The devil said to Jesus, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." Jesus answered him "It is written, One does not live on bread alone." Luke 4:3-4

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Sunday, March 9, 2025

Sunday, March 9, 2025 First Sunday of Lent

Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Rm 10:8-13: Lk 4:1-13

Monday, March 10, 2025

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-29; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday, March 13, 2025

Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday, March 14, 2025

Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday, March 15, 2025

Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday, March 16, 2025 Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36



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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COLLECTIONS FOR MARCH 1-2, 2025

ST. JOSEPH

Envelopes, Loose, Checks	\$5,887.00
Online (2/24-3/2/25)	.\$ 839.00
Total Collected	.\$6,726.00
Budgeted Weekly Expense	. \$9,224.51
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense]	\$2,498.51

ST. ANTHONY

Will be reported in a future bulletin

COLLECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 22-23, 2025

ST. JOSEPH

Envelopes, Loose, Checks	. \$4	,550.00
Online (2/17-23/25)	. \$	919.00
Total Collected	. \$5	,469.00
Budgeted Weekly Expense	\$9	,224.51
Net Income [+ or - budgeted expense]	\$3	3,755.51
Catholic Charities	\$	978.00

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COLLECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 15-16, 2025 ST. ANTHONY

Envelopes, Loose, Checks	. \$1,756.00
Online (2/10-16/25)	. \$ 310.00
Total Collected	. \$2,066.00
Budgeted Weekly Expense	. \$5,342.00
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense]	



Please take note that the 11:30am Mass on Sunday, March 30 is being cancelled due to the St. Joseph/St. Patrick Parade.

MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

ST. JOSEPH

Saturday, March 8, 2025

4:00 p.m. – James Peltier, Ehret Fly., Falterman Fly., Patsy Grefer, Lester Schmitt, Sawyer Zapalowski, Dominic Do, Parents Souls, Grandparents Souls, All the Souls in Purgatory, Minh Dang, Huong Do

Sunday, March 9, 2025

7:30 a.m. – Priscilla Cosse', Amy Loup, Art Landry, Jr.

9:30 a.m. - Darnell LeBlanc

11:30 a.m. – For All Parishioners

6:30 p.m. – For the Haitian Community

Monday, March 10, 2025 12:10 – John Lanier

Tuesday, March 11, 2025 6:30 p.m. – Mary Foley

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

12:10 - Norma Donahue

Thursday, March 13, 2025

12:10 – Rick Rodrigue

Friday, March 14, 2025

12:10 - Louis J. Guccione, Jr.

6:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

For All Deceased Parishioners

In Memoriam

Let us remember to pray for the repose of the souls of *Hazel Maness and Stephen Hinyub*. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. *Amen*.

ST. ANTHONY

Saturday, March 8, 2025

5:00 p.m. – James Rouse, Matthew Acker, Jr.

Sunday, March 9, 2025

10:30 a.m. – Lloyd Leaber, Jr.

Monday, March 10, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Kass Family

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Joseph Romano

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Nora Romano

Thursday, March 13, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Clay Leon, III

Friday, March 14, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Thank You Dear Jesus

6:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 15, 2025

8:30 a.m. – George Wedge

5:00 p.m. – Phan Nguyen, Matthew Acker, Jr.

Sunday, March 16, 2025

10:30 a.m. – Lloyd Leaber, Jr.



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 March 12 at 6pm.



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.





Seminarian Education March 15-16, 2025

On March 15 and 16, the Archdiocese of New Orleans will host a very important second collection to raise funds to offset the costs of educating seminarians at Notre Dame Seminary and St. Joseph Seminary College. All

funds collected will go directly to supporting the education and formation of the 21 men currently studying to be priests in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. The annual cost to fund a single seminarian is \$45,000, and this total is one of the largest budgetary items in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Please continue to pray for these men and those who work with them on their priestly formation. Please give generously to this very important fund that will provide monetary support to those men who will minister to the people of God in New Orleans for many years to come.

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 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



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 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.



Distinguished
Alumna Award
recipients:
Toni Richard, St.
Anthony School
and
Linda LaBorde,
St. Joseph School

(not in attendance)

The event was held on Friday, February 21st at Notre Dame Seminary.



ST. JOSEPH ALTAR
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025
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TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025 ROSARY IN GYM ... 5:00 PM

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025

SOLEMN MASS......10:00 AM CELEBRANT: ARCHBISHOP GREGORY AYMOND

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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

Come, Lord Jesus Lenten Journey

A Bible Study and so much more! Journey with us during the holy season of Lent to study and meditate upon the Sunday Gospels leading to the glorious resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Meet weekly in a prayerful relaxed gathering for a deeper understanding of Jesus' sacrificial life and death and victory that He claimed for each one of us. This sixweek program will offer you an opportunity to renew your faith as you grow in knowledge and understanding of the Holy Scriptures. Two sessions will be offered each Wednesday for the remaining six weeks of Lent. Simply choose the session that is more comfortable for you.

When: Wednesdays 10am or 6pm

Where: St. Joseph Church & Shrine Rectory Beginning: Wednesday, March 12, 2025

For more information contact: Ginny Dufrene 504-

451-1265 or ginnydufrene@bellsouth.net

Blue Bloods

One of the most popular TV series on television was Blue Bloods. I enjoyed it and one of the things that rang a bell with me was the broken window concept. It was simple, if a neighborhood had broken windows in the area, they would more than likely have other more dangerous problems. Today in our communities we can make the same observations. If we have people disregarding the driving laws, we can have other problems. The stop sign means stop, the orange light means press on the break not the accelerator, the speed limit is for a reason. And the devil made me do it is not a valid excuse.

In the gospel today, Jesus was preparing for his 3 years of fulfilling the mission that his father sent him to do. He spent 40 days in the desert with only a few of the things necessary for survival. and none for comfort. Then, the devil who was not sure who Jesus was, tried to tempt him with food, power, and recognition. But the devil did not make him do it.

Now Lent can be our 40 days of showing Jesus that we are with Him.

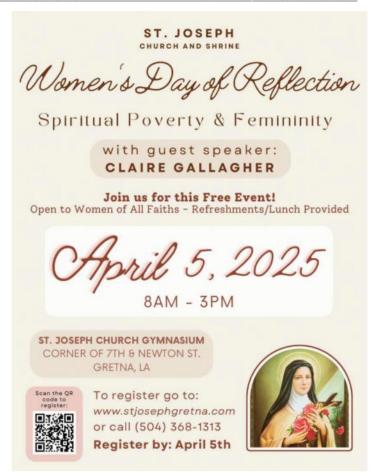
We need not fast as he did but we can modify some of our meals and eliminate some of our sweets. It is important to focus on and increase our prayer time. Spend more time in church, attending mass more often is time well spent. If we have friends and family members who are not as active as we are we can spend time with them.

Lent can be a time of mending those broken windows and spending time with Jesus who gave up his life for us.

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



Flyers and registration forms are also available in the rear of church and in the St. Joseph Office



On Thursday, February 20 at St. Rita Church in New Orleans, 77 altar servers were honored as their parish altar server of the year. Archbishop Aymond presided over the Mass along with several

area pastors and parochial vicars. Simon Mullek from St. Joseph and Ezekiel Falcon from St. Anthony were our recipients for 2025.

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