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MASSES

Saturday Anticipated Mass 4 pm

Sunday

8:30 am & 10:30 am

Weekdays

(M-T-W-F only) 12:05 pm

Holy Days as announced

CONFessions

Saturday 3 to 3:45 pm

Weekdays (M-T-W-F) 11:30-11:50 am

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Ordinarily, in an article in *The Carpenter* this time of year I am explaining why we can't have vigil Masses on carnival season Saturdays! But this year – fortunately or unfortunately, depending on your perspective, I guess – the parades that usually cause noise, traffic and parking problems downtown have all been cancelled due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. So **no Masses are cancelled for Carnival this year!**

I also typically spend some time in these weeks before Lent urging everyone not to be too distracted away from God by revelry and the glitter of purple, green and gold (and pink – due to Spanish Town's location across North Street from the Cathedral!). We should already be giving some thought to our upcoming Lenten observances. **What will you do extra for Lent?**

But **don't completely abandon the fun of carnival season.** It's a time-honored Catholic tradition to prepare for the fasting of Lent by feasting a bit first. Laughter is a great way to prepare for Lent! I guess you don't have to turn your house into a "stationary float" by lighting and decorating it, but you can **ensure a clear transition from Mardi Gras to Ash Wednesday.** Especially if you make your Lent a truly penitential, spiritual season, you'll be the better for it.

Finally, give a glance at this photograph below that Tommy Darenbourg was kind enough to take during our first "Cathedral Chat" last month. It was easy and most enjoyable for the 29 or so folks who logged on. If you couldn't take part, no worries! Our **second one will be at 6:15 pm this Tuesday, February 9;** it will last 45 minutes or so, over Zoom. A number of people suggested that I focus on priestly preparations for Mass, especially by sharing views of some of our vestments while explaining their meaning. So I'll set up my iPhone on a tripod in the sacristy and see how that works! I'll also share even more ideas that Bobbie Carey and the Development Committee have thought up for future "Chats"!

In the Lord,



COLLECTIONS

 This weekend, February 6-7, we will take up our monthly collection **For the Maintenance and Repair of the Cathedral**. These funds help us to maintain our historic Cathedral so that it will stand for generations to come. Thanks for helping us make that possible through your generous gifts!

Next weekend, February 13-14, we will take up the annual national collection **For the Church in Central and Eastern Europe**. This effort supports the Church in more than 25 countries that still struggle to recover from former communist rule. Funds support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ccee. Please be generous!

KC “TOOTSIE ROLL” DRIVE NEXT WEEKEND

 Next weekend, February 13-14, the men of our own *Knights of Columbus Council No. 13632* will hold their popular, annual **Tootsie Roll drive** after all the Masses. Its proceeds assist St. Mary's Residential Training School for developmentally challenged persons, located near Alexandria, Louisiana.

Please support the KCs in their fundraising efforts, for they do so much good for the needy of Louisiana!

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Please note that the **Parish Office will be closed** and there will be no daily Mass or confessions on Monday and Tuesday, February 15-16 for the Mardi Gras holidays. **Lent begins the following day on Ash Wednesday**, February 17, so please check the next issue of *The Carpenter* for that day's schedule.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, February 7

Masses – 8:30 and 10:30 am

Maintenance collection taken up at Masses

Ladies of the Cathedral Meeting – 9:35 am

Monday, February 8

Baptism Preparation Seminar – 6:30 pm

Tuesday, February 9

Cemetery Fund Board Meeting – 5 pm

Wednesday, February 10

KC Council Meeting – 6:15 pm

Saturday, February 13

Farmers' Market – 8 am

Vigil Mass – 4 pm

PRE-BAPTISMAL PREPARATION



Expecting a baby? Have you registered for our **pre-Baptismal parents' seminar**? The next one is scheduled for **this coming Monday, February 8**, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Office.

Parents who are preparing for a child's baptism are required to attend one pre-baptismal seminar at least once, and the godparents are invited also.

Please register beforehand either by sending an email to office@cathedralbr.org or by making a quick phone call to 225-387-5928 – we need to know how many people will be attending! Please note that social distancing is usually not a problem, as the number of attendees is generally small, but masks are required.

