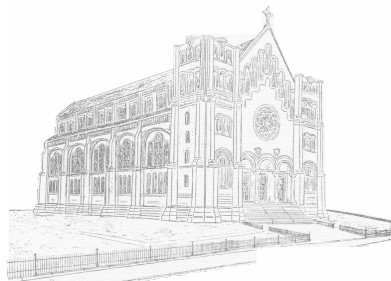


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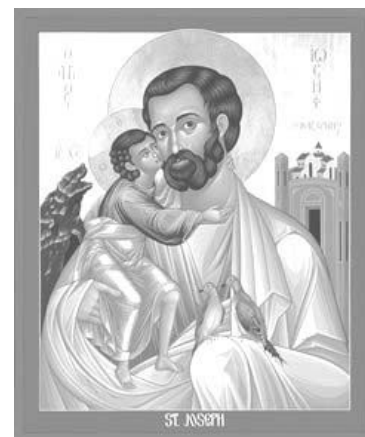
# St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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

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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.  
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.

## Second Sunday of ADVENT

December 4, 2016



10:00 am *St. Joseph Parishioners and Benefactors*

8:30 pm Bell Sisers (+); Lucille Digby (+); Michael Pham (+); Myrtle Weaver (+);  
Anthony D'Alfonso, Aubry Ganus

Monday, December 5, 2016—

12:15 p.m. **Karen Ehrhardt (+); Souls in Purgatory**

Tuesday, December 6, 2016—*St. Nicholas*

12:15 p.m. **Scott Durr**

Wednesday, December 7, 2016—*St. Ambrose*

12:15 p.m. **Karen Ehrhardt (+)**

Thursday, December 8, 2016—**Immaculate Conception**

12:15 pm **Parishioners Living and Deceased**

Friday, December 9, 2016—*St. Juan Diego*

12:15 pm **Giselle Ford**

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

*Sunday, Dec. 4* .....**One in Faith #957**

Monday.: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tues.: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-13; Mt 18:12-14

Wed.: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-10; Mt 11:28-30

Thurs.: Gn 3:9-20; Ps 98; Eph 1:3-12; Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-6; Mt 11:16-19

Sat.: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2-19; Mt 17:9-13

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10;  
Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

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

Willie Arnaudville, Stephan Borne, Susan Bassett Bowes, Raymond Berthelot, Anthony Blaise, Clarke Bordelon, Lawrence & Mamie Brown, John Caron, Baby Arlyn Cronk-Gebbia, Sylvia Daily-Powell, Lynda DeMaria, Ben Eble III, Terry Eggleston, Linda Elwood, Heather Faircloth, Frances Fiegler, LaDonna Finch, Fr. Lou Franz, CM, Mark Elserloh, Warren Fraught, Sarah Hollier-Watkins, Shelia Jones, Bennett Joseph, Jr., Tory Kelly, Landy Lanza, Gertie Mayeux, 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.

### SANCTUARY CANDLE AND MASS INTENTIONS

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

## ADVENT

## The Four Sundays of Hope-filled Preparation

Did St. Francis of Assisi invent the Christmas crib? Not exactly, but his devotion to the Incarnation and his love for the poverty of the Christ Child certainly popularized this beloved custom. Long before Francis, it was a custom at the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome to enshrine a rich image of Mary, gilded and bejewelled, embracing the child Jesus. This church was founded as a kind of home for the feast of Christmas in the fourth century.

In 1223, Francis was ready to celebrate this feast in a new way. In the tiny city of Greccio, he asked friends to prepare a place where they could experience the poverty and suffering embraced by Christ in his birth. It was a living scene: an ox from the barn, an ass from the stable, and peasants standing in for shepherds and kings.

The night of the celebration was beautiful, the weather was warm, and people came in crowds, bearing candles and singing hymns that echoed through the forest. Francis himself chanted the Gospel and preached. The custom spread quickly, and by the sixteenth century cribs were seasonal features not only in church, but in the home.

### WORDS OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE TO JUAN DIEGO

“Let not your heart be disturbed. Do not fear that sickness, nor any other sickness or anguish. Am I not here, who is your Mother? Are you not under my protection? Am I not your health? Are you not happily within my fold? What else do you wish? Do not grieve nor be disturbed by anything.”

**A voice of one crying out, Prepare the way of the Lord.**

**Mt. 3:3**

**PARISH CALENDAR**

Dec. 7 **Wednesday** Ecumenical Prayer Service Memorial (5:30 pm)  
Dec. 22 **Thursday** Christmas Decorating in Church (5 pm)  
Dec. 24 **Saturday** Midnight Mass; Dec. 25 **Sunday** 10:00 am

**TREASURE & STEWARDSHIP**

**Sunday, November 27, 2016.....\$ 4,211.00**

*Thank you for your generosity*

**Angel Tree for Christmas** If you would like to sponsor someone for Christmas, stop by the Angel tree in the vestibule. Each ornament has two parts. Fill out one and deposit it in the donation box by the tree. Take the other with you as a reminder for your shopping. You may want to take a cell phone photo to have it handy when you are out doing your holiday shopping. God bless you!

**Pray for Those who are preparing to enter the Church:** Please keep in your prayers the members of the Catechumenate: Jeff, Kelsey, Jennifer, Gregory, Neomi, Cathleen, Terry, Joshua; and also Jorge and Will who continue their study and discernment.



**Pope Francis' December Intentions**

**Universal:** That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

**Evangelization:** That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word**

December 11, Sunday

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).

**Psalm** — Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever (Psalm 72).

**Second Reading** — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

**Gospel** — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

**PREPARE THE WAY**

John the Baptist appears on the scene today as Advent enters its second week. The mysterious consumer of locusts and wild honey, John echoes the words of the prophet Isaiah as he calls for repentance in the face of the nearness of the kingdom of heaven. The rhythms of the Christian life are often confounding. Each year we meet the Baptist and hear his calls for repentance.

Each year we see him pointing to the one who is coming after him, the Lord Jesus. Yet each year the words and actions of John the Baptist echo anew in our hearts, because we have fallen into old sinful traps again and again.

Advent gives us the opportunity once again to turn away from our sinful ways and embrace the gospel way of life. John the Baptist invites us to prepare the way for the Lord, in whom we place our hope.

**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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