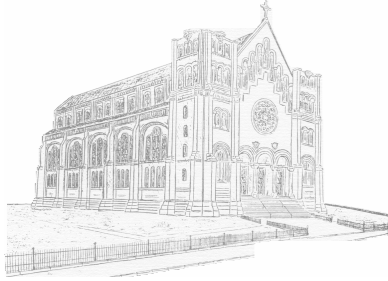


December 24, 2017

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church

1802 Tulane Ave New Orleans, LA 70112-2246



**A New Orleans Historic Landmark
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**Entrusted to the pastoral care of
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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.

CHURCH OPEN

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 *St. Joseph Parishioners and Benefactors*

8:30 pm No evening Mass this Sunday

Monday, January 1, 2017—

10:00 a.m. *St. Joseph Parishioners L & D*

Tuesday, January 2, 2017—Sts. Basil & Gregory Nazianzen

12:15 p.m. **Dr. Joe Mendoza (+)**

Wednesday, January 3, 2017—

12:15 p.m. **Gerry Orkus**

Thursday, January 4, 2017—Elizabeth Ann Seton

12:15 pm **Candidates and Novices of the D.C.s**

Friday, January 5, 2017—St. John Neumann

12:15 pm **Fritz Tripkovich**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Dec. 31 One in Faith # 970

Mon.: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

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

Wed.: 1 Jn 2:29; 3:6; Ps 98:1-6; Jn 1:29-34

Thurs.: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51

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

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:

Willie Arnaudville, Anthony Blaise, Clarke Bordelon, Lawrence & Mamie Brown, Cheryl Butler, John Caron, John Gebbia, Sylvia Daily-Powell, Joseph Delay, Bernardine Dupre, Ben Eble III, Terry Eggleston, Linda Elwood, Heather Faircloth, Winston Falgout, Frances Fiegler, LaDonna Finch, Darrell & Ramona Ford, Fr. Lou Franz, CM, Mark Eiserloh, Warren Frught, Roselyn Hansen, Madonna Hayden, Sarah Hollier-Watkins, Shelia Jones, Bennett Joseph, Jr, Ken Kussman, Landy Lanza, Jannie Ledet, James Leung, Sara Marino, Priscilla Martin, Karen McCoy, Hazle McMiller, Donna Moore, Gerry Orkus, Regina Pichoff, Mark Raymond, Tina Roderfeld, Pippy Sanders, Mel & Gaspar Schiro; Anita Schexnayder; Charlie & Joanne Slocum, Malcolm Taylor, Jane Tonglet, Fritz Tripkovich, George Tripkovich, Marion Vaughn, Juanita Ware, Darrell Walker, Mary Willis, Lynn Williams, Monica Whitherspoon.

SANCTUARY CANDLE AND MASS INTENTIONS

The Sanctuary Candle is burning this week to pray for **Heather Faircloth**. 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.

PEACE ON EARTH

Pope Francis made a pressing, heartfelt appeal for peace in 14 countries, and on four continents, in his Christmas message *urbi et orbi* (to the city and the world). In a special way he called for the silencing of weapons in Syria and the provision of urgent assistance to the martyred people of Aleppo. The pope declared that peace is possible in this conflict-torn world thanks to “the power of the child,” who was born in Bethlehem. His power, he said, “is not the power of this world, based on might and wealth; it is the power of love.” It is “the power which gives new birth, pardons faults, reconciles enemies and transforms evil into good. It is the power of God.” This “power of love,” he said, “led Jesus Christ to strip himself of his glory and become man” and “to give his life on the cross and to rise from the dead.” Moreover, “it is the power which inaugurates the Kingdom of God, a kingdom of justice and peace,” which is destined for “all peoples, especially those scarred by war and conflict that seem stronger than peace.”

He specifically called for peace in the Holy Land, between Israelis and Palestinians who have been at conflict for over 60 years, “in various parts of Africa, especially Nigeria, in South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. He asked the Child Jesus to grant peace to the people suffering in Eastern Ukraine, calling for the full implementation of the peace accords reached at Minsk over a year ago. The pope then turned to his home continent and prayed for peace in Colombia and Venezuela, for peace in Myanmar of Asia and in Korea, through “a renewed spirit of cooperation.” Francis prayed for peace for all who lost dear ones in “brutal acts of terrorism,” and also prayed that peace may reach the hearts of those who “have sown fear and death” in so many lands. Lastly, the pope of the poor prayed for peace in “a real and concrete way” for the “abandoned and excluded,” for those who “suffer hunger” and for “exiles, migrants and refugees,” as well as for victims of human trafficking, social unrest, and natural disasters. Moreover, he implored the Child Jesus to give peace to “all who suffer because of the economic ambitions of the few, because of the sheer greed and the idolatry of money, which leads to slavery.”

Those who obey their parents will live a long life; kindness to them will not be forgotten. Sirach 3

PARISH CALENDAR

Jan. 11 **Finance Council Meeting** *Thursday (6:30 pm)*
Jan. 22 **St. Joseph Meeting** *Monday (5:30 pm)*
Jan. 22 **Synod Presentation: Evangelization** *(7 pm)*

TREASURE & STEWARDSHIP

Christmas, 2017.....\$ 4,498.00

Thank you for your generosity

Sunday, December 31 / The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Mass: 10:00 am (No 8:30 pm Mass)

Monday, January 1 / The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Mass: 10 am

Fr. John Caron visit On Monday, January 22, Fr. John Caron, OP, Vicar for Evangelization in New Orleans will come and share the fruits of the Synod, update us on the plans for the celebration of the Tricentennial Year of the Archdiocese, and share what parishes and people have been doing to strengthen efforts in the area of Evangelization. All are welcome and invited to this event.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed and will atone for sins (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14) *or Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3.*

Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128) *or Psalm 105.*

Second Reading — Be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]) *or Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19.*

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

BEARERS OF THE WORD

The Church has placed a number of notable feast days immediately after Christmas. The feasts of Stephen, John the Evangelist, and the Holy Innocents form a summary of the life lived in Christ, the Word made flesh. What do these have to do with the feast of the Holy Family, which crowns the Octave of Christmas? These feasts remind us that suffering will occur in fulfilling the mission of Christ, and that we are all called to be bearers of this Word whose birth we celebrate.

We also see this manifested in the lives of Joseph and Mary, both of whom took social and risks of faith in obedience to the will of God, and both of whom were open to the word of God sent to them from on high. In these ways they prefigured the life of Jesus himself.

Pope Francis' January Intention

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.

The new exhibit of the Catholic Cultural Heritage Center, "**The Church in the Crescent: 300 Years of Catholicism in New Orleans**," is now on display at the Old Ursuline Convent M-F 10 am—4 pm and Saturday 9 am—2 pm.

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.

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