LADIES OF THE CATHEDRAL

Our **Ladies of the Cathedral** group invites all women of the Parish to **join them in their service** to both the Cathedral Parish and the local community. Monthly meetings are held at 9:30 am (between Masses), on the first Sunday of each month in the Cathedral Parish Hall. Their next meeting will most likely be held "virtually" and is scheduled for **this Sunday, February 7**. Call the Parish Office at 225-387-5928 if you're interested in becoming a member!

STEWARSHIP OF TREASURE

The regular collection over the weekend of January 30-31, along with donations mailed in and made during the week preceding it, totaled \$7,008.00 (\$6,790.00 from 54 Identified Givers, and the remaining \$218.00 in the loose collection).

Thank you, as always, for your continued generosity in support of your Parish!

Remember that, most conveniently, you can use your bank's "**Bill Pay**" feature to give, or **mail in your contributions**, to our Parish Office, at 412 North Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802-5496. But *don't* send cash through the mails!

Special donations are also welcome, whether *memorial gifts* remembering departed loved ones, or gifts honoring living persons. You are **especially invited to include the Cathedral in your will** or living trust, helping to provide for our future! On a smaller scale, you can **sponsor one or more floral arrangements** for our weekend and special event Masses.

And finally, there are **lots of other ways** that you can help us with the cost of things: altar linens, missals and lectionaries, vestments, hosts and wine, candles and oil, incense and charcoals, furniture, music materials, dry-cleaning of vestments and choir robes, statuary, and of course regular office supplies are expenses that we encounter throughout the year. In fact this year we have more "disinfecting and sanitizing" expenses due to the Covid-19 virus!

Contact Ms. Lorie Watson, our Parish's Director of Administration (225-387-5928 or office@cathedralbr.org) for more information or if you have any questions.

Our **Parish Calendar**, weekly issues of *The Carpenter*, and much more information are all available on our website: www.cathedralbr.org

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Not only our own parishioners and friends but Catholics from throughout the Diocese of Baton Rouge are welcome to choose their Cathedral for the celebration of the Sacraments. These important spiritual events are always scheduled through our Parish Office (you can simply call us at [225-387-5928](tel:225-387-5928) or email us at office@cathedralbr.org).

INFANT BAPTISM

A pre-baptismal preparation seminar is required of parents, as well as their scheduling the baptism with the Parish Office.

ADULT BAPTISM

Preparation for full adult Sacramental Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) occurs as part of the Parish's RCIA process throughout the year.

FIRST PENANCE & FIRST EUCHARIST

Second graders, no matter where they attend elementary school, are prepared for these Sacraments within a special program here.

CONFIRMATION

In advance of the annual "Feast of the Holy Spirit" on Pentecost, special, brief preparation programs are held here each Spring, one for our parish's teenagers who are in the eleventh grade, and another for other adults who wish to be confirmed.

MATRIMONY

Various Church regulations require at least six months of preparation for any wedding. Our advice is to call well in advance of that time to reserve a wedding date and receive information: our facilities are often booked in advance 12 to 18 months ahead-of-time!

One's own parish priest or deacon is expected to supervise the mandatory Catholic pre-nuptial preparation and officiate at the wedding ceremony here. Our own wedding coordinator will be in charge of the rehearsal and wedding too.

"CATHEDRAL CHAT"



Get ready – our next virtual "Cathedral Chat" will be held via Zoom this Tuesday evening, **February 9 at 6:15 pm**. Our first session two weeks ago went quite well and we were excited to hear everyone's thoughts on how we can make this enjoyable and informative. We will be hosting these **informal conversations, up to an hour in length, on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month.** We hope you will consider joining us!

To be part of our **Cathedral Chats** contact the Parish Office at office@cathedralbr.org or [225-387-5928](tel:2253875928) and let us know you'd like to participate. The link to join the meeting will be emailed out on the day of the "Chat".

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR "ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK"

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MARRIED IN CHRIST



Two couples are the recipients of our congratulations this week: First, well wishes go out to **Gregory Michael Theriot and Marcy Ann Quinn**, who were wed here before Father Michael Alelio on Friday evening, January 29. And secondly, congratulations to **John Brady Volk and Margaux Elizabeth Hebert**, who married on Saturday evening, January 30, before Father Paul Counce.

