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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



My dear Parishioners and Friends,

It's always nice to begin my column in *The Carpenter* with some **good news**: it looks like the water leak in the steeple of the Cathedral that I mentioned last week is **not as bad** as I first feared. After only a first inspection, our architects have assured us that there seems to be **no structural damage** to the building. Also, it appears that there's little danger of water beginning to pour into the great organ above the loft. What a relief!

This doesn't mean the problem – almost certainly with the metal “flashing” surrounding and embedded in the tile roof – is insignificant. There are some electrical conduits and a breaker box directly under the leak, for example, and everybody knows that water and electricity don't play nicely together! There may be more rotten wood up there than we can see so far. And it will certainly get worse if nothing is done. So **the leak will have to be fixed soon**. But I was able to give Father Cary a more positive report as he prepares to take over as pastor on July 1.

I'm sure that news was a comfort for him! Please **support him** with your prayers – and every other way you can think of! – in the weeks and months ahead. As many of you know, for the past three-and-a-half years **Father Cary has been the primary caregiver for Father Jerry Young**, my predecessor as pastor here at St. Joseph Parish. And so Father Young will be “moving back” to St. Joseph's with Father Cary.

Here's where I should probably offer a word of concern and advice. Father Young's physical health is pretty good for a man his age, but the ongoing challenge for him and everyone around him nowadays is his greatly **diminished memory**. Kindly take this into account when you see him, for he is not likely to remember everyone or interact as robustly as he used to. He's as wonderfully kind and gentle as ever, but far more limited in what he can do. Thanks already for understanding, and for your continued friendship with him.

(I understand Father Cary also will be **bringing his cat** with him. From my two brief encounters with it when visiting St. Francisville over the past few years, the cat is not gregarious, so you really won't have to make a new feline friend!)

In the meantime, here in the Parish Office we're trying to put together **lists for Father Cary**: what he will need to know when he arrives, who he needs to call when something breaks, what choices are awaiting him and what things don't seem to be optional, why we do things this way and not another way, etc., etc. He's had a dozen years of **experience** now as pastor in St. Francisville and Jackson – a community three or four times bigger than ours – so I'm confident he'll be able to handle **the blessings and the challenges** of our Parish family and the downtown workers, visitors, and transients whom we also serve. After all, as I've said in this space for a few weeks now, he's going to have **YOU to help him** out!

Always in Christ,

## COLLECTIONS



This weekend, June 5-6, we take up our usual monthly collection **For the Maintenance and Repair of the Cathedral**. We so appreciate the monies donated which help us to keep our wonderful historic Church and Parish facilities in good working order. Thank you for your generosity!

## BABY SHOWER



Our very own "Ladies of the Cathedral" will host their **annual Baby Shower** after all Masses *this* weekend, June 5-6, in the Parish Hall. Donations of baby necessities, such as diapers, wipes, bottles, new or "gently used" clothing and blankets, and other supplies, will be collected.

Cash donations are also welcome and very much appreciated.

This ministry assists both needy expecting mothers and their newborn babies, distributing these gifts to residents housed at the *Sanctuary for Life*, a local home for unwed mothers operated by *Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Baton Rouge*.

## FOOD PANTRY CANCELLED



Our Parish *Food Pantry* will not be held on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the months of June or July. We hope to resume this outreach in August.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, June 6

Masses – 8:30 and 10:30 am  
Ladies of the Cathedral *Baby Shower* after all Masses in the Parish Hall

### Tuesday, June 8

Cemetery Fund Board Meeting – 5 pm

### Wednesday, June 9

KC Council Meeting – 6:15 pm

### Friday, June 11

*Happy Birthday, Father Paul!*

### Saturday, June 12

Farmers' Market – 8 am

## PRE-BAPTISMAL PREPARATION



Parents, are you expecting? Have you made arrangements for your baby's baptism yet? The Church expects you to attend a **pre-Baptismal parents' seminar**, and the next one scheduled here is set for *Monday, June 14*, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Office. The godparents are welcome also, so please be sure to extend an invitation to them as well.

**Please register beforehand** either by sending an email to [office@cathedralbr.org](mailto: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.

## SOCIAL MEDIA



## SANCTUARY LAMP



Many thanks to **Elizabeth Bentley-Smith** for sponsoring the week of May 30 to June 5 *In Memory of the Casey Dunagan*.

Thanks also to **Buddy and Carolyn Morris** for sponsoring the week of June 13-19 *In Memory of the Morris & Kleinpeter Families*.

And finally, we extend our appreciation to **Mary Rettig** for sponsoring the week of June 27 to July 3 *In Memory of Stephen Molony & Family*.

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 telephone the Parish Office at [225-387-5928](tel:225-387-5928), or you can simply send an email to [office@cathedralbr.org](mailto:office@cathedralbr.org).



