

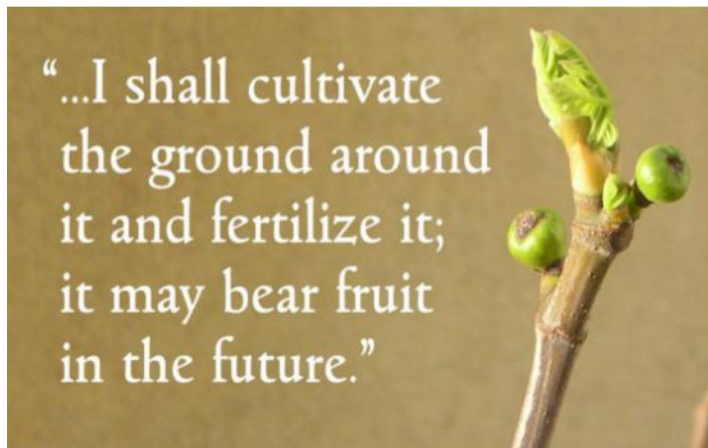
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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



Sunday, March 23, 2025

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

Monday, March 24, 2025

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 25, 2025 Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, March 27, 2025

Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday, March 28, 2025

Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14&17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday, March 29, 2025

Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday, March 30, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



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 MARCH 15-16, 2025

Will be reported in a future bulletin

COLLECTIONS FOR MARCH 8-9, 2025

ST. ANTHONY

Envelopes, Loose, Checks \$7,795.00

Online (3/8-9/25) \$ 160.00

Total Collected \$7,955.00

Budgeted Weekly Expense \$5,342.00

Net Income [+ or - budgeted expense]... -\$2,613.00

Ash Wednesday \$ 220.00

Second Collection

March 29-30, 2025

Donations for Easter Flowers



Lenten Confessions

Archdiocesan Lenten Confessions will be available in all parishes on **March 26, April 2 and 9, 2025 from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. See letter from**



Archbishop Aymond.

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



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Sponsor of the Week



MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

ST. JOSEPH

Saturday, March 22, 2025

4:00 p.m. – Ehret Fly., Terrio Fly., Falterman Fly., Angelo T. Arnona, Babson J. “BJ” LeBlanc, Frank Maness Jr., Hazel Maness, Cecilia Berthelot Langford, Sawyer Zapalowski, Susan Landry

Sunday, March 23, 2025

7:30 a.m. – Amy Loup

9:30 a.m. – Darnell LeBlanc, Thank You Dear Blessed Virgin Mary, Allen J. Roussel, Frank Maness, Richard Swenson Fly., Heal Us, O Lord

11:30 a.m. – For All Parishioners

6:30 p.m. – For the Haitian Community

Monday, March 24, 2025

12:10 – Kelly Alfortish

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

6:30 p.m. – Mary St. Germain

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

12:10 – Ann Muse

Thursday, March 27, 2025

12:10 – That the Blessed Mother Protect & Guide Our Country and Our Leaders

Friday, March 28, 2025

12:10 – Kelly Alfortish

6:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

For All Deceased Parishioners

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

ST. ANTHONY

Saturday, March 22, 2025

5:00 p.m. – Dee Dee Gautreaux, Charles Gautreaux, That Our Blessed Mother Protect & Guide Our Country and Our Leaders, Heal Us, O Lord

Sunday, March 23, 2025

10:30 a.m. – Phan Nguyen

Monday, March 24, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Nettie Gaddis

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Harold Gaddis

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Escoffier Family

Thursday, March 27, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Mary Fasullo

Friday, March 28, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Msgr. Gerard Poche’

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

Saturday, March 29, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Kelly Alfortish

5:00 p.m. – Lauren Berg, Lloyd Leaber, Jr.

Sunday, March 30, 2025

10:30 a.m. – Charles Gautreaux, Buddy Kass



The Westbank Charismatic Prayer Group will be meeting at St. Anthony Church on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Rosary at 7:00pm; Praise & Worship at 7:30pm, Mass at 8:00pm.



**SUNDAY AND MONDAY
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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.



