

# St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church



## Second Sunday of Advent December 10, 2023

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### Homebound/Shut In

Please call the parish office if you have anyone who has become homebound or shut in. Father Greg will see them at their home and then schedule for them to be served weekly Communion.

### MASS TIMES

First Saturday: 9:00 a.m., St. Rose of Lima

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m., St. Joseph

Sunday: 7:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m., St. Joseph

Sunday: 9:00 a.m., St. Rose of Lima

Monday: 8:00 a.m. St. Rose of Lima

Tuesday: 8:00 a.m., St. Rose of Lima

Wednesday: 6:30 a.m., St. Joseph

Friday: 6:30 a.m., St. Joseph

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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 7:00 a.m. to 12 noon

### Sacrament of Penance

3:30 p.m.— St. Joseph Church  
Saturday Mass

### Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact the office  
6-8 months in advance.

*Guidelines may be accessed  
on our website.*

### Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the rectory to schedule.  
*Packets may be accessed on our website.*

### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Any adult seeking Baptism,  
First Communion, or Confirmation  
should call or come by the rectory  
office for more information.

## BULLETIN SPONSOR OF THE WEEK!

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The following is a Faith Formation class schedule for the month of **December**:

2nd Grade—Sunday, December 17th



**Bible Study** will be held in the Mary House on Monday, December 11th. There will be no bible study on the morning of Tuesday,

**Father Greg will be out on retreat beginning Tuesday, December 12th and will return the afternoon of Tuesday, December 19th.**

**New gallons of holy water may be brought to church and placed in front of the large Blessed Mother statue by the confessional beginning the day after Christmas and until January 6th. Please label with your name. Father will bless them on the eve of the Epiphany.**

**Epiphany water is a powerful weapon against Satan**—*The Roman Ritual provides a strong blessing of Epiphany water that casts out all evil spirits.*

While the feast of Epiphany in the Roman Rite is primarily focused on the visit of the Magi, historically it was more focused on the baptism of Jesus Christ in the Jordan River. For this reason, there developed a special blessing of Epiphany water in memory of Jesus sanctifying the waters of Baptism.



This blessing of water on Epiphany was maintained by Eastern Catholics, but Roman Catholics also have an optional ceremony that was approved in 1890 that did homage to this tradition.

The emphasis of the blessing, however, was less on the commemoration of Jesus' baptism and more on the **symbolic nature of water as a cleansing agent**. In this way, the blessing of Epiphany water in the Roman Rite was used to cast out Satan and all his demonic angels.

It is a powerful blessing, one that uses strong language to **invoke the power of God over evil**. It reminds us of the spiritual power of holy water and encourages us to use it in faith, trusting in the protecting help of God over our spiritual enemies. Here is an excerpt of the prayer, which is quite lengthy.

—<https://aleteia.org/2020/01/05/epiphany-water-is-a-powerful-weapon-against-satan/>



Our annual **Advent Giving Tree** is up! You are encouraged to take a gift tag off of the tree, shop for that gift tag, and return your gift with the gift tag attached to your gift to the Giving Tree area by Sunday, December 17th. Gifts cannot be accepted after that date.

This annual event serves to provide some of our local area organizations with much needed necessities. Some of those organizations are the local orphanage, St. Joseph Shelter for Men, The Faith House for Women and The Desormeaux Foundation.

Your generosity to help the less fortunate of our area is greatly appreciated.

Our annual **Christmas Flower Memorial** drive has begun. Your donations help us decorate the church and be prepared for the arrival of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Your donation are greatly appreciated and help offset the cost of the Poinsettias and Christmas Flower arrangements. We have been able to keep the cost at \$30 per poinsettia plant and \$100 per flower arrangement donation. Envelopes are located in the entrance of the church on the large white table. You may place in any collection basket, bring to the rector or mail in before the deadline of Monday December 18th before 12 noon.



Our youtube page has been created, **"Joe and Rose's Place"**.

Announcements will be made as videos are posted. Questions or comments can be directed to Father Greg or Tim Andries (Catechist Corner) using the following link [stjsocialmedia@stjosephcecilia.com](mailto:stjsocialmedia@stjosephcecilia.com).



