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BAPTISM

By appointment. Please call during early months of pregnancy for interview and seminar.

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
(504) 368-1313 • Fax (504) 368-6841

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

Mon; Wed-Fri 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
Deacon David Kalil
Benita Plaisance, School Principal
Tiffany Cannon, Secretary
Sam Garnett, Music Director
Russell Kospelich
Sacristan

Saint Anthony

924 Monroe Street
Gretna, LA 70053

(504) 368-6161 • Fax (504) 362-7811

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

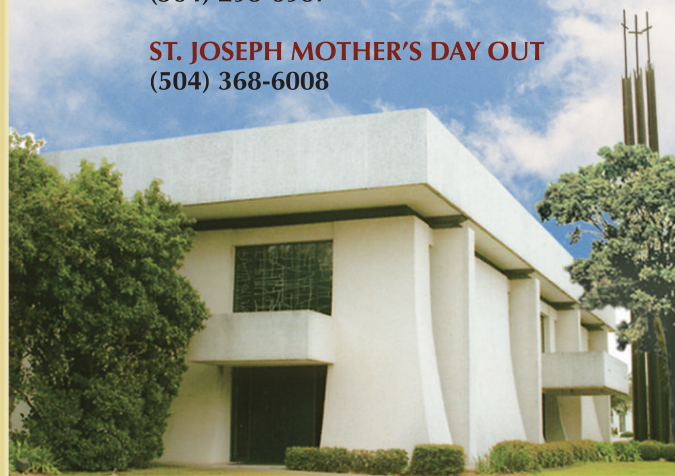
Monday 8:30 a.m. & Novena
Tuesday-Saturday 8:30 a.m.
First Friday 8:30 a.m.
Mass Holy Hour & Novena

CONFESSIONS

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

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(504) 368-6008



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Week of Sunday, August 24, 2025

Sunday, August 24, 2025 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13;
Lk 13:22-30

Monday, August 25, 2025 St. Louis; St. St. Joseph Calasanz,
Priest

1 Thess 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a&9b;
Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

1 Thess 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-3, 4-6; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday, August 27, 2025 St. Monica

1 Thess 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab;
Mt 23:27-32

Thursday, August 28, 2025 St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of
the Church

1 Thess 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14&17; Mt 24:42-51

Friday, August 29, 2025 The Passion of St. John the Baptist

1 Thess 4:1-8; Ps 97:1&2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12; Mk 6:17-29

Saturday, August 30, 2025

1 Thess 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday, August 31, 2025 Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11;
Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14



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 AUGUST 16-17, 2025

Will be reported in next week's bulletin

COLLECTIONS FOR AUGUST 9-10, 2025

ST. JOSEPH

Envelopes, Loose, Checks	\$7,246.50
Online (8/4-10/25)	<u>\$1,226.00</u>
Total Collected	\$8,472.50
Budgeted Weekly Expense	\$9,224.51
Net Income [+ or - budgeted expense] ...	-\$ 752.01

Catholic Relief Services\$1,121.00

ST. ANTHONY

Envelopes, Loose, Checks	\$3,522.00
Online (8/4-10/25)	<u>\$ 160.00</u>
Total Collected	\$3,682.00
Budgeted Weekly Expense	\$5,342.00
Net Income [+ or - budgeted expense] ..	-\$1,660.00

Catholic Relief Services\$ 672.00



Wedding Banns
Saturday, August 30, 2025
Emmanuel Tran
Quyen Vu

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.

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.)

MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

ST. JOSEPH

Saturday, August 23, 2025

4:00 p.m. – Roxanne Richard, Ehret Fly., Terrio Fly.,
David L. Pitre, Falterman Fly., Robert Mire, Bonnie P.
Parker, William “Billy” Sherman, Jr.

Sunday, August 24, 2025

7:30 a.m. – Amy Loup

9:30 a.m. – For All Parishioners

11:30 a.m. – Everette & Anne Gauthreaux, Betty
Lawson Lilly

6:30 p.m. – For the Haitian Community

Monday, August 25, 2025

12:10 – Bonnie Pitre Parker

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

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

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

12:10 – Grayson Vegas

Thursday, August 28, 2025

12:10 – John C. Huertin, Jr.

Friday, August 29, 2025

12:10 – Danjean Fly.

ST. ANTHONY

Saturday, August 23, 2025

5:00 p.m. – Lloyd R. Leaber, Jr.

Sunday, August 24, 2025

10:30 a.m. – Barbara Herzog Kass

Monday, August 25, 2025

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

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Paul Alonzo

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Henryetta Rareshide Waguespack

Thursday, August 28, 2025

8:30 a.m. – L.M. Beks (living)

Friday, August 29, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Vera Schexnayder

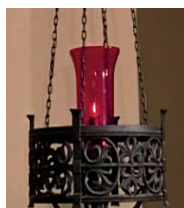
Saturday, August 30, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Msgr. Gerard Poche’

5:00 p.m. – Lloyd R. Leaber, Jr.

Sunday, August 31, 2025

10:30 a.m. – Anna Billa Kerner



The Sanctuary Light this week at St.
Joseph will burn in memory of
Roxanne Richard

The Westbank Charismatic Prayer Group has returned to Infant Jesus Church, 700 Maple St. in Harvey. They will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Rosary at 7pm, Praise & Worship at 7:30pm, and Mass at 8pm.



