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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:

July 22-23, 2023

The **\$300,000.00 SOUND SYSTEM REPLACEMENT PROJECT** is slowly moving! 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 (Current donations = \$75,000.00) on the display board and hoping for more. Thank you to our initial donors! Through the intercessions of Saint Joseph, I pray that God continue to send us "angels" to help us with this important project.

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**.

Last week, I attended a Conference Retreat in Wheeling, West Virginia together with 200+ of my brother priests from all over the country. This was the first time I was able to take a break and rest since Advent/Christmas of last year and Lent/Easter of this year, with the lagniappe celebration of having our new Bishop. Sometimes it is always good to take a break – you can breathe better. I can again smell our wonderful Louisiana air (humidity, bayou swamp and all)!

I will remember my Mom's birthday this Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> as I commemorate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her death (2003). She suffered a double-stroke in 2001 that left her paralyzed on one side of her body. She was bed-ridden after her stroke and had difficulty speaking. I went back to the Philippines to visit her after her stroke and before she died. I tried to have a conversation with her during my visit, but it was a challenge both for her and me to communicate. She's always been so vocal and verbal all her life, and at that moment, all she could do was to mumble and make signs with her abled arm and hand. But as always, she was determined to tell me something, ask me to do something, and as usual, give me a verbal reprimand or so. Paralyzed or not, she was still Mom to me until her last breath. I understand what Saint Paul was saying when he said, **"inexpressible groanings"** in the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, my mother was doing that until she died.

This **16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**, cued by Saint Paul's letter to the Romans, the Scriptures will

guide us to reflect on those prayers, thoughts, sentiments, and other emotions that we could not express. Both in the 1<sup>st</sup> and the gospel readings, we are given ideas on **"what God could have said (or done) in response to His disappointment and frustration over His people – but didn't."** In God's own "inexpressible groanings," the Book of Wisdom focused, rather, on the merciful and compassionate attitude of God towards His people, *"giving His children good ground for hope that would permit them to repent for their sins."* (1<sup>st</sup> reading)

In the gospel of Matthew, Jesus' parable (continued from last weekend's gospel reading), show how God gives His people chances to grow and become what we could be before we suffer future consequences. God always give us chances to become His children. We are given endless opportunities to repent, change our lives, transform ourselves not only into the image and likeness of God, but also to the experience of His presence in our faith and lives. When we fail and come short in our goals and practices, we can hear God's inexpressible groanings!

Just like God, you too have moments of inexpressible groanings when you can't express yourself well in words or actions. Sometimes we resort to mime actions or frustrating movements that doesn't convey exactly what we have in mind. When you have one (or more) of these moments, what do you do?

Let's learn a lesson from the readings this weekend and do two things after you've been through the inexpressible groanings First, allow the best in you to show and come forth just like in the 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Secondly, give the person or situation another chance juke like in the parable of Jesus (gospel reading). To help you go through this 2-step process, remember Psalm 86 that we will sing/recite this weekend and say, "Lord, you are good and forgiving!" If the psalm and these words don't fix your inexpressible groanings, I don't know what will! Keep in mind the closing words of Saint Paul in the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading: ***"And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will."*** Amen?

*Father Vic+*

**July 8th / 9th, 2023**

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**Prayer for  
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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

**Paul Hebert & Kenneth Rodrigue**

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



**Clay Collins & Reagan Chauwin (3)**



The following were  
Baptized into the family  
of Christ recently:

**Lucas Lester**

Child of

**Nathan & Caroline Naquin**

**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.



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In response to the **Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People** from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux has made the following provision for anyone who has been hurt or sexually abused by anyone who works for the church. The Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux has set up an Outreach Line for all victims/survivors of sexual abuse. In continuing our commitment to support and healing, we invite and encourage people who have been hurt or sexually abused recently or in the past by clergy, religious or other employees of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, to call our outreach line. The Outreach Line operates from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily Monday through Friday. A trained mental health professional responds to the line. The **Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux Outreach Line** telephone number is 985-873-0026. To report suspected abuse of a minor, call the

**LA Dept. of Children & Family Services (24/7)**

1-855-452-5437.

**Meet Fr. Rholly's Bishop from the Philippines**

The Most Rev. Mel Rey Ug of the Diocese of Lucena in the Philippines, will be here at St. Joseph on Tuesday, July 25th, to celebrate the 5:30 PM Mass. Bishop Ug is the shepherd of Faher Rholly Grecia's home diocese in the Philippines. Please come and support Fr. Rholly as he welcomes his bishop to our church.