

*PASTOR'S THOUGHTS:
March 3-4, 2018*

Please do not forget to check the Lenten Bulletin Insert we published last weekend advertising our activities and celebrations this season. Take advantage of these opportunities for growth and enrichment so that your Lenten Season may indeed be holy.

Many thanks for responding to our invitation to take and use the Lenten "giveaways" (meditation booklet, Operation Rice-Bowl Donation Box and Lenten Crosses) we made available for you for this season. We still have plenty of Meditation Booklets available and some Rice-Bowl Boxes at some entrances of the church. Please feel free to take some and give them to those who may want it especially the homebound or those who cannot join us at our celebrations. Don't forget to return your Rice-Bowls and Lenten Crosses on Easter Weeks; we will inform you where the designated drop-offs will be located. Thanks!

We recently replaced ALL our wireless microphones in the church and adjusted the Master Control Board of the system to accommodate the upgrade. Last year, the F.C.C. informed all those who are using wireless systems for communication (microphones, walkie-talkies, etc.), that sometime this year, we will not be able to use the usual frequencies allocated to us before. At the same time service parts to upgrade existing units will not be available in case we need to fix our wireless system. Instead of waiting for the inevitable, a decision was made to change our wireless system so as not to interrupt our services. In the process, we also "tweaked" the small speakers located in the side-wings/sections of the church, the back of sanctuary and the vestibule. We only have the vestibule speaker left to work on that would complete the "tweaking project." Just to warn y'all: the high-tech and expensive devices we have won't change or improve your priests' accents, please don't be disappointed.

Since his election to the Papacy of our Church, Pope Francis have been addressing in his homilies, speeches, allocution, and writings topics that I refer to as "reality checks on life and faith." What the Holy Father has been doing is to bring to our attention those areas and aspects where our lives and faith interact

and, sadly, sometime contradicts. Some examples of topics he had covered are "Clericalism in the Church, abuses in the Church from the top-down, exploitation of the weak and the vulnerable especially the elderly, children, prisoners, women, migrants and immigrants, dignity of human life, to name a few. It seems, in the observation and opinion of the Holy Father, the preoccupation of the world and Church personnel lately have been focused more who "who wears what clerical attire in liturgical celebrations," or "who is up the ecclesiastical ladder," or "who's doing than whom." Nowadays, people (ordained, consecrated and laity) are consumed by matters that are not of God! Recalling the words of the Scriptures "zeal for your house will consume me" (John 2:13-25), the disciples saw in Jesus His passion for God and His people. God's love for His people is what possessed and consumed Jesus.

I can't help but ask and wonder: What consumes you? What possesses you? What preoccupies you in this life and in our faith?

Father Vic+

A LITTLE SERVING FOR YOUR SOUL

Jesus preformed many signs to show God's glory
Our lives and those around us are signs for others
Do we truly see what is revealed?

February 17th & 18th 2018

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Weekly Collection	\$ 9,247.00
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Please remember **Juanita Bourgeois and Sherry Verret** who passed on into the Kingdom of our Father recently. Please pray also that their families may find comfort and consolation through their faith.

Missalettes

March 4th –10th, 2018

Donated In Memory of

Allie Lirette

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Wedding Banns

Eric Curole & Dottie Guidry (3)



Lenten Gumbo!

Friday's During Lent

11 AM-1:00 PM

\$8

Dine In or Carry out

ABA UPDATE

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. Thus far St. Joseph Co-Cathedral parish has reached 30% of its appeal goal, thank you. 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. 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.



Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here at home and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC, and **help Jesus in disguise**. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

EASTER FLOWERS DONATION

On Easter Sunday, our Co-Cathedral church will be bursting with flowers and decorations celebrating the glories of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. As is our tradition, we place Easter lilies and other flowers in the church as an offering to God in thanksgiving for our salvation. To accomplish this, and to allow all the faithful to offer a gift to God, we are giving everyone the opportunity to donate a Easter flowers and plants. Please consider helping us celebrate Easter truly as a season of joy and love. We invite you and your friends to memorialize members of your family, friends and loved ones (living and deceased) with a donation for our Easter decorations. Simply complete the requested information below, tear this part and with your donation, return this form to us (via collection, mail or drop-off at our church office) **on or before March 12th**. Easter Flower donations and the names of those remembered will be included in the Bulletin on the 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday). No amount indicated, by donation only.

I/We would like to donate (a) flower/s, (check one):

[] **In Memory of:** [] **In Honor of:**

Donor: _____

Donation: _____