

REQUIEM AETERNAM ("Eternal Rest")



POPE FRANCIS

December 17, 1936 - April 21, 2025

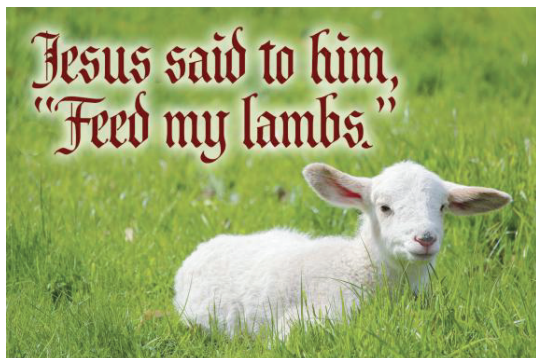
*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

*May their souls and the souls of the
faithful departed, through the mercy
of God, rest in peace. Amen*

Requiem Prayer



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Sunday, May 4, 2025

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

Monday, May 5, 2025

Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Act 7:51-8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6&7b&8a, 17&21ab;
Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Act 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday, May 8, 2025

Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday, May 9, 2025

Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday, May 10, 2025 St. John of Avila, Priest & Doctor of the Church; St. Damien de Vuester of Molokai, Priest

Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday, May 11, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rv 7:9, 14b-17;
Jn 10:27-30



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 26-27, 2025

ST. JOSEPH

Envelopes, Loose, Checks \$6,177.25
Online (4/21-27/25) \$ 626.00
Total Collected \$6,803.25
Budgeted Weekly Expense \$9,224.51
Net Income [+ or - budgeted expense] .. -\$2,421.26

Catholic Home Missions \$1,449.90

ST. ANTHONY

Will be reported in next week's bulletin.

COLLECTIONS FOR APRIL 19-20, 2025

ST. ANTHONY

Envelopes, Loose, Checks \$1,982.00
Online (4/14-20/25) \$ 310.00
Total Collected \$2,292.00
Budgeted Weekly Expense \$5,342.00
Net Income [+ or - budgeted expense].. -\$3,050.00

Holy Land \$ 538.00



Diocesan Priest Retirement – May 10-11, 2025

Please see attached letter from Archbishop Gregory Aymond.

In Memoriam

Let us remember to pray for the repose of the souls of *Ernest Chachere* and *Bonnie Pitre Parker*. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. *Amen.*

The Baby Bottle Campaign sponsored by KC Council #1905 will be held at St. Joseph Church the weekend of May 10-11.



MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

ST. JOSEPH

Saturday, May 3, 2025

4:00 p.m. – Kathleen Bonomolo, In Thanksgiving, Ehret Fly., Falterman Fly., Seal Fly., Uzee Fly., Cannon Fly., Sue An Abbey Guillermo, Susan Landry

Sunday, May 4, 2025

7:30 a.m. – Amy Loup

9:30 a.m. – Alton Casler, John Lanier, Paul Walther, Sr., Allen J. Roussel, Babson J. “BJ” LeBlanc, Lena Mae Jacobsen, Andrew Schurb, Carrie & Nuncio Marchiafava, Sr., Robert Griffin, Molly Ward, John & Leonore Charles, Gustave Peter Cramond, Roland Herbert, Anna Walsh Klotter, Jim Walsh, Claire Walsh, Charles Lyons, Theresa DiPascal, W. Richard & Helen White, Giraldo Fly., Cortes Fly., Kenneth Charles Lincoln

11:30 a.m. – For All Parishioners

6:30 p.m. – For the Haitian Community

Monday, May 5, 2025

12:10 – Wiley J. Breaux, Sr.

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

6:30 p.m. – Foley Fly.

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

12:10 – Norma Donahue

Thursday, May 8, 2025

12:10 – Carbo Twins

Friday, May 9, 2025

12:10 – Lucille T. Link

Magnificat Westbank Chapter Breakfast
Saturday, May 31, 2025 – 9:30am – Noon
Immaculata KC Hall
566 Ave. D, Marrero
Speaker: Noel Delery
Tickets: \$20 on sale thru May 27
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ST. ANTHONY

Saturday, May 3, 2025

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

Sunday, May 4, 2025

10:30 a.m. – Henry Strohmeyer, Jr.

Monday, May 5, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Evelyn Creppel

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

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

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

8:30 a.m. – For All Deceased Parishioners

Thursday, May 8, 2025

8:30 a.m. – For Pope Francis

Friday, May 9, 2025

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

Saturday, May 10, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Anna Billa Kerner

5:00 p.m. – Dee Dee Gautreaux, Charles Gautreaux, Lloyd Leaber, Jr., Phyllis DePriest

Sunday, May 11, 2025

10:30 a.m. – Marie Cox, Phan Nguyen, Verna Blazio, Anna Billa Kerner



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
BINGO'S AT GRETNA
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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.



