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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:

June 17-18, 2023

As of this writing, I am still waiting to receive the "go signal" for us to begin the TOTAL REPLACE-MENT of our SOUND SYSTEM. I project display stand can be found located in front of the Altar of St. Joseph to remind everyone that we have a Major Project going on and we need your generous support. A Bulletin Insert will be issued later on about the Sound System Project that y'all can use in sending in your donations. Thank you all again.

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 or call the Chaplain's phone (985) 438-0215.

We finally enter the "ordinariness" of the Ordinary Time in our liturgical calendar after a series of solemnities. As summer begins and the hurricane season gets into gear, the Scriptures will speak to us in the ordinariness of our lives on matters of faith and practice. The Scripture-lessons will begin with us this weekend of the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, as the readings bring into our attention how "God was **constantly being moved** to compassion, pity, and love" towards His people.

In the Book of Exodus, God spoke again to Moses about His stiff-necked people reminding Moses and them how God feels about them and why – "God wants them to be His people and Him as their God." This is the reason what God was always looking after them, providing for their needs and responding to their pleas. In response, the Hebrew people declared their belongingness to the Lord in the words of the Psalmist in the Responsorial Psalm 100.

In the Gospel, St. Matthew states that "at the sight of the crowd, Jesus' heart was **moved with pity** for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd." In this gospel narrative you will see that aside from being moved (to compassion or pity), Jesus does something about the situation. In this particular story, Jesus "summoned His disciples and gave them authority over unclean spir-

its ... and cure every disease and illness." Jesus did not only call forth by name His disciples, He also sent them out to do something for the "crowd" that moved Him with pity. Our God from the very beginning was always moved with compassion and pity towards us and God always does something about it! St. Paul made this clear in his letter to the people at Rome when he said that Jesus did something about the fate of humans "while we were still helpless."

Being moved to compassion and pity is one of the greatest examples that God gave to us to follow. Having the ability **to be moved** with compassion and pity and do something about the situations is to be like Jesus, who every time He sees the crowd or the multitude, was always moved not only to feel something BUT TO DO something.

The human tendency to disconnect from the realities of our lives sometimes is a hindrance for the Holy Spirit who is trying to connect us with God. To be "moved with compassion and pity" IS already the work of the Holy Spirit. To do something about the feeling IS our response to the work of the same Spirit. We are living in a world where many are stopping to care for others. Some have reasons why they stopped caring or being moved by what they see or hear in the news here and abroad. The growing indifference towards one another and each other is what is killing the souls not only of our people but also of our nation, and in return removing God in our midst and presence. Each one of us **IS** an expression of God being moved by what's happening to His people and creation. Each one of us IS God's ways of doing something for what moves Him.

The question I have to ask is, "with all that's happening around you and in the world, does anything move/touch you anymore at all?" If there is/are, what have you done or doing about them?

Father Vic+

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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

