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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  
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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. Jacob Lipari, III  
(985) 438-0215

## PASTOR'S THOUGHTS:

### August 10-11, 2019

Last July at the recommendation of my brother priests within our area, Bishop Shelton Fabre asked me to take the position of Vicar Forane (Dean) for the Vicariate of Upper Lafourche (Deanery) in addition to being Pastor of this Co-Cathedral Church. In humble obedience and respect to the Bishop I accepted this appointment effective August 1, 2019. If you're wondering, "What is a Deanery and a Dean?" In ecclesiastical term, a Deanery is "a subdivision of a diocese, consisting of number of church parishes, over which presides a Dean appointed by a bishop. The duty of the dean is to watch over the clergy of the deanery, to see that they fulfill the orders of the bishop, and observe the liturgical and canon laws. He summons the meeting of the deanery and presides at it. Periodically he makes a report to the bishop on conditions in the deanery." In reality, the Bishop asked me to look after (minister to) his priests and church parishes located in Amelia, Chacahoula, Chackbay, Kraemer, Morgan City, Schriever and Thibodaux. In the process I hope to be present and available to the priests in their pastoral and ministerial needs and to bring their concerns to the Bishop if needed. I beg that you keep me in your prayers that I may indeed be useful to our diocese, Bishop and priests in this new ministry and *ministrare non ministrari (to serve and not to be served!)*. Thank you.

I am not a very ambitious person; I just want to be happy and to be saved! Whatever I have in life I pray they will contribute to my happiness and salvation, if not, I don't need them. Three words have guided me through the years: prayer, dream and hope.

When I was young(er), I was always **praying** that I pass all my exams and finish my studies. When I finally finished my post-graduate studies in 1994, my prayers had become a way of life.

Before ordination, I **dreamt** of being sent to small church parish on bayou community and to be a simple church parish priest. I had some short and quick moments of that dream happening and I continue to dream the dream.

My **hope** has always been that I will be useful to the Church, to the diocese and to the Bishop in my life as a priest keeping in mind the famous warning of Jesus, "*So should it be with you. When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to*

*do.*" (Luke 17:10) I don't want to JUST do what I've been asked; I hope to do the be the best I can in everything I do.

The readings this weekend reminded me of our "hope (s)" in life. The 2<sup>nd</sup> reading says that "Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1-2) Two words we need to focus on from this statement are hope and faith.

Each one of us have "hopes." It is part of our natural instinct for self-preservation and need for happiness. We hope for success and happiness, security and good health, peace and order, wealth and prosperity, better country and world etc. Sometimes some of these that we hope for happen; sometimes they don't. But we keep on hoping. When some of those areas we hoped for happens, our resolve and confidence grows. When it doesn't sometimes we become disappointed and worst, lose heart. It is in moments like these that "faith" comes in.

Faith is not about knowing and understanding everything about God and us. For one thing, no one can possess fullness of knowledge of God! And when it comes to our lives and selves, we are only capable of knowing so much, the rest about our lives and selves will be told to us by experts like doctors and lawyers, parents and children, grandparents and in-laws! But does lack of full knowledge about our hopes stop us from hoping? I don't think so. Regardless of our beliefs, each one has a tendency to wish for the best (hope) in life. We all want good things, great events, happy moments. And when the odds are against our hopes, then our thoughts are directed to the Sacred and the Divine, the Creator who makes all things possible. When this happen in our hopes, faith is born! As the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading says, "it is the realization of what is hoped for" even though the evidences are not there. When we can keep on hoping despite the disappointments, when we can keep on believing even though sometimes it's tough, when we can remain faithful in the midst of challenges, we have faith! And when we have enough faith to withstand all these, we will be truly ready when Jesus comes again.

*Father Vic+*

**July 27/28, 2019**

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*Wedding Banns*

**Benjamin Boone & Caroline Rolichaux (3)**  
**Brent Bollinger & Natalie Daigle (2)**



Please remember Andrea "Andie" Bollinger - Giardina who passed on into the Kingdom of our Father recently. Please pray also that her family may find comfort and consolation through their faith.

**A Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood**

Lord Jesus Christ, Savior of the world, we humbly beg of Thee to revive in Thy church that spirit which Thou didst so abundantly bestow on the Apostles. Call, we pray Thee, very many to Thy priesthood and to the religious life. And may zeal for Thy glory and the salvation of souls inflame those whom Thou hast chosen, and may they be saints in Thy likeness. May Thy Spirit strengthen Those whom You have called, Those You are calling now, Those You will call in the future. O Jesus, give us priest and religious after Thine own Heart. Amen



**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF  
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
(Holy Day of Obligation)**



Vigil Mass: Wednesday, August 14th  
5:30 PM

Feast Day: Thursday, August 15th  
6:30 AM, 12:10 PM & 5:30 PM

The Rosary is prayed on Mondays and Thursdays at 9:30 AM in Church.

All are welcome to join us.

**[MARRIED]**

Saturday, August, 17  
9AM-5PM

St. Genevieve Catholic Church  
\$115 per couple

[www.discovertheheartofliving.com/MARRIED](http://www.discovertheheartofliving.com/MARRIED)

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**YOUTH FORMATION**

We are still in need of volunteers for the Youth Formation program.

We cannot do it with  
your help.

**Volunteers!**



Call Sue or Patty at 446-1387  
ext. 217 for more information.