

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

ST. ANTHONY MISSION CHAPEL

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Founded 1933

Office Hours

Monday & Friday 9:00 a.m.–12 noon
Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Tuesday **CLOSED**
(Parishioners: For any emergency or sacramental needs please contact Fr. Richard, SVD at (337) 714-9327)

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: *St. Anthony* 8:00 a.m.
St. Joseph 10:00 a.m.
Monday - Thursday - Friday 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

Confession

Saturday 4:00–5:00 p.m.
Weekdays following weekday masses
or by appointment

Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. Ryszard Zawadzki, S.V.D.
(337) 714-9327

Secretary/Bookkeeper: Ms. Peggie M. Bellow

Maintenance: Mr. Terry Flugence

Musicians: Mr. Harris Flugence
Ms. Carla Bernard

Trustees: Mrs. Dianna Darby

Victims Assistance Coordinator:
Mr. Joe Pisanco, Jr. (337) 298-2987



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Prepare the way of the Lord.” - Mk 1:3

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.

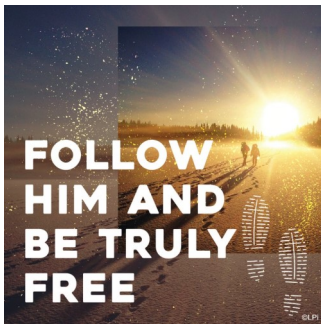
Come Lord Jesus Group: Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

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



“We like to think we are totally free, but the bitter truth is we simply are not. Or better put, our freedom is limited on every side — by governments, corporate giants, physical and mental frailties, genetic

shortcomings, and even the boundaries of time and space, and above all, the burden of our sins and pending deaths. In our day, we are perhaps particularly aware that we are not free to disconnect from the technocratic rulers of the air. If you doubt me, try not paying your internet bill and see what happens. We are not totally free.

It’s nothing new, of course. In Jesus’ day, everyone felt the crushing weight of the Roman Empire. You can say you’re free all you want. But try not paying your taxes to Rome and see what happens.

Once we feel this burden in our own lives — however it comes — we are ready to hear the stunning announcement that commences Mark’s gospel, “**The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.**” It’s not a simple perfunctory introduction, but a dramatic announcement of new freedom. The word “gospel” was a political, even military, term. It meant: a great victory has been won and a new king is in charge. This Jesus — not the Roman emperor — is God’s son, and he has defeated all that crushes human freedom. It’s time to follow him and be truly free. This week let’s refuse to submit our freedom to false rulers — especially that of sin. And let’s rejoice that Christ is coming to make us perfectly free from all our oppressors.”

— *Father John Muir*



Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:00 p.m: Hilda Johnson, Alexson Mathieu, Audrey Mathieu, deceased members of the Mathieu & Mouton families, Christopher J Anderson, Wilbert & Thelma Jeanlouis, Harold Anderson Sr & Ethel Mae Decuir, Samuel Faul, Lance Faul, Katie Smith, Earl J Flugence, M/M Robert & Rita Flugence, Randy Flugence, M/M Walton & Lillian Lewis, Donna Claire Lewis, Joyce Cormier, Antoine Cormier and Clifton Cormier.

Sunday 8:00 a.m: Ronnie Trahan Sr, Anna Trahan, Clinton Trahan, Lisa Trahan, Katina Trahan, Nancy Solomon, Lester Celestine Jr and Zoway Jones.

Sunday 10:00 a.m: Joseph Leo Sias III, Christopher Anderson, deceased members of the Decuir & Anderson families, Lionel Ryes, M/M Curley & Mary Ann Flugence, deceased members of the Flugence & St. Julien families, Jordan Porter, M/M Velma & Harold Flugence, M/M Joseph & Delores Porter Sr, Jimmie Billeaud and all deceased & surviving members of his family, Lester Mouton, Alberta Green, Kermit Green, Wilfred Thompson, deceased members of the Thompson & Flugence families, M/M Agnes & Howard Broussard Sr, Howard Broussard Jr, and the deceased members of the Adams & Broussard families.



Prayers for the Sick:

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

Charles Lee, Gustavia Thibeaux, John Albert Ledet, Mark Tauriac, Mayola Williams, Audrey Armelin, Rodney Dupuis, Bessie Johnson, Edna Nickerson, Shavawana Flugence, Katherine Gregoire, Julius Gregoire, Victor Jackson, Christopher Trailer, Jessica Doucet, Sylvania Cormier and Mary Alice Cormier.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

A voice cries out:

In the desert prepare the way of the LORD!

Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!
(Is 40:3)

Psalm:

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

Second Reading:

We await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. (1 Pt 1:13)

Gospel:

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. (Mk 16:4)

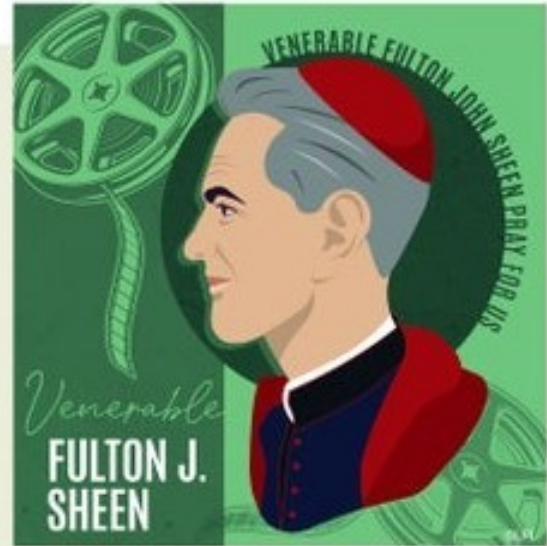
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Christ is making a journey into each of our hearts this Advent. Clear away whatever blocks his way. Make straight the path. Invite him in.

