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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

Scripture Reflections

- Not much more is known about Eliakim than what we learn in this brief passage from Isaiah. But he serves an important role in the history of God's people, for as the holder of the key of the House of David, even if only for a short time, he provides a necessary link between David and Jesus. The line of those descended from David and chosen by God remained uninterrupted to the birth of the Messiah. Later, Peter becomes an even more pivotal link in the history of our religion: the link between Jesus and the church he founded. Between they key of the House of David and the keys of the kingdom, a line can be drawn from Pope Francis back to King David, all entrusted to lead the people of God.
- The line Jesus uses to praise Peter on his affirmation of Jesus as the Christ (Greek word for Messiah) is interesting: "For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father: (Matthew 16:17). Jesus is "flesh and blood," fully human and fully divine, and he is correct in saying that he himself has not revealed this to Peter nor to anyone. He did not wish anyone to think the Messiah came to overthrow the government and reestablish the earthly kingdom of Israel. But recall that Jesus himself taught his disciples how to pray. He had already taught them the prayer we know as the Lord's Prayer. So when Jesus tells Peter that his heavenly Father has revealed to him that Jesus is the Christ, he may be suggesting the Peter has learned this through prayer. Then and now, prayer can be an opportunity for better understanding God.
- When Jesus restates his question to his disciples, changing "people say" to "you say" he is changing the question from one opinion o tone of faith (Matthew 16:13, 15). Faith gets to truth, but a truth that we cannot prove. Faith can be difficult to maintain without conclusive evidence especially in the face of evil in the world, of seemingly senseless tragedy. It is in that light that Paul's words today are comforting. God's wisdom is inscrutable. God's ways are unsearchable. God's will is ultimately unknowable. May our faith console us.

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The following were
Baptized into the family
of Christ recently:

Scarlett Himmel
John & Annalise Allemand

**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
**Sylvia Touns and
Claiborne "Skipper" Touns III,**
Who passed on into the Kingdom of
our Father recently. Please pray also that their
families may find comfort and consolation
through their faith.

**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 register. 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.

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 .

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.



**BAPTISMAL SEMINAR
Thursday, August 31**

7:00 PM

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

