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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

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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

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Rev. Jacob Lipari, III
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*PASTOR'S THOUGHTS:**August 17-18, 2019*

After we have installed the Security cameras inside and outside the church, I was wondering why the Vestibule of the church (main entrance between outside and glass doors) was dark (not well lit) in our TV monitor. When I checked the Vestibule, I discovered that there were only 2 small chandeliers in the Vestibule compared to the 3 chandeliers on the other side of the glass doors. Also, at night and when the Sun is not out, this small gathering place was darker compared to the rest of the church. Few weeks ago we installed a small chandelier in the center of the Vestibule complimenting the 3 small chandeliers outside the glass doors. Now the Vestibule is well lit and the light placement's complete!

More and more families with young children are discovering our "Designated Cry Room" in the Vestibule of the church. Thank y'all! Please inform everyone who may want to know that the Vestibule of the church is a Cry Room with a wall speaker so that they could participate at Mass and pews for them to use. When Bishop Jacobs asked years ago that the Co-Cathedral accommodate the needs of families with young children (which meant replacing the solid wooden doors in the Vestibule with glass in order to turn it into a Cry Room), he made us all aware that sometimes we have to make sacrifices in order to best serve God's people. God's wants all to participate in the Eucharistic banquet and see Jesus even if we have to take down doors and walls! Remember the gospel story about the paralytic man lowered through the roof? (Mark 2:4)

I don't know who said that "Christianity is not for the weak of hearts," but he/she for sure is right. The readings this weekend will attest to this truth and would give us a reality-check about our faith. It is not easy to believe, follow and be faithful to God.

The difficulty/ies in believing, following and being faithful to God lies in the world we live in, the people around us, and the personal challenges that we face daily. The world we live in unfortunately have always been at odds with God (since the 1st fall) with its selfish attitude born of greed, egotistical drive that demeans human dignity, and so many options devoid of the Sacred that makes people forget about God. Trying to be a Christian amidst the indifference is almost like walking on a street after Labor Day in full white gear, or wearing Sear-sucker ensemble at a Christmas dinner (only southerners would understand)!

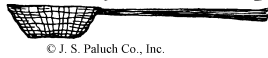
As Jesus said in the gospel this weekend, sadly even the people that surround us (family & friends) makes it difficult for us to be a Christian because of their changed attitude & beliefs, and their indifference for anything/ anyone that is holy. Sometimes the life challenges that we face or have endured robs us of the drive and perseverance to remain faithful to our God who we "thought" abandoned us in our moments of pain and anguish. Unfortunately, some people do lose hearts when they "have had enough."

All these scenarios and situations were already known to God. Jesus even prayed for us at the Garden in the midst of His own pain so that we may remain faithful to our God who remained faithful to us even in death. Knowing that our hearts will be broken, tested and tried in our efforts to believe, follow and be faithful to God, Jesus GAVE to each one of us HIS OWN HEART broken, bruised and pierced so that OURS won't have to be! In doing so, Jesus strengthened and encouraged all of us to persevere in life and faith knowing that the "***Lord will come to our aid!***" (Psalm 40)

Father Vic+

August 3/4, 2019

Weekly Offering

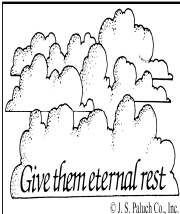


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Please remember
Roland Soignet, Sr. & Violet Bilello
who passed on into the Kingdom of
our Father recently. Please pray also
that their families may find comfort
and consolation through their faith.

Wedding Banns

Brent Bollinger & Natalie Daigle (3)

The following were Baptized into
the family of Christ recently:



Mason Everett
Child of Jared & Stephanie Landry

Harrison Stephen
Child of Norman & Shannon Hunt

Emmalyn Marie-Frances
Child of Francis Ponvelle &
Kimberly Terracina

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

All are welcome to join us.



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The purpose of R.C.I.A. is to
assist adults in their journey into
communion with the Catholic
Church and to become full
member of the body of believers.



If you or someone you know is interested in
becoming catholic or just learning more about
your faith, R.C.I.A. might be for you.

Orientation will be on Wednesday, August 28th
@ 6:30 PM in the Conference Room of the Life
Center. Contact Mrs. Margaret for more
information at 985-446-1387.

PRAYER INTENTION BOOK

“We are pleased to inform everyone that we now
have a Petition Book for your prayers and intentions.
The Petition Book can be found in the vestibule
(front entrance) of the Church and it will be offered
during the Celebration of Mass. In addition to being
part of the Eucharistic Celebration, some of our
prayer-warriors will be praying for all petitions and
intentions written in our Petition Book. Let us con-
tinue to keep and lift-up each other in prayers.”

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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 strength-
en 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

