

Sunday January 24, 2021

## Pastor's Corner

*A True Saint, Mardi Gras Contest, Dinner and Devotion, and The Search Is On!*

**A True Saint.** Reportedly, Drew Brees is retiring from football to become a network analyst. In 2006, while touring Hurricane Katrina-ravaged New Orleans with his wife Brittany, Drew and Brittany discerned a call from God to be part of the New Orleans Saints organization and the recovery of our city. For 15 years, Drew has been a champion on and off the field and a wonderful ambassador for New Orleans. The Drew Brees Foundation has donated millions of dollars to the needy in our area. There are many life lessons in the world of sports and Drew exemplifies an important one: be a Man of God and a Contributor to the community first, and everything will fall into place. Thanks for 15 years of high-quality football, Drew. Thanks for the Super Bowl win – the all-time sports highlight for New Orleanians. Thanks for being a model Christian man. Blessings in your retirement.

**Mardi Gras Contest.** Just because we can't have Mardi Gras parades doesn't mean that Covid can cancel the Mardi Gras spirit of fun. In that vein, our Parish is hosting a Mardi Gras Costume and Home Decorating Contest. First prizes of \$150 and second prizes of \$75 will be awarded for: Best Costume for children 12 and under, Best Costume for adults 13 and over, Best Costume for groups, and Best decorated house or front door. See the flyer in this bulletin with the details, judging criteria and deadlines. I think Fr. Thien and I have a hilarious Mardi Gras costume and we are planning to take 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the Group Category! Good luck, and Happy Mardi Gras!

**Dinner and Devotion.** New Orleans attorney Pat Veters and his wife, Susie, who is a theology professor at Notre Dame Seminary, will be the presenting speakers at "Dinner and Devotion" on Friday, February 5, at 7 pm in St. Joseph Hall. The Veters are gifted speakers, and just in time for Valentine's Day, will address the topic, "Marriage: The Gift of a Lifetime." The evening is sponsored by the KCs. The cost is only \$10 and includes a packaged meal. Social distancing will be observed. Seating is limited. See the flyer in this bulletin for pre-registration information. Hope to see you there.

**The Search is On!** Owing to the great response we had in the Fall, we will repeat the Evangelization Program, "The Search," beginning Wednesday evening, February 24. The program – which consists of prayer, a video and discussion – will run for seven Wednesdays through April 14 from 6:10 – 7:45 pm in St. Joseph Hall. A sandwich, a sweet and bottled water will be provided. The cost is \$35. Preregistration is required. Social distancing is observed. Seating is limited. **The Registration form is online.** See <https://watch.formed.org/packages/the-search-begins-full-series/videos/the-search-trailer>

God bless,  
Father Joe