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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
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PASTOR'S THOUGHTS:
February 10-11, 2024

Instructions are posted at all entrances of our church for the Hearing-Aid Wearers who want to use the Wi-fi- Assisted Bluetooth feature. For separate independent loop (hearing aid telecoils) devices, please see Father Vic+ personally.

Many thanks to all who attended the Public Lecture and Presentation that Dr. Brant Pitre gave on the **Year of the Eucharist** last Thursday, February 8th at the Life Center. Father Willie Todd will facilitate a Faith-Sharing Group about Dr. Pitre's Book this Lent. For more information on this, please contact Pam Folsie at the church office or check our website and social media accounts.

With the funeral services over and the observance of Bishop Dorsonville death now concluded, the whole Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux now goes into the "transition mode" as a Vacant See (Latin: *Sede vacante*, meaning, "No diocesan Bishop"), as we prepare for the arrival of our next Bishop. The College of Consultors (a group of priests that former Bishop Dorsonville established upon his arrival) together with our Diocesan Administrator, will "run the diocese" until the installation of our next Bishop. I am a part of this College and will continue to assist the Diocesan Administrator in my *modified* former position as Coordinator for all our priests and permanent deacons (active and retired). Please pray for us as we go through another period of transition and new beginnings! The **Prayer for a New Bishop** will soon be made available for all to use.

The Sacred Scriptures continues to speak to us this **6th Sunday in Ordinary Time** during our period of mourning and grief in the death of Bishop Dorsonville. The readings this weekend will speak of "healing" within and out of every person. There are many kinds of healing: healing of physical/physiological ailments, healing of emotional pains, healing of psychological traumas, healing of mental health and anguish, healing from addictions, and the healing of souls.

While the 1st reading only mention the lepers and how the Hebrew people would treat them, the gospel of Mark narrates how Jesus took care of them through one act of kindness. During the time of Moses and Jesus, lepers were suffering not only with leprosy but the stains that comes with it, viz., (1) alienation from families, friends, and the whole community, (2) starvation and hardship, (3) emotional anguish, (4) physical pain, and (5) certainty of a painful death.

Jesus knew all about these that is why He was "*moved with pity, stretched out His hand, touched him [the leper],*" and cured him (Mk. 1:40). What Jesus did was to cure the leper's emotional anguish and alienation, followed by the curing of his physical/physiological condition, and then his spiritual needs. The "wholistic healing" that Jesus provided to the leper is what made the leper "*went away and began to publicize the whole matter and spreading it abroad.*"

While Moses instructed Aaron and the Hebrew people to literally stay away from the leprous and the lepers to keep their distance from the people, Jesus allowed the leper to be close to Him, He spoke to the leper and healed him in more ways than one! Jesus demonstrated in this miracle that God heals us from what we need to be healed, instead of just what we have asked for.

I knew this well from my own experience when I found out I have a tumor growing in my middle ear in my head. When I was told that the surgery could result in any of the following, (1) total loss of hearing in my left ear, (2) possible facial nerve damage, or (3) death (always a possibility in a major surgery), I went on a serious "prayer mode" asking God to heal me. However, I did not asked God to remove the tumor or to heal my middle ear, I asked God to heal me of my fear, disappointment, and lack of trust. I was afraid of the complications and consequences of the surgery, I was disappointed because I wasn't expecting something like this would happen to me who is a priest, and lack of trust because of the uncertainties. Before my surgery, God healed me from all these that I was so ready for surgery to the delight of my doctors! In my period of preparation, I used the words of the psalmist and said, "*I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.*" (Ps. 32)

As I have mentioned above, there are many kinds of healing: healing of physical/physiological ailments, healing of emotional pains, healing of psychological traumas, healing of mental health and anguish, healing from addictions, and the healing of souls. What kind of healing do you need from the Lord? Once you exactly know which one, like the leper in the gospel story, approach Jesus, kneel before Him and say, "*If you wish, you can make me clean!*"

Father Vic+

WEEKLY OFFERING
January 27th / 28th , 2024

Weekly Envelopes	\$	12,434.00
Weekly Loose		2,329.05
Online Giving		285.88
<u>Weekly ACH</u>		<u>530.00</u>
TOTAL	\$	15,578.93

Church in Latin America \$3,981.00

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The following were
Baptized into the family
of Christ recently:

Anne Marie
Reid & Brittany Mixon

Thomas James
Jace & Sarah Touns

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 **February 20th** to see if this is the ministry for you.



Please remember

**Bishop Mario Dorsonville &
Audrey Hidalgo**



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

There will be
NO Children's Liturgy
Sunday, February 11th.

OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, February 12th (masses 6:30 AM & 5:30 PM)
& Tuesday February 13th (masses ONLY 6:30 AM)

Ash Wednesday Mass Times
February 14th

6:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:10 PM & 5:30 PM
Ashes are distributed during mass.

Lenten Gumbo!



That time of year is here again! Our annual Lenten Gumbo will be every Friday during Lent. Once again we will serving take-outs as well as table seating in the Life Center. Hours are 11AM-1PM. Our proceeds go to the Good Samaritan Food Bank. The Meal will be \$12 Thank you for your continued support! Hope to see you there!

Anyone who wishes to donate 10# of boiled potatoes and a dozen boiled eggs, or a dessert. Please call the Life Center at 446-1387 to give your name.

During the Lenten Season
we ask that
NO
FLOWERS OR PLANTS
be placed in Church.

Thank you!



*****REMINDER*****

Lenten Weekday Mass Schedule
6:30 AM; 12:10 PM & 5:30 PM
Way of the Cross: Friday's after 5:30 PM Mass