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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

PASTOR'S THOUGHTS:
May 27-28, 2023

We welcome Father Rholly back from his vacation in the Philippines and so I can give a big sigh of relief! Thanks to all of you for welcoming our guest priests, Father Stan Slaby, a Redemptorist Priest from NJ who did a Mission Appeal on behalf of his brother priest who is a Bishop in Argentina, and Fr. Charles Perkins, one of our retired priests who still generously make himself available to help us. We still do not have a Chaplain for Thibodaux Regional and Medical Center Hospital and so we're still stretched thin.

This weekend, we celebrate the OFFICIAL Birth of the Church at Pentecost – the Giving of the Holy Spirit. On Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate our “**birthday**” as a “*chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for your own possession*” (Preface I for Masses on the Sundays in Ordinary Time). Having been united to the Father by the sacrifice of His Son Jesus Christ, the giving of the Holy Spirit sealed our relationship with the One Triune God. The early beginnings of our community were rough after the Ascension of Jesus having been called by so many different names, some examples are “people of the way, followers of the One from Nazareth or simply Nazarenes, people of the Book, the Greek *Christianoi*,” to mention a few. The name “Christian” (meaning, “followers of the Christ”) was first used in Antioch during the time of St. Paul. It took the Christian community over 300 years to organize itself and by the time the First Council of Nicea (325 AD) came during the time of Emperor Constantine, the followers of Christ were everywhere (meaning of the word “catholicos”). For three millennia our Community of Believer and Followers of Christ all over the world (Catholicos), have been celebrating our birth in an unbroken line from the time of the Apostles to our Lord Jesus Christ. How was this possible? Because before Jesus Christ returned to the Father, He gave us the gifts of the Holy Spirit that will help His Church prepare for His return. What are the gifts of the Holy Spirit that helped our forefathers and mothers keep our faith and traditions alive throughout the centuries?

In the thirteenth century, St. Thomas Aquinas identified the seven (7) Gifts of the Holy Spirit in his *Summa Theologiae* (The Great Theology) as the following:

Wisdom is both the knowledge of and judgment about “divine things” and the ability to judge and direct human affairs according to divine truth.

Understanding is penetrating insight into the very heart of things, especially those higher truths that are necessary for our eternal salvation—in effect, the ability to “see” God.

Counsel allows a man to be directed by God in mat-

ters necessary for his salvation.

Fortitude denotes a firmness of mind in doing good and in avoiding evil, particularly when it is difficult or dangerous to do so, and the confidence to overcome all obstacles, even deadly ones, by virtue of the assurance of everlasting life.

Knowledge is the ability to judge correctly about matters of faith and right action, so as to never wander from the straight path of justice.

Piety is, principally, revering God with filial affection, paying worship and duty to God, paying due duty to all men on account of their relationship to God, and honoring the saints and not contradicting Scripture. The Latin word *pietas* denote the reverence that we give to our father and to our country; since God is the Father of all, the worship of God is also called piety.

Fear of God is, in this context, “filial” or chaste fear whereby we revere God and avoid separating ourselves from him—as opposed to “servile” fear, whereby we fear punishment.

We have been connected to the Father by the sacrifice of Jesus, we have been nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ and we have been strengthened by the Holy Spirit. Our task now is to use the gifts given in to order to prepare for the Return of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

All the readings this weekend talks about the “giving of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.” The dramatic scene in the Acts of the Apostles is replicated in our own lives, among people of different nations and cultures, and all those God has chosen. Just like the people in the first reading, each one of us according to our culture, orientation, nationalities, and traditions, speak God’s Words and proclaim His praise in our ways and languages and means. How is this possible? St. Paul in the 2nd reading boldly say the “*no one can say, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ except by the Holy Spirit.*” Simply put: all the baptized in Christ are empowered to make His presence known!

This parting gift of Jesus to all His disciples is God’s way of binding us to Him and God to us. This is the reason why in the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Bishop imposes the Sacred Chrism to each candidate while saying, “**be sealed with the Holy Spirit,**” after which the candidate responds, “**Amen**” (or “so be it”). And then the Church prays that our “**Amens**” would result in the seven gifts being realized in each of our own lives.

So, let me ask you: “**What have you done with YOUR seven gifts from the Holy Spirit?**” Before you reflect or answer, re-read the Parable of the Talents in the Gospel of Matthew 25: 14-30.

Father Vic+

May 13th / 14th, 2023

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The following were Baptized into the family of Christ recently:

Margot Elizabeth
Christopher & Emily Melancon

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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 for more information.



Please remember
Eddie Rago, Jr.

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



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION
FRIDAY, June 2nd

All are welcome!!



**OFFICE CLOSED
MONDAY, MAY 29TH
MEMORIAL DAY**

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Our parish is offering a journey for spiritual renewal developed by RENEW International called ***Longing for the Holy: Spirituality for Everyday Life***. All are invited and welcome to participate. ***Longing for the Holy: Spirituality for Everyday Life*** is a six-session process of spiritual and pastoral renewal based on the writing of Fr. Ronald Rolheiser's classic book ***The Holy Longing***. This journey for spiritual renewal enables people to deepen their faith, develop a closer relationship with Christ, grow in community and name the essentials of our spirituality and integrate them more into our lives. The sessions will be held on Tuesday afternoon from 1:30 to 3:30 on the following dates: June 6, 13, 20, 27, July 11 and 18. Registration forms are available in church. Request a form by email to pfolse@htdiocese.org.

USED BACKPACK COLLECTION UNTIL June 30th

With the end of the school year approaching, Catholic Charities would love to have your child's used backpacks to provide the homeless with containers to safely carry their belongings. You can drop them off at all entrances of church until June 30th. Please wash them first, attach a tag or painter's tape and write "For Donation" before bringing them to our church parish. Your contribution is greatly appreciated.



Grief Support Group

Thursday, June 1st
6:00 PM
Life Center
All are welcome. Invite a friend.



Jon Dugas & Emma Bourgeois (2)
Connor Lopez & Anna Babin (1)