2025

5:00 p.m. – Arnold Lirette, Jr., Rita Cadres

Sunday, January 5, 2025

10:30 a.m. – Dee Dee Gautreaux

Monday, January 6, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Kass Family

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Lawrence P. Murphy

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Br. Amedy Esquibel

Thursday, January 9, 2025

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

Friday, January 10, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Joseph Romano

Saturday, January 11, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Josie Cheramie

5:00 p.m. – James Rouse

Sunday, January 12, 2025

10:30 a.m. – Msgr. Lanaux Rareshide



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 January 8 at 6pm.**





**SUNDAY AND MONDAY
BINGO'S AT GRETN
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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.



**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, February 16, 2025 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 1995 - 2000. To register, please contact the parish office before Friday, January 17, 2025.** 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.

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.



Christmas Decorations

Sincere thanks go out to all who generously volunteered their time and talents to decorate both churches for the Christmas Season.

In Memoriam

Let us remember to pray for the repose of the soul of **Frank Maness, Jr.** May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. *Amen.*

**Stroke Scan Plus
Vascular Ultrasound Screening Event**

EVERY 40 SECONDS, SOMEONE IN THE U.S. IS HAVING A STROKE!

Stroke Scan Plus will be at St. Joseph Catholic Church on Wednesday, January 15th, to provide lifesaving, wellness ultrasound screenings. It is important to perform preventive maintenance for ourselves yearly. Do you have high blood pressure or high cholesterol, diabetes, or a family history of heart disease, stroke, abdominal aneurysm, or internal cancers? If so, do not miss this opportunity for early detection of a possibly serious disease. These screenings are typically **NOT** performed at your annual check-up, and insurance companies may not pay for them unless you are symptomatic.

Stroke Scan Plus will be offering them to you for \$169 for all 7 combined ultrasound screenings (Stroke, AAA, Thyroid, Liver, Kidneys, & Gallbladder). Blood testing will incur an additional cost. Insurance is **NOT** necessary, and appointments are limited.

Stroke Scan Plus will be available at the church for you to register on Saturday, January 4th - Sunday, January 5th, or please call 832-437-7355 to schedule an appointment today for you or a loved one. The screenings will take place in/at the St. Joseph Catholic Church. Prevention is your key to quality health! www.strokescan.com.

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.



Why?

Some of us have just gotten back home from visiting with loved ones far away for the holidays. You traveled by car, train, or airplane. The trip might have been difficult or uncomfortable, but the reward was worth it.

Today we hear about three kings who made their trip on camels for about 800 miles and for directions they followed a star. The journey was motivated by their belief in a Jewish writing that these wise men had read which overcame the discomfort of the trip. They were learned men who were in search of a promised king who would change the world. In their hearts and minds they knew what they were looking for and nothing would stop them. Their faith brought them to the son of God, and also gave them direction how to return home without danger to themselves or to the child Jesus.

Faith is a motivating virtue. It can lead us on many journeys. True faith can lead us to eternal life but can also distract us because you cannot see or touch faith. It is something that grows in us but can be distracted by the here and now rather than the hereafter. Faith leads us to believe in the things we cannot prove and accept the things we cannot understand.

Faith's goal is our salvation.



Living Nativity Sunday, December 22nd

Bottom photos: **Joseph & Mary (David & Claudia Mullek) with Angels**

Top photos: **Joseph & Mary (riding donkey)**
Thanks to our Young Adult Ministry and members of KC Council #1905 for making and serving hot chocolate at this special event!

2025 NOLA Catholic Men's Conference: "I Trust in You"

Saturday, March 15, 2025

St. Dominic Church, New Orleans

Registration is now open for the Archdiocese of New Orleans Men's Conference. This year's conference theme is "I Trust in You". Last year we focused on the loneliness crisis among men and the need to rebuild genuine friendship. For most men, the greatest obstacle to genuine friendship is the erosion of trust. On a daily basis, men contend with the dangers and difficulties of a sometimes-chaotic world. Building relationships of trust is a serious and delicate task that seems to have become more difficult day by day. How do we build mature relationships of trust with God, the Church, and one another when our lived experience makes trusting difficult? How can we find the peace and confidence in God's plan for us when we see so much chaos all around? How do we become the trustworthy men God, the Church, and our family and friends need us to be in order to fulfill our vocations and build a more peaceful and productive society? Please help us call all the men of our local Church of New Orleans to this important event! **The conference will be held at St. Dominic Church on Saturday, March 15, 2025.**

Save the Date!!

April 5, 2025

Third Annual Women's Day of Reflection

On Saturday, April 5, 2025, Claire Gallagher, a consecrated virgin for the Archdiocese of New Orleans, will be our Spiritual Guide and Presenter for our Women's Day of Reflection. Please mark your calendars. More information to come.

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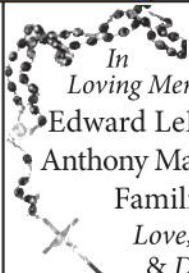
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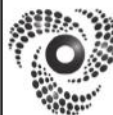
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