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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:
Saturdays one hour before Mass.
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Office Hours: Mon-Thurs.:
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Fri - 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Closed from 12:00 noon - 1:00 PM
School Office: 446-1346
St. Joseph: Mr. Gerard Rodrigue, Jr.,
Principal

The Epiphany of the Lord People of Light

O God of all nations, who beckon us to live in the light, you scattered the darkness through the birth of your Son, Jesus. Prophets of old foretold that your brilliance would cover the earth and draw all peoples into your loving care. Grant that we, who, like the Magi, seek the radiance of your glory are found worthy to proclaim your holy name. Shine brightly within our hearts and illuminate our minds as we faithfully share the Good News. May all peoples be drawn closer to you by the revelation of your Incarnate Word. Keep us ever in your care, so that, filled with joy, we may always work to build a just and peaceful world.

“LET US GO ON TO OTHER NEARBY VILLAGES AND TOWNS THAT I MAY PREACH THERE ALSO. IT IS FOR THIS PURPOSE THAT HAVE I BEEN SENT.” *-Jesus*

Since Bishop Fabre announced that I was being transferred to St. Francis de Sales in Houma, perhaps the most frequent thing I have been told is: “Oh, you must be excited to be going **home!**” As a matter of fact, I was baptized at St. Francis and finished elementary school there 13 years later. 5 years after that, I sat in the very same pew (in alphabetical order) for the baccalaureate mass when I graduated high school from Vandebilt. And then, 13 years later, I was ordained a priest in the same Cathedral. Mama went through St. Francis Academy – *as it was called then* – from 1st through 12th grade. And both she and her mama, Gramommie, received all of their sacraments there. So, I am keenly aware that I am indeed returning to my roots.

But I am just as keenly aware that just as surely I have been at home here in Thibodaux. For the past 13 ½ years, you – the parishioners of St. Joseph ... the heart and soul of this parish – have wrapped your arms around me and made this place my home. I have been a priest now for 25 ½ years – 13 ½ of which have been here. More than half of my life as a priest have been lived here with you. The man I am today is more of a priest **NOW** than I was when I arrived here in July, 2004. In God’s grand plan, you have taken me to places where I may not have chosen to go on my own and my life is infinitely richer for your care and your companionship in that journey. *“You have given me many things, O Lord. Give me one thing more – a grateful heart.”*

And if, at some time in the future you should find yourself thinking of me and of the time we spent together ... perhaps you would remember a fellow Christian, someone who tried to follow Jesus a little more closely while walking here with all of you. And maybe, just maybe you would remember with JOY, because that is how I will remember you. *Fr. Jay*



Children's Liturgy

We are in need of adult volunteers for our Children's Liturgy Ministry during the 9:30 AM Mass. If you are interested in finding out more information, call the Life Center at 446-1387.

"Thank you for caring with us..."

The ministry of the Thibodaux Good Samaritan Food Bank is made possible through the generosity of people like you!

Dear Fr. Jay and Parishioners,

We are extremely grateful for your generous donation of 1,170.3 lbs.– household supply drive. Your donation to the Good Samaritan Food Bank will help people with food and basic household supplies in our community.

Truly you share in our ministry of serving those in need. On behalf of the many people whose lives have been blessed because of your generosity, **WE THANK YOU!**

Sincerely,
Kristin Helms LaFleur
Food Bank Manager"

The Works of St. Vincent

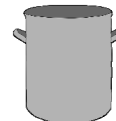
There is an active society entitled The Works of St. Vincent in our parish. Its purpose is to help the poor and needy of St. Joseph Church Parish. Application for assistance are taken at the church office and screened by Committee members of The Works of St. Vincent. If interested in becoming a volunteer in this program, call the Life Center to give your name.

ROSARY
Mondays & Thursdays
9:30 AM
in the Church.
All are welcome.



GUMBO GANG MEETING

Tuesday, January 9th
10:00 AM
Life Center



New Volunteers are welcome to attend the meeting to learn more.

Tuesday, January 9th 6PM/ Life Center



Heaven's Handymen **NEW MEMBERS NEEDED**

The purpose of this ministry is to help the elderly and needy of the parish and nearby surrounding areas that is in need of minor home repairs. A group of men and women have joined their skills and resources together to offer these services. Projects are determined by need and priority. **Volunteers need not be trained. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at 6 PM in the St. Joseph Life Center.** Projects are done on various weekends. You need not be a parishioner of St. Joseph or even Catholic, if God has blessed you with a skill, please feel free to help others. If you would like more information, attend a meeting and see if your service can be useful to the group.



Please remember **Velma Landry and Richard Queen** who passed on into the Kingdom of our Father recently. Please pray also that their families may find comfort and consolation through their faith.



The Epiphany of the Lord **January 7, 2018**

All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him.
— *Psalm 72:11*

