

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

ST. ANTHONY MISSION CHAPEL

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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29

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.
Monday - Thursday - Friday	8:00 a.m.
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.

Confession

Saturday 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.
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 14:22-33**

As a young, newly ordained priest, I admired a senior priest who was gifted, beloved, and had changed countless lives. But soon I learned that he had fallen in catastrophic and destructive ways. The painful juxtaposition of good and evil was complex to process. How could someone so seemingly good also be so broken and deceptive? It forced me to confront a sobering truth: leadership in the Church is no guarantee against weakness or sin.

Peter teaches that truth in this week's Gospel. When he sees Jesus walking on the sea, Peter does what leaders do. He goes first. **"Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."** But when he sees how strong the wind is, he becomes frightened and, beginning to sink, cries out, **"Lord, save me."** Immediately, Jesus stretches out his hand and catches him.

St. Thomas Aquinas observes that Peter overcomes the greater danger of the waves but falters before the lesser threat of the wind. This is the paradox leaders often face. It is not always the great trials that undo us, but the smaller, quieter temptations, such as subtle fears and compromises, that lead us to sink.

The good news is that Jesus does not abandon Peter. He saves him before it is too late. Our frail humanity lives within a rhythm of grace, risk, failure, and mercy. Jesus helps Peter overcome both the obvious and hidden sources of fear, and he promises to do the same for us. So, let us pray for all, especially our spiritual leaders.

~Father John Muir~

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 p.m.: Hilda Johnson, Bessie Jones, Alexson Mathieu, Audrey Mathieu, the deceased members of the Mathieu & Mouton families, Harold Anderson Jr, Wilbert & Thelma Jeanlouis, Christopher J. Anderson, 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 Doris Chaisson Catalon.

Sunday 8:00 a.m.: For all living & deceased members of St Anthony and St Joseph.

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 and the deceased members of the Decuir & Anderson families, Joseph Leo Sias III, Christopher Anderson and the deceased members of the Decuir & Anderson families, M/M Agnes & Howard Broussard, deceased members of the Adams & Broussard families, Eugene Wickenheiser, Paul Domingue Sr, Paul Domingue Jr and Junius Domingue.

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:

Then the LORD said to him,
"Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD;
the LORD will be passing by." (1 Kgs 19:11)

Psalm:

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. (Ps 85)

Second Reading:

I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie;
my conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing me
witness. (Rom 9:1)

Gospel:

Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter,
and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you
doubt?" (Mt 14:31)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

In the midst of life's greatest storms, Jesus comes to us, but we may not recognize him. We may test him. In doing so, he will test us — and likely, we will fail. But when we falter, his saving hand is there.

Observances for the week of August 9, 2026

Sunday:	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
Tuesday:	St. Clare, Virgin
Wednesday:	St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
Thursday:	Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
Friday:	St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
Saturday:	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday:	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Virtues, Explained!

What is serenity? It is an attitude of calm, one that can only be identified when contrasted with turmoil. It is stillness in a storm. It is Christ, walking steadily across the raging waves. It is the feeling we find when we are reconciled to God's mercy.

Prayer in Faith in Trial

Dear God,
In this time of difficulty, be with me.
When I don't feel Your presence or
hear Your voice, sustain me.
When I don't see the path ahead,
guide me.
When I don't know the next step,
support me.
In every day and in every moment, be
my strength.
Amen.

Inspirations for Your Week

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An entire sea of water
can't sink a ship
unless it gets inside
the ship.
Similarly,
the negativity of the
world can't put you
down unless you allow
it to get inside you.

Our Giving**August 1st & 2nd, 2026**

St. Joseph: (82 Envelopes)	\$1,854.27
St. Anthony: (21 Envelopes)	<u>461.00</u>
	\$2,315.00

2nd Collections:

Building Maintenance:	\$405.00
TOTAL:	\$2,720.00

Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
SATURDAY August 15, 2026 5:00pm	Christela Spurlock	Michael Keefe		
SUNDAY August 16, 2026 8:00Am	George Hebert	Donald Mitchell		Lucinda George Jessica Broussard
SUNDAY August 16, 2026 10:00am	Melanie Sam	Barbara Thomas		

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 8th, 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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **PARISH WIDE MEETING:** ALL are invited to attend a meeting with Fr Jas on Wednesday, August 12th following 6pm Novena around 6:45pm
- Next Week's 2nd Collection will be for: B.S.A. Commitment Sunday

Parish School of Religion:

Director of Religious Education:

Mrs. Mona Darby (337) 654-0749

Parent/Student Meeting: Saturday, August 22nd at 10am

Catholic Youth Conference: Saturday, September 12th at

Holy Ghost Catholic Church—Opelousas, LA

CCD Classes Begins: Saturday, September 19th at 9am