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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

501 Cardinal Drive, Thibodaux, LA 70301
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Email Address: stjoeelm@htdiocese.org
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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:

December 23-24, 2023

We are still tweaking the controls of the new Sound System trying to find the right balance of speakers and microphones. Like any new equipment and technology, there is "growing pains" involved; please bear with us. This new System is the best there is available in the market and delivers the best sound performance based on our acoustical challenges and problems. The latest technology and equipment can only do so much for a 100-year-old building that was built without modern technology in mind. We recognized that there are still some people who might struggle with our new sound system due to decreased hearing or because of their use of hearing aids. I can sympathize with ya'll for I also wear hearing aids. I have the latest crossover hearing aids which unfortunately I haven't been able to use since the pandemic and currently it is now being serviced by the manufacturer. Our new Sound System has a Wi-fi- Assisted feature for Bluetooth enabled hearing aid devices and a separate independent loop (for hearing aid telecoils) devices for those whose devices are not Bluetooth enabled. We will provide instruction guide flyer and schedule a set up day for all hearing aid users later on for those who are interested in using this added feature. Stay tuned.

We have an immediate opening for a **NEW OFFICE MANAGER**. The *Position and Job Description for a NEW Office Manager* has been posted on our Website and Social Media Accounts (See Front Page of this Bulletin for addresses), as well as at the diocesan website (www.htdiocese.org, See "Employment" on top of the Main Page) and all Social Media platforms for interested applicants. Applications MUST be made through the Office of Employee Benefits and Human Resources of the Diocese.

TO ALL who donated to our *Household Supplies Drive* for Catholic Charities and all those who adopted children for *Thibodaux Christmas Toy Drive* – **THANK YOU!** The Seasons of Giving this past November and at Christmas time reinforces our culture of faith and giving as (1) Christians and as (2) people of Thibodaux. To those who have given much, much will be given back to you – God said!

The heme for the fourth and final Sunday of Advent is "love." Although the scripture readings for this weekend speaks more about "a worthy dwelling place for God," building and finding God's dwelling

was all done out of **love!**

King David in the 2nd Book of Samuel wanted to "build a house for the Lord to dwell in" because of everything that the Lord had done for him. King David was not only grateful for all that the Lord has done for him, but King David **loved** his God as fully expressed by Psalm 89 in the Responsorial Psalm. Maryam of Nazareth's response to the Angel's annunciation was also inspired by her **love** of God. While King David built a "material dwelling place for God," Maryam herself "became the dwelling place for God's only Begotten Son." In both stories, King David and Maryam of Nazareth provided dwelling places for God because they truly **love** God.

We are reminded again this Christmas that before we could think of what gift to give God, oneself and each other, God gave us His gift first – His **love** embodied in His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ (See, John 3:16). This is the model and standard of giving. This is the only reason and purpose of why we give. This is the only motivation why one should give – because they **love!** If not for **love**, the gift, the giving, the act itself means nothing.

I have been a beneficiary and recipient of many gifts. The first gift I received is my own life and the many blessings that came with it from God. Secondly, the gifts that I received from my family and friends that continue to nourish and enrich me. Third, the gifts that I receive and will receive from people that I served and those who share with my ministry. Lastly, the gifts that I will receive or received from many others who have been God's instruments of blessings and grace. When I put all these together, I am **loved** more ways than one than I can ever imagine and/or deserve. This realization is what makes me what to **love** more, to give more of myself, to try to be an expression of God's **love**.

This Christmas, give **LOVE** as your first gift to all – God, self and others; the rest of the gifts will follow!

On behalf of our pastoral and office staff – *Joyeux Noël et bonne année à tous! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all! Feliz Navidad y próspero año nuevo para todos!*

Father Vic+

WEEKLY OFFERING
December 9th / 10th , 2023

Weekly Envelopes	\$ 13,165.00
Weekly Loose	2,085.04
Online Giving	459.01
Weekly ACH	570.00
TOTAL	\$ 16,279.05

Religious Retirement \$5,763.00

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Please remember

Mary Lafaso



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

BAPTISMAL SEMINAR

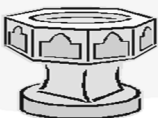
Thursday, December 28th

7:00 PM

St. Joseph Life Center

Call 446-1387 to Register.

Parents and Godparents are required to attend.



Volunteers are needed to lead our Baptismal Seminars. If you are looking to help in some way and don't have much time to give, this may be the ministry for you.

We all know how important it is to have our children baptized and to have parents and godparents lead them on their spiritual journey through the formative years.

Volunteers lead our seminars on the last Thursday of each month. It can be individuals, couples or a team. If you are able to give an hour or so once a year, please call the Life Center at 446-1387. Training will be provided.



VOLUNTEER

Wedding Banns

Aaron Blanchard & Brigitte Bourgeois (1 & 2)
Drey Benoit & Taylor Acosta (1)
Mason Like & Taylor Naquin (1)
George Molaison & Beth Bourgeois (1)



Mass Schedule for the
4th Sunday of Advent &
Christmas Vigil & Day
Christmas Quota
\$17,595.00

Sunday, December 24th

4th Sunday of Advent

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

Sunday, December 24th

Vigil Mass of Christmas

4:00 PM, 6:00 PM

12 Midnight

Monday, December 25th

Christmas Day

7:30AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

NO 6 PM Mass

OFFICE CLOSED

The Life Center Office will be closed on
December 25th & 26th for
the Christmas Holiday.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY
OF THE WORD



We would really like to continue offering Children's Liturgy weekly. We are in need of several adult volunteers to assist with this ministry which is held during the 9:30 AM Mass. Children will leave Mass after the opening prayer and return during offertory. We would need at least two adults to help weekly. The more we have to volunteer the fewer times each person would serve.

If you are interested in volunteering these few minutes on Sundays, please call the Life Center or Natalie Landry @ 985-859-4608.

ROSARY

Mondays & Thursdays

9:30 AM

Flame of Love Rosary

Wednesdays 8:30 AM—10 AM

Before 5:30 PM Daily Mass

