

**The Feast of The Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

The Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family on the Sunday occurring between the Nativity of the Lord (December 25th) and Mary, Mother of God (January 1st). This year (2024) the Feast of the Holy Family is Sunday December 29.

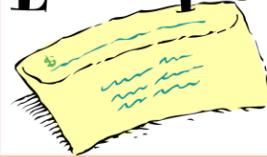
Jesus, the Virgin Mary, and St. Joseph are the members of the Holy Family. The central figure is the Word-made-Flesh, the Son of God made man for the salvation of the world.

He was conceived in the Blessed Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit, so that Mary is His Mother according to His human nature. She is titled Mother of God because Her Son is a Divine Person.

St. Joseph, husband of Mary, while not the biological father of Jesus, was guided by an angel to assume the responsibilities of fatherhood and as the "Custodian of the Redeemer" (Pope St. John Paul II). Though he speaks no words in the Gospel, his actions to protect and guide the Holy Family at the birth of our Lord, in the family's flight to Egypt, and as our Lord was found in the Temple at the age of 12 are an example to us of fatherly love and compassion.

Archdiocese of New Orleans

**Offering Envelopes**



The **2025 Offertory Envelopes** will be available soon. Please check regularly at the entrance of the church to pick out your annual envelopes.

**Mass Intention Envelopes** are located for your convenience at the entrance of the church. The cost is **\$5 per mass intention**.

Simply drop the envelope in the collection basket, mailbox or the office located at the parish hall.

We wish to remind all parishioners that the Archbishop will be visiting our parish come Sunday, January 19, 2025 to celebrate a 9:00 a.m Special Mass of Thanksgiving for the Successful completion of the repairs of our parish Church and also to install Rev. Fr. Jude Emunemu as our new pastor. Please note, we will celebrate one mass with a brunch reception to follow at the parish hall. We are appealing for brunch donations for the reception. For more information please contact **Mrs. Roberta Boudlauch @ 504-481-5319**. We are looking forward to the celebration of a special Mass of Thanksgiving for the completion of our church and Fr. Jude's installation.

**New Years Mass** schedule is as follows:

**New Years Eve**

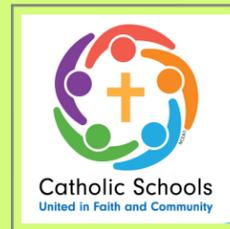
Tuesday, December, 31st

- **8:00 p.m. Vigil Mass**

**New Years Day**

Wednesday, January 1st

- **9:00 a.m. Morning Mass**



The **Second Collection** for the weekend of January 26, 2025 will be for **Catholic Schools Collection**. Please let's be reminded.



**OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

*As a Catholic Church Family, we respond to Christ's call, evangelize, and welcome all generations to the Holy Eucharist*

**St. Anthony Catholic Church**

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**Pastor:** Rev. Jude Emunemu **Deacon:** Edward Cain

**Office Staff:** Laura Melancon - Bulletin **CCD Director:** Jenea Hatty

**Office Hours:** Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**MASS SCHEDULE**

Monday - Friday: 8:00 a.m.  
 Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m.  
 Sunday Masses: 9:00a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
 First Saturday Mass: 8:00 a.m.

**Eucharistic Adoration:**

Tuesdays in St. Anthony Church Chapel following Mass and the rosary @ 8:00 a.m.

**RCIA:** Parish Hall - Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m.

**Confessions:**

30 minutes before each of the Sunday Weekend Masses (Sat. 4pm Vigil, Sun. 9am and 11am) or by appointment.

**Baptism:**

Second Sunday of the month. The Seminar is the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Please contact the rectory for forms prior to seminar.

**Marriage:**

Please contact Fr. Jude six months prior to desired ceremony date.

**Funeral:**

Please contact Fr. Jude before final arrangements of funeral.

**Anointing of the Sick:**

Call the rectory in case of emergency.

**C.C.D. Classes:**

Grades K - 11 Tuesdays at 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Parish Hall.

**Ministry to the Sick and Shut In:**

Parishioners unable to attend mass and receive communion, please call the rectory.

**Feast of The Holy Family**



Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

- Psalm 84

Reflection for the Feast of Holy Family, Year C

**FINDING JESUS AND MAKING HIM THE CENTER OF OUR LIVES**

The Feast of the Holy Family celebrates Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as a model of faith, love, and obedience. Their family is holy not just because of Jesus' presence in the family but because Mary and Joseph faithfully obeyed God's word and nurtured their son's spiritual growth. They were faithful adherents of the Jewish religious practices and modeled the faith to Jesus. Parents, like Mary and Joseph, are called to take responsibility for the faith formation of their children, by guiding them in religious practices and keeping Christ at the center of family life especially in the domestic Church of the home.

The Gospel recounts the Holy Family's anxious search for the child Jesus, who went missing during their visit to Jerusalem for the Passover. This was a very troubling and difficult moment for the family; after they searched among their relatives and neighbor and could not find Jesus. When they eventually found him, after three whole days of relentless search, they were astonished. And Mary his mother said to him: "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." They knew something essential was missing in their lives and they have to go and look for it no matter what it takes. This moment teaches us the importance of actively searching for Jesus whenever he is absent in our lives. Mary and Joseph's determination and faith reflect the need to keep Jesus central to our personal and family stories, trusting that God works through life's trials, even when the outcome is uncertain.

