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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

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WEEKEND MASSES

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

DAILY MASSES

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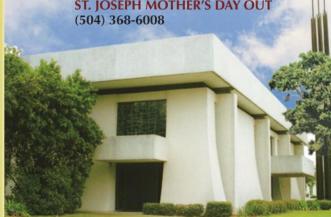
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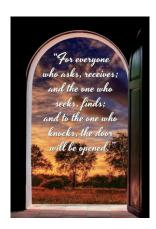
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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Week of Sunday, July 27, 2025

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

Monday, July 28, 2025

Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday, July 29, 2025 Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9; 28; Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday, July 30, 2025 St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday, July 31, 2025 St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a&8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53

Friday, August 1, 2025 St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday, August 2, 2025 St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday, August 3, 2025 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14&17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21



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 19-20, 2025

ST. JOSEPH

Envelopes, Loose, Checks	\$ 9,632.00
Online (7/14-20/25)	\$ 1,025.00
Total Collected	\$10,657.00
Budgeted Weekly Expense	\$ 9,224.51
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense]	+\$ 1,432.49

ST. ANTHONY

Will be reported in next week's bulletin

COLLECTIONS FOR JULY 12-13, 2025 ST. ANTHONY

Envelopes, Loose, Checks	\$1,730.00
Online (7/7-13/25)	. \$ 160.00
Total Collected	\$1,890.00
Budgeted Weekly Expense	. \$5,342.00
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense]	-\$3,452.00



Maintenance Fund August 2-3, 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.

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 26, 2025

4:00 p.m. - Amy Loup, Ehret Fly., Falterman Fly., Robert Mire, Bonnie Parker, William "Billy" Sherman, Jr., Butch Price

Sunday, July 27, 2025 7:30 a.m. – Priscilla Cosse'

9:30 a.m. - Fonseca, Brunet, Cambe & Boudreaux Flys., Norma Donahue, Mary Grace Orsag, Thank You Dear Jesus, Therese DiPascal, W. Richard & Helen White, Frank & Hazel Maness, Jeff Reiser, Samuel Tague, Susan Landry, Susan Danna, Robert Brazeal, Sr.

11:30 a.m. – For All Parishioners

6:30 p.m. – For the Haitian Community

Monday, July 28, 2025 12:10 - Vegas Family

Tuesday, July 29, 2025 6:30 p.m. - William "Billy" Sherman, Jr.

Wednesday, July 30, 2025 12:10 – Odette J. de Rodriguez

Thursday, July 31, 2025 12:10 – Barry Giglio

Friday, August 1, 2025 (First Friday) 8:00 a.m. – Jackie Morlas

12:10 – Casler Fly.



The St. Joseph Women's Club will hold their quarterly meeting on Monday, Ministry August 4th at 1:00 p.m. in the Social Room of the Family Life Center. All women, 18 years of age or older, are invited to attend.

ST. ANTHONY

Saturday, July 26, 2025 5:00 p.m. – Lloyd R. Leaber, Jr,

Sunday, July 27, 2025 10:30 a.m. – Barbara Herzog Kass

Monday, July 28, 2025 8:30 a.m. – For the Kerrville Flooding Victims

Tuesday, July 29, 2025 8:30 a.m. – Henryetta Rareshide Waguespack

Wednesday, July 30, 2025 8:30 a.m. – For the Church in Tanzania

Thursday, July 31, 2025 8:30 a.m. - Charles J. Arnold

Friday, August 1, 2025 (First Friday) 8:30 a.m. – Frances. Bruce

Saturday, August 2, 2025 8:30 a.m. – Josefa Laso

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

Sunday, August 3, 2025 10:30 a.m. - Michael C. Arnold, Jr. Family

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 stjosephgretna@arch-no.org.





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

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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.

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

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.

Join the Holy Family Singers for Summer Choir!

Ever wondered who the singing angels are that lend their voices to the 9:30am mass up in the loft from



September to June? It's a group of people just like you – and they're hoping you'll join them! These volunteers have varying amounts of formal music training, but all have the desire to make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

For the month of August, the loft is open to anyone who can make it up the steps at 8:45am (our apologies; the loft is not ADA accessible). We'll go through the hymns and the psalm at 8:45am and then sing for the 9:30am mass. Choral anthems won't start until September, so there is time to decide if you enjoy the view from upstairs before committing to being a member of the Holy Family Singers.

Come try out mass from a different angle! We'll see you at 8:45am on Sundays in August up in the loft.

Sam Garnett Organist/Director of Music



Voices Reclaimed Celebrating Black Composers Taylor White, Soprano Wednesday, July 30 – 6:30pm St. Joseph Church

With Kelly Cuppett, Collaborative Pianist

Embark on a journey through classical music history with "Voices Reclaimed," a program dedicated to unveiling hidden gems of the genre. Experience a curated and interactive concert spotlighting overlooked yet remarkable Black composers, their unique musical narratives, and cultural legacies. "Voices Reclaimed: Celebrating Black Composers" honors the enduring impact of Black composers on classical music and invites discovery of their vibrant contributions to the art form.

This concert is free and open to the public, though donations for its production are greatly appreciated. To donate, please visit

https://fundraising.fracturedatlas.org/voices-reclaimed



Save the Date!!
August 7-10, 2025
The Men's Westbank ACTS Retreat
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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.



ATTENTION ALL MEN!! "That Man Is You"

Starting back Friday, September 12 For more information, visit our website

When do we pray?

Let us step into the time of Jesus and look at the culture of His day. One of the most important values of this time was hospitality especially to travelers. You see there were no Holiday Inns or Burger Kings on the roads at that time. So, we can see why the man, who was caught off guard by his unexpected visitors, went to a neighbor's house for help. All of us have unexpected and unprepared things that happen in our lives and need to call on someone for help. Jesus is telling us in this parable do not be afraid to call upon him and his father but most importantly to be persistent in our request.

If you are one who have called on Jesus many, many times when you were faced with problems that you were not prepared for and have followed his suggestion and continued praying until they are resolved. One of the things that you would have learned was that the process of praying takes the solution out of your hands and puts it in his, which in itself is a relief. As we pray, we become more dependent on Jesus which is one of the things that He wants and who is more powerful to manage our problems than Him. Sometimes it takes a long time for a response, but we must realize that maybe He has answered our prayers and simply said that he has a better solution or a different plan than we have.

Luke ends his Gospel today with the reassurance that God would never answer our prayers with something that would harm us. Our father would never give his child a snake or a scorpion.

Pray, pray, spend the time, and remember that God always answers our prayers but not always in our time or with what we prayed for. He does know what is best for us.

When do we pray? Always!

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Our Italian Cookie Sale Is Back!! TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO PLACE YOUR ORDER DEADLINE AUGUST 4TH

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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Buyer's Name		Club Member	
Telephone #		Telephone #	
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Sesame Seed	dz @ \$7.00 p	per dozen \$	
Anise Sweetbread	dz @ \$8.00 <u>1</u>	oer dozen \$	
Almond	dz @ \$7.00 p	per 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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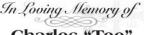
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