

St. Pius X Church

Archdiocese of New Orleans
6666 Spanish Fort Boulevard
New Orleans, LA 70124-4324

July 16, 2023
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



15th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

He spoke to them at length in parables, saying:
"A sower went out to sow."

Matthew 13:3

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The Sower and the Sunset, by Vincent Van Gogh, 1888

Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday: 8AM
Saturday: 8AM, 4PM Vigil
Sunday: 8AM, 10:30AM,
& 5PM

Eucharistic Exposition

None this week

Reconciliation

Monday: 7:15-7:45AM
Tuesday: 6:00-7:00PM
Saturday: 3-3:45PM

Adoration Chapel

Monday 6am-10pm
Tuesday 6am-10 pm
Wednesday 6am-4pm
Thursday 6am-10pm
Friday 6am-11am

Parish Center

504-282-3332
spxparish@arch-no.org
M-TH 8:30AM-3:30PM
FR 8:30AM-Noon

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504-500-7531

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Mass Intentions

July 15-22, 2023

Saturday

4:00 PM: Johnny Provenza, Sara Provenza. Sheila Provenza, Mary Virgil Ryan, Marilyn Rutecki, Salvatore Provenza, Mimi Incaprera, Ruth Incaprera, John & Randy Perrone, Raymond J. Posecai, Sr., Borne P. Boudreaux, Sr & B.P. "Sonny" Boudreaux, Jr, Dr. Alfred & Jane Weidemann, Fred & Frances Schmeeckle, Dr. Vincent Culotta, Trey Culotta, Arthur Schott, Mary Schott, Jerry Ursin, Sr., Dc. William Glennon, Dee Levy, Marilyn Pertuit, Elizabeth Gary, Victor Jenkins, Don Dufour, and Joseph Anthony Barreca

Sunday

8:00 AM: Intentions of Parishioners of St. Pius X

10:30 AM: James & Shirley Grevemberg, Michelle "Shelly" Haensel, Salvatore Gutierrez, Jr., Patricia Denise Crawford, Virgil Maxey Wheeler, III, Cynthia Kimmel Joe Barreca, Frank Fendley, And Marion LaNasa

Intention of: The Family of Jasper Morgan Guthrie and The Faasch Family

5:00 PM: Anna C. Guillot

Weekday Masses

Monday: 8 AM Adele R. Bonura

Tuesday: 8 AM St. Bernard Families

Wednesday: 8 AM Br. Tarcisio Provenza, O.F.

Thursday: 8AM Don Dufour

Friday: 8AM Joseph Anthony Barreca

Saturday: 8AM Harry & June McGovern

Holy Hour News

Beginning August 2nd,
Holy Hour will resume being held on Wednesdays 6:00-7:00PM

Collections

July 16 –Black & Native American Missions

Pillars of Pius Winner

Congratulations to:
Jeannine LaFonta
July 9th winner of \$250.00

Gathering Hymn: Praise To You O Christ Our Savior



Praise to you, O Christ, our Sav-ior, Word of the Fa-ther, call-ing us to life;



Son of God who leads us to free-dom: glo-ry to you, Lord Je-sus Christ!

Verses



1. You are the Word who calls us out of dark - ness;
2. You are the one whom proph - ets hoped and longed for;
3. You are the Word who calls us to be ser - vants;
4. You are the Word who binds us and u - nites us;



you are the Word who leads us in - to light;
 you are the one who speaks to us to - day;
 you are the Word whose on - ly law is love;
 you are the Word who calls us to be one;



you are the Word who brings us through the des - ert:
 you are the one who leads us to our fu - ture:
 you are the Word - made - flesh who lives a - mong us:
 you are the Word who teach - es us for - give - ness:



glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!

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Gloria: Renewal



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to



peo - ple of good will.

