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Mass Schedule

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| 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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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:

January 13-14, 2024

There are some people who are still struggling with our new sound system due to decreased hearing or because of their use of hearing aids. 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.**

The Christmas Season officially ended last week with the Solemnity of the Epiphany, we're now back in the Ordinary Time in the Liturgical Calendar of our Church. After glorious holy seasons of Advent and Christmas, the Church brings us to the "ordinariness of our lives and faith" in order that we may bring to our daily lives the holiness of the past seasons we have just observed and celebrated. Remember the transfiguration story of Jesus with Peter, James and John (Matthew 17: 1-8)? As much as Peter would have enjoyed hanging around the place and the experience ("Lord, how good it is for us to be here," Peter exclaimed), Jesus told them to get up and let's go! When you have encountered the glory of the Lord and experienced His Divine presence and love, you cannot hang around to enjoy the moment, you must be ready and willing to bring and share the experience with others. And we do this in the "ordinariness of our lives and faith."

With all the Christmas decorations gone and the Jubilee Banners removed, our church looks so "ordinary" again, reminding us that even when all the outside trappings are removed, the "church" is still beautiful, just like each one of us. Let us enter into the "ordinariness of our lives and faith" with the blessed assurance that God sees the beautiful within each one of us. Many thanks again to Jacob's Ladder Crew for all the hard work in maintaining the beauty of our church!

As of this writing, a team of Diocesan employees from the Office of Employee Benefits and Human Resources have just concluded interviewing the applicants for the position of Office Manager (Bookkeeper, etc.) for our church parish community. Once hired, I will introduce to you the new employee via this Bulletin and our Social Medium.

The weekend readings for the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time begins with the calling of Samuel (1st reading), and John the Baptist's famous exclamation, "behold the Lamb of God" (gospel reading). These two readings have something in common: in the 1st reading, the Prophet Eli "pointed out the Lord to Samuel" who did not know who was calling him in the middle of the night. In the gospel reading, John the Baptist pointed out Jesus to his disciples towards the end of his ministry. The prophet and the baptizer BOTH pointed out the Lord to all who were seeking, asking and looking for God. This is what prophets, disciples, followers, and believers do in life and in faith. This is what the Church call our "missionary call to discipleship" that each one of us received at our baptism. Each one of us are called to POINT OUT GOD to all who seek, ask, and look for the Lord.

Our missionary call to discipleship begins the moment we are consecrated to God at baptism, sealed by the Gift of the Holy Spirit at Confirmation, strengthened, and renewed by the Eucharist (the traditional order of Initiation). It was the intent of the Church to make us ready and empowered to fulfill our baptismal call the moment we have received all these sacraments. Consecrated, sealed and nourished, each one of us have everything we would need in order to "point out God" to all by our lives and faith. This is a mandate from Jesus Christ Himself who ordered all His disciples "to go out to all the world and preach the Good News, baptizing everyone in God's Divine Name." When we heed His command, Jesus remains in us and we remain in Him!

How does one point out the Lord to those who seek?

How does one point out Jesus to those who ask?

How does one point out God to those who are looking?

Father Vic+

WEEKLY OFFERING
December 30th / 31st, 2023

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| Weekly Envelopes | \$ 7,500.00 |
| Weekly Loose | 2,933.46 |
| Online Giving | 319.38 |
| Weekly ACH | 530.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 11,282.84 |

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In response to the **Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People** from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux has made the following provision for anyone who has been hurt or sexually abused by anyone who works for the church. The Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux has set up an Outreach Line for all victims/survivors of sexual abuse. In continuing our commitment to support and healing, we invite and encourage people who have been hurt or sexually abused recently or in the past by clergy, religious or other employees of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, to call our outreach line. The Outreach Line operates from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily Monday through Friday. A trained mental health professional responds to the line.

The **Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux Outreach Line** telephone number is
985-873-0026.

To report suspected abuse of a minor, call the
LA Dept. of Children & Family Services
(24/7)
1-855-452-5437.



CONFIRMATION MASS
Tuesday January 16th
6:00 PM

There will be
NO 5:30 PM MASS
on this day.

Please remember

Robert Gourgues,
Katherine Thibodeaux &
Lance Thibodeaux



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

Wedding Banns

Andrew Templet & Claire Chiasson (3)



The following were
Baptized into the family
of Christ recently:

Michael Alfred
Child of Dennis & Kristin Bayhi

**CHANGING CONTACT
INFO OR MOVING ??**

If you are moving or changing your phone number, please let the parish office know. You can do this by mailing a note, phoning, emailing or dropping a note in the collection basket. If you are going to a nursing home or assisted living center, call so we can keep our records updated. We depend on our parishioners to help keep our records current.

Thank you for your help.

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