## SANCTUARY FLOWERS



Our deep appreciation is extended to **Hal & Carolyn Lancon** for their continued sponsorship of our altar décor for two weekends of each month *In Memory of the Lancon & Prokop Families*.

Additionally, we thank an anonymous donor for sponsoring the weekend of June 12-13 *In Memory of Peter A. Theriot, Sr.*

If you would like to **donate the floral arrangements** for the altar – perhaps in honor of a special someone or intention, or in memory of a deceased family member or friend – simply contact the Parish Office by calling [225-387-5928](tel:225-387-5928) or by sending an email to [office@cathedralbr.org](mailto:office@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](mailto: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.

## A VOCATION VIEW



God the Father, Creator. God the Son, Redeemer. God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier. When we **"go out to make disciples of all nations"** we have a lot to tell! God is present everywhere.

Would you be willing to proclaim the truth of God's love and presence in your life as a priest or religious? If so, contact our diocesan Director of Vocations recruitment, *Father Josh Johnson*, by telephoning him at [225-336-8778](tel:225-336-8778), emailing [jjohnson@diobr.org](mailto:jjohnson@diobr.org), or visiting [www.diobr.org/vocations](http://www.diobr.org/vocations) on the internet.

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## 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.*

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

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND

### ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday/Sunday, June 12-13, 2021

	4 pm <b>Fr. Paul Counce</b>	8:30 am <b>Fr. Paul Counce</b>	10:30 am <b>Bishop Michael Duca</b>
<b>Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Tino Dalmau	Brad Madden	Deacon Gary Mooney Robert René
<b>Readers</b>	Courtney Debetaz (1) Bryce Benzine (2)	Stephanie Dauzat (1) Sharon Lambert (2)	Tom Acosta (1) Billy Rimes (2)
<b>Servers</b>	TBD	Kate Lee Kurt Mihalik	Dickie Howze Sean Molony Caitlyn Thompson
<b>Sacristans</b>	Fr. Paul Counce	Erick Swenson	Dickie Howze
<b>Coffee &amp; Donuts</b>		Bobbie & Alan Carey	



*Congratulations to those who were confirmed by Bishop Michael Duca at Mass on Pentecost last Sunday, May 23! Front row, left to right, with their sponsors behind them: Carrington Cain, Jayson Moffett, Jayla Patrick, and Drake Tooraen. (Photo credit: John Tooraen)*

## FATHERS' DAY BAKE SALE!



Mark your calendars, and prepare to **celebrate Dad with baked goodies!** Our *Ladies of the Cathedral* will be offering **yummy treats for sale** after all of our Masses **in two weeks on the weekend of June 19-20** during their annual *Fathers' Day Bake Sale*.

Help support the charities sponsored by the Ladies which benefit our parish and the wider local community throughout the year, while enjoying homemade cakes, cookies, brownies, breads, and more.

As always, your support for them is greatly appreciated!

## CHOIR ON SUMMER BREAK



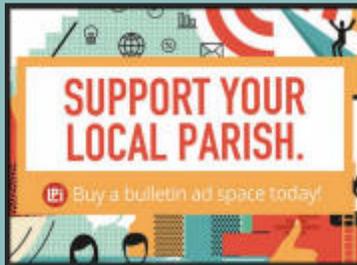
Our wonderful **Cathedral Choir** (which we unfortunately didn't get to enjoy as much over the past year, thanks to Covid!) takes its **summer vacation** after Pentecost. While we will miss their music until the fall – except for Father Paul's Farewell Mass on June 27! – this gives us an opportunity to do more congregational singing – now that we are better able to do so – and also to focus on the Mass in a more intimate and introspective way.

Enjoy this opportunity for deeper reflection, and hear and respond to the Word of God more with your heart and soul than your ears!

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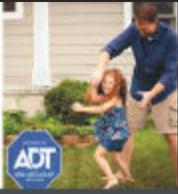
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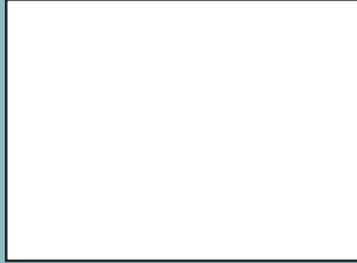


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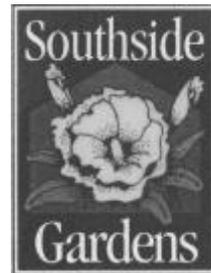
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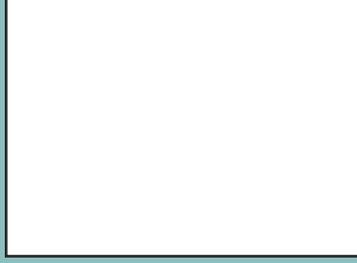
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