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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

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

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Now that **the Easter season has transitioned** from the glory of the Easter Octave to a still joyous but less intense progression of daily prayer and spiritual growth, I'm finding time to focus on a few other things. What about you?

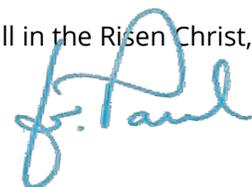
Many people at this time of year experience the phenomenon generally known as "spring cleaning." I try to resist that temptation! I do generally get infected, however, with the **seasonal malady** of "planting my herb garden." Soon I hope to have plenty of fresh basil and thyme and parsley and such growing in the small enclosed rectory yard, ready for recipes at a moment's notice.

But **other gardening "projects"** around the Cathedral will involve more work, and by other people - younger and more talented, to be sure. The **azaleas** in the courtyard just east of the church - where the bodies of our deceased Bishops Tracy, Sullivan and Ott lie at rest - were especially beautiful this year, but now need to be pruned back drastically so that it can happen again 11 months from now! There is a dying **red maple tree** behind the rectory that is in bad, bad shape. It will likely need to be cut down before it falls on something or someone. And **last year's garden around it is sad:** really ragged azaleas and camellia bushes, dead agapanthus, out-of-control "cast iron plants," and nandinas and loropetalum all overgrown with "trash ivy" and weeds of every description. It will get some special attention.

Not all improvements fall into the "vegetable" category. Over at the Parish Office, please admire the **main doors** when you next stop by. After 55 years the original heavy wood frames and hardware had become not only unsightly and misaligned but also a bit dangerous. So the good folks at *Plaquemine Glass Works* fabricated and installed some very nice **new metal frames with double-paned (insulated) glass "storefront" doors**. They really look nice, in my humble opinion, and seem to work just fine. Speaking of maintenance expenses, we also had to install a **new water-heater** for the Office and rectory buildings. After only seven years the "old" one began leaking natural gas and actually briefly caught on fire out in the carport shed. I was thankful that there was no other damage to any property, although not so grateful while taking cold showers over the Palm Sunday weekend and on into Holy Week! (A **last bit of deserved Lenten penance** was what it was, I suppose!) And in the end, although the new doors and water-heater weren't cheap, you have been so generous to our *Building and Maintenance Fund* over the years that we were able to absorb those sizeable costs without any headaches. Thank you!

Of course, this little litany of restoration and repair is the kind of thing which you certainly deal with yourself each year, all too frequently. **Life in this world is complicated**, and often inconvenient and expensive. But we do have the opportunity to make fresh starts, and to improve our living situation. I try to **smile through it all** and draw some spiritual lessons from this kind of "ordinary" business: do you?

Yours still in the Risen Christ,



COLLECTIONS



Next weekend, April 24-25, we take up the annual national **Catholic Home Missions Collection**. Right now, over 40 percent of the dioceses in the United States are considered "home missions territory," because on their own they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work of the Church needed in their communities. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these poor – often very rural – dioceses.

Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. There is an envelope in your packet to make it easy to give. More information about how your donations help can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions. Thank you for your generosity and support!

ANOINTING OF THE SICK



Our Parish's communal administration of the **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** will be held in the Cathedral **next Sunday, April 25**, immediately after our 10:30 am Mass. Catholics over the age of 7 who are seriously ill or anticipating significant surgery, or those weakened by old age, are eligible to receive this Sacrament.

The Redemptorist order has graciously loaned us two relics of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, C.Ss.R. These are available for veneration during the administration of the Sacrament, and everyone attending receives a special blessing with it. We encourage your prayers seeking his intercession!

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, April 18

Masses – 8:30 and 10:30 am

Wednesday, April 21

Choir Practice – 6:15 pm

Friday, April 23

LaBarbera/LeJeune Wedding Rhsl. – 3 pm

Saturday, April 24

Farmers' Market – 8 am

LaBarbera/LeJeune Wedding – 1:30 pm

KC BBQ CHICKEN DINNER!



