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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.

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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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PASTOR'S THOUGHTS:

Sept. 7-8, 2019

This Sunday, September 8th is traditionally is the Memorial of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Since it falls on a Sunday, a Holy Day dedicated to the Lord, Mary's birthday will be quietly and silently celebrated (just like what I do on mine!). But please don't let this stop you from stopping by Mary's Altar to offer your greetings and prayers, even quietly and silently. Through the prayers of the Virgin Mary may the Lord continue to bless you with every grace and blessing!

Every now and then I hear people talk about the "crosses they have to bear." Some of them are referring to illnesses, relationship issues, work problems, conflicts with other people, unexpected situations that they have to deal with, etc. For the longest time I too saw all the unwanted and unexpected situation (and persons) in my life as crosses that I have to endure and carry for the sake of the Kingdom and out of love for God. It's hard enough that I have to carry and bear "the cross" in my name ("de la Cruz," meaning "of the Cross"), the realities of my life makes the carrying more – for lack of another word – real!

The more I read and reflect on the words of Jesus when He said, *"whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me, cannot be my disciple,"* the more I realize that Jesus is referring NOT to what is OUT THERE, but what is within me! You see for me, DISCIPLESHIP for Jesus means the internal consent of the person to follow Him in the midst and face of one's realities. Internal consent is the agreement of your mind and heart to follow Jesus even though your human nature and tendency says the opposite.

The illnesses, relationship issues, work problems, conflicts with other people, unexpected situations that we have to deal with ARE realities of life. Each one of us have our own dosage of them at every moment and parts of our lives. As someone pointed out to me so frankly, *"we all got problems, Vic!"* So, where and which are the crosses to bear?

It is not easy to be a disciple of Jesus. Everything Jesus said and did was contrary to human nature

and tendencies like forgiving seventy times seven times, turning your other cheek, giving not only your coat but your shirt as well, praying for your enemies, walking the extra miles, hating and abandoning your family and even your own life for Jesus' sake, etc., etc. Our human nature and tendency would do the opposite of these! However, consenting to do exactly as Jesus said and done even though your mind and heart says "it doesn't make sense" or "it is not fair and right," is discipleship.

When you have to go against your human tendency to hate and get even when your heart is screaming for it, when you choose to help others and give all that you have even though your tendency is for self-indulgence and preservation, when you decide to pray for your enemies and those that hurt you rather than wish for bad things to happen to them, when you have to do everything EXACTLY as Jesus said and do, these are our crosses to bear! To simply "endure and bear" the realities of our lives because we have no choice or we can't do anything about them without the transformation of our minds and hearts to that of Jesus is not carrying our cross.

To understand this better, draw your mind back to the Garden of Gethsemani before Jesus was arrested. He was praying alone with sweat and blood asking the Father that "let this cup pass" from Him, but not His will but the Father's will be done. The internal struggle that Jesus was going through IS the internal struggle that every one of us goes through when we have to face and accept the reality of what's ahead. In His cry for help to the Father Jesus was echoing OUR cries for help in dealing with the realities of our lives. In his acceptance (internal consent) of His reality (what lies ahead), Jesus showed us how salvation is won. Jesus did not have to suffer and die for us but He chose to. He consented to the pain and suffering so that we don't have to be afraid. When we choose God and consent daily to His invitation to follow Him, we begin to become disciples.

Father Vic+

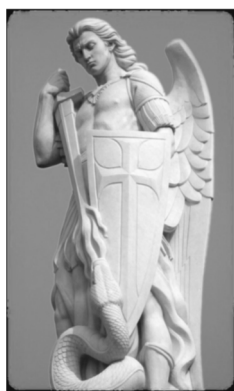
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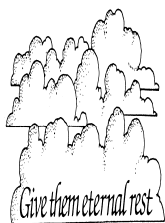


BLUE MASS

Praying for all who protect our community and country.

Thursday, September 26th
 11:00 AM

Cathedral of St. Francis
 Houma
 All are welcome



Please remember **Marian Galey** who passed on into the Kingdom of our Father recently. Please pray also that her family may find comfort and consolation through their faith.

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Wedding Banns

Roy White & Rachel Bourgeois (1)

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

All are welcome to join us.



PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY OUTREACH MONTH

How do we connect worship on Sunday to work on Monday? Bishop Fabre says that "Our diocesan strategic Plans of Hope establishes September as the month for an annual diocesan-wide campaign to increase parishioners' awareness of parish social ministry and local outreach needs." The September issue of the Bayou Catholic talks about Catholic Social Teaching. These teachings help us to live out our faith as children of God destined for eternity.

Please read the September Bayou Catholic.



Prayer Petition Book

Are you an intercessor? Are you gifted in prayer? Do you feel called to pray for others? Our new "Heart of St. Joseph" prayer ministry wishes to invite you to join us in praying for our parish community and the prayer petitions listed in our Prayer Intention Book and on our Prayer Line.

If you would like to be a part of our intercessory prayer group please contact the Life Center and we will contact you with more information. Help us lift up our parish family thru