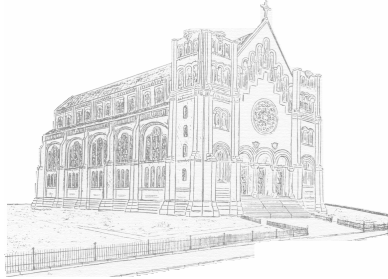
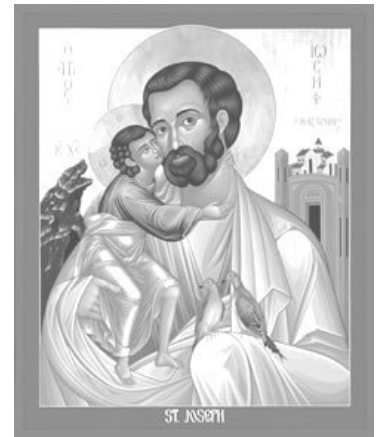


December 6, 2020

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

1802 Tulane Ave New Orleans, LA 70112-2246



**A New Orleans Sacred Landmark
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**Entrusted to the pastoral care of
the Congregation of the Mission
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PARISH STAFF

Fr. Tom Stehlik, C.M., *Pastor*
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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.

CHURCH HOURS

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 6, 2020



10:00 am Mary Vardigan, DC+; Rosalie Blady +; Christine McNulty +; Jonathan Lanza +

8:30 pm Parishioners & Benefactors of St. Joseph Church

Monday, December 7, 2020—*St. Ambrose*

12:15 pm Intentions of the BVM

Tuesday, December 8, 2020—Immaculate Conception BVM

12:15 pm Parishioners Living and Deceased

Wednesday, December 9+, 2020—*St. Juan Diego*

12:15 pm Roselyn & Gary Families; Cynthia Friedland

Thursday, December 10, 2020—

12:15 pm Fr. Francis Peninno +; Bell Sisters +

Friday, December 11, 2020—*St. Damasus I*

12:15 pm Susan Spalutto; Lynn Ebeyer

Sunday, Dec. 7, One in Faith #958

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

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

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

Thurs.: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1-13; Mt 11:11-15

Friday.: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 Jdt 13:18,19; Lk 1:26-38

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54;
1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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

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

ADVENT MORNING OF REFLECTION

A special Advent Morning of Reflection "The Holy Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph" sponsored by the Catholic Women in Action Committee of the Catholic Community Foundation will be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at St. Stephen Church on Napoleon Avenue in New Orleans. Mass followed by reflections by Msgr. Christopher Nalty and Dr. Sheryl Smith will be offered. In-person seating for the event is limited and reservations are required. The event will be live-streamed on the Catholic Community Foundation's YouTube channel. Please see flyer in the vestibule.

St. Joseph Capital Campaign

Every first Sunday of the month is the collection for maintaining historic St. Joseph Church. Thank you for your generosity. Currently we have two projects in the works.

Short-term Boiler Repairs– In October the Boiler was restored. When we tested it, we discovered that some 2" welded pipes under the church are leaking and in need of repair. This project is to be completed in the next days, hopefully before it gets much colder out. St. Joseph, pray for us!

Terrazzo Floor Repair– This project has been in the works since early summer, but has been planned for and budgeted for over a year now. It entails repairing floor cracks, replacing broken squares, and resurfacing or "grinding" the entire church to produce a like-new finish. This project will be done around the upcoming wedding celebrations and Sunday Masses and will begin around January 1, 2021.

Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low. — *Isaiah 40:4*

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Please keep in your prayers:

**Hanna, Isaac, Jenaphur, José, Judy, Khrie, Katharine,
Kevin, Lillian, Rachel, Ray, Steve, and Zachary.**

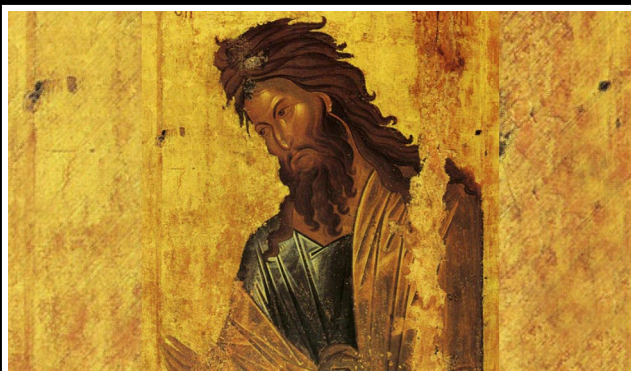
TREASURE & STEWARDSHIP

Nov. 29 Parish.....\$ 4,502.00

Thanks for your generosity!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE: Dec. 24 Vigil Mass—4 pm; Midnight Mass (Carols at 11:30 pm);
Dec. 25 Christmas Morning-10 am

SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION We are pleased to announce that the Archdiocese of New Orleans will host an annual wedding anniversary prayer service for those couples who have been married for 25 years on **Sunday, March 14, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.** at St Joseph Church in New Orleans. This event is only for couples married in the year 1996 in celebration of their 25th Wedding Anniversary.



JOHN THE BAPTIST

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

Gospel — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).

GOD'S DELAY

In times of great difficulties scoffers taunt us, "Where is God? Why hasn't your Lord come to save you now?" And we of faith respond much in the same way as Peter did in today's second reading: the "delay" of the Lord's second coming is not any type of punishment or failure to keep the divine promise, but a loving sign of God's patience. God is giving *everyone* the chance to seek repentance.

God does not make life more difficult. Rather, God lessens our burdens as once before for the Jewish exiles returning home to Judea after captivity in Babylon. It was God who personally led them, making a "straight highway" for them across the desert.

We join with our ancestors of faith, who hoped that they might see God's Chosen One before them and who eventually realized that the Lord was also walking with them side by side.

Pope Francis' December Intention

For Our Spiritual Life

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

SANCTUARY CANDLE AND MASS INTENTIONS

The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week to pray for the eternal rest of **Olivia Escobedo**. To reserve the Sanctuary Candle in memory of someone or for a special intention, call the church office (522-3186). The offering is \$15 for one week. The offering for Mass intentions is \$5.00 for a Mass.

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.