Get your tickets now! Our **St. Joseph Knights of Columbus Council No. 13632** will once again be providing a **BBQ Chicken Dinner**, next **Sunday, April 25**. The KCs will be set up after all Masses this weekend with tickets available. Your donation of \$10 gets you a scrumptious meal – consisting of a 1/2 barbecue chicken, beans, coleslaw and a roll!

Proceeds from this don't only benefit our taste buds! They help fund the KCs' many projects for both the Parish and wider community. For more information, contact Grand Knight Michael Moss, at woodlawn5431@gmail.com.

MARRIED IN CHRIST



Congratulations go out to **Michael Alexander Ginn and Courtney Blanche Juneau**, who married here at the Cathedral on Friday evening, April 9, before Father Paul Gros.

Also, the next evening, on Saturday, April 10, Father Paul Counce took part in the wedding of **John Simon Pharis and Elizabeth Kernan Patrick** at First Presbyterian Church downtown, with Rev. Gerrit Dawson officiating.

May God's favor be upon these couples! Their lifelong commitments are inspiring. Please continue to support them – and their extended family and one day their children – with your ongoing prayers.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

The April 2 Good Friday collection for the *Holy Land* totaled \$653.00 from 3 Identified Givers. The regular offertory collection for the Easter weekend of April 3-4, along with donations mailed in during the preceding week, came to a total of \$12,808.50 (\$12,271.50 offered by 99 Identified Givers, with the other \$537.00 offered by anonymous donors). Our monthly *Maintenance Collection* brought in \$4,275.00 from 38 Identified Givers. Our annual Easter collection for the *Retirement Fund for Diocesan Priests* came to \$4,100.00 from 26 Identified Givers. Finally, the weekend of April 10-11 brought in \$8,354.00 (\$7,999.00 from 80 Identified Givers and \$355.00 anonymously. Thank you for your continuing support!

We also extend thanks to 27 Identified Givers who gave a total of \$3,063.00 to offset the costs of our Easter décor. Thank you, as always, for helping us to make our worship space more beautiful and joyous at this most special time of year!

Remember that you can use your bank's "**Bill Pay**" feature to give, or **mail in your contributions** directly 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, whether these be office supplies, liturgical items, or household and cleaning supplies. We don't mind "contributed services" either!

Just contact Ms. Lorie Watson or Fr. Paul Counce in the Parish Office ([225-387-5928](tel:225-387-5928) or office@cathedralbr.org) to give!

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.

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS – THANK YOU!



