



# St. Joseph Co-Cathedral

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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:*  
*June 10-11, 2023*

We are in the final process of planning the **TOTAL REPLACEMENT** of our **SOUND SYSTEM**. We're done with the research and background checks, and prospective vendors have already visited us for their onsite assessment and evaluations. The required consultation with the Council and Advisory Group has been undertaken. The estimate/proposals have been submitted to the appropriate offices and now I am just waiting for the approval to proceed with this project. It is no secret that the Sound System here is bad and has been deteriorating these past few years. People had already left our church parish because they could not understand the celebration of Mass. The current Sound System is over 20 years old and could NOT be repaired anymore. To promote and highlight this very important project, I will put a **project stand** on display in front of St. Joseph Altar who I will be pleading to help us! Just like the 2019 HVAC System Project that we did, this will be a **MAJOR PROJECT** that I will need your generous support.

The June issue of the Bayou Catholic will feature the first **NEW Clergy Personnel Appointments** that Bishop Dorsonville made as he begins his first year as our Diocesan Bishop. Check out the BC June issue!

There is **NO Chaplain** at Thibodaux Regional and Medical Center as of now with the departure of Father Jackson last April. I can't find a priest-replacement at this time. Fr. Rholly is responding to emergency calls at the hospital and local pastors have been asked to visit their own parishioners for pastoral care. If you or someone you know from our church parish will be or is hospitalized and will need some pastoral care, please call the church office as soon as possible.

This weekend we are celebrating the 2<sup>nd</sup> Solemnity after the Easter Season during the Ordinary Time. The **Solemnity of Corpus (et Sanguinis) Christi** or the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. This solemnity celebrates the Body and Blood of Christ as well as **OUR** Church's feast as the "mystical Body of Christ" (Lat., "*Mystici corporis Christi*"). Mentioned in St. Paul's 1<sup>st</sup> Letter to the Corinthians 12:12-14 (which Pope Pius XII promulgated as an Encyclical, i.e., official teaching, on 29 June 1943), St. Paul said that though we are many parts, we are all one body in Christ. The grace of baptism and by the Holy Spirit, each one of us have been given (gifted) a purpose/role/function in the "**mystical body of Christ.**" And as we remember at the celebration of Pentecost, no one can deny their giftedness no matter how small or insignificant the gift might be.

The greatest and absolute GIFT that was given to us by God is Himself in the Eucharist. The more we receive His Holy Body and Precious Blood, the more we become a part of His Body and God a part of us. This is the reason why the expression we use at receiving Holy Com-

munion is "consume," meaning, as we "consume His Body and drink His Blood," God also consume us for His purpose.

The reminder that Moses gave to the Hebrew people in the desert in the 1<sup>st</sup> reading was **remember** (Heb. "*shema*") how God fed them with every good thing and provided for their every needs. St. Paul reiterated this reminder to all his listeners at Corinth when in few chosen words he again brought up the idea that "we, though many, are one body." Those who receive Christ in Word and Sacrament become members of His Body called the Church!

The reception of Jesus' Body and Blood keeps us united not only with God but with each other. In our unity with God, we enter eternal life. In our unity with one another, we become part of the "communion of holy men and women" we call saints. In the gospel, Jesus tells us that the fullness of life comes from reception of His Body and Blood, which in return, enable us to bring life into the world, a life that comes from God.

Just like the bruised and broken Body of Jesus on the cross, the body of Christ on earth (the Church) is also bruised and broken. We are bruised by our sinfulness and broken by life's challenges and yet, we are never defeated. Why? Because the Spirit that was gifted to us mends us together just as the Father mended the bruised and broken Body of Jesus at the tomb before His Resurrection. It is in our bruised souls that God comes to us to give us healing and restoration. It is in our brokenness that God perfects in us the goodness He had began at conception. When we allow God's forgiving Spirit heals us at Reconciliation (Confessions), our dignity as sons and daughters of God is restored. When we bring together the broken pieces of our lives – our lost hope, our frustrated spirit, our disappointed selves – God puts us together better as ever unlike before!

When we gather in our church at Eucharistic celebrations, we do not only celebrate the Jesus' giving of His Body and Blood, but we also celebrate the giving of ourselves to God, bruised, broken, but not defeated! Each one of us is a witness to power of endurance that could only come from God. Each one of us in our sinfulness and brokenness testifies to the goodness of God. This, my friends, is worth celebrating!

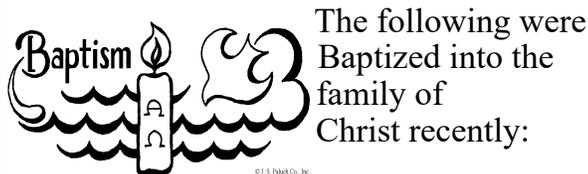
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**May 27th / 28th , 2023 Weekly Offering**

Weekly Envelopes	\$	7,369.00
Weekly Loose		1,737.01
Online Giving		318.13
Weekly ACH		525.00
	\$	9,949.14

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The following were Baptized into the family of Christ recently:

**Lucas Joseph**

Child of Alexander & Lauren Hymel

**Owen Paul**

Child of Ian Benoit & Kiley Barrios

**Adele Katherine**

Child of Matthew & Emily Daigle



***Connor Lopez & Anna Babin (3)***

***Jan Benoit & Kiley Barrios (2)***



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Please remember  
**Billy B. Soignet, Louis Smith,  
 Dorothy L. LeBlanc,  
 Robert Hansen**

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

**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 .



***Getting to know each other***

Join us in the Life Center on **Tuesday , June 13th** following the 6:30 AM Mass.

**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 **June 14th @ 10 AM ; Life Center.**

**ROSARY**  
**Mondays & Thursdays**  
**9:30 AM**

**Flame of Love Rosary**

**Wednesdays 8:30 AM—10 AM**

