



# St. Joseph Co-Cathedral

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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*

501 Cardinal Drive, Thibodaux, LA 70301  
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Email Address: [stjoeelm@htdiocese.org](mailto:stjoeelm@htdiocese.org)  
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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

## *TRMC Hospital Chaplain*

Rev. Jackson Cleetus  
(985) 438-0215

## PASTOR'S THOUGHTS: August 6-7, 2022

### Some facts about the Centennial Anniversary (1923-2023):

I found an untitled article in one of the old binders in our office vault entitled "A Visit to St Joseph Co-Cathedral [Sic] – Thibodaux, La." I am sharing sections of that article here in my Pastor's Thoughts.

[Ceiling above the Choir-loft] *"The next panel reads Fons Vitæ, which means fountain of life. The next mural is the scene of the death of St. Joseph. The next ceiling panel reads Ora et Labora, which means prayer and work.*

[Front Columns, Sanctuary] *The statues on either side are St. Louis [IX], King of France, and St. Joan of Arc, also of France.*

As we enter the 6<sup>th</sup> month of being a Vacant See (Lat., *Sede vacante*), i.e., without a Diocesan Bishop, we ask y'all to continue praying the blue-colored **"Prayer for a New Bishop"** which could be found on our FaceBook Page and Website. Let's all ask God to guide, direct and inspire those that the Lord will use as His instrument 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 Bishop and shepherd.

**I am still looking for an Organist who is trained in the use of a real Pipe Organ** and available to accompany the Choir and Cantor/s at some Masses. If you know someone who qualifies and is interested, please ask them to call the Church Office.

The Sound System in the church is back in the working order BUT not perfect. The time has come for us to upgrade and improve the Sound System. With the assistance and support of some parishioners, we have begun the process of exploring to replace our Sound System as our gift to the Co-Cathedral Church and Community this Centennial Year. Stay tuned.

The Diocesan Recovery and Repair Task Force that is coordinating all the repairs of churches and locations damaged by Hurricane Ida last year are still working on the process. Once I receive an instruction from them, together with our Finance Council members and some volunteers we hope to start repairing the damages in our church, Rectory and the

Life Center.

This 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Scripture readings will look at "faith" – what it is and what it does.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> reading (Letter to the Hebrews) starts with, "Faith is the **realization** of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen." It is the grasping and making tangible, those that are contained in our wishes and dreams, beliefs and aspirations that we hold within, mostly unspoken. Even though one cannot see and visualize all the good things they hope for, these things become real to them with the help of "faith." Abram was used as a model of a person with faith: he abandoned everything for God without fully knowing and seeing where he was being asked to go and do. When he and his wife finally settled in the new land and started a family, his "faith" was tested again. Abraham's "faith" is of total trust and dependence on God.

Jesus emphasized this total trust and dependence on God in his address to His disciples (Gospel of Luke). As I've mentioned last weekend, "if God is important to you, do all and everything you can for God," and God will provide for you. For Jesus, total trust and dependence on God frees a person from all fears, worries, anxieties, hesitation, doubts, etc., in doing God's will. If God is in our hearts and minds, then we are the richest in the world who would not want anything else.

Genuine faith makes us want to do more each day for God. Faith would never settle for less; faith compels one to keep on doing something for the Lord no matter how redundant they may be. In the things we do for God, we find the joy that can only be found in them. In being useful to God at every moment of our lives, we discover our own sense of fulfillment. In "living out our faith," we encounter God.

True faith allows us to grow within and sometimes beyond our limitations, for faith is transformative. Even though sometimes the world and circumstances hinder or slow us down from doing God's work, faith will always provide opportunities for us to accomplish the good intentions we have for God. Faith is restless until we rest in God (St. Augustine's "Confessions").

*Father Vic+*

July 16th/ 17th 2022

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### Home Visitations & House Blessings

During his internship, Deacon Davis will be visiting homes and doing house blessings. Each visit with or without a house blessing should last not more than one hour. If you would like him to visit your home and/or do a house blessing, please call the office at 446-1387. He is available on Wednesday's from 9AM –3PM, Saturday's from 9AM –2PM or evenings by appointment. During the visit, you can ask the Deacon any questions or discuss any topics concerning the faith, as well as getting to know each other.



PRAYER FOR

## PROTECTION

DURING HURRICANE SEASON

Our Father in heaven,

through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us during this hurricane season from all harm.

Protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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## Grief Support Group

Thursday, August 11th  
6:00 PM  
Life Center

All are welcome. Invite a friend.

### *Getting to know each other*

Join us in the Life Center on the  
**2nd Tuesday of the month;**  
**August 9**  
following the 6:30 AM Mass.



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Please remember

**Mary "Ginger" Gaubert**  
**Myrtle LeBoeuf**

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

## YOUTH FORMATION

We are still in need of volunteers for a few grade levels for the 2022 –2023 school year. Please contact Sue or Patty 985-446-1387 ext. 217



Domestic Church

*Married Couples Retreat*  
August 18-21, 2022  
Lumen Christi Retreat Center

A wonderful weekend for sacramentally married couples to begin or deepen their spiritual journey together as a couple.

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