First Reading

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the LORD:

Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

Responsorial Psalm



Second Reading

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Romans 8:18-23

Brothers and sisters:

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Reading

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Matthew 13:1-23

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

The disciples approached him and said, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" He said to them in reply, "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted. To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because *they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand*. Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says: *You shall indeed hear but not understand, you shall indeed look but never see. Gross is the heart of this people, they will hardly hear with their ears, they have closed their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and be converted, and I heal them.*

"But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it. "Hear then the parable of the sower. The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the kingdom without understanding it, and the evil one comes and steals away what was sown in his heart. The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with

Gospel Reading ...cont'd

joy. But he has no root and lasts only for a time. When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (*bow*)

*and by the Holy Spirit was Incarnate of the Virgin Mary
and became man.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Our Family Prayer

Loving and faithful God, through the years the people of our archdiocese have appreciated the prayers and love of Our Lady of Prompt Succor in times of war, disaster, epidemic and illness. We come to you, Father, with Mary our Mother, and ask you to help us in the battle of today against violence, murder and racism. We implore you to give us your wisdom that we may build a community founded on the values of Jesus, which gives respect to the life and dignity of all people. Bless parents that they may form their children in faith. Bless and protect our youth that they may be peacemakers of our time. Give consolation to those who have lost loved ones through violence. Hear our prayer and give us the perseverance to be a voice for life and human dignity in our community. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us.

Presentation of Gifts: Open My Eyes Lord



1. O-pen my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.
2. O-pen my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.
3. O-pen my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you.
4. I live with - in you. Deep in your heart, O Love.



1. O-pen my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.
2. O-pen my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.
3. O-pen my heart, Lord. Help me to love.
4. I live with - in you. Rest now in me.

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Sanctus

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.
Heav-en and earth, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry.
Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san - na in the high-est.
Bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san - na in the high-est.
Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san - na in the high-est.

Memorial Acclamation

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur - rec-tion
un - til you come a - gain, un - til you come a - gain.

Amen

A - men, a - men, a - men. men.

Agnus Dei

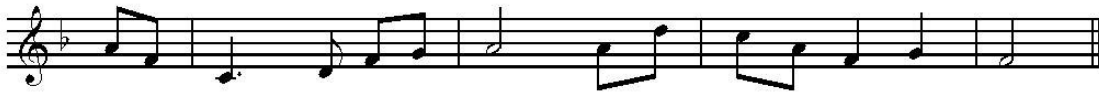
Cantor
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,
All
have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us.
Cantor
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,
All
grant us peace, grant us peace._____

Communion Hymn: I Received the Living God

Refrain



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.

Verses



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|-------------|-------|----|----|-----|--------|------------|
| 1. Je - sus | said: | "I | am | the | Bread | Knead - ed |
| 2. Je - sus | said: | "I | am | the | Way, | And my |
| 3. Je - sus | said: | "I | am | the | Truth; | If you |
| 4. Je - sus | said: | "I | am | the | Life | Far from |



long	to	give	you	life;	You	who	will	par - take	of
Fa -	ther	longs	for	you;	So	I	come	to	bring
fol -	low	close	to	me,	You	will	know	me	in
whom	no	thing	can	grow,	But	re -	ceive	this	liv -
								ing	



me	Need	not	ev -	er	fear	to	die."
home	To	be	one	with	him	a -	new."
heart,	And	my	word	shall	make	you	free."
bread,	And	my	Spir -	it	you	shall	know."

D.C.

Text: Anonymous Tune: LIVING GOD, 7 7 7 7 with refrain; Anonymous; harm. by Richard Proulx, b.1937

Holy Name Pledge

Blessed be God,

Blessed be his Holy Name

Blessed be Jesus Christ True God and true man

Blessed be the name of Jesus

I Believe, O Jesus, that thou are the Christ, the Son of the living God.

I Proclaim my love for the Vicar of Christ on earth.

I Believe all the sacred truths, which the Holy Catholic Church believes and teaches.

I Promise to give good example by the regular practice of my faith in honor of his Divine Name.

I Pledge myself against perjury, blasphemy, profanity and obscene speech.

