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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: October 5-6, 2019

It is no secret that every church community is run by **volunteers**. From the time Jesus started His public ministry **volunteers** (called disciples) have been part of His "circle of friends" who took care of His needs and that of His apostles. The **volunteers** did not only have direct access to Jesus and heard His teachings from Him, but they were also firsthand witnesses of many of His miracles. From being "**volunteers**" these faithful men and many women gradually became DISCIPLES. I said "gradually" because discipleship for them happened slowly and sometimes the hard way. And to them, Jesus promised eternal reward!

The gospel of Luke this weekend has a line from Jesus that bring to our attention the "need for doing more" for God. Jesus says, "*When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'*" (Lk. 17:10) From our own experience we are constantly doing things in order to live well and happily. Starting at a young age, we started doing things for ourselves slowly and in small measures. As we grow older our tasks and challenges increased, changed and developed to suit our growing needs. We did not simply dispose or got rid of what we've learned from our youth but improved on them learning better as we grew older. And if you didn't learn from a past experience, we learn quickly that there is/are price/s to pay. Learning from past experiences help us grow better. "Growing better" in life means accumulating learning, experience, skills and wisdom which are components of a good life. But our life on earth is just one part of our lives, as Jesus taught us, it's just a practice ground for the next. If we have to put much effort in order to have good lives now, we must also do the same for the next. We simply cannot live just for today and for this world, we also have to be ready for what we will inherit.

Israel and the mostly Roman-occupied lands during the time of Jesus have been highly influenced by the so-called "hedonistic" lifestyle (wanton attitude) at all levels of the society, where each was left to his/her own survival. The great societal inequality among the people in

status and class, even among the religious group, created a mind-set that advocated doing the minimum in all things unless it benefits the person -- "doing only what one was obliged to do." Jesus condemned this attitude because it is contrary to what God had done, what God does, and what God will do. From our catechesis and faith experience we know that contradicting God is not a good thing to do. And you ask "Why?"

Beginning with creation, God has been finding opportunities to bring us back to His Kingdom. The coming of Jesus Christ gave us the opportunity to return to His Kingdom as sons and daughters of God. The second coming of Jesus Christ will finally complete the building up of His Kingdom. Jesus, however, taught us that the Kingdom of God is here, but not yet! (*nunc pro tunc* in Latin) Since this is the case with God's Kingdom, we cannot stop working for its building and we cannot simply say "that's all I need to do," lest the Kingdom of God will not be built.

Jesus paid a high price in returning/bringing us back the Kingdom of God. All He asked of us to do is continue building it in our lives and faith. St. Paul wrote that each one of us has a role/function to play in the building up of God's Kingdom (mystical body of Christ) and each must do his/her work ("*corporis mystici Christi*" in 1Cor. 12:12-31). If one or any part of Christ's body refuses or stop doing something because "it's not their job" or because they don't have to do it, then the whole body, suffers! When the body of Christ (the Church) suffer, Christ suffers!

One of the reasons why we need **volunteers** in church is because there are so much to be done in the building up of God's Kingdom. Our Church (universal), our church (building), and our church community is where the building process begins and we need your help. Let's do more than what each one is obliged to do and be a part in the building up of God's Kingdom.

Father Vic+

Sept. 21st/22nd, 2019 Weekly Offering

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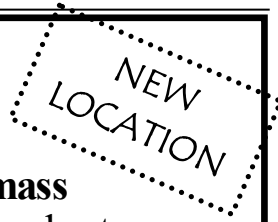
The following were Baptized into the family of Christ recently:



Palmer Francis
 child of Ridge & Brittany Gonsoulin
Eleanor Grace
 child of Steve & Britney Mellor

Parish Picnic

K.C. Home St. Patrick
Sunday, November 3rd,
beginning with 10AM mass
 Please call the office to volunteer.



SAVE THE DATE
TRUNKS-N-TREATS
SATURDAY, OCT. 26th
6-8PM

CANDY GIVERS NEEDED

FUN FOR ALL AGES!!!



TODAY, Our church parish will be participating in a Baby Bottle Fund-raiser to help support Crossroads Pregnancy Resource Center.

Crossroads, located in Thibodaux, is a life-affirming Christian organization serving women struggling with an unexpected pregnancy who may be considering abortion.

Crossroads does not referral for abortions

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY OCTOBER 6th

2:00 –3:00 PM: Gather along the Boulevard, silently in prayer.

RAIN OR SHINE!!

MARCH FOR LIFE / 2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

This collection provides funding for our Diocesan Youth, Seminarians and Priest to attend the Annual Nation March for Life held in Washington DC. Pilgrimage specifics can be found on our Diocesan Web Site. hdiocese.org/M4L
 Thank you in advance for your generosity.

RED MASS

Honoring all Lawyers, Judges and their staff.

Friday, October 11th
11:30 AM

St. Francis de Sales Houma, La

NATIONAL ROSARY CRUSADE
Saturday, October 12th
12:00 NOON



A Public Square Rosary sponsored by America Needs Fatima will take place **Saturday, October 12th at 12 noon** to honor the anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun which occurred in Fatima, Portugal. It will be held between the church and the rectory at the Blessed mother statue. Please bring your rosary and **lawn chairs.**

BLESSING OF THE TOMBS
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND
10:00 AM
ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY