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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 15-16, 2023

The **\$300,000.00 SOUND SYSTEM REPLACEMENT PROJECT** has begun! Please check the project display stand found in front of the Altar of St. Joseph to see the updated “**12 angels**” stickers (each representing a \$25,000.00 mark in our goal) to find out how we’re doing with donations. So far, we have 3 angel stickers on the board and hoping for more. Thank you all.

If you or someone you know from our church parish will be or is hospitalized and needs pastoral care, please call the **Chaplain's phone at (985) 438-0215**.

This **Saturday, July 15, 2023 at 10:30 am** here at our Co-Cathedral church, Bishop Dorsonville will ordain two young deacons as priests of our diocese. For the first time Father Davis Ahimbisibwe who was ordained a priest at his hometown in Uganda last Sunday, July 2, 2023, will join us as a concelebrating priest. In the afternoon of the same day, Father Davis will celebrate his **1st Mass of Thanksgiving** here at the Co-Cathedral Church at the 4 pm Vigil Mass, followed by a Public Reception. Please join us at these celebrations and keep our new priests, Fathers Davis, Joseph and Matthew in your prayers. May the Lord who has begun His work in them, bring them to conclusion!

This 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, our readings will speak to us again about the “Sower, the Seed, and the Soil,” in the familiar gospel narrative of St. Matthew. We have heard this narrative so many times and we know that the “Sower” is God, the “Seed is His Word,” and we, each one of us, is the “Soil.”

Since the beginning of time, God has been sowing the creation with all that is good and beautiful. The “Word” God has spoken at Creation, continuing at the Incarnation of His Son who “became flesh and made His dwelling among us.” (John 1:14), Jesus, the Word-incarnate and His own Words, became the “Seed” that was sown among God’s people (the “Soil”). What kind of soil were God’s people?

1st soil: the “path-soil” on the surface that cannot grow anything. Jesus said, “*the seed sown on the path is the one who hears the Word of the Kingdom without understanding it, and the evil one comes and steals away what was sown in his heart.*”

2nd soil: the “rocky ground” that had little soil and depth. Jesus said, “*the seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy. But he has no root and lasts only for a time.*

When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away.”

3rd soil: the “thorn-filled soil” that chokes anything that grows among it. Jesus said, “*the seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit.*”

4th soil: the rich soil” that is fertile and ready for the seed to grow and produces much fruit. Jesus said, “*is the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirty-fold.*”

The image of the “soil” used by Jesus in this gospel narrative connects us with the creation story where “the Lord God formed man out of the clay from the ground” (Gen. 2:7). As the saying goes, “from dust you came, unto dust you shall return.” (Gen. 3:19) We are and forever shall be connected with the ground, dust and soil where we came from and where we will return. The question is **“what kind of soil are we/you?”**

The images of different soil that Jesus gave us in the gospel narrative makes us think of what kind of soil we are, for the work of the Sower and the power of the Seed to yield fruits depends on us. We have tireless and relentless Sower in God who never stopped from the beginning of time till the end to Shower us with the blessing of His Son. And the Words of Jesus needs to continue to be proclaimed to all who receives and hears it so that they can grow in the lives of many, and bear much fruits.

The Lord shared His expectation of us in his words to Isaiah the prophet in the 1st reading by saying, “*my Word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.*” The bearing much-fruit of the Word of God depends on each and everyone of us who had received it, heard it and proclaim it. As St. Paul reiterates in the 2nd Reading: “*for creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God!*” God is waiting for what you and I will yield from what we have heard and received. God is waiting for you!

Father Vic+

July 1st/2nd, 2023

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**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.



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Please remember
Leroy Percle, Michelle Rogers & Lucille Henry Who passed on into the Kingdom of our Father recently. Please pray also that their families may find comfort and consolation through her faith.

Wedding Bans

**Clay Collins & Reagan Chauvin
(1 & 2)**

**St. Anne Novena
July 17th—26th**

The annual Novena in honor of Saint Anne will begin July 17th @ 6:30 PM at the Calvary Grotto Shrine in St. Joseph's Cemetery. Each day thereafter prayer and meditation begins at 6:30 PM.

Please join us.



The following were Baptized into the family of Christ recently:

Abe Jacinto
Abram & Kathryn Realista

Ezra Joel
Duncan Bland & Vicki Roberts

Taysom Parker
Tony Thompson & Jasmine Joseph

Noah Nhat-Tam
Christopher & Ngoc Linh Tran

Sarah Rena'
Paul & Shelbi Olivier

Demi Alexis
Dane Clement & Erica Duet

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.