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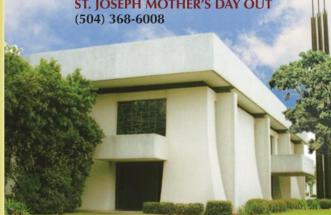
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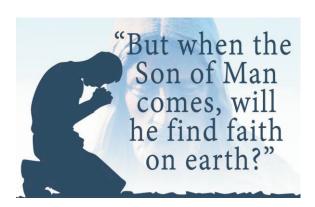
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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Week of Sunday, October 19, 2025

Sunday, October 19, 2025 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 2 Tm 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8

Monday, October 20, 2025 St. Paul of the Cross, Priest Rm 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Lk 12:13-21 Tuesday, October 21, 2025

Rm 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday, October 22, 2025 St. John Paul II, Pope Rm 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday, October 23, 2025 St. John of Capistrano, Priest Rm 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4&6; Lk 12:49-53

Friday, October 24, 2025 St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop Rm 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday, October 25, 2025

Rm 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9 Sunday, October 26, 2025 30th Sunday, in Ordinary Time Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14



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.



In Memoriam

Let us remember to pray for the repose of the soul of Lurline Bono. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. *Amen*.



COLLECTIONS FOR OCTOBER 11-12, 2025

ST. JOSEPH

Envelopes, Loose, Checks	\$7,264.00
Online (10/6-12/25)	\$1,226.00
Total Collected	\$8,490.00
Budgeted Weekly Expense	\$9,224.51
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense]	

ST. ANTHONY

Envelopes, Loose, Checks	\$7,788.00
Online (10/6-12/25)	. \$ 160.00
Total Collected	\$7,948.00
Budgeted Weekly Expense	\$5,342.00
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense]	+\$2,606.00

COLLECTIONS FOR OCTOBER 4-5, 2025 ST. ANTHONY

Envelopes, Loose, Checks	. \$4,185.00
Online (9/29-10/5/25)	. \$ 335.00
Total Collected	. \$4,520.00
Budgeted Weekly Expense	. \$5,342.00
Net Income [+ or – budgeted expense]	-\$ 822.00

All Saints Day, Saturday, November 1, 2025

Not a Holy Day of Obligation

8:30am Mass ONLY at St. Anthony Church

Blessing of Graves – Saturday, November 1

Hook & Ladder Cemetery – 10:00am Westlawn Cemetery – 12:00 Noon McDonoughville Cemetery – 2:00pm Restlawn Cemetery (Avondale) – 2:00pm

> All Soul's Day – Sunday, November 2 Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

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, October 18, 2025

4:00 p.m. – Ehret Fly., The Ortolano Fly., David L. Pitre, Falterman Fly., Robert Mire, Benny Randazzo, Jr., Bonnie P. Parker, Rosalie Schexnayder, Merlin Schexnayder, Jr., Maria Tuoi Do, Dominic Do, All the Souls, Grandparents Souls, Honor the Blessed Mother of God

Sunday, October 19, 2025 7:30 a.m. – Amy Loup

9:30 a.m. – Allen J. Roussel, Sue An Abbey Guillermo, Jeff Reiser, Samuel Tague, Leger Family, Tabitha Kirin, Bruce Matthews, Joseph Kish, Mary Brazeal

11:30 a.m. – For All Parishioners

6:30 p.m. – For the Haitian Community

Monday, October 20, 2025 12:10 – Priscilla Cosse'

Tuesday, October 21, 2025 6:30 p.m. – William "Billy" Sherman

Wednesday, October 22, 2025 12:10 – John C. Huertin, Jr.

Thursday, October 23, 2025 12:10 – John Lanier 6:30 – For All the Unborn

Friday, October 24, 2025 12:10 – Bonnie Pitre Parker



The Sanctuary Light this week at **St. Joseph** will burn in memory of *Lionel Schmidt*

On Sunday, October 12th Toni & Victor Richard received a blessing from Fr. John Cosgrove celebrating their 67th wedding anniversary. They were married by Msgr. Bernard Hammerstein on October 12, 1958.



ST. ANTHONY

Saturday, October 18, 2025

5:00 p.m. – Tre' Walker, Desmond Walker, Sr., Lloyd R. Leaber, Jr.

Sunday, October 19, 2025 10:30 a.m. – Sheila Ann Newton

Monday, October 20, 2025 8:30 a.m. – Clay Leon, IV

Tuesday, October 21, 2025 8:30 a.m. – Clay Leon, III

Wednesday, October 22, 2025 8:30 a.m. – Raymond Strohmeyer, Sr.

Thursday, October 23, 2025 8:30 a.m. – Patsy Grefer

Friday, October 24, 2025 8:30 a.m. – Sam LaChute

Saturday, October 25, 2025 8:30 a.m. – Vera Schexnayder

5:00 p.m. – Jordan Deen, Lloyd R. Leaber, Jr.

