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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:

July 1-2, 2023

The **SOUND SYSTEM REPLACEMENT PROJECT** has begun! A 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. The Total Cost of this Project is **\$300,000.00!** A Project Insert is included in our Bulletin this weekend about the Sound System Project that y'all can use in sending in your donations. The display stand will be updated with “**12 angels**” stickers each symbolizing a \$25,000.00 mark in our goal; the more “angels” the better! Thank you all again.

There is **NO Chaplain** at Thibodaux Regional and Medical Center as of now. If you or someone you know from our church parish will be or is hospitalized and needs pastoral care, please call the church office as soon as possible or call the **Chaplain's phone (985) 438-0215.**

This weekend is the **13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**. The readings will narrate to us the “ideal” faith-response of people to our preaching of God’s Word.

In the 1st reading, the Prophet Elisha was **well-received** by a wealthy family in Shunem who got to him as “a holy man of God.” They opened their home and their lives to him and in return, God blessed them for looking after His prophet Elisha.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus continues giving His apostles instructions as He prepare to send them off to continue His ministry to all. Both parts of the gospel are admonitions (authoritative warning) to the apostles before they start any ministry. The first admonition is directed towards the apostles while the second part is for all those who will receive or not **receive** them.

Jesus was keenly aware that He and His message will not be welcome in most place and among some people. Why? Because Jesus proclaims a message of truth, love and salvation which are not parts of the basic human tendency. The first fall of humanity happened because the serpent tricked Adam and Eve to believing a “lie” (“you will certainly not die,” Gen. 3:4), resulting to “pride” (“your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods,” Gen. 3:5), and banishment from God’s presence (“the Lord God therefore banished him from the Garden of Eden,” Gen. 3:23). From thereon, humanity have been susceptible to believing the lies around them, being arrogant about their own successes and achievements, and being away from the presence of God. Jesus’ message

wants to bring back all of humanity to the time of creation BEFORE the serpent came into our lives. But sin had already took hold of humanity that make the **reception** of God’s Word and message a challenge NOT only for the apostles BUT for all the disciples and followers of Christ! It is not easy to bring God (Word and Presence) to His people; God makes them uncomfortable.

Here are some good examples in everyday life that tells you where people are when it comes to God.

- praying publicly before and after meals
- making the Sign of the Cross at any given time
- wearing religious items such as rosaries, crosses, medals, etc., as necklaces, bracelets, rings, etc.
- carrying a Bible, prayer book or a book of religious nature or topic
- wearing clothes that have religious words or pictures on them
- last, but not the least, talking about God, the Scriptures and religious thoughts openly!

The events we see happening around us these days, namely, annual March for Life, rallies, protests and demonstrations, debates and even some organized discussions to name a few, show us how God still is not being **received** and sadly to some extent, still an unwelcome presence in some lives.

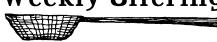
Bringing the presence of God even among families and friends privately can also be challenging and sometimes disheartening due to some fear of alienation and additional conflicts. This is the reason why Jesus made the first part of the admonitions in the gospel to warn us. In addition, Saint Paul gave some encouraging words to the converts at Rome who were facing persecutions for simply following Christ! As y'all know, before the City of Rome became the Center of Christianity and the Seat of the Catholic Church, this was the place where Christians were persecuted and killed until Emperor Constantine came into power.

From the beginning of creation and through the centuries God has been trying to make His presence known among His people through prophets and disciples who are brave enough to take the challenge. Faithful to our baptismal call, we continue to bring God’s presence to all regardless of whether God and/or we are **received** or not, believing that “someday,” you and I will be **received** before His presence in His Kingdom!

A **HAPPY Fourth of July** all y'all!

Father Vic+

June 17th / 18th, 2023

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ROSARY
Mondays & Thursdays
9:30 AM
Flame of Love Rosary
Wednesdays 8:30 AM—10 AM



The following were Baptized into the family of Christ recently:

Lily Jane
Child of Shane & Jaimie Kirkland

Prayer for Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude; you are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster. During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem where a storm less eternity awaits us. Amen

Ordination of Deacon Davis Ahimbisibwe

Ordination Date: July 2, 2023
Time: 10 AM Uganda / 2 AM U.S.
Place: Our Lady of Good Shepherd, Rushoroza Cathedral, Kabale Diocese

Livestream: The ordination mass will be live-streamed and available for viewing on the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux's website to watch the following day.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING
SATURDAY, JULY 22ND
10:30 AM IN CHURCH

There will be an Altar Server Training for boys and girls who have celebrated their 1st Communion.



If your child is interested in serving the church , please call Fr. Rholly at 446-1387 to give their name.

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 .

