

PASTOR'S THOUGHTS:

May 8-9, 2021

On April 27th, Mr. Archie Chiasson, Lafourche Parish President, announced that the Civil Parish of Lafourche will opt-out of the required wearing of "mask/face shield" that was part of the Phase III restrictions of this Pandemic. **As of this writing**, I haven't received any instructions from the Bishop's Office regarding the protocol that we will follow inside the church during religious services in light of the recent development. Though it is not required anymore in **public locations**, we are still encouraged to follow safe practices and social distancing on our own. Thank y'all for your cooperation.

I previously announced that **Father Aurelio "D" Luzon** will be leaving on May 4th to return to the Philippines. Unfortunately, the Philippine-based airline that Father D's supposed to take canceled his May 4th flight due to Philippine government restrictions! Father D was able to rebook his departure flight for **May 19th** using another airline. We're glad to keep him for more extra weeks or more if the airlines keep on changing his schedule! Wish him well and pray for his safe journey back home. Thank you.

These past few weeks we have been announcing a **VERY IMPORTANT PROJECT** that we are participating with all the churches in the diocese. Called **"Parish Communication Update Project"** (like a "Census"), this project hopes to update our database of listed parishioners. Whether you live within our territorial boundaries or are registered parishioners, we ask that you respond to this Project for the good of our church parish. We need your help! If you have received a letter (with a personalized Communication Update Card) in the mail from me, please complete the card and bring it to Mass with you on **May 15th and 16th** for our Communication Update Weekend! You can drop-off your completed cards in the Collection Baskets together with your gift to our church. Thank you for your participation and cooperation.

This weekend is Mother's Day Weekend. Let's pray and do something special for the women in our lives this weekend (and hopefully every day of our lives). I recommend that we visit our Mother Mary and pray for our Mother Church and all the special women in our lives; and then give them gifts-galore. **Happy Mother's Day to all!**

The Gospel of John on this the 6th Sunday of Easter is my all-time favorite Scripture passage. I have written

much about this gospel reading in the past reflecting not only on the beauty of its contents but the power of its message. This short gospel message brings into full cycle what God did at the beginning of creation when God "chose" to create us in His own image and likeness (Gen. 1:26-28), to the death of Jesus on the cross. God chose to create us, God chose to die for us, and God chooses us all the time.

When Jesus said "*it was not you who chose me, but I who chose you*" (Lat., "*sed Ego elegi vos*"), He declared once and for all this preferential choice of God for us from the beginning of time until the end. Through the centuries and over and over again, God chooses His people regardless of our response to His choice. Unlike us, God never waver in His choice of us for His kingdom even though some of our choices in life does not include God. What are our choices?

Do you choose to hate than to love?

Do you choose to hold-on to grudges and bitterness than forgive?

Do you choose to see what's wrong than what is right?

Do you choose to criticize than to praise?

Do you choose to complain than to be grateful?

Do you choose to correct others than to show them good examples?

Do you choose to fuss than to praise?

Jesus said, "*I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain.*"

Others will know the God we believe in by the choices we make in life. Let us choose then to bear fruits of faith that will remain and so, therefore, fulfill the command of the Lord:

Love one another! **Prayer to St. Joseph during the**

Father Vic+

Year of St. Joseph

(08 December 2020-08 December 2021)

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

April 17th / 18th , 2021

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**Deacon Ambrose Ayzinne,
Mary Bourgeois, Thomas Goulas &
Mildred Cunningham**

Who passed on into the Kingdom of our Father recently. Please pray also that their families may find comfort and consolation through their faith.

IMPORTANT!

Parish Communication Update Project



Help us better serve you and your family!

Parish Communication Project Update -

By this time every registered parish family should have received a letter from Fr. Vic regarding the important Communication Update project we are undertaking at the parish. Next weekend we will take a few minutes at all masses to collect the updated communication cards for each family. This effort is vitally important to us at the parish to better serve and minister to our families more effectively.

We are requesting all families complete and return their Communication Update Card (1 per family) next weekend at Mass or by:

mailing it to the church office using the envelope included in the mailing; visit our parish website at www.stjoseph-cc.org and complete an electronic version of the Communication update Card.



If you did not receive a letter and Communication Update card, please contact the parish office, 985-446-1387.



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