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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)

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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

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

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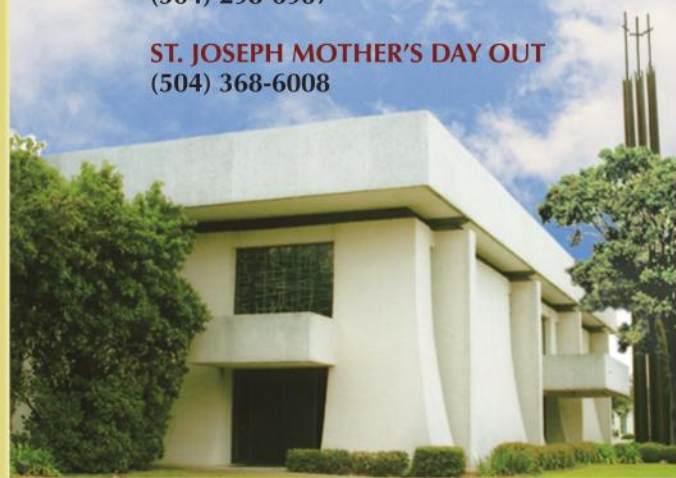
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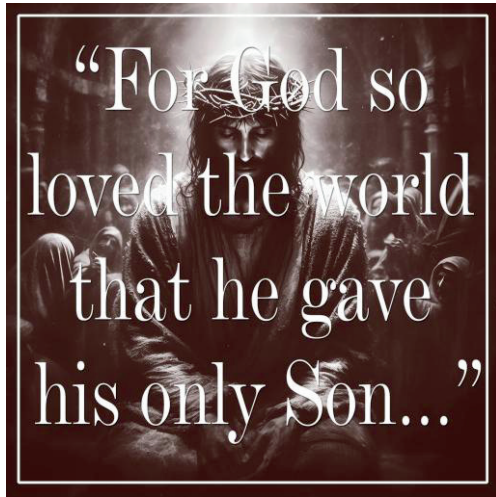
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THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



Week of Sunday, September 14, 2025

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 3:13-1

Monday, September 15, 2025 Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Tuesday, September 16, 2025 Sts. Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday, September 17, 2025 St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church; St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday, September 18, 2025

1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10; Lk 7:36-50

Friday, September 19, 2025 St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr

1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday, September 20, 2025 Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Priest & Paul Chong Ha-Sang, & Companions, Martyrs

1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday, September 21, 2025 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13



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 SEPTEMBER 6-7, 2025

ST. JOSEPH

Envelopes, Loose, Checks \$7,518.00
Online (9/1-7/25) \$1,759.00
Total Collected \$9,277.00
Budgeted Weekly Expense \$9,224.51
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense] .. –\$ 52.49

Maintenance Fund \$2,126.09

ST. ANTHONY

Envelopes, Loose, Checks \$4,785.00
Online (9/1-7/25) \$ 415.00
Total Collected \$5,200.00
Budgeted Weekly Expense \$5,342.00
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense].. –\$ 142.00

Maintenance Fund \$ 987.00

COLLECTIONS FOR AUGUST 30-31, 2025

ST. ANTHONY

Envelopes, Loose, Checks \$1,559.00
Online (8/25-31/25) \$ 160.00
Total Collected \$1,719.00
Budgeted Weekly Expense \$5,342.00
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense].. –\$3,623.00

Second Collection Catholic Communication Sept 20-21, 2025

Through websites, social networks, television, radio, and print, the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) helps the Church spread the Gospel message through the media locally and nationally. Donations to the CCC collected in our archdiocese stay in our archdiocese to support local communications needs, including the Clarion Herald and ongoing digital communications.



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

MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

ST. JOSEPH

Saturday, September 13, 2025

4:00 p.m. – Lewis Peltier, Ehret Fly., The Ortolano Fly., Benny Randazzo, Jr., Falterman Fly., Robert Mire, Bonnie P. Parker, William “Billy” Sherman, Jr., Jackson Pixley

Sunday, September 14, 2025

7:30 a.m. – Judy Copping, Amy Loup, Gary Latter, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Anne Pogue

9:30 a.m. – Jeff Reiser

11:30 a.m. – For All Parishioners

6:30 p.m. – For the Haitian Community

Monday, September 15, 2025

12:10 – Louis J. Guccione, Jr.

