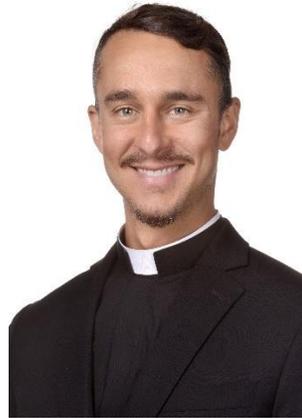


Pastor's Corner

Fr. Andrew will be here in 2 and ½ weeks



Fr. Andrew Sanchez

On Saturday, June 5, five men were ordained priests for the Archdiocese of New Orleans by Archbishop Aymond. Among those ordained was our new Parochial Vicar, Fr. Andrew Sanchez. His start date with us is July 1, so by the time you read this article, his arrival here will only be 2 and ½ weeks away. I asked Fr. Andrew to write something about himself that I could share in the bulletin. Here is what he wrote:

“I was born and raised in Chalmette. I attended St. Mark Elementary School from K-8 and graduated from Brother Martin High School in 2003. I majored in Biology at LSU and there discovered the sport of Triathlon (swimming, biking, and running), which made me realize how much I enjoy being active and outdoors. I attended LSU School of Dentistry on an Army scholarship, and then spent 4 years as an active-duty army dentist.

“From 2012-2014, I was in Fairbanks, Alaska with the US Army, where it slowly became evident that God has always been calling me to consider serving Him as a priest. Being 4,000 miles from home forced me to assess my relationship with Christ and His Church, and as a result, I grew closer to our Lord and lived my life more fully according to Catholic teaching than any other time in my life. At the same time, I grew close to a beautiful, loving and caring young lady; however, as she and I began to discern marriage, I realized that God was calling me instead to seminary. So, I took the next step and entered seminary. My six years in seminary were a time of great spiritual, intellectual and personal growth. I did my diaconate internship in 2020 at Saint Catherine Parish in Metairie, where I got to experience the love and joy that goes along with serving the people of God. I look forward to many, many years serving God and His people.”

We are grateful for Fr. Andrew's vocation to priesthood and look forward to his ministry with us soon.

God's peace and blessings,
Fr. Joe