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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*

**Rev. Sebastian Stephen**  
985-438-0215

## PASTOR'S THOUGHTS: November 11-12, 2023

The **\$300,000.00 SOUND SYSTEM REPLACEMENT PROJECT** is finished! We just finished some leftover work and cosmetic fixes to complete the work. We are now paying bills, Invoices and project expenses. Thank you to our donors for supporting this very important project! *Through the prayers and intercessions of Saint Joseph, I pray that God bless our cheerful givers and continue to send us "angels" to help us in our needs.*

Some asked me when we will remove the leftover 8 large speakers hanging from the ceiling and some small ones mounted high above the columns in the sanctuary. The speakers will be removed at the same time when we do the repairs of the plaster inside the church. Why wait till then? Scaffoldings will be installed during the interior plaster repairs to reach the highest point. We have to pay for scaffolding installations (and removal) and so to economize (save money), we will just do them all at the same time (remove old speakers and repair plaster). I am being mindful of the upcoming other major projects.

As what we have done in the past, we remember at all our Masses, the "names of the deceased displayed in our Memorial Wreath" during whole month of November. In remembering the dead in our prayers and at the Eucharistic celebration, the faithful departed who are still waiting to be admitted before the presence of the Lord are cleansed of any (and remaining) stain/s of sin that clings to them and so, enter into Eternal Life. So, keep in mind that every prayer and every Mass that each one of you offer for "repose of the souls" goes a long, long way! Your one prayer and one Mass on their behalf could be the last one a soul (or two) is/are waiting to reach God.

In just a few weeks, we will enter the Holy Season of Waiting – Advent! To help us with the preparation, the readings for the weeks of November will help us focus and pay attention. The readings this 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time will give us four phrases to focus on: **waiting with knowledge, wait with thirsting, waiting prepared, and waiting wisely.**

The Book of Wisdom in the 1<sup>st</sup> reading tells us that "wisdom" is a gift that not all have but when one has wisdom, she will be a priceless gift to have. Those who have wisdom will have the proper guidance and they will do what is right at appropriate times. Those who are **waiting with this knowledge** will not be

disappointed!

The psalmist in the Responsorial Psalm reminds us to "**wait with thirsting**" for the God whom one seek, pines and long for. This emotional expression of one's desire to be with God is every person's prayer, hope and dream. As St. Augustine of Hippo wrote, "*our souls are restless until they rest in thee!*"

St. Paul's warned the people at Thessaloniki not to wait for the Lord "as if he will never return." Rather, to "**wait prepared**" for His coming so that when the Lord comes, "we will be caught up together with the faithful ones in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air." St. Paul want us to always be ready, prepared and really excited to see the Lord.

In the gospel of Matthew, Jesus narrated the parable of the ten virgins and the lamps they took as they wait for the arrival of the bridegroom (coming of the Lord). As the parable says, "five of them were foolish (who did not bring extra oil) and five were wise (those who brought enough oil)." These ten also reflect the two readings: five were waiting with knowledge and was prepared (Book of Wisdom), however the other five were not prepared and have fallen asleep (1 Thessalonians). Jesus commended those who "waited wisely" for the arrival of the bridegroom (the Christ) and warned the foolish ones that they will left out in the dark for being unprepared.

We all are waiting for the Lord. Waiting to return to the Lord when our time comes or when the Lord finally returns; whichever comes first. Based on these readings and warnings, you have to ask yourself, "**How am I spending my life and time waiting for the Lord?**" Are you enriching yourself with knowledge about God and faith while you are waiting? Is your daily life spent thirsting for the Lord while waiting? Have you been preparing every single day with acts of kindness and compassion to others that will make you worthy of God's Kingdom while waiting to get there? In all these years you have been waiting, have you grown wise in life and in faith?

Heed the warning of Jesus: "*Therefore, stay awake [be wise, thirsty for the Lord, and prepared], for you know neither the day nor the hour.*" Consider yourselves warned!

*Father Vic+*

**WEEKLY OFFERING**  
**October 28th / 29th, 2023**

Weekly Envelopes	\$ 8,061.50
Weekly Loose	1,895.22
Online Giving	516.88
Weekly ACH	570.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 11,043.60</b>

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**PRAYER FOR PALESTINE AND ISRAEL**

God of love, we lift up Palestine and Israel—  
its people, its land, its creatures.  
War is a monster that consumes everything in its path.  
Peace is a gift shared at meals of memory with  
Christians, Jews, and Muslims.  
Let us burn incense, not children.  
Let us break bread, not bodies.  
Let us plant olive groves, not cemeteries.  
We beg for love and compassion to prevail  
on all your holy mountains.  
God of hope, come again to breathe peace on your people,  
that all may recognize you.  
Strengthen our faith in you even  
when we don't have clear answers, so that we may still  
offer ourselves nonviolently for the cause of peace.  
Amen  
*Taken in part from prayers of Rose Marie Berger*



Blake Prosperie & Lauren Verret (3)  
Sean Mohon & Caroline Babin (1)  
Mac Rogers & Katelyn Songe (1)

**Household Supply Drive** is now taking place. The items that we are collecting cannot be purchased with food stamps.

Please return items to St. Joseph Church next weekend **November 18th / 19th** or to the Good Samaritan Food Bank.

**CCHD 2ND COLLECTION**  
**NEXT WEEKEND**

This collection uses grants to support community-controlled, self-help organizations and transformative education to address the root causes of poverty in America. 75% of this collection is administered by the Subcommittee on the Catholic Campaign for Human Development with approval of local bishops. 25% of this collection is retained for local efforts through Catholic Charities of Houma-Thibodaux.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**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  
**November 15th @ 10 AM ; Life Center.**