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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. 60 00 50 cm.

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Please notify office.

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## 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**

4:00 p.m. Vigil Saturday

Sunday 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

6:30 p.m. (Haitian/Creole)

#### **DAILY MASSES**

Mon; Wed-Fri 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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## Saint Anthony

924 Monroe Street Gretna, LA 70053

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#### **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 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.

Mass Holy Hour & Novena

#### CONFESSIONS

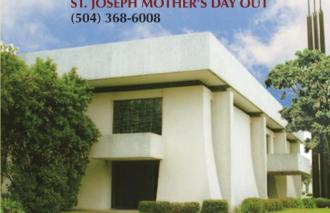
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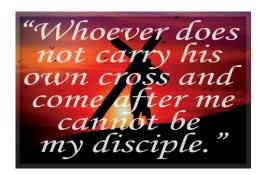
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# TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Week of Sunday, September 7, 2025

Sunday, September 7, 2025 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14&17; Phm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

Monday, September 8, 2025 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mic 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 St. Peter Claver, Priest Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Lk 6:12-19 Wednesday, September 10, 2025

Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab; Lk 6:20-26 Thursday, September 11, 2025

Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 6:27-38

Friday, September 12, 2025 The Most Holy Name of Mary 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a&5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42 Saturday, September 13, 2025 St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5&6-7; Lk 6:43-49 Sunday, September 14, 2025 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17



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.





## **Baptismal Seminar**

For information regarding Baptismal Seminars, please call the St. Joseph Parish Office or send an email to stjosephgretna@arch-no.org.



#### **COLLECTIONS FOR AUGUST 30-31, 2025**

#### ST. JOSEPH

Envelopes, Loose, Checks	\$4,296.00
Online (8/25-31/25)	\$1,056.00
Total Collected	\$5,352.00
<b>Budgeted Weekly Expense</b>	\$9,224.51
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense]	

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

#### **COLLECTIONS FOR AUGUST 23-24, 2025**

#### ST. JOSEPH

Envelopes, Loose, Checks	\$5,633.00
Online (8/18-24/25)	\$1,034.00
Total Collected	\$6,667.00
Budgeted Weekly Expense	. \$9,224.51
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense]	-\$2,557.51

#### ST. ANTHONY

Envelopes, Loose, Checks	\$1,251.00
Online (8/18-24/25)	\$ 240.00
Total Collected	
<b>Budgeted Weekly Expense</b>	\$5,342.00
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense]	

### Second Collection September 13-14, 2025 St. Joseph Restoration Fund



Monies collected have been earmarked for this fund and will be used for major repairs to the interior & exterior of the church, auditorium, cafeteria building, and other major projects to restore the beauty of St. Joseph Church. This collection will not replace the monthly Maintenance Fund collection but will be an additional collection.

## 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.

## In Memoriam

Let us remember to pray for the repose of the souls of *Roy LeBlanc and Diane Evans*. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. *Amen*.

#### MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

#### ST. JOSEPH

Saturday, September 6, 2025

**4:00 p.m.** – Burnie Danjean, III, Ehret Fly., Terrio Fly., Falterman Fly., Seal Fly., Uzee Fly., Cannon Fly., Sue An Abbey Guillermo, Sadie Plaisance, Bonnie P. Parker, William "Billy" Sherman, Jr., Jackson Pixley, Thanksgiving to St. Anthony, Honor Bless Mother of God, John the Baptist Cong Nguyen, Dominic Thanh Do, Parents Souls, All the Poor Souls

Sunday, September 7, 2025 7:30 a.m. – Amy Loup

9:30 a.m. – Della Vidonne, John Lanier, Paul Walther, Sr., Priscilla Cosse', Allen J. Roussel, John & Leonore Charles, Roland Herbert, Charles Lyons, Theresa DiPascal, W. Richard & Helen White, Samuel Tague, Alourdes Lovinski Mama Lola, Susan Landry, Joseph Thomas Kish, Ellen Rosalie O'Brien, Sheron Mamolo Templet, George H. White, Albert W. Linden, Barbara Lee Herzog Kass, Debra Mae LaFrance Duncan, Alfred Clark, Barbara J. Scott Stamps, Owen Everett Roussel, Bennie Johnson, Jr., Carole Lombard Schrieffer, Al James Landry, Tabitha Kirin, Roy Leblanc

11:30 a.m. - For All Parishioners

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

Monday, September 8, 2025 12:10 – Babson J. "BJ" LeBlanc

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 6:30 p.m. – Brad G. Theard

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 (No Mass) 12:10 – Priest Convocation – Communion Service

Thursday, September 11, 2025 (No Mass)
12:10 – Priests Convocation – Communion Service

Friday, September 12, 2025 (No Mass) 12:10 – Priest Convocation – Communion Service



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

#### ST. ANTHONY

Saturday, September 6, 2025

**5:00 p.m.** – Maurice Korndorffer, Phyllis DePriest, Lloyd R. Leaber, Jr.

Sunday, September 7, 2025 10:30 a.m. – Burnie Danjean

Monday, September 8, 2025 8:30 a.m. – Patrick Gegenheimer

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 8:30 a.m. – Clay Leon, III

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 8:30 a.m. – Arthur Schexnayder

Thursday, September 11, 2025 (No Mass) 8:30 a.m. – Priest Convocation – Communion Service

Friday, September 12, 2025 (No Mass) 8:30 a.m. – Priest Convocation – Communion Service

Saturday, September 13, 2025 8:30 a.m. – Marie Cox 5:00 p.m. – Arnold Lirette, Sr., Lloyd R. Leaber, Jr.