I Pledge my loyalty to the flag of my country and to the God given principles of freedom, justice, happiness, for which it stands.

I Pledge my support to all lawful authority both civil and religious.

I Dedicate myself to the honor of the Sacred Name of Jesus Christ and beg that He will keep me faithful to these pledges until death.

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Recessional Hymn: God's Blessing Sends Us Forth

1. God's bless - ing sends us forth, Strength - ened for our
 2. God's news in spo - ken word Joy - ful - ly our
 3. We by one liv - ing bread As one bod - y
 4. Grant in this age of space Tri - umph of your

task on earth, Re - freshed in soul and re - newed in
 hearts have heard; O may the seed of God's love now
 have been fed; So we are one as we share this
 truth and grace; Lord, you a - lone are un - chang - ing

mind. May God with us re - main, Through us the
 grow. May we in fruit - ful deeds Glad - ly serve
 food. How gra - cious to be - hold All peo - ple
 truth. Bring us un - to your side; Pre - serve and

Spir - it reign, That Christ be known to hu - man - kind.
 oth - ers' needs, That faith in ac - tion we may show.
 of one fold Who ev - er seek each oth - er's good.
 ev - er guide; Your an - cient Church in age - less youth.

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The Prayer to Saint Michael

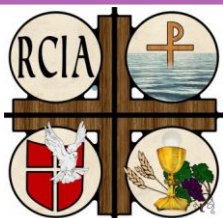
Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

This Week at SPX :

2023						
JULY						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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July 16 **Holy Name Breakfast** 9:00-10:00AM Multi-Purpose Room
 July 16 **CYO Bible Study & Clue Carré** 5:30-9:30PM Off Campus
 July 17 **Men's Club Basketball** 6:15-8:00PM Gym
 July 17 **Legion of Mary** 6:30-8:00PM Purple Room
 July 20 **Thursday Morning Prayer Group** 10:00AM-12:00PM Church
 July 22 **St. Vincent DePaul Volunteer Meeting** 8:45-9:45AM Parish Center
 July 22 **Wedding** 6:00PM
 July 22 **Engaged Encounter Community Meeting** 6:30-10:00PM Parish Center
 +July 23 **Blood Drive** 8:00AM-2:00PM Gymnasium
 +July 23 **CYO Monthly Meeting** 6:00-7:30PM Youth Room

*Dates/ times/ locations are subject to change.



If you, or anyone you know, is interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith, call the Parish Office for information about our RCIA (*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*) program. This is a months-long program of weekly sessions beginning in the Fall and ending with entry into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Please call 282-3332 to inquire.



HOPE When We are Grieving



"Hope When We are Grieving" is a retreat designed to help those that have suffered any type of loss. After the loss of a spouse, child, parent, or friend, we find ourselves looking for hope and peace. Where do we find the hope and peace that we need? Join us as we experience ways to survive life day-by-day after our loss. May there always be comfort in knowing that those special to us are remembered and will be forgotten. PSALM 34:18 says, "The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit."

When: August 19 and 20, 2023 for Men and Women

Where: Cenacle on the Lake (Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center) 5500 St. Mary Metairie, La.

Time: check in between 1:00pm and 2:00pm on Saturday Begins at 2:00pm ends Sunday at 2:30pm

Cost: \$150.00 per person (scholarships available) includes meals and overnight accommodations

Register: neworleansretreats.com or call 504-267-9604

More information: Contact Jewell Bayhi at 504-330-5975

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Grandparents

The Grandparents Club is a service organization designed to provide support and services to further the mission of the school and parish. Grandparents can contribute their time, talents, and resources to benefit the children of our parish and school through activities on campus, special projects, and programs.

You may call Marian Gremillion at 504-884-6439 or Kathy Schott at 504-583-6809 for more information or to sign up.

