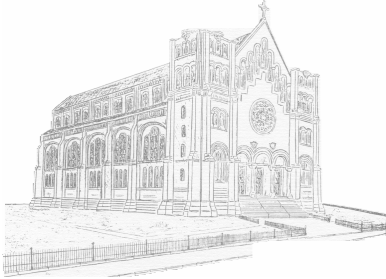
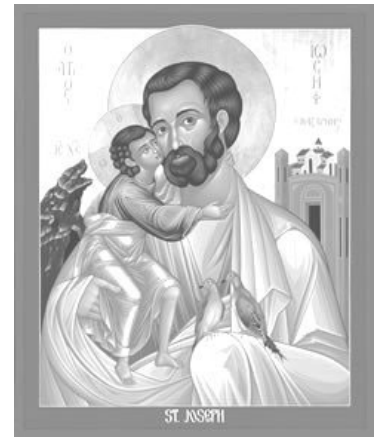


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# St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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**A New Orleans Historic Landmark  
Founded in 1844**

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

## PARISH STAFF

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses: 10 a.m. & 8:30 p.m.  
Weekday Masses: 12:15 p.m.

## CHURCH HOURS

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 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

**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.



**St. Joseph Parishioners, Living & Deceased; Lorraine Rodriguez +; Marry Ann Cook +; Jane Tonglet  
8:30 pm *Pirjo Bragge* +; *Shane Brumfield*; *Mary Duet*; Joseph Morales, Jr. +; Betty Jackson**

Monday, March 23, 2020—St. Turibius of Mosgrovejo  
**Mary Butler; Mary Bunting; Matthew D' Alfonso**

Tuesday, March 24, 2020—  
**Kevin Bunting; David McNair; Sr. Janet Wolf +**

Wednesday, March 25, 2020—Annunciation of the Lord  
**Vardigan Family +; James Butler; Brad D'Alfonso**

Thursday, March 26, 2020—  
**Nick Ford; Philippa D'Alfonso; Jason Brumfield**

Friday, March 27, 2020—  
**Austin D' Alfonso; Teresa McNair; Carol Monahan +**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

*Sunday, **March 22, One in Faith #988***

Monday: Isaiah 65:17-21; Ps. 30; Jn. 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez. 47:1-12; Ps. 46; Jn:5:1-16

Wednesday: Is. 7:10-14; Ps. 39; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Ex. 32:7-14; Ps. 106; Jn. 5:31-47

Friday: Ws. 2:1-22; Ps. 34; John 7:1-30

Saturday: Jer. 11: 18-20; Ps. 7; John 7:40-53

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 129;  
Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

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

Dorothy Alexander, Beatrice Augustin, Anthony Blaise, Clarke Bordelo, Lawrence & Mamie Brown, Angelle Campbell; John Caron, Julianna Chevalier; Mary Duet, John & Kathleen Gebbia, Sylvia Daily-Powell, Joseph Delay, Terry Eggleston, Linda Elwood, Heather Faircloth, Frances Fiegler, Darrell & Ramona Ford, Donald Frazier, Mark Eiserloh, Shirley Gaither, Roselyn Hansen, Sarah Hollier-Watkins, Marvin Johnston, Jim Karam, Bill Kroetz, Ken Kussman, Nowell Lacking, Landy Lanza, James Leung, Andrew Marino, Sara Marino, Priscilla Martin, Karen McCoy, Hazel McMiller, Donna Moore, Maura O'Donovan, CHF, Tina Roderfeld, Bernie Saul; Pippy Sanders, Louise Sonnier, Mel & Gaspar Schiro; Theard Simms, Fr. Tom Stehlik, CM, Malcolm Taylor, Jane Tonglet, Fritz & George Tripkovich, Corliss Truhill; Georgiana Prevost, Marion Vaughn, Juanita Ware, Cathleen Ward, Warren Webster, Helen Wilson, Mary Willis, Lynn Williams, C & JA Slocum.

