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29 JUNE 2025

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THE HOLY SACRIFICE
OF THE MASS

Saturday (Anticipatory) – 4 pm
Sunday – 7 am, 10 am, & 6:30 pm
Mon, Tues, Wed, & Fri – 12:10 pm

Confessions

Saturday – 3 pm to 3:50 pm
+ Half an hour before other Masses

FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR

“YOU ARE THE CHRIST,
THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD!”

Dear Parish Family,

This weekend, the Church throughout the world celebrates the feast day of the two great apostles, Peter and Paul. Saint Peter was the chief apostle, our first pope. Saint Paul is the Apostle of the Gentiles. By tradition, the two apostles share the same feast day, since it was believed that both died on June 29, around the year 67 AD. In honor of their martyrdom, the vestments and altar hangings are red at Mass this weekend.

PRO-LIFE SUPPLY DRIVE CONCLUDES

This Monday, June 30

Thank you to the many who have donated items to the drive already this month! Sheets with needed supplies are available on the back table in church – items can be dropped off in the cry room until Monday.

HAND-PAINTED ICON OF BLESSED SEELOS
AND OAK SHRINE DONATED TO PARISH

Last week, a hand-painted icon of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos was donated to the parish in honor of Gloria Hebert. The icon is now housed in a shrine in the back of church, together with a first-class relic (part of the bone) of Father Seelos.



The beautiful oak shrine was donated to permanently house the icon and relic (in memory of Iris Berry Dearhamer).

Father Seelos spent years in New Orleans ministering to the poorest of the poor.

In 1867, a yellow fever epidemic struck, and he died caring for the sick. He was beatified by Pope St. John Paul II in 2000. *We pray that Blessed Seelos will soon be declared a Saint.*

JUNE: MONTH OF
THE SACRED HEART

The Story of the Sacred Heart Devotion:

In 1674, a nun named Sister Margaret Mary received special visions and messages from Christ. One day, while in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, Our Lord appeared to St. Margaret Mary. She saw Him coming towards her, with his left hand pointing at her and with his right hand pointing to his Heart, exposed.

The Heart of Christ that this nun saw had a crown of thorns on it and a fire – “a Furnace of Fire” – coming from the top. Looking at Sister Margaret Mary and also pointing to His Sacred Heart, Jesus spoke these words:

“THIS is the Heart which has loved men, so very much, but which has received so little love in return...”



THE HOLY SACRIFICE
OF THE MASS

30 June - Votive of the Trinity

J.P. Morella fly. (L&D), Al Adams III fly.

1 July - Votive of Holy Angels

Mrs. Hazel Richard, Luke Lipari fly. (L&D)

2 July - Votive of St. Joseph

Sandra Watson, Thanksgiving to St. Therese of Lisieux, Thanksgiving to St. Maximilian Kolbe, Margaret Watson, Shelby Watson fly.

4 July - First Friday (8:30 am)

The Poor Holy Souls in Purgatory, L.P. Lipari, Thanksgiving to St. Anthony of Padua, Thanksgiving to St. Padre Pio

5 July - 4 pm Anticipatory Mass

Louis Boudreaux, Wade J. Landry, Sr., Miles Liner fly (L&D), E.J. Lemoine fly. (L&D), Herman Pellerin fly. (L&D), Dave Thomas fly. (L&D), Mr. B.A. “Red” Adams, Hazel Richard, Leroy Gray, Bobby Naquin, Tommy Naquin, Anatole & Marcelite Naquin, Mercedes & Leroy Naquin, Madge Comeaux, Jane Beadle

6 July - 7am Mass

Mr. Red & Mrs. Yvonne Adams, Deanna Sampey, Kenneth Garber, Sr., Ray & Chaille Rasberry, Calvin Leleux fly. (L&D), Earline Manfre

10 am Solemn Mass

Laura Magee Larive fly. (L&D), Eljean Chauvin Nesmith, Bob Radtke

6:30 pm Mass

Craig Nini

KEEPING YOU INFORMED:

THE RECTORY PROJECT (2ND NOTICE)

On Thursday, June 19, I met with our architect and his team in Baton Rouge. The architect has completed preliminary drawings to submit to the diocese for approval. On August 10th, I will go before the Diocesan Building Review Board and defend this proposal. This is an additional step required for all new constructions in the diocese. Once we receive their approval, our architect will be able to begin planning work with a contractor. *This phase of the construction-planning process is always slow-going. But know that progress is being made each week. I will continue to keep you updated, and let you know when we have a timeline for work.*

– Fr. Istre

LOOKING AHEAD

INDEPENDENCE DAY MASS – July 4, 8:30 am

There will be no First Friday Adoration on this day

FIRST SATURDAY MASS – July 5, 8 am

FEAST OF ASSUMPTION MASSES

(A Holy Day of Obligation)

August 14 – 5:30 pm Vigil Mass

August 15 – 12:10 pm Mass

WELCOMING BACK
DEACON COLE ZAUNBRECHER

Monday, June 30
at 12:10 pm Mass



This Monday, we will welcome back the newly-ordained Deacon Cole Zaunbrecher. As a “transitional deacon,” he is now able to preach after the Gospel at Mass. Deacon Zaunbrecher will preach at the 12:10 pm Mass on Monday, June 30. Deacon Zaunbrecher will be ordained to the priesthood in June of 2026.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offertory	\$	8,122
Building & Maintenance	\$	375
Total Weekly Giving	\$	8,497

ONLINE GIVING

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