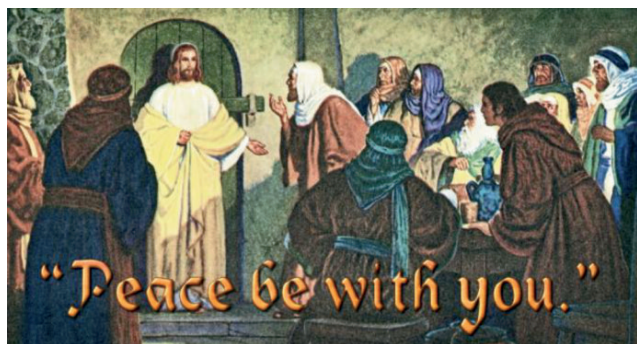


He who knows how to forgive prepares for himself many graces from God.

(St. Faustina's Diary, 390, page 175)

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Sunday, April 27, 2025

Sunday, April 27, 2025 Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

Monday, April 28, 2025 St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr

Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday, April 29, 2025 St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday, April 30, 2025 St. Pius V, Pope, Religious

Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday, May 1, 2025 St. Joseph the Worker

Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2&9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday, May 2, 2025 St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday, May 3, 2025 Sts. Philip & James, Apostles

1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14

Sunday, May 4, 2025 Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Rv 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14



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 APRIL 19-20, 2025

ST. JOSEPH

Envelopes, Loose, Checks \$ 9,283.00
Online (4/14-20/25) \$ 779.00
Total Collected \$10,062.00
Budgeted Weekly Expense \$ 9,224.51
Net Income [+ or - budgeted expense] ...+\$ 837.49

Holy Land \$ 1,270.00

ST. ANTHONY

Will be reported in next week's bulletin

Maintenance Fund

May 3-4, 2025



A second collection for the Maintenance Fund will be taken up at all masses next weekend. This monthly collection will be dedicated solely for the maintenance, repairs, or upgrades to our church complexes. Please be as generous as your means will allow.

Eternal rest grant unto *Pope Francis*, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. ~Amen~

The Sacrament of Marriage



"Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh." Genesis 2:24

Saturday, May 3, 2025

Sabrije Cemenja and Matthew Foley
and
Anne Hingle and Jonethan McCoy

May Crowning

Saturday, May 3, 2025
4:00pm Vigil Mass
St. Joseph Church



MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

ST. JOSEPH

Saturday, April 26, 2025

4:00 p.m. – Ehret Fly., Terrio Fly., Falterman Fly.,
Robert Mire, Susan Landry, Roy Allain

Sunday, April 27, 2025

7:30 a.m. – Amy Loup, Peggy Palmer, Mary Grace
Orsag

9:30 a.m. – Sawyer Zapalowski

11:30 a.m. – For All Parishioners

6:30 p.m. – For the Haitian Community

Monday, April 28, 2025

12:10 – Link Fly.

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

6:30 p.m. – Kenneth Bourgeois

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

12:10 – Terry Lee Shaw

Thursday, May 1, 2025

12:10 – Frank A. Huezio

Friday, May 2, 2025 (First Friday)

8:00 a.m. – Danjean Fly.

12:10 – Ellen McDermott

In Memoriam

Let us remember to pray for the repose of the soul of
Samuel “Sam” Tague. May his soul and the souls of
all the faithful departed rest in peace. *Amen.*



The Baby Bottle Campaign
sponsored by KC Council #1905 will
be on the following dates:
St. Anthony – April 26-27
St. Joseph – May 10-11

All proceeds benefit the Community Center for Life

ST. ANTHONY

Saturday, April 26, 2025

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

Sunday, April 27, 2025

10:30 a.m. – Charles Gautreaux

Monday, April 28, 2025

8:30 a.m. – That Our Blessed Mother Protect & Guide
Our Country and Our Leaders

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Escoffier Family

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Buddy Kass

Thursday, May 1, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Michael C. Arnold, Jr. Family

Friday, May 2, 2025 (First Friday)

8:30 a.m. – Clay Leon, III

Saturday, May 3, 2025

8:30 a.m. – That Our Blessed Mother Protect & Guide
Our Country and Our Leaders

5:00 p.m. – Susan Stumpf Landry, Lloyd Leaber, Jr.

