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#### CONFIRMATION

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Please notify office.

#### MARRIAGE

Please call at least nine-six months in advance.

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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

4:00 p.m. Vigil Saturday

Sunday 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

6:30 p.m. (Haitian/Creole)

#### **DAILY MASSES**

Monday-Friday 12:10 p.m.

6:30 p.m. Mass & Novena Tuesday

**First Friday** 8:00 a.m. Mass

Adoration until 12:10 p.m. Mass

#### CONFESSIONS

3:00-3:45 p.m. Saturday

8:30 a.m. (upon request) Sunday

6:00-6:30 p.m. Anytime by appointment. Tuesday

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## Saint Anthony

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Monday 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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

#### **WEEKEND MASSES**

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

#### **DAILY MASSES**

8:30 a.m. & Novena Monday

Tuesday-Saturday 8:30 a.m. **First Friday** 8:30 a.m.

Mass Holy Hour & Novena

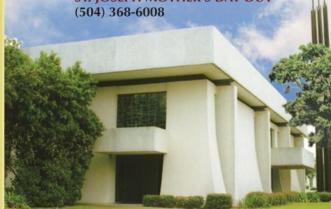
#### CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

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#### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Sunday, May 25, 2025

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

Monday, May 26, 2025 St. Philip Neri, Priest

Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a&9b; Jn 15:26-16:4a

**Tuesday, May 27, 2025 St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop** Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday, May 29, 2025 St. Paul VI, Pope

Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 16:16-20

Friday, May 30, 2025

Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday, May 31, 2025 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Zep 3:14-18a or Rm 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-59

Sunday, June 1, 2025 The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53



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 MAY 17-18, 2025**

#### ST. JOSEPH

Envelopes, Loose, Checks	\$6,267.00
Online (5/12-18/25)	\$1,039.00
Total Collected	\$7,306.00
Budgeted Weekly Expense	\$9,224.51
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense]	-\$1,918.51

#### ST. ANTHONY

Envelopes, Loose, Checks	\$1,053.00
Online (5/12-18/25)	. \$ 310.00
Total Collected	\$1,363.00
<b>Budgeted Weekly Expense</b>	. \$5,342.00
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense]	

#### **Prayer for Memorial Day**

God of power and mercy, You destroy war and put down earthly pride. Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears,

That we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters.

Keep in your mercy those men and women
Who have died in the cause of freedom
And bring them safely
Into your kingdom of justice and peace.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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. Amen



Both the St Joseph and St Anthony Offices will be closed for Memorial Day. The administrative offices of the Archdiocese of New Orleans will be closed on Monday, May 26, 2025, in observance of Memorial Day. The offices will re-open at

9:00 AM, on Tuesday, May 27, 2025. Have a Blessed and Happy Memorial Day. Be safe and have fun.

#### MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

#### ST. JOSEPH

Saturday, May 24, 2025

**4:00 p.m.** – Ehret Fly., The Ortolano Fly., Terrio Fly., Falterman Fly., Robert Mire, Benny Randazzo, Jr., Susan Landry, Bonnie Parker, Honor Mother of God, All the Poor Souls, Grandparents Souls, Parents Souls, Minh Dang, Huong Do, William "Billy" Sherman, Jr.

**Sunday, May 25, 2025 7:30 a.m.** – Amy Loup

**9:30 a.m.** – Ruth Casler, Darnell LeBlanc, Allen J. Roussel, Frank & Hazel Maness, Jeff Reiser, Samuel Tague

11:30 a.m. – For All Parishioners

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

Monday, May 26, 2025 12:10 – Mary Grace Orsag

Tuesday, May 27, 2025 6:30 p.m. – Peggy Palmer

Wednesday, May 28, 2025 12:10 – Paul Walther, Sr.

Thursday, May 29, 2025 12:10 – Tommy Tuminello

Friday, May 30, 2025 12:10 – Gabriella Rodrigue



The Sanctuary Light this week at St. Joseph will burn in memory of Alvin L. Ehret, Sr.

The Flowers on the Altar this week at St. Joseph are in memory of *Allen J. Roussel* 



#### ST. ANTHONY

**Saturday, May 24, 2025 5:00 p.m.** – Lloyd R. Leaber, Jr.

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

Monday, May 26, 2025 8:30 a.m. – Phan Nguyen

Tuesday, May 27, 2025 8:30 a.m. – For Victims of Violence

Wednesday, May 28, 2025 8:30 a.m. – Michael C. Arnold, Jr. Family

Thursday, May 29, 2025 8:30 a.m. – The Harris Family (Living)

Friday, May 30, 2025 8:30 a.m. – Frances Bruce

Saturday, May 31, 2025 8:30 a.m. – Thank You Dear Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 p.m. – Arnold Lirette, Jr., Tre' Walker

Sunday, June 1, 2025 10:30 a.m. – Margaret D. Arnold, Phan Nguyen

The Sanctuary Light this week at St. Anthony will burn in memory of Celeste LeSossier & Frank LeSossier



## 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 jcmitch60@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 <a href="mailto:stjosephgretna@arch-no.org">stjosephgretna@arch-no.org</a>.





Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> will be Fr. Gary's birthday. If you see him at mass, please be sure to congratulate him.

## Happy Birthday Fr. Gary!!!!



May Crowning Saturday, May 3, 2025

Congratulations to those parishioners who were awarded the St. Louis Medallion from Archbishop Gregory Aymond on Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>.







Charles & Kathy Billings St. Joseph Parish



Linda Strohmeyer St. Anthony Parish

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
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#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Indoor Flea Market

Archbishop Shaw High School Campus All Saints Hall, 1000 Salesian Way, Marrero Friday, May 30 – 8am – 4pm Saturday, May 31 – 8am - 3pm Donations of items are greatly appreciated. For more information, call Sandra Smith (504)343-6916

#### 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 1st 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

#### **Peace**

Peace is a subject much like love, everyone understands it, but it is very difficult to explain. In today's Gospel, John tells us that, at the Last Supper, Jesus is preparing his disciples for what is about to take place. His work is almost complete, and he is preparing to be with his father and leave his disciples to the care of the Holy Spirit. Jesus had taken these ordinary men on a threeyear voyage not only geographically but spiritually. On this journey they have witnessed many miracles and physical phenomena but the next experience they are going to witness will test any faith that they might have accrued. That is the point of this narrative, to assure them that they are on the right path that the Holy Spirit will guide them on. I know that there is no one at peace on any of the major television channels, or in any of the movies, or in any major sporting events. All of the above-mentioned people are not at peace. How do I know? Just watch them. The factors of peace are harmony, oneness with the community, and wellness for all. What would the peace of God look like?

It would look like confidence, and calm in the face of disaster. It would look like positive action in an overall negative situation

It would present itself as a symbol of order in a picture of chaos. The peace that Jesus spoke about is knowing that He is the power and He is on your side, the real boss, the one who is in charge of everything; the one who told Job, "Where were you when I founded the earth? Who determined its size?" And the one who told Moses, "Just touch the Red Sea with your staff and it will open up and close behind you." There exist between men and God a living exchange of knowledge and of giving that is love. Jesus gave us peace, and it is up to us to accept it. What Jesus gave us is not fragile. In our families, at work, and in our businesses, feelings

become frayed and attempts to reconcile bring about a frail harmony that can be broken with the speaking of a word or misinterpretation of an action. Jesus' peace is rock solid. His actions were always direct and never weak. His dedication to his father's will gave him peace even at the most difficult times. That is the peace that he gave to us, a solid feeling of security in the face of conflict, and all day, every day, the realization that loving him will give us eternal happiness.

We have all seen people who have totally accepted this belief. They do not stand out in a crowd because of what they do but because of what they don't do. They act rather than react. Nothing seems to upset them, and their presence has a calming effect on their surroundings.

They have the peace that Jesus spoke of. How do we go about getting that mind set? We must accept him as boss and give up our will to his will. Let him take the lead, ask for his input and do his will. This is done in steps. We cannot snap our fingers and do it all at once.

Our mission is to find a time in our lives, which is most like the peace that Jesus gave us. It could be talking to Him, sharing with a family member, helping someone in need, or just looking back over your day knowing that Jesus was present in it. Remember the feeling and then try to do more of what ever gave you that feeling.

Even though those two words, peace and love, are difficult to explain, they are <u>linked</u> because you cannot have peace without love. Also, they are different because love receives its power from giving and peace receives its power from acceptance.



#### **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

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.





#### Widowed? Divorced? Separated?

- Beginning Experience Ministry Have you lost your spouse due to Death, Divorce or Separation? Having difficulty coping? Help is on the way. Beginning Experience Ministry under the New Orleans

Archdiocese Office of Marriage and Family Life will begin a 10-week program to help those struggling with their loss. "Moving Forward With Hope . . . Coping With Life Alone" will take place on Wednesday evenings, June 4, 2025 through August 6, 2025, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., St. Angela Merici Catholic Church Conference Room, adjacent to the Church, at 835 Melody Dr., Metairie. Cost: \$40; Call Ms. Joey at 504-812-3300 to register and for questions.

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