

PASTOR'S THOUGHTS: *November 13-14, 2021*

Some people asked me whether we have some damages from Hurricane Ida. Since someone asked, here is the list:

- Branches from our century-old Oak Trees caused some roof (and gutter) damage on the Walkways; a portion of the Walkway near the Handicap Side Entrance lost some tiles
- A heavy copper and wood ventilation cap on the Rectory roof was blown out leaving a gaping hole in the middle of the roof which Lapeyrouse Crew covered with a temporary patch
- Ventilation vents underneath the front roof of the Rectory came off
- A small portion of the copper roof below the south-side steeple of the Co-Cathedral was peeled and torn (temporary patch installed)
- A small portion of the copper roof below the north-side steeple of the Co-Cathedral was also peeled and torn (temporary patch installed)
- Copper Ventilation Louvers above both north and south steeples were blown out, causing water to flood the confessional below the south steeple (temporary patch installed)
- Some tiles on the roof of the church were displaced and/or damaged (7th Street side)
- Life Teen House lost some shingles and siding
- Accessory Building also lost some shingles, wooden gate was destroyed and a portion of the wooden fence came down
- A portion of the Carport Ceiling next to the Life Center came off
- We lost Crepe Myrtle trees around the campus but the Live Oaks fared well with less branches and leaves.

The Insurance adjustors are done with the inspections (lots) and drones had been flown over the roofs of the church so many times that I lost count. We're now waiting for the diocese to give us the cost estimate of the repairs and once we have the diocesan permission, work will begin hopefully before Christmas.

In anticipation of these repairs we are participating in **#iGiveCatholic** this November in order to raise funds. Please visit the Diocesan **#iGiveCatholic** website, our website, Facebook account or call the

church office to donate. Your generous support will be deeply appreciated!

In anticipation of the Holy Season of Advent, our readings this weekend has eschatological theme ("of things to come"). The Prophet Daniel speaks of the arrival of Michael, the guardian of God's people who will herald the coming of the Messiah. In the gospel of Mark, Jesus speaks of the coming of the "Son of Man," (referring to Himself and the Parousia = the 2nd Coming). One may say that this topic doesn't seem to fit the Holy Season that we await to celebrate. Keeping in mind the recent two feast days we just celebrated, viz., the Solemnity of All Saints and the Feast of All Souls, this theme fits our November Scripture reflections.

The goal of every Christian is to be with God. The thought of being separated from God for all eternity is unthinkable for us. That's why while we are living here on earth, we try to remain close to God and to those God have given us, so that when the time comes for us to die, we remain connected with all our love ones and most especially, with God. The solemnity and feast day we just celebrated and commemorated reminded us of this truth. Echoing the words in the Book of Wisdom (Wis. 3:1-9), the Prophet Daniel in the 1st reading gives us a vision of what will happen at the end of time wherein "the souls of the just" will shine like gold in a furnace.

Jesus uses the "lesson from a fig tree" in giving us a hint of when He will return again to complete His work of saving us. But instead of preoccupying ourselves with the "signs of times" (the 2nd Coming), Jesus wants us to be busy working, building up God's Kingdom and being His disciples. The works of the Lord continues on in each and everyone of us until He comes again.

If indeed the Lord is "your inheritance" (Ps. 16), what are you doing to deserve Him?

If indeed we would like "our souls to be just" (Wis. 3), what have we done on earth for God that would make us wise before God and before all? (Dan. 12)

The Lord will indeed return to us soon, but not yet. Until then, let's get busy building up His kingdom!

Father Vic+

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ADVENT BIBLE STUDY **St. Joseph Life Center**

This Little Light, an Advent Bible Study will be held from 10:30 to noon on the Wednesdays of Advent, December 1, 8, 15 and 22. Please let us know if you will be attending by registering so that we will have your materials prepared in advance. For more information and to register, call Pam at 446-1387 ext. 215

Registration deadline is
Tuesday, November 23rd



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Please remember

Ruby Boudreaux

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

Wedding Banns

Joshua Foret & Kelly Bruce (3)

Scotty Bouzigard & Emily Gros (3)

Timothy Thibodaux, Jr. & Amber Erwin (1)

The following were
Baptized into the family
of Christ recently:



Bennett Joseph

Child of Simon & Maegan Champagne

Fall Plants

Donated in Memory of

Michael "Mike" Ory, Jr.

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2nd Collection This Weekend **Bayou Catholic**

This collection is used to supplement the operations of the Bayou Catholic. The Bayou Catholic is a monthly publication used to educate, guide, inspire and challenge local Catholics to live and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development **(CCHD)** **Next weekend**

This collection uses grants to support community-controlled, self-help organizations and transformative education to address the root causes of poverty in America. 75% of this collection is administered by the Subcommittee on the CCHD with approval of local bishops. 25% of this collection is retained for local efforts through Catholic Charities of Houma-Thibodaux.

Household Supply Drive will begin this weekend. The items that we are collecting cannot be purchased with Food Stamps.

Below is a list of suggested items :

<i>Toilet Paper</i>	<i>Shampoo</i>
<i>Kleenex</i>	<i>Floor Cleaner</i>
<i>Bath Soap</i>	<i>Toothpaste</i>
<i>Feminine Products</i>	<i>Washing Powder</i>
<i>Comet</i>	<i>Dishwashing Liquid</i>

Please return items to St. Joseph Church
next weekend November 20th/21st or
Good Samaritan Food Bank Store

100 Birch Street

Thibodaux

Tuesday & Thursday

8 AM-12 Noon