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## ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

### BAPTISM

By appointment. Please call during early months of pregnancy for interview and seminar.

### CONFIRMATION

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation is a three year program. It begins in the 9th grade of high school and ends in the 11th grade with the reception of the Sacrament.

### 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

610 Sixth Street, Gretna, LA 70053  
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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](http://www.stjosephgretna.com)

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

#### WEEKEND MASSES

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

#### DAILY MASSES

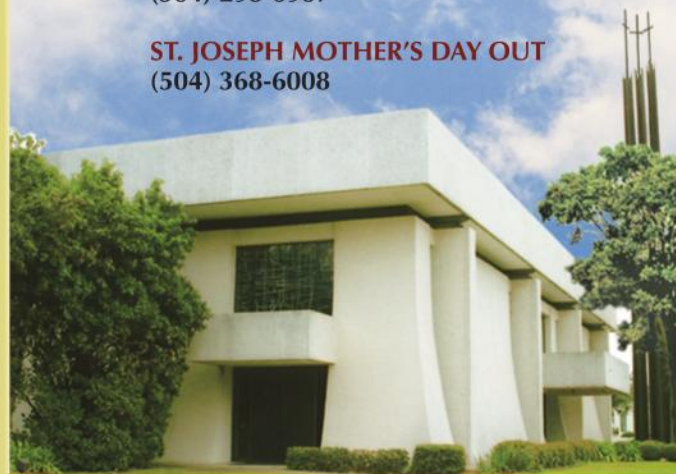
**Monday** 8:30 a.m. & Novena  
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**First Friday** 8:30 a.m.  
Mass Holy Hour & Novena

#### CONFESSIONS

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

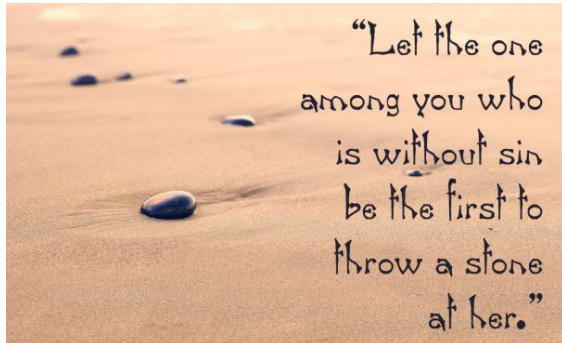
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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



**Sunday, April 6, 2025**

**Sunday, April 6, 2025 Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 3:8-14;  
Jn 8:1-11

**Monday, April 7, 2025 St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest**

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:12-20

**Tuesday, April 8, 2025**

Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday, April 9, 2025**

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56;  
Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday, April 10, 2025**

Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59

**Friday, April 11, 2025 St. Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr**

Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday, April 12, 2025**

Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

**Sunday, April 13, 2025 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11;  
Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49



**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 29-30, 2025

#### ST. JOSEPH

Envelopes, Loose, Checks ..... \$5,085.34  
Online (3/24-30/25) ..... \$ 606.00  
Total Collected ..... \$5,691.34  
Budgeted Weekly Expense ..... \$9,224.51  
Net Income [+ or - budgeted expense] . . .-\$3,533.17

Easter Flowers ..... \$ 998.00

#### ST. ANTHONY

Envelopes, Loose, Checks ..... \$1,505.00  
Online (3/24-30/25) ..... \$ 160.00  
Total Collected ..... \$1,665.00  
Budgeted Weekly Expense ..... \$5,342.00  
Net Income [+ or - budgeted expense] . . .-\$3,677.00

Easter Flowers ..... \$ 302.00

### Second Collection

**April 12-13, 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.



### Lenten Confessions

Archdiocesan Lenten Confessions will be available in all parishes on **April 9, 2025 from 5:00 - 6:30 pm.**

**Wedding Banns**  
**Saturday, April 12, 2025**  
**Lexi Ward and Ryan Prest**



## MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

### ST. JOSEPH

#### Saturday, April 5, 2025

**4:00 p.m.** – Wiley J. Breau, Sr., Ehret Fly., The Ortolano Fly., David L. Pitre, Falterman Fly., Seal Fly., Uzee Fly., Cannon Fly., Ott Fly., Helen Ott, Sue An Abbey Guillermo, Robert Mire, Benny Randazzo, Jr., Susan Landry

