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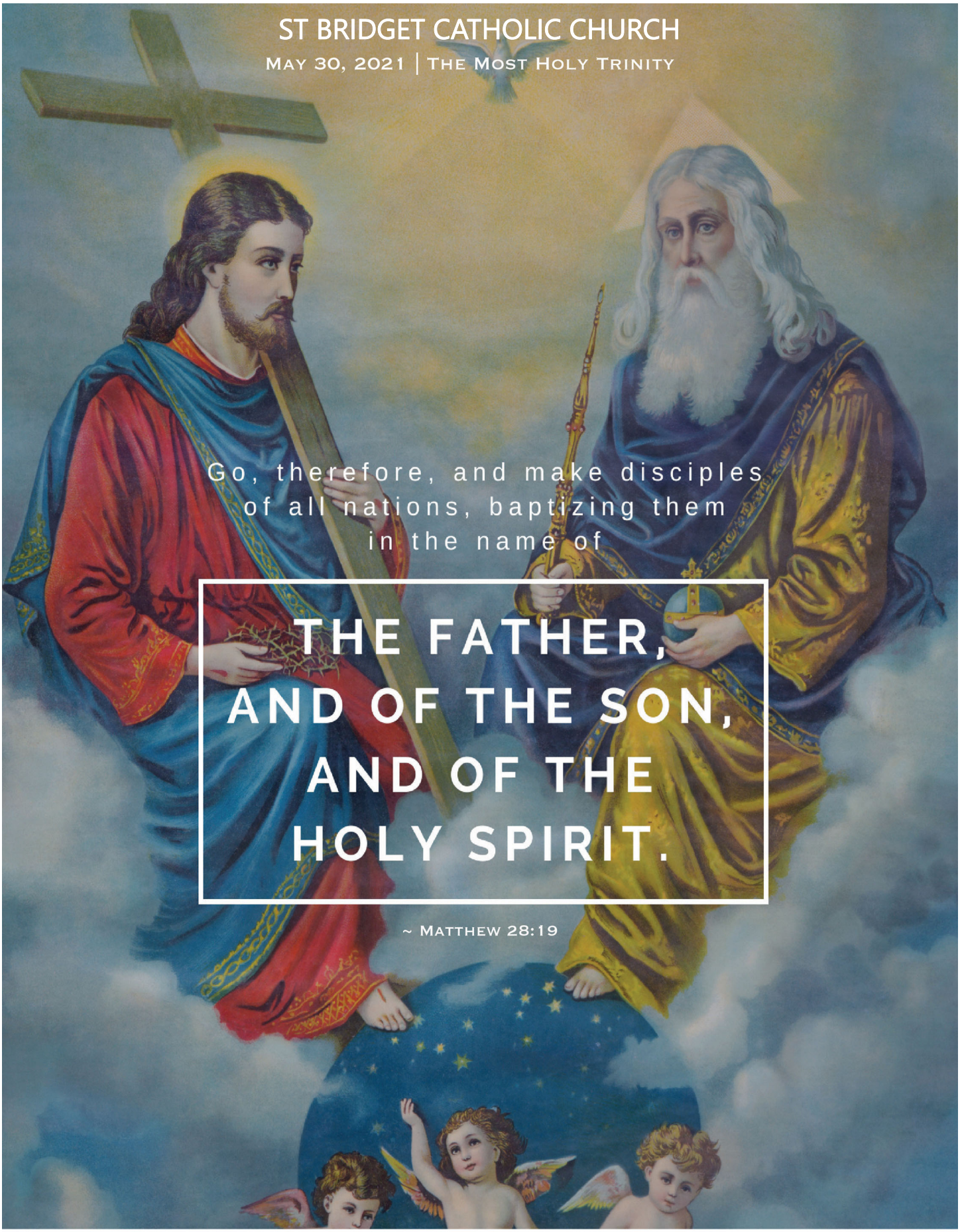

