

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Sunday, March 16, 2025

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

Monday, March 17, 2025 St. Patrick, Bishop

Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11&13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday, March 18, 2025 St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21&23; Mt 23:1-12 Wednesday, March 19, 2025 Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27&29; Rm 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Thursday, March 20, 2025

Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4&6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday, March 21, 2025

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday, March 22, 2025

Mic 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday, March 23, 2025 Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9



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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Envelopes, Loose, Checks	. \$ 8,951.00
Online (3/3-9/25)	. \$ 1,596.00
Total Collected	. \$10,547.00
Budgeted Weekly Expense	\$ 9,224.51
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense]	.+\$ 1,322.49
Restoration Fund	. \$1,323.64

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Will be reported in a future bulletin

COLLECTIONS FOR MARCH 1-2, 2025

ST. ANTHONY

Envelopes, Loose, Checks	. \$4	,791.00
Online (2/24-3/2/25)	. \$	335.00
Total Collected		
Budgeted Weekly Expense	. \$5	342.00
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense]		

Baptismal Seminar

For information regarding Baptismal Seminars, please call the St. Joseph Parish Office or send an email to stjosephgretna@arch-no.org.



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

MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

ST. JOSEPH

Saturday, March 15, 2025

4:00 p.m. – Ehret Fly., The Ortolano Fly., Benny Randazzo, Falterman Fly., Raymond Beaucoudray, Robert Mire, Kimberly LaFrance, Kenny Joseph Ancar, Jr., Winston Edgerson, Jr., Frank O. Maness, Jr., Mary Greeta Parsons, Charlene Wininger Kline, Luis Arocha, Sr., JoAnn Martinez Banks, Dorothy Giardina, Pedro Arman de Estevez, Kaaren Michelle Miller, Emile Joseph Desselle, Lynn Leon Charles, Jr., Joseph Oliver Burke, Louis LaBauve, Frank Louis Muscarello, Sr., Hubert Gauthreaux, III, Kenneth Joseph Pellegrin

Sunday, March 16, 2025

7:30 a.m. – Amy Loup, Priscilla J. Cosse', That Our Blessed Mother Protect & Guide Our Country & Our Leaders

9:30 a.m. – Mary Grace Orsag

11:30 a.m. – For All Parishioners

6:30 p.m. – For the Haitian Community

Monday, March 17, 2025

12:10 – Margaret Vegas

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

6:30 p.m. – Cecilia Berthelot Langford

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

(Feast of St. Joseph)

10:00 a.m. – Lois Miller

Note: There will be no 12:10 Mass

Thursday, March 20, 2025

12:10 – The LeBlanc Sisters

Friday, March 21, 2025

12:10 – Leger Fly.

6:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

Gerard Foley

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Saturday, March 15, 2025

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

Sunday, March 16, 2025

10:30 a.m. – Lloyd Leaber, Jr.

Monday, March 17, 2025

8:30 a.m. - Lawrence P. Murphy

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Patrick Gegenheimer

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Nellie Relle

Thursday, March 20, 2025

8:30 a.m. - Clay Leon, IV

Friday, March 21, 2025

8:30 a.m. - Kelly Alfortish

6:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross (No Mass)

Saturday, March 22, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Doris Lirette

5:00 p.m. – Dee. Dee Gautreaux, Charles Gautreaux, that Our Blessed Mother Protect & Guide Our Country

& Our Leaders, Heal Us O. Lord

Sunday, March 23, 2025

10:30 a.m. – Phan Nguyen



The Sanctuary Light this week at St. Anthony will burn in memory of Patrick Gegenheimer

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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.

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 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.

In Memoriam

Let us remember to pray for the repose of the souls of *Joel Haas, Susan Landry, Erin Fanning, and George Rocha*. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. *Amen*.

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

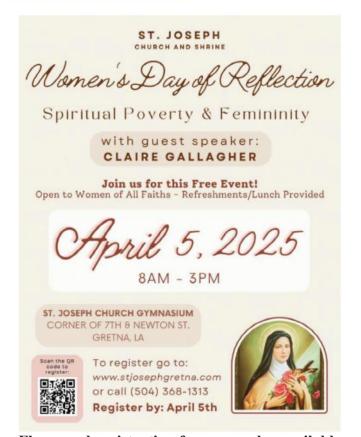
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St. Joseph Church & Shrine - Gretna

St. Ann Church & Shrine - Metairie

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

https://nolacatholic.org/jubilee2025



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



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

Followed by Prayer Service Viewing of the Altar until closing at 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025

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

Intention for all parishioners and devotees of St. Joseph

DOORS OPEN 12:00 NOON – 4:00 PM

VIEWING OF ALTAR

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Unity

All of our lives we are making decisions about one thing or another, some of them small and some of them can be very large. It is said that the largest financial decision that most of us make is buying a home. When we go about buying a home the first thing that comes to mind is location, we want it to be near to family or work or shopping or some other factor that appeals to us. Next, we need to think about how large a home do we need, the number of bedrooms, size of the lot and so forth. We seek advice from family, friends, and banks (to make sure we qualify). And the process goes on until we finally make the decision. The point being that we get all of the input available to us to come to a decision that is beneficial to all of us. We join together to unify as one.

