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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: **August 19-20, 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! We HOPE to add another “Angel” before the end of August! **Would you help complete the 4th Angel’s wings?** *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**.

This August 17th till the 25th, I will be with a group of pilgrims visiting the sacred places of St. Patrick’s Cathedral in Armagh, Shrine of Our Lady of Knock, St. Patrick’s Purgatory, Shrine of Our Lady of Dublin, and the Shrine of Our Lady Queen of Ireland. This Pilgrimage **“Into the Silence of Mary,”** will explore and reflect on instances in the Scriptures where the Blessed Virgin was “silent” during her time with Jesus up to her death. The title came from the appearance of Our Lady at Knock in 1879, sixty-two years (62) after the mission of St. Joseph Chapel (1817) was established in Thibodauxville! As I’ve done in my past pilgrimages, I create themes for every pilgrimage I lead, and combining historical and religious facts of the pilgrimage, I give the pilgrim group more than a sightseeing tour. I want my pilgrims not only to see places as tourists but to learn and grow from their experiences as pilgrims. I shall remember y’all in my prayers as I lead my pilgrim people **“Into the Silence of Mary.”** Please pray that the leprechauns don’t get me so I can come back to y’all safely!

The readings this weekend’s **20th Sunday in Ordinary Time** will ask us the question, **“What would you do to save a loved one?”**

St. Paul’s address to the Gentiles at Rome is so heart-warming and moving, i.e., he would make his own people (Romans and Jews) jealous in order to save them! What does St. Paul mean? Keep in mind that St. Paul has “dual citizenship,” i.e., he’s both Roman and a Jew. Though it may seem advantageous for him to have two privileges and perks when needed (and he’s tolerated on both sides), he’s really not totally accepted on either side! On top of that, he’s a follower and an apostle of Jesus of Nazareth that the Jews of his time condemned, and the Romans crucified; that’s two points against St. Paul. Since these two groups don’t like St. Paul and they won’t accept his testimony, he went preaching and teaching to their archenemies, the Gentiles or Pagans, in short, he switched from being with his own people to the

non-believers! As if St. Paul was saying to his people, “If you don’t like me and want what I have to share, too bad!” But St. Paul was not turning his back from his people, he was simply using the “reverse psychology” towards them hoping that by being jealous of the Gentiles, his own people would receive and accept him. St. Paul would endure all kinds of insults, torture and rejection in order just **to save them!**

The story of the Canaanite woman in the gospel of Matthew is another example of someone doing everything just to save someone they love. The cities of Tyre and Sidon on the Mediterranean Coast are gentile cities inhabited mostly by pagans such as the Canaanite woman and her people. In going to the cities of the gentiles where Jews dare not go, Jesus was not only pushing the religious boundaries of His time but giving everyone a new teaching and experience. God crosses all boundaries and conventionalities just to save His people!

The Canaanite woman and mother crossed boundaries and conventionalities as well. As a Canaanite, she was not allowed to engage in a conversation with a Jew. As a woman, she was not allowed to speak to any man who is not related to her. But this Canaanite woman was so determined to save her daughter “who is tormented by a demon” that she would risk being shunned, embarrassed and publicly dismissed by the disciples of Jesus. Most likely, the Canaanite woman have heard much about Jesus; His reputation reaches far and wide. From what she had heard, she knew and believe that Jesus could do something about her tormented child. Her faith is based on her love for her child, and her love led her Jesus. The conversation she had with Jesus was a test and proof of faith for Jesus’ friends and followers and should not be interpreted as Jesus being indifferent to her. Jesus first established the current belief at that time: **“I was sent ONLY to the lost sheep of the house of Israel,”** meaning Gentiles (Canaanites) are not part of the Jewish nation. Furthermore, Jesus said to her, **“It is not right to take the food of children and throw it to the dogs,”** alluding to how the Jews at that time looked down on “outsiders” like her. The Canaanite Woman’s response was classic: **“even the dogs eat the scraps tat fall from the table of their masters.”** She and her people may not be Jews and worthy of their attention and yet they too have a place at God’s table (and presence)! She would do anything to save her daughter even to argue with a Jewish holy man from Nazareth. Such was her determination and faith in Jesus that she took these risks just to save her daughter.

How about you, what would you do to save someone you love?

Father Vic+

August 5th / 6th, 2023

Weekly Offering



Weekly Envelopes	\$	11,673.00
Weekly Loose		2,127.45
Online Giving		1,084.01
Weekly ACH		530.00
	\$	15,414.46

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The following were
Baptized into the family
of Christ recently:

Anna Bell & Austin Joseph
Christopher & Jennifer Authement

Evie Anne
Jeremy & Elizabeth Mumme

Jude Frederick
Christopher & Ann-Marie Castille

Rowan Paul
Adam Dufrene & Leslie Liebert

**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.

The **GOOD SAMARITAN FOOD
BANK** in Thibodaux is in need of
Volunteers. Please contact
Lisbeth Rivet at 985-447-9776 or
985-227-3590 and be sure to leave
a message.



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 .

**Diocesan Wedding Anniversary
October 22, 2023 @ 3:00 PM
St. Francis de Sales Cathedral
Houma, LA**

The Diocesan Office of Worship is inviting all
couples married in the Catholic church who are
celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or
greater anniversary during 2023 to a Mass
celebrated by Bishop Dorsonville on October 22,
2023 at 3:00 PM at St. Francis de Sales Cathedral. If
you wish to take part in this celebration, contact
your church parish before August 25, 2023 to regis-
ter. All registered anniversary couples attending the
diocesan celebration will receive an inscribed
diocesan certificate at the reception following the
Mass, and will have the opportunity to take their
photo with Bishop Dorsonville.



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Please remember
**Jerry Gilfour, Jr., Carlton
Cheramie, Ray Bonvillain &
Richard Weimer** Who passed on
into the Kingdom of our Father recently. Please
pray also that their families may find comfort
and consolation through their faith.

BAPTISMAL SEMINAR

Thursday, August 31

7:00 PM

St. Joseph Life Center
Call 446-1387 to Register.
Parents and Godparents are
required to attend.