#### Sunday, April 6, 2025

**7:30 a.m.** – Amy Loup

**9:30 a.m.** – John Lanier, Paul Walther, Sr., Frank DeJesus Palacio, Frank Ehret III, Mary Grace Orsag, Darnell LeBlanc, Babson J. “BJ” LeBlanc, Bob Martin, Allen J. Roussel, Kimberly LaFrance, Kenny Joseph Ancar, Jr., Winston Edgeron, Jr, That Our Blessed Mother Protect & Guide Our Country & Our Leaders, Heal Us O Lord, Frank O. Maness, Jr., Mary Greeta Parsons, Charlene Winger Kline, Luis Procha, Sr., JoAnn Martinez Banks, Dorothy Giardina, Pedro Armando Estevez, Karen Michelle Miller, Emile Joseph Desselle, Lynn Leon Charles, Jr., Joseph Oliver Burke, Frank Louis Muscarello, Sr., Hubert Gauthreaux III, Louis LaBauve, Kenneth Joseph Pellegrin, Cecilia R. Chacon, John & Leonore Charles Gustave Peer Cramond, Roland Herbert, Anna Walsh Klotter, Jim Walsh, Claire Walsh, Charles Lyons, Theresa DiPascal, W. Richard & Helen White

**11:30 a.m.** – For All Parishioners

**6:30 p.m.** – For the Haitian Community

#### Monday, April 7, 2025

**12:10** – Isabella Rodrigue

#### Tuesday, April 8, 2025

**6:30 p.m.** – Kelly Alfortish

#### Wednesday, April 9, 2025

**12:10** – Louis J. Guccione, Jr.

#### Thursday, April 10, 2025

**12:10** – Jessie W. Boudreaux

#### Friday, April 11, 2025

**12:10** – Kelly Alfortish

**6:30 p.m.** – Stations of the Cross

Foley Family



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 April 9 at 6pm.**

### ST. ANTHONY

#### Saturday, April 5, 2025

**5:00 p.m.** – James Rouse

#### Sunday, April 6, 2025

**10:30 a.m.** – Phan Nguyen, Heal Us O Lord

#### Monday, April 7, 2025

**8:30 a.m.** – Joseph Romano

#### Tuesday, April 8, 2025

**8:30 a.m.** – Nora Romano

#### Wednesday, April 9, 2025

**8:30 a.m.** – Josie Cheramie

#### Thursday, April 10, 2025

**8:30 a.m.** – Ray Seamon

#### Friday, April 11, 2025

**8:30 a.m.** – Clay Leon, IV

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

#### Saturday, April 12, 2025

**8:30 a.m.** – Henry Strohmeyer, Jr.

**5:00 p.m.** – Lloyd R. Leaber, Jr.

#### Sunday, April 13, 2025 (Palm Sunday)

**10:30 a.m.** – Phan Nguyen

**On Sunday, April 27th**, the day before the Feast Day of St. Gianna Beretta Molla (the Patron Saint of Doctors, Wives, and Unborn Children), Fr. Gary Copping will celebrate the Rite for the Blessing of a Child in the Womb at the 9:30am Sunday Mass. All expectant mothers, fathers, families, and friends are invited to celebrate Human Life and the Human Person in the Womb.

Please save the date and let everyone know about this special blessing. Hope to see you all there.



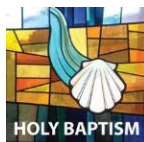


**SUNDAY AND MONDAY  
BINGO'S AT GRETNA  
BINGO PALACE BENEFIT  
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RESTORATION**

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](mailto:stjosephgretna@arch-no.org).



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.

**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 50<sup>th</sup> 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!!**

**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.



**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>



**Society of St. Vincent de Paul Fish Fry  
Friday, March 28**

There were 355 dinners sold, an amazing group effort in 2 hours. Thank you to all who supported StVdP fundraising efforts, both customers and volunteers, that help support those neighbors in need.