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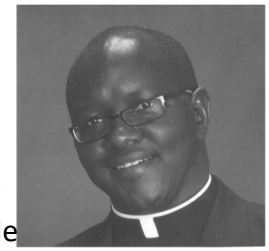

Welcome to the second part of Ordinary Time in the liturgical cycle, which began last Monday (after the Solemnity of Pentecost). Ordinarily the color would have returned to green, however today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. This solemnity brings us face to face with the foundation of our faith. The readings for this Sunday provide insight into the Trinitarian nature of our God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The readings of this Sunday are probably some of the shortest readings in the liturgical cycle. Because the mystery of the Trinity is beyond our comprehension, these readings do not so much seek to expound on the Trinity, but rather to invite us to celebrate and marvel at the Trinity. In the second reading, from the Letter to the Corinthians, there is an explicit invitation for us to be part of the Trinitarian relationship.

The Trinitarian nature of our God is manifested in the second reading as it mentions the three persons of the Holy Trinity. In this reading, St Paul explains the unique privilege we have of being children of God through Jesus Christ.

In the first reading, we hear how Moses spoke to the people about the greatness of God. Then he admonished the people to commit themselves to the Lord God. Moses does this by pointing out to them the singular majesty of the God who has taken such a personal interest in their welfare. He goes ahead to invite them (if in doubt) to test the truthfulness of his claim. Ask anyone, he says to them, and they will tell you that there is no one like this God.

The Trinitarian God whom we celebrate today, is beyond comprehension. And yet, in the mystery of His glory, God reached down into the chaos of this world in order to redeem us and the world. In the gospel reading, we are presented with the account of the commissioning of the disciples by Jesus. This commissioning is very important because not only does it point out the Trinity, but it is also the commission that brings God to us and us to God.

In the commissioning, Jesus declared that all power in heaven and on earth had been given to Him and that it was in employing that power that He was commissioning them. Remember that Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us. The Disciples were therefore commissioned by God to go to all the nations to bring men and women who accept this good news into the Kingdom of God.

The great commission sent the disciples a mission as they are told to go and make disciples of all nations. All social or cultural boundaries are dissolved; ethnic and national restrictions no longer apply. All the promises made to the people of Israel are now open to all nations and peoples.

My dear brothers and sisters, what we celebrate today is a model for our unity. We have many lessons to learn from the Holy Trinity. The most important is that, like the Holy Trinity, we can live and work together as one family of God. This is because, we bear one and the same image of God, and were baptized by the same Spirit of God whose mark we bear (Eph 4, 30). So, in spite of our individual personalities and differences, unity is possible and a fundamental option.

Secondly, today's celebration has much to teach us about unity in our relationships, friendships, marriages, families and communities. It also reminds us that, in spite of our different talents, gifts, social and economic levels, we can live and work together for our salvation and our salvation of the world.

Finally, the celebration of the Holy Trinity reminds us that if we remain united, our different personalities would become our strength, rather than our weakness or the cause of our disintegration. For their love and unity, let us praise the Most Holy Trinity: *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, Amen.*

Fr Simon Peter

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First Holy Communion

Congratulations to Aria Dupre who celebrated their First Holy Communion On Sunday, May 23rd.
May God bless you always.

TODAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING | The Lord is God in the heavens above and on earth below (Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40)

PSALM | Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own (Psalm 33)

SECOND READING | You received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!" (Romans 8:14-17)

GOSPEL | Baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:16-20)

THE MYSTERY OF THE BLESSED TRINITY

Today we celebrate the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. The Church sets aside this Sunday to focus our attention on the mystery of the Blessed Trinity, God who is one, but three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The first reading from Deuteronomy emphasizes both God's awesome greatness and amazing nearness. It might seem beyond belief, but the God of all creation speaks to us, protects us, and guides us. The second reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans describes how we are to relate to the three persons who are one God. We are led by the Spirit to meet God the Father as adopted children. Our adoption is such that we are even heirs with our brother, Christ, the second person of the Trinity, in whose sufferings we must also share. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus speaks with his authority as God and sends us to teach and baptize in the name of the Trinity. - Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

