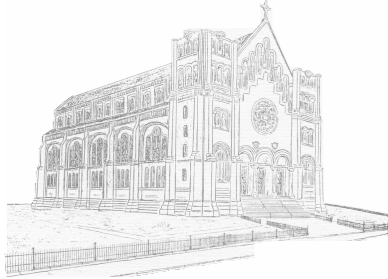


December 27, 2020

# St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

1802 Tulane Ave New Orleans, LA 70112-2246



**A New Orleans Sacred 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.

## 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.



**10:00 am Parishioners & Benefactors of St. Joseph Church (+ Madeline von Almen)**

**8:30 pm Rush Limbaugh; + Joseph Morales, Jr.; +Theresa Benito; + Gloria Cannon**

Monday, December 28, 2020—*Holy Innocents*

12:15 pm **Intentions of the BVM; Louise Sonnier**

Tuesday, December 29, 2020—

12:15 pm **Fr. Antony Netikat; Anne T. Walker; C Ford Fam.**

Wednesday, December 30, 2020—

12:15 pm **Roselyn & Gary Families; + Eddie Durham**

Thursday, December 31, 2020—New Years Eve—BVM

4 pm Vigil Mass **Parishioners & Benefactors**

Friday, December 1, 2020—New Year’s Day

**Church Closed**

**Sunday, Dec. 27, One in Faith #971**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-8; Mt:13-18

Tues.: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-6; Lk 2:22-35

Wed.: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-13; Jn 1:1-18

Fri.: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Sat: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**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.

**2021– A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace**

**Pope Francis**

VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis appealed for a “culture of care” in his message for the 2021 World Day of Peace. “The culture of care ... calls for a common, supportive and inclusive commitment to protecting and promoting the dignity and good of all, a willingness to show care and compassion, to work for reconciliation and healing, and to advance mutual respect and acceptance. “May we never yield to the temptation to disregard others, especially those in greatest need, and to look the other way; instead, may we strive daily, in concrete and practical ways, to form a community composed of brothers and sisters who accept and care for one another.”

“The early Christians shared what they had, so that no one among them would be in need. They strove to make their community a welcoming home, concerned for every human need and ready to care for those most in need. It became customary to make voluntary offerings in order to feed the poor, bury the dead and care for orphans, the elderly and victims of disasters like shipwrecks,” he said. The pope also said that the principles of the Church’s social doctrine served as the basis for a culture of care.

He highlighted the principles of care for the dignity and rights of each person, care for the common good, care through solidarity, and care and protection of creation. The World Day of Peace — instituted by St. Paul VI in 1968 — is celebrated each year on Jan. 1. The pope provides a message for the occasion, which is sent to foreign ministers around the world. The pope’s message for the 2021 World Day of Peace is entitled, “A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace.” The pope published the message on his 84th birthday.

Pope Francis also pointed out the “educating people to care begins in the family, the natural and fundamental nucleus of society, in which we learn how to live and relate to others in a spirit of mutual respect.” Pope Francis began his message for the World Day of Peace by saying that he had been thinking especially for all those who lost family members or loved ones, and all who lost their jobs in 2020.

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

—Luke 2:30-31

**R C I A**

Please keep in your prayers:

**Hanna, Isaac, Jenaphur, José, Judy, Khrie, Katharine,  
Kevin, Lillian, Rachel, Ray, Steve, and Zachary.**

**TREASURE & STEWARDSHIP**

**Dec. 20 Parish.....\$ 4, 667.00**

*Thank you for your generosity*

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God:** Dec. 31 Vigil Mass—4 pm; No Mass on New Year’s Day

**Christmas Thanks & Gratitude** Thank you to the Marian Sodality for their home-made gift boxes which were delivered to our Senior Members who are quarantined during the Pandemic. Blessings and gratitude to our Choirs for all of the Christmas Masses, and all who donated for the Christmas flowers, supported families for Christmas, special donations for the Christmas Masses and who helped prepare the Church for Christmas. God bless you!



**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Those who honor their parents will be blessed and will atone for sins (Sirach 3:2-6,12-14)

**Psalm** — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128)

**Second Reading** — Be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:12-21)

**Gospel** — The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom (Luke 2:22-40)

**WE ARE GOD’S HOLY FAMILY**

The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God’s holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves

**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.

