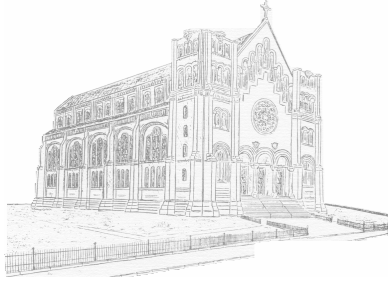


December 25, 2016

# 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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**Gina Fulton,** *Receptionist, Wedding Director*  
**Tasheena Butler,** *Mission and Service Coordinator*  
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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.  
Holy Day Masses: 12:15 p.m.

**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.

**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

## CHURCH OPEN

Mondays thru Fridays: 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
One hour before each Sunday Mass

Health, Hygiene Kits,  
Emergency groceries  
& financial assistance  
for area residents

**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.

# The Nativity of the Lord

December 25, 2016



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

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

Monday, December 26, 2016—*St. Stephen*

12:15 p.m. **No Mass; Church Closed**

Tuesday, December 27, 2016—*St. John*

12:15 p.m. **Gaspar Schiro; Norby Dunn; Virginia Stehlik**

Wednesday, December 28, 2016—*Holy Innocents*

12:15 p.m. **Bob Kenney Family**

Thursday, December 29, 2016—*St. Thomas Becket*

12:15 pm **Guy Babin; David Cochiara (+)**

Friday, December 30, 2016—*The Holy Family*

12:15 pm **Fred Boyer (+); Family/Friends DC's**

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Dec. 25 .....**One in Faith #966-9**

Monday.: Acts. 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt. 10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 Jn. 1: 1-4; Jn 20:1-4

Wednesday: 1 Jn. 1:5-2.2; Mt. 2:13-18

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

Friday: Sir 3:2-6; Mt. 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday: 1 Jn. 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-8

Gal 4:4-7; Luke:2:16-21

## YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS, WHO ARE IN NEED OF HEALING:

Willie Arnaudville, Stephan Borne, Susan Bassett Bowes, Raymond Berthelot, Anthony Blaise, Clarke Bordelon, Lawrence & Mamie Brown, John Caron, John Gebbia, Sylvia Daily-Powell, Lynda DeMaria, Ben Eble III, Terry Eggleston, Linda Elwood, Heather Faircloth, Frances Fiegler, LaDonna Finch, Fr. Lou Franz, CM, Mark Elserloh, Warren Fraught, Sarah Hollier-Watkins, Shelia Jones, Bennett Joseph, Jr., Tory Kelly, Landy Lanza, Gertie Mayeux, Allen Maldonado, Sara Marino, Priscilla Martin, Karen McCoy, Mike Mullin, Donna Moore, Regina Pichoff, Mark Raymond, Tina Roderfeld, Pippy Sanders, Mel & Gaspar Schiro, Charlie & Joanne Slocum, Jane Tonglet, Isaac Thomas, George Tripkovich, Marion Vaughn, Juanita Ware, Darrell Walker, Fr. George Weber, CM, Warren Webster, Lynn Williams, and Mary Willis.

## SANCTUARY CANDLE AND MASS INTENTIONS

The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week to pray for **Carolyn & Dan Heard**. 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 (522-3186). The Sanctuary Candle offering is \$15 for two weeks. The offering for Mass intentions is \$5.00 per Mass.

## THIS CHRISTMAS

Mend a quarrel. Seek out a forgotten friend. Dismiss suspicion and put in its place, trust. Write a letter. Give a soft answer. Encourage a young person. Manifest your loyalty in word and deed. Keep a promise. Forgo a grudge. Forgive an enemy. Apologize. Try to understand. Examine your demands of others. Think first of someone else. Be kind. Be gentle. Listen with your heart. Laugh a little more. Show your gratitude. Welcome a stranger. Gladden the heart of a child or elder. Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder all around you. Show you love.,. and REJOICE!

## Holiday Schedule at the Vatican

**December 25:** Pope Francis will give his Christmas blessing "*urbi et orbi*" (to the city and the world) at noon from the central balcony overlooking St. Peter's Square.

