



# Sacred Heart of Jesus

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## FASTED FOR 40 DAYS.

— MATTHEW 4:2 —

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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**Deacon Randall Jennings**

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**Office Hours:** Monday-Friday 8:00A.M.—12:00P.M.,  
1:00-3:30P.M. Closed for Lunch Noon—1:00P.M.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Thursdays, 7:00A.M.— 6:00P.M.  
held in the Souby Baptistery

### 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.

**CONFESSIONS:** 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)

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Readings for the week of February 22, 2026

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/ Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/ Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48



February 21-22, 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.-Clara Ryan, Sunday, 8:00a.m.- Julius Hebert, 11:00a.m.- Barry Dufrene, 6:00p.m.-Peggy Gowland

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Our Lord is so humble that he allows us to see him experience temptation. The vulnerability of this moment is awesome to behold. Let us learn from Jesus' interaction with the devil, and be transformed by it. Let us say, with him: "Get away, Satan."

PRAYER - FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

Lenten Blessing

Bless us in Your mercy, Lord, as we enter these 40 Days of Lent. Use this time to call, anoint, bind, strengthen, and inspire us anew. Like a good shepherd, teach us Your voice, and give us the strength to follow. Amen.

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

1st Reading Question

Genesis reveals that from the beginning the serpent (the devil) desires to lure and trap us into disobeying God. Can you think of some lies the serpent is telling people today?

2nd Reading Question

Paul argues that Jesus' obedience to God brought us the gift of freedom and life. How do you see yourself obeying God?

Gospel Question

The season of Lent begins each year with the story of the devil tempting Jesus in the desert. As we begin the 40 days of Lent, what temptations are you willing to confront?

the RESCUE project logo and event details: Tuesday, February 24 at Holy Cross Church, Yvonne Adams Life Center 6:15p.m. Dinner/Video/Discussion

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary before Mass



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.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Saturday, Weekday, Feb. 21, 8:30am:** Pro Populo.

**Saturday, Vigil, Feb. 21, 4:30pm:** Vera & Charles Dupuis, Frank & Corinne Mula, Seth & Jackie Sumrall, Santo & Stella Rousso, 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, Maridel & Robert LaBauve, Jan Covington, James Kullman, Sr., T.R. & Elaine Naquin, Dale Hayes, Sr., Ramona Kullman, Rafael Basas, Mary & James Groves, Mary Michel, Gage Guidry, Linda Blakeman, Mrs. Jean Hunter, Earl Laughlin, Sr.

**Sunday, Feb. 22, 8:00am:** Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin, Rickey Arceneaux, C.J. & Viva Solar, Glenda Solar Gros, Blackie & Mildred Arceneaux, Luc/Perle Family, Donald Luc, Sr., Steve Luc, Carol Ackerman. **11:00am:** Jim Holt, Holt/Alfred Families L/D, Hugh & Nell Brown, M/M Raymond Egle, A.J. Cannata, Marian & Richard Romaine, Charles Gowland, Sr., Donald Loupe, Pat McCleary, Dulce Hernandez, John Sena, Jr., Pete M. Lipari, Jerry Lipari, Rocco Guarisco Jr. Fam. L/D. **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, Betty LaPoint, The John Family, Bridget Arcemont.

**Tuesday, Feb. 24, 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, Zachary Allen Hebert, Fields-LeBoeuf Fam.

**Wednesday, Feb. 25, 6:30a.m:** Mark Manfre, Carl & Glenda Streva Fa., L/D, Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin, Charles Gowland, Sr., Marcelle Ordogne, Jan Covington, Lois Fryou.

**Thursday, Feb. 26, 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.

**Friday, Feb. 27, 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, Dulce Hernandez, Donald Loupe.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** 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.*



