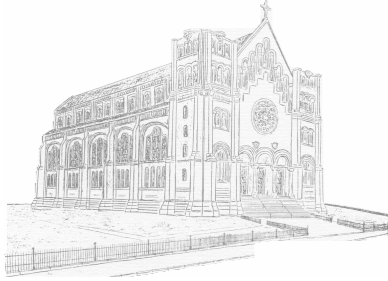


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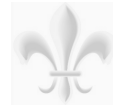
St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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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.

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.



10:00 am Roselyn & Gary Families; Brenda Costanza-Collins

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

Monday, December 21, 2020—*St. Peter Canisius*
 12:15 pm **Intentions of the BVM; Brad D’Alfonso; Jas Cresanta**
 Tuesday, December 22, 2020—
 12:15 pm Bernard & Donna Triche; **Philippa A. D’Alfonso**
 Wednesday, December 23, 2020—*St. John of Kanty*
 12:15 pm **Jessica D’Alfonso; + John Hance; + Delphine Butler**
 Thursday, December 24, 2020—Christmas Eve
 4 pm **Vigil Mass** 11:30 pm Songs and Carols; **Midnight Mass**
 Friday, December 25, 2020—Christmas
 10 am **The Nativity of Our Lord**

Sunday, Dec. 20, One in Faith #964

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-21; Lk 1:39-45
 Tues.: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8; Lk 1:46-56
 Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25; Lk 1:57-66
 Thursday: 2 Sm 7:1-16; Ps 89:2-29; Lk 1:67-79
 Friday.: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-19; Mt 1:18-25
 Sat: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31; Mt 10:17-22
 Sunday: Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3;; Ps Ps 105:1-6, 8-9;
 Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 ; Lk 2:22-40

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.

Rejoice Always! Joy for the World

Pope Francis

The world may face many troubles but Pope Francis reminded everyone today that the invitation to joy is characteristic of Advent. The closer the Lord is to us, the more joy we feel; the farther away he is, the more sadness we feel. ‘Rejoice in the Lord always,’ St. Paul exhorts us. The Pope went on to remind those listening of the many sources of joy in this season leading up to the birth of Christ:

- “The expectation of Jesus’ birth that we experience is joyful...
- “The Gospel according to John today presents us the biblical character who – excluding Our Lady and Saint Joseph – first and most fully experienced the expectation of the Messiah and *the joy of seeing him arrive*: naturally, we are speaking of John the Baptist (cf. Jn 1:6-8, 19-28)...
- “This is the first condition of Christian joy: *to decentralize from oneself and place Jesus at the center...*
- “The journey of joy is not a walk in the park. It takes work to always be joyful...
- “And joy must be the characteristic of our faith. And in dark moments, that inner joy, of knowing that the Lord is with me, that the Lord is with us, that the Lord is Risen. ..
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“The Lord! The Lord! The Lord! This is the center of our life, and this is the center of our joy.” Our call is to be joy-filled and through our joy, bring joy to the world.

The child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. —*Luke 1:35*

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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

Dec. 13 Parish.....\$ 6, 288.00

Retired Religious.....355.00

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.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will fix a place for my people.
(2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

Psalm — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord
(Psalm 89).

Second Reading — To the only wise God, through Jesus
Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).

Gospel — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it
be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).

THE ETERNAL GOD

King David wished that the ark of God might have a more permanent home. David may have envisioned something like the cedar palace where he resided. God had in mind something more: a throne where David's descendants would rule for ever, a kingdom where Jews and Gentiles alike would be welcome.

Mary's prayerful nature led to an even more disturbing message. She would conceive and bear a Son though she was not yet married. "How can this come about?" Mary wondered. "The Holy Spirit will come upon you," (Luke 1:35).

Mary's acceptance of this difficult challenge ushered in this, the final age of God's reign. What was once a secret known only by chosen people like King David and his descendants must now be made clear to all so that, as Saint Paul wrote to the Romans, we can be brought to the "obedience of faith" according to the command of the eternal God. (Romans 16:26).

**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 **Carlos Mladenoff, Sr.** 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.