Sunday, October 26, 2025 10:30 a.m. – Barbara Herzog Kass

The Sanctuary Light this week at **St. Anthony** will burn in memory of *Raymond Strohmeyer*, *Jr.*





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.



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.





The Mass Intention books for St. Joseph and St. Anthony for 2026 are now open. 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.

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.

Seminarian Jakc Gutierrez will be giving a short story of his vocation journey toward the priesthood after Communion on the weekend of October 25/26. Please welcome him to our Parish and if you have any questions about a vocation to the priesthood or religious life, ask either Fr. Gary or Seminarian Jake Gutierrez.



Come join us on Thursday, October 23 for a 6:00 Rosarv 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

The Gretna Historical Society presents for the 11th time, a unique tour of the Hook & Ladder Cemetery.



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Your generosity makes it possible for our students to experience this powerful week of faith, leadership, and Salesian formation alongside peers from across the country. Please know that we carry the St. Joseph Parish family with us in prayer throughout the retreat and will remember you at Mass during our time away.

Thank you for helping us continue St. John Bosco's mission of forming young men into faithful disciples and servant leaders.

> With deep appreciation, Fr. Craig Spence, SDB Archbishop Shaw High School

The St. Vincent de Paul Society St. Joseph Conference is seeking help with collecting food items for Thanksgiving baskets. The food drive will be held November 16. There will be boxes in



the back of St. Joseph Church marked as St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive.



As a reminder, the St. Joseph Women's Club sponsors a year-round Food Drive. Let us assist others in need at this time by donating non-perishable food items. The food will be donated to the

Gretna Food Bank. Please bring your non-perishable food items and place them in the box provided in the rear of St. Joseph Church.

The Roman Catholic Church of the Archdiocese of New Orleans ("Archdiocese") and 157 affiliated Catholic organizations including Catholic parishes, schools, organizations, and ministries announced a multi-million dollar proposed settlement to compensate individuals who claim they were sexually abused by clergy or church personnel. Individuals who experienced sexual abuse, involving the Archdiocese, or any of the Catholic Entities may be eligible for compensation from the Settlement Trust. Those who have not previously filed an Abuse Proof of Claim in this bankruptcy case or filed and served a lawsuit against the Archdiocese or any of the Catholic Entities by August 14, 2025, must file a claim so it is received by December 2, 2025 at 11:59pm Central Time. Claims can be filed online at www.NOLAchurchclaims.com, by downloading a claim form from the website, or by calling 877-476-4389 to request a form by mail. All information submitted will be kept confidential.



Exorcised salt, used for spiritual protection of individuals and homes, is salt that has been blessed by a priest to ward off evil, sin, sickness, and demonic influence. The container of exorcised salt, a sacramental, is located under the

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ATTENTION ALL MEN!!

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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.

Come, Lord Jesus! Bible Study

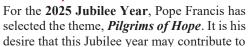


Tuesdays – 10:00AM – St. Joseph Rectory Tuesdays – 6:30PM – 31 Derbes Dr., Gretna

Wednesdays – 1:00PM –
St. Joseph Cafeteria
Thursdays – 9:30AM – St. Anthony Rectory
If interested, contact Ginny Dufrene, Regional
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Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims Of Hope

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Perseverance

The widow, in Luke's Gospel today seemed to have the attribute of perseverance when going after something that she was focused on. She approaches the judge with that passion and had no plans of giving up. If we look at this it can relate to our approach to prayer. Does this mean that all that is necessary is for us to be persistent in our request from God, and we can expect all of our prayers to be answered? I am afraid not. Prayer, even diligent prayer like everything else has ground rules. First ,we must have faith. There is really no point in praying for something if we do not believe that God will answer our prayers. It could be that God not only hears our prayers but also sees our confidence in prayer.

The second rule to prayer is we must give God a helping hand. When we pray to God to help us when we are sick or a friend or loved one is sick, we must do our part. See the doctor, follow his instructions, eat and rest as ordered and have a cheerful outlook. The idea is to pray as though everything depends on God and act as if everything depends on us.

Also, we really can't expect to get everything that we pray for. Nothing in life works that way. We can turn down our child's request because we can see it is not the right thing for them. Why then cannot God Our Father, do the same?

He always answers our prayers but sometimes He is going to say no. The good news is that delay is not necessarily denial. So, keep on praying. Next, prayer has to be unqualified. Leave the "ifs, ands, or buts" out of your prayers. If you do this, I will do that. And finally, we must take a closer look at the prayer we say the most, The Our Father. In the line Thy kingdom come, the next phrase is THY will be done, it is Not MY will be done. The object of this prayer is not to try to ask God to change His mind but to bring our minds into line with his. Plus, we should not want God to change His mind about us because He loves all of us.

Prayer is not so much for us to change the way God thinks but about the way we think about God.



Young Catholic Professionals
Executive Speaker Series
Tuesday, November 11, 2025
7:00 – 9:00pm
St. Joseph Social Room
Speaker: John Vukovics
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For more information, visit: youngcatholic professionals.org

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