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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: *January 20-21, 2024*

For the **Hearing-Aid Wearers** who want to use the Wi-fi- Assisted Bluetooth feature and/or the separate independent loop (for hearing aid telecoils) – good news! The Technician from the New York company that installed our new Sound System will be visiting our location on the weekend of **February 3-4 ONLY** and will be available to assist you connect your hearing aid device to our Sound System and learn the app that came with it! He will also give instructions on how to use the “independent loop” (for hearing aid telecoils) for those who want to use this option. A bulletin flyer with instructions will be available in the bulletin this weekend. Please plan to be in church half an hour before each Mass to avail yourselves of this opportunity.

Ordinary Time in our liturgical calendar this year will be short – only five weeks! With this short “break between seasons,” do not be surprised that the readings even during the Ordinary Time will sound “pre-Lent” in their tone and message. This “transition and dynamics” will begin this weekend, the third Sunday in Ordinary Time. The theme of the readings this weekend is “time’s up!”

When I was in primary school, every time we had class exams, our teachers usually yell “**time’s up**” to announce the end of an examination. Even in college seminary, our formators did the same during our comprehensive exams, albeit creatively. When a seminarian fails to yield at the announcement and continues to scribble despite the warning, the formator will stand in front of his desk and ask the class what punishment should be given to the guilty seminarian for being tardy. The class will suggest forms of punishment that suit their humor or prank, mostly harmless and just for fun. Once I was that guilty seminarian who did not yield to the announcement and when the formator asked my class what punishment I should have, someone yelled from the back of the class – “Crucify him!” **TIME’S UP!**

The message from the Lord that Prophet Jonah brought to the Ninevites in the first reading is **TIME’S UP**. The Ninevites have been living a wanton life filled with dissipation devoid of God. They have been warned over and over again and yet they did not heed all the warnings. Finally, Jonah was sent to them to once and for all warn

them that their lives would be taken and everything they would have be destroyed, their **time was up**. The Ninevites have heard of Jonah and his reputation precedes him well that combined with his prophetic persona, the Ninevites changed their ways and made amends with God very quickly.

St. Paul’s short warning to the stubborn and unrepentant converts at Corinth in the second reading is clear and to the point – “**the time is running out!**” The procrastinating attitude that many of them have and for not believing that Jesus will return or that they too will die sooner or later, prompted St. Paul to speak so boldly to them in his own (but usual) shocking way! For St. Paul, all of us are transitory and soon our mortality will be upon us. Ready or not, St. Paul says, your, our, my **time will come up** regardless of our readiness. Death, for St. Paul is certain. Jesus’ return (Second Coming or *Parousia*), however, only God knows.

The introductory part in the Gospel of Mark sets the tone for Jesus’ message and call: “this is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.” In short, **TIME’S UP!** The urgency in the message of Jesus is because He is already in their midst. Jesus also knew that His life and ministry with them will be short-lived (just about 3 years), and so, therefore, there’s no time to waste.

The urgency of the warning in all the readings is because God knows two things for sure: (1) that we will die, and (2) that Jesus will return to complete His work of salvation. Whichever comes first, are you ready? Sometimes because of their age, condition or status, some people think that nothing will happen to them, that they have enough time, that they are in good health or have a good life, and that Jesus will not return soon since it’s been over 2 centuries since He left and we’re still waiting. This thinking and attitude are like gambling in which the result is always predictable – you will always lose!

So, when **TIME’S UP**, are you ready to meet our Lord?

Father Vic+

WEEKLY OFFERING
January 6th / 7th, 2024

Weekly Envelopes	\$ 9,709.50
Weekly Loose	2,423.21
Online Giving	433.16
Weekly ACH	530.00
TOTAL	\$ 13,095.87

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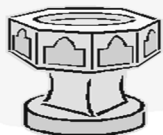
Thursday, January 25th

7:00 PM

St. Joseph Life Center

Call 446-1387 to Register.

Parents and Godparents are required to attend.



The following were
Baptized into the family
of Christ recently:

Beau Paul

Justin & Abby Blanchard

Beverly June

Josh & Harlie Legendre

Beaux James & Bree Evelyn

Benjamin & Kimi Boudreaux

Ruby Frances

Matthew & Brittany Guidry

Alana Ann

Joshua & Naomi Baudoin



Hunter Bourgeois & Alyse LaRose (1)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY will begin on this Sunday, January 21st during 9:30 AM mass. Parents should drop their child at the Life Center before mass. The mentors will take the children back to mass during the offertory. Children must be at least 3 years (potty trained) and have not yet celebrated their 1st Communion. Children must be registered to attend; registration forms can be found on the church's website, www.stjoseph-cc.org.

Is God calling you to be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Eucharist at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral?

We would like to once again offer the Most Precious Blood at Holy Communion. To do so, we need an additional 20 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Eucharist per weekend. So that these ministers do not have to serve every week, our desire is to have at least 40 new ministers signed up, trained and scheduled by Easter. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Pam Folsie at 446-1387, ext. 215 or pfolsie@htdiocese.org or Gary Hebert at 446-0027 or garyhebert@icloud.com.

**ST. JOSEPH CO-CATHEDRAL PRESENTS
AN EVENING WITH DR. BRANT PITRE
6:30 PM, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024
AT THE PARISH LIFE CENTER**

Dr. Brant Pitre will give an introductory lecture on his book "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist: Unlocking the Secrets of the Last Supper" to prepare participants for a 5-session conversation on the book facilitated by Fr. Wilmer Todd during Lent.

The book may be purchased from Dr. Pitre on the evening of his presentation, at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral or through your favorite bookseller.

All are invited to attend. Those who attend Fr. Todd's sessions should come having read the assignment for the week and be prepared to take part in the conversations.

Please remember

Sandra "Prissy" Grace



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