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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.

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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

PASTOR'S THOUGHTS:

May 6-7, 2023

Next weekend, May 12-14 until the following weekend, we'll see some guest priests at our weekend Masses. Fr. Rholly will be on vacation for couple of weeks and I have scheduled a Missionary Priest to make his mission appeal on the weekend of May 13-14 and Father Charlie Perkins will be our guest celebrant the weekend after (May 20-21). Let us give our guest priests a warm welcome. Thanks.

As we prepare for the end of the School Year, let's remember in our prayers all the students who are finishing their respective levels and all their parents, grandparents and people who supported them. One of the best gifts anyone can give to a graduating student is the assurance of prayers and support. Starting anew is never easy, however with the loving support and prayers of people that love you, somehow makes all the challenges bearable. Wherever we are in life, we get there because someone (or many) believed in us! And to that I say – thanks be to God!

At the end of every school year, we also should NOT forget to thank the school faculty members and staff who in their own ways have contributed to our education and success. Usually forgotten and not fully appreciated, faculty members and staff make a difference in the life and future of every person from doctors to lawyers, priests and sisters, teachers, and law enforcers. Always take every opportunity to thank a teacher.

The 5th Sunday of Easter continues to educate, challenge, and inspire us to follow the examples of the apostles and disciples of Jesus after His resurrection and ascension. The common theme among the 3 readings this weekend is the word "**choose/chosen**." I haven't seen the popular miniseries of this same title, but I think it has something to do with the readings this weekend.

In the 1st reading, at the pleading of the widows and orphans, the "*anawim*" (Heb. "defenseless") in the Old Testament, the so-called "Twelve" (a.k.a. "Apostles"), "**chose**" from among the selected ones ("Lat., "elegi elegistis," the act of choosing or being chosen) that the community presented, seven men of good reputation to attend to the needs of the neglected. This is where the Ministry of Service (Lat. "*diakonia*") came from and started. The first area of ministry in the Church, diaconate ("at the service of the Lord") was meant to look after the needy, the forgotten, the weak, and the defenseless. These men were "**chosen**" for these tasks and through the centuries had always served the Church and her ministers.

In the 2nd reading, Peter gives a lesson on Christology wherein he reminded that Jesus Christ, the "living stone" rejected by human beings yet **chosen** by God, have become the "cornerstone" that we all can build our faith and lives. As the Father has **chosen** His beloved Son to be the building stone of our lives and faith, so we also become a part of the "**chosen** race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of His own," if **WE CHOOSE** God!

In the gospel reading, Jesus confronts His broken, confused and disillusioned disciples. Jesus told them (1) don't let their hearts be troubled but have faith in Him, (2) to follow His way, accept His truth, and live His life, (3) always see the Father at work in Him. These three admonitions of Jesus require the apostles to "**choose**" to trust in God, see Jesus, and follow the Christ all the time. These **choices** were not easy for the "**chosen** ones" of Jesus (the apostles and disciples). It would be much more difficult for us as well, and yet, as we have the same challenges as the apostles, we also have the same mission from the Lord – **CHOOSE** God and His ways all the time.

The readings this weekend pounded on us the truth about being **chosen** by God. As the Easter Season comes to an end at Pentecost (the Birthday of the Church), we are being prepared to keep on **choosing** God at all times in our daily lives. The act of **choosing** God is NOT a one definite act that a person does at baptism, at confirmation, at ordination or consecration, or even at any spiritual experience of conversion. The decision to **choose** God is a daily challenge (and hopefully NOT a struggle) that each one of us must face. From the time we open our eyes in the morning until we close them at night, we have 12 (or sometimes 8) hours and opportunities to **choose** God in what we will say, what we will do, how we will respond and/or react to persons and situations, in what we will think and do, etc. Though challenging and sometimes difficult, we echo the words of the psalmist as we say, "*Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you!*" (Ps. 33), in order to fulfill the task. Remember the assurance of the Lord in the gospel: "*Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father.*" Can I hear an "Amen?"

Father Vic+

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Crossroads Baby Bottle Fundraiser THIS WEEKEND !!

Our Church parish will be participating in a Baby Bottle Fundraiser this weekend to hope support Crossroads Pregnancy Resource Center.

Crossroads, located in Thibodaux, is a life-affirming Christian organization serving women and men experiencing an unexpected pregnancy. Crossroads provides education, guidance and spiritual support especially to those considering abortion or other alternatives in a spirit of compassion, love and grace.

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Join us in the Life Center on
Tuesday , May 9th
following the 6:30 AM Mass.

ROSARY
Mondays & Thursdays
9:30 AM
Flame of Love Rosary

Wednesdays 8:30 AM—10 AM



Volunteer mentors are greatly needed for the 2023-2024 school year to help Youth Formation K-5th grades on Mondays from 5:30pm-7:00pm. Please prayerfully consider helping with this ministry . Call Sue and Patty at the Life Center 446-1387 ext. 217 if interested.

