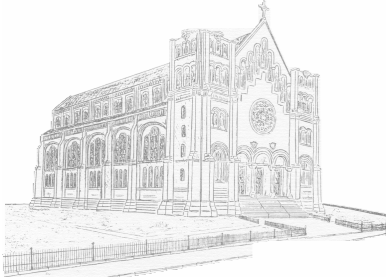


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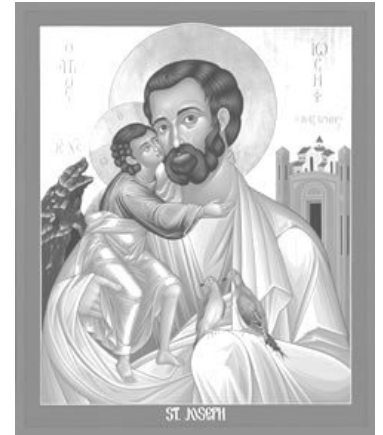
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The Rebuild Center 1803 Gravier St., NO, 70112

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

Lantern Light/Feed Jesus 504-273-5573

Birth Certificate Assist. Mon.
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ID Assist. Tues. 8am
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for area residents

Harry Thompson 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
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Transportation

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.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 12, 2017



10:00 am Warren Meyer III (+); Nick Ford; Brad D'Alfonso

8:30 pm *St. Joseph Parishioners and Benefactors* (Monique Massey (+))

Monday, February 13, 2017—

12:15 p.m. **Brad D'Alfonso**

Tuesday, February 14, 2017—*Sts. Cyril & Methodius*

12:15 p.m. **Joe Sommers (+); Eleanor Pryzsucha (+)**

Wednesday, February 15, 2017—

12:15 p.m. **Eddie Hurley (+)**

Thursday, February 16, 2017—

12:15 pm **Ted & Yvonne Kirn (+)**

Friday, February 17, 2017—*7 Founders of the Servite Order*

12:15 pm **Robert Melerine, Jr. (+)**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 12 **One in Faith # 1050**

Mon.: Gn 4:1-25; Ps 50:1-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 7:1-10; Ps 29:1-10; Mk 8:14-21

Wed: Gn 8:6-22; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-23; Mk 8:27-33

Fri.: Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 — 9:1

Sat.: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13

Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-13;
1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

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

Willie Arnaudville, Charlie Bassett, Stephan Borne, Susan Bassett Bowes, Raymond Berthelot, Anthony Blaise, Clarke Bordelon, Lawrence & Mamie Brown, John Caron, John Gebbia, Sylvia Daily-Powell, Lynda DeMaria, Ben Eble III, Terry Eggleston, Linda Elwood, Heather Faircloth, Winston Falgout, Frances Fiegler, LaDonna Finch, Fr. Lou Franz, CM, Mark Eiserloh, Warren Fraught, Sarah Hollier-Watkins, Shelia Jones, Bennett Joseph, Jr., Tory Kelly, Landy Lanza, Allen Maldonado, Sara Marino, Priscilla Martin, Karen McCoy, Mike Mullin, Donna Moore, Regina Pichoff, Mark Raymond, Tina Roderfeld, Pippy Sanders, Mel & Gaspar Schiro, Charlie & Joanne Slocum, Jane Tonglet, Isaac Thomas, George Tripkovich, Marion Vaughn, Juanita Ware, Darrell Walker, Fr. George Weber, CM, Warren Webster, Lynn Williams, and Mary Willis, Mike Yazbeck.

SANCTUARY CANDLE AND MASS INTENTIONS

The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week to pray for the eternal rest of **Wilfred Scheyd**. 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

Lenten Letter (part 1)

2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters: Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over death. This season urgently calls us to conversion. Christians are asked to return to God "with all their hearts" (*Joel* 2:12), to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord. Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us. Lent is a favorable season for deepening our spiritual life through the means of sanctification offered us by the Church: fasting, prayer and almsgiving.

Let us find inspiration in the meaningful story told by Jesus of the rich man and Lazarus (cf. *Lk* 16:19-31) a story that provides a key to understanding what we need to do in order to attain true happiness and eternal life. It exhorts us to sincere conversion. The poor man is described as wretched and lacks the strength even to stand. Lying before the door of the rich man, his body is full of sores and dogs come to lick his wounds (cf. vv. 20-21). The picture is one of great misery; it portrays a man disgraced and pitiful. The scene is even more dramatic if we consider that the poor man is called *Lazarus*: a name full of promise, which literally means *God helps*. This character is not anonymous. While practically invisible to the rich man, we see and know him as someone familiar. He becomes a face, and as such, a gift, a priceless treasure, a human being whom God loves and cares for, despite his concrete condition as an outcast. Lazarus teaches us that *other persons are a gift*. A right relationship with people consists in gratefully recognizing their value. Even the poor person at the door of the rich is not a nuisance, but a summons to conversion and to change. The parable first invites us to open the doors of our heart to others because each person is a gift.

Blessed are you, Lord of Heaven and Earth, You have revealed to Little Ones the Mysteries of the Kingdom

PARISH CALENDAR

Feb 25 **Saturday** Mardi Gras Social: *Endymion Parade Gathering*

Mar 01 **Wednesday** Ash Wednesday Masses (12pm & 6:30 pm)

Mar 04 **Saturday** SANKOFA DAY OF REFLECTION (See Bulletin Board)

TREASURE & STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, February 5, 2017.....\$ 3,262.00

Capital Campaign1,222.00

Thank you for your generosity

St. Joseph Altar This Sunday, stop by the table in the entrance of the church to find out how you can contribute an item to the St. Joseph Altar. It's simple! Choose an item you'd like to bring. Fill out one of the tags and take the other home as a reminder, or better yet, take a picture with your phone and have it on you always!

Upcoming Gala to support Harry Thompson Ministry at the Rebuild Center *Le Bon Temps Roule!*

Everyone is invited to participate in the 2017 Harry Thompson Center Gala which will be held on March 11 at the Jesuit High School Commons. \$10,000 Give-Away for which no more than 300 tickets will be sold. For more info. Check with Bernardine DuPree or one of the staff at the HTC.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (Sirach 15:15-20).

Psalms — Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Psalm 119).

Second Reading — God's wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).

Gospel — Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37).

Pope Francis' February Intentions

That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

Pray for Those who are preparing:

to enter the Church: Jeff, Kelsey, Jennifer, Will, Gregory, Noemi, Cathleen, Terry, Joshua; Jorge

For First Communion: Devontae, Hunter, Isaac, Jay, Jennifer, Lachyna, Lucy, Kennedy, Micah, Silas, and Tayla.

CHOICE

"If you choose you can keep the commandments," Sirach tells us. God "has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand" (Sirach 15:15, 16). This is a great mystery: God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries.

In today's reading from Matthew's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior.

Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well.

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-

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