Luke's Gospel today tells us about a coming together as one.

To get a better understanding of Luke's Gospel we must look at the events that brought Jesus and the apostles to the mountain. The Transfiguration appears in all of the Synodic Gospels. Those of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. And all accounts are basically quite similar.

Just before they started on their journey to the mountain, Jesus asked the apostles "who did the people say that I am." Then he asked them "who do you say that I am?" Peter answered that he knew that Jesus was the Son of God, the Messiah. Jesus realized that only His father could have revealed this to Peter. The fact that his Father had revealed his identity to Peter was a sign of the things to come.

Then He and the apostles completed a six-day journey to the Mount of the Transfiguration. Luke tells us that Jesus went up the mountain to pray. Jesus often called upon his father in prayer when there was an important decision to be made. Jesus prayed to his father about the course that he was on that would lead him to Jerusalem and to the cross.

Jesus, in his human nature, chose to go through the suffering and death for our salvation and he wanted to make his Father part of the decision-making process.

One of the most important parts of prayer is to allow God to become part of the decision-making process. In our prayers sometimes we spend time talking to God about what we want and what is happening in our lives. This communication is always good. It is also important to allow time to listen to God when he speaks to us about what he wants us to do. God wants to be a part of our lives and guide us to him. So don't be afraid to ask what he thinks. But don't wait for a voice like Moses or Abraham heard, God speaks in subtle ways, and sometimes when we read something related to Him and in a flash of understanding you have your answer. Sometimes the decisions we have to make in our spiritual life are far more difficult than the ones we have to make in our human life. When we decide to follow Jesus, it does not mean just coming to Church, or showing up to be married, or having our children baptized, receiving communion, or being confirmed. Following God means entering a spiritual relationship with him, a relationship that is present throughout the day as well as when we pray. We have to nourish this relationship. We have to avoid the things and people around us that turn us away from Him. We have to feed our spiritual life the food of union with God. Our relationship with God is shown in our actions. We are measured by how we act not by what we say we believe. When Jesus prayed on the Holy Mountain the Father showed his approval by glorifying his appearance and sending Moses and Elisha to assure him of his destiny.

Unity with God is our destination.





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March 5, 2025, Pastoral Statement

Oppose Executions and a Culture of Death and Promote a Culture of Life

The Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops have consistently defended life from conception to natural death and remain deeply aware of the pain and grief that victims suffer, especially those who have lost a loved one through the crime of murder or crimes of violence. Upon the news of the restart of the process to execute human beings in Louisiana, the Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops state:

We are saddened by the recent notice to restart the process for the issuance of death warrants to execute human beings in Louisiana. This only contributes to the culture of death. We promote a culture of life, not death, in this great State we love. As bishops, we will continue to promote life from conception to natural death and work to end the execution of another human being.

St. Pope John Paul II proclaims "that not even a murderer loses his personal dignity, as God himself pledges to guarantee this. For this reason, whoever attacks human life, in some way attacks God himself" (Evangelium Vitae, #9)."

Strong statements of Pope Francis echo the foundational principles laid out by Saint Pope John Paul II's, Evangelium Vitae, that if the State can use non-lethal means to protect society, it should. In keeping with this teaching Pope Francis approved a revision to the Catechism of the Catholic Church # 2267 as follows:

"Today, however, there is an increasing awareness that the dignity of the person is not lost even after the commission of very serious crimes. In addition, a new understanding has emerged of the significance of penal sanctions imposed by the state. Lastly, more effective systems of detention have been developed, which ensure the due protection of citizens but, at the same time, do not definitively deprive the guilty of the possibility of redemption. Consequently, the Church teaches, in the light of the Gospel, that "the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person, and she works with determination for its abolition worldwide."

As faithful citizens of this great state, we pray and understand the pain and suffering this has caused families and pray for the victims. As we continue to pray for the victims and their families, we pray that the State will not usher in a culture of death by facilitating death warrants and consider that mercy can be the highest form of justice. No method of execution is acceptable including nitrogen hypoxia (asphyxiation).





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