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POPE LEO XIV



267th Pontiff of the Catholic Church May 8, 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Sunday, May 18, 2025

Sunday, May 18, 2025 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Monday, May 19, 2025

Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday, May 20, 2025 St. Bernardine of Siena, PriestActs 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 21, 2025 St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs

Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday, May 22, 2025 St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Friday, May 23, 2025

Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10&12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday, May 24, 2025

Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday, May 25, 2025 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29



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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Rev. Gary P. Copping, Pastor



COLLECTIONS FOR MAY 10-11, 2025

ST. JOSEPH

Envelopes, Loose, Checks	\$6,499.50
Online (5/5-11/25)	\$1,626.00
Total Collected	\$8,125.50
Budgeted Weekly Expense	. \$9,224.51
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense]	

Diocesan Priest Retirement \$2,332.00

ST. ANTHONY

Envelopes, Loose, Checks	.\$2	,648.35
Online (5/5-11/25)	. \$	510.00
Total Collected	\$3	,158.35
Budgeted Weekly Expense	. \$5	5,342.00
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense].		*

Diocesan Priest Retirement \$ 622.00

COLLECTIONS FOR MAY 3-4, 2025

ST. ANTHONY

Envelopes, Loose, Checks	.\$4,157.00
Online (4/28-5/4/25)	\$ 160.00
Total Collected	.\$4,317.00
Budgeted Weekly Expense	. \$5,342.00
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense]	-\$1,025.00



Wedding Banns Saturday, May 24, 2025 Peter Mata Quynh Tran

O God, you have chosen *Pope Leo XIV*, as the shepherd of shepherds to lead your Church, successor to the Apostle Peter and Vicar of Christ on earth. Grant him wisdom and strength to govern with fidelity to your holy word, and courage and compassion to build up your Church in unity and peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

ST. JOSEPH

Saturday, May 17, 2025

4:00 p.m. – Warren & Mary Goodwyne, Ehret Fly., Falterman Fly., Frank Maness, Jr., Hazel Maness, Dominic Thanh Do, Maria Lieu Pham, All the Souls, Grandparents Souls, Honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Bonnie Parker

Sunday, May 18, 2025 7:30 a.m. – Amy Loup

9:30 a.m. – Fonseca, Brunet, Cambre & Boudreaux Flys., Mary Grace Orsag, Frank Maness, Sgt. Grant Candies, Helen Thibodaux, Betty Lawson Lilly, Tom Frank Tuminello, Betty S. Castro, Enos Norman Bellanger, Samuel Tague

11:30 a.m. – For All Parishioners

6:30 p.m. – For the Haitian Community

Monday, May 19, 2025 12:10 – Peggy Palmer

Tuesday, May 20, 2025 6:30 p.m. – Mary Grace Orsag

Wednesday, May 21, 2025 12:10 – Gavin Vegas

Thursday, May 22, 2025 12:10 – Frank A. Huezo

Friday, May 23, 2025 12:10 – Alourdes Louinski Mama Lola



Please return the baby bottles for the Baby Bottle Campaign in the boxes provided in the rear of both churches.

ST. ANTHONY

Saturday, May 17, 2025

5:00 p.m. - Susan Stumpf Landry

Sunday, May 18, 2025

10:30 a.m. – Charles Gautreaux, Charlie Baldwin, Margaret Lindquist

Monday, May 19, 2025 8:30 a.m. – For Pope Leo XIV

Tuesday, May 20, 2025 8:30 a.m. – For All 2025 Graduates

Wednesday, May 21, 2025 8:30 a.m. – For the Ordination of Deacon Joseph Grayson Martello

Thursday, May 22, 2025 8:30 a.m. – Kass Family

Friday, May 23, 2025 8:30 a.m. – Harold Gaddis

Saturday, May 24, 2025 8:30 a.m. – Escoffier Family

5:00 p.m. – Lloyd R. Leaber, Jr.

Sunday, May 25, 2025 10:30 a.m. – For Fr. Gary Copping's 58th Birthday

St. Anthony Parish News

We are in the process of refurbishing the garden by St Anthony's statue. A parishioner has generously designed a lovely garden. There will also be a meditation seating area under the tree by the statue. Anyone wishing to be involved in planting or helping with the cost of plants and supplies, as well as help with the maintenance of the garden, please call Jan Mitchell at 504-701-4391 or email her at jemitch60@gmail.com.



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.

Baptismal Seminar

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



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 Westbank Religious Supply House or Cindy Delger (504)319-6788

Save the Date!!

St. Joseph Church Women's Retreat September 26-28, 2025 Our Lady of Hope Catholic Retreat Center Osyka, MS

Cost: \$375 per person includes 3-day and 2-night retreat; all meals, sleeping accommodations, and the retreat itself.

For more information, call Linda LaBorde at (504)458-6562. Registration forms are available in the rear of St. Joseph Church.



