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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 25-26, 2023

The **\$300,000.00 SOUND SYSTEM REPLACEMENT PROJECT** is finished! We continuously tweak the system as it adjusts to our environment and different uses; this is part of getting to know the system and vice versa. Thank you to our friends, benefactors and 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.*

We are planning to bring back our Advent and Pre-Christmas Community celebration this coming December 16<sup>th</sup>. It has been a while since we got together to celebrate the holy seasons as we prepare to welcome Jesus into our lives. Please watch out for the special flyer and bulletin announcement and please do plan to participate. It is good when His people come together to welcome the Coming of the Messiah! This church parish community celebration is also our way of closing the Jubilee Year (1923-2023) of the Dedication of our beloved Church of St. Joseph. We will end a jubilee year and we begin a new year with the Lord! As we say it in Latin: *"ad multos annos"* (towards more years)!

This weekend's Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Christ the King Sunday), could also been referred to as the "Good Shepherd Sunday" (or "Pastor bonus" weekend) because of the common theme in all the readings!

In the 1<sup>st</sup> reading, the Lord spoke through the Prophet Ezekiel describing Himself as *"a shepherd who tends His flock,"* especially seeking out the scattered and the lost. This Divine Shepherd will also *"judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats."* This statement refers to the judgment day when the Lord will separate His sheep from the others, or in the words of St. Paul (1Corinthians), "when all are subjected to Him."

The Responsorial Psalm (23<sup>rd</sup>) proclaims the all-time favorite hymn of all – the Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want!

The image that Jesus used in the gospel of Matthew to describe the judgement day is the same shepherd in the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel, who will *"separate the sheep from the goats."* Who are His sheep who will inherit the kingdom and who are the goats who will be *accursed into eternal fire* according to Jesus? The sheep are ones who gave food and drink to the hungry and thirsty, those who welcomed strangers, clothed the naked, cared for the ill and visited those in prisons; and the goats are those who did not.

The focus on the images and statements of Jesus is on this: *Whatever you did OR did not do for one of the least brothers (or sisters) of Jesus, you did OR did not do for Him.* This declaration from Jesus is something we need to seriously remember because it could mean for us either an entrance into His Kingdom or not.

The "King of the Universe" that we are celebrating in faith and in our Church is not one "who lord His status over others," or someone who rules by a mighty hand or sword, or crowned with a flashy crown but with thorns holding a reed that was used to beat His back. Our King is a simple hardworking man, who *"give repose to His sheep in verdant pastures, leads them to restful waters and guides them in right path."* This King does not wait to be served but *"spreads the table for His sheep and anoints their heads with oil."*

The differences in the two images we have this weekend is that while the Solemnity is filled with grandeur and all the pomp and circumstance, the readings portray the opposite Person. The Solemnity evokes the Supreme power and reign of Jesus Christ over the whole universe (as described by St. Paul in his letter to the Corinthians), His examples and challenge for us is to follow what He did. What is this Solemnity then trying to tell and teach us? Based on the readings I think it would say, *"If you would like to be with the King of the Universe, behave like His servants to all!"*

This may sound like an oxymoron to some, but this is the way Jesus wanted it and expects from all of us. He said, *"whatever you did for one of the least brothers (or sisters) of mine, you did for me!"* In His Kingdom, there are no princes and princesses, royalties and nobilities but only "servants of the servants of God" (Latin: *"servi[o] servorum Dei,"* a beloved title that the Holy Father use).

As we conclude this long Ordinary Time in our liturgical year and prepare to enter the Holy Season of Waiting (Advent), let us prepare to welcome our Messiah who was born on a manger (feeding trough), in a stable (where animals dwell), in a foreign land (Bethlehem) and will become our Good Shepherd. Jesus started off His saving work by being the least of all His brothers and sisters to become their Good Shepherd and King. Let us start by being servants of all as we follow our Good Shepherd so that someday we too will be with our King!

*Father Vic+*

**WEEKLY OFFERING**  
November 11th/12th, 2023

Weekly Envelopes	\$ 8,076.25
Weekly Loose	1,717.68
Online Giving	729.26
Weekly ACH	570.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 11,093.19</b>

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**Bonnie Hebert &  
Beryl Guidry**



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

## Let's Get Connected

We invite everyone to connect with us so that you can receive emails and text messages through our electronic mail service and our smartphone app. To receive electronic email and texts, text VALERIE to 84576. Be sure to respond to the prompts and provide the requested information. To download our new smartphone app on your cellphone or tablet, text App to 55321 or go to the App Store and download myParish App. You will find lots of handy information on the app including mass and confession times, prayers, information about the Catholic church and announcements about St. Joseph Church.

## BAPTISMAL SEMINAR

**Thursday, November 30th**

7:00 PM

St. Joseph Life Center

Call 446-1387 to Register.

Parents and Godparents are required to attend.



**WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR  
VOLUNTEERS TO LEAD THE SEMINARS.**



#iGIVECATHOLIC

We invite you to consider St. Joseph Co-Cathedral for your #iGiveCatholic donation this year. We are continuing our efforts to raise funds for our pending project of cleaning and waterproofing of the exterior of our 100 year old Co-Cathedral.

We need to collect half of the funds before work can begin. We are also waiting for repairs to be made to the roof due to Hurricane Ida damages. We hope to begin cleaning and waterproofing as soon as the hurricane repairs are done. We thank those who gave in last years #iGvieCatholic campaign and we ask that you please join them this year in giving to this much needed project. Envelopes can be found in church and placed in the collection baskets at mass or brought to the church office.



Sean Mohon & Caroline Babin (3)

Mac Rogers & Katelyn Songe (3)

Jesse Pizzolato & Adele Broussard (2)



**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION  
FRIDAY, December 1st**

*All are welcome!!*