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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:
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PASTOR'S THOUGHTS:
Feb. 17-18, 2018

We have entered the Holy Season of Lent.

To help you observe the holiness of this season, we are providing you with (1) the “Word Among Us” daily Lenten meditation booklet, (2) Catholic Charities’ *Operation Rice Bowl Envelopes* for the hungry, and (3) a Lenten Crosses for you to wear and “carry” during the season. The discipline of Lent invites us to (a) spend time in prayer, (b) make sacrifices [fasting & abstinence] and (c) perform acts of charity and almsgiving.

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Attending Mass is the highest form of **PRAYER**. During the Lenten Season, we offer 3 masses every day **WITH** confessions before each Mass. You can also “**pray the Word**” (*lectio Divina*) by reading and reflecting on the Word of God daily using our Lenten meditation booklet. Doing some private and devotional prayers like the **Way of the Cross** on Fridays of Lent, spending time with the **Blessed Sacrament** on First Friday would also help you get into the season.

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Reaching out to the hungry and the needy is part of our Lenten **SACRIFICE**. Fasting and abstinence are forms of sacrifices that we could do. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory during Lent for those who are 18 until 59 years old. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. What our bodies give up in Lent, our souls take in the Spirit!

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Our **ACTS OF CHARITY** and **ALMSGIVING** are expressions of our oneness with the Lord, who even in His suffering was mindful of those who are

most in need. We can give almsgiving through Operation Rice Bowl, and perform acts of charity by participating with our Lenten Gumbo. What we give up during lent give others a chance to live.

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In wearing the Lenten crosses, we are fulfilling the command of Jesus who said to His disciples, “*Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.*” (Mt. 16:24) Our Lenten crosses will remind us and all others that this is a holy season, and we are called to be holy. Our Lenten crosses are not just symbols but reminders of what we are called to do – to pray, sacrifice and do good works. We will do all of these during the season, carrying our crosses with Christ.

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On Easter Sundays, please return your Lenten crosses to a designated place (we will let you know where) so that they can be washed in the **NEW** water of Easter. Since we have carried our own crosses with Jesus this Lent, we shall also rise with Him again on Easter.

Our scripture readings this weekend will bring to our attention about the promises – God’s promise and the promises we have made to God. God made a solemn promise to be faithful to us, His people. Before we all start making plans and promises to God this holy season, let’s listen and reflect deeply again on God’s promise. Are we as faithful to God as God is to us?

Father Vic+

*****REMINDER*****

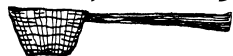
Lenten Weekday Mass Schedule
6:30 AM; 12:10 PM & 5:30 PM
Way of the Cross: Friday’s after 5:30 PM Mass.



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

February 3rd/4th 2018

Weekly Offering



Weekly Collection	\$ 10,153.00
Loose Collection	2,452.80
ACH Weekly	335.00
	\$ 12,940.80

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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)

Lenten Gumbo!



That time of year is here again! Our annual Lenten Gumbo will be every Friday during Lent. Once again we will serve 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 \$8.00. Thank you for your continued support! Hope to see you there!

Wedding Banns

Eric Curole & Dottie Guidry (1)

February Baptismal Seminar

Thursday, February 22nd
7:00 PM in the Life Center

Call the office to register, (985) 446-1387.

**2018 Annual Bishop's Appeal
– Commitment Weekend!**

The 2018 Annual Bishop's Appeal Commitment Weekend is here, all parishioners of St. Joseph Co-Cathedral are encouraged to prayerfully consider making a commitment to reach our goal of \$90,000.00. When making your commitment, please remember that by being a Partner in Hope, you are supporting Priests Retirement, Adult Formation, Youth Formation and Family Ministries, along with allowing parishes that surpass their goal to receive a portion back.

Please prayerfully consider a gift to support our Annual Bishop's Appeal and our parish. You can give online at www.htdiocese.org/bishopsappeal, return your personalized commitment cards at Mass this weekend, or you may simply mail your commitment to the Diocese in the provided envelope.

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@htdiocese.org.

**2nd Collection
Black & Indian Mission**

Today, our parish will take up the 133rd annual National Black & Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American & Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution today. Thank you for your support.

Missalettes

February 18th-24th, 2018
Donated In Memory of



Madeline Rogers Brouillette

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A LITTLE SERVING FOR YOUR SOUL

Repent and believe

The kingdom of God is at hand

How can we become more humble servants?