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24- HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Thursdays, 7:00A.M.— Fridays, 6:00A.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.

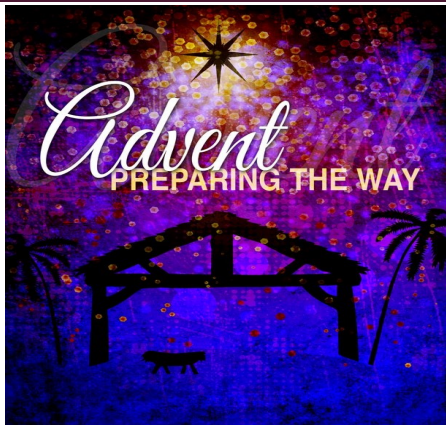
FIRST SATURDAY MASS: 9:30A.M.
Exposition & Confession 8:30-9:20A.M.

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

CONFESSIONS: 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)

Please silence your cell phone during mass! Thank you!



Litururgical Ministers

Dec.7-8, 2024

Sacristans: Saturday, 4:30p.m.— June Pennison
 Sunday, 8:00a.m.—Jovita Compton, 11:00a.m.—Lisa Mire
 6:00pm— Jackie Conner

Eucharistic Ministers: Saturday, 4:30p.m.— June Pennison
 Sunday, 8:00 a.m.— Jovita Compton,
 11:00a.m.—Barton Blanco, 6:00p.m.— Jackie Conner

Lectors: Saturday, 4:30p.m.—Barry Dufrene
 Sunday, 8:00a.m.—Carl Kraemer,
 11:00a.m.—Pete Boudreaux, 6:00p.m.—Constance Wallace

PRAYER FOR A NEW BISHOP

Provident Father, who continues to call forth good shepherds after your own heart to teach, govern, and sanctify your people, we, the Church of Houma-Thibodaux, place our complete trust in your unwavering care as you stir up the heart of your chosen man who will be the next to lead us. Father, we ask that you give our new bishop, already known and so loved by you, the strength to respond generously to your invitation to lead us, and we ask that you give us, his spiritual children, an obedient heart to welcome him into our diverse family united under one faith. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Readings for the week of December 8, 2024

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: nls 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13



Advent Season ABIDE NIGHTS

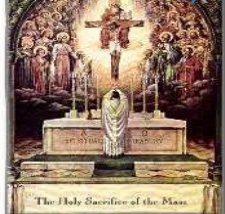
Tuesday, December 10 & 17 from 6-7pm in Church
 Prayer, Eucharistic Adoration and Confession~



Candles of the Advent Wreath
 Week 2 Bethlehem Candle
FAITH

The purple candles symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time.

DECEMBER 3, 2024
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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, Dec. 7, 9:30am: Anthony Cannata, David Arcemont, Joyce & George Melancon, Eloise & Bill Gowland, Charles Gowland, Sr., John & Stella Mula, Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin.

Saturday, Vigil, Dec. 7, 4:30pm: Patrick J. Bergeron, Vera & Charles Dupuis, Frank & Corinne Mula, Seth & Jackie Sumrall, Santo & Stella Rousso, George & Joyce Melancon, Anthony Governale, Sr., M/M Walter Romero, Sr., Charles Gowland, Sr., Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin, David Arcemont, Arcemont/Landry Family, Anthony Cannata, Vincent & Fannie Cannata, Bill & Eloise Gowland, Luda & Eli Fields, Vivian & Eddie Fields, John Robert "Bob" Keeling, Jr., Donald Fields, Sally Anderson, Ruby Miller, Marius Carlos, Martin & Deshotel & Prince Families, Joe & Bet Cefalu, Melvin J. Pitre, Doris B. & J. Darwin Richard, David Duplantis, Sidney Solar, Jr., Joe Parsiola, Agnes Robicheaux, Bill & Eloise Gowland, Eulice, Carol & Steven Adams, James Kullman, Sr., Lionel & Mildred Arceneaux, Bucci/Caballero, Boudreaux/Chauvin Fam. L/D, Patricia Duplantis, Robert & Maridel LaBauve, Madelyn Fontenot, Carolyn Blum Breaux, Blanchard, Fontenot, Leggett Fam., Elmo & Viola Goulas, Troy Fangue.

Sunday, Dec. 8, 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, Biundo/Bourgeois Families, Luc/Percle Family, Donald Luc, Sr., Steve Luc, Sheldon & Claire Bergeron, Lisa B. Bryan, Robert & Carol Bergeron, John, Josephine, Johnny, