



Sacred Heart of Jesus

Roman Catholic Church
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2nd Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

"John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.'" Jn 1:29

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1:00-3:30P.M. Closed for Lunch Noon—1:00P.M.

EUCARISTIC ADORATION:

Thursdays, 7:00A.M.— 6:00P.M.
Temporarily Held in the Church

LITURGICAL SERVICES

SUNDAY MASSES: Saturday Vigil: 4:30P.M.
Sunday: 8:00A.M., 11:00A.M. & 6:00P.M.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday No Mass—
Tuesday—Friday 6:30A.M. Saturday: 8:30A.M.

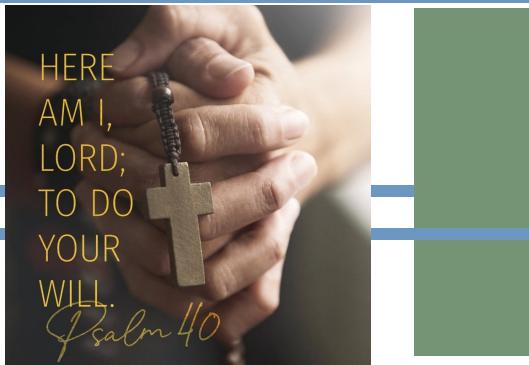
FIRST SATURDAY MASS: 9:30A.M.
Exposition & Confession 8:30-9:20A.M.

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA
Tuesday at 6:30A.M.

CONFESIONS: Tuesday-Friday 6:00A.M.,
Saturday-8:30A.M. & 3:30-4:20P.M., 30 minutes before
all Sunday Masses and by appointment.

ROSARY Wednesdays, 7:00A.M.
Sunday—Saturday 4:00P.M. (Church)

Please silence your cell phone during mass! Thank you!



 **Liturgical Ministers**

January 17-18, 2026

Sacristans: Saturday, 4:30p.m.– Maureen Alfred
 Sunday, 8:00a.m.–Gail Dupuis,
 11:00a.m.—Brenda Besse, 6:00p.m.-Marcia Bergeron
Eucharistic Ministers: Saturday, 4:30p.m.–Donna Bourg,
 Sunday, 8:00a.m.– Gail Dupuis,
 11:00a.m.—Larry Besse, 6:00p.m.– Marcia Bergeron
Lectors: Saturday, 4:30p.m.—Jovita Compton,
 Sunday, 8:00a.m.– Constance Wallace,
 11:00a.m.— Pete Boudreaux, 6:00p.m.—Peggy Gowland

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

1st Reading Question

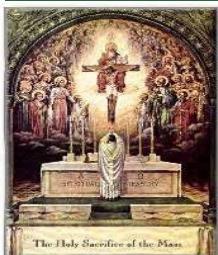
Isaiah teaches that God chose Israel to reveal His glory and bring salvation to the world. Why do you think God uses people to do His will?

2nd Reading Question

Paul opens his letter to the Corinthians with a plea for unity and holiness of all believers. Where do you see your faith community unified and holy?

Gospel Question

John the Baptist testifies to others that Jesus is the Son of God who will baptize with the Holy Spirit. With whom do you talk about Jesus?



O Mother of devoted love and mercy, most blessed Virgin Mary, with all my heart and all my affection I take refuge in you, though I am a poor and undeserving sinner. You stood by your most dear Son as he was hanging on the cross. Stand mercifully by me, poor sinner though I am, and by all the priests who today offer this sacrifice, here and in all our holy Church. With the help of your gracious presence, may we offer a sacrifice that is right and acceptable in the presence of the most high and undivided Trinity. Amen.

Readings for the week of
 January 18, 2026



Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Do we recognize Christ when we see him? Do we have the courage to point him out, to show others who he is? John cried out so the whole world could hear: "He is the Son of God." Always and everywhere, let us do the same.

PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

Blessing of the Beloved

Dear God,
 Bless and anoint us today. You are our Father and guide.
 Remind us of our identity in You:
 loved, called, and equipped for mission.
 Bless us as we journey, giving us strength for each day and grace in each step. Amen.



Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary before Mass

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Weekday, Jan. 17, 8:30am: Pro Populo.

Saturday, Vigil, Jan. 17, 4:30pm: Vera & Charles Dupuis, Frank & Corinne Mula, Seth & Jackie Sumrall, Santo & Stella Rouso, Anthony Governale, Sr., M/M Walter Romero, Sr., Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin, Anthony Cannata, Vincent & Fannie Cannata, Charles Gowland, Sr., Bill & Eloise Gowland, Martin, Deshotel, Prince, & Lacour Families, Joe & Bet Cefalu, David Duplantis, James Kullman, Sr., Rafael Basas, Mary & James Groves, Mary Michael, T.R. & Elaine Naquin, Dale Hayes, Sr., Ramona Kullman, Guage Guidry, Gil Besse, Mark Manfre, Percy LaPoint, Dulce Hernandez.

Sunday, Jan. 18, 8:00am: Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin, Rickey Arceneaux, C.J. & Viva Solar, Glenda Solar Gros, Blackie & Mildred Arceneaux, Luc/Percle Family, Donald Luc, Sr., Steve Luc, Helen Laughlin, Guage Landry. 11:00am: Jim Holt, Holt/Alfred Families L/D, Hugh & Nell Brown, M/M Raymond Egle, A.J. Cannata, Marian & Richard Romaire, Bill & Eloise Gowland, Charles Gowland, Sr., Rocco Guarisco, Jr. Family L/D, Donald Loupe, Pat McCleary, J. A. Garcia Jr. Family. 6:00pm: Charles Gowland, Sr., Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin, Carl J. & Glenda W. Streva Family L/D, C.J. & Mary Doiron, Mac, Mary & Stephen McCleary, Helen Laughlin, Gil Besse, Tom & Alice Shannon, Alice Guzzetta.

Tuesday, Jan. 20, 6:30am: Carl & Glenda Streva Fam. L/D, Eloise & Bill Gowland, Charles Gowland, Sr., John & Stella Mula, Anthony Cannata, Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin, Rickey Arceneaux, C. J. & Viva Solar, Glenda Solar Gros, Blackie & Mildred Arceneaux, T.R. Naquin, Beadle-Dugas Family.

Wednesday, Jan. 21, 6:30a.m: Mark Manfre, Carl & Glenda Streva Fa., L/D, Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin, Charles Gowland, Sr., Marcelle Ordogni, Jan Covington, Joe Parsiola, Agnes Robicheaux, Earl Laughlin, Sr.

Thursday, Jan. 22, 6:30am: Carl & Glenda Streva Family L/D, Bet & Joe Cefalu, David Duplantis, John & Stella Mula, Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin, Charles Gowland, Sr., Rickey Arceneaux, C.J. & Viva Solar, Glenda Solar Gros, Blackie & Mildred Arceneaux, Elphie Duplantis.

Friday, Jan. 23, 6:30am: Patrick Bergeron, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Carl & Glenda Streva Fam. L/D, Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin, Charles Gowland, Sr., Pat McCleary, Fields-Beadle Fam., Leonard Weber.