Observances for the week of December 10, 2023

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Advent
- Monday:** St. Damasus I, Pope
- Tuesday:** Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Wednesday:** St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
- Thursday:** St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Advent



Saint of the week

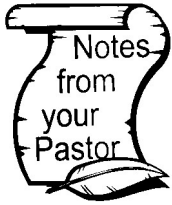
Venerable Bishop Fulton John Sheen was a prominent American Catholic bishop, theologian, and media personality. Considered one of the first televangelists, his charisma and defense of the faith made him a household name for American Catholic families.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, source of all holiness, You raise up within the Church in every age men and women who serve with heroic love and dedication. You have blessed Your Church through the life and ministry of Your faithful servant, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. He has written and spoken well of Your Divine Son, Jesus Christ, and was a true instrument of the Holy Spirit in touching the hearts of countless people.

If it be according to Your will, for the honor and glory of the Most Holy Trinity and for the salvation of souls, we ask You to move the Church to proclaim him a saint. We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://celebratesheen.com/prayers-2/>)



PASTORS CORNER

Mark 1: 1-8

The readings today mirror what our human conditions look like when we are away from “our root” that is when we depart from God.

Every single moment we are not in peace with God then we must be sure that we are in captivity. For some it lasts but a while because of their inner desire to return to the Lord while others have lost the taste of the Lord because they have found comfort in the warm arms of the world. It Pampers them, cuddles them, caresses them and whispers a sweet melody of lullaby to their ears till they are lost in slumber of sin in the snuggle of its arms.

Who will redeem the man sleeping in sin? Who will wake him up to the dawn of the salvation of the Lord? Who will quake off and break the shackles around him so that he will regain his freedom?

A voice has been given to us today. It sounds strongly in the wilderness of our lives. To hear it we must shut our ears from the voice of the world with its dictatorship of noise. It speaks at a devastating speed and volume in order to say nothing. It does not know how to be quiet. It rebels against a divine silence.

Advent calls us to rediscover our inner self through divine silence. There we will hear the voice that invites us to level the mountains and hills of our hearts. They are great obstacles that block our spiritual view. They must not maintain their height. They must be flattened so that the Lord can build himself in our hearts. This is a journey of rediscovering the “Eternal Beauty” God in the secret place of our hearts. It is a journey to freedom. The journey from slavery to freedom is one we need to travel in every moment. The Lord needs us back. He is no more far away. The cradle He needs to lay his New Born is in the Bethlehem of our heart. John’s message challenges us to consider whether we lead others to Jesus or whether our actions are motivated by a need for attention and affirmation. John’s preaching reminds us also of our important task of announcing Christ to others through our lives at home and in the community. When we show real love, kindness, mercy and a spirit of forgiveness we are announcing the truth that Christ is with us. Thus, our lives become a kind of Bible which others can read. John the Baptist invites us to turn this Advent season into a real spiritual homecoming by making the necessary preparations for the arrival of the Savior and his entrance into our lives.

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Inspirations for Your Week



Our Giving

Dec 2nd & 3rd, 2023

St. Joseph: (88 Envelopes)	\$1,656.00
St. Anthony: (33 Envelopes)	<u>674.00</u>
	\$2,330.00

2nd Collections:

Building Maintenance:	165.00
Building Insurance:	140.00
B.S.A:	15.00
Campaign for Human Development:	5.00
Retired Religious Fund:	30.00

TOTAL: **\$2,685.00**

Stewardship Quotes

“Prepare the way of the Lord...” - MARK 1:3

We are all called to live a holy life. We are all called to invite others to live holy lives. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, puts us on the path to holiness and is an example for others to be holy, too. We are responsible not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. How are you helping others get to Heaven?

Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers	Ushers
SATURDAY December 16, 2023 5:00pm	Claudette Nickerson	Michael Keefe		
SUNDAY December 17, 2023 8:00am	Alton Celestine			Lucinda George Eddie Chretien
SUNDAY December 17, 2023 10:00am	Gaynell Kimble	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 December 9th, 2023. Please let us know if and when you might be available to help clean our church.

St. Anthony — December, 2023: (Group C): Anne Tate and Marie Decuir

Your hard work and time dedicated is appreciated!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Eucharistic Devotion Renewal

"The best way to economize time is to 'lose' half an hour each day attending Holy Mass." - *Frederic Ozanam*

"I throw myself at the foot of the Tabernacle like a dog at the foot of his Master." - *St. John Vianney*

Parish School of Religion:



Classes are on Saturdays

9am – 12 Noon
K– 11th Grade