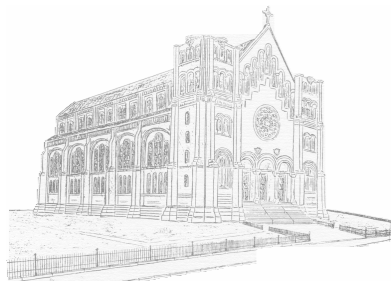


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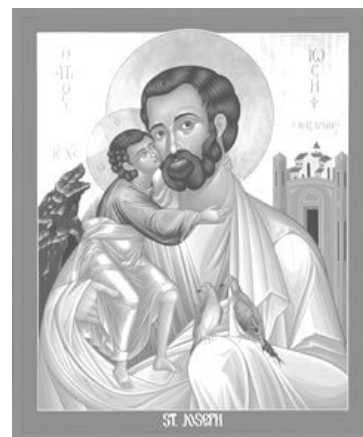
St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

1802 Tulane Ave New Orleans, LA 70112-2246



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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.

Second Sunday of Advent

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10:00 am St. Joseph Parishioners, Living & Deceased

8:30 pm *Clarence Schlamp+*; *Marshall Vaughn+*; *Joseph Morales, Jr.+*; *Bell Sisters+*; *Christina McNulty+*

Monday, December 9, 2019—Immaculate Conception of Mary

12:10 p.m. **St. Joseph Parishioners and Benefactors**

Tuesday, December 10, 2019—

12:15 p.m. **Emily Sevin +**

Wednesday, December 11, 2019—St. Damasus I

12:15 p.m. **Dejong Family**

Thursday, December 12, 2019—Our Lady of Guadalupe

12:15 p.m. **Arzola Family L & D**

Friday, December 13, 2019—St. Lucy

12:15 p.m. **Carrie Jones +; Monty Witherspoon**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Dec 8, One in Faith #957

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

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

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Sat.: Sir 48:1-11; Ps 80:2-19; Mt 17:9, 10-13

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 , WHO ARE IN NEED OF HEALING:

Dorothy Alexander, Beatrice Augustin, Anthony Blaise, Clarke Bordelo, Lawrence & Mamie Brown, Angelle Campbell; John Caron, Julianna Chevalier; 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, Irelia Robinson; Bernie Saul; Pippy Sanders, Louise Sonnier, Mel & Gaspar Schiro; Theard Simms, Fr. Tom Stehlik, CM, Malcolm Taylor, Jane Tonglet, Fritz & George Tripkovich, Georgiana Prevost, Marion Vaughn, Juanita Ware, Cathleen Ward, Warren Webster, Helen Wilson, Mary Willis, Lynn Williams, C & JA Slocum.

SANCTUARY CANDLE AND MASS INTENTIONS

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

The Four Sundays of Advent

Before the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s, Advent had a strong penitential tone. From as long ago as the fourth century, some Christians began a solemn fast on St. Martin's Day, November 11. This "Saint Martin's Lent" extended all the way to Christmas, and was widely followed in the dioceses of France and Germany, and in the Middle Ages in England. Fasting was required, and dancing and similar activities were banned for the duration. The fast had a social function, too, assuring that the winter food supplies would stretch through the winter months.

At the Second Vatican Council, some bishops argued that a revival of the long winter's fast would give the Church a chance to establish the message and themes of the Incarnation long before the holiday hubbub took hold. This proposal didn't pass, and Advent emerged as a four-week period of reflection, expectant waiting, and joyful preparation for the coming of the Lord. The season has two principal phases, with the first beginning this Sunday. The second phase commences on December 17, when the liturgy begins to unfold the story of the Savior's coming. Interestingly, the Eastern Church maintains a strongly penitential note in Advent, which is called "Winter Lent," "The Nativity Fast," or "Christmas Lent," and has laws forbidding people to absent themselves from liturgy from December 17 onward.

The earth shall be filled with wisdom of the LORD, as water covers the sea. — *Isaiah 11:9*

PARISH CALENDAR

5 Dec. **Thursday** RCIA (6:30 pm) meets in Chapel
15 Dec. **Sunday** Children's Liturgy of the Word (10 am / 8:30 pm)

TREASURE & STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, Dec. 1\$ **6,980.00**
Capital Campaign..... **2,525.00**
Thank you for your generosity!

Angel Tree Gifts Please wrap the gifts and return with tag attached to the outside of the gift package no later than Sunday, Dec. 15 at the 10 am or 8:30 pm Masses. Thanks and God bless you!

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 dating back to the 4th century. In 1223, Francis was ready to celebrate this feast in the tiny city of Greccio. He invited friends to prepare a place where they could experience the poverty and suffering of Christ in his birth. It was a living scene: an ox from the barn, an ass from the stable, and peasants representing shepherds and kings. The nighttime 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 16th century cribs were seasonal features not only in church, but in homes.



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

Saint 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.

Pope Francis' December Intention

That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24th 4 pm & Midnight
December 25th 10 am

“Let not your heart be disturbed. Do not be afraid. 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? Do not grieve nor be upset by anything.” *Our Lady of Guadalupe to Juan Diego*

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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