Sunday, September 14, 2025 10:30 a.m. – Kass Family, Christopher Roussell, Barbara

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St. Anthony Ladies Club's next meeting is Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in St. Anthony's Cafeteria. All women are welcome.





### 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.

Due to the Archdiocesan Priest Convocation being held September 10-12, 2025, Communion Service will be held instead of mass – schedule is as follows:

**Wednesday, Sept. 10** – 8:30am Mass at St. Anthony, 12:10 Communion Service at St. Joseph

**Thursday, Sept. 11** – Communion Service 8:30am at St. Anthony and 12:10 at St. Joseph

**Friday, Sept. 12** – Communion Service 8:30am at St. Anthony and 12:10 at St. Joseph

Fr. Gary will say a private mass for those mass intentions already scheduled on those dates.

# ATTENTION ALL MEN!! "That Man Is You" Starting back Friday, September 12

For more information, visit: www.stjosephgretna.com





Congratulations to Shannon Elizabeth Manger who received the First Eucharist from Fr. Gary at 9:30 Mass on Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>.

Our Lady of Sorrows Novena Nightly, September 7-15 Archbishop Shaw High School Chapel 1000 Salesian Ave., Marrero

6pm Novena Rosary
Weekdays – Healing Mass to follow
Weekend – Guest Speakers
Special Live Performances by:
Emile Vincent Players in the theatrical portrayal of
Mother of Sorrows



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 have resumed and will be held 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!

For those parishioners who took a photo for our new Parish Directory, you may pick up your copy from the St. Joseph Office. We would like to thank the committee members involved in helping put the directory together: Val Coles (chair), Linda LaBorde, Edna Hepting, Sylvia



Schwarz, and Sandy Sider. Thanks for all your hard work!

#### **Save the Date!!**

St. Joseph Church Women's Retreat
September 26-28, 2025
Special Guest: Janice Taulli
"Moving Into The Deep – Your Personal Journey
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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.

Archdiocesan-Wide Confessions will be held Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 6:30pm. Please see attached letter from Archbishop Gregory Aymond.

#### A Time for Love

In the news a week or so ago there was a story about a 17-year young pregnant girl shot by an older man because of road rage. The baby was saved but the mother was not. Then there was the story of a man who shot up a Catholic church killing two children and wounding many more. Now you might ask how this can be a story about love. Sometimes stories have an unusual start to give us a sense of purpose of the subject. I was reading a book about a prophet who was being quested by a man of faith who quoted the bible by asking him about "Jesus commanding his disciples to love each other as he loved them." The man's question to the prophet was, "how do you love?" The answer, although it seems simple, needs to be understood that love is not a feeling but an action. There are feelings in love, but the real part of love is commitment, commitment to action. The prophet's answer was the best definition of love is that it makes us the best person that we can be. Love is not only something that you give it is something that you live. The first step of love is to spend time with God ideally every day for he is the source of love. Then it is for us to treat others with love. It can be calling a friend or relative just to ask how they are doing. You can be kind and helpful to people you just meet in the store. It can be by coming to full stop at a stop sign or obeying the speed limit. It is to ask yourself what Jesus would do? These all might seem like simple things, and they are once you get started. As time goes on in our lives it seems that our time seems more limited. Remember time is just a measurement of change and now is a good time to seek to become the best person you can be.



Our Annual Blessing of the Pets in honor of the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi will be held Sunday September 28, 2025. Blessing at St Joseph's Holy

Family Garden will be at 4:30pm and at St Anthony near the grassy area by carport at 6:00pm.

**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. Collections began September 3 & will continue the following Wednesdays & Saturdays (Sept. 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27, and Oct. 1) from 9am – 1pm.

<u>Furniture</u> - 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 <u>do not</u> take double/full size beds or <u>large</u> entertainment centers or hutches.

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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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September 2025

To: Clergy, Religious and Laity of the Archdiocese of New Orleans

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

It is our archdiocesan tradition to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation, better known as confession, on a weekday evening in September near the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. I am pleased to inform you that <u>many</u> people in the Archdiocese of New Orleans have taken advantage of this opportunity.

This year confessions will be available in all Catholic churches on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, from 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM. Please consider inviting the healing Christ into your heart with his promise of mercy.

Pope Leo XIV's Apostolic Blessing "Urbi et Orbi," May 8, 2025, he reminds us - "God loves us, God loves you all, and evil will not prevail!"

Please consider having your family come to church together for Confession on Wednesday, September 17.

Wishing you God's blessings, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Aymond

Archbishop of New Orleans

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Please read this pastoral letter at all Masses on September 13-14, 2025.





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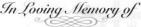
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