Sunday, May 4, 2025

10:30 a.m. – Henry Strohmeyer, 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 May 14 at 6pm.**



**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.

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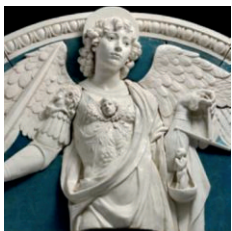
For information regarding Baptismal Seminars, please call the St. Joseph Parish Office or send an email to stjosephgretna@arch-no.org.



This year's Paschal Candle was donated by the Cambre Family and will burn in memory of Lester & Jackie Cambre.

**Pro-Life Summit
Saturday, May 31, 2025
Bethany Church
11107 Honore Ln. Baton Rouge**

On the morning of Saturday, May 31, join Pro-Life people from across the state at Bethany Church in Baton Rouge to learn actionable steps they can take to help moms and babies in their communities! The Pro-Life Summit Prayer Breakfast will begin at 8:00 a.m. and conference check-in will begin at 9:00 a.m. You can register for either or both at www.TheProLifeSummit.org
Please attend the conference and bring a friend!



Almighty God, whose great power and eternal wisdom embraces the universe. Watch over all police and law enforcement officers. Protect them from harm in the performance of their duty to stop crime, robbery, riots and violence. Help them keep our streets

and homes safe, day and night. We commend them to Your loving care because their duty is dangerous. Grant them strength and courage in their daily assignments. Dear God, protect these brave men and women, grant them your almighty protection and unite them safely with their families after duty has ended.

**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>



Faith and Hope

When you go into a room and flip a switch you expect to see the lights come on. But you never see the electricity that causes it to happen. You only see the effects of it. When you come to a stop sign you stop and believe other people will also do the same. What you see is the effect of the sign. Both of these things are forms of Faith. Some are true faith and some are simply desires.

Jesus' followers were with Him for 3 years and saw all of His miracles and were a part of His journey to change the way people acted and reacted. When He was crucified some of His followers' true faith was shadowed and turned into hope even after hearing that Mary of Magdalene had seen Jesus.

Faith can be defined as complete trust or confidence in someone or something. Hope is what you think the stop sign will do. Trust can be a difficult thing today when we are in a world that finds material things more important than spiritual belief. We have just ended the period of Lent and began the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. Now is the time to put away our desires and grow in our faith. Jesus gave up divinity and assumed humanity to lead us to His eternity.

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.

If you or someone you know in St. Joseph or St. Anthony Parishes is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, please notify the office at 504-368-1313 and someone will be in contact with you.




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.

Venerate the First-Class Relic of St. Carlo Acutis Two nights at CCRNO

Venerate the First-Class Relic of St. Carlo Acutis on two nights at CCRNO. **Carlo Acutis will be canonized a saint on April 27, 2025.** CCRNO will celebrate the new St. Carlo, the first millennial saint, at two special events.

1. The CCRNO Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, April 30, St. Benilde Church in Metairie, 7:30pm, with Praise, Teaching about Carlo Acutis, and Veneration of his first-class relic. **Mass will be celebrated at 8:30pm by Fr. Gary Copping.**
2. The CCRNO Youth Group Meeting, Sunday, May 3, in the Archbishop Rummel High School Raider Room, 7:30pm, with Praise, Teaching about Carlos Acutis, Veneration of the relic, and Testimonies. All are welcome to attend these free events.

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2025 Easter Flower Offerings Addendum

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DIVINE MERCY ABC's

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

In 1931, our Lord appeared to St. Faustina in a vision. She saw Jesus clothed in a white garment with His right hand raised in blessing. His left hand was touching his garment in the area of the Heart, from where two large rays came forth, one red and the other pale. Jesus said to her: "Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus, I Trust In You. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish."

At the request of her spiritual director, St. Faustina asked the Lord about the meaning of the rays in the image. She heard these words in reply: "The two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which make souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls. These two rays issued forth from the depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross. By means of this image I shall grant many graces to souls. It is to be a reminder of the demands of My mercy because even the strongest faith is of no avail without works."

Excerpts taken from St. Faustina's Diary

These words indicate that the Image represents the graces of Divine Mercy poured out upon the world, especially through Baptism and the Eucharist.



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