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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:
Every 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:
Saturdays one hour before Mass.
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LIVING AS MISSIONARY DISCIPLES *(cont.)*

Missionary Disciples Called to Catechize

The *catechist*⁷ is an obvious partner in the process. When we think of catechists at the parish level, we usually think of three groups of people serving diverse age groups and settings — parish catechists, religion teachers in Catholic schools, and those parents who choose to serve as their children’s formal catechists. Catechists should be practicing Catholics who participate fully in the communal worship and life of the Church. By God’s grace, catechists will be drawn to embrace and to continue to deepen the experience of Jesus Christ so that they can witness to others about Jesus’ saving love revealed in his Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension. During formation, catechists will be helped to reflect on the context in which they will teach. They are in a unique position to acknowledge both the positive and negative aspects of the culture in which they live and to assist others in affirming what is in keeping with the Good News of Jesus Christ while rejecting other aspects not aligned with the Gospel.⁸ Catechists will also be helped to understand and faithfully echo the Teachings of the Church in ways that best serve understanding and adherence to the faith in those catechized.

Those catechized are called to be active partners too. They are invited to pray to the Holy Spirit and to actively seek his help in 1) being open to God’s Word, 2) responding to God’s ongoing call to conversion, and 3) pursuing a deeper understanding and commitment to living as Jesus’ disciples. As they advance in age, understanding, and practice of the virtues, those catechized will likewise find opportunities to give witness to their faith. They may even be called to become catechists themselves. They will find support and modeling of Christian life and discipleship through their participation in family and parish life.

It is obvious of course, that *the family* is the key partner in catechesis. Parents are the “primary educators or catechists for their children.”⁹ “They catechize primarily by the witness of their Christian lives and by their love for the faith ... by loving each other in the context of a Christian marriage and their love of Christ and his Church. Their participation in the life of the parish — above all in the Sunday Eucharist — their willingness to evangelize and serve others, and their dedication to daily prayer demonstrate the authenticity of their profession of faith... The catechesis given by parents with the family ‘precedes, accompanies and enriches all other forms of catechesis.’”¹⁰ Their commitment to the catechetical formation of their children by enrolling them in Catholic school or parish catechetical programs, and their involvement with sacramental preparations for their children is irreplaceable.¹¹ If they choose to homeschool their children, they may also become the formal catechists for their children in their ongoing formation in the faith and moral life.

(to be continued ...)

⁷ See NDC, no. 54 B 8-9 d, C.

⁸ For a helpful reflection on the context in which the catechist teaches, see Wuerl, *New Evangelization: Passing on the Catholic Faith Today* (Huntington, IN: Our Sunday Visitor, Inc.), 21-30.

⁹ Pope Francis, Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *The Joy of Love (Amoris Laetitia)*, (Washington, DC: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2016) no. 84.

¹⁰ NDC, no. 54 C.

¹¹ Pope Francis, *Amores Laetitia*. nos. 86 and 230.

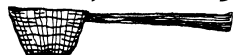


Please remember **John Bogle** who passed on into the Kingdom of our Father recently. Please pray also that his family may find comfort and consolation through their faith.

Wedding Banns

Lacy Dugruise & Brice Chauwin (3)

Weekly Offering September 16th/17th 2017



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Crossroads Pregnancy Resource Center

invites you to Celebrate Life at our
13th Annual

Celebrate Life Gala

Wednesday, October 25th
6:00—9:00 PM

The Wellness Center of Thibodaux Regional
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Silent Auction, Music, Drinks & Hor d'ouvres
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*All Gala proceeds will benefit our non-profit
Christian ministry which promotes the sanctity of
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Call 446-5004 to purchase tickets.
NO tickets will be sold at the door.



RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY ^{Page 3}

OCTOBER 1st

Rosary for Life: 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM

We will recite the Rosary on the Boulevard.

Rain or Shine

Adoration on the Bayou!

The "Foi de Nos Pères" (Faith of our Fathers) Eucharistic Procession up Bayou Lafourche will be held on **October 7, 2017** on the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary. Beginning with Mass at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church in Golden Meadow, we will process with the Blessed Sacrament up the Bayou and stopping at each Catholic Church until the Co-Cathedral in Thibodaux. There will be three parts to the procession: 1) Golden Meadow to Larose by boat, 2) Larose to St. Joseph's Cemetery by vehicle, 3) St. Joseph's Cemetery to St. Joseph's Co-Cathedral by foot.

SONRISE CHRISTIAN MUSIC FEST SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7th 10:00AM-8:00PM

MAIN PARKING LOT
HOUMA-TERREBONNE CIVIC CENTER

ADMISSION: FREE
FOOD BOOTHS & REFRESHMENTS

BANDS: Metanoia, More Than Sunday, David Rhodes, Jr., Kaelan Levy, Kaitlyn Danos, Cross Church, Elevate & Calling All Creation

Proceeds go to support the World of Hope Ministries in their work to help some of the poorest of the poor around the world.

NATIONAL ROSARY CRUSADE Saturday, October 14th 12:00 PM



A Public Square Rosary sponsored by America Needs Fatima will take place Saturday, October 14, 2017 at 12:00 noon to honor the 100th anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun which occurred in Fatima, Portugal. It will be held between the church and the rectory at the Blessed mother statue. Please bring your rosary and lawn chairs.