

# ST. JOSEPH CO-CATHEDRAL BULLETIN

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**Celebration Of Mass:**  
Saturday: 6:30 AM & 4:00 PM Vigil  
Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM,  
11:30 AM and 6:00 PM  
Weekday: 6:30 AM and 5:30 PM  
**Sacrament Of Baptism:**  
**FIRST** Sunday of the month  
following 11:30 AM Mass. Baptis-  
mal Seminar Meeting the last  
Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM  
in the Life Center. Please call the  
office for arrangements.  
**Sacrament Of Matrimony:**  
Arrangements should be made at  
least six months before the  
wedding.

**Sacrament Of Penance:**  
Before all masses & by appointment  
**Church Office: 985-446-1387**  
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Catholic-Church-Thibodaux](https://www.facebook.com/St-Joseph-Co-Cathedral-Catholic-Church-Thibodaux)  
Office Hours: Monday –Thursday:  
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM  
Friday: 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM  
Closed from 12:00 noon - 1:00 PM  
**St. Joseph School Office:**  
985-446-1346  
Mr. Gerard Rodrigue, Jr., Principal

*PASTOR'S THOUGHTS:*  
*Feb. 3-4, 2018*

I am finished with my 1<sup>st</sup> month of being your Pastor and all is well -- well sort of. We are still in the cleaning process of cleaning, fixing and re-organizing areas in our buildings, and things are looking good. I wake up every morning and I thank God for our good Staff and dedicated volunteers; they lighten my work! Just a couple of things that still un-nerve me, viz., the over-half a million dollar total replacement of our air conditioning system and the updating of our sound system. As I continue getting to know our church parish lay out the list of things to do keeps on going longer and longer. But I have trust in God and in all of you. I do, I do, I do!

This past weekend was **Catholic Schools Week**. As part of our mission and ministry, we support St. Joseph Elementary School as an extension of our witness to the gospel and our faith. Let us continue celebrating the gift of Catholic education and support our parents, faculty and staff.

Last week, our young people received the Seal of the Holy Spirit from Bishop Fabre at **Confirmation** on Wednesday night, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 6 PM. Let's keep them in our prayers as God call them to discipleship and ministry. May God bring into completion what He has begun in all of them!

I would like to ask all those involved in Liturgical Ministry who received an invitation from us for the **Ministers' Gathering** scheduled for February 17,<sup>th</sup> to please respond as soon as possible. We need a headcount of how many will be attending this gathering. Thanks!

These past weekends we have been hearing the Scripture message of how urgent and important it is for us to respond to God's call. Just like the first apostles and early disciples of Jesus, they all have "abandoned everything" and "followed Him" the moment Jesus called. Last weekend, the Scriptures told us of God's plan to call us to Himself: God promised to send us prophets to lead and guide us, as long as we responded to God faithfully before our time runs out in trying to follow the examples of

Jesus.

And so the Scriptures asked, "*What are you going to abandon in order to follow Jesus?*" And, "*Are you ready to follow Christ today?*"

Let's keep in mind that we cannot simply "hear" the Word and not "do" anything; "hearing" and "doing" are both required for discipleship. St. Benedict, the father of monasticism, made as part of their rule of life, *ora et labora*, meaning: pray and work. Even in the isolation of the monastic life, these two responses from every person are required in order to follow Christ.

As an exercise of discipleship, let us ask ourselves:

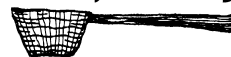
How do I pray (*ora*) and how often? The Eucharistic celebration of course is the highest form of prayer which extends to devotional prayers, private prayers, and visits to the Blessed Sacrament.

Are your prayers reflected and extended in your daily life (*labora*)? Simply put: how prayers become parts of everything that we do. As we begin a new month and before we start with Lent, let us reflect and ask ourselves, and do something.

*Father Vic+*

**January 20th & 21st, 2018**

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Please remember **Warren Ledet, Robert Diedrich & Earline LeBlanc** who passed on into the Kingdom of our Father recently. Please pray also that their families may find comfort and consolation through their faith.

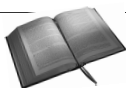
## Missalettes

February 4th -10th, 2018

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*Welcome to our new  
Parishioners...*

Stephan Hagen  
Georgia Elfert  
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Caitlin Becnel & Brady Westerman  
Adrial Hotard  
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Kayla Dufrene

*Wedding Banns*

*Nicholas Robichaux & Jade Louque (3)*

**Catholic Daughters of America (CDA)  
Membership Campaign**

Meetings: 1st Tuesday of the Month  
6:00 PM in the Life Center

Most of us women want to do good works for our church. Come to get acquainted with our work, give yourself a chance to know us and the charitable works we do. Who knows? By March you may decide to join us. No obligation to join.



## Gumbo Gang Volunteers

Fr. Vic will commission volunteers of the Gumbo Gang. All are invited to join us at the 4PM mass on Saturday, February 10th.

## Annual Bishop's Appeal

Partners in Hope Our Diocese continues to celebrate hope as we enter into our 2018 Partners in Hope Annual Bishop's Appeal, encouraging all to join us as we serve in the Lord's mission together. It is HOPE that inspires us to join together as one Diocese and to be successful in all that we do. We ask that you join us as a partner in hope to make a difference in the lives of others across our Diocese. When you make a gift to the Annual Bishop's Appeal as a Partner in Hope, you are directly supporting our retired priests, the office of adult formation, youth formation and family ministries. Each of these ministries directly impacts our parishioners, and it is your generosity that allows our Diocese to continue ministering to you. As in years past, your gift will go towards your church parish goals, and all church parishes who exceed their appeal goal will receive a percentage back to support the parish. Please prayerfully consider a gift to support your parish and our Diocesan Annual Bishop's Appeal as a Partner in Hope. If you would like more information about the 2018 Appeal, please contact the Annual Bishop's Appeal Office at 985-850-3116 or email [aponson@hdiocese.org](mailto:aponson@hdiocese.org).



In celebration of the  
Feast of St. Blaise, we will  
be blessing throats at all  
of our masses  
February 3rd & 4th.



**ST. JOSEPH ALTAR  
MONDAY, MARCH 19TH  
New Volunteers Needed**

Plans for the St. Joseph Altar are under way. We invite any new volunteers interested in volunteering to please contact the Life Center to give your name and number.

## St. Joseph's Jag Swag

**Saturday, February 24, 2018**

Warren Harang, Jr. Municipal Auditorium  
7:00 -11:00 PM

**Silent/Live Auction**

Tickets 1/\$50 or 2 /\$75  
(checks payable to St. Joseph Elementary)