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CONFIRMATION

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation is a three year program. It begins in the 9th grade of high school and ends in the 11th grade with the reception of the Sacrament.

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

610 Sixth Street, Gretna, LA 70053
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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

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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
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

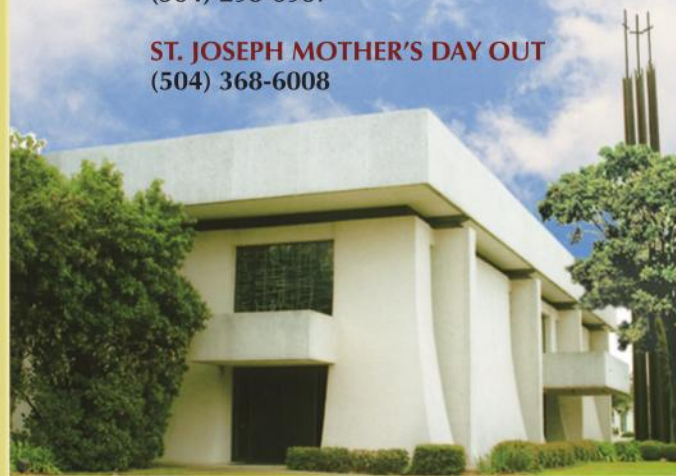
Saturday 4:30 p.m.
and anytime by appointment

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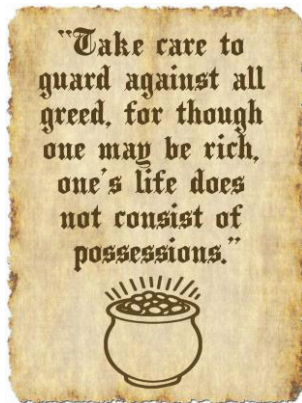
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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Week of Sunday, August 3, 2025

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

Monday, August 4, 2025 St. John Vianney, Priest

Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday, August 5, 2025 The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday, August 6, 2025 The Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19;

Lk 9:28b-36

Thursday, August 7, 2025 St. Sixtus II, Pope & Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest

Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 16:13-23

Friday, August 8, 2025 St. Dominic, Priest

Dt 4:32-49; Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16&21; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday, August 9, 2025 St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr

Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47&51; Mt 17:14-20

Sunday, August 10, 2025 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12; Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40



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 26-27, 2025

ST. JOSEPH

Envelopes, Loose, Checks	\$4,927.00
Online (7/21-27/25)	\$ 646.00
Total Collected	\$5,573.00
Budgeted Weekly Expense	\$9,224.51
Net Income [+ or - budgeted expense] ...	-\$3,651.51

ST. ANTHONY

Will be reported in a future bulletin

COLLECTIONS FOR JULY 19-20, 2025

ST. ANTHONY

Envelopes, Loose, Checks	\$1,030.00
Online (7/14-20/25)	\$ 395.00
Total Collected	\$1,425.00
Budgeted Weekly Expense	\$5,342.00
Net Income [+ or - budgeted expense]..	-\$3,917.00

Black & Indian Mission Appeal \$ 680.00



Second Collection Catholic Relief Services August 9-10, 2025

The second collection on August 9-10, benefits Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and the U.S. bishops' international outreach service. CRS works to sustain development for people in underdeveloped countries to help them become self-sustaining. CRS also responds to disasters such as the recent one in the Philippines and Indonesia. Your assistance with this collection will go to help "Jesus in disguise." Please be as generous as your means will allow.

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, August 2, 2025

4:00 p.m. – David M. Link, Amy Loup, Ehret Fly., Falterman Fly., Seal Fly., Uzee Fly., Cannon Fly., Fr. Mark Beard, Sue An Abbey Guillermo, Bonnie P. Parker, William “Billy” Sherman, Jr., Maria Can Pham, Maria Voc Tran, Dominic Thanh Do, For Grandparents, All the Souls

Sunday, August 3, 2025

7:30 a.m. – Gabriella Rodrigue

9:30 a.m. – John Lanier, Paul Walther, Sr., John & Leonore Charles, Gustav Peter Cramond, Roland Herbert, Anna Walsh Klotter, Jim Walsh, Claire Walsh, Charles Lyons, Theresa DiPascal, W Richard & Helen White, Kenneth Charles Lincoln, Jeff Reiser, Samuel Tague, Susan Danna

11:30 a.m. – For All Parishioners

6:30 p.m. – For the Haitian Community

Monday, August 4, 2025

12:10 – Babson J. “BJ” LeBlanc

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

6:30 p.m. – Michael Danjean

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

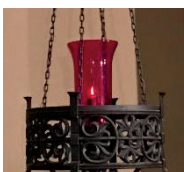
12:10 – Norma Donahue

Thursday, August 7, 2025

12:10 – Lucille T. Link

Friday, August 8, 2025

12:10 – Louis J. Guccione, Jr.