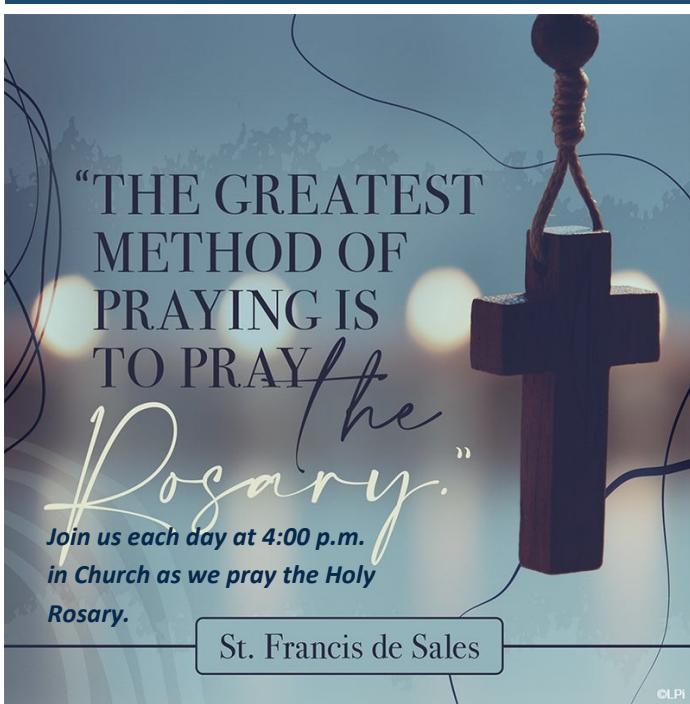
MASS INTENTIONS Mass Book is now Open for 2026. A single mass intention is \$3.00



~~~ *In your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters.*

*In this life you embraced them with your tender love; deliver them now from every evil and bid them eternal rest.*

*The old order has passed away: welcome them into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping or pain, but fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.*

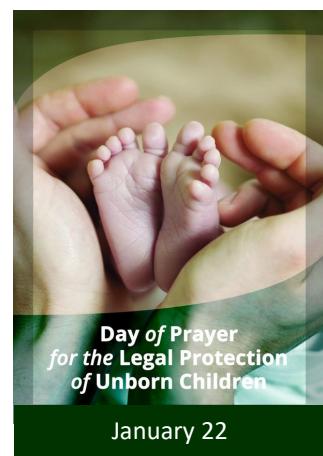


### PRAYER FOR LIFE

Father and maker of all,  
you adorn all creation  
with splendor and beauty,  
and fashion human lives  
in your image and likeness.  
Awaken in every heart  
reverence for the work of  
your hands,  
and renew among your  
people  
a readiness to nurture and  
sustain  
your precious gift of life.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in  
the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God forever and ever.

Amen



### PRAYER FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

O Jesus, our compassionate High Priest, we ask you to raise up among our Christian communities abundant and holy vocations to the priesthood. Grant to the men whom you are calling to this holy service the grace to stay close to your Sacred Heart. Aid them in their commitment to prayer and grant them the grace to hear your voice more clearly each day. Give them the humility and the charity to respond to your invitation in discerning this vocation. May they encounter you close to them in every step of their journey, being reminded that they are never without you and your guidance.

We ask this in your name Jesus.—Mary, Mother of Priests, pray for us.+

## Angel of God

my guardian dear to whom His love commits me here  
ever this day be at my side to light and guard to rule  
and guide. Amen.

**PRAY FOR... PEACE,**  
Protection from Floods and Storms, Caregivers,

Huan Tran, Kathryn Stadalis, Stephen Giroir, Beulah Deshotel, Mona Thibodeaux, Hilda Landry, Kim Verrett, Rodney Frederick, Donna Henry, Ross Rock, Brittany Thomas, Dalton Dupree, Noah Fryou, Tara Trahan, Ashley Ribardi, Deanna Rome, Jimmy LeBlanc, Dale Hubert, Pat Rock, Barbara Breaux, Stacy Giroir, Eston Roger, Robbie & Kacie Toups, Janet Bennett, Jean Stephens, Zweigle/Dupree Families, Lelia Johnson, Nicki Plessala, Jim Miller, Jaiden, Tammy Fitch, Chad Duval, Jr., Harley Blanco, Demarius Granger, Darrel Beadle, Killian Mabe, Joan Judycki, Anna Hargrave & Family, Shannon Swiber, Holly Brasseaux, Katy Bourgeois, Ina Clarke, Leonard & Priscilla Scully, Catherine & Elijah Landry, Robin Jeansonne, Charlie Solar, Sr., Karen Duhon, Barbara Olson, Jahmarla Guidry, Laine Mosher, Aceson Alleman, Catherine Thibodeaux, Scott Barbier, Martha Guillory, Will Lapoint, Edwin Bergeron, Jason Theriot, Evie Herrington, Mac Perle, Yvonne Zweigle, Bryson Plaisance, Betty Ross, Nedra Giroir, Rachel Adams, Ave Ross, Elijah Carter, Valerie Streety, Larry Guillory, Anna Broussard, Reberta Ford, Margie Aucoin, Gentry Garrett, Cherie Dyer, Lovenia Perle, Layla Giroir, Wendy Hotard, Charles Gibson, Jr., Patty Fontenot, Rhonda Lile, Beth Naquin, Renee Harper, Warren Landry, Louis Tamporella, Tammy Richard, Elliot Prejean, Katie Ghirardi, Lynette Breaux, Ashia Starling, Mary Ann Adams, Kay Olds, Franklin Pierce, Marlene Pierce, Brent