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NEWCOMERS

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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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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

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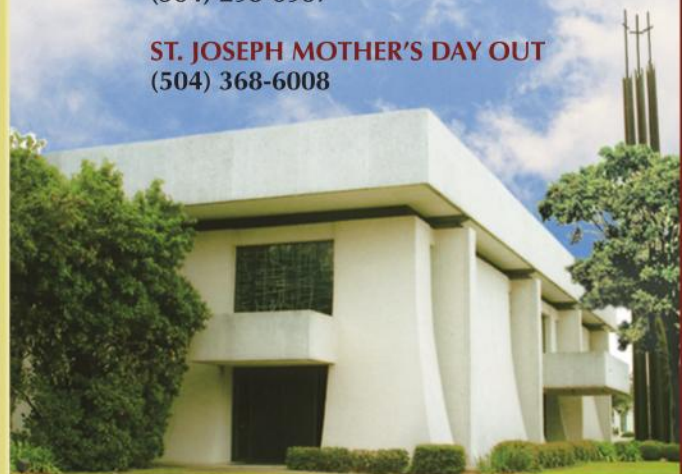
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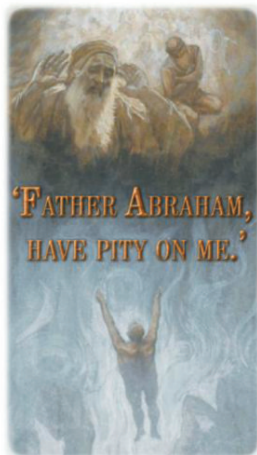
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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Week of Sunday, September 28, 2025

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

Monday, September 29, 2025 Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; Jn 1:47-51

Tuesday, September 30, 2025 St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday, October 1, 2025 St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday, October 2, 2025 The Holy Guardian Angels

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Friday, October 3, 2025

Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9; Lk 10:13-16

Saturday, October 4, 2025 St. Francis of Assisi

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-35; 36-37; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday, October 5, 2025 Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10



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 20-21, 2025

ST. JOSEPH

Envelopes, Loose, Checks \$4,586.76
Online (9/15-21/25) \$1,099.00
Total Collected \$5,685.76
Budgeted Weekly Expense \$9,224.51
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense] . . .-\$3,538.75

Catholic Communication \$ 885.00

ST. ANTHONY

Envelopes, Loose, Checks \$1,729.00
Online (9/15-21/25) \$ 310.00
Total Collected \$2,039.00
Budgeted Weekly Expense \$5,342.00
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense].. -\$3,303.00

Catholic Communication \$ 877.00



Maintenance Fund October 4-5, 2025

A second collection for the Maintenance Fund will be taken up at all masses next weekend. This monthly collection will be dedicated solely for the maintenance, repairs, or upgrades to our church complexes.

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

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.

MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

ST. JOSEPH

Saturday, September 27, 2025

4:00 p.m. – Ehret Fly., Falterman Fly., Robert Mire,
Bonnie Parker, Jackson Pixley

Sunday, September 28, 2025

7:30 a.m. – Amy Loup

9:30 a.m. – Priscilla Cosse', Jeff Reiser, Samuel Tague,
Sandra Duplantis, Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Guidry

11:30 a.m. – For All Parishioners

6:30 p.m. – For the Haitian Community

Monday, September 29, 2025

12:10 – Danjean Family

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

6:30 p.m. – Therese Rome

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

12:10 – Paul Adl

Thursday, October 2, 2025

12:10 – Tommy Tuminello

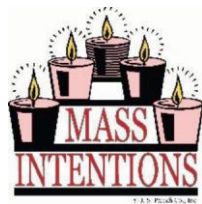
Friday, October 3, 2025 (First Friday)

8:00 a.m. – Danjean Fly.

12:10 – Sean Baldwin

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 also purchase the Sanctuary Light (\$20) or Flowers on the Altar (\$60) for one week. 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. **Note: if date requested is not available, your mass will be moved to the next available date.**



ST. ANTHONY

Saturday, September 27, 2025

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

Monday, September 29, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Bobby Doak, Jr.

