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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

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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

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Rev. Jackson Cleetus
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PASTOR'S THOUGHTS: Jan. 21-22, 2023

This Saturday at the Vigil Mass we will celebrate the **CLOSING MASS for the Centennial Anniversary of the Dedication of St. Joseph Church (Co-Cathedral)**. Even though the year-long observance has ended, the anniversary year continues until the end of 2023 (the first one-hundred years). During the next few months of 2023, we will continue to offer "something" to celebrate our Jubilee Year! Stay tuned and watch this Bulletin.

As we conclude the year-long celebration of our Centennial Year, I would like **THANK** so many people who have been a part and involved with all our activities throughout the year. First, let's recognize and thank our **Pastoral Staff, Office Staff and volunteers** who made it possible for us to do so much. Secondly, let's appreciate those who faithfully participate in all our events. Lastly, all those who generously support us in our ministries and projects here; without all y'all, we wouldn't be able to accomplish anything!

Many thanks to **ALL FLORAL DONORS** who adorned the Altar of St. Joseph during the **whole Year** of our Centennial Observance! Your generosity and thoughtfulness is appreciated by the Guardian and Protector of our Church and Community. He will be your comfort and consolation in your times of need – guaranteed!

Please read the **Bulletin Insert** in this weekend's bulletin regarding the embellished Crucifix in the church. As a concluding project for the Centennial Anniversary this will be, in the church-lingo, "*ad perpetuam rei memoriam*" (for perpetual memory).

As we continue with the **11th month** of being a Vacant See (Lat., *Sede vacante*), i.e., without a Diocesan Bishop, let's keep on praying the "**Prayer for a New Bishop**" which could be found on our FaceBook Page, Website and St. Joseph App. Let's all ask God to send us a NEW Bishop who "*smell like the sheep*" (Pope Francis' 2013 Chrism Mass Homily), and **after God's own heart**.

The readings for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time sounds like we're watching a sports event. If you're familiar with the expression "**passing the torch**," this is what you'll sense from each of the readings!

In the 1st reading, the Prophet Isaiah is completing his "pep talk" to the Hebrew people, having raised their spirits, challenged their resolved and strengthened their purpose. The question is "who will follow through and continue the good works they had done?" To whom they

will "**pass the torch**" of service to God and His people?

In the 1st part of the Matthew's gospel, Jesus heard the arrest of His cousin John who baptized Him. The arrest of John the Baptist responded to the question that Isaiah raised in the 1st reading: "to whom the torch will pass?" Centuries after and as the last of the great prophets, John was the "torch-bearer" who pointed out to all the "*Lumen Christi*" (light of Christ), the "*Agnus Dei*" (the lamb of God) – Jesus Christ. While all the prophets "**passed the torch**" from one generation to another until John the Baptist, Jesus, Himself was the "LIGHT" that they all had prophesied about.

His birth was illumined by a Great Star that the Shepherds and the Magi used to find Him also announced His visible presence among all. Jesus was the "great light" that Prophet Isaiah spoke of that arose among them that will restore their dignity. As the prophets "**passed on the torch**" to John the Baptist, he too passed on the torch to his cousin the Christ, at his arrest. John's concluding words, "*He will increase and must decrease*," allude to the light that Jesus will bring to all to "set the world on-fire!" To accomplish this, Jesus needs your help, our help.

At your baptism, your parents and godparents received the "*lumen Christi*" (the light of Christ), the candle that was lit from the Easter candle. In giving to them the lighted candle, the Cleric instructed your parents and godparents to "*receive the Light of Christ*" which was "*entrusted to you [all] to be kept burning brightly, so that your children, enlightened by Christ, may walk always as children of the light*" (Order of Baptism of Children, 2020). At your own baptism, the Church "**passed on the torch**" to you through your parents and godparents. So that each one of us can continue to be "*enlightened by Christ*," the Holy Spirit was given to us at Confirmation and renewed at each celebration of the Eucharist, so that strengthened by the grace of God, we ALL may "*walk always as children of the light*!"

At Christmas Season we were given the "light of Christ" who came to us as a child so that empowered by what we received, we can be bearers of His light. In the ordinariness of our lives, we are asked to bring His light – not ours, not yours BUT GOD's LIGHT, to all in the world. Before we leave this world, we are expected just like the Prophets of old to have "**passed on the torch, the light of Christ**." To whom are you passing your torch, the light of Christ before your time comes?

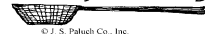
Father Vic+

Wedding Banns

Dylan Falgoust & Emily Thibodaux (3)
Chance Lile & Taylor Hebert (3)
Conor Chiasson & Triston Gros (2)
Brennen Cooley & Sophie Waguespack (2)

January 7th-8th, 2023

Weekly Offering



Weekly Envelopes	\$	12,528.00
Weekly Loose		1,993.00
Weekly ACH		545.00
	\$	15,066.00

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LA Dept. of Children & Family Services (24/7)
 1-855-452-5437.

BAPTISMAL SEMINAR
Thursday, January 26th

7:00 PM

St. Joseph Life Center



2nd COLLECTION LATIN AMERICA

This weekend we take up the collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous in the special collection!



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Please remember
Calvin LeBlanc, Melba Chiasson,
Dale Boudreaux & Linda Palmer

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

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Catholic Schools Week January 29th –February 4th

Catholic schools have a specific purpose to form students to be good citizens of the world, love God and neighbor and enrich society with the leaven of the gospel and by example of faith.

Join us at 9:30 AM on January 29th for the kick off mass of CSW.