Please consider helping our St. Vincent de Paul Society Council by purchasing a **\$20 raffle ticket** for a year of Fine Dining at local restaurants.

Total Value of \$1,990.00

Half of the cost of the ticket will benefit our local St. Vincent de Paul conference here at St. Joseph Church. **Deadline: June 1**st If interested, please contact Geri Mayville (504) 512-0436.

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

Action or Emotion

Love can be defined as an emotion or as an action. Jesus showed us love by putting aside His divine nature and assuming a human nature which was an action and must certainly have been an emotional experience. Last week we celebrated Mother's Day which combined women with the rolls of bearing, birthing, and becoming a mother, which is an action and very inspirational. Feelings are reactions to outside stimulation while love is an inward giving action. True love does have feelings but also requires the presence of action.

Jesus gave us the model of true love and then passed it on to His disciples, who like him, gave up their lives to demonstrate the meaning of true love. This example, which is 2000 years old, and has led men and women to follow his lead and give up their lives to the service of understanding and teaching the true meaning of love to all who are willing to give love as an action and not as a reaction.

The rule is simple as mentioned in the gospel today,

"Love one another as I have loved you."



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!

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

Happy 89th Birthday to Fr. Frank Carabello!



Purchase a Commemorative Brick in Our Courtyard

Be a Part of Our History – St. Joseph Church is offering you an opportunity to purchase custom bricks that cross the grounds and forge the walkways of our HOLY FAMILY MEMORIAL GARDEN.

Guidelines for Brick Order:

Bricks can be inscribed with your family's name, or in memory of a departed loved one, or any inscription of your choice (subject to approval). A contribution of \$50.00 for each brick will enable you and your loved ones to be remembered. Bricks are engraved with one, two, or three lines of text. There are 17 characters on each line; this includes the blank spaces between words. Alumni Bricks have "Class of 19..." on a line below the name (St. Joseph graduates only).

Memorial Bricks have "In Memory of" on a line above the name.

Name Bricks have the name engraved as you designate. Family Bricks have "Family" on a line below the name. Bricks are installed after they have been paid in full and received from the manufacturer.

You can pick up an order form from the Parish Office or on our website by clicking on the link to fill out the form and drop it off with your payment to the Parish Office.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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MEDIA RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE MAY 8, 2025

LPi Partners with Archdiocese of New Orleans to Launch New Chapter for Clarion Herald

New Berlin, Wis. — LPi is thrilled to announce a new partnership with the Archdiocese of New Orleans to support the *Clarion Herald* — the official Catholic newspaper of the archdiocese — with state-of-the-art printing and expert advertising services.

This collaboration marks an exciting new chapter in the publication's longstanding tradition of Catholic journalism, following the conclusion of its in-house print production starting June 2025. Beginning July 1, 2025, LPi will manage the printing of and advertising in the *Clarion Herald*, ensuring its legacy of excellence continues while embracing innovative opportunities for the future.

"We're honored to partner with the Archdiocese of New Orleans in supporting the *Clarion Herald's* mission of evangelization and Catholic storytelling," shared Matt Inkmann, Vice- President of Ad Sales for LPi. "With a deep commitment to parish communication and Catholic publishing, LPi brings decades of experience in advertising sales, modern printing technology, and digital communication tools to share their mission. Together, we'll help the *Clarion Herald* thrive in print and in the digital space."

A key component of this partnership is LPi's print and digital advertising service, which will fully offset the cost of printing for the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Thanks to this service, the *Clarion Herald* can continue delivering important news and stories to its readers without placing additional financial demands on the archdiocese — a meaningful benefit for the local Catholic community.

"We are truly excited about the new partnership between the Archdiocese of New Orleans and LPi," said Sarah McDonald, Director of Communications for the Archdiocese of New Orleans. "While we know we must focus on a 'digital first model' to tell our story in real time, this partnership will allow us to continue sharing the local, regional, and global Catholic news and features in print every two weeks for our loyal *Clarion Herald* readers. This is taking two things that are so familiar (the *Clarion Herald* and the parish bulletin) and bringing them together in an innovative way to celebrate the beauty, tradition, and inspiration that is the Catholic Church in New Orleans."

Print remains a vital part of any successful communication strategy, particularly within the Catholic Church, where parishioners of all ages rely on tangible, trusted sources of information and inspiration. By partnering with LPi, the *Clarion Herald* will not only maintain its cherished print edition, available in over 100 parishes and Catholic institutions, but will also position itself to grow its digital presence through the use of ParishesOnline.com. LPi's team is committed to helping the *Clarion Herald* expand its reach through integrated communication tools, multi-platform content, and expert guidance in navigating the Church's digital future.

The *Clarion Herald* will continue to be available both in print and online, delivering the voices of clergy, religious, and laypeople throughout the archdiocese. As the Archdiocese of New Orleans transitions into this next phase, LPi is proud to support its mission of faith, connection, and Catholic community.

To learn more about LPi's services, visit www.4lpi.com.





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