

PASTOR'S THOUGHTS:*June 16-17, 2018*

SOMETHING NEW: The VESTIBULE is also now a **CRY ROOM** for parents with small children! Few months ago we moved some fixtures and transferred two small pews in the vestibule to accommodate parents with small children who need their space. We also just installed a new speaker in the vestibule so that they can participate at the celebration of Mass. Please share this information to all who may need to know. Thanks!

I continue to bring to your attention this year's **Annual Bishop's Appeal (ABA)** for our diocese. So far, 76% of our churchgoers have made their commitment to the ABA. If you haven't made your commitment yet, please seriously consider doing so, your gifts would do so much good! Thank you.

As of this writing, I am still hoping to find a "Saint-Joseph" *proxy* among our parishioners who is a gifted wood-worker to take on as a volunteer project, the refurbishing of some old chairs and fixtures for our use. Calling anyone who would like to donate his/her time & wood-working talent as a gift to our church, let me know; we'll provide the materials, supplies and plenty of grateful hearts!

Please don't forget that this weekend, June 16 & 17, Fr. Tommy Bouterie representing the "Food for the Poor," will be here to promote their work and ministry to the poor. Extend a warm welcome to him please.

After four liturgical seasons (advent & Christmas, Lent & Easter), 8 months and a transfer from my previous place "up the bayou" to this new church parish, I am taking a week off for some rest and relaxation. I am hoping to catch my breath and re-charge my batteries while enjoying a break from my daily routine. I'll see you when I get back next weekend.

In my readings, I once came across the expression, "the greatest tragedy in this world is to be forgot-

ten." I do agree. To be remembered is something that you and I wanted to have in life after we're gone. It is also at core of both the Jewish remembering (Hebrew "shemá," or to be reminded) and the Christian faith – "*do this in remembrance of me*" (the institutional narrative). Leaving something behind in any shape or form are good ways to be remembered.

The readings this weekend brings to our attention another the way of leaving something behind – by planting or sowing seeds! God planted the "good stuff" for His people and creatures to benefit and enjoy. Jesus planted God's seed of salvation (the Word) to take root, grow and prosper in the lives and faith of those who receive His message. In the parable of the seed, sower and soil, our direct participation in God's work bring us salvation and entrance to the Kingdom. Unless the SEED (God's words and Word) takes root and grow in the SOIL of our faith and lives, we cannot go to heaven! The fruits of our faith are best expressed and seen in our lives. The longer we are alive in this world, the more we are expected to have fruits of faith in our lives; as St. Paul warned us in the 1st reading: "*for we all must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense, according to what he [or she] did in the body, whether good or evil.*"

Father Vic+

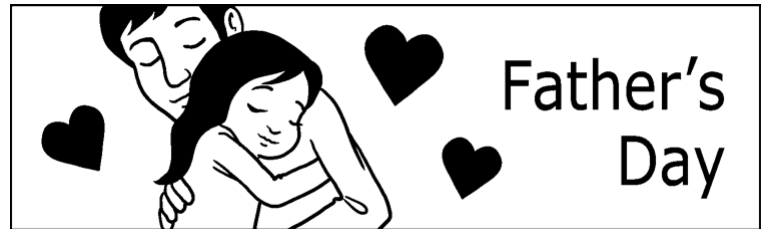
**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 17, 2018**

They that are planted in the house of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts of our God.
—*Psalms 92:14*

Prayer for Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude; you are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen




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FATHER

Father! To God himself we cannot give a holier name.

- William Wordsworth

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June 17, 2018
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