We would like to thank the following for donations made to the Easter flowers and décor of the Cathedral during this Easter Season: John Turner for the Paschal Candle and flowers (IMO his father and mother, Bert & Sue Turner); M/M Joseph Maggio (IMO Allen P. Bujol Family, Simon Maggio Family, Ming S. Wong Family); Debbie B. Orsot (IMO Chad C. Orsot, Ernest & Amy Broussard); M/M Keith Sehon (IMO Marion Fritscher, Robert & Rita Sehon, Ferrell & Carolyn Sehon and Craig Sehon); Catherine Perkins (IHO Pastor Melissa Dunn, Brenda Green, Geraldine Wheeler, Eva Harris and Mrs. Kevin Brooks); M/M Hal Lancon (IMO Prokop & Lancon Families); Peter Territo Jr. (IMO Pete, Virginia and Rose Territo & Mary Ann Clifton); Mary H. McCowan (IMO M/M Paul M. Hebert Sr.); Loretta Singleton (IMO Weston & Hazell Singleton, Norma Singleton and Judy Singleton); M/M Chris Gaudet (IMO Daisy & Buck Cannon and Robert & Mildred Gaudet); Sharon F. Lambert (IMO Norris Lambert & Joe Blanchard); Patricia Miller (IMO Virginia Miller & Dorman Miller); Jane Baudry (IMO Cleve and Sadie Bordelon); Malaura Blanchard (IMO Mark John Blanchard); M/M Thomas Acosta (IMO William Matthew Acosta and deceased member of Acosta, Broussard, Mouch and Guillot Families); Mrs. Marino Casem (IMO Marino H. Casem); M/M Michael Feduccia (IMO - M/M James DeBlanc, M/M C. Feduccia, David DeBlanc and Mildred Means); Clark Vega (IMO Benjamin C. Vega Jr., Dorothy P. Vega and Joyce P. Corry); Elizabeth Kelley (IMO Howard & Helen Potts, J. H. Potts Sr. & Family, Josephine, J. H. Jr. & Elle Potts, Susan Meyers, Chris Kelley and Edward Kelley); Ronnie Hebert (IMO David Hebert, Roy A. Hebert, Gloria Dupont and Hamilton Lemoine, and IHO Myrle Hebert); M/M Lurline Hamilton (IMO Elizabeth Hamilton); Sylvia Winder (IMO Henry L. Essex, Constant Essex Young and Ruth Young Traylor); Tommy Darensbourg (IMO -Thomas & Delores Darensbourg Sr and Leonard E. Hayes); Douglas Dodd; Goldie Dominique; M/M Waldon Aucoin; Joy & Victor Weston; M/M George Privat; M/M Rhett Deselle; Mr. Erick Swenson; M/M Rob Montanaro; Mrs. Dorothy Hall; Dr. Thomas Bott; M/M Francis Guglielmo; Mrs Henry H. Olinde; M/M Bill Koren; M/M Barry Erwin; J. William Rimes

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday/Sunday, April 24-25, 2021

	4 pm Fr. Paul Counce	8:30 am Fr. Paul Counce	10:30 am Fr. Paul Counce
Ministers of Holy Communion	Ann Felice Fourrier	Brad Madden	Deacon Gary Mooney Robert René
Readers	Goldie Domingue (1) Tommy Darensbourg (2)	Bobbie Carey (1) Sharon Lambert (2)	Carla Lewis (1) Michele Nardini (2)
Servers	David Diez	Kate Lee	Dickie Howze Kurt Mihalik Sean Molony
Sacristans	Father Paul Counce	Erick Swenson	Dickie Howze
Coffee & Donuts		<i>Not this Sunday – get a KC Chicken Dinner instead!</i>	

A VOCATION VIEW



Jesus cleaned out the temple of moneychangers. He was angry; He was zealous; He spoke with authority. **He was doing what He had to do even though it involved risk, danger, insult and wonder.** Such is a religious vocation in the Church.

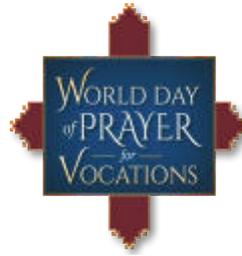
If you think God might be calling you to one, simply contact *Father Josh Johnson*, our diocesan Director of Vocations recruitment, by email to jjohnson@diobr.org, or telephone to 225-336-8778, or by visiting www.diobr.org/vocations on the internet.

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.*



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS



On Sunday, April 25, we celebrate the 58th anniversary of the annual **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday" from the Gospel of the day. We wish to fulfill publicly the Lord's command to "*Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His harvest*" (Matthew 9:38 and Luke 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, consecrated life, societies of apostolic life, and in secular institutes.

Resources for promoting vocations can be found by visiting the national bishops' website at www.usccb.org. And you can always add the *Prayer for Vocations* on page 5 of this issue of *The Carpenter* to your daily faith regimen!



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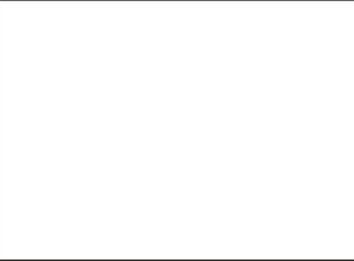


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