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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. 24-25, 2018

Many thanks to Rog and Sis for helping me clean and polish the very old small portable copper baptismal font that I found in the basement of the church. I'll tell y'all more about what I intend to do with it.

Thanks also to Margaret Orgeron and Jackie Gilfour for cutting and sewing the purple fabrics you see hanging in the Lenten cross décor of our church. Thanks for our volunteers who came in last Mardi gras to help prepare our church for Lent. Thank y'all!

I love wide, open spaces. I love the wilderness especially, as well as mountains and deserts that I run to whenever I have a chance. Perhaps you have noticed this even in the way I opened up our church spaces (vestibule and sanctuary), even cleaning up our basements and storage places. I don't like clutter. Gail Blanke once wrote: *"When we throw out the physical clutter, we clear our minds. When we throw out the mental clutter, we clear our souls."* Also, I'm a fast-moving but a clumsy person. I try to move carefully at most times, lest I will bump into something or someone. But my love of wide, open spaces stems from the fact that I can see and appreciate better what is there before me – unobstructed, in plain-sight, sometimes unassuming, and mostly there for a reason and purpose. That's why I don't like clutter.

The liturgy (faith and worship action of the community) and environment (all the other stuff) also works for me in this way. We will be able to see clearly, unobstructed and in plain-sight the beauty of what we celebrate. Everything in a worship space is there for a reason and purpose, and unless one can see them clearly, they can't serve or fulfill their reason and purpose. Once we see things clearly, we can see God.

The 1st reading this 2nd Sunday of Lent gives us an example of "clarity" when God tested Abraham. It wasn't clear to Abraham what God really wants

from him, and it wasn't clear to God how faithful and faith-filled Abraham was. When all questions and doubts were removed, everything became clear with Abraham and God!

St. Paul responds to the Roman converts in the 2nd reading this weekend, who like many have doubts and fears about their newfound faith in Jesus of Nazareth. After St. Paul had spoken to them, the gospel message was clarified to their understanding.

Peter, James and John too had a "clearing moment" in the mountain when they witnessed the Transfiguration of Jesus. Early on, they were not really sure about Jesus and they have many questions, doubts and fears. When the Father spoke to them from the heavens, they were not only able to hear God, they also were able to see Him in Christ Jesus!

This Lenten Season, what is it that you need to de-clutter your life with? Remember what Gail Blanke said above? Let's go and clear our souls!

Father Vic+

Second Sunday of Lent
February 25, 2018

If God is for us, who can be against us?

— *Romans 8:31b*

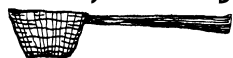




Please remember **Shirley Soignet, Claudia Bourgeois & Leroy Dugas** who passed on into the Kingdom of our Father recently. Please pray also that their families may find comfort and consolation through their faith.

February 10th & 11th 2018

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Lenten Gumbo!

Friday's During Lent
11 AM-1:00 PM
\$8
Dine In or Carry out

Wedding Banns

Eric Curole & Dottie Guidry (2)

The following were Baptized into the family of Christ recently:



- Noah Anthony** child of Adam & Lauren
- William Joseph** child of Patrick & Lauren
- Braydden Charles** child of Blake & Amie
- Adalyn Grace** child of Josh & Brittany
- Frances Catherine** child of Ryan & Katie

A Thank You from Bishop Fabre and Many Others

Bishop Fabre, Father Vic and most importantly the ministries of the Diocese would like to thank everyone in St. Joseph Co-Cathedral Parish and all people throughout the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux for being a **Partner in Hope** by making a financial commitment and your prayers to the 2018 Annual Bishop's Appeal. Each gift our Diocese received directly support our retired priests, adult and youth formation, and family ministries. The generosity and prayers our Diocese has received reminds us that hope is in us all, but more importantly it is in the most important person - Jesus.

If you have yet to make your commitment and would still like to do so, there is still time as you can return your commitment card in the offertory, or simply mail it to the Diocese in the provided envelope, or you may also visit www.htdiocese.org/bishopsappeal to make your gift online.

A LITTLE SERVING FOR YOUR SOUL

God's love for us is limitless

We are God's instruments in the world

What is being asked of us?

ROSARY

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



Altar Servers

Calling all who would like to SERVE!!!

Must have received their First Communion and is in third grade or above.

If you are interested, please contact Mr. Richard Lasseigne, III at (985) 413-8708 or at stjoealterservice@gmail.com

Call for more information if needed.