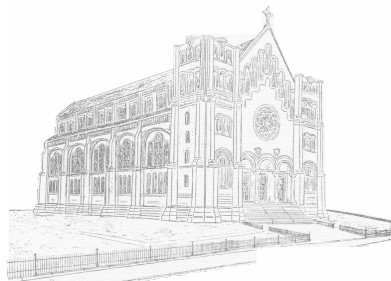


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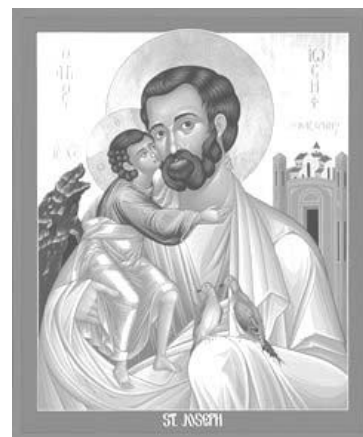
# St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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

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

## The Rebuild Center 1803 Gravier St., NO, 70112

**Lantern Light/Feed Jesus** **Harry Tompson Center**  
**504-273-5573** **504-273-5547**

Birth Certificate Assistance Showers, Laundry,  
Mail, Phones, Legal Aid, Notary Services,  
ID Assistance Restroom Facilities  
Lunch—Daily Medical Services, Mental  
Prescription Assistance Health, Hygiene Kits,  
Emergency groceries &  
financial assistance  
for area residents

**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.

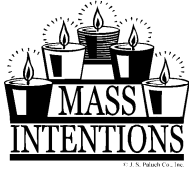
**Weddings** Contact priest at least six months prior to planned wedding date. After contacting priest, contact the wedding director, x141 to reserve the time and date for your wedding.

**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.

# Third Sunday of ADVENT

December 14, 2014



10:00 am **Jeanne Lanza (+); Christina McNulty (+); David Cochiara (+); Special Intention; Todd Hurley (+); Marion Vaughn**

8:30 pm **St. Joseph Parishoners and Benefactors**

Monday, December 15, 2014—

12:15 p.m. **Eddy Gutierrez;** Special Intention

Tuesday, December 16, 2014—

12:15 p.m. **Special Intention; Joy Barkate (+)**

Wednesday, December 17, 2014—

12:15 p.m. **Sandy & John Avery;** Special Intention

Thursday, December 18, 2014—

12:15 p.m. **Emily Bayle (+);** Special Intention

Friday, December 19, 2014—

12:15 p.m. **Special Intention**

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. Gn 3:9-15; Ps 98; Eph 1:3-12; Lk 1:26-38

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

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

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

Friday: Zec 2:14-17; Jdt 13:18 Lk 1:26-38

Sat. Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

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 AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS, WHO ARE IN NEED OF HEALING:

Bob Smothers	Selena Batiste	Landy Lanza	Charlie & Joanne Slocum	Sara Marino
Marshall Vaughn	Juanita Ware	Heather Faircloth	Eric Connors	Baby Jarius James
Gerard Tonglet	Jane Tonglet	Shelia Jones	Lawrence Brown	Shane Rabalais
Mary Willis	Alyce Smothers	Mamie Brown	Emily Rabalais	Connel Batiste
Frances Fiegler	Linda Elwood	Pat Reese	Trinity Tripkovich	Henry Butler
Tina Roderfeld	Allen Maldonado	George Wells	Jim & Virginia Stehlik	

### SANCTUARY CANDLE AND MASS INTENTIONS

The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week to pray for the eternal rest of **Fred Boyer**. 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 (522-3141, x141). The Sanctuary Candle offering is \$15 for 14 days. The offering for Mass intentions is \$5.00 per Mass.

### IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS

“In continuing our commitment of support and healing, we invite and encourage people who have been sexually abused recently or in the past by clergy, religious or other employees or volunteers of the Archdiocese of New Orleans to call the Victims’ Assistance Coordinator: Sr. Carmelita Centanni, MSC, Ph.D, (504) 861-6253.”

