

PASTOR'S THOUGHTS:
May 28-29, 2022

Some facts about the Centennial Celebration (1923-2023): Did you know?

Did you know that a total of **24** men and **4** permanent deacons were ordained from St. Joseph Church Parish community?

Fr. Francis de Sales Badeaux was ordained July 21, 1900; **Fr. Lucien Joseph Caillouet** was ordained July 21, 1918; **Fr. Charles Fergus Beauvais** was ordained December 18, 1921; **Fr. Raphael Charles Labit** was ordained December 12, 1921; **Fr. Joseph M. Higginbotham** was ordained May 25, 1922; **Fr. Lawrence Lucien Toups, S.J.** was ordained June 24, 1924; **Fr. (Most Rev.) Louis Abel Caillouet** was ordained March 7, 1925, consecrated Auxiliary Bishop of NOLA October 28, 1947; **Fr. Anthony Carroll Badeaux** was ordained June 12, 1932; **Fr. Francis Desire Barbier** was ordained June 10, 1933; **Fr. James Louis Caillouet** was ordained May 22, 1937; **Fr. George Alexander Barbier** was ordained December 18, 1943; **Fr. George Alexander Hebert** was ordained December 22, 1945; **Fr. Elmo Lawrence Romagosa** was ordained June 7, 1947; **Fr. Roy Phillip Leonard, M.M.** was ordained June 12, 1948; **Fr. Edward Joseph Romagosa, S.J.** was ordained August 15, 1954; **Fr. Jules A. Brunet** was ordained June 4, 1955; **Fr. (Msgr.) Frederic J. Brunet** was ordained June 4, 1960; **Fr. Carroll Julian Bourg** was ordained June 18, 1960; **Fr. Earl J. LaRose** was ordained 1968; **Fr. (Msgr.) Donald Ledet** was ordained June 25, 1963; **Fr. Kenneth Williams** was ordained May 25, 1963; **Fr. Charles Perkins** was ordained February 25, 1978; **Fr. Thomas Richard Bouterie** was ordained May 30, 1980; **Fr. Stephen Marie Dufrene, C.F.R.** was ordained May 27, 2017. **Deacon Willie Orgeron** was ordained May 18, 1974; **Deacon Ambrose Ayzinne** was ordained December 8, 2001, **Deacon Daniel Blake** and **Deacon Joseph Bourgeois** was ordained May 23, 2015. (NB: *** after last name means "deceased"**)

In addition to Fr. (Most Rev.) Louis Abel Caillouet who became an Auxiliary Bishop of New Orleans, **Fr. (Most Rev.) Oscar A. Solis**, former Pastor of St. Joseph Co-Cathedral, became an Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles, CA on February 10, 2004, and on March 7, 2017 was appointed the 10th Bishop of Salt Lake City, UT.

As we enter the 2nd month of being a Vacant See (Lat., *Sede vacante*), i.e., without a Diocesan Bishop, we ask y'all to continue praying the "Prayer for a new Bishop" which could be found on our FaceBook Page and/or Website. Let's all ask God to guide, direct and inspire those that the Lord will use as His instruments in selecting a priest or Bishop who "**smell like the sheep**" (Pope Francis' 2013 Chrism Mass Homily), and after God's own heart to be our new shepherd.

For 23 years, we have been observing the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord on the 7th Sunday of Easter. In 1999,

(Pope) St. John Paul II issued a decree for the Latin Rite Dioceses of the United States of America giving bishops permission to transfer the Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ, from the Thursday of the 6th Week of Easter TO the 7th Sunday of Easter. And so, therefore, it will be "Ascension Sunday" for us instead of the traditional Ascension Thursday!

The Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel of Luke both narrated the Ascension of Jesus as "*as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight,*" and "*as he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven.*" In both accounts, Jesus was "*taken from them.*" The word I highlighted in these accounts is "*took/taken*" (past tense and past participle of "take") which is significant for all of us.

Used as a verb or a noun the word "take" conveys lots of meanings. Putting aside the semantics, this word hit us all when referring to someone we love that is not here anymore. If and when someone is taken from you, how do you feel?

Painful as it was for the Apostles and disciples to go through the experience of having their friend, Lord, teacher and master taken away from them two times (on Holy Thursday evening till Good Friday and at His ascension to heaven), the gospel of Luke tells us that they "*returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God.*" Wow! Can you imagine yourself responding to a similar experience in the same way?

How were the apostles and disciples able to respond like this? The Acts of the Apostles give us the answer: "*this Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.*" In short, the disciples and apostles will see Him again!

The knowledge and feeling that you will see someone you love again is enough to console and encourage us, and even in the midst of our sorrow – "*fill us with great joy.*" As the *Rite of Christian Burial* says, "*One day we shall joyfully greet [them] again when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.*" (*Final Commendation, Order of Christian Funerals, 1989*)

When we follow the examples of the apostles and disciples of Jesus who had been through the worst of life and faith and yet never lost hope and never stopped praising, "**all will know that we too are God's disciples.**"

Father Vic+

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Prayer for Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude; you are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem where a storm less eternity awaits us.

Amen

The following were Baptized into the family of Christ recently:



Alyce Elizabeth
Child of Philip & Katherine Lyons

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9:30 AM

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