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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 8-9, 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.**

The gospel reading this weekend, the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, will give us an insight into the heart and mind of Jesus. Though the words may sound "nice," there is a revelation that is involved in the two paragraphs.

The gospel narrative is part of a longer discourse in Chap. 11 of Matthew's gospel: (1) beginning chapter on Jesus' exaltation of John the Baptist as the last of the great prophets, (2) followed by the reproaches of unrepentant towns of Chorazin and Bethsaida, (3) concluding with Jesus' praise of the Father and (4) His compassionate and consoling words to those who are burdened. To simply use the last two paragraphs without seeing the whole context can affect our interpretation of this gospel reading. Remember what I always say, "remember the *sitz-im-leben*" (situation in life).

The 1st paragraph of the gospel reading offer praise to the Father for "*hiding these things from the wise and the learned*" and "*revealing them to the little ones*." What did the Father "**hid**" from the "*wise and the learned?*" The answer is "*the fulfillment of the Law and the prophets*" which is the big thing among the Jews of Jesus' time!

During Jesus' time, the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophet means the Messiah has come. When the Messiah comes, the Law (the covenant relationship of the Jews with God is renewed) and the prophecies of the Prophets about the Messiah has been realized!

According to Jesus, this "fulfillment" was hidden from the "wise and the learned" – the Pharisees and Sadducees (the "know-it-all" people) – but was revealed to the "little ones" ("parvulis" in Latin), or the "meek and humble of heart." It is to the "little ones" that the Father has revealed the identity and experience of His Son, the promised Messiah. The Pharisees and the Sadducees have designated themselves as experts in the knowledge and interpretation of the Law and the Prophets in the Pentateuch, belittling and demeaning everyone else below them. To their sad surprise and delight of the "little ones," Jesus praises the Father for reversing the roles!

Acknowledging now the privilege of the "little ones" as the recipients of this Divine revelation, Jesus continued in the second paragraph with the consoling words of comfort and care. He acknowledges that their lives had been hard (those who "labor"), and that the Pharisees have imposed "heavy burdens" for them to carry (favorite criticism of Jesus against the Pharisees and Sadducees), and so, therefore, He will give them rest. Compared to the Pharisees and Sadducees, Jesus will NOT burden the "little ones" since He is "meek and humble of heart" in contrast with them who are proud and arrogant.

Now, the final part of these two paragraphs. What is the fulfillment of the Law and Prophets? One word – **LOVE**. The coming of Jesus (the expression of God's love, as in John 3:16) is the fulfillment of the Law and the prophesies of the Prophets. This is what was revealed to the "little ones" – **the LOVE of God for them**.

The message of the gospel reading this weekend is clear: we will not fulfill anything towards God unless and until we love. Each one of us have made promises, some pledged and a few declared vows before God. Whatever it is that we promised, pledged, vowed to fulfill, and declared to accomplish for God would NOT be possible unless they were done out of love. And none of them will be realized until we love. Do you remember the parting dialogue that Jesus had with Peter on the shore after His resurrection, how Jesus asked him three times whether Peter loves Him? Before Peter could make any promise, vow or pledge to Jesus, He must first declare his love for Him! Everything begins with love: love created us, love redeemed us, love sustains us, love is what will save us.

Before you make any promises, pledges, vows to God, **LOVE first and always** and you will NOT be far from God's kingdom!

Father Vic+

June 24th / 25th, 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:

Jules James
child of Holden & Alexis Laris

**Prayer for
PROTECTION
During Hurricane Season**

Our Father in heaven,

Through the intercession of Our Lady of Prompt Succor, spare us during this hurricane season from all harm.

Protect us and our homes from all disasters of nature.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Breakfast Group

Join us in the Life Center on
Tuesday , July 11th
following the 6:30 AM Mass.

All are invited to join us for a Mass of Thanksgiving

Rev. Davis Ahimbisibwe

Saturday, July 15th
4:00 PM

Reception following in the Life Center

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 .

