

PASTOR'S THOUGHTS:*July 21-22, 2018*

Many thanks to all who attended and participated at our Town Hall/Listening Session that was held last Saturday, July 21st. Many thanks to the members of our Pastoral Council and Implementation Team for helping us put together this very important event.

Many thanks for supporting last weekend's **Annual Missionary Cooperation Appeal** to help our brothers and sisters working in the "peripheries of the world" preach the Good News and give witness to our faith. On behalf of the Rogationist Fathers, I would like to thank you for welcoming Father Francisco Javier Flores López, RCJ, to the Co-Cathedral community and for your generous support of his mission appeal.

St. Mark's gospel this weekend sets the tone for our weekend celebrations this weekend: "*When He disembarked and saw the vast crowd, **His heart was move with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things.***" Take note: Jesus' heart was moved with pity.

One of the saddest experiences I see happening in the world nowadays is how people have become so indifferent to one another; **nothing moves them anymore!** Their sense of compassion, empathy and sympathy had been replaced by absolute negativity and pessimism, that they cannot see anything good at anyone anymore. Sadly, this is so contrary to ways of God; negativity and pessimism has no place in God's kingdom.

The complaint of the Prophet Jeremiah in the 1st reading was addressed to all religious leaders of his time who misled God's people in believing that they are worth less than they are. Because of the indifference of these so-called "holy and righteous servants of the temple," many good and faithful people of Israel were driven away from the presence of the Lord and His people. They have become so accustomed to doing and having things their way that no one else could do anything right for the Lord. In short, **nothing moved them anymore.** Prophet Jeremiah though has a stern warning for this kind of people – you will suffer the consequence of your actions!

When people are not moved to compassion and charity, sin enters the soul. That is why one of things we learned about God in our history of salvation is how God was always moved to compassion and charity no matter how sinful humanity had become. Over and over again, God looks at each one of us and sees **not** our transgressions, imperfections, our wrong ways of doing things, disagreeable qualities or personalities and differences, but rather, the possibility of our salvation; this is what moves God all the time.

God who knows and sees all things, looks beyond the limitations and imperfections of every person and sees "His image and likeness" that was formed in his/her mother's womb. God does this all the time and will continue doing so until the end of time. The challenge of Jesus for us this weekend is to follow His example of looking at everyone with the unconditional love of God, to see them indeed as images of God and reflections of His kindness and goodness; kindness and goodness which are fruits of true faith.

When you look at someone at a situation, are you moved to compassion or charity? If you are – good, you are not far from the Kingdom of God.

Father Vic+

Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David.

*-Jeremiah 23:5a***July 7th / 8th**

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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



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St. Anne Novena

The annual Novena in Honor of St. Anne at the Calvary Grotto Shrine in

St. Joseph's Cemetery prayer and meditation begins each day at 6:30 P.M. The novena will close on Thursday, July 26 at 6:30 P.M. with Mass at St. Joseph Cemetery.

All are invited to attend.

Connie Richard – 447-6559

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**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
TRIPARISH COMMUNITY PHARMACY**

The St. Vincent de Paul TriParish Community Pharmacy is in need of volunteer pharmacists and pharmacy techs. The volunteer commitment is generally one morning every four to six weeks. The pharmacy is in operation on Tuesday and Thursday mornings,

9-11AM If you would like to volunteer, please contact the pharmacy at 985-872-2253.

Men's Cursillo Weekend

August 9-12, 2018 www.htcursillo.weebly.com

The Cursillo Movement is a wonderful opportunity to deepen and to enhance ones' Catholic faith. Cursillo serves to foster a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and to strengthen the bonds of communion and community in the Church. It is a blessing to have the Cursillo Movement present here in the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux! + SJF

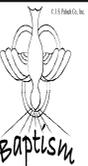
In response to the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People

from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux has made the following provision for anyone who has been hurt or sexually abused by anyone who works for the church. The Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux has set up an Outreach Line for all victims/survivors of sexual abuse. In continuing our commitment to support and healing, we invite and encourage people who have been hurt or sexually abused recently or in the past by clergy, religious or other employees of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, to call our outreach line. The Outreach Line operates from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily Monday through Friday. A trained mental health professional responds to the line.

The Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux Outreach Line telephone number is 985-873-0026.

To report suspected abuse of a minor, call the **LA Dept. of Children & Family Services (24/7) 1-855-452-5437.**

The following were Baptized into the family of Christ recently:



William Francis

Christopher & Emily

Maia Grace

Timothy & Ericka

Mena Catherine

Alfred & Sarah

Liam Paul

Scotty & Christine

Missalettes

July 22nd -28th

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