This incredible story of the finding of Jesus in the temple draws a pastoral parallel with families today, lamenting that many young people have "gone missing" from the faith, lost to distractions like social media and a culture of relativism. Sadly enough, a higher percentage of our young people today, when asked about their religious affiliation, they check the box "None." Thus, they rightly fall into the category of the "nones." Parents on their part, even though they cannot force the issue are urged to emulate Mary and Joseph by persistently searching for their children and lovingly engaging them in conversations about their spiritual lives. Like St. Monica, whose prayers brought about the conversion of her son St. Augustine, parents are called to pray unrelentingly for their children's return to the faith.

Children on their part also have a significant role, as Jesus exemplifies through His obedience to Mary and Joseph after being found in the temple. Obedience to parents is not just a duty but a pathway to God's blessings, as promised in the Fourth Commandment. Children are reminded that obedience fosters growth in wisdom, grace, and favor before God and others. This is where Jesus becomes a perfect model for children. We were told, after he was found in the temple, he returned to Nazareth with his parents and "...was obedient to them." And because he lived in obedience to them, we were told he "...advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man."

As we honor the Holy Family, parents are encouraged to take their faith responsibilities seriously, creating a more Christ-centered family homes where love and prayer abound. Children are called to emulate Jesus' example of love and obedience. Together, families can ensure that Jesus remains present, guiding them toward unity, holiness, and spiritual growth. Remember the saying: "The family that prays together, stays together." Jesus, Mary and Joseph, make our families like unto yours. Amen.

Reflection by:  
**Rev. Fr. Jude Ochuko Emunemu**

Easter Flowers in memory of:

Gwen, Joe & Lance Boudlauch  
Lene & Taft Belsome  
Steven Paul Steib

Robert & Deanie Victoriano  
Robert & Virginia Victoriano

Joseph & Delores Lombas and Curtis Rojas,  
Sr. & Jr.

Mr & Mrs Andrew F. Pizani

Mr & Mrs. Gilbert Perrin  
Narris & Tudy Cheramie

Harvey & Emma Kerner  
Eugene & Theresa Agoff

Lottie & Seth

Gary Leblanc, Sr.

Mr & Mrs Alfred J. Ledet

Mr Jerry Casso

Mr & Mrs A. J. Griffin

Mr Shelby Desselle

Fr. John Ryan

Freddie Prestenbach

George Boudreaux

Curtis Silver

Mr & Mrs Andrew Silver

Joseph Arabie, Jr.

Brook K. Rogers

Joyce Bruce

Knuppel Family

Ortega Family

Sassoni Family

Paul Bailey Family

Dan Coulon Family

Nathan Carmadelle

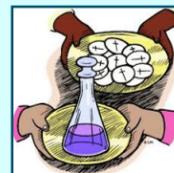
LeAnna & Alfred Melancon

Celie & Charles Robin, Jr.

Leroy & Doris Perrin, Jr.

Lena & Gail Touchard Family

Jay Harvey, Sr



**STEWARDSHIP**

*We gratefully acknowledge all that God has given to us. In gratitude, we have returned to Him.*

Collections for December 21st & 22nd

**1st Collection                      2nd Collection**

\$ 1,710.20                      \$ 837.30

Online Giving \$ 197.00

Online Giving Rebuilding Fund \$ 33.00

Children's Collection \$ 39.00

**Total Weekly Offering \$ 2,816.50**

**MASS ATTENDANCE**

**4:00pm                      9:00am                      11:00am**

**60                      48                      71**

**ST. ANTHONY                      ST. PIUS X**

Electric Bill (Nov.)                      Electric Bill (Nov.)

\$ 1,633.52                      \$ 143.84

Sanctuary Lamps are in memory of



*Eddie & Eunice Sapia  
Ryan Adams, Sr.*



**PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

Parishioners and Father John Ryan, Caleb Favaloro, Simon Hingle, Belvina Kuhn Bundy, Roy Rogers, Arthur Matherne, Clavin Wade, Jr., Marie Sevin, Shirley Prestenbach, Eddie Sapia, Jr., Bobby Hale, Jr., Madeline Rojas, Theresa Wiseman, Raymond Griffin, Sr., Shelby Deselle, Joseph Rogers, Jr., Allyn Rogers, Evan Whipple, Nick Dinet, Jerry Lynch, Keith "Ike" Madison, Judith Ann Verdin, Dwight Rudolph, Faye Rae Guidry, Dale Boudreaux McWhorter, Edward Cantrelle, Sr. Lloyd Kraemer, Sr. Rosebud Kraemer, Gareth Ross Leblanc, Sr., Earline Perrin, and Martha Pizani.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

4:00 p.m.                      Chris Dufrene, Jr.  
Tommy Robeaux, Jr.  
Teddy Johanson, Jr.  
Ulrick Johanson  
Earline Cheramie Perrin

9:00 a.m.                      All Parishioners

11:00 a.m.                      Joyce Bruce  
Betty Ortego  
Florence Knuppel  
Theresa Comardelle  
Tommy Ory, Jr.  
Alan Cheramie  
Repose of Souls  
of Unborn Babies

"A God who became so small  
could only be mercy and love."  
-St. Therese of Lisieux

