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## Mass Schedule

Weekday	Monday to Friday 6:30 AM and 5:30 PM
	Saturday at 6:30 AM
Weekend	Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00 PM Sunday 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 AM; 6:00 PM

## Confession/Reconciliation

30 minutes before each Weekday and weekend  
Masses and from 3 to 4 PM on Saturday

## Baptisms

FIRST Sunday of each month (except during Lent)  
following the 11:30 AM Mass. Baptismal Seminar  
on the last Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM in the  
Life Center Building. Please call the Church Office  
for arrangements.

## Weddings

Arrangements should be made six months before  
the wedding. Please call the Church Office to  
schedule.

## St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School

501 Cardinal Drive, Thibodaux, LA 70301  
Mr. Gerard Rodrigue Jr., Principal  
Email Address: [stjoeelm@htdiocese.org](mailto:stjoeelm@htdiocese.org)  
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## Church Office Hours

Monday to Thursday  
8:00 AM to 4:30 PM  
Friday 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM  
Closed for Lunch 12 noon to 1:00 PM

## TRMC Hospital Chaplain

Rev. Joseph Tregre  
(985) 438-0215

## PASTOR'S THOUGHTS:

### July 20-21, 2019

Inserted in this weekend's Bulletin is the NEW **Youth Formation Program** designed for our Co-Cathedral Church Parish in response to the Diocesan Strategic Plan that will be implemented beginning this month until 2024. Please **DO NOT** forget to check this Insert for information regarding the new program& schedule, and share with all who need to know!

In last weekend's bulletin I presented to y'all our **Plans of Action** for the implementation of the Diocesan Strategic Plan (or SP) together with the new members of our Pastoral Council who will help us with the said implementation. This Bulletin Insert is about the **youth formation program** which has two parts, viz. **religious instructions** (a.k.a. religious education or CCD) and **youth ministry**. In the past, our churches run religious education and youth ministry as two separate programs. The problems identified by the SP with this old approach is that sometimes these programs lack the "wholesome formation" in the spiritual development of the young persons that makes them truly a "disciple of Christ." The strategic plan calls for a cohesive and coordinated efforts on all areas so that the "formation" of the young, from the lower level to post-confirmation (young adulthood), will be developmental and transitional, forming and making our young people truly as "missionary disciples of Christ." The SP envisions that once formed into "mature missionary disciples of Christ," these young people will become adults of the community that will renew the Church which is the "goal" and "purpose" of the Strategic Plan. To some people this may be new and different, perhaps overwhelming and very-involved. The answer is "No," this is how Jesus called His friends to discipleship! They were all asked to "Come and follow" Him. As fellow disciples of Jesus, I am appealing for your active response to Christ's and Church's call to discipleship. We need YOUR help to realize and fulfill this vision. We need YOUR support and participation to achieve this mission! The future of our young people in the Church lies in YOU. The Church of the future is our young people today.

The familiar story of the sisters Martha and Mary (sisters of Lazarus that Jesus raised from the dead) in

the Gospel of Luke this weekend had earned so many interpretations in the past and some choice labels for each women. Sadly, some of those labels and descriptors put these close friends of Jesus in bad lights and pitted them against each other. In my humble opinion, those labels and descriptors were not true and accurate and does great injustice to these faithful disciples of Jesus who was with Him from the beginning of His ministry until their own death!

This particular narrative about Martha and Mary, however, gives us an idea on the disciples' relationship with Jesus and how Jesus treats them. Martha and Mary (and Lazarus too) were very close to Jesus almost being like His family "on the road." We discover this by reading and knowing how they relate to each other so informally like families compared to the "twelve." Remember how Jesus was "perturbed" (meaning: feeling anxiety or concern, unsettled) when He was told that Lazarus was dead? (John 11:1-44) This relationship also explains why Martha can be so direct with her words (or complaint) to Jesus about Mary, and Jesus' reprimand of Martha by reminding her that Mary "**has chosen the better part.**"

Every person in this world make daily choices in life. Some of our choices are routine, many are automatic, a few random, and occasionally some hard ones. Experience sometimes will teach us on how to make good choices, sometimes we don't. Regardless of whether the choices we have made in life were good or bad, they make us to who and what we are. In the end we are a sum of our choices life. The weekend readings will give us examples of choices-made by some of God's people: a simple maiden **who chose** to listen to God's words in the midst of the busyness of life, a convert **who chose** to suffer for Christ in order to preach His words, and an old man **who chose** to obey God's call to leave everything and be a prophet. From the choices each of them made, God was able to be with His people!

Just like the prophets and disciples of old, we too are called to make choices in life and faith. Would your daily choice in your life bring God to those who need Him? Your choice.

*Father Vic+*

## **YOUTH MINISTRY - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Youth Formation is the new vision for Religious Education (a.k.a. C.C.D.) in which we form the whole person, not merely the mind, while fostering a relationship with Jesus Christ, using NEW approaches and resources. The goal of Youth Formation is to teach our youth to become missionary disciples.

Anyone interested, please call  
Call Sue or Patty at 985-446-1387 for details.

### **July 6th / 7th**

Weekly Collection	\$ 11,341.00
Weekly Loose	1,623.25
ACH Weekly	345.00
	\$ 13,309.25

Missionary Co op Appeal \$ 3,394.88

### **Weekly Offering**

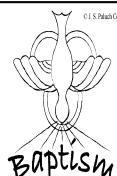


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The following were Baptized into the family of Christ recently:



#### **Taila Rene'**

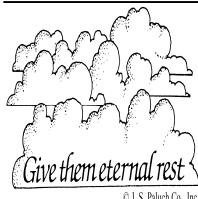
Child of Trey Pitre & Tia Chapman

#### **Ellie Kate**

Child of Ryan & Leslie Barrilleaux

## *Wedding Banns*

**Dillon Sanders & Kaley Duplantis (2)**  
**Marion Stiel & Abby Delatte (1)**



Please remember **Roger Theriot**,  
**Pierre Rathle & Gerald Fabre** who passed on into the Kingdom of our Father recently. Please pray also that their families may find comfort and consolation through their faith.

## **St. Anne Novena Until July 26th 6:30 PM**

The St. Anne Association's annual Novena in honor of Saint Anne will begin July 14th at 6:30 PM at the Calvary Grotto Shrine in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Thibodaux with a Mass, followed by prayers and meditation. Each day thereafter prayer and meditation will begin at 6:30 PM. On the 10th day, the feast day of Sts. Anne and Joachim (7/26) a closing Mass is celebrated at the shrine.

St. Anne is the patron saint of mothers, grandmothers, women who desire pregnancy, women in labor and women who want husbands, to name a few. Countless miracles have been reported in the past which members attribute to the intervention of Saint Anne, including women who have found husbands and couples who conceived children

*All are invited to attend.*

## **Baptismal Seminar**

Thursday, July 25th



7:00 PM

Life Center

Parents and Godparents  
are to attend.

Call the office to register.

In response to the ***Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*** from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux has made the following provision for anyone who has been hurt or sexually abused by anyone who works for the church. The Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux has set up an Outreach Line for all victims/survivors of sexual abuse. In continuing our commitment to support and healing, we invite and encourage people who have been hurt or sexually abused recently or in the past by clergy, religious or other employees of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, to call our outreach line. The Outreach Line operates from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily Monday through Friday. A trained mental health professional responds to the line.

The **Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux Outreach Line** telephone number is 985-873-0026.