**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.



ATTENTION ALL MEN!!

"That Man Is You"

Starting back Friday, September 12

For more information, visit:
www.stjosephgretna.com



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!!

**St. Joseph Church Women's Retreat
September 26-28, 2025**

Special Guest: Janice Taulli

**"Moving Into The Deep – Your Personal Journey
To Christ"**

Our Lady of Hope

Catholic Retreat Center

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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!**

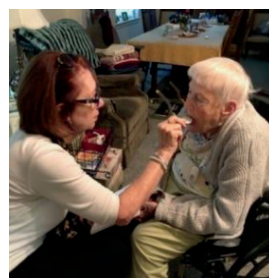
In an effort to recruit a few more choir members, we are trying "Summer Choir" in August. We are opening up the loft for anyone who wants to come sing with us on Sundays to join us.

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



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.



Fr. Gary will again this year be offering classes on our Catholic Faith for those interested in becoming Catholics or wanting to enrich their Faith. **Classes will begin Thursday, August 28th at 6:30 pm in the St Joseph Rectory and will run throughout the year until Holy Week. Call Parish Office for details.** We are also looking for those who would like to assist Fr. Gary in presenting the classes. Sometimes the best way to learn our Faith is to teach our Faith. **All are welcome!**

Are you Listening?

In the Gospel today, Jesus speaks about another commitment, a commitment to Him. We must “Strive to enter through the narrow gate.” As a community of faith, we must realize that the only way to enter that gate is through prayer. In the latter years in this life, it should have become clearer and clearer to us each day. When we pray, I am not talking about coming to mass, making the sign of the cross, genuflecting, saying the Our Father, and leaving. I can guarantee this will not take you to the Golden Gate. You might find yourself on the other side of the locked door. It can become easy to find ourselves praying in that fashion because we have become too busy to set aside time to pray. In the world today, that can become normal but think about how temporary our time here is, and how permanent the hereafter is.

Prayer is a conversation with God. You can speak and listen. Sometimes it does not seem like he is listening but if you listen you will be able to see his answer in your actions, peace in times of normal anxiety, comfort in the time of unrest, and caring for others that you normally ignore.

The only way we are going to spend this time in prayer is when you set aside time each day to get to know God better. We may spend time with other things we do daily but the time we put aside for God should be at the top of our schedule. Think about your daily routine, and make room for you to pray. Once you get it into your daily agenda, you will start to notice how you are sensing God’s presence in your actions and how you are able to overlook the thing that upset you before.



50/50 Split Raffle! \$20 per ticket

Must be 18 or older to participate in Raffle

Will be drawn at 3:00pm on October 18 at conclusion of Rummage Sale

Tickets will be sold after all weekend masses at St. Joseph Church starting August 9-10

See next page for more details about Rummage Sale



Sponsor of the Week





**It's that time of year again!
Start cleaning out your closets, attics, and garages!
We need your treasures!!**

On Saturday, October 18th (8am-3pm), St. Joseph Restoration Committee will participate in the annual Gretna Citywide Yard Sale. Beginning Wednesday, September 3 & each following Wednesday & Saturday (Sept. 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27, and Oct. 1) from 9am – 1pm.

Furniture - For large size pieces, contact Mary Helen Williams @504-450-8481 to send picture and set up time for you to bring furniture items to the gym. **We do not/cannot pick up furniture or any items.**

We do not take double/full size beds or large entertainment centers or hutches.

We Accept & Appreciate:

Kitchen/Household Items

Holiday Decorations

Home Décor (framed pictures, wreaths, mirrors, lamps)

Jewelry

Team Sports Clothing & Paraphernalia (Saints, Pelicans, LSU, any Pro & College teams)

Vintage Clothing and accessories

Clothing (**In style, very good condition –gently used**)

Formal Wear – (men & women)

Coffee Table Books & Cookbooks **only (no other books accepted)**

Linens (Bedspreads, Comforters (**no sheets or mattresses**))

Purses/Totes/Shoes (**in good condition**)

Religious Articles

Toys & Games

Bicycles - all sizes

Gardening & Patio Items

Camping & Sporting Goods

Vinyl Records

WE DO NOT ACCEPT:

Electronics, Wheelchairs, Walkers, Medical Equipment, Books (other than mentioned above), CDs, DVDs

Donations may be dropped off **on those dates only** in the Gym at the corner of Newton & Seventh Streets (side door). **You must be able to bring your own donations – no pick-ups will be scheduled. For more information, please call Geri Mayville 504-512-0436. Clothes hangers & racks needed; shoe boxes needed (these items can be taken on regular collection days)**

The Sneak Peek prior to the Rummage Sale will be on Thurs., Oct. 16th from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. where you get to bargain shop early for only \$5.





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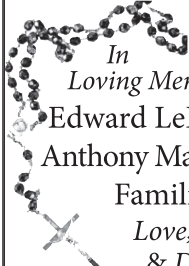


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<p><i>In loving Memory of</i> Frank LeSassier, Jr. Forever in our hearts</p>		<p><i>In Loving Memory of</i> Darnell M. LeBlanc <i>from</i> Kenneth M. LeBlanc</p>

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