## FINANCIAL UPDATE

### Financial Summary of 12/03/2023

**General Offertory: \$2,123.00**

**Development: \$774.00**

**Online Giving: \$1,480.00**



## HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

**Wed, Dec 13, 2023—6:30 a.m.**—\*Joseph Roy Zeringue, Alice Cormier, Ira Hebert Jr. \*George J. Hebert

**Fri, Dec 15, 2023—6:30 a.m.**—Nook, Vickie & Burt LeBlanc

**Sun, Dec 17, 2023—7:00 a.m.**—Pro-Populo (Mass for all deceased)

*If a name is not printed due to human error, be assured God has received the intention in heaven.  
- Canon law 945*

\* Denotes Anniversary or Birthday

**Sat, Dec 16, 2023—4 p.m.**

Percy & Pauline Savoy  
Tony Hebert  
Deacon Delahoussaye  
Lisa Faye Hebert  
George & Joyce Taylor  
Danny Stoute  
Woodrow Theriot  
Ji Angelle  
Shirley Stobart  
James Stelly  
Angelle & Theriot Families  
\*Ella Mae Calais

**Sat, Dec 16, 2023—4 p.m.**

Andy LeBlanc  
Ty Trahan  
Dolores Johnson  
Kelly Johnson  
DJ Calais  
Abel T-Boy Huval Jr.  
Michael & Maxine Huval  
Monique Huval  
Babette Guidry  
Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Sun Dec 17, 2023—11 a.m.**

Sam & Lucy Bonin  
MM Fred Cormier  
Barbara Guidry  
Steven & Yolande Guidry  
Willa Mae Toot Knott  
Lionel Robin  
Roosevelt Trahan  
Ryan & Quinn Dejean  
Evangeline Breaux  
Brandon & Baby Brook Guidry  
Elizabeth Latiolais  
LouMae & Paige Guidry

**Sat, Dec 17, 2023—11 a.m.**

\*Ray Calais  
Johnny Devillier  
Stoney & Alice Devillier  
Mildred D. Huval  
Lou Angelle  
John Ray & LouAnna Duplechin  
Chester & Wanda L. Walker  
Monique M. Walker  
Lena B. Latiolais  
Katie A. Richard

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Fr. Greg out on vacation beginning Tues. Dec. 12th & returning on Tues. evening Dec. 19th

Deadline to return gifts to the Advent Giving Tree—Sun. Dec. 17th, @ St. Joseph

Deadline to turn in Christmas Flower Memorial Donation—Mon. Dec. 18th, 11:59 a.m. @ St. Joseph

Confession—Wed. Dec. 20th, 6 p.m. @ St. Joseph

Confession—Thurs. Dec. 21st, 6 p.m. @ St. Rose

Confession—Fri. Dec. 22nd, 4-6 p.m. @ St. Rose

Decorate the church for Christmas—Fri. Dec. 22nd immediately following 6:30 a.m. Mass

Confession—Sun. Dec. 24th, 2:30-3:50 p.m. @ St. Joseph

Christmas Eve Mass—Sun. Dec 24th, 4 p.m. @ St. Joseph

Christmas Eve Mass—Sun. Dec. 24th, 6 p.m. @ St. Rose

Christmas Day Mass—Mon. Dec. 25th, 7 a.m. @ St. Joseph

Christmas Day Mass—Mon. Dec. 25th, 9 a.m. @ St. Rose

Bring Gallons of Water for Epiphany Blessing—Tues-Fri, Dec. 26th to 29th

Solemnity of Mary Mass—Mon. Jan. 1st 2024, 9 a.m. @ St. Rose

*Please note that because Christmas Day this year is on a Monday and anticipated Mass for that is on Sunday evening, you must attend a weekend Mass (Saturday vigil or Sunday morning) PLUS a Christmas Mass to fulfill your holy Mass attendance obligation.*

## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FLOWER DRIVE

**POINSETTIA—CHRISTMAS FLOWER ARRANGEMENT DONATION**

(Deadline is Monday, December 18, 2023)

**In Memory Of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Donated By:** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Poinsettia (\$30)

☐ Christmas Flower Arrangement (\$100)

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