



Sacred Heart of Jesus

Roman Catholic Church
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14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

REST



“Come to me, all you who
labor and are burdened.”

MATTHEW 11:28

Very Rev. Thankachan “John” Nambusseril
Pastor

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.

CONFESSION: 30 minutes before all Masses and
by appointment.

ROSARY Wednesdays, 7:00A.M.
Sunday— Saturday 4:00P.M. (Church)
Church is open 5:30am-6:30pm Sunday-Saturday

Please silence your cell phone during mass! Thank you!

Sacred Heart Warmly Welcomes
Very Rev. Thankachan “John” Nambusseril
as Our New Pastor



Fr. John began his pastoral assignment officially at Sacred Heart in Morgan City on Wednesday, July 1 for a six-year term. Fr. John comes to us from Our Lady of Prompt Succor in Golden Meadow so he is very familiar with the culture of the coastal south, Cajun style food, and fresh seafood.

He was born in India, where he spent his childhood.

After completing the 10th grade, he began his journey to becoming a missionary priest with the Order of the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate and it was there he found his passion for working with the poor and those most in need. At the age of 28, on December 29, 1993 Rev. Thankachan “John” Nambusseril was ordained as a Roman Catholic priest.

Father John loves to travel, go fishing, and spicy food.

Father John, Sacred Heart welcomes you with open arms as you begin your journey with us. Please know that you are in our prayers and we are so happy to have you with us!



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.

Readings for the week July 4-5, 2026



Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33



Liturgical Ministers

July 4-5, 2026

Sacristans: Saturday, 4:30p.m.—June Pennison

Sunday, 8:00a.m.—Michelle Beals,

11:00a.m.—Lisa Mire, 6:00p.m.—Jackie Conner

Eucharistic Ministers: Saturday, 4:30p.m.—June Pennison

Sunday, 8:00a.m.—Michelle Beals, 11:00a.m.—Barton Blanco,

6:00p.m.—Jackie Conner

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, weekday, July 4, 8:30am: Pro Populo

Saturday, Vigil, July 4, 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, Joe Parsiola, Agnes R. Robicheaux, Ramona Kullman, Rafael Basas, Mary & James Groves, Mary Michel, James Boudreaux, Gloria Canova, Bridget Arcemont, Dulce Hernandez, Pat McCleary, Gerald, Garnette Listi, Listi/Theriot Fam., Blanchard, Fontenot, Leggett Fam., United Staes, Military, Peace, Mary Eues, Lynn & Nancy Arceneaux.

Sunday, July 5, 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, Sheldon & Claire Bergeron, Lisa B. Bergeron, Carol Ackerman, Rose Mary Vinning, Luda & Eli Fields, Guage Landry. **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., Pat McCleary, Donald Loupe, Peter M. Lipari, Rocco Guarisco Jr. Fam L/D, Dulce Hernandez, Robert & Nellie Blereau, Daniel McCloy. **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, Bridget Arcemont, Marvin Compton, Mary Eues, Carlette Holloway.

Tuesday, July 7, 6:30am: Carl & Glenda Streva Fam. L/D, 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, Dulce Hernandez, Mary Eues.

Wednesday, July 8, 6:30am: Mark Manfre, Carl & Glenda Streva Fa., L/D, Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin, Charles Gowland, Sr., Marcelle Ordogne, Pat McCleary, Dulce Hernandez, Mary Eues, Walter & Irma Michel.

Thursday, July 9, 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, Gerald Blanchard, Dulce Hernandez, Mary Eues, Annie Manfre.

Friday, July 3, 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., Mary Eues, Dulce Hernandez.

MASS INTENTIONS: A single mass intention is \$3.00



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

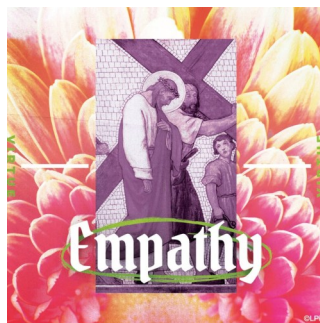
*In this life you embraced them with your tender love; deliver them now from every evil and bid them eternal rest. The old order has passed away: welcome them into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping or pain, but fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.*

### CONNECT WITH TRADITION AND GROW YOUR FAITH

#### **Empathy, Explained!**

The virtue of empathy describes our ability to connect emotionally with the suffering of others. It's our interior capacity to appreciate and experience other people's feelings — to the extent, even, that we allow those feelings to impact our own decisions and our own actions.

Christ had empathy for us and for our state of imprisonment in original sin. He had empathy for the suffering we endure because of our self-imposed exile from friendship with God. This empathy meant that he sacrificed himself willingly for our salvation — he wanted to do it, because he had allowed our feelings to intermingle with his own.



Since empathy flows directly from charity, the theological virtue that enables us to love God and to love others, we can use charity as a way to increase the empathy we feel. If we find ourselves struggling to muster empathy in a particular situation, engaging in charity will liberate us from our state of self-centeredness.