The Sanctuary Light this week at *St. Joseph* will burn in memory of
Michael Danjean

ST. ANTHONY

Saturday, August 2, 2025

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

Sunday, August 3, 2025

10:30 a.m. – Michael C. Arnold, Jr. Family

Monday, August 4, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Lorraine Ditta

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Wiley J. Breaux, Sr.

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Buddy Kass

Thursday, August 7, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Frances Bruce

Friday, August 8, 2025

8:30 a.m. – For the Children of War-Torn Countries

Saturday, August 9, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Bill Swiler

5:00 p.m. – Lloyd R. Leaber, Jr.

Sunday, August 10, 2025

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



The St. Joseph Women's Club will hold their quarterly meeting on Monday, 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.

SAVE A LIFE



GIVE BLOOD

**Knights of Columbus –
Archbishop Blenk Council 1905
– Friday August 15 – 3-7pm
Bloodmobile located at
475 Franklin Ave., Gretna**

Help us reach our goal of 15 units of blood! All blood types are needed! Please come out and help support the blood drive! Your donation can save us to 3 lives! All eligible donors will have the choice of our exclusive "Summer Vibe" T-shirt, Family Blood Coverage, Blood Replacement or Heart Club. Donors should eat a healthy meal and hydrate well prior to donating. **Schedule your appointment today. Visit TheBloodCenter.org or call (800)86-BLOOD**
Pre-screening questionnaire:
<https://bit.ly/46FycmJ>

We welcome Ricky LaCour to the Maintenance Staff at St. Anthony Church. He'll have a great mentor in Mr. Dennis!



**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>

Save the Date!!

**Magnificat Westbank Chapter Breakfast
Saturday, August 16 – 9:30am – Noon
Speaker: Jan Tate**

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566 Avenue D, Marrero

Tickets: \$20 now thru August 12

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ATTENTION ALL MEN!!

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**Starting back Friday, September 12
For more information, visit our website
stjosephgretna.com.**

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!!

On Saturday, October 18 (8am-3pm), St. Joseph Restoration Committee will participate in the annual Gretna City-Wide Yard Sale.

Start cleaning out your closets!!

We will begin collecting rummage sale items the first week in September (each Wednesday and Saturday) through the month of September. More information to follow.

Join the Holy Family Singers for Summer Choir!

In an effort to recruit a few more choir members, we are trying "Summer Choir" in August. We are opening up the loft for anyone who wants to come sing with us on Sundays to join us.

During the month of August, the Holy Family Singers are offering a relaxed, no-pressure way to join in and experience singing with our church choir. You are warmly invited to the choir loft at 8:45am on all Sunday mornings in August to go over the hymns and psalm for that day.

If you're interested in singing a little more, there are also Wednesday evening rehearsals at 6:30pm starting August 6th. No experience needed—just a love of music and a willingness to praise God through song!



*Sam Garnett
Organist/Director of Music*

Choices

In today's reading by Luke, Jesus is asked to become an arbitrator, a very difficult but highly respected role in the culture of that time. Problems of the kind that he was asked to negotiate could escalate into violent clashes between the parties involved and even blood could be shed. An arbitrator was chosen because of his status, respect and influence and his decision would be obeyed. Jesus wanted no part of the controversy and would never interfere in matters concerning money.

The parable that Jesus cited was one that showed the greed and self-centeredness of the landowner. The landowner never saw beyond himself. He could have become a patron and distributed his wealth but instead he decided to hoard his good fortune. When God gives us talent and wealth, we should remember that it is from God and use it to spread God's love. The rich man did not see beyond this world. All of his endeavors were made for this life with no thought of what happens next.

This life is full of choices and problems that we must overcome. Some are easy and some are very difficult. Remember that the choices and the results of the decisions are temporary. All of the conclusions we draw will affect our character and reflect in our heart.

Now let me tell you a story about this young executive who was on a business flight and was very pleased with his success in life. As the flight progressed it was time for a meal to be served. The elderly flight attendant told the young man what was being served. His arrogant response to her was, what are not my options? Her kindly response was yes or no. Unlike the young executive in the story, when we choose an action or get caught up in someone else's action the sure way to choose correctly is to ask the advice of God. So, when you get stressed out go to God.

The answer is simple. All we have to do is get on the same page as God. Know that God is with you every minute of the day and let this allow you to serve the Lord with gladness throughout the day no matter what happens. Remember that this life is short and to prove it just think about how fast our children have grown up. Or better yet, how fast our birthdays come and go.

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Our Italian Cookie Sale Is Back!!
TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO PLACE YOUR ORDER
DEADLINE TOMORROW, 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 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 \$-----

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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