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CONFIRMATION

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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

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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

Email: stjosephgretna@arch-no.org



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Rev. Gary Copping, Pastor
Msgr. Lanaux Rareshide, In Residence
Deacon Oscar Alegria, Sr.
Deacon Len Enger
Patti Waddell, School Principal
Tiffany Cannon
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Sacristan

Saint Anthony

924 Monroe Street
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St. Anthony School: (504) 367-0689

OFFICE HOURS

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
Sunday 10:30 a.m.

DAILY MASSES

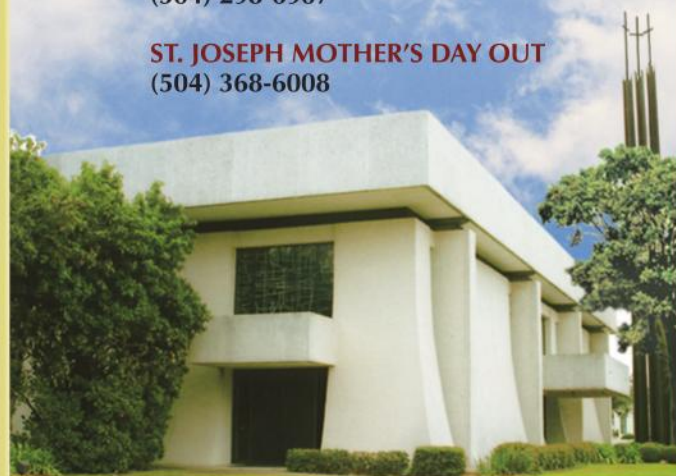
Monday 8:30 a.m. & Novena
Tuesday-Saturday 8:30 a.m.
First Friday 8:30 a.m.
Mass Holy Hour & Novena

CONFESSIONS

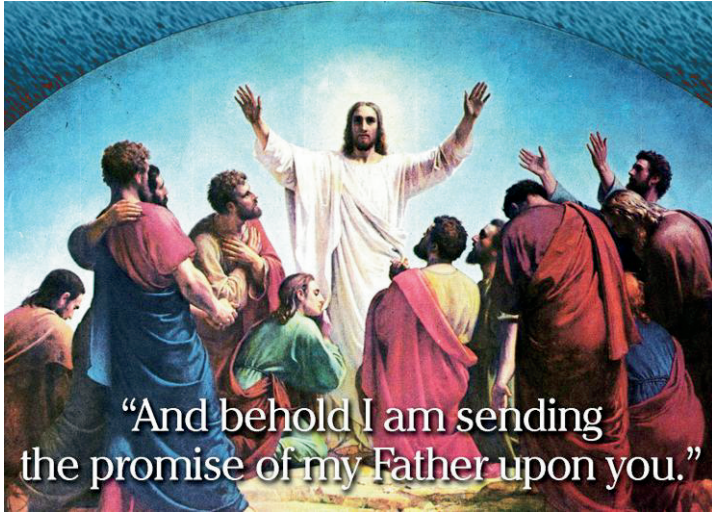
Saturday 4:30 p.m.
and anytime by appointment

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



“And behold I am sending
the promise of my Father upon you.”

Sunday, June 1, 2025

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

Monday, June 2, 2025 Sts. Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs

Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday, June 3, 2025 St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs

Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab;
Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday, June 5, 2025 St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a&5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday, June 6, 2025 St. Norbert, Bishop

Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday, June 7, 2025

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5&7; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday, June 8, 2025 Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7,
12-13 or Rm 8:8-17; Jn 20:19-23 or 14:15-16, 23b-26



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 24-25, 2025

ST. JOSEPH

Envelopes, Loose, Checks \$5,838.38
Online (5/19-25/25) \$ 626.00
Total Collected \$6,464.38
Budgeted Weekly Expense \$9,224.51
Net Income [+ or - budgeted expense] ...-\$2,760.13

Restoration Fund \$1,753.00

ST. ANTHONY

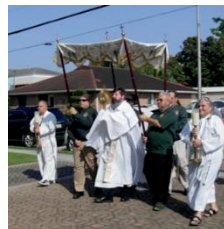
Will be reported in next week's bulletin

Maintenance Fund June 7-8, 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.

Corpus Christi Procession Sunday June 22 - 9:00am



Please join us in St Joseph Church at 9:00am for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. We will process out and circle the Church with the Monstrance. Immediately before the 9:30am Mass, we will have Benediction and Repose of the Blessed Sacrament, then Mass will begin.