### Baptism

*Sunday, February 8, 2026*

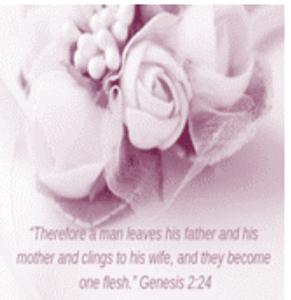
*Lucy Ann Stadalis*

*Child of Evan Thomas Stadalis &*

*Jamie Scioneaux Stadalis*

*In His goodness, may He continue to  
pour out His blessings upon you.*

*The Sacrament  
of Marriage*



*"Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh." Genesis 2:24*

*Saturday, February 7, 2026*

**Adam Michael Dupuis  
& Emily Boudreaux**

### 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 Percle, Yvonne Zweigle, Bryson Plaisance, Betty Ross, Nedra Giroir, Rachel Adams, Ave Ross, Elijah Carter, Valerie Streeby, Larry Guillory, Anna Broussard, Reberta Ford, Margie Aucoin, Gentry Garrett, Cherie Dyer, Lovenia Percle, Layla Giroir, Wendy Hotard, Charles Gibson, Jr., Patty Fontenet, Rhonda Lile, Beth Naquin, Renee Harper, Warren Landry, Louis Tamporella, Tammy Richard, Elliot Prejean, Kattie 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 Lamartiniere, Dr. Melvin Bourgeois, Zachary Daniels, Christian Smith, Kim Stansbury, Cindy Dupuis, Gloria Canova, Karlie Brasseaux, Merlin Boudreaux, 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 Gandelone, Gertrude Prestenbach, Ida Mae Percle, 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 Trosclair, 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, Maison Mitchell, Thomas Beckett, Jr., Bridget Paton, 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: 2/1//2026**  
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## Children's Corner



**Sharing the Gospel** After Jesus' baptism, Jesus went 40 days without eating. Imagine how weak, hungry, tired and cranky you could be if you went that long without eating. That was the moment the devil chose to try to trick Jesus into using God's power selfishly. But Jesus was still strong. Jesus had been praying those 40 days, getting ready to save you and the whole world from the devil's tricks. Jesus would never give in to his enemy.



**Prayer** Dear God,  
thank you for sending  
Jesus to save me from  
the devil's tricks.

**Something to Draw** a picture of Jesus praying to God.

**Mission for the Week** One really good way to fight the devil's tricks is to pray often. Pray in the morning, at noon, and at night.

**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.  
**ANONING 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 or [shcsecretary@hdiocese.org](mailto:shcsecretary@hdiocese.org)

## Why Do We Do That? — CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

### Take Up Our Cross

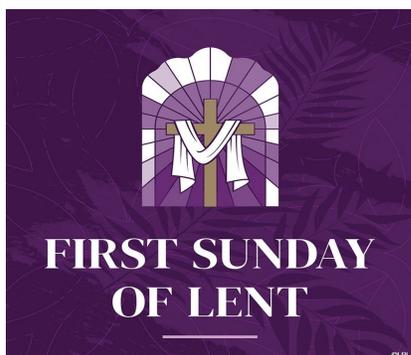
#### Question:

What does Jesus mean when he talks about taking up our cross?

#### Answer:

Our journey of faith begins in baptism. When we are faithful to it, we find God's plan for us, his way of allowing us to participate in his saving work, which in turn becomes for us our own salvation. Stated simply, we share in the mission of Jesus each day. We live our life with all of its ups, downs, joys, and sorrows in union with the mission of Jesus. Our work then is holy. It is joined to the cross, God's will for Jesus — the way in which he destroys sin and death and makes eternal life possible. His sacrifice accomplishes what we ourselves cannot do.

To take up the cross, then, means that we share in the mission of Jesus and so embrace the sufferings of the cross. It is our daily life made holy, given a redemptive mission. It is our purpose and goal to unite our life to that of Christ. St. Paul says it best, "If we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection" (Rom 6:5).



### LENTEN SCHEDULE

**Weekday Mass: Tuesday-Friday 6:30a.m.,  
Saturday 8:30a.m.**

**Confession: Tuesday-Friday 6am & 12-1pm,  
Fridays 4-5:45p.m., and before all weekend masses**

**Stations of the Cross: Friday 6p.m.**

**Adoration: 7a.m. on Thursday - 6a.m. on Friday  
(Baptistery), Friday 4-6p.m. (Church)**

**The Rescue Project: Tuesday 6:15p.m. (Holy Cross)**

### Catholic Relief Services Operation Rice Bowl Lenten Prayer

God of Hope,

You journey with us through the desert.  
You challenge us to become more like Christ.

During this Lenten season, may our prayers, fasting and almsgiving give us the courage to go forth and share our gifts with the world. May our encounter with you allow us to bring hope to our global family.

*This week we pray for the families in Ghana, Guatemala and Timor-Leste—whom we'll encounter this Lent in CRS Rice Bowl—and for all families working hard to lead healthy and dignified lives.*



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### 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 and Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux Outreach Line (985) 873-0026.

