

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

ST. ANTHONY MISSION CHAPEL

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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them
to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds.
They all ate and were satisfied. - Mt 14:19c-20

Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday:
9:00 a.m.–12 noon
Tuesday: **CLOSED**

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil:	5:00 p.m.
Sunday:	<i>St. Anthony</i> 8:00 a.m.
	<i>St. Joseph</i> 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday - Thursday - Friday	7:00 a.m.
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.

Confession

Saturday: 4:00p.m. St. Joseph
Sunday: 9:30a.m. St. Joseph
Sunday 7:30am St. Anthony
Weekdays: Following weekday masses
or by appointment

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Jas Rofinus, S.V.D.
Email:

Secretary/Bookkeeper: Ms. Peggie M. Bellow

Musicians: Mr. Harris Flugence
Ms. Carla Bernard

Trustees: Mr. Michael Rabon
Mrs. Theresa Cormier

Safe Environment Coordinator: Mrs. Judy Keefe

Sacrament of Baptism

Contact the Church office to schedule Baptisms

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples should contact the Priest 6 months prior to the wedding date. NO wedding date should be planned, till after the Marriage Preparation has been completed.

Funerals

Please call the office to inform of the death of a church member and to schedule an appointment to plan the Funeral. Only after meeting with the Secretary, should one contact the funeral home with the final arrangement.

Meetings

Ushers Association: Third Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m.—Bishop Perry Learning Center
Adult Choir Practice: Every Thursday at 6:00 p.m.
Come Lord Jesus Group: Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Knights & Ladies Auxiliary of Peter Claver: 2nd Sun of the month

Mission Statement

“As a community inspired by the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and our ancestral heritage, we the parishioners of St. Joseph and St. Anthony profess to proclaim God’s goodness. And through our faith and commitment to the Holy Word we join together in spirit, truth, love and service working together for the good of our church parish.”

GOSPEL MEDITATION

**Matthew 14:13-21**

In his song, "Lose Yourself," the artist Eminem raps, **"the mood all changed."**

We all know that moment when the mood changes, when

life turns from lighthearted to deadly serious. That happens in today's Gospel. Jesus has just heard that John the Baptist, his cousin, forerunner, and friend, has been murdered. As Matthew tells us, **"When Jesus heard of it, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself."** Until now, he had been teaching in parables and healing quietly. But John's death signals a new phase. The shadow of the Cross begins to fall. Evil shows its teeth.

And how does Jesus respond? Not with rage or despair. He goes to a lonely place to go into deep communion with his Father. From that silence comes action. He feeds the multitude. Out of grief comes generosity. Out of sorrow, life.

This is the rhythm of every disciple's life. When tragedy or violence breaks our hearts, we face a choice. We can react, or we can retreat into prayer — like and with Christ. This is the hidden place where pain becomes compassion and compassion becomes self-gift.

Lord Jesus, when life intensifies, draw me into Your quiet strength. In that hidden place with You and the Father, turn my heartbreak into the bread of love for the world. Amen.

~**Father John Muir**~

 Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 p.m.: Hilda Johnson, Bessie Jones, Alexson Mathieu, Audrey Mathieu, deceased members of the Mathieu & Mouton families, Wilbert & Thelma Jeanlouis, Christopher J Anderson, Harold Anderson Jr, Harold Anderson Sr & Ethel Mae Decuir, Alton & Hilda Chambers, Louella Verette, Ronald Filer, Julius Gregoire, Laura Lynn Broussard, deceased members of the Gregoire & Granger families, Mazel N Flugence, Gladys Little, Henry Little, Villery Ball, Lillie Norbert, Florence Norbert, Cheronda F Arceneaux and Eugene Wick-enheiser.

Sunday 8:00 a.m.: Lester Celestine Jr
(3rd Anniversary).

