November 13, 2016

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

1802 Tulane Ave  New Orleans, LA 70112-2246

A New Orleans Historic Landmark
Founded in 1844

Entrusted to the pastoral care of the Congregation of the Mission (Vincentians) since 1858.

PARISH STAFF
Fr. Tom Stehlik, C.M., Pastor
Sr. Claire Edwards, D.C., Pastoral Associate
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MASS SCHEDULE
Sunday Masses: 10 a.m. & 8:30 p.m.
Weekday Masses: 12:15 p.m.
Holy Day Masses: 12:15 p.m.

CHURCH OPEN
Mondays thru Fridays: 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
One hour before each Sunday Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions): Wed. & Fri. 11:50—12:10; Sundays 7:45—8:15 p.m.

Baptisms
Call the Pastor to make appointment. Parents and Godparents need to attend instruction for sacrament prior to date being established.

Weddings
Contact priest at least six months prior to planned wedding date. After contacting priest, contact the wedding director, (x141) to reserve the time and date for your wedding.

Ministry to Sick
Please call the church office if your loved one is hospitalized or shut-in and unable to attend Mass for the Anointing of the Sick for healing and to receive communion.

New Parishioners
Welcome to St. Joseph Church. If you wish to become a member of our parish family, please complete one of the registration forms on the table in the rear of the church. You can turn in the completed form to the receptionist in the church office.

The Rebuild Center
1803 Gravier St., NO, 70112

Lantern Light/Feed Jesus
504-273-5573
Birth Certificate Assist. Mon.
Mail, M-F 9-10 am
ID Assist. Tues. 8am
Lunch—Daily M-F 12:45 pm
Resume Typing: Thurs.
Health, Hygiene Kits,
Emergency groceries
& financial assistance
for area residents

Harry Tompson Center
504-273-5547
Showers, Restroom Facilities
Legal Aid Mon/Wed 8am
Phones; Notary T, W, Th 12:15
Computer Wed. 9:30-11:30
Medical Services, Mental
DePaul USA
504-273-5561
Housing w/ case mgt.
Transportation
YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS, WHO ARE IN NEED OF HEALING:


SANCTUARY CANDLE AND MASS INTENTIONS

The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week to pray for the eternal rest of Fred Boyer. If you would like to reserve a date to burn the Candle in memory of someone or for a special intention, please call the church office (522-3186). The Sanctuary Candle offering is $15 for two weeks. The offering for Mass intentions is $5.00 per Mass.

Pope Francis

Next weekend Pope Francis will close the Year of Mercy in Rome. We join with him in prayer and thanksgiving for the many ways that God has touched our lives with his mercy as members of the church and through the Archdiocesan celebrations we have celebrated here in New Orleans.

The Holy Father has invited us to a greater openness to God’s tender mercy, which helps us to forgive ourself and others. He has called us as Jesus’ disciples to perform works of mercy for others. I am grateful to all of you for your faith-filled, zealous response to God and the invitation of the Holy Father.

Now we must continue to grow in the virtue of mercy. Jesus says, “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall be shown mercy.” (Mt. 5:7) In this age of name calling, judgementalism and revenge, we are to be the heart of Jesus, making God’s unconditional love known to all we meet. We must live in his grace, remembering “his mercy endures forever!”

As we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, next Sunday, let us pray for those who painfully do not know the mercy of God in their lives and for all who find it difficult to forgive others. May we also lift up to the Lord people who have been hurt by the ministers and members of the church and who feel separated from God and the community of faith. We must continue to do what we can to reach out to them and invite them back to our family of faith. Wishing you God’s merciful blessings, and assurance of my prayerful support.

Sincerely in Christ, Archbishop Gregory M. Aymond, Archbishop of New Orleans
Angel Tree for Christmas  If you or someone you know needs help this year for Christmas, please fill out the Angel Tree gold-colored forms in the back of Church on the tables near the missalette stands. If the name on the form is not a member of the Parish, please put your name on the form so we will know who to contact when the gifts are ready to be picked up. God bless you!

Sisters of the Holy Family  The Sisters of the Holy Family celebrate their 175th anniversary in New Orleans on November 19, 2016. May God continue to bless them in their ministry of education and pastoral care.

PARISH CALENDAR
Nov. 17 Thursday RCIA: the Eucharist P. II (6:30 pm)
Nov. 20 Sunday, Jazz & Brunch Cruz on the Natchez Steamboat (1:30 pm)
Dec. 1 Sunday RCIA: the Liturgical year Advent-Christmas (6:30 pm)

TODAY’S READINGS
First Reading — There will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays (Malachi 3:19-20a).
Psalm — The Lord will rule the earth with justice (Ps. 98).
Second Reading — Paul speaks of his hard work among the Thessalonians (2 Thessalonians 3:7-12).
Gospel — Jesus foretells the destruction of Jerusalem, the persecution of his followers. But their perseverance will be their salvation (Luke 21:5-19).

GOD’S HEALING JUSTICE

An old expression holds that the sun-warmed stone heals. Perhaps. But Malachi explains that only dark, sunless days are in store for those who do not find a place for God in their lives. Conversely, he tells us that the warmth and light of God’s healing justice await those who fear the Lord. That’s a pretty comforting notion—especially now in the already short and growing even shorter days of November. It’s the sun-warmed stone, and then some.

Paul speaks to us of justice as well, but points out that it is not a passive thing. To be treated justly, we need to do our fair share. If we are diligent and persevere we will be rewarded with and by the fruits of our labor. Lastly, Luke, too, tells us to persevere—in faith, this time—and our lives will be secure in God regardless of how we are treated by our enemies.

For all who fear the Lord, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays. Malachi 3:20

TREASURE & STEWARDSHIP
Sunday, November 6, 2016………$ 3,746.00
Capital Campaign…………………...$ 1,490.00
Thank you for your generosity

Pope Francis’ November Intentions
Universal: That the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity.
Evangelization: That within parishes, priests and lay people may collaborate in service to the community without giving in to discouragement.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word
November 6, Sunday November 20, Sunday

CHARTER FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE
In response to the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Archdiocese of New Orleans continues to make the Hot Line available for anyone who has been hurt or sexually abused by anyone who works for the Church. The Hot Line continues to be available; the number is (504) 522-5019. In continuing our commitment to support and to heal, we invite and encourage individuals who have been hurt or sexually abused recently or in the past by clergy, religious or other employees of the Archdiocese to call our Hot Line. The Hot Line is available 24 hours a day and your message will be received confidentially by a trained mental health professional. In addition, anyone can make a direct call during regular business hours to the Vic-