Gravois, Ava Carpenter, Ellen Rink, Richard Ford, Kelley Dalton, Jim Mestepey, Ryan, Willie Mae Lewis, Earline & David Gastins, Elias Dupree, Peggy Perry, Keely Price, Steve Sealine, Robbie Sword, Mary Price, Austin Courtney, Jerry Trosclair, Danny Chiasson, Kenneth Hope, Max Anderson, Jeanne McCloy, Keelan Arbuckle, Louis Chaisson, Dr. Conrad Poe, Billy Lamar, Audie Taquino, Sabrina Gaspard, Billy Giordano, Catherine Bourdier, Brenda Landry Lamartinier, Dr. Melvin Bourgeois, Zachary Daniels, Christian Smith, Kim Stansbury, Cindy Dupuis, Gloria Canova, Karlie Brasseaux, Merlin Boudreault, II, Debbie LeBlanc, Cosmo Christopher, Ann Eastburn, Laura Vice, Nolan Bernucho, Anne Murray, Philip Dural, Kent Ledet, Jr., Gina Guzzino Crooks, Avery Compton, Claire Smith, Betty Keeling, Stephanie Broussard, Rita Duplantis, Sandra Mensman, Ward Mensman, Glenn Thibodeaux, Takeshia Dixon, Russell Vicknair, Lester Beam, Fern Giandeline, Gertrude Prestenbach, Ida Mae Perle, Joseph Mensman, Edmond "Eddie" Guidry, Jr., Spenser Kron, Dr. "Chip" Metz, Everett J. Prestenbach, Dianne Broussard, Annette Landry, April Kindred, Donna M. Credeur, Cynthia A. Wiltz, Mark Landry, Chris Sunseri, Mary Trasclaire, Jason Dugar, Patricia Stelly, Peggy LeBlanc, Jennifer Beckett, DPG., JB, BW, Myra White, Kyle LaCour, Amanda Marie Fitch, Mary Darce, Carol Lajaunie, Keisha Foret, Karen Schaedel, Lawrence Giroir, Candace Canty Foster, Jim Firmin, Mena Leonard, Niece Opperman, Richard Brasseaux, Camdyn Besse, Sheryl Doiron, Larry Mayon, Sr., Bill & Carol Krogg, David Morrow, and All those in Nursing Homes.



## PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY



U.S. Armed Forces and  
All who serve & protect us,  
Craig Bourdier, Ryan Bourdier,  
Andrew Bourdier, Joseph Johnson, V,  
Mathew Young, Luke Zweigle,  
Draven Smith, Brian Hartman,  
Ory Arcemont, Ryan Hunter,  
Cameron Case, Carson LeBlanc,  
Matthew Tregle, Tanner Richards,  
Johnathan Villegas, Brandon Daigle,  
Brycen Verdin, Ethan Blanco, Zan Alcino,  
Matthew Domangue.

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please send your prayer intentions  
to [shcsecretary@htdiocese.org](mailto:shcsecretary@htdiocese.org) or call the rectory 385-0770 and we will  
include them in our daily prayers.

**STEWARDSHIP: 1/11/2026**

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**Online: \$578.76**

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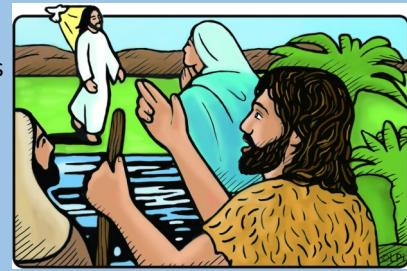
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## Children's Corner

**Sharing the Gospel** Imagine how excited John the Baptist must have felt after he baptized Jesus. He knew without a doubt that Jesus was God's Son. The very next day John told the crowds that Jesus would take away the sins of the world. God's people had eaten a Passover lamb every year to remember how God saved them from death in Egypt. Jesus was the Lamb of God.



He frees you from your old sins and offers you new life with God.



**Prayer** Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to take away my sins.

## Something to Draw

Draw a picture of a lamb.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
**BEHOLD**  
THE LAMB  
OF GOD.  
JOHN 1:29

## Mission for the Week

Read the story about the very first Passover, when God saved the Hebrews from the Angel of Death (Exodus 12).