Sunday 10:00 a.m.: Lionel Ryes, M/M Curley & Mary Ann Flugence, deceased members of the Flugence & St. Julien families, Rosemary Flugence-Rabon, M/M Henderson & Lucille Rabon, Tony Curtis Rabon, Jordan Porter, M/M Velma & Harold Flugence, M/M Joseph & Delores Porter Sr, James Ledet Sr, Troy Tauriac, M/M Anna & Alfred Tauriac Sr, Joseph Leo Sias III, Christopher Anderson, deceased members of the Decuir & Anderson families, M/M Agnes & Howard Broussard and the deceased members of the Adams & Broussard families.

Prayers for the Sick:

***Merciful Jesus, onto Your
Compassionate Heart we
recommend:***

Gustavia Thibeaux, John Albert Ledet, Audrey Armelin, Shavawana Flugence, Katherine Gregoire, Victor Jackson, Jessica Doucet, Karen Armour, Donald Mitchell, Even St. Julien, Malcolm Knox, Monica Barras, Rose Sam, Jimmie Valsin Sr and Grethen Valsin.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Thus says the LORD:
All you who are thirsty,
come to the water! (Is 55:1)

Psalm:

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs. (Ps 145)

Second Reading:

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities,
nor present things, nor future things,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor any other creature will be able to separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom 8:38-39)

Gospel:

Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven,
he said the blessing, broke the loaves,
and gave them to the disciples,
who in turn gave them to the crowds. (Mt 14:19)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

When Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes, he didn't create only what was needed — there were leftovers that could be saved and shared again. God is lavish in bestowing His grace upon us. He always gives enough to share.

Observances for the week of August 2, 2026

Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: St. John Vianney, Priest
Wednesday: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
Thursday: The Transfiguration of the Lord
Friday: St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest
Saturday: St. Dominic, Priest
Next Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

Respect, wrote the theologian Fr. Romano Guardini, is the “everyday form of reverence.” It is an admiration of the sacredness of a thing, and so respect for those made in God's image flows naturally from our primary respect for God Himself.

Blessing of God's Provision

Dear God,
Thank You for the ways You have always provided in the past, and be with us in these days as well. Bless our community — every family, every home, every person entrusted to our parish's care. Provide for our needs — bodily, emotional, financial, mental, and spiritual — in Your holy and sacred name.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Week's 2nd Collection will be for The Building Insurance Fund
- Beginning next weekend of August 8th and 9th, there will be an opportunity for parishioners to participate in selecting members for St Joseph and St Anthony Parish Council and Parish Finance Committees. Please prayerfully consider joining one of these committees yourself or nominating individuals who you feel would be top candidates. You can call the church office during regular office hours or leave a message and your response will be directed to the pastor. We thank you in advance for your unwavering dedication in this matter.

Parish School of Religion:

Director of Religious Education:
Mrs. Mona Darby (337) 654-0749

9AM—12 Noon in the Bishop Perry Learning Center

Inspirations for Your Week

When you can't control what's happening, challenge yourself to control the way you respond to what's happening. That's where your power is.

**Our Giving**

July 25th & 26th, 2026

St. Joseph: (51 Envelopes)	\$1,913.00
St. Anthony: (20 Envelopes)	<u>338.00</u>
	\$2,251.00

2nd Collections:

B.S.A.:	120.00
Rice Bowl:	127.00
TOTAL:	\$2,498.00

Stewardship Quotes

Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
SATURDAY August 8, 2026 5:00pm	Lesia Handy	Cynthia Jackson		
SUNDAY August 9, 2026 8:00Am	George Hebert			Lucinda George Jessica Broussard
SUNDAY August 9, 2026 10:00am	Marie Francis	Terry Flugence		

Please Note: Lectors, Ushers, Altar Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: By calling for a replacement when you are scheduled but cannot serve, you honor your commitment and help to ensure that there is no interruption for mass. Thanks!!

God's Housekeepers:

St. Joseph: Thanks to all of the ladies that cleaned the church on August 1st, 2026. Please let us know if and when you might be available to help clean our church.

St. Anthony — August, 2026: **(Group B):** Marie Decuir and Bridget Zacharie

Your hard work and time dedicated is appreciated!

