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SICK AND SHUT-INS

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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

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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Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

WEEKEND MASSES

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

DAILY MASSES

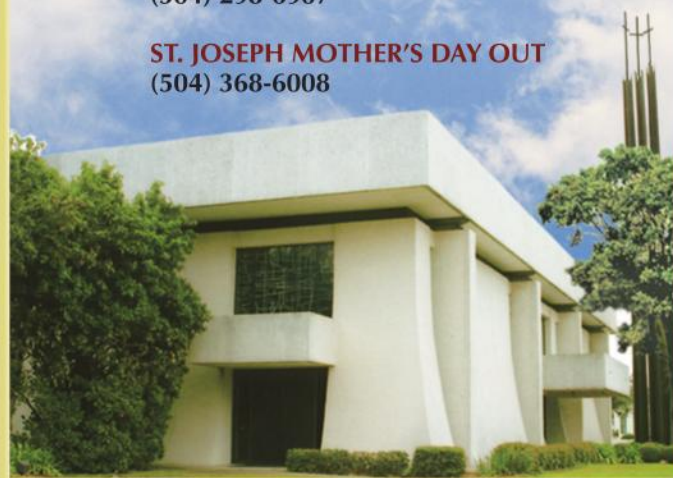
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Mass Holy Hour & Novena

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CATECHETICAL SUNDAY



Week of Sunday, September 21, 2025

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

Monday, September 22, 2025

Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Lk 8:16-28

Tuesday, September 23, 2025 St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

Ezr 9:5-9; Tob 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday, September 25, 2025

Hag 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a&9b; Lk 9:7-9

Friday, September 26, 2025 Sts. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs

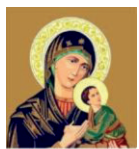
Hag 2:1-9; Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday, September 27, 2025 St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday, September 28, 2025 Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31



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 13-14, 2025

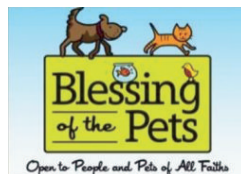
ST. JOSEPH

Envelopes, Loose, Checks \$5,807.00
Online (9/8-14/25) \$ 516.00
Total Collected \$6,323.00
Budgeted Weekly Expense \$9,224.51
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense] .. -\$2,901.51

Restoration Fund \$1,643.00

ST. ANTHONY

Envelopes, Loose, Checks \$1,371.00
Online (9/8-14/25) \$ 160.00
Total Collected \$1,531.00
Budgeted Weekly Expense \$5,342.00
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense].. -\$3,811.00



Our Annual Blessing of the Pets in honor of the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi will be held next 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.

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, place 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.



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, September 20, 2025

4:00 p.m. – Ehret Fly., Sharon Boudreaux, Falterman Fly., William “Billy” Sherman, Jr., Bonnie P. Parker, Jackson Pixley, Honor Bless Mother of God, John the Baptist Cong Nguyen, Dominic Thanh Do, Parents Souls, All the Poor Souls, Raymond Beaucoudray, The Palermo Fly.

Sunday, September 21, 2025

7:30 a.m. – Amy Loup

9:30 a.m. – Fonseca, Brunet, Cambre & Boudreaux Flys., Sue An Abbey Guillermo, Frank Maness, Samuel Tague, John Marek, Jules Vagas, Earl J. Oubre, Jr., Leger Family, Tabitha Kirin, Joseph Kish, Bruce Matthews

11:30 a.m. – For All Parishioners

6:30 p.m. – For the Haitian Community

Monday, September 22, 2025

12:10 – Darrin P. Romeo

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

6:30 p.m. – Bonnie Pitre Parker

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

12:10 – John Lanier

Thursday, September 25, 2025

12:10 – John C. Huertin, Jr.

Friday, September 26, 2025

12:10 – Jackie Marlos

In Memoriam

Let us remember to pray for the repose of the souls of *Sandra Duplantis, Bruce Matthews, William Calix, Beverly LeBlanc and Joy Hepting*. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. *Amen.*

ST. ANTHONY

Saturday, September 20, 2025

5:00 p.m. – Lloyd R. Leaber, Jr.

Sunday, September 21, 2025

10:30 a.m. – Vera Schexnayder

Monday, September 22, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Balbuena Family

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

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

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Clay Leon, IV

Thursday, September 25, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Clay Leon, III

Friday, September 26, 2025

8:30 a.m. – For Victims of the Annunciation Tragedy in Minneapolis

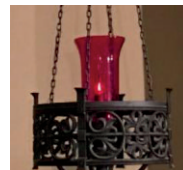
Saturday, September 27, 2025

8:30 a.m. – For the Members of Our St. Vincent de Paul Society

5:00 p.m. – Lloyd R. Leaber, Jr., Verna and Adam Blazio, Sr.

Sunday, September 28, 2025

10:30 a.m. – Charles Gautreaux, Charlie Baldwin, Margaret Lindquist, Barbara Herzog Kass, Peggy Rome



The Sanctuary Light this week at **St. Anthony** will burn in memory of *Michael C. Arnold, Jr. Family*



**SUNDAY AND MONDAY
BINGO'S AT GRETNA
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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.



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!**

All Saints Catholic Church cordially invites our congregation to attend its 11th Annual Health and Wellness Resource Fair on October 4th at 300 Ptolemy St. (rear building) in Algiers, from 10am to 2pm.



