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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: April 1-2, 2023

Last Wednesday, March 29th, the **Most Reverend +Mario Eduardo Dorsonville** was installed as the 5th Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux just in time for Holy Week! I am pleased to inform y'all that Bishop Dorsonville will celebrate his first holy week and easter masses in our diocese here at the Co-Cathedral by presiding at the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord Supper and then at the Easter Vigil. Using the famous Vatican announcement when a new shepherd is declared – “*Annuntio vobis gaudium magnum: habemus Episcopi!*” I bring you news of great joy, we have a Bishop!

To celebrate my 60th birthday this year, I've decided to join a **Pilgrim Tour of Ireland** this **August 17 to the 25th**. We'll be visiting Dublin, Armagh, Shrine of Our Lady of Knock, the Isle of Purgatory, and few other places. If you're interested in joining us on this pilgrimage, please send me an email at **vicruz@msn.com** at soon as possible.

An update on the pending repairs at our church building.

Project 1 Hurricane Ida Repairs: we're still waiting from the diocese to give us the permission to start the repairs of the roof, bell tower, walkway and other minor damages on our property.

Project 2 Power Surge due Lightning damages: these fixtures were repaired and are back in working order -- brand new HVAC System, brand new Bell System, and the Pipe Organ, however, the 20+ year-old **Sound System** must be replaced because it's beyond repair. We have contacted 2 companies to perform assessments and evaluations and to present their estimate proposals to us. Just like the HVAC System, we will choose the best sound system for us that meet our needs. Stay tuned.

Entering Holy Week, how was YOUR Lenten Season, so far?

Attending any of the three Masses we offer every day at 6:30 am, 12:10 noon and 5:30 pm

Used “the Word Among Us,” a free booklet with Lenten readings and reflections
Been to confession before Spy Wednesday,

April 5th? (**NO more** confessions during the Sacred Triduum!)

Supported our Communal Acts of Charity with our Fridays Lenten Gumbo at the Life Center to benefit the Good Samaritan Food-bank of Thibodaux (Lenten Gumbo ended last Friday)

Have given Almsgiving with Operation Rice Bowl (did you return your boxes this weekend?)

Joined us at the Way of the Cross after afternoon Mass on Fridays of Lent

Attended our Adult Faith-Sharing Groups (“Lord’s Prayer Presentation”)

Planning to attend and participate in all Services during the Sacred Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Masses)

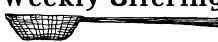
The Scripture readings this weekend, Palm Sunday, will help us enter Holy Week. This week is “holy” for 2 reasons: (1) because of what Jesus went through to save us, and (2) because of what we will have to go through to be saved. The focus for this week will be the events at the Sacred Triduum – three Holy Days – beginning on **Maundy Thursday** with the Mass of the Lord’s Supper followed by the Solemn Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and then on **Good Friday** with the Solemn Way of the Cross in the morning and the Commemoration of the Lord’s Passion in the afternoon, finally the Solemn Celebration of the **Easter Vigil** on Saturday evening. These days are a trinity of holiness!

I've been asked before by some people what they need to do to grow closer to God and experience the fullness of God's holiness. My answer: immerse yourself totally in the Sacred triduum and you'll become a part of the God's Ultimate gift of Himself, participate in His saving work, and a witness to His resurrection! Each one of us have made mistakes in our lifetime, failed in some promises we've made, struggled with our relationships, and been unfaithful. The Sacred Triduum will not only give us the chance to renew, resolve, and start again, but also will enable and empower us to pursue all that we need to do to be closer to God and the Kingdom. No matter what we have done and what we have failed to do, “**being there when they crucified our Lord**” will help us begin anew.

Will you be there/here?

Father Vic+

March 18th / 19th 2023

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Please remember
Hilda Prejeant & Pamela Gros

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

**HOLY WEEK SERVICES &
EASTER WEEKEND SCHEDULE**

CHRISM MASS

at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral Houma,
Holy Thursday, April 6th 10:30 AM

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Holy Thursday— April 6th at 7 PM

Followed by the Solemn Transfer and Reposition of the blessed Sacrament & Adoration till midnight at the Life Center Hall.

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES
APRIL 7TH**

- Solemn Way of the Cross at 10 AM
- Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and the Veneration of the Cross at 3 PM

EASTER WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY Vigil Mass of the Resurrection
April 8th at 8 PM

EASTER SUNDAY
7:30 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM
NO 6 PM Mass on Easter Sunday

**Holy Land Collection
This Weekend**

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. This collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few.

The pandemic hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS !!



Justin Waguespack & Morgan Bourgeois (1 & 2)

Philip Amedee & Emily Shewmake (1 & 2)

Robert Sehon & Caroline Broussard (1)

**EDUCATION TO MINISTRY
COLLECTION**

NEXT WEEKEND, APRIL 8TH/9TH

This Collection is used locally for education of seminarians, education of permanent deacons, and recruiting of candidates for religious life.

Please be generous !!