

PASTOR'S THOUGHTS:
May 12-13, 2018

SOMETHING NEW: We would like to inform everyone again that since January, your priests are hearing CONFESSIONS before EACH Mass 7 days a week, with extended time on Saturdays before the Vigil Mass. You can also call us for a private confession any time. As of this writing, we have fixed some outside lights around our property to help y'all navigate in and out of our Co-Cathedral at night. We are still looking at improving all the lights outside in order to best illuminate the campus and provide better security at night. We are also in the process of changing a couple of big lights directly above the altar in order to brighten the "table of the Lord" and enhance it. As the focal point of the great mystery we celebrate, the Altar must be the most prominent feature of every church.

Thanks to ALL who will join (or joined) us this Sunday for our MAY CROWNING of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the 9:30 AM Mass. Special thanks as well to the Catholic Daughters of America for sponsoring the event. Many thanks to all who brought flowers in honor of their mothers (Mamaw, Momma, Mama, Mommy, Mom, Mother, Step-Mom, Adopted Mothers, etc.) and offered them to Mary's altar, your Moms are proud of you!

I am pleased to announce that the **2018** recipients of the **Diocesan Awards for Service** from the Co-Cathedral community are

Mr. James "Jimmy" and Mrs. Margaret Labit!

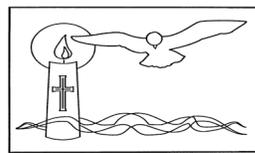
Jimmy has spearheaded our very successful Lenten Gumbo and has been serving our church and community for many years. He's involved with Good Samaritan Food Bank, Household Supply Drive and the Knights of Columbus. He's also an Usher, Ministers of the Eucharist, a member of the Pastoral Council, our Matthew 25 Social Ministry Group. He helps with the Bereavement Group (Rosary) and St. Joseph Altar. He and Margaret attend faithfully our 1st Friday Exposition and volunteers at Thibodaux Regional Medical Center. Margaret is also very involved with Lenten Gumbo, Catholic Daughters of America, and a minister of the Eucharist. She also helps out with St. Joseph Altar and our church office, Household Supply Drive and Jacob's Ladder with Jimmy. She's one of our altar linen washers and also a Minister at Thibodaux Regional Medical Center.

Jimmy and Margaret exemplify "volunteerism" at its best! On **Sunday, May 27th at 2 PM here at the Co-Cathedral**, Jimmy and Margaret will join all awardees from the whole diocese in receiving their award from me and Bishop Fabre. Let's all congratulate Jimmy and Margaret and offer them our gratitude. On behalf of your priests (past and present), I would like to express our gratitude to Jimmy and Margaret for gifts of your lives, faith and presence to our Church and community.

This weekend we are celebrating the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. Traditionally observed on the Thursday of the 6th Sunday of Easter, this feast has been transferred to 7th Sunday of Easter and given the dignity of a "solemnity," meaning: it takes precedence over simple masses. On this solemnity, we honored Mary and all mothers, we honored our diocesan service awards recipients, and the Lord honor US ALL by sending us as His disciples to all. In the ascension of the Lord to the Kingdom, we became His presence to every person in the world!

While most people see the ascension of the Lord as a "departure," on contrary, I see the event as the commissioning of those He has chosen to be His disciples to all (remember my Thoughts last weekend?). In His ascension, Jesus handed over to all believers the ministry of the gospel to each and everyone of us, empowering us to continue what He had begun! However, just like the disciples who witnessed this event, we are asked not to keep on staring in the skies looking for Jesus or watching and waiting for His return. Rather, we have been commanded to "go" and find Him present in all, and to "proclaim" His message to every person. So, what are you waiting for? Go and find Jesus in someone and tell that person something good!

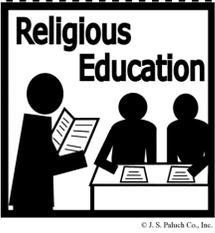
Father Vic+



The Ascension of the Lord
May 13, 2018

Whoever believes and is baptized
will be saved.

— *Mark 16:16*



The religious education department is in need of **TEACHER AIDES AND SUBS** for the 2018-2019 school year. If you are interested, please contact Sue at 985-446-1387.

Wedding Banns

Caroline Bimah & Nathan Naquin (3)
Tracie Comeaux & Geoffrey Pitre (2)
Bailey Shaw & Joseph Blake (1)

DEEP DEBT

All that I am or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother.

—Attributed to Abraham Lincoln

Missalettes



May 13th –19th, 2018
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Catholic Communication Campaign 2nd Collection

Today, we are taking up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ, here and around the world, through the internet, television, radio and print media. Half of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the gospel message and support the collection today!

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MOTHER

Mother is the name for God on the lips and in the hearts of little children.

—William Makepeace Thackeray

May Crowning of the Virgin Mary will be held on

Sunday, May 13th (Mother's Day) at the 9:30 Am Mass.

Honoring our Blessed Mother and all our mothers who have been our care-givers and providers, we will give thanks to God for the privilege of being sons and daughters of selfless & dedicated women who have given us unconditional love and affection throughout the years. If you would like to bring flowers to the Blessed Mother in honor of your own mothers, you are most welcome to bring them at this Mass and join us at the offertory procession.



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



"The Men of St. Joseph is an association of Christian men, united under the Catholic Church, who meet weekly to pray together and encourage each other to be the spiritual leaders of their families. The purpose of the Men of St. Joseph is to instill holiness in men and facilitate spiritual leadership in family and community life." Meetings are held in the Life Center at 6AM on Tuesday mornings. Please feel free to join us.