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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

TRMC Hospital Chaplain

Rev. Jackson Cleetus
(985) 438-0215

PASTOR'S THOUGHTS: April 15-16, 2023

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.

I would like to inform y'all that next week (April 18th), Father Jackson Cleetus, the Chaplain at Thibodaux Regional and Medical Center who is in residence at our Co-Cathedral Rectory, will be leaving for Florida. He accepted a new Chaplaincy position at a medical center there. We thank Fr. Jackson for his service to our local people and community for the last few years and we wish him well. ***Bon voyage Pere Cleetus, à Dieu vit!***

This Sunday afternoon, about 60 young people will be receiving their **First Holy Communion** on Divine Mercy Sunday. Please keep our young people in your prayers that "those who will receive the Body and Blood of Christ will become throughout their lifetime, what they have received." Thank you.

As one gets older, we start reminiscing about the years gone by. Part nostalgic but more so our attempt to remember important events and experiences that are now fading fast from our memories. The readings this Divine Mercy weekend, the 2nd Sunday of Easter, prompted me to do a memory recalling on the first experience I had of experiencing the mercy of God – my 1st and true encounter of the merciful Jesus.

I was in 5th grade when my family was uprooted from the place I was born to Manila after the former dictator declared Martial Law in the Philippines. It was a very difficult move for me since I was going to leave everything I grew up with – house, school, church, friends, neighbors. And without my father to support us, we have to start from scratch all over again. Even at a young age, I felt so lost. I know it was much tougher for my mother.

The first months in the big city of 9 million people with everything new and different was scary; we didn't know what to expect. We settled and started getting used to new routines and places and faces. We immediately went to a new church and fell in love with it; this is one experience and place that's familiar to us. Soon after, I met a wonderful nun (cloistered sister) who invited me join their youth group, and choir, and prayer group. She reached out to me as if she had known me for a long, long time. This invitation and involvement helped me settle well at my new home and city. Through her I encountered Jesus who was always looking out for the

lost and the weary, the doubting and the fearful. This first encounter of mercy from someone changed my life.

The 1st encounter of the Risen Jesus in the Gospel of John this weekend gives us a glimpse of what happened to the apostles after that first Good Friday. Many of them went into hiding and all of them was in fear. The first appearance of Jesus to some of them was not enough to convince all of the apostles. Even though they had spent three years with Jesus, they were still besieged with fear and doubt as if He was never a part of their lives. Although they had witnessed miracle after miracle and heard God speak to them, they were still acting and behaving as if they have never met Jesus. It took many tries before Jesus was able to convince them ALL that He truly is Risen from the dead (as He promised), and that He is the Son of the Living God.

After Jesus' Ascension into heaven, we hear what happened to the apostles and disciples from the Acts of the Apostles, of how they were totally changed, "*devoting themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers.*" Obviously, their 1st, 2nd and perhaps 3rd encounters of the merciful and Risen Jesus had so much effect on them that they spent the rest of their lives giving witness to Jesus and proclaiming the kingdom of God. They were truly changed by their encounter that "*gave them a new birth*" (1Peter) to be living witnesses of Christ till the end. You can read and learn what happened to them at the end of their lives.

Perhaps just like the early apostles, disciples and me you too had your own experience and encounter of Jesus. Do you remember when and how was it? Just like us, were you too changed? If not, why?

The Easter Season is the continuation of the Lenten Season where we hope to have encountered God in the "Breaking of Bread," in the reflecting of His Word, in the meditation of our lives, in reaching out to those most in need, and making sacrifices for the sake of God's kingdom. The Easter Season is NOT the end of our attempts to encounter Christ. The Easter Season, and hopefully all the seasons of our lives, is the giving witness to the One we have already encountered!

"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His love is everlasting!" (Ps. 118)

Father Vic+

April 1st / 2nd, 2023

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In response to the **Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People** from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux has made the following provision for anyone who has been hurt or sexually abused by anyone who works for the church. The Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux has set up an Outreach Line for all victims/survivors of sexual abuse. In continuing our commitment to support and healing, we invite and encourage people who have been hurt or sexually abused recently or in the past by clergy, religious or other employees of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, to call our outreach line. The Outreach Line operates from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily Monday through Friday. A trained mental health professional responds to the line. The **Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux Outreach Line** telephone number is 985-873-0026. To report suspected abuse of a minor, call the

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

Women's Day of Prayer

Wednesday, April 19th

10:00 AM

Life Center

ROSARY

Mondays & Thursdays

9:30 AM

Flame of Love Rosary

Wednesdays 8:30 AM—10 AM



Heaven's Handymen
NEW MEMBERS NEEDED



The purpose of this ministry is to help the elderly and disabled of the parish and nearby surrounding areas that are in need of wheelchair ramps. A group of men and women have joined their skills and resources together to offer these services. Projects are determined by need and priority. **Volunteers need not be trained.** You need not be a parishioner of St. Joseph or even Catholic, if God has blessed you with a skill, please feel free to help us help others. If you would like more information, contact the Life Center. This is a great project for fathers and sons or daughters to give back to the community while forming a bond.

The next meeting will be **April 26th 10 AM ; Life Center.**



Please remember
John J. Jones & Nicholas Pepper

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

Wedding Banns

Robert Sehon & Caroline Broussard (3)
Dylan Domingue & Kayla Wayne (2)
Andrew Arcement & Abigail Pizzo (2)
Randall Daigle & Francesca Ledet (1)