SPX ADULT CONFIRMATION

If you are a baptized Catholic and have never been confirmed and would like to be confirmed as an adult, please email Stephanie Bollman at sbollman@stpiousxnola.org



The CYO will have a Summer Social on Sunday, July 16, 2023, featuring coffee shop Bible study, dinner, and Clue Carre escape rooms. Complete details in the CYO July Newsletter.

Donate Blood Save a Life

"If you light a lantern for another, it will also brighten your own way."
-Nichiren



Join us for our Blood Drive!



Save a life with us and receive a **pop-up lantern** and a voucher for a **FREE pint of Blue Bell ice cream!**

**Sunday
July 23rd
8:15am-2pm**

**Bloodmobile @
St. Pius X Church**
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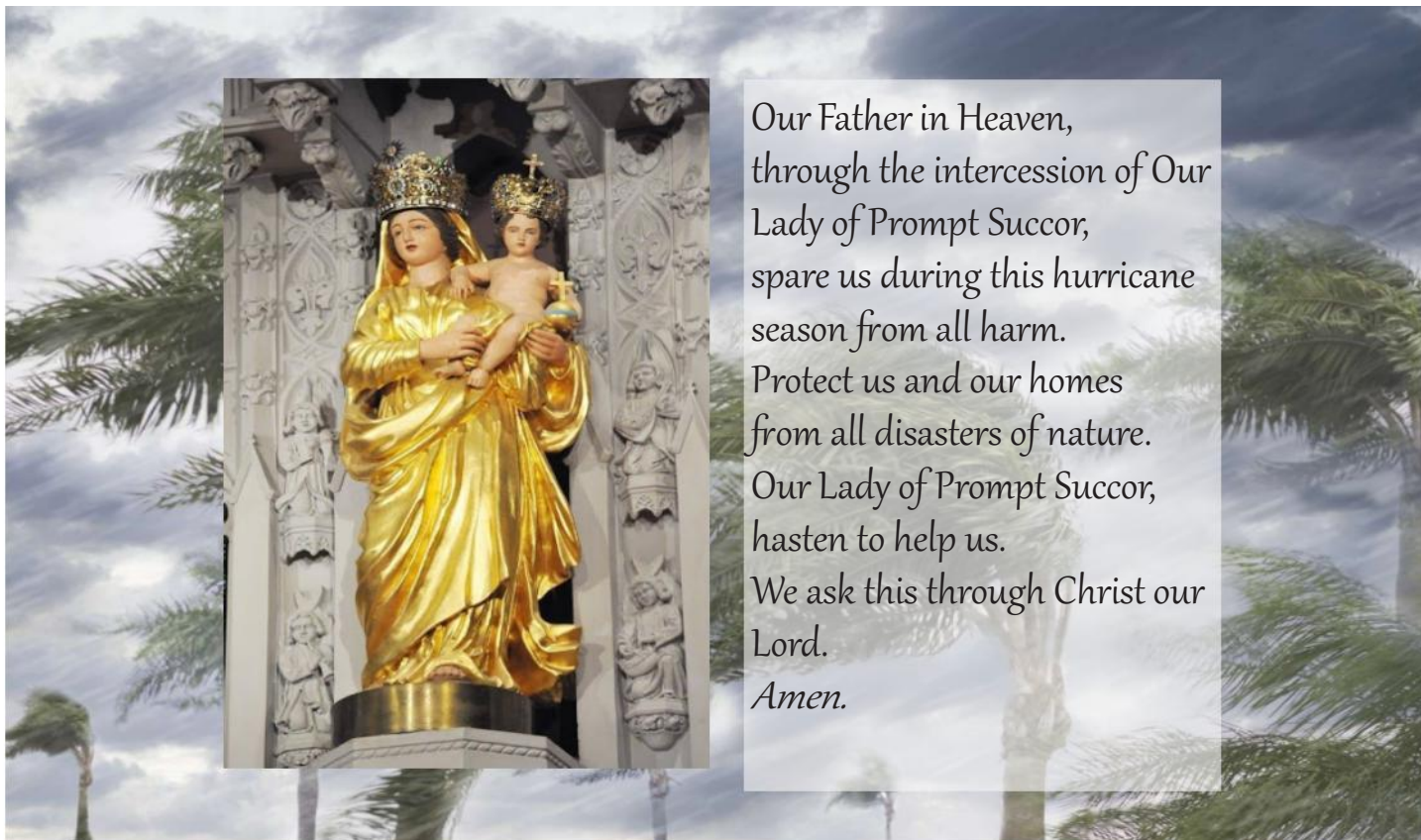