**BAPTISMS:** Saturday or Sunday. Church Baptism Application should be turned in before the baptism seminar. BOTH parents AND Godparents MUST attend a baptism seminar held on the first Tuesday of each month, 6:00PM in the Gallen Room. Please register by calling the church office.

**WEDDINGS:** Couples should make an appointment with the parish priest at least six months in advance.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Call the rectory anytime at 385-0770.

**COMMUNION IN THE HOME/HOME VISITS:** Call the rectory at 385-0770.

**HOSPITAL VISITS:** If you or someone you know would like to be visited in the hospital, call the rectory at 385-0770.

To request a **Parish Registration Form**, call the Rectory at [385-0770](tel:385-0770) or [shcsecretary@htdiocese.org](mailto:shcsecretary@htdiocese.org)

## VIRTUES, EXPLAINED! – CONNECT WITH TRADITION AND GROW YOUR FAITH

### PEACE

#### **Peace, Explained!**

Peace. There may be no other word in the English language, writes [Msgr. Stuart Swetland](#) in Catholic Answers, “more susceptible to sloganeering, and thus misunderstanding.” But what is peace, in the context of Catholic virtue?



The peace of God, writes Paul in his Letter to the Philippians, “surpasses all understanding.” (Phil. 4:7) Peace is both a fruit of charity (CCC 1829) and a fruit of the Spirit (CCC 1832). Our modern Catholic understanding of peace is derived from the Hebrew concept of *shalom*, or wholeness, and it refers not just to an absence of violence (mandated by the fifth commandment) but to a personal reconciliation with one’s Creator. Peace is a spiritual effect of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (CCC 1496).

Our search for interior peace in our hearts parallels the historic struggle of mankind to realize peace in the world by [practicing justice](#). “When we hear the Gospel, dear brothers and sisters,” said Pope Benedict, “we learn to build peace on the truth of a daily life inspired by the commandment of love.”



Saturday, January 10, 2026  
**David Horace Estis &  
Mary Elizabeth Rock**



## Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2026

**JANUARY 25 - JANUARY 31**  
**#CSW2026**



### POPE LEO XIV

#### REFLECTION ON OUR BAPTISM

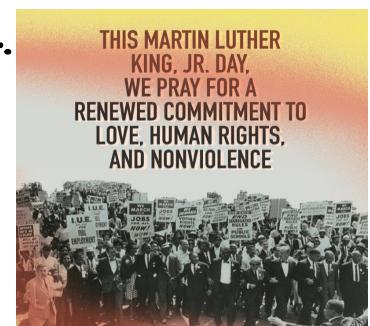
The Pope encourages the faithful to remember their baptism as “this great gift we have received,” committing ourselves “to bear witness to it with joy and authenticity.”

“This first of the sacraments is a sacred sign that accompanies us forever. In moments of darkness, Baptism is light; in life’s conflicts, it is reconciliation; at the hour of death, it is the gateway to heaven.”

Vatican News

**Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Holiday Observed  
Monday  
January 19**

The Parish Office is closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.



## Father Brett on Retreat

January 20-27

Please keep him in your prayers during this time of renewal and prayer.

## Charter for the Protection of Children & Young People

**Reporting Numbers:** To report suspected abuse of a minor, call the LA Department of Children & Family Services (24/7) 1(855) 452-5437. **Outreach line for victims of sexual abuse by church workers.** If you suspect child abuse by clergy, church officials, church employees or volunteers, please also contact the Victims' Assistance Coordinator (985) 850-3172.

