



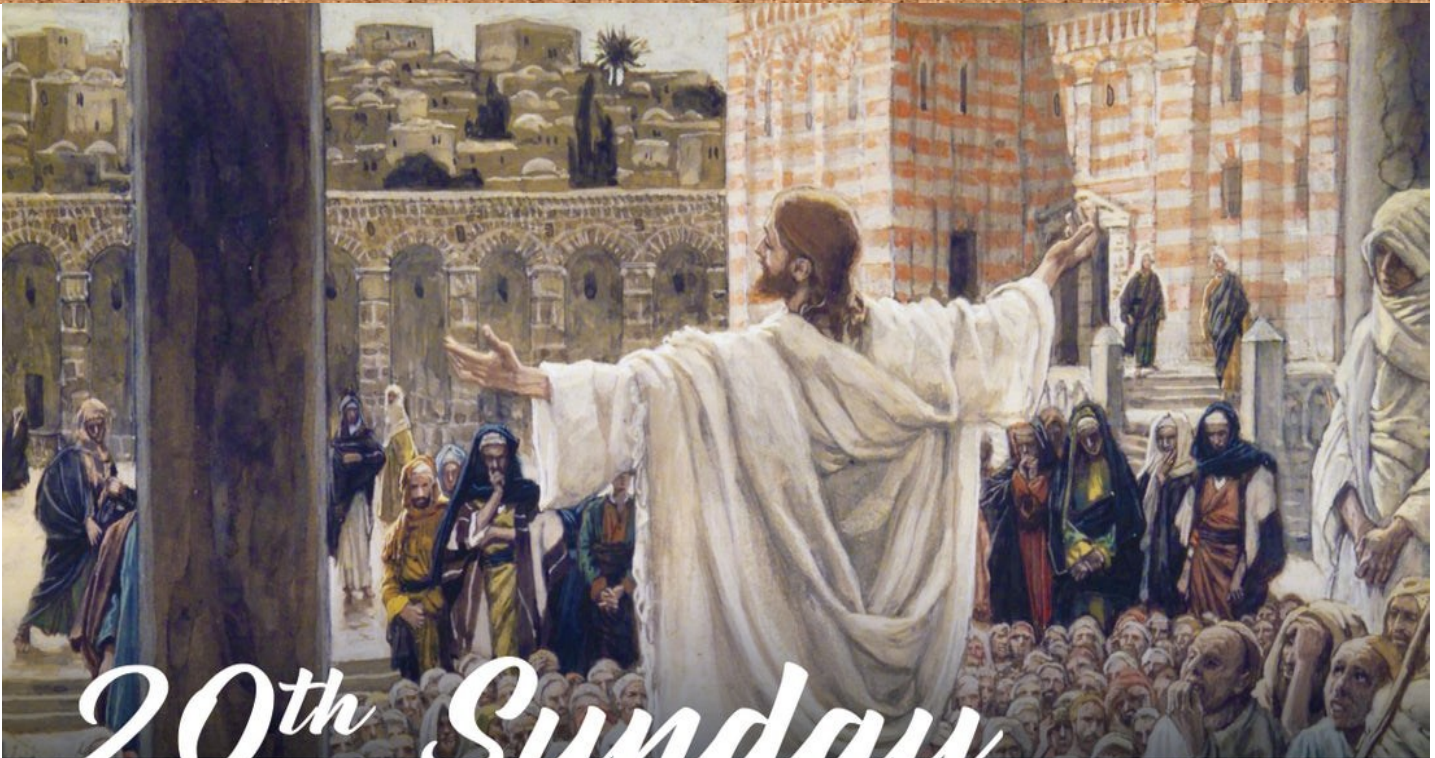
Sacred Heart of Jesus

Roman Catholic Church—Est. 1859

415 Union Street Morgan City, La. 70380

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20th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" - Lk 12:49

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EUCCHARISTIC 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.

CONFESSIONS: Wednesday & Thursday-6:00A.M.,
Saturday-8:00A.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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Please silence your cell phone during mass! Thank you!



August 16-17, 2025

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.—Gwen Luc
Sunday, 8:00a.m.—Dean Listi, 11:00a.m.—Emile Babin,
6:00p.m., Peggy Gowland

Court Massabielle #1134 Catholic Daughters of America Monthly Meeting



Celebrating 96 years!

August 20 at 6:30 P.M.
Sacred Heart Cafeteria.

Catholic Daughters of America (CDA) Court Massabielle #1134, established in 1929 at the request of the Rev. Andrew Souby, serves the Morgan City area with its mission of unity and charity.