The 2025 Order of St. Louis IX Medallion was awarded by Archbishop Gregory Aymond in ceremonies **March 23, 2025 at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Metairie.** The Order of St. Louis IX

award was established in 1975 to honor those laypersons who have contributed their time and talents to the church. In nearly a half-century, more than 10,000 men and women have received the medallion as a token of gratitude for their Christ-like service to the church. **This year's recipients of the Order of St. Louis IX are: Ray & Wanda Markase and Charles & Kathy Billings for St Joseph and Ms. Linda Strohmeyer for St Anthony. Congratulations to them all and thank you for your service to our Parishes and to the Archdiocese.**



**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.

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

<https://nolacatholic.org/jubilee2025>



Pray As a Family

This is something that you could combine with dinner or right after. Make a list of important prayer topics. Maybe world events, or maybe something requiring prayer right in your community, or special prayers for family members and friends. Get the children to suggest what they feel needs prayer.

Many thanks to Archbishop Gregory Aymond, Fr. Gary, the St. Joseph Women's Club officers and members, Emily Gegenheimer, Knights of Columbus Archbishop Blenk Council #1905, Russell Kospelich, Mouse Dieterich, Eric Korndorffer, the Holy Family Singers, and the many volunteers who devoted their time and talents to make our St. Joseph Altar the huge success it has become each and every year.



The St. Joseph Women's Club will hold their quarterly meeting on Monday, April 7th 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.

Save the Date!!

Seder Supper - April 14th - 6:30pm

Please join us on Monday, April 14th for our Annual Seder Supper (Pot Luck) in the St. Joseph Auditorium. Lamb and roast provided. Call Val Coles to RSVP (504)432-7618.



NAME versus FAME

Some time ago a wise man told me that he would rather be remembered for what he has accomplished rather than who he was. When I asked why, he said "What one's title is of no account, but what one does in one's life is of supreme importance."

Shifting to the readings for today the fig tree in Luke's Gospel was symbolic of a person who has perfected the science of putting things off. I don't know what the conversion factor from a human's life is to a tree's life in years, but 3 years seems like a long time without bearing fruit. You see the soil was very shallow and lacked the minerals that affected growth in that part of Galilee. To keep this tree would have depleted the soil of the resources that were important for the other fruit bearing trees. This is why the owner wanted it removed. The gardener saw things differently. He was a caring person that was more knowledgeable about the growing process and asked for a little more time and to give the tree another chance.

As Catholics we sometimes need a little more time to grow and another chance. I mentioned that the fig tree was a symbol of us but who is the gardener? Yes, it was Jesus, He came to cultivate us and to give us the tools to bear fruit. The tools that he gave us were the sacraments, and one of the most important ones in this Lenten season is reconciliation. Lent is the time to look at our lives, spread our branches, shed the old leaves, and grow new ones, ones that will bring us closer to God. Already we are in the third week of Lent and Easter is at the end of this month. Have we used this time to draw closer to Jesus? Have we gone to confession? Have we purged ourselves of the things that separate us from God and others. I was speaking to someone the other day and they told me that they did not go to confession because they had no sins to confess. I can see how someone would think that way, but we have to look a little further into ourselves to see what God sees.

Usually, we surround ourselves with family and loved ones, but Jesus asked us to love everybody. Please remember, charity deals with the need and not with the cause, so it is up to us to try to care for those who are unable to care for themselves. Here is another for instance. Occasionally we overlook the small things that we do ...like when we are trying to get off the interstate and are patiently awaiting our turn in line and someone pulls in front of us. My normal reaction would be to call that person a sack full of dirty names and be upset for a while. The reason for that is that I have not resolved some of the anger I carry. The language that I use is not good, but the real problem is my reaction.

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Register by: April 5th

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



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March 2025

To: Clergy, Religious and Laity of the Archdiocese of New Orleans

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

I pray that your Lenten journey has been a time of drawing closer to Christ and responding to his invitation to conversion.

As we identify an area of our life that needs change, we can be assured of God's help for us to face our weakness and experience a change of heart. Lent should include standing before our merciful God and asking for his forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, better known as Confession.

Please be reminded that a priest will be available in every church in the Archdiocese of New Orleans on the following Wednesdays (March 26, April 2, and April 9) from 5:00 PM -6:30 PM. The heart of Jesus is open and he invites you to know and accept his mercy.

Whether we have been to Confession recently, or perhaps it has been many years, now is the time to know that the heart of Jesus is open and eager to forgive.

Let us remember one another in prayer as we continue this journey through Lent to the new life of Easter.

Wishing you God's blessings, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, preceded by a plus sign.

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
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