

PASTOR'S THOUGHTS:

March 12-13, 2022

Some facts about the Centennial Celebration (1923-2023): *"The exterior is in [Romanesque] Renaissance Style of Architecture and constructed of pressed brick with stone trimmings and a roof covered with terra cotta tile. In design the front consists of a large ornamental gable flanked by two towers of similar design with open belfries, with ornamental frieze and dome topping same. A large rose window in the front gable constitutes the centre motif of the design. This rose window, with its ornamental cross and arched radiating ribs, and keystone, and emblematic ornaments, presents on account of its proportions, a very striking effect. The piers on each side of the window are paneled in brick, and stone, so as to tie in the circular lines with the horizontal gable with a niche containing a statue of St. Joseph, on each side of which ornamental panels complete the gable. The entrance of an arched colonnade with frieze and cornice above and finished with a beautiful name-plate with two kneeling angels supporting same." (page 19, Memoirs of St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1931)*

We would like to invite everyone to the **FAREWELL MASS** of Archbishop-designate Shelton Fabre here at the Co-Cathedral this **Sunday, March 13, 2022 at 2 pm** with a Public Reception following the celebration at the Life Center. Y'all come and together let's give Bishop Fabre a good send-off!

The March issue of the Bayou Catholic contains an extensive coverage and articles on the status of our diocese as Archbishop-designate Shelton Fabre prepare to leave our diocese on March 23rd. This is a good opportunity for y'all to expand your knowledge on some aspects of our Church hierarchy and unknown practices. I hope y'all take advantage of the BC March issue and know what lies ahead.

Last week, we included Special Inserts for Lent in our Bulletin. I would like to invite y'all to please consider taking advantage of the opportunities that are available for you during this Holy Season to help you with your journey this Lent. We have created a "pond" of events and "filled it with water" of opportunities for you to be nourished. I pray that your Lenten season be a memorable one.

The gospel reading for the 2nd Sunday of Lent will bring us to the mountains (again) for the Transfiguration of Jesus. Having taken only Peter, James and John (the fishers of men) without Andrew, Jesus's glory was revealed to them accompanied by the voice of the Father. Prior to His arrival at Jerusalem, Jesus' Messianic identity was revealed in full to these lucky men who, moved by the experience, Peter exclaimed, "Master, it is good

that we are here!"

I was not surprised with what Peter said; he just witnessed that no one prepared them to see. Every God-fearing Jew was schooled in the belief that when Prophet Elijah comes (or appears), the Messiah is in their presence. This belief was so imbedded in their minds and hearts that their annual Passover meal, a seat is always reserved for the Prophet, just in case he decides to come to the Seder meal and announce the coming of their messiah. If that was not powerful enough, Moses – the giver of their laws and statutes – appeared with Elijah! When one sees someone (or something) that is so magnificent, so holy, and so out-of-this-world, you too would exclaim, "How good it is for us to be here!" Jesus was not only one that was transfigured at the mountain, the disciples were transfigured as well as part of God's glory even for a brief moment.

This experience is not exclusive to Peter, James and John. You and I had our own "transfiguration experiences" in our lifetime that made us exclaim, "Wow!" and/or, "it is good to be here." The experiences I am talking about are those unexpected times and unguarded moments when something so good, so holy and so out-of-this-world happened to you that you forgot even for a short time, all your troubles and pains, all your disappointments and frustrations, all your fears and sorrows. This is an experience that makes you want to jump with joy and scream to the top of your lungs for all the world to see and hear. You said to yourself, "it is good to be here" over and over again. And, just like the disciples, you too were changed by your experiences even for a brief moment. You felt good, so blessed, so alive! You were literally being transfigured before all your families and friends and they too shared your excitement and joy repeating, "it is good for us to be here." When we have these moments, the presence of God becomes so real to you and all, just like with the apostles.

Through the years, we tend to lose these feelings and forget these kind of experiences. What happened to you, to us? God had never stopped showing at His resurrection, "Master, it is good that His presence to you accompanied not only by 2 prophets but most of the time by many holy men and women, some who are familiar to you. Daily Jesus is showing the glory of His presence to you especially when you least expect. How did you/we lose that excitement?

This Lenten season, let us again be present to Jesus where He reveals Himself to us in all His glory so that at the end of this season, we can all exclaim we are here!"

Father Vic+

February 26th/ 27th, 2022

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Please know that Father Vicente DeLa Cruz is grateful for the response that St. Joseph Co-Cathedral parish has shown to the 2022 Annual Bishop's Appeal. Thus far our parish has reached 63.86% of our parish appeal goal. The appeal is something that our parish supports and Father would like to see the support from our parishioners continue to grow. Your gifts are supporting our 9 Seminarians, our 16 retired priests, St. Joseph Youth and Adult Formation, and Catholic Education through our Catholic Schools Office. Vital ministries to our diocese that support each of us.

On behalf of Bishop Fabre, St. Joseph Co-Cathedral parish thanks all who have made their commitment and strongly encourages all of our parishioners to participate in such a worthy cause. If you have not yet made your commitment and would still like to do so, there is still time as you can use the QR Code, return your commitment card in the offertory, or simply mail it to the diocese in the provided envelope, or you may also visit www.htdiocese.org/bishopsappeal to make your gift online.

If you would like more information about the 2022 Appeal, please contact the Annual Bishop's Appeal Office
at 985-850-3122 or
email nbernard@htdiocese.org.

Join us for the Farewell
Mass of Bishop Shelton Fabre
Sunday, March 13th at 2PM

A reception will follow
in the Life Center



ST. JOSEPH ALTAR

Viewing of the Altar will take
place in church on
Saturday, March 19th &
Sunday, March 20th

Lenten Gumbo!



That time of year is here again! Our annual Lenten Gumbo will be every Friday during Lent. Once again we will have take-outs and drive thru as well as limited table seating in the Life Center.

Hours are 11AM-1PM. The Meal will be \$12.00.

Thank you for your continued support!
Hope to see you there!

A LITTLE SERVING FOR YOUR SOUL

Is there a darkness in your life that you long
to see transfigured?

**LENTEN ACTION: Seek the light of Christ in
the Sacrament of Reconciliation.**



Please remember

Gerdie Babin & Russell Naquin

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

The following were
Baptized into the family
of Christ recently:



Penny Patricia

Child of Dustin & Janie LaPlante