Readings for the week of August 17, 2025



Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53
Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus tells us that he has come to set fire to the earth. What can we give him as kindling? Let us look into our souls and see where the fire of Christ can be ignited, and pray that our souls may be consumed by its life-giving flames.

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

1st Reading Question:

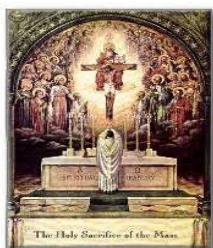
One of the court officials, Ebed-Melech, pleaded for Jeremiah to be rescued from a muddy cistern. How might you help a friend or colleague this week?

2nd Reading Question:

The author of Hebrews encourages his community to focus on Jesus as a way to stay strong and hopeful. Can you think of a time when your faith in Jesus helped you through a challenging circumstance?

Gospel Question:

Jesus forewarns his disciples that even families will be divided over his words. Growing up, how did your family deal with tension and conflict?



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

First Saturday, Weekday, Aug. 16, 8:30am: Pro Populo.

Saturday, Vigil, Aug. 16, 4:30pm: Patrick J. Bergeron, 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, Joe Parsiola, Agnes Robicheaux, James Kullman, Sr., Robert & Maridel LaBauve, Nellie & Dr. Robert Blereau, Chauvin/Boudreaux Family L/D, Caballero/Bucci Family L/D, Rafael Basas, Mary & James Groves, Mary Michael, Jan Covington, James Boudreaux,

Sunday, Aug. 17, 8:00am: Rose H. Percle, Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin, Joe & Bernice Giandelone, Rickey Arceneaux, C.J. & Viva Solar, Glenda Solar Gros, Blackie & Mildred Arceneaux, Mark Manfre, Luc/Percle Family, Donald Luc, Sr., Steve Luc, John, Josephine, Johnny, Jeffery, DiMatteo, Hilda & Richard Landry, Sr., Sheldon & Claire Bergeron, Lisa B. Bryan, Mel Bourgeois, Mike Deshotel. **11:00am:** Jim Holt, Holt/Alfred Families L/D, Hugh & Nell Brown, M/M Raymond Egle, A.J. Cannata, Marian & Richard Romaine, Bill & Eloise Gowland, Charles Gowland, Sr., Mark Manfre, Rocco Guarisco, Jr. Family L/D, Francis X. Bassa, Donald Loupe, Pat McCleary. **6:00pm** Charles Gowland, Sr., Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin, Carl J. & Glenda W. Strevia Family L/D., C.J. & Mary Doiron, Mac, Mary & Stephen McCleary, Louise & Clem Bourgeois, Tom & Alice Shannon, Alice Guzzetta.

Tuesday, Aug. 19, 6:30am: Carl & Glenda Strevia 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, Helen Laughlin.

Wednesday, Aug. 20, 6:30am: Mark Manfre, Carl & Glenda Strevia Fam. L/D, Gerald Blanchard, Bet & Joseph Cefalu, Sr., Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin, Charles Gowland, Sr., Marcelle Ordogne, Jan Covington, Robert LaBauve.

Thursday, Aug. 21, 6:30am: Carl & Glenda Strevia Family L/D, John & Stella Mula, Bet & Joe Cefalu, Gerald Blanchard, Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin, Charles Gowland, Sr., Rickey Arceneaux, C.J. & Viva Solar, Glenda Solar Gros, Blackie & Mildred Arceneaux, David Duplantis, Gerald & Garnette Listi, Listi/Theriot families, Earl Laughlin, Sr., Frank "Frankie" Russo.