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Paul Alonzo

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Irma DiVincenti

Thursday, October 2, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Kass Family

Friday, October 3, 2025 (First Friday)

8:30 a.m. – Peggy Durkes

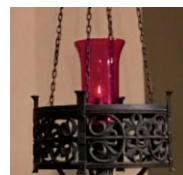
Saturday, October 4, 2025

8:30 a.m. – Antonia F. Balbuena

5:00 p.m. – Lloyd R. Leaber, Jr.

Sunday, October 5, 2025

10:30 a.m. – Doris Lirette, Khanh Nguyen



The Sanctuary Light this week at **St. Anthony** will burn in memory of
Peggy Durkes

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.



**SUNDAY AND MONDAY
BINGO'S AT GRETNA
BINGO PALACE BENEFIT
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St. Joseph Church has 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.



**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 regards 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 saints 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.



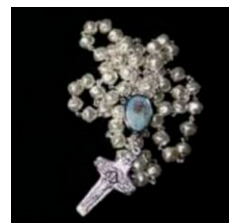
Every October the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates *Respect Life Month*, and the first Sunday of October is observed as *Respect Life Sunday*. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning to the end of their lives, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life.



**A Communal Celebration of the
Anointing of the Sick
Saturday, October 18**

On Saturday October 18, 2025, there will be a Communal Celebration of the Anointing of the Sick at the **8:30am Mass at St Anthony** in honor of St Luke, Patron Saint of Physicians. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is both "a liturgical and a communal celebration." In the family home, hospital, or church, members of the Body of Christ gather for the sacramental rite led by a priest. The Penitential Rite followed by the Liturgy of the Word and sacramental anointing of the sick can inspire and comfort both those who are ill and their family and friends who are gathered. Many parishes have communal celebrations at which many persons receive the sacrament. These sacramental celebrations are a "source of strength amid pain and weakness, hope amid despair" and a "joyful encounter" for the entire community.

There will be a "Living Rosary" on Tuesday October 21 at 5:45pm in the Holy Family Garden at St Joseph Church. Each person will be a "Bead" on the Rosary and will pray the prayer associated with that bead (Our Father, Hail Mary, or Glory Be). Novena and Mass will follow in church. Please note the change in this year's date and time.



The St. Anthony Ladies Club will be raffling 2 tickets to the Saints vs. Falcons football game on Sunday, November 23, 2025. Tickets are \$5 a ticket or 6 for \$20 and will be available after all Masses at St. Anthony. The winning ticket will be pulled on Sunday, November 16. Winner need not be present.





**Come join us on Thursday, October 23
for a 6:00 Rosary and 6:30 Mass in
honor of the Silver Rose – A Higher
Purpose**

– Share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote respect for life by participating in this meaningful pilgrimage. The Silver Rose program demonstrates the unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States

and Mexico, through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady. Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

**Gretna Cemetery Tour
Saturday, October 25
5:00 – 8:00pm**



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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.

Whose Idea was this anyway?

Did you ever wake up in the morning to get ready for work and think that in a couple of years I will be able to quit and do what I want? On the other side you will get up and get the children ready for school, go to the store, cleans the house, pick up the children and cook dinner in a couple of years they will be out of the house, and I can delegate the chores to someone else. Then you ask yourself, “Whose idea was this anyway?”

Although these are positive things they seemed to be negative at the time. Then as you see all of the good, and the effect they have on you and your family you see love as the motivation.

A perfect example of this is Saint Paul. He for many years was a devoted Jew who railed against Jesus and sought Jesus’ followers to have them imprisoned and tortured. Then one day Jesus appeared to him and his world changed. St. Paul travelled throughout the Jewish empire preaching the Good News of love not of fear.

Love is a game changer. Some of the things that seem so negative can become positive. Just as St. Paul did even when he awaited death for his belief in Jesus.

With that in mind and by being committed followers of Jesus we can make our normal job and task something positive. And then you will always know,

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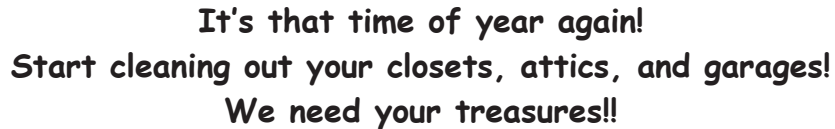
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