#### **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.+

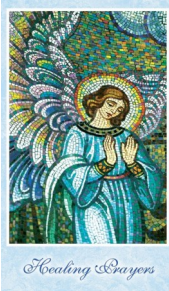
## Angel of God

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 Streety, Larry Guillory, Anna Broussard, Margie Aucoin, Gentry Garrett, Cherie Dyer, Lovenia Percle, 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, 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, Karlie Brasseaux, Merlin Boudreaux, II, Debbie LeBlanc, Cosmo Christopher, Ann Eastburn, Laura Vice, Nolan Bernucho, Anne Murray, Philip Dural, Kent Ledet, Jr., Avery Compton, Claire Smith, Betty Keeling, Stephanie Broussard, Rita Duplantis, Sandra Mensman, Ward Mensman, Glenn Thibodeaux, Takeshia Dixon, Russell Vicknair, Lester Beam, Fern Giandelone, 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 Ann Trosclair & Macy, Jason Dugar, Peggy LeBlanc, Jennifer Beckett, DPG., JB, BW, Myra White, Amanda Marie Fitch, Mary Darce, Carol Lajaunie, Keisha Foret, Karen Schaedel, Lawrence Giroir, Candace Canty Foster, Jim Firmin, Mena Leonard, Niece Opperman, Richard Brasseaux, Sheryl Doiron, Larry Mayon, Sr., Bill & Carol Krogg, David Morrow, Maison Mitchell, Thomas Beckett, Jr., Bridget Paton, Steve Verret, Weston Keller, Kathy Taylor, Neil Loupe, Elenora Brasseaux, Leilani Durapau, Robbie Toups, Karlie Brasseaux, Rip & Cheryl Verdin, Freddie Ledet, and All those in Nursing Homes.



**STEWARDSHIP:** 6/21/2026  
**Regular Collection:** \$4,406.00  
**Maintenance:** \$914.15  
**Online:** \$355.88

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## Children's Corner

### Sharing the Gospel Jesus

knows that you can get tired. Doing your best in school is hard work. You also may feel tired, sad, or left out on the playground. Whenever you start to feel tired, remember that Jesus is with you. Learn from Jesus. Follow his example. Be honest. Be kind. Help others do the right thing. Jesus will help you.



Prayer + Jesus, I thank you  
for helping me when I'm tired.

Draw a picture of Jesus beside you at school.

### Mission for the Week

Look for someone who is alone on the playground, and ask her to play.



## 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, Stephen Hope, Tyler Walker McCullough,  
Cesar Rodriguez, Shayne LaCoste.

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

## PRAYER FOR HURRICANE SEASON

Lord, through the prayers of this faithful  
community and the intercession of Our Lady  
Star of the Sea, protect the lives and property  
of your people from the devastation of  
hurricanes and storms this hurricane season.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen



**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@hdiocese.org](mailto:shcsecretary@hdiocese.org)

You can also visit the rectory between 8:00A.M. and 3:30P.M., Monday through Friday.

### **MAINTENANCE COLLECTION**

The second collection this weekend,  
is for the Parish Maintenance Fund.

*Thank you for your continued support  
of this important fund!~*

### FOR EVERYDAY

#### **Blessing for Our Country**

Dear God,

Bless this land that we love, a land You created,  
in love.

We are at our best when we're close to You.

Please inspire, guide, and govern our leaders  
and our vision,

that our greatness may be founded in and de-  
fined in You. Amen

### REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

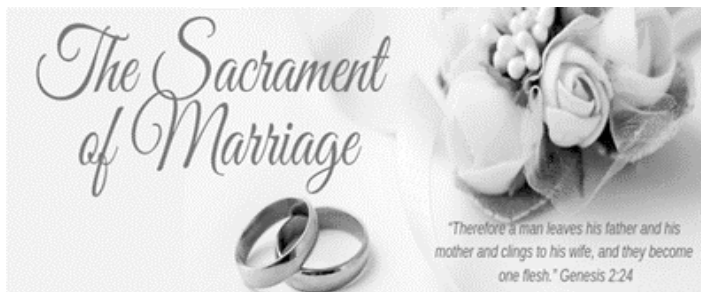
The Shunammite woman is rewarded for her hospitality to the prophet Elisha. Is there a friend or colleague who needs your kindness this week?

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Paul teaches the Romans that as believers, we have died and risen in Christ and now look forward to living in "newness of life." Is there something you are really looking forward to?

#### **Gospel Reading**

Jesus sets a high standard for those who choose to follow him. What have you found most rewarding about following Jesus?



*Saturday, June 20, 2026*

**Ricardo Quintanilla  
& Ann Mary Dupuis**

### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

These days, everyone's an expert. We have a world of information at our fingertips. But some answers can't be found in newspapers or even history books. What God hides from the wise, He reveals to the little ones. Are you looking in the right place?

### **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.

