

January 5, 2014

# 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*  
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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

## The Rebuild Center 1803 Gravier St., NO, 70112

**Lantern Light/Feed Jesus**  
**504-273-5573**

Birth Certificate Assistance  
Mail, Phones,  
ID Assistance  
Lunch—Daily  
Prescription Assistance

Emergency groceries &  
financial assistance  
for area residents

**Harry Tompson Center**  
**504-273-5547**

Showers, Laundry,  
Legal Aid, Notary Services,  
Restroom Facilities  
Medical Services, Mental  
Health, Hygiene Kits,

**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.

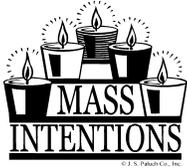
**Weddings** Contact priest at least six months prior to planned wedding date. After contacting priest, contact the wedding director, x141 to reserve the time and date for your wedding.

**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.

# Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

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10:00 am *Parishioners & Benefactors*

8:30 pm **Teresa Kerrigan (I); David Cochiara (+)**

Monday, January 6, 2014—*St. Andre Bessette*

12:15 p.m. **St. Veronica Bates (+)**

Tuesday, January 7, 2014—*St. Raymone Penyafort*

12:15 p.m. **Rebuild Center Staff and Guests**

Wednesday, January 8, 2014—*Christmas Weekday*

12:15 p.m. **Peter Finassi (+); Buddy Carver (I)**

Thursday, January 9, 2014—*Christmas Weekday*

12:15 p.m. **St. Enid Storey (I)**

Friday, January 10, 2014—*Christmas Weekday*

12:15 p.m. **Shirley Topnglet (I)**

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS  
AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS, WHO ARE IN NEED OF HEALING:**

Bob Smothers	Joe Mendoza	Christina McNulty	Landy Lanza	Charlie & Joanne Slocum
Marshall Vaughn	Juanita Ware	John Caron	Eric Conners	Baby Jarius James
Gerard Tonglet	Jane Tonglet	Shirley Tonglet	Shelia Jones	Lawrence Brown
Mary Willis	Alyce Smothers	Mamie Brown	Marvin Johnston	Charlie Bassett
Frances Fiegler	Linda Elwood	Selena Batiste	Pat Reese	George Tripkovich
Emily Rabalais	Shane Rabalais	Tina Roderfeld	Fritz Tripkovich	Jim & Virginia Stehlik

### SANCTUARY CANDLE AND MASS INTENTIONS

The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week in memory of **Tonglet Family**. 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 (522-3141, x141). The Sanctuary Candle offering is \$15 for 14 days. The offering for Mass intentions is \$5.00 per Mass.

### IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS

“In continuing our commitment of support and healing, we invite and encourage people who have been sexually abused recently or in the past by clergy, religious or other employees or volunteers of the Archdiocese of New Orleans to call the Victims’ Assistance Coordinator: Sr. Carmelita Centanni, MSC, Ph.D, (504) 861-6253.”

### **TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Life hands us many epiphanies or “wake-up calls.” A few years ago, a young couple adopted a two-year-old child in a morass of red tape, complications, and court hearings. At the baby’s baptism, the priest suggested appending an “adoption blessing,” wherein the new relationship was expressed and affirmed. There is a place in that rite for the child to speak, and instead the priest said, “Can you give Daddy a kiss?” Standing in the midst of his church, the young adoptive father suddenly welled up with tears as he embraced the child. Afterward, he explained that through all the hassles and legal struggles he never until that moment in church understood that he was the parent of this child. The ritual claimed them for each other, gave expression to their relationship that the legal documents never could, and firmly cemented this child into the heart of a community as everyone erupted into heartfelt applause. This assembly witnessed in a powerful way what happens in every baptism: the mystery of adoption, the free flow of grace, the overwhelming sense of God’s presence at the heart of our life’s journey.

*Behold, the Lord, the Almighty, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion. Is 60*

**PARISH CALENDAR**

5 January **Epiphany Concert** 3:30pm—4:30pm  
28 March **Latern Light Fish Fry**

**TREASURE & STEWARDSHIP**

**December 22 Regular \$ 4,804.00**  
**Christmas 8,759.00**

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Congratulations to the **Daughters of Charity** and all of their associates as they kick off a year of celebration, giving thanks to God for 180 years of service in health care in New Orleans. May God continue to bless this ministry and all who receive healing service at the health clinics they sponsor.

**March For Life (Washington DC) Jan 20-Jan 24.** Depart St. Angela Merici in Metairie Cost: \$275 includes transportation and lodging. Meals and tips not included. For more info call 504-468-9861. More info on Bulletin Board in lobby

**Web Site- Check out the updated website at: [www.stjosephchurch-no.org](http://www.stjosephchurch-no.org)**



**Epiphany Concert**

**On Sunday, January 5, 2014, Mr. Roberto Mathews, the liturgical musician from the 8:30pm Mass will host an Epiphany Concert here at St. Joseph from 3:30-4:30pm. There will be solists, duets and the concert will feature the Christ the King Ployphonic Choir. Afterwards there will be a King Cake Reception with coffee and hot chocolate. So, come join us in the celebration of the Epiphany– The Lord with us!**

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

**Psalm** — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Ps. 72).

**Second Reading** — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

**Gospel** — Magi from the east arrived, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews?” (Matthew 2:1-12).

**THE LIGHT OF FAITH**

The first reading today is charged with the glory of the Lord. Everyone who can come to the holy city does come—whole caravans of people of all ages on foot and on dromedaries and camels.

This description of an irresistible light-filled city prepares us for the story of the magi. They are guided by their own lights—their study of astronomy and astrology—and by the light of a peculiar star. Their study tells them that an unusual event in the heavens is a sign of an extraordinary birth on earth. They mean to find out about this, and they set out with gifts worthy of a king. They are welcomed into an insignificant house in Bethlehem, offer gifts befitting a king, and receive the gift of faith.

Paul reinforces the great gift of faith available to the Gentiles, whom the magi represent. What they have seen has changed them, just as it changed Paul and all who heeded his proclamation. Like the magi and like Paul, we are invited to receive this life that is filled with the light of faith.

**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 Victims' Assistance Coordinator at (504) 861-6253

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