FEAST OF FAITH

Liturgy and the Holy Trinity

The Trinity is the central mystery of our faith. We believe that God is one, yet three: total unity and rich diversity. God is not a monolith, but a dynamic community of persons, a perfect, loving harmony of three. And the liturgy is the work of the Trinity. We begin all our liturgical celebrations with the sign of the cross, a reminder of our Trinitarian baptism, and the simplest of all professions of our faith. We believe that God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and we gather in the name of this triune God. Throughout the Mass, we address our prayers to God the Father, through Christ our Lord, in the Spirit's power. And the Father hears our prayer, transforming bread and wine into the Body and Blood of his Son by the Holy Spirit. The Church is "the sacrament of trinitarian communion" (Sacramentum Caritatis, 16). It is the Trinity who holds us together as well. In the words of Saint Cyprian, we are "a people made one by the unity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit" (quoted in Sacramentum Caritatis, 16).

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

MONDAY | Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 1:39-56

TUESDAY | Tb 2:9-14; Ps 112:1-2, 7-9; Mk 12:13-17

WEDNESDAY | Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Ps 25:2-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mk 12:18-27

THURSDAY | Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 12:28-34

FRIDAY | Tb 11:5-17; Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-10; Mk 12:35-37

SATURDAY | Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20; Tb 13:2, 6efgh-8; Mk 12:38-44

SUNDAY | Ex 24:3-8; Ps 116:12-13, 15-18; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

May 30, 2021

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The Holy Trinity by Pietro Novelli
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Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Matthew 28:19

The Most Holy TRINITY

The Most Holy Trinity is the central truth and, indeed, mystery of our lives as believers in God. Even so, few seem to be able talk about it. (Or is it "them"?) Must we be satisfied to take this truth as an inscrutable object of faith that we can easily ignore? Not at all! We are immersed in Trinitarian reality in many ways.

Please consider these clues to God as more than just Person of the Father. Remember the words of God in scripture when the world and all its wonders were coming to be. The formulas for each stage in creation begin with "Let us . . ." (Genesis 1:26). This is not merely the "Royal We." This is God as a plurality of Being. In Isaiah, the seraphim cry out "Holy, holy, holy . . ." (Isaiah 6:3). Ancient Middle Eastern superlatives come in threes, but why not consider it a sign of God's three-ness? And these Old Testament foreshadowings are nothing compared to our well-known baptismal formula, "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Notice that "name" is singular, and yet refers to three persons. Finally, as Christ tells the Apostles in today's Gospel, they are to go out and teach in that same singular triple name.

SHALL WE DANCE?

The famous icon by the equally famous fourteenth-century iconographer Andrej Rublev is a depiction of the Trinity densely packed with symbolic content. The three "angels" sitting at a table are actually meant to be the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. They relate to each other in loving gesture, each one to the other, often described as "dance-like." And yet this triangular circle seems incomplete. Indeed it is, because we must become one with this circle of life-giving love. As in a dance, we are drawn into the divine life in the Trinitarian embrace of abundant glory and harmony. Then we complete the movement by taking that love incarnated out to the world, revealing the mystery to our sisters and brothers through our own lives.

Today's Readings: Dt 4:32–34, 39–40;
Ps 33:4–5, 6, 9, 18–19, 20, 22; Rom 8:14–17; Mt 28:16–20

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Memorial Day

**God of power and mercy,
you destroy war and
put down earthly pride.
Banish violence from our midst and
wipe away our tears,
that we may all deserve to be called
your sons and daughters.
Keep in your mercy those men and
women who have died in the cause of
freedom and bring them safely
into your kingdom of justice and peace.
We ask this
though Jesus Christ our Lord.
R/. Amen**

Welcome All!