## Pope Francis

Brothers and Sisters, we need to let ourselves be bathed in the light of the Holy Spirit so that God may lead us to the Divine Truth, who is the one Lord of our life. Let us ask ourselves whether we really have taken some steps to know Jesus and the truth of faith better by praying and meditating on the Scripture, by studying our faith and by receiving the sacraments regularly. However, let us ask ourselves at the same time what steps we are taking to ensure that faith governs the whole of our existence. We are not “part-time” Christians— only at certain moments, in certain circumstances, in certain decisions. No one can be Christian in this way. We are Christian all the time! Totally! May Christ’s words, which the Holy Spirit guides us by, take effect in our daily life. I am making this suggestion to you: let us invoke the Holy Spirit every day, and ask hi to keep us close to Jesus. (John 16:13)

*Rejoice in the Lord always; Rejoice! The Lord is near. Phillipians 4:4-5*

**PARISH CALENDAR**

15 Dec. **Sunday** *Prayer Service for Homeless: 4pm*  
23 Dec **Tuesday**—*Decoration for Christmas Pot Luck 4:30-7pm*  
24 Dec **Wed.**—*Christmas Eve Masses: 4:00pm and Midnight*  
25 Dec. **Thursday**—*Christmas Day: 10am*

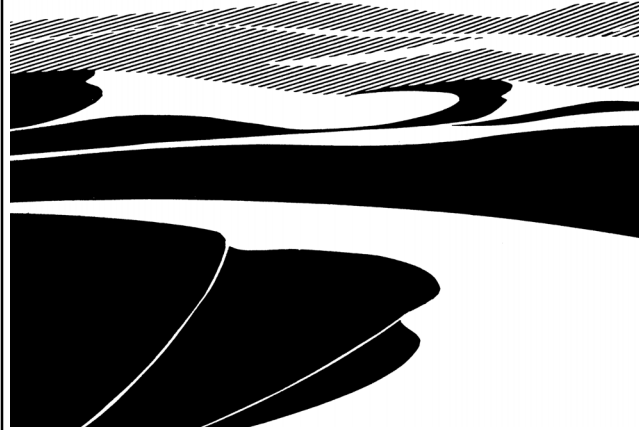
**TREASURE & STEWARDSHIP**

**December 7, 2014**      **\$3,994.00**  
**Capital Campaign.....\$6,641.00**  
*Thank you for your generosity*

**Catechumens** Please keep in your prayers all of the Catechumens whom we welcomed on the Feast of Christ the King: *Ben Wright, Ann Wallace, Corliss Truehill, Kyia Smith, Kimmie Milton, Sabian Lagarde, Allen Finch, Kevin Ferguson, Ernie Logan and Drew Bunker.* Congratulations!

**Angel Tree Gifts** Please bring your Angel Tree gifts by December 14, and place them on the rack on the Mary side of the Church, on the rack by the statue of St. Therese. Thanks for your generosity!

**I am a voice  
crying out  
in the desert**



**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will God make justice spring up before the nations (Is 61:1-11).  
**Psalm** — My soul rejoices in my God (Luke 1:46-54).  
**Second Reading** — Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).  
**Gospel** — I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

**MORE THAN DISCIPLES**

Each of today's four scriptural roles—disciple, prophet, apostle, herald—forms a facet of our life in Christ as we live day by day. Isaiah tells us that a prophet is anointed, as we were anointed at our baptism in water and the Spirit, to bring glad tidings and to promote God's reign of healing, justice, and peace. An apostle, like Paul, is one who is "sent." Each of us is sent by Christ to be a voice of rejoicing, to encourage prophetic voices in the world, and to make sure that the work of the Spirit thrives. John the Baptist shows us the job of the herald, making the Lord's way straight, announcing the coming of the Light of the world.

Today we also hear from Mary, model disciple. Her song, the Magnificat, shows us the world we must believe in and work for: one in which God is praised, where God's favor is bestowed on the humble, where the hungry are filled and the rich are sent away empty, a world that continues to know and rejoice in the mercy of God that lasts for all ages.

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR *December***

**Christmas, hope for humanity.**  
That the birth of the Redeemer may bring peace and hope to all people of good will.

**Parents.** That parents may be true evangelizers, passing on to their children the precious gift of faith.

**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 Victims' Assistance Coordinator at (504) 861-6253

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