

PASTOR'S THOUGHTS:
August 4-5, 2018

Officially the Vestibule is now a Cry Room for parents with small children with the installation of a small speaker that would enable those who need to be there participate at our celebration of Mass.

After serving our church community for over a decade as a musician and coordinating our Sunday evening Masses, I would like to inform y'all that Mr. Teddy Baudoin will be leaving us soon in order to work full-time at Christ the Redeemer Church. We would like to thank Teddy for sharing with us his gift of music and his talents that enriched our Eucharistic celebrations, and we wish him well. I am grateful to Kent Lirette for his willingness to coordinate the Sunday evening Masses and to continue assisting us with the Mass for Young People. Thank all y'all who are involved with our music ministry!

In order to keep our church clean and tidy and to give more people the chance to read our Bulletin, can I ask y'all to return it to the display rack/shelf on your way out if you are not planning to take home our Bulletin after reading it? Thank you! If you know someone who can't join us at our weekend celebrations, please share our Bulletin with them. In doing this, you are helping us remain connected with those who can't worship with us.

The theme of our readings for this weekend is "**grumbling**." In the first reading, "*the whole Israelite community grumbled against Moses and Aaron*" because they want more than what God initially provided for them in the desert (Ex. 16:2-4). In the gospel, the crowd "**grumbled**" against Jesus because they want more than what Jesus initially provided for them (Jn. 6:24-35). Sadly, the Israelites have been grumbling from the time they left Egypt up to the time when Jesus came; that's a very long time to grumble.

Perhaps it is for this reason that St. Paul in his letter to the believers in Ephesus admonished the new converts to "*put away the old self of [their] your former way of life*" that are incompatible with the teachings of Jesus (Eph. 4:17, 20-24). St. Paul challenged them and all of us to "*be renewed in the spirit of ... minds, and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth.*"

We all **grumble** (defined as to "complain or protest about something in a bad-tempered but typically muted way"), whether we are conscious of it or not. To some people, it is simply their way of expressing their emotions or opinions. To a few, it's part of who they are. Too much and frequent grumbling though is not healthy for anyone and it is not good for your soul.

Excessive grumbling is not only an expression of discontent but also of lack of trust and deficiency in love. When one truly loves and believe, they learn how to find meaning in every single thing, experience and circumstance they have in their lives. Love enables us to see beyond the disappointment and the discouragement; it encourages us to give people and situations more chances. Humanity had disappointed God so many times from the beginning of our creation to this day, and yet time and time again through the centuries God always sees beyond the disappointments and discouragement, and continues to give us chances after chances after chances. Our God is a God of many chances and for that -- Thanks be to God!

So whenever you are tempted to "grumble" just remember: God gave you another chance at this moment; perhaps you can do the same.

Father Vic+



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 5, 2018

Do not work for food that perishes
but for the food that endures for eternal life.

— *John 6:27a*



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 storm less eternity awaits us. Amen



Do you know anyone who wishes to be a member of our faith community, or someone who has been away from the Church, or would like to learn more about their Catholic Faith? Well, we have an answer for this— the **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults or commonly known as R.C.I.A.** An inquiry session will be held soon.

TEACHER VOLUNTEERS ARE ALSO NEEDED!!
Please contact Mrs. Margaret Orgeron at the Life Center, 985-446-1387 for more information.

July 21st/22nd

Weekly Collection	\$ 6,599.50
Weekly Loose	1,650.01
ACH Monthly	4,217.00
ACH Weekly	335.00
	\$ 12,801.51

Weekly Offering



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Our Sunday Bulletin is supported by the advertisers who are listed on our back page. What better way to say THANK YOU than to remember them the next time you go shopping.

Thank you for your generosity !

Celebrating a sacrament does not register you as a parishioner.

ARE YOU REGISTERED PARISHIONER ?

“I’ve attended this church for years.” But, have you registered? If you were registered under your parent’s name, but are now an adult and living on your own, you also need to register. **Celebrating a sacrament does not register you as a parishioner.** Membership forms are available at the Life Center or online at www.stjoseph-cc.org.

GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT GROUP

St. Mary’s Nativity Church

3500 Hwy 1, Raceland
985-537-3204
Marty 227-0873

Tuesday’s until -October 2nd
1:30 PM-3:30 PM

YOU CAN JOIN IN AT ANY TIME!!

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.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration October 21, 2018

Anniversary Couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 and beyond years of marriage this year will be honored. There will be NO Diocesan Mass Celebration, but a Prayer Service and Reception in honor of all anniversary couples. Printed certificates for our parishioners will be distributed at the 4:00 PM mass on Saturday, October 20th.



***Sunday, October 21, 2018
St. Joseph Co-Cathedral
2:00PM***

To participate contact the Life Center at 446-1387 before the deadline of August 22, 2018 to register.