WEEKDAY MASSES
MONDAY—FRIDAY 8 AM

WEEKEND MASSES
SATURDAY | 4 PM
SUNDAY | 8:30 AM
10:30 AM

CONFESSIONS
SATURDAY | 3 PM — 3:50 PM
SUNDAY | 7:30 AM — 8:20 AM
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May 30th—June 5th | Wilfred, Marie and Tim Hebert by Sandra Hebert

MASS INTENTIONS

May 29th	4 PM	Wilfred, Marie and Tim Hebert by Sandra Hebert
		Elaine Daigle Richard by Carmen and Perry Richard and Denise Madere
May 30th	8:30 AM	Janice Martin by Betty and Lionel
		Ray Henry by Betty and Lionel
	10:30 AM	Elaine Daigle Richard by Carmen and Perry Richard and Denise Madere
May 31st	8 AM	Elaine Daigle Richard by Carmen and Perry Richard and Denise Madere
June 2nd	8 AM	William A Fanguy (DA) by Margaret and Burnelle Landry
June 3rd	8 AM	In honor of Infant Jesus of Prague for Xavier James Boyd
June 4th	8 AM	Anne Carol Pennison by Eddie Landeche
June 5th	4 PM	Emily Albert (B) by Donna Waguespack and family
June 6th	8:30 AM	Ray Henry by Betty and Lionel
	10:30 AM	Ralph Melancon by Ava Percle
		Claire Babin by Sharon, Rachel, Tanya, Maggie, Max and Owen

PRAYER LINE

To be added to the prayer line, call Nina Richard at 446-1206 or the rectory at 446-6801. In the charity of your prayers, please pray for the sick, elderly, and homebound. Please pray for: Elaine Ables, Susan Arceneaux, Heidi Ardoin, Donnie Aucoin Jr, Jacob Aucoin, Jeannie Aucoin, Sara Aucoin, Elvin Babin, Tommy Badeaux, Chad Barrileaux, Ronnie Bednarz, Chuck Beebe, Gertrude Benoit, Fr. Paul Bergeron, Mitzy Bettridge, Gretchen Bilello, Preston Billiot, Alvin & Gail Blanchard, Dennis Blanchard, Ronald Blanchard, Lynn Bonneval, Aline Boudreaux, Emile "Jay" Bourgeois, Patricia Bourgeois, Connie Bouterie, Emma Del Broussard, Susan Caillouet, Gary & Sheila Cavalier, Bessie Chiasson, Randy Chiasson, Brad Clement, Bryce Comeaux, Huey Cortez Sr., Martha Cortez, Randy Davis, Cary Davis, Jr., Dorothy Didier, Barbara & Ronni Duhon, Alan Dunbar, Linda Ekiss, Avery "Brother" and Sonja Fonseca, Melissa Fontana Darin Fonz, Robin Ford, Marie Fournier, Alisa Frederick, Dante Galliano, Toby Gambarella, Leigh Ann Gardner, Carrie Gibbens Belinda Gil, Brandon Gil, George Gil, The Gil Family, Carrie Mae Givens, Austin Gros, Bryan Gros, Chad Gros, George Gros, Rosebella Gros, Kendra Guillot, Joy Hebert, Katie Hebert, Jerrell Hebert, Sr., Cheryl Henderson, Jessie Hoffpauir, Samara Holland, Kristen Koppel, Eldine LaFleur, Jackson LaFleur, Mona Lambert, Elmay Landry, Joyce Landry, Craig Landry, Mark Landry, Barbara Nell Lapeyrouse, Allie LeBlanc, Emily LeBoeuf, Evelyn Leger, Tammy Babin Loney, Tim Long, Payton Martin, Keith Matherne, Rick Melancon, Asher Miller, Savannah Miller, Emma Mire, Bethany Moore, Meghan Naquin, Misty Naquin, Shannon Naquin, Eric Oliviery, Annie Ordoyne, Kara Pellegrin, Sherry Pennison, Lisa Pennison, Kenneth Pitre, James Pierce, Kip Pierce, Owen Prejean, Sharon Prejean, Ed Raidl, Kerri Reynolds, Bryce Richard, Ella Richard, Gladys Richard, Lorita Rodrigue, Susan Rodrigue, Cynthia Rogers, Danielle Samanie, Chester Sanchez, Karla Saunier, Kathy Savoie, Earline Simmoneaux, Penny Simmons, Brenda Sonier, Father Ryan Stawaizz, Louis Stevens, Melissa Tardiff, Trish Templet, Pierre & Mary Theriot, Cammie Thibodaux, Lacey Thibodeaux, Thibodaux Family, Wendy Thibodaux, Ronnie Thomas, Chris Toups, Joyce Toups, Ricky Turner, Suzanne Usey, Sara Day Vignes, Allison Walters, and Wanda Wawrose, Freddie Webre, Anna Wooten.