May God richly bless them all! And may the lifelong marital bonds now established between them be a shining example to us all, as we pledge to support them – and their extended families and one day their children – with our ongoing prayers.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Don't forget to follow us on our social media sites – and let us know if you'd like to help provide content. We're always happy to listen to suggestions and ideas!



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MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday/Sunday, February 13-14, 2021

	4 pm Fr. Paul Counce	8:30 am Fr. Paul Counce	10:30 am Fr. Paul Counce
Readers	Tommy Darenbourg (1) Goldie Domingue (2)	Karen Boyd (1) Bobbie Carey (2)	Carla Lewis (1) Vic Howell (2)
Servers	Gabe Jumonville	David Diez Kate Lee	Dickie Howze Sean Molony
Sacristans	Gabe Jumonville	Erick Swenson	Dickie Howze
Coffee & Donuts		Michael & Celeste Moss	

SANCTUARY LAMP

 Deep appreciation is extended to **Buddy & Carolyn Morris**, who sponsored the week of January 3-9 and are sponsoring the week of January 31 through February 6 *In Memory of the Morris & Kleinpeter Families.*

Appreciation is also extended to **Debbie Orsot** for sponsoring the week of February 7-13 *In Memory of Chad Orsot.*

And thanks also go out to **Dr. Joe Lamendola** for sponsoring the week of February 21-27 *In Memory of the deceased Jesuit priests who served at Manresa House of Retreats.*

The Sanctuary Lamp **burns before the Blessed Sacrament reposed** in the Cathedral's tabernacle. Have you ever considered "sponsoring" it? You can do so "*In Honor Of*" or "*In Memory Of*" a loved one, or for a specific general intention, and it's pretty easy! Just call the Parish Office at [225-387-5928](tel:225-387-5928) or simply send an email to office@cathedralbr.org



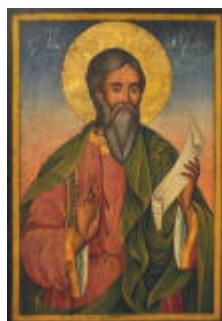
A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus' preaching, teaching and healing created much **excitement** in His day. Today the Church communicates that same wonder and grace by those active in priesthood, religious life, and lay ministries.

If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact *Father Josh Johnson*, our diocesan Director of Vocations recruitment, at [225-336-8778](tel:225-336-8778) or jjohnson@diobr.org

And please consider adding the prayer to the right into your daily prayer life, that God might speak to more of us to answer His call.

ST. ANDREW DINNER



Are you a young man willing to consider a vocation to the priesthood?? If so, please know you are invited to the next **St. Andrew Dinner** scheduled for *Tuesday, February 23, from 6:30 pm to 8 pm* at the St. Jude Parish Ministry Building. This gathering is held so that those interested can **pray, share a meal and learn more about the priesthood.** It's a casual, "no-pressure" atmosphere in which information can be shared and questions asked and answered. Just call the Vocations Office at [225-336-8778](tel:225-336-8778) to find out more!

If you or someone you know may be interested, please share this information with them and help to increase awareness of the need for vocations!

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Generous God,

You show us the way that leads to everlasting life.

Through holy baptism you have called us to proclaim the Good News.

Guide and give wisdom to those discerning a priestly or religious vocation.

Bless and strengthen those who have made a lifetime commitment of service in the Church.

Enrich our Church with dedicated married and single people, as well as with priests, deacons, and consecrated religious.

Filled with your Holy Spirit, we ask this blessing that we, your holy people, may follow Jesus, our Good Shepherd, now and always.

Amen.

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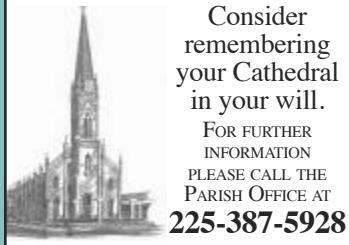
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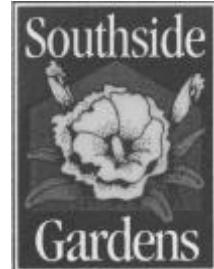
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