Mercy and Forgiveness

I want you to think about a time in your life when you knew that you were right about something and all of a sudden you started to doubt yourself. Then you spoke with someone with great enthusiasm, but he started to be little you and became hostile. So, you backed off and accepted his ridicule and for the next couple of days you were depressed, angry and lonely. Then on the very next day you found out that you were right all along, and your position was correct, and you were on the top of the world again. Now on a beach, Peter was going to have to face Jesus and tell him that although he had promised Him that he would never betray Him he denied Him three times. I think all of us have had faith in something and for some reason doubted ourselves. Jesus knew that Peter, our first Pope, was going to lose faith and He forgave him. Jesus also knows that at times we are going to doubt, and He will forgive us also. All we need to do is trust in Jesus' mercy and forgiveness. This is part of a prayer that I say, "Merciless is the judgment on the man who has not shown mercy: but mercy triumphs over judgment." Jesus will judge us as we judge others. I believe that this is the core message of today's Gospel. It must have been a confusing time for the apostles and all that loved Jesus. They thought that they were on the winning team and all of a sudden their leader; their coach was led off and crucified. What were they going to do? Where were they going to go? Would they be killed like Jesus?

Then Jesus is back with them. He rose from the dead and never gave up His human nature which He proved by eating the fish that He had prepared. He was no ghost or hallucination. Jesus' human nature remained along with His divine nature. He was teaching them again and when He went back to live with His father, He was going to send the Holy Spirit to remain with them and us until the end of the earth.

Merciless is the judgment on the man who has not shown mercy: but mercy triumphs over judgment. The Our Father also says, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who have trespassed against us."

Mercy and forgiveness, two concepts which are difficult to do but essential for us to accomplish God's will and for Him to give to us.

Mercy is compassion shown to an offender. Forgiveness is to give up resentment to allow room for error. Both are positive actions which put us back in control of our lives.

I was speaking to someone the other day about forgiveness, and they told me it was necessary to forgive



**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>

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.



someone who injured you because if you did not you would give them free rent to run around in your head. Jesus showed us the meaning of the two virtues when he forgave the soldiers at the very minute that they were nailing His flesh to the cross.

Soon you will be attending Mass and will be called to the altar to receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please use those minutes to forgive anyone who is running around in your head rent free. And have mercy on the ones who have injured you and show them compassion for their offence to you. It is part of our journey that will grant you the mercy and forgiveness of God.

2025 Easter Flower Offerings Addendum



St. Joseph

Donations: Mr. & Mrs. Charles Jones III; Helen Cannaliato.

In Memory/Honor Of:

Mary Jason by Mr. & Mrs. A.J. Davillier; Leo & Marie Cox, Mary Helen Cos, Raymond Charles Bodin, Jr., Warren & Lillian Spitzfaden, Leo, Sr. & Anita Cox by Mr. Troy Buckley.



GOD IS FAITHFUL

The Archdiocese of New Orleans will celebrate the annual Mass for Vocations on Sunday, May 18, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Louis Cathedral. Archbishop Aymond will preside. All priests, sisters, brothers, deacons and people of the Archdiocese are cordially invited to attend. Seminarians, women and men in formation for consecrated life and diaconate candidates will join together in thanking God for their vocation. Everyone present will be invited to pray for those who serve the Archdiocese of New Orleans as priests, sisters, brothers and deacons. For more information, contact the Vocation Office 504-861-6298.

Adult Catechetical Formation

Come join us on Mondays from 4pm to 5:30pm in the St Joseph Auditorium to watch renowned scholars on video present on Catholic topics to help us better understand and live out our Faith. No need to RSVP; just show up. Refreshments are generally served at the gathering.



Altar Servers are needed at both St. Joseph and St. Anthony Parishes. Altar servers must have received the Sacrament of Baptism and Eucharist and can be between the ages of 8 to 98 (remember Clarence at St. Joseph)! Servers should be mature enough to understand their responsibilities and to carry them out well and with appropriate reverence. Open to men and women, boys and girls. Altar serving is an equal opportunity ministry. Since the role of server is integral to the normal celebration of the Mass, at least one server should assist the priest. On Sundays and other more important occasions, two or more servers should be employed to carry out the various functions normally entrusted to these ministers. **Please contact the Parish Office if interested.**

Come, Lord Jesus! Bible Study

Tuesdays – 10:00AM –

St. Joseph Rectory

Tuesdays - 6:30PM –

31 Derbes Dr., Gretna

Wednesdays - 1:00PM –

St. Joseph Cafeteria

Thursdays - 9:30AM - St. Anthony Rectory

If interested, contact Ginny Dufrene, Regional Coordinator (504) 451-1265



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May 2025

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

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

The Archdiocese is truly blessed by the service of many holy and dedicated priests, especially our retired priests, who have served our archdiocese so faithfully. We currently have almost fifty retired priests, many who continue to serve in our archdiocese in many ways.

The annual retirement collection on Good Shepherd Sunday, May 11, 2025, is used to support the medical and retirement expenses of these priests.

Your participation in this collection is a way to say "thank you" to our retired Archdiocesan priests for their many years of service to us, the Church of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. I assure you that your support will benefit the priests for many years to come.

Please join me daily in prayer for vocations to the priesthood that others may follow in their footsteps to give their lives to be good shepherds in leading the flock of Christ.

With gratitude for your generosity and wishing you God's blessings in this Easter Season, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Aymond".

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond
Archbishop of New Orleans

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Please make this letter available in the most effective way possible the weekend of May 3-4, 2025.





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