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CONFIRMATION

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SICK AND SHUT-INS

Please notify office.

MARRIAGE

Please call at least nine-six months in advance.

NEWCOMERS

Welcome! Please introduce yourself and register in church or at the parish center.

Saint Joseph

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OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday: Office Closed

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

WEEKEND MASSES

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

DAILY MASSES

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

Email: stjosephgretna@arch-no.org



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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

WEEKEND MASSES

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

DAILY MASSES

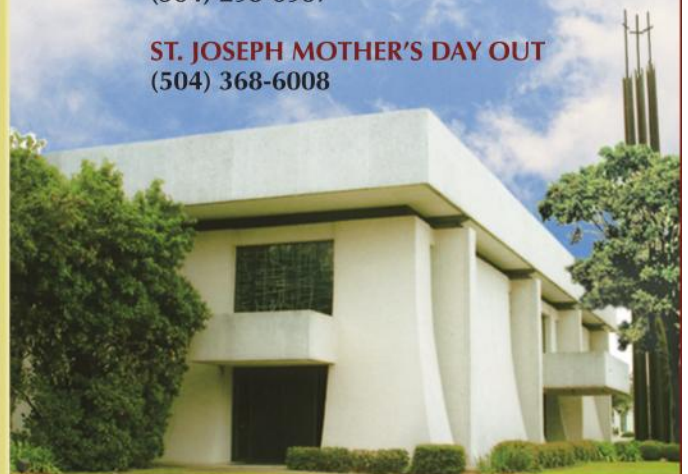
Monday 8:30 a.m. & Novena
Tuesday-Saturday 8:30 a.m.
First Friday 8:30 a.m.
Mass Holy Hour & Novena

CONFESSIONS

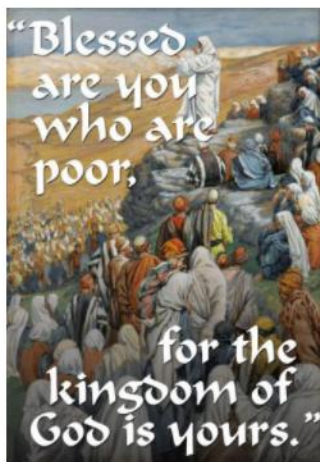
Saturday 4:30 p.m.
and anytime by appointment

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Sunday, February 16, 2025

Sunday, February 16, 2025 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4&6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20;
Lk 6:17, 20-26

Monday, February 17, 2025 The Seven Founders of the Order
of Servites, Religious

Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b&9c-10;
Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19;
Mk 8:22-26

Thursday, February 20, 2025

Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29&22-23;
Mk 8:27-33

Friday, February 21, 2025 St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor
of the Church

Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Mk 8:34-9:1

Saturday, February 22, 2025 The Chair of St. Peter the
Apostle

1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt 16:13-19

Sunday, February 23, 2025 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-
13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38



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 FEBRUARY 8-9, 2025
Will be reported in next week's bulletin

COLLECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 1-2, 2025

ST. JOSEPH

Envelopes, Loose, Checks	\$6,531.75
Online (1/27-2/3/25)	<u>\$1,109.00</u>
Total Collected	\$7,640.75
Budgeted Weekly Expense	\$9,224.51
Net Income [+ or - budgeted expense] ..	-\$1,583.76

Maintenance Fund\$1,656.00

ST. ANTHONY

Envelopes, Loose, Checks	\$3,245.20
Online (1/27-2/3/25)	<u>\$ 335.00</u>
Total Collected	\$3,580.20
Budgeted Weekly Expense	\$5,342.00
Net Income [+ or - budgeted expense]..	-\$1,761.80

Maintenance Fund \$ 552.00



Second Collection February 22-23, 2025 Catholic Charities

Our parish's support in this second
collection provides crucial funds
that enable Catholic Charities to
bring hope and support to those in
need in our Archdiocese. Last year, our parish's
participation helped raise over \$150,000 to assist
thousands of individuals and families in need. You can
support Catholic Charities through this second
collection, or by visiting:

www.ccano.org/secondcollection

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy
Sacrament. I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You
sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite
myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

ST. JOSEPH

Saturday, February 15, 2025

4:00 p.m. – Lois Miller, Ehret Fly., Terrio Fly.,
Falterman Fly., Patsy Grefer, Robert Mire, Norma
Donahue, Lester Schmitt

Sunday, February 16, 2025

7:30 a.m. – Ana de Marquinez, Amy Loup

9:30 a.m. – Leger Fly.

11:30 a.m. – For All Parishioners

6:30 p.m. – For The Haitian Community

Monday, February 17, 2025

12:10 – Norma Donahue

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

6:30 p.m. – Hubert Gauthreaux

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

12:10 – John C. Huertin, Jr.

Thursday, February 20, 2025

12:10 – Bill Swiler

Friday, February 21, 2025

12:10 – Gerard Foley



Save the Date!!

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

We are in the process of making cookies for this
year's Altar. Please join us in the Cafeteria,

Monday-Thursday – start at 9:30am.

**Volunteers are welcome – everyone please park in
main parking lot.**

ST. ANTHONY

Saturday, February 15, 2025

5:00 p.m. – Dee Dee Gautreaux, Charles Gautreaux

Sunday, February 16, 2025

10:30 a.m. – For the Victims of the D.C. Airline Crash

Monday, February 17, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Thank You Dear Jesus

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Clay Leon III

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Dee Dee Gautreaux

Thursday, February 20, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Clay Leon IV

Friday, February 21, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Raymond Strohmeyer, Sr.