Friday, Aug. 22, 6:30am: Holy Souls in Purgatory, Carl & Glenda Strevia Fam. L/D, Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin, Charles Gowland, Sr., Anthony, Vincent C. & Fannie Cannata, Patrick Bergeron.



~~~ *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.*

### Our New Bishop Elect Fr. Simon Peter Engurait

SIXTH BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF HOUMA THIBODAUX



### Episcopal Ordination and Installation of Bishop-Elect

**Very Rev. Simon Peter Engurait!**

**(Update) David R. Stopher Gymnasium at  
Nicholls State University, Thibodaux, LA**

**Friday, September 5, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.**

**(All seating by 1:30p.m.)**

**(Update) A reception will follow at  
Nicholls State Cotillion Ballroom**

**Live Stream on YouTube @htdioceseLA**

*+Let us in a sincere way pray each day for  
Bishop-elect Simon Peter, that God may grant him all the  
graces he may need to carry out the will of God.*



### The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (O.C.I.A.)

*The process for adults who desire to  
join the Catholic faith and those  
seeking more information on the*

*Catholic Church. It can be a method for those seeking the living  
God to renew their faith and draw closer to God. By God's help  
you will be strengthened spiritually.*

### Who is it for?

Someone who has never been baptized and would like to join the Catholic Faith.

Someone who was baptized Catholic but did not receive instruction in the faith or have not received their sacraments (Holy Communion and/or Confirmation) .

Someone who is already Catholic and are interested to learn more about their catholic faith.

### When are the classes?

Classes have begun and will continuing once a week on Thursdays at 6:00p.m. in the Gallen Room; now through the fall and winter until the Lenten season. It's not too late to join!

**How do you register?** Please call the rectory to register.  
985-385-0770

## 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, Roger Adams Jr., 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, Gloria & Jessie Michel, Lelia Johnson, Nicki Plessala, Jim Miller, Jaiden, Tammy Fitch, Chad Duval, Jr., Harley Blanco, Demarius Granger, Darrel Beadle, Killian Mabe, Joan Judycki, Mary Ann Trosclair, 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 Perce, 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 Perce, Layla Giroir, Wendy Hotard, Charles Gibson, Jr., Patty Fontenot, Rhonda Lile, Beth Naquin, Renee Harper, Warren Landry, Louis Tamporella, Mable Lester, 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, Elijah Allen, Jerry Trosclair, Danny Chiasson, Kenneth Hope, Max Anderson, Steve Morell, Jeanne McCloy, Keelan Arbuckle, Louis Chaisson, Dr. Conrad Poe, Billy Lamar, Audie Taquino, Sabrina Gaspard, Billy Giordano, Catherine Bourdier, Brenda Landry Lamartinieri, Dr. Melvin Bourgeois, Zachary Daniels, Christian Smith, Kim Stansbury, Cindy Dupuis, Gloria Canova, Karl 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 Duplant, Sandra Mensman, Ward Mensman, Glenn Thibodaux, Duval Arthur, Takeshia Dixon, Russell Vicknair, Lester Beam, Fern Giandelone, Gertrude Prestenbach, Ida Mae Perce, 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 Trascclair, 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, and All those in Nursing Homes.



**STEWARDSHIP: 8/3/2025**  
**Regular Collection: \$7,723.00**  
**Maintenance: \$5,145.50**  
**Online: \$346.88**

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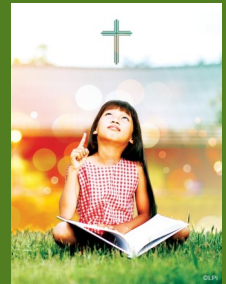
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## Children's Corner

**Sharing the Gospel** When you talk about Jesus, you will probably get a strong reaction from people. Some people love Jesus with their whole heart, and their lives really show it. Other people don't want to follow Jesus, and talking about him may even make them angry. Families and friends can be torn apart by that anger. No matter what, stay close to Jesus, and he will stay close to you.



**Prayer** Dear Jesus,  
help me to stay close to  
you always.

**Draw** a picture of a family broken apart because Jesus makes some of them happy, and Jesus makes the rest of them angry.

**Mission for the Week** Be very loving when you tell others about Jesus.

**COLOR** the image from the Gospel.



## 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



### PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

**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.

**ANOIDING 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)

PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERY-BODY

#### Prayer for Bravery

Dear God,

In the moments when my faith is met with others' disdain or ridicule, give me the grace to be grounded in You.

Remind me that Your mission matters, and that You alone bring comfort, healing, and salvation. Amen.



## YOUTH FORMATION REGISTRATION

*Has Begun!*

*Grades 1-11*

*Registration forms can be found in the church or the parish office.*



*Class begins Wednesday,*

*September 10, 2025*

*6:00-7:15p.m.*

*St. Joseph Hall*

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***\*This first class at least one Parent along with your child should attend!***

#### 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

Our Lady Star of the Sea, help and protect us.



## WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

### Queenship of Mary-Feast Day August 22

#### Question:

Why do we have a feast for the Queenship of Mary?

#### Answer:

For many of us, the language of kings and queens may seem like they belong to history or a medieval movie. Royalty have absolute authority over a kingdom and their subjects, a concept that is foreign to many of us today. While Jesus doesn't rule a political kingdom, we honor and recognize him as the King of Kings, Lord of Heaven and Earth. To God alone belongs absolute authority over all of existence.

We may think of queens as the spouse of the king, but there is another key relationship: the king's mother. In Biblical history, we see instances where the mother of the king is given due as a queen herself, complete with a throne! Mary's guiding influence over her Son is seen most notably in the Wedding Feast at Cana. Mary is not Queen on her own merit. She is "full of grace" and "blessed" in "all ages" because of the reign of her Son.



## CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

**Question:** In what form did the Holy Spirit appear to the Apostles during Pentecost?

**Answer:** Tongues of fire.

### 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.