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

6:30 p.m. – Burnie Danjean, III

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

12:10 – Norma Donahue

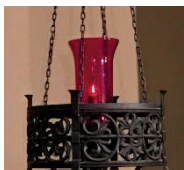
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Thursday, September 18, 2025

12:10 – Della Vidonne

Friday, September 19, 2025

12:10 – Casler Fly.



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

In Memoriam

Let us remember to pray for the repose of the soul of ***Msgr. Allen Roy***. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. *Amen.*

ST. ANTHONY

Saturday, September 13, 2025

5:00 p.m. – Arnold Lirette, Sr., Lloyd R. Leaber, Jr.

Sunday, September 14, 2025

10:30 a.m. – Kass Family, Christopher Roussell, Barbara Herzog Kass

Monday, September 15, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Cannon Family

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Patsy Grefer

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Clay Leon IV

Note: Confessions 5:00-6:30pm

Thursday, September 18, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Clay Leon III

Friday, September 19, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Cannon Family

Saturday, September 20, 2025

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

5:00 p.m. – Lloyd R. Leaber, Jr.

Sunday, September 21, 2025

10:30 a.m. – Vera Schexnayder

Beginning on Tuesday, October

14th, the Mass Intention books for St. Joseph and St. Anthony will be opened for 2026. The cost is \$5.00 per mass intention. You may drop off your written list of intentions & payment to the St. Joseph Parish Office between the hours of 9am-Noon, Monday-Thursday, leave in “drop box” to the right of the office door, or place in the collection basket at a weekend mass. Please make sure to include your name and contact phone number.





**SUNDAY AND MONDAY
BINGO'S AT GRETN
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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.



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!

Save the Date!!

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

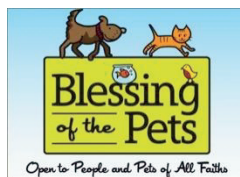
Special Guest: Janice Taulli

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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.



**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.**

ATTENTION ALL MEN!!

"That Man Is You"

**Has resumed on Fridays starting at
5:45am with breakfast in Cafeteria
followed by program in Auditorium**

**For more information, visit:
www.stjosephgretna.com**



Adult Catechetical Formation

Come join us on Mondays from. 4:00-5:30pm in the St. Joseph Auditorium to watch renowned scholars on video present on Catholic topics to help us better understand and live out our Faith. No need to RSVP. Just show up. Refreshments are generally served at the gathering, so please come check us out.

Save the Date!!

**Our Lady of Fatima Annual Rosary
Saturday, October 11 – Noon
St. Anthony Church, Gretna**

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.

**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 are now being sold after all weekend masses
at St. Joseph Church.**



**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 will be taken the following Wednesdays & Saturdays (Sept. 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.**

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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.

Why?

Sometimes we have to wonder why people do things. It can be because it is an easy way to do something or because they don't care about hurting someone or because of selfishness, because of personal gain of money or power or just because they just don't care.

But what about those who put themselves in dangerous positions not because of those reasons but because they are brave caring people who look at what they do as part of their being.

I have been watching a program about firefighters which is really amazing. These are ordinary men and women who are well trained, physically fit and their job is to walk into burning buildings to save people's lives and extinguish fires and stop them from destroying other's property. They are not motivated by riches or publicity. Then there are the police who are also trained, and have to carry guns to stop other people from using weapons to hurt or kill innocent people along with other problems.

The other vocations who also work for the same reasons, to mention a few there are teachers, coaches, and religious volunteers.

Why do they do this? Because they are called to help those who are unable to overcome their misfortune.

Today in the gospel, Jesus is on a mission to save all people by sacrificing his human life. A life which has physical sensitivity just like yours and mine. He will experience this in the worst possible way. Why did he do this? Just like those who fight fires and bullets to save human lives he does it to save our souls. He does this out of care for us, and He does it out of love.

Now let us take a look back on our actions. If someone we love was in a burning building or in harm's way by someone who could have hurt them would we stand up to put ourselves in harm way to save them. Again, love is an action.

And that is Why.

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Office of the Archbishop

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 many 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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