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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: January 25-26, 2020

The Christmas Season still fresh on our minds, the weekend readings on this the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time seem to bring us back to Advent again! Isaiah the prophet in the 1st reading resurrects the advent message of “the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light,” which Jesus quoted in the Gospel of Matthew, “the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light.” Before we dismiss this scriptural passage déjà vu, let’s spend some time (again) and see what God is trying to tell us as we return to and live our Ordinary lives.

Long time ago someone asked me “what’s the big deal about the land of Zebulun and Naphtali” that Isaiah and Jesus spoke of in the Scriptures. Why do they have to be especially mentioned?

In the Scriptures, after the sojourn of the Hebrew people from Egypt, God gave the “nation of Israel (land)” to His chosen one “Israel” (person). Israel had 12 sons who were ruled over the 12 tribes (lands) of Israel. Zebulun and Naphtali were two of Israel’s sons who inherited each the two northeast regions of the land near the Sea of Galilee (current geographical location: close to where Tel Aviv is located). During Isaiah’s time, Zebulun and Naphtali were primarily populated by pagans (a.k.a. Gentiles), and the few remaining Jews in the areas were struggling to hold on to their faith and tradition – they were living darkness of despair and hopelessness. Other Jews looked down on these remaining Jews of Zebulun and Naphtali because of the cultural influences the Gentiles had on them. But Isaiah prophesied that these “people who lived in darkness” will soon “see a great light” (Jesus). The gospels spoke of John the Baptist preaching in the regions of Galilee before the time of the Christ. After he was arrested, Jesus went to the same region to pick up where John the Baptist left off, (Matthew’s gospel) “that what had been said through the prophet might be fulfilled.” And Jesus’ first words to them were the same cry of John the Baptist: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

For the people of the Book (one of our ancient names) “the great light” (Jesus) is God’s fulfillment of the promise that would bring us hope, peace and salvation. Just like the days of old to the present, there are people out there who still struggling to live up to the faith and our tradition because of the ever-infringing cultural influences that overcomes them.

Sadly, just like the days of old, there are also some people among us who look down on those who are struggling with their faith and our tradition because they are not being “Christian (Catholic)” enough. However, if we really read well the Gospels, it is to them that Jesus is sent, needed and is present. And among them as well, Jesus comes to call His disciples (Mt. 4: 12-23). As Jesus had already said before, “I have not come to call the righteous to repentance but sinners.” (Luke 5:32)

The proofs of our faith and fidelity are seen in the ordinariness of our lives. We do not become good and faithful servants and disciples when we enter a church or when we are surrounded by sacred objects, things and/or places. As in this weekend’s gospel example, our faith, fidelity and discipleship begins and happens the moment when we “immediately” leave our boats of comfort and convenience, our shores of security and contentment, in order to follow Jesus who calls us to follow Him daily.

Every single day of our lives, we are presented with opportunities to be like Christ to one another. These opportunities may not be as dramatic as what we have read or heard in the Scriptures, nevertheless, they are opportunities for us to do what Jesus did. We have challenges that confront us daily where we have to make decisions and choices that could either make God present or not. We are constantly surrounded by temptations that forces us to be untrue to our God and ourselves. In the midst of these challenges, opportunities and temptations, we find ourselves not alone; someone is/are always there waiting either to judge or challenge us, but sometimes mostly hoping that we give them hope as well. What would be your response?

At baptism, a lighted candle was given to us and our family with these words: “*Receive the light of Christ. This light is entrusted to you be kept burning brightly. May you keep the flame of faith alive in your heart.*” You have seen the great light, go and make Him shine!

Father Vic+

Confirmation 2020

Practice: Wednesday, Jan. 28th @ 6:30 PM
Ceremony: Thursday, Jan. 29th @ 6 PM
There will be **NO 5:30 PM** mass on this day.

Wedding Banns

Holly Sonnier & Jake Browning (3)
Lyndi Thibodeaux & Vanson Ma (2)
Ryannon Millet & Rene Thibodeaux (1)

Dec. 11th/12th, 2020

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Donated Items needed for Lenten Gumbo

10 lbs. of Potatoes & 1 Dozen Eggs
(Boiled & Peeled)

Please bring to the Life Center
between 6:30 AM - 9:00 AM

Desserts

May be brought to the Life Center
between 6:30 AM - 10:00 AM

If you can help with this, please email the
Life Center at
stjosephcc@htdiocese.org

Dates for the Lenten Gumbo
Feb. 28th, March 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th
& April 3rd.

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School will kick-off Catholic Schools Week at the 9:30am mass at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral on Sunday, January 26, 2020. Parents will sponsor this mass, and our school choir will lead us in song. Our P.T.C. will provide donuts outside of church after mass.



Baptismal Seminar

Thursday, January 30th
7:00 PM - Life Center
Parents and Godparents
are to attend.
Call the office to register.

LADIES NEEDED FOR PRISON MINISTRY

We are in need of ladies who are willing to go to our local jails and minister to the inmates. If you are interested in learning more about this important ministry, please contact
Eric Duplantis at 688-3168 or
ericduplantis@yahoo.com

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