**December 31:** In St. Peter's Basilica, the pope will preside over evening prayer and the singing of the "*te Deum*" in thanksgiving for the year that is ending.

**January 1:** The pope will celebrate a Morning Mass in St. Peter's Basilica for the World Day of Prayer for Peace and the feast of Mary, Mother of God.

**Your House and your Kingdom shall endure; you Throne shall stand firm forever 2 Sam. 7:16**

**PARISH CALENDAR**

Jan 01 **Sunday** Masses: 10 am & 8:30 pm  
Jan. 20 **Friday** *Roosting at the Pelican's BB Game (sign up!)*  
Jan. 5 **Thursday** RCIA: I Believe *The Creed and Our Father* 6:30

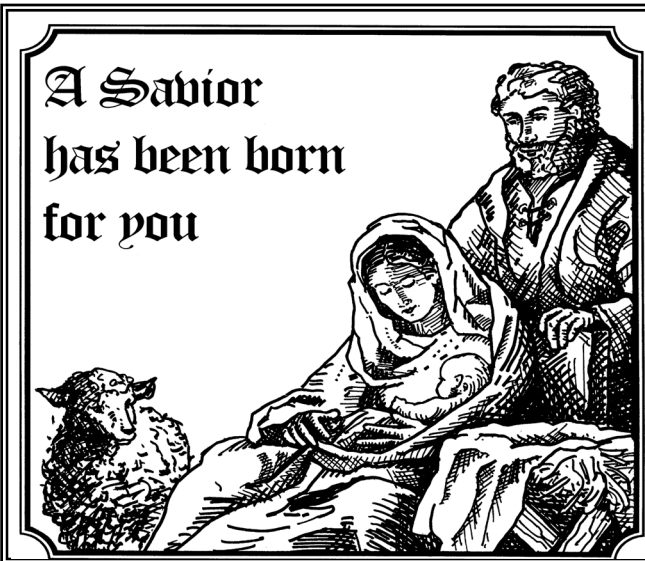
**TREASURE & STEWARDSHIP**

**Sunday, December 18, 2016.....\$ 7,454.00**

*Thank you for your generosity*

**Gifts for Christmas** Thank you to all who shared the love of the Lord at Christmas through the gifts on the Angel Tree, knitted scarfs and gloves, blankets and hats, assistance to the Rebuild Center, etc. that enabled us to reach out to so many people and put our faith into a concrete sign of God's heart here on earth. God bless you! And a most Blessed and Joyful Christmas!

**Holiday Masses Schedule** Our Mass Schedule for January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, mother of God will be the regular Sunday schedule: Mass 10 am; Mass 8:30 pm.



**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — All the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God (Isaiah 52:7-10).  
**Psalms** — All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God (Psalm 98).  
**Second Reading** — God has spoken to us through the Son, the very imprint of God's being (Hebrews 1:1-6).  
**Gospel** — The Word became flesh; from his fullness we have all received grace (John 1:1-18)

**THE GIFT OF GOD'S WORD**

On this day of gifts and gift-giving, it seems appropriate that we take a moment to reflect on the great gift of God's Word. Because it is creative, God's Word always points to its author, always calls us to respond. Because it is powerful, God's Word can link the sublime with the ridiculous, the transcendent with the immanent, the divine with the human. Because it is graceful, God's Word establishes a relationship of deep intimacy between us and God.

At the heart of God's Word lies a tantalizing tension between the mysterious and the mundane. In our liturgical celebration, this unresolved tension both reveals the meaning of life for us and calls us to respond, to act upon that meaning.

Once accepted and opened, the gift of God's Word is a gift that keeps on giving and keeps on calling us to give in return. It dares us to be like the gift-giver and to become gifts for others, not only at Christmas, but at every moment of life.

**Pope Francis' December Intentions**

**Universal:** That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.  
**Evangelization:** That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

**Pray for Those who are preparing to enter the Church:** Please pray for the Catechumenates: Jeff, Kelsey, Jennifer, Gregory, Neomi, Cathleen, Terry, Joshua; and also Jorge and Will.

**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 Vic-

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