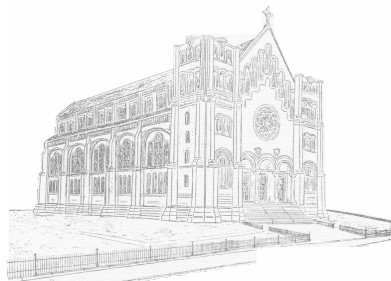


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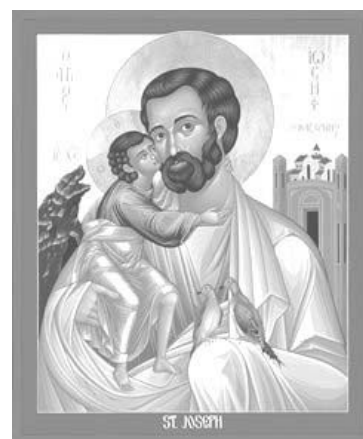
# St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

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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## 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**  
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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.

# Fourth Sunday of ADVENT

December 21, 2014



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

8:30 pm **Jeanne Lanza (+); Eddie Gutierrez (+); Special Intention;**

Monday, December 22, 2014—

12:15 p.m. **Sheri LaBranche-Jackson (+); Sp. Intention**

Tuesday, December 23, 2014—St. John of Kanty

12:15 p.m. **Sr. Janet Wolf, D.C. (+); Sp. Intentionn**

Wednesday, December 24, 2014—Christmas Vigil

4 p.m. & 12am **St. Joseph Parishoners & Benefactors**

Thursday, December 25, 2014—The Nativity of the Lord

10:00 a.m. **St. Joseph Parishoners & Benefactors**

Friday, December 26, 2014—St. Stephen

12:15 p.m. Church Closed

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1-8; Lk 1:46-56

Tues. Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25; Lk 1:57-66

Wed. Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14;  
Lk 2:1-14

Thurs. : Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6;  
Jn 1:1-18

Fri: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31; Mt 10:17-22

Sat. 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5  
Col 3:12-21 ; Lk 2:22-40

## 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	Baby Jarius James	Henry Butler
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	Marion Vaughn
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

On this fourth Sunday of Advent, our gaze is drawn to the beauty of the mother of Jesus, our mother! With great joy the Church contemplates her “full of grace”, and starting with these words we salute her together. This is how God saw her from the first moment of his loving design. God saw her as beautiful, full of grace. Our mother, Mary sustains us towards Christmas, for she teaches us how to live Advent in expectation of the Lord. For Advent is a time of waiting and watching for the Lord who will visit his people on Christmas, and each of us in our own hearts and lives. The Lord is coming! Let us wait for him!

*Let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Savior Is. 45:8*

**PARISH CALENDAR**

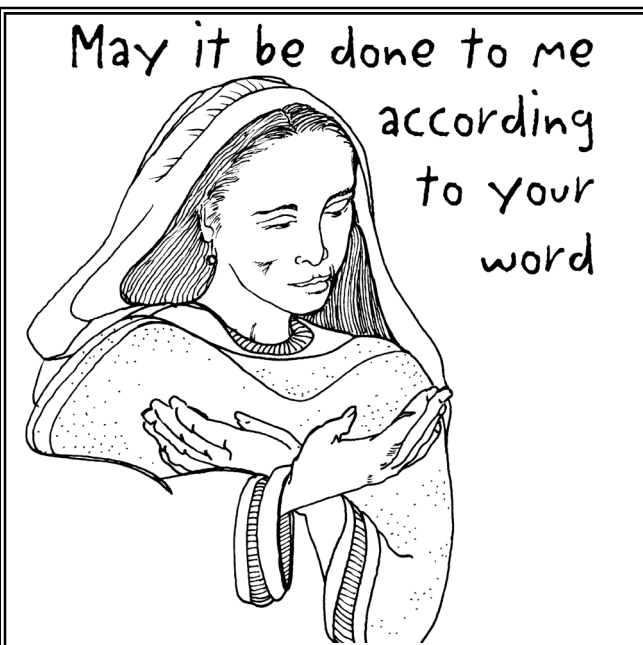
23 Dec **Tuesday**— *Decoration for Christmas Pot Luck 4:30-7pm*  
24 Dec **Wed.**— *Christmas Eve Masses: 4:00pm and Midnight*  
25 Dec. **Thursday**— *Christmas Day: 10am*  
25 Dec. **Wednesday**— *Vigil Mass BVM Holy Mother of God—6pm*

**TREASURE & STEWARDSHIP**

**December 14, 2014      \$5,034.00**  
**Retired Religious.....\$1,143.00**  
*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!

**Decorating for Christmas** Please sign up so we will know how many people to plan for to decorate the Church. If you'd like to bring something to eat sign up in the entrance of the church. Thanks!



**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)

**ECHOING MARY'S DECISION**

The angel Gabriel today confronts Mary with a mystery. The mystery of salvation in Christ is not a mystery that is solved, but a reality beyond our comprehension that we must choose to enter into. In the liturgy of the Eastern Church, everyone waits to see if Mary will enter into the mystery: God waits, Adam and Eve and all the souls of the dead who long for paradise wait, angels wait for new heavenly companions. And there is much rejoicing when her decision is "yes."

While it may seem that we have less dramatic choices offered to us, the mystery of our salvation in Christ is by no means "solved." We understand it better because of Mary's "yes." We may even be a bit closer to it through the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. But it is still a mystery to which awaits our own "yes." May our Advent prayer, our echo of Mary's "yes," continue, so we may enter into the mystery of our salvation in Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, God among us.

**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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