They also donated at least 30 fish dinners to a local food pantry, which is also an all-volunteer endeavor on the Westbank and the Society is proud of their donation to the pantry.

**Spring Tour of Homes 2025**

The Gretna Historical Society - Spring Tour of Homes 2025 Includes Historic Homes & Gretna Museums  
**Sunday, April 6 – 1-5pm \$25 per person** Tickets  
Sold Day of Tour: 209 Lafayette St., Gretna 1pm – 4pm (504)362-3854

**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.



### What did He write?

When I first read this Gospel, I saw a connection between it and the parable of The Prodigal Son. Both have three main characters, each a symbol of God, a stern judgmental person, and a wayward entity. Both parables bring out the properties of forgiveness, mercy, and judgement. And at the end the end both had two winners and one loser.

In today's reading the Pharisees, the legal experts, made their decision without compassion and without concern for the woman. Their only interest was to condemn her. The Pharisees looked at her as an object with which they tried to trick Jesus. Jesus on the other hand saw her as a person who deserved a second chance. We also sometimes judge people by what they do, and we overlook the reason for their action. On occasion we form our judgement of them and forget that at a different time and place we had the same weaknesses and maybe did the same thing.

Our judgement should not be based on what we see because we can only see the action of a person.

God is truly the only one capable to judge us because he is good all of the time and can see into the heart of the person. He can also see the true motivation of the action. The Pharisees were trying to trap Jesus with this woman who was caught in sin.

If he would have approved their decision to stone the woman, it would have weakened his message of love and mercy that he was preaching and eventually the reason he was crucified.

If he would have stopped it, which he did, he would have then been going against Moses' law about adultery, and this could have appeared that he was condoning that action. Jesus knew this and still outsmarted his adversaries.

Whenever the parable is discussed the first question that arises is what did Jesus write in the sand? There are a number of theories about this one being that he was taking his time to pray for the answer. Another one was he could not face the anger in the eyes of the accusers. No one really knows but the turning point was the statement he made about the one who is without sin was to throw the first stone. After the smoke cleared and everyone except the woman went home Jesus asked, "Has no one condemn you?" She replied, "No one sir." He said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go and from now on do not sin anymore."

Jesus showed forgiveness and mercy, but he did add, "And from now on do not sin anymore."

**What do you think that Jesus is telling us?**

### Congratulations to our Newly Confirmed Members of Our Parish Community

*Peyton Miller and Theresa Bartolome* both received the Sacrament of Confirmation at Christ the King on Wednesday March 26, 2025. Archbishop Aymond was the celebrant. Please congratulate them on receiving this Sacrament of Initiation.

### University of Holy Cross 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Crawfish Boil Cookoff Saturday, April 12, 2025 – 1-5pm 4123 Woodland Dr., New Orleans (Algiers)

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [uhcno.edu/crawfish](http://uhcno.edu/crawfish). All proceeds from the event benefit UHC student scholarships.



**Italian American Parade – Sunday, March 30, 2025**  
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# Easter Triduum

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## **St. Joseph/St. Anthony Lenten Confessions at St. Joseph Church & Shrine**

**6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15, 2025**  
Followed by Mass/Novena at 6:30 p.m.

### **St. Joseph**

**Holy Thursday, April 17, 2025**

**There will be no 12:10 Mass**

7:00 p.m. – Mass and Washing of Feet  
Adoration following Mass until 10:00pm

**Good Friday, April 18, 2025**

**(No masses are celebrated on Good Friday)**

3:00 p.m. – Reading of Passion, Veneration of the Holy Cross and Communion  
Confessions follow Liturgy  
6:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross (No Mass)

**Holy Saturday, April 19, 2025**

8:00 p.m. – Easter Vigil

### **St. Anthony**

**Holy Thursday, April 17, 2025**

**There will be no 8:30 a.m. Mass**

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Adoration following Mass until 10:00 p.m.

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**Holy Saturday, April 19, 2025**

**There will be no 8:30 a.m. Mass**

8:00 p.m. – Easter Vigil







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