Scan the
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Walk-ins will be welcomed; Appointments honored first.

Men's Emmaus Retreat

Put aside the "hustle and bustle" of daily life and attend the men's Emmaus retreat the weekend of August 11-13. The retreat is held at the William J. Kelley Retreat Center in beautiful, peaceful Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. The retreat is based on the scripture passage "The appearance on the road to Emmaus" (Luke 24: 13-35) and is an uplifting experience that has a profound effect on men's lives. The retreat begins at 4:00 PM Friday and ends after the 5:30 PM mass on Sunday. Round trip transportation is provided from St. Dominic Church, New Orleans. Please don't ignore this opportunity but pray on it instead. Something very special awaits you in Bay St. Louis! Please contact the following men for additional information: Norm Madere @ 504-481-0411 or Steve Schulkens @ 504-401-6990 or Colin Taulli @ 504-494-4511



Our Father in Heaven,
 through the intercession of Our
 Lady of Prompt Succor,
 spare us during this hurricane
 season from all harm.
 Protect us and our homes
 from all disasters of nature.
 Our Lady of Prompt Succor,
 hasten to help us.
 We ask this through Christ our
 Lord.
Amen.

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A Letter from our Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It has been a joy to return to St. Pius as pastor and to see so many familiar faces. Thank you for your gracious welcome! I look forward to the years ahead of serving you as the shepherd and spiritual father of this family of faith. While many of you have gotten to know me well in the years that I served here as deacon and parochial vicar, I would like to introduce myself briefly for those who don't know me, yet.

I was born here in New Orleans and grew up in St. Bernard parish. I am the oldest of four with three younger sisters and now three nieces. My family was active at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Violet. I served at Lourdes as an altar boy, and it was there that I first considered the possibility of serving the Lord as a priest. I attended St. Robert Bellarmine in Arabi and Jesuit High School, where I graduated in 1999. After high school, I attended St. Joseph Seminary for two and a half years; but, I decided to leave seminary, thinking that God was not calling me to be a priest. I finished college at UNO with a degree in Psychology. Then, I enrolled in the graduate program at Our Lady of Holy Cross College studying Marriage and Family Counseling. After a year of study, Hurricane Katrina upset those plans. Like many from St. Bernard, I moved to the Northshore. Then, I got a job working as a brewer for Abita Brewing Co. I worked there for two years until accepting a job teaching theology at Pope John Paul II High School in Slidell. In the Fall of 2008, I returned to seminary, this time to Notre Dame in New Orleans.

Many of you will remember that I served at St. Pius X for my diaconate internship in the summer of 2012. After being ordained a priest on June 1st, 2013, I was blessed to return here as parochial vicar to Fr. Pat for my first priestly assignment. After 4 years at St. Pius X, the Archbishop asked me to become pastor at Our Lady of the Rosary, where I have served for the last six years. In addition to these parish assignments, I served as chaplain at Holy Cross School for my first 5 years of priesthood. Archbishop Aymond also asked me to study canon law. I earned a J.C.L. (Licentiate in Canon Law) in October of 2021 from the Catholic University of America. Since that time, I have been serving as the Promoter of Justice in the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese. I also currently serve as Dean of the City Park-Gentilly Deanery.

I am excited to return to this vibrant family of faith and to serve you as pastor and spiritual father. Let us lift each other to the Lord in prayer as we follow Jesus Christ together.

To Jesus through Mary,

Father Jonathan