Prayer for the Hurricane Season

Through the intercession of *Our Lady of Prompt Succor*, may we be protected from all loss of life and property during this hurricane season.

MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

ST. JOSEPH

Saturday, May 31, 2025

4:00 p.m. – Amy Loup, Ehret Fly., Falterman Fly.,
Bonnie Parker, William “Billy” Sherman, Jr., Harold &
Pam Beaucoudray

Sunday, June 1, 2025

7:30 a.m. – For All Parishioners

9:30 a.m. – Bill Swiler, Mary Grace Orsag, Darnell
LeBlanc, Sue An Abbey Guillermo, Molly Ward,
Andrew Schurb, John & Leonore Charles, Gustave
Peter Cramond, Roland Herbert, Anna Walsh Klotter,
Jim Walsh, Claire Walsh, Charles Lyons, Theresa
DiPascal, W. Richard & Helen White, Frank & Hazel
Maness, Rose Sigur Vicari, Kenneth Charles Lincoln,
Jeff Reiser, Bonnie Parker, Samuel Tague, Bobbi
Hanson

11:30 a.m. – Anthony J. Labruzzo, Jr.

6:30 p.m. – For the Haitian Community

Monday, June 2, 2025

12:10 – In Thanksgiving Marina Romero

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

6:30 p.m. – William “Billy” Sherman, Jr.

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

12:10 – John Lanier

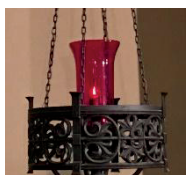
Thursday, June 5, 2025

12:10 – Wiley J. Breaux, Sr.

Friday, June 6, 2025 (First Friday)

8:00 a.m. – Danjean Fly.

12:10 – Walter Goodwyne



**The Sanctuary Light this week at St.
Joseph will burn in memory of
Bill Swiler**

**The Flowers on the Altar this
week at St. Joseph are in memory
of Letha P. Ehret**



ST. ANTHONY

Saturday, May 31, 2025

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

Sunday, June 1, 2025

10:30 a.m. – Margaret D. Arnold, Phan Nguyen

Monday, June 2, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Clay Leon IV

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Henryetta Rareshide Waguespack

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Frances Bruce

Thursday, June 5, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Nancy Martinez Cortizas

Friday, June 6, 2025 (First Friday)

8:30 a.m. – Joe J. Relle

Saturday, June 7, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Frank Romano, Sr.

5:00 p.m. – Susan Stumpf Landry, Phyllis DePriest

Sunday, June 8, 2025

10:30 a.m. – Charles Gautreaux, Charlie Baldwin,
Margaret Lindquist, Frank LeSassier, Jr., Celeste
LeSassier

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.





**SUNDAY AND MONDAY
BINGO'S AT GRETN
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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.



**Special Needs Mass
Sunday, June 8, 2025
2:00pm**

**Mary Help of Christians Church
600 2nd Ave., Harvey**

Snacks & refreshments following mass

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.

**Catholic Community Media
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**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>



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.**

Heaven

What is Heaven really like? Could it be like winning the Power Ball? Or sitting on the 50-yard line when the Saints win the Super Bowl? Or to have the most wonderful person you ever loved saying that they would marry you? All of these things are special, but they are also enclosed in time. Our spiritual life is not limited by time because it does not change. It is forever and time is just a measurement of change.

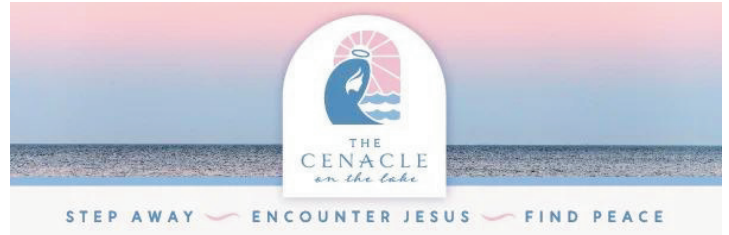
Saint John was incarcerated on the island of Patmos when he wrote the New Testament books of Revelations. He was being held away from all of his followers and all of his communications were cut off. Jesus, whom he loved, came to him, and gave him a vision of the plan of his father for a new heaven and earth. This was at the end of time when all were responsible for their actions whether good or not good. The first vision was Jesus sitting at the right hand of God the Father and the re-creating of heaven and earth. Earth was seen as a beautiful new place with all of the disordered objects rebuilt to be beautiful and welcoming. The sea at the time of Jesus was to be feared because of a lack of navigation equipment. After the transformation it would be beautiful and embracing. The people who had followed the teaching of Jesus were joyful and loving. There was no competition, envy, pride, or selfishness. Their communications were positive, warm, and encouraging. The people who did not follow Jesus were hiding and eventually disappeared.

We would be in continuous communication with God, and he would live among us which was his will. We would become aware of the enormous size of his creations and that he named every one of them.

Our lives would be focused on love and our relationship with each other. It would be like a Christmas party when we were young with the family and the joy we had celebrating Jesus' birthday with him as our guest. Anger, greed, selfishness, pride, hate, and distrust were things of the past.

Heaven will be filled with the people you love and the people you will love.

Revelation with Guarantees



Are you ready to step away from the busy-ness of life to encounter Jesus and find peace? Register today for a silent retreat designed for women to reignite their relationship with Jesus.

Women of Manresa 3-night Silent Retreats:

Dcn. Ronald Drez Jun 12-15, 2025

Br. Larry Huck, SJ Sep 25-28, 2025

Fr. Mark Mossa, SJ Oct 16-19, 2025

Weekend 2-night Silent Retreats for Women:

Fr. Sidney Speaks Jun 27-29, 2025

Fr. Bryce Sibley Oct 24-26, 2025

Fr. Simeon Gallagher, Nov 7-9, 2025

Save the Date

September 27, 2025

NOLA Catholic Youth Conference

Keynote Speaker: Fr. Agustino Torres, CFR

More information to follow in the coming months.

Come, Lord Jesus! Bible Study

Tuesdays – 10:00AM –

St. Joseph Rectory

Tuesdays – 6:30PM –

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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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Our Italian Cookie Sale Is Back!!

Baking for the annual Italian Cookie Sale by the St. Joseph Women’s Club will begin Monday, August 11th. Orders will be filled the beginning of September. Almond, sesame, anise-flavored sweetbread and the ever-popular fig cookies will be available (fig \$12/dozen, sesame \$7/dozen, anise \$8/dozen, and almond \$7/dozen). There are many ways that you may place your order: using the order form below; with any member of the Women’s Club; forms will be available in the rear of St. Joseph & St. Anthony Churches and at the St. Joseph Parish Office; or by calling Debbie Swiler at 504-722-5958. Don’t be disappointed, place your order early!

Deadline for submitting orders is Monday, August 4.

ORDERS MAY BE DROPPED OFF AT THE ST. JOSEPH OFFICE DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS OR AFTER HOURS, PLEASE PLACE IN THE SILVER DROP OFF BOX OUTSIDE THE OFFICE DOOR OR PUT IN SEALED ENVELOPE MARKED COOKIE SALE AND PLACE IN COLLECTION BASKET.

ST. JOSEPH WOMEN’S CLUB
ITALIAN COOKIE SALE

Buyer’s Name ----- Club Member -----

Telephone # ----- Telephone # -----

Fig Cakes (Cuccidati) ----- dz @ 12.00 per dozen \$ -----

Sesame Seed ----- dz @ \$7.00 per dozen \$ -----

Anise Sweetbread -----dz @ \$8.00 per dozen \$ -----

Almond ----- dz @ \$7.00 per dozen \$-----

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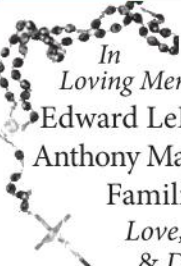


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<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p><i>In Loving Memory of</i> Darnell M. LeBlanc <i>from</i> Kenneth M. LeBlanc</p> </div>		

 <p>Gretna BINGO PALACE</p> <p>www.gretnabingopalace.com</p> <p>(504) 368-4443 1900 Frankin Ave.</p>	<p>GUARANTEED \$4500 Giveaway Every Session 2 In-House Progressive Jackpots</p>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p><i>In Loving Memory of</i> Babson "BJ" LeBlanc Forever in our Hearts <i>By Wife, Children & Grandchildren</i></p> </div> <div style="width: 45%; text-align: center;"> <p><i>Please Support</i> St. Joseph & St. Anthony Catholic Church</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%; text-align: center;"> <p><i>Please remember our parish in your will.</i></p>  </div> </div>
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