At times of crisis and confusion, it may be human nature to vent, complain and start blaming... everyone, even God. In the Gospel Sunday we meet a man whose eyes have never seen the light of day. He has been blind since birth. Whose fault, whose sin is to blame? shouts humanity. His own? His family?

Remarkably, Jesus responds, saying that through his blindness the works of God will be revealed. Jesus has come into his life and he has looked on him with love. First, the man is no stranger to struggle, difficulty, challenges. Maybe what some see as his deficit may turn out to be a hidden strength.

Think about when someone shares his or her own vulnerability, brokenness, or weakness with us. Often times it has a transforming effect. Don't we all struggle? Don't we come face to face with our weakness in times of adversity? Isn't struggle humbling? Aren't these moments that often we turn to God? that we open ourselves to a power greater than ourselves? Where we are in communion with one another and Jesus?

At the present time it feels like we living the worst crisis in the history of the world. As if our parents and grandparents didn't go through natural disasters, epidemics, world wars, the Great Depression... with fewer medical resources, communication resources, levels of education, etc. For us it's the worst!

We may be right if we forget that what got our ancestors through times like these was their trust in God Their faith that God was with them. A faith that strengthened them and helped them to help each other and not only think of themselves.

How could God use the poor man's blindness as a way to make know God's ways and wonders? Pity, no? How could God use Jesus' suffering and death on a cross to save the world? Unthinkable? How could God use our powerlessness in the face of a world-wide epidemic? to open our eyes? to deepen our faith? To use us to help those around us? Think of others? Share the gift of faith and love?

The Gospel of John ends with a blind man who can see and those who see left in the dark? Something to ponder with all the extra time on our hands in these days. Do I really see? Am I blind?

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be glad! Is 66:10

**PARISH CALENDAR**

**TREASURE & STEWARDSHIP**

**Sunday, March 15 ..... 2, 672.00**

*Thanks for your generosity!*

**Lenten Spirituality/Soup/Community Series**– During the Wednesdays of Lent we will pray together and reflect on Vincentian Spirituality. Sessions begin at 5:10 include presentation, prayer and are followed by Soup/bread dinner. ***Coming to the website as a video recording. Hoping to have up this Wednesday.***

Please **pray for the Catechumens** (those preparing to enter the Church): Billy, Deidra, John, Jose, Judy, Ken, Michelle, Mindy, Rick, and Tim.

Catholic Mass: WLAE Monday-Friday 12 pm noon; Sundays 11 am from the Cathedral of St. Louis

Why not download ***the Way of the Cross*** and pray it together at home or in your yard?



**TODAY'S READINGS**

**1st Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13;** There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.'

**Psalm 22(23)** If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. For you are there beside me.

**2nd Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14:** You are light in the Lord; live like children of light

**John 9:1-41:** So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

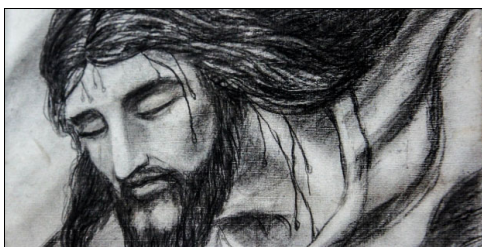
**LIGHT**

“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light” (Ephesians 5:14). We are at the midpoint of our Lenten journey of conversion. As always, God never gives up on us, especially those who have “fallen asleep” along the road to conversion. The most powerful stories of conversion are proclaimed during these final weeks of Lent. They have the power to shake us out of our sleep. Today’s Gospel story of the healing of the man born blind exposes the real blindness in the time of Christ—the blindness of the self-righteous religious leaders. In a few weeks, at the Easter Vigil, the Church will proclaim “Christ our Light” as the paschal candle is carried into darkened churches throughout the world. May the darkness of sin that still pervades our lives, communities, and world, be dispelled by the Christ who comes to bring sight to the blind and light to the world.

**Pope Francis' March Intention**

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Lenten Postponed  
Way of The Cross and Fish Fry



**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 and your message will be received confidentially by a mental health professional. Anyone can make a direct call during regular business hours to the Victims' Assistance Coordinator at (504) 861-6253.

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