

*PASTOR'S THOUGHTS:*  
*November 10-11, 2018*

**Donation Envelopes** to our **HVAC (heating and cooling) System Replacement Project** can be found at all entrances to our Co-Cathedral church. Please use the envelopes for your donations or the envelopes that was mailed to you. At the end of every month till mid-December, please check the **Stewardship Section** (Weekly Collection Report) in this Bulletin to see how we are doing with donations for this project. Thank you for your support! Phase V of our Project is now in progress, almost 45-50% of the total work is done. The remaining AC that is part of the old working system is still working and keeping our church cool. Once they are finished installing the new AC blowers & ducts on the north-side, this remaining part of the old system will be removed and replaced, with the newly installed system on the north-side taking over. The first set of coolers/condensers has been installed at the back of the church and all are ready to run. The new vent on the wing-side near St. Joseph's Altar will provide and circulate for the first time cool air in this section.

Many thanks to all who joined us at the Commemorating the Faithful Departed Mass last November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our **Memorial Wreath** will be on display for the whole month of November when we remember all our deceased love ones. You are most welcome to add the names of your deceased relatives and friends to our wreath, blank white ribbons and markers are available near the wreath.

Many thanks to all who have responded (or are still praying about it) to my appeal for **"One Ministry (+) at the Co-Cathedral"** that I presented to y'all this past weekend. I will continue making this appeal for this whole month to your attention the need to be actively involved in all levels and aspects of our church activities. We need your help! If you could only do one ministry at a time (more if you are blessed with more skills, talents and time), keeping in mind that some ministries can be done in your own time, pace and availability – then we would have enough people helping us celebrate, build and keep our faith community alive! Please consider doing "One Ministry (plus)"! Sign-Up Forms can be found at all entrances to our church.

The readings for this weekend will bring to our attention the virtue of giving. The examples of two women (first and the gospel readings) who both gave from what they have and not from what they can afford, highlight the "sacrificial giving" that the Letter to the Hebrews talks about – to give until it hurts!

Since our creation, God has been the most generous giver of all. God has not stopped giving and His generosity

cannot be measured and it will never end. God's generosity was exemplified in the giving of His only begotten Son, who in giving up His own life, "made the ultimate sacrifice once and for all." God of course does not expect us to make a "sacrificial giving" as Jesus did, although some people did that and we call them martyrs. God simply wants us to give from what we have been blessed keeping in mind the principle that Jesus gave: *"to those who have been given much, much is expected."* (Luke 12:48) The **"One Ministry (+) of Time, Talent & Treasure"** that I am promoting this month is an opportunity for us to put into practice the "sacrificial giving" that our readings for this weekend tell us. Just like Jesus, we are all called to make "sacrificial giving" not only for our own good and salvation, but for "the good of all His Holy church!" (*Invitation to Prayer at the Liturgy of the Eucharist*)

In truth "sacrificial giving" is difficult, painful and inconvenient. The giving of oneself – all that we are and have – is the hardest part of the giving that calls for total unselfishness and abandonment. Parents know all too well what "sacrificial giving" is all about when they bring a child/ren into this world and raise them well. Those who have lost love ones due to death or other circumstances experiences "sacrificial giving" deeply within which lasts for a while. Whoever we are, somehow we all go through moments of "sacrificial giving" that changes and transforms us into persons that we are now. And yet, we continue to give until it hurts.

I can only understand my own experience of "sacrificial giving" by looking at the crucified Lord. Here in the real and rawness of sacrifice, Jesus' broken body, pierced flesh and twisted limbs seem to lift my heart and soul to endurance, and my consciousness to the realization that whatever "sacrificial giving" I think I have done, are nothing compared to the ones He did. His truly, is a giving that hurts.

*Father Vic+*



**Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**November 11, 2018**

The LORD keeps faith forever,  
secures justice for the oppressed,  
gives food to the hungry.

— *Psalms 146:7*

# Wedding Banns

- Breana Olivier & Ryan Batton (1-3)
- Whitney Babin & Mitchell Landry (3)
- Bailey Landry & Brady Domingue (2)
- Angel Joy Duncan & Tyler Porche (1)
- Melisa Dencousse & Colt Landry (1)

<b>October 27th/28th , 2018</b>	<b>Weekly Offering</b>
Weekly Collection	\$ 10,340.50
Weekly Loose	2,057.16
ACH Weekly	335.00
	\$ 12,732.66



**October HVAC Donations \$7,661.00**

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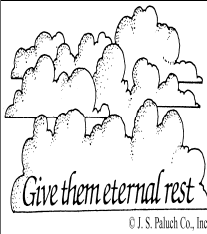


## Altar Flowers

Weekend of November 10th/11th ,2018  
Donated in Memory of

**Rose & Leland Hoffmann**

By: Family



Please remember **Easton LeBouef, John Terracina; Roberta "Bobbie" Olivier & Edmond Deramee, Jr.** who passed on into the Kingdom of our Father recently. Please pray also that their families may find comfort and consolation through their faith.



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## Bayou Catholic 2nd Collection THIS Weekend

The Bayou Catholic is the official magazine for the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux. Your donation helps spread the Good News!  
Thank you for your support.

### FOCUS MISSIONARIES APPEAL

The FOCUS Missionaries and Colonel Catholic Students from St. Thomas Aquinas will be speaking this weekend at the end of all masses. The students who will be speaking to us are some of our own. In January they will be traveling to Indianapolis, Indiana to attend DEEK, a national conference, where they will have the chance to encounter Christ in such a way that will lead them to lifelong mission and can impact the future of our parish community in the years to come! They will be fundraising for their transportation and are asking for donations to help them get to Indianapolis.

**Household Supply Drive** will begin this weekend. The items that we are collecting cannot be purchased with food stamps.

Below is a list of suggested items :

- Toilet Paper
- Shampoo
- Kleenex
- Floor Cleaner
- Bath Soap
- Toothpaste
- Feminine Products
- Washing Powder
- Comet
- Dishwashing Liquid

Please return items to St. Joseph Church next weekend November 17th/18th or to the Good Samaritan Food Bank.