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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:

August 5-6, 2023

The **\$300,000.00 SOUND SYSTEM REPLACEMENT PROJECT** is on the move! The project display stand found in front of the Altar of St. Joseph has 3 “angels” stickers each representing a \$25,000.00 mark in our goal (Current donations = \$75K). Thank you to our donors! *Through the intercessions of Saint Joseph, I pray that God continue to send us “angels” to help us with this important project.*

Someone asked why the amount of our sound system project is \$300K. Answers:

- the old and existing sound system was installed almost 20 years ago at the cost of \$175K; technology changed since then, the system is functional but can't be improved or repaired due to unavailable parts
- electronic technology has developed tremendously in the last 20 years; advancement comes with a price
- price/cost increase for labor and materials even before the pandemic & hurricanes
- we want the best suitable and effective sound system for our Co-Cathedral church!

This weekend we celebrate the **Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord**. This solemn feast narrates the experience of Simon Peter, James and John at the mountain where *“the Lord was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.”* The three apostles “witnessed” and experienced in person what only the Prophet Daniel saw in his vision at night in the first reading. St. Peter recalled in the second reading how he was a “witness” to the Divine Revelation that happened at the high mountain, and how the Father spoke to them on the identity of Jesus.

Merriam Webster Dictionary defined “witness” as: **Noun**

- : attestation of a fact or event: **TESTIMONY**
- : one that gives evidence
 - specifically*: one who testifies in a cause or before a judicial tribunal
- : one asked to be present at a transaction so as to be able to testify to its having taken place
- : one who has personal knowledge of something
 - : something serving as evidence or proof: **SIGN**
 - : public affirmation by word or example of usually religious faith or conviction

As a **Verb**, “witness” is defined as:

- : to testify to: **ATTEST**
- : to act as legal witness of
- : to furnish proof of: **BETOKEN**
- : to have personal or direct cognizance of: see for one-self
- : to take note of

: to constitute the scene or time of

Whether used a noun or verb, a “**witness**” is one who has a knowledge and experience of a person or an event. The knowledge may not be perfect, and the experience may not be fully understood, however, the person was truly present and cognizant of what was going on. Just like Peter, James and John, we all had many moments where we had “**witnessed**” an experience that left an indelible mark on our minds and hearts. Such moments can be a wedding, a birth, a death, a traumatic incident, a dramatic situation, a historical moment. Many of us have full knowledge of many of these events and experiences, we understand some of them and we're probably still trying to process a few. However, when we are called to give “**witness**” to them, how good, effective and powerful would our testimony be?

The apostles, disciples and followers of Jesus did not have the luxury of recording materials such as pens and papers, tablets and computers, smart phones and cameras that we have today and yet they **witnessed** so vividly and effectively of their experiences of Jesus, recalling His words faithfully, and living out their lives so closely after His examples. They were the best “**witnesses**” of the Lord to the world; we are proof of that!

The transfiguration of the Lord, however, did not and should not stop at the high mountain 1990 years ago. The Lord continues to be transfigured before us in the mountains where God takes us, or where we find ourselves. We sometimes find ourselves in high mountains where all is well and perfect, or sometimes in the lowest levels of our lives where all is wrong. Regardless, where you find yourself, God is there letting His presence known to you accompanied by the angels (Moses) and the saints (Elijah). You are NOT alone wherever you find yourself, God is there waiting for you to notice, see and experience. What would you say if you did and what would you say to others about it too? After witnessing events like the transfiguration, Jesus always said to His apostles and disciples, “you are witnesses of these!” And the disciples witnessed to Him with their faith and lives! So, we must be too.

Father Vic+

July 22nd/23rd, 2023

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**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
August 16 @ 10 AM ; Life Center.

**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.

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 .

**FEMMES NATALES
RUNABOUT**

Saturday, September 30th

Femmes Natales would like to introduce Katherine "Kathy" Weimer as this year's 44th Runabout recipient. Kathy was born and raised in Thibodaux. Married to Phillip, mother of three children and grandmother of two. After graduating from E.D.White in 1985, she pursued her love for teaching and is a Nicholls State graduate. Mrs. Weimer taught kindergarten and 1st grade for 25 years before her forced retirement in Feb. 2022. Eight months after retirement, Kathy received her official diagnosis of ALS.

The organization of Femme Natales welcomes you to support Mrs. Kathy Weimer as this year's 44th Runabout recipient. Please mark you calendars for September 30, 2023 for a day of celebrating Kathy through running (walking or watching), food, drinks, music and more. Your contribution to this cause is sincerely appreciated.

To register visit <https://www.femmesnatales.org/shop>



Breakfast Group

Join us in the Life Center on
Tuesday , August 8th
following the 6:30 AM Mass.