There will be public health educational materials, free health screenings (blood pressure and glucose), flu and other scheduled adult vaccines (Walgreens), nutrition education, behavioral mental health information, fresh produce, and other free stuff.

For more information, contact Elsie Cobb-Wright at (504)400-8530 or elsiecobbwright@yahoo.com.

Parking for the **Gretna Heritage Festival** will be available in the St. Joseph parking lots on **October 3-5**. Parking fees will be \$10.00 per vehicle per day. No in/out parking allowed. Lots will open as follows:

**Friday, October 3 – 1:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 4 – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 5 – 12:30 p.m.**

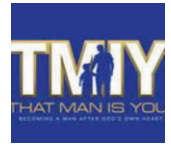
ATTENTION ALL MEN!!

"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.



**Our Lady of Fatima
Rosary Rally
Saturday, Oct 11-Noon
St. Anthony Church**

There will be a Rosary Rally at St Anthony Church on October 11, 2025 at Noon in the Church asking for the intercession of our Blessed Mother in regard to solving America's problems. This is an Annual Rosary Rally that will be celebrated throughout the United States at the same time so that we will all be in prayer together asking for God's help through Mary's intercession and the intercession of all our brothers and sisters.

On Sunday, October 12th, near the Feast Day of St. Gerard Majella (the Patron Saint of Expectant Mothers), Fr. Gary Copping will celebrate the *Rite for the Blessing of a Child in the Womb* at the 9:30am Sunday Mass. St Gerard Majella is the patron saint of expectant mothers, unborn babies, women in labor and mothers. His Feast Day is October 16. He prayed for expectant mothers that they carry their children to full term and that they be born healthy and the mothers remain healthy also. After his death, a woman was on the verge of losing her baby in childbirth. A handkerchief that belonged to Gerard was applied to the area of her womb and she was able to give birth with no further complications. All expectant mothers, fathers, families, and friends are invited to celebrate Human Life and the Human Person in the Womb. Please save the date and let everyone know about this special blessing. Hope to see you all there.





**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. 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.

Wealth

A deep concern in today's Gospel is that without awareness we can become more focused on wealth than on the purpose of our living a life that was given to us. Our desires for material things can blind us to the people who are in most need of our success. Our Catholic religion focuses us on the spiritual wealth in caring for the poor and disabled.

One of the most important parts of our daily time is to spend it with our creator in conversation so that he can aid us on the needs of ourselves and that of others. Without that important relationship, it becomes too easy to focus, as Lazarus did, in the Gospel, and find yourself in the same position.

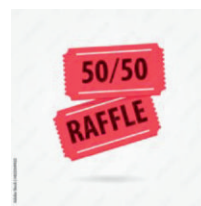
Caring for others can be achieved in many different ways; volunteering for those who are confined, being kind to those who are elderly or impaired, using your talents for those who are lacking. The real point is to give what you have, money, time, love, or the comfort you can offer to those who need it. We must remember that Jesus gave up his divine nature to become a servant to the human race, so that we could become companions in His kingdom.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank everyone who contributes to the poor box and to those who contribute to the poor using the St. Vincent de Paul monthly envelopes. We are able to help our neighbors in need because of your generosity.



May God continue to bless you in your generosity.

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.

Sponsor of the Week



In loving memory of my parents,
Mervin (Dimp) & Katherine Rotolo
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I miss you dearly,
Kathy





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September 21, 2025

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

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Today, throughout the Catholic Church, we celebrate Catechetical Sunday with the theme of **"Always be ready to give an explanation...for a reason for your hope."** This theme invites each of us to recognize our call to share our faith in Jesus and how he has shaped our lives. We do this not only by what we say, but by how we live — through our life of discipleship that points others to Jesus.

Catechetical Sunday is a special annual observance in each parish during which we pray for and ask God's blessings upon all those who share in the important work of catechesis and Christian formation. Those who share in this ministry are our catechists in the Parish School of Religion (or Family Formation program), the administrators and teachers in our Catholic Schools, youth ministers, as well as those who are involved in the ministry of OCIA and Adult Faith Formation. Please join me in thanking them for giving of themselves in a generous way to form our youth and adults in the life of faith, and let us pray together that God will continue to bless them and inspire them in their ministry. Their many efforts play a vital role in helping others open their hearts to Christ. Furthermore, their example of faith is one that can be a source of inspiration to us.

Please join me in praying for students, parents, and families on this Catechetical Sunday. We are reminded by the *Catechism* that parents are gifted by God to be the first and most important teachers of their children. The home is the "domestic church" and the "first place of education" in the faith (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #2685). The vocation entrusted to parents is indeed a sacred one, and we as Church are committed to faithfully supporting them.

Please know of my deep appreciation and prayer of thanksgiving to all of you who share in this important ministry of catechesis and Christian formation.

Wishing you God's blessings, and with the assurance of my prayers, I am

Gratefully in Christ,

Most Reverend Gregory M. Avmond
Archbishop of New Orleans





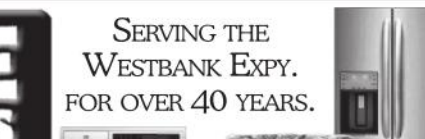
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