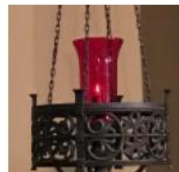
Saturday, February 22, 2025

8:30 a.m. – For All Deceased Parishioners

5:00 p.m. – Lauren Berg

Sunday, February 23, 2025

10:30 a.m. – For Peace in the World



**The Sanctuary Light this week at St.
Anthony will burn in memory of
*Dee Dee Gautreaux***

**That Man Is You – All Things New
Spring Semester Has Resumed!**

ATTENTION MEN OF ST. JOSEPH!

Are you looking to deepen your relationship with God?
Be a better husband? Become a more loving father?
Build friendships with other like-minded men? And
seek to be the best man you can be? Then Come
Join... **That Man is You! Friday Mornings from
5:45am-7:30am in Cafeteria.**

Contact Fr. Gary Copping at 504-485-3164



**SUNDAY AND MONDAY
BINGO'S AT GRETN
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.



**Golden Wedding
Anniversary Celebration**

The Office of Marriage and Family Life is pleased to announce the annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held on Sunday, June 22, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Philip Neri Church, Metairie. This prayer service will honor couples who are celebrating or have recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. **The celebration is open to couples married in 1975 or before. (To register, please contact your parish office before Thursday, April 10, 2025).** Please Note: The Golden 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.

Save the Date!!

Chili Cookoff 2025 – Saturday, March 22
600 block of Sixth St. between Lavoisier & Newton Sts., Gretna

Registration for cooking teams is now open

Sponsorships are available:

\$500 Stage Sponsorship

\$150 Sign Sponsorship

\$10 entrance fee per person

Call Helen Williams 504-450-8481 for details

**Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims Of Hope
January 1-December 28, 2025**

For the **2025 Jubilee Year**, Pope Francis has selected the theme, *Pilgrims of Hope*. It is his desire that this Jubilee year may contribute to restoring a climate of hope and trust around the world and allow for each of us to experience an encounter with Christ through pilgrimage to sacred spaces and in meeting the poor, sick, and vulnerable that we are called to serve.

Designated pilgrimage sites:

St. Louis Cathedral
St. Stephen's Basilica
National Shrine of Our Lady of Prompt Succor
National Shrine of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos
Shrine of the Vietnamese Holy Martyrs
St. Jude Shrine
St. Augustine Church
St. Joseph Abbey – Covington
St. Charles Borromeo – Destrehan
St. John the Baptist – Edgard
St. Joseph Church & Shrine – Gretna
St. Ann Church & Shrine – Metairie

For more information regarding Jubilee Year 2025, plenary indulgence, etc., visit:

<https://nolacatholic.org/jubilee2025>



Lenten Fish Fry

St. Joseph Church Gym

Seventh & Newton Streets

5:00 – 7:00pm

Friday, March 28, 2025

Hosted by St. Joseph St. Vincent de Paul

Choice of:

Fish Dinner – includes fried catfish, baked macaroni, salad, and bread - \$15.00

Shrimp & Grits Dinner – includes shrimp & grits, salad, and bread - \$15.00

Drinks & desserts available for purchase

Anyone wishing to donate a dessert, please call (504)298-6907 & leave a message; bring to cafeteria after 3:00pm on March 28th

Dine in or take out

Sponsor of the Week



Concern

Today Jesus starts his message with the crowd in St. Luke's Gospel with a shocking image. It seems that he is blessing the needy and condemning the prosperous. This is a concept that is felt in many quarters today. But when we look at the real meaning of this message, we will find that it is not a point of have and have not's but an analogy of the creation of our world and that of our eternal existence.

If we look at today and not tomorrow, we will see that everything that we have, make, build and control here in the time period of our creation is just a flash in the eye of forever. The real point of our existence here is not tomorrow but eternity. In the next chapter of our being it will not be for what we may have or build but for everyone we love.

If we look at what Jesus had to say we can get a better idea of his message to us and the best way to achieve that goal.

Jesus is not saying we must give up our ability to grow in our lives of working and become poor. No, he is saying to those of us who are gifted with success should utilize those gifts to help those who have not been that fortunate. We should give as we have received, love those who are not loved, and look beyond what we have to give to those who have not.

True love of God is not a feeling but an attitude of ongoing self-surrender and concern for others similar to the concern God has for us and every living thing.

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.**



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Our Lady of Guadalupe
June 23-28, 2025**

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The recent "*Burgundy Dance*" was a huge success. Right at 600 people enjoyed the music and camaraderie of friends and neighbors. Kudos to Father Gary who can pull off a cool second line!

There was a 50/50 split raffle that raised \$1,900 that was won by Ryan Templet who generously donated his entire winnings of \$950 back to St. Joseph Restoration!

There was another raffle, "Sipping at Sunset," a wine and cheese for 10 people at the beautiful Riverview condo with its fabulous veranda owned by Joe and JoAnn Toomy. Garry Vedros was the lucky winner and is thrilled!

Thanks to Ray and Wanda Markase for bringing Burgundy back for a lovely evening. A big thanks to all the volunteers who helped in some way, especially Geri Mayville, Judy LeBlanc, Missy LaCour, Heather LeBlanc, Chantell Jennings, Tosanna Lopez and Jordan and Kayley Kish.

Thanks to the Toomy's and Ryan Templet and all who attended the dance. Looking forward to seeing the community come together again for the Chili Cookoff 2025 block party on March 22 at the church complex.

Mary Helen Williams, Finance Director

**ST. JOSEPH
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Women's Day of Reflection

Spiritual Poverty & Femininity

with guest speaker:
CLAIRE GALLAGHER

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April 5, 2025

8AM - 3PM

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To register go to:
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Register by: April 5th






**Flyers and registration forms are also available
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