Parish Communication Update Project

Parish Communication Project Update – Thank you to all parishioners who have returned their Parish Communication Card to date! If you have not had the opportunity to return your card you will be receiving a reminder letter in the mail next week. We are striving for 100% participation to update our parish contact information for every family. If you have not yet returned your family contact card, please do so as soon as possible by:

- mailing your completed card to the church office using the envelope provided
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- visit our parish website at www.stbridget-htdiocese.org and complete an electronic version of the Communication update Card.

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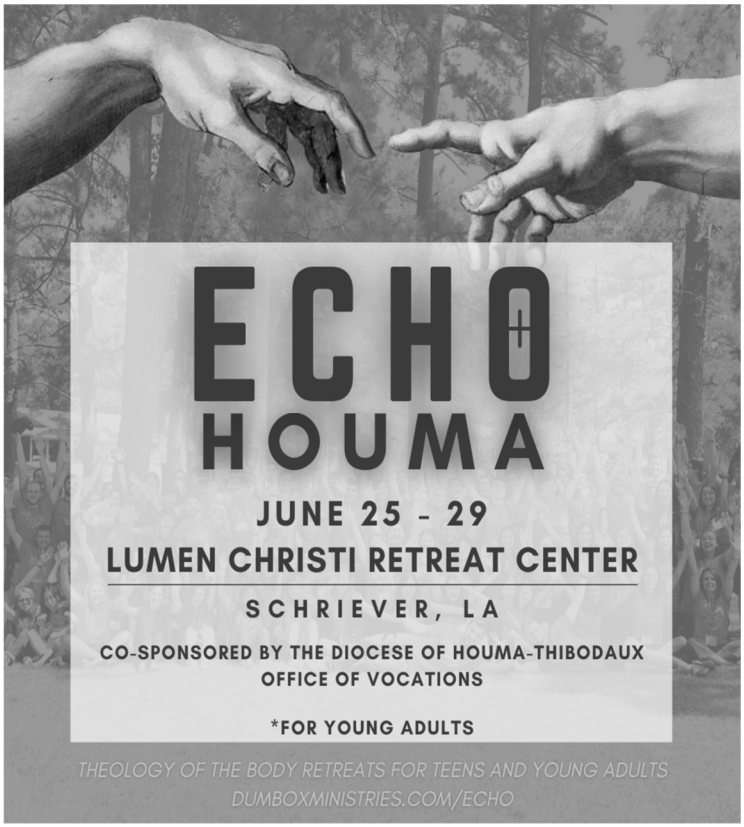
Your participation is vitally important to the parish and most appreciated!



Please keep all Seminarians in your prayers as they journey through formation for the Priesthood, especially **DAVIS AHIMBISIBWE**

CHURCH RENOVATIONS ARE UNDERWAY! MASSES ARE NOW TAKING PLACE IN THE ANNEX.

God is good — All the time

WEEKLY ACTIVITES

Come Lord Jesus—a scripture study focusing on the weekly readings is held on Monday's from 9 AM –10:30 AM. Call 446-9096 for more information.

The Rosary is prayed every Wednesday and Friday after the 8 am Mass. All are invited to join in this experience.

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