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#### **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.

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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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.

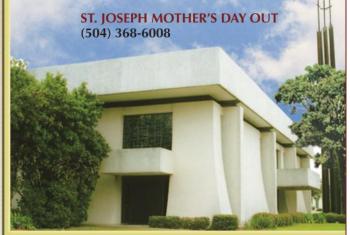
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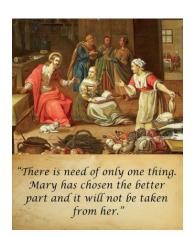
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# SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Week of Sunday, July 20, 2025

Sunday, July 20, 2025 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

Monday, July 21, 2025 St, Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 12:38-42 Tuesday, July 22, 2025 St. Mary Magdalene Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Wednesday, July 23, 2025 St. Bridget, Religious Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28; Mt 13:1-9

Thursday, July 24, 2025 St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Mt 13:10-17

Friday, July 25, 2025 St. James, Apostle 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Mt 20:20-28

Saturday, July 26, 2025 Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30 Sunday, July 27, 2025 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13



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 JULY 12-13, 2025**

#### ST. JOSEPH

Envelopes, Loose, Checks	\$6,261.00
Online (not available)	\$ 0.00
Total Collected	
<b>Budgeted Weekly Expense</b>	\$9,224.51
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense]	-\$2,963.51

ST. ANTHONY
Will be reported in next week's bulletin



Fr. Mansuetus Setonga from the Diocese of Same in the Kilimanjaro Region of Tanzania will be visiting our parish (July 26-27) to make a mission appeal for

critical needs in his Diocese. Tanzania is one of the poorest countries in the world, with 80% of the population practicing rural subsistence farming. Tanzania has a population of 57 million people, 15 million of whom live in absolute poverty, earning less than \$1.00 a day. The standard of living of the people in the Diocese of Same is below that of most Tanzanians. Catholics number 74,104.

One of the serious problems facing the people of Same is poor health which is caused by dirty water. In Bangalala village, women walk on foot for more than four miles back and forth to reach a standing dam/rain water dam. The water is shared by both villagers and cows, goats and sheep. Due to the lack of clean water many people suffer from diarrhea, typhoid, and cholera. Due to the lack of nearby clinics, many children and women die from these water-related diseases. These are all preventable diseases. The Diocese of Same has been requested by these villagers to help them to drill a well. Please prayerfully consider how you may be able to support this important mission. A second collection will be taken up for the Diocese of Same.

The Archdiocese of New Orleans will be collecting funds for those affected in the devastated areas of *Kerrville and Central Texas*. Please make checks payable to the Archdiocese of New Orleans and send directly to:

> Archdiocese of New Orleans Texas Flood Relief 7887 Walmsley Ave. New Orleans, LA. 70125

Thanks for helping us care for those who have lost so much in the recent floods.

### MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

### ST. JOSEPH

Saturday, July 19, 2025

**4:00 p.m.** – Leona "Sue" Brunet Cambre, Ehret Fly., The Ortolano Fly., Benny Randazzo, Jr., Terrio Fly., Falterman Fly., Bonnie Parker, William "Billy" Sherman, Jr., John Merek

**Sunday, July 20, 2025** 

**7:30 a.m.** – Amy Loup

**9:30 a.m.** – Allen J. Roussel, Theresa DiPascal, W. Richard & Helen White, Jeff Reiser, Samuel Tague, Alourdes Lovinski Mama Lola

11:30 a.m. – For All Parishioners

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

Monday, July 21, 2025

12:10 – Geraldine G. Waguespack

**Tuesday, July 22, 2025** 

**6:30 p.m.** – Leger Fly.

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

12:10 - Paul Walther, Sr.

Thursday, July 24, 2025

**12:10** – John C. Huertin, Jr.

Friday, July 25, 2025

12:10 - William "Billy" Sherman, Jr.



The Sanctuary Light and Flowers on the Altar this week at **St. Joseph** will be in memory of

Leona "Sue" Brunet Cambre

### ST. ANTHONY

Saturday, July 19, 2025

**5:00 p.m.** – Tre' Walker

**Sunday, July 20, 2025** 

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

Monday, July 21, 2025

8:30 a.m. – For the Lives Lost During the Texas Flood

**Tuesday, July 22, 2025** 

8:30 a.m. - Frances Bruce

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

8:30 a.m. - Escoffier Family

Thursday, July 24, 2025

8:30 a.m. – For Our First Responders

Friday, July 25, 2025

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

Saturday, July 26, 2025

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

**5:00 p.m.** – Lloyd R. Leaber, Jr.

**Sunday, July 27, 2025** 

10:30 a.m. – Barbara Herzog Kass

C.C.D. Registration for the 2025-2026 School Year

Registration for grades 1-8 will take place on Monday, August 25th from 5:30-6:30 P.M. in the St. Anthony School Office at 900 Franklin Street. Please bring the child's baptismal certificate.

**Registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation** 

Registration for Confirmation will be held on Monday, August 25th from 5:30-6:30 P.M. in the St. Anthony School Office at 900 Franklin Street. Baptismal and First Communion certificates are required. (Remember, all high school students wishing to be confirmed in the 11th grade must register each year, beginning in the 9th grade.)



### 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>.





### 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

### 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.

The Cenacle on the Lake presents "Heal, Grow, Thrive!"
Grief Retreat for Women and Men
August 2-3, 2025

Fr. Gary Copping will be one of the presenters

\$150 registration fee includes meals & accommodations Please register by visiting neworleansretreats.com or by calling 504-267-9604

#### 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.

### Save the Date!!

Magnificat Westbank Chapter Breakfast Saturday, August 16 – 9:30am – Noon Speaker: Jan Tate Immaculata KC Hall 566 Avenue D, Marrero Tickets: \$20 now thru August 12 Cindy Delger 504-319-6788

Westbank Religious Supply House: 504-341-6558



St. Joseph is in need of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers at our weekend Masses. Training is available to prepare one for this ministry. In the Catholic Mass, the role of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMOHCs) is a

vital ministry that ensures the reverent and orderly distribution of the Eucharist. This ministry is not merely a functional role, but a profound act of service and devotion, reflecting the deep reverence for the Body and Blood of Christ. Understanding the responsibilities and significance of EMOHCs can deepen our appreciation for this ministry and inspire those called to serve.

The Purpose and Need for Extraordinary Ministers to assist in the distribution of Holy Communion when there are not enough ordained ministers (bishops, priests and deacons) to serve the congregation. This need often arises in parishes with large congregations or during special liturgical celebrations where the number of communicants is particularly high. The term "extraordinary" highlights that this role is supplementary and not a replacement for the ordinary ministers of Holy Communion. Please contact Fr. Gary or the Parish Office for more information.

### Have you chosen the better part?

In today's reading the question is, "have you chosen the better part." Martha was only doing what she thought was expected of her but Mary on the other hand was sitting at the foot of Jesus listening to every word.

Every week we come to Mass and listen to the reading of the books of the prophets, the Apostles, and words of God. We pray and receive the body and blood of Jesus. We get to absorb and enrich ourselves and open our hearts to the love that God has for us. But is receiving better than giving? Do we accept these gifts and not share them? Is that enough to foster a gift which has changed the way we live our lives and not share that joy with others?

Jesus sent out his disciples who received his words to people who were too busy to open their hearts to the love that created them. We also, as his followers, are called to lead and bring others to the peace and joy we have received from him.

How does this journey start? We listen to learn and learn to act. It can be more about what we do than what we say. In every reading there is a lesson to follow. These actions can be kindness, joy are duty. We learn to give rather than to receive. It can be more effective to teach than to roar. By following the example that we learned from Jesus, we are choosing the better part and leading others to join us.

"At The Well"

Young Women's Eucharistic Retreat For young women ages 17-35 Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament Saturday, July 26 – 9am-5pm

Speaker: Claire Aalerud, Youth Minister, Content

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Priest: Fr. Dominic Lee, Benedictine Monk, Priest

Retreat Registration: \$25 Breakfast & Lunch Included

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Save the Date!!
August 7-10, 2025
The Men's Westbank ACTS Retreat
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Our Lady of Hope Retreat Center

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As the ACTS retreat is a three day and three-night Catholic lay retreat, it will begin

on Thursday evening and end the following Sunday at a Mass celebrated with the parish community. The host parish has not yet been determined. This upcoming men's retreat will include talks and activities with focus on Adoration, Community, Theology and Service, from which the ACTS Program acronym is derived. Holy scripture and the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church are the guides for the retreats. The retreats will take on some of the traditions and atmosphere of the Westbank parish community and facilitates the attainment of a new or deeper

relationship with the Lord through: **Adoration** – the call by, acceptance of, and response to God,

Community – the love and caring of each other,

**Theology** – the study of God through scripture and the Catholic Faith.

**Service** – to God and his people.

Activities during the weekend will be both high energy and relaxing, plug give retreatants a better understanding of the significance and importance of aspects in our lives that we often take for granted.

The price is \$375.00 per person, inclusive, for the three days, three nights and for transportation, housing, meals, and supplies. For more information, call/text Chad Sherman (504)812-3123.

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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 <u>OR</u> PUT IN SEALED ENVELOPE MARKED COOKIE SALE AND PLACE IN COLLECTION BASKET.

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Telephone #		Telephone #	
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Anise Sweetbread	dz @ \$8.00 p	oer dozen \$	
Almond	dz @ \$7.00 p	er dozen \$	
Total		\$	

**Note:** Preservatives are not used in our cookies; not gluten free, and some may contain nuts. They can be frozen if you want to keep them for Thanksgiving, Christmas, or longer. Cash accepted or check made payable to St. **Joseph Women's Club.** 





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