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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 27-28, 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.

In just a few days, the first month of this new year is over, can you believe that?! After January, the year ceases to be “new” but “another” year to start, begin and continue whatever we have in mind and heart. At this Co-Cathedral Church, we already have some activities and events planned for this **Year of the Eucharist** beginning with the Public Lecture and Presentation of Dr. Brant Pitre on the Year of the Eucharist, complimented by the Faith-Sharing Group about Dr. Pitre's Book facilitated by Father Willie Todd. We are also coordinating with National Eucharistic Congress (“NEC”) with regards to NEC's Pilgrim Procession that will be passing through our location on their way to Indianapolis, and few more events and activities highlighting the Precious Gift of Jesus to us. If you are in love with the Eucharist, this is a special year for YOU! More information will be announced in this Bulletin and Social Media Accounts later on.

The readings on this Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time will speak to us about being prophets, messengers, and disciples of today. Prophets foretold the coming of the Lord, messengers announce God's presence, and disciples brought Him to all.

Towards the end of his life and journey, Moses in the 1st reading responded to the concern of the Hebrew people about who will replace him. Moses said, *“A prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up for you from among your kin.”* This prophet will not be coming from somewhere or will be sent by someone. This prophet is someone from your own family, one of them and is already with you, Moses would emphasize. As the Scriptures indeed narrated, prophet after prophet came from among the Hebrew people after Moses was taken away from them until the time of Jesus. In fact, during the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, some of His enemies were asking whether “he's one of the prophets” that was foretold. Jesus was from “among them” and born in their midst. Some of Jesus' early listeners either knew of Him

or are familiar with Him that they could not believe Him! (Read the gospel of Mark)

The Incarnation and Birth of Jesus among God's chosen people is the complete realization of Moses' statement. Where Moses left off, Jesus began!

For centuries, people of all races and faith depended on having a “prophet” from somewhere. It is easier for them to accept and listen to someone that they do not know well. This attitude was so prevalent during the time of Jesus that made Him comment, *“a prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.”* (Mark 6:4) Why are prophets despised? Who are they and what do they do?

Prophets bring the presence of God to His people and His people to God; this is who and what prophets are. This is also our baptismal call and mission, the command that we ALL have received from Jesus Christ Himself (referred to as *“mandatum Christi”* in Latin, the mandate of Christ). When prophets try to bring the presence of God to His people and vice versa, people either welcome the prophet or despise him/her. In most cases, people despise the prophet if they know him or her well. Remember the expression, “familiarity breeds contempt?” Nevertheless, God continues to call “prophets” among us to bring His presence to us, and each one of us to God in their own ways, albeit sometimes imperfect. These prophets are your own families, neighbors and friends who love and care enough for you that they will risk alienation, being hated, and despised by you. Sometimes referred to as “tough love” in their approach, these modern-day prophets only wanted one thing in return from what they are trying to do – they want to obey and follow the mandate and command of God! Imperfect though some of our prophets of today, they do love God and want to be with God someday. For that to happen, they must at least try to bring God's presence to [y]our lives, and us closer to God. When their time comes, they can stand before God and say with all humility to Him, “Lord, I tried my best.” For God, that will be good enough for Him to say, “well done, good and faithful servant, enter my kingdom!”

If you experience God and find yourself close to Him, thank a prophet/s that God sent to you!

Father Vic+

WEEKLY OFFERING
January 13th/ 14th, 2024

Weekly Envelopes	\$ 10,162.00
Weekly Loose	2,204.95
Online Giving	407.76
Weekly ACH	530.00
TOTAL	\$ 13,304.71

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Please remember

**Pat Szush &
Guy 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.



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JACOB'S LADDER Volunteers Needed !

Jacob's Ladder meets every third Tuesday for 1 1/2 hours to clean, organize and decorate the church for Christmas & Easter. It is a great way to give your time and talent to our church community.

Call the Life Center @ 446-1387 for more information. Join us on January 30th to see if this is the ministry for you.



2nd Collection this weekend
Church in Latin America

This weekend we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to Church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, rugged rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity enables our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous in the special collection! To learn more, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION
FRIDAY, February 2nd
All are welcome!!

2024 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

Let us join together to leave a lasting impact on others as St. Joseph Co-Cathedral launches our 2024 Annual Bishop's Appeal. St. Joseph Co-Cathedral is committed to supporting the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux and its ministries through the Annual Bishop's Appeal and supporting the key ministries that serve our parishioners directly through the appeal. We ask that you join us in prayers and generosity as we support our 7 Seminarians, our 16 retired priests, St. Joseph Co-Cathedral's Youth and Adult Formation, Catholic Education through our Catholic Schools Office, Diocesan Ethnic Ministries, and Colonel Catholic Campus Ministry. We ask that you prayerfully reflect on God's great generosity, and respond with first a commitment of your prayers and if you are able please consider a generous giving of our own. We encourage you to watch the Annual Bishop's Appeal Video at home this week on our Diocese social media page and online at www.htdiocese.org/bishopsappeal.

Please be on the watch for your materials and how you can learn about your prayers and gifts help us live the Lord's mission through the Annual Bishop's Appeal. If you would like more information about the 2024 Appeal, please contact the Annual Bishop's Appeal Office at 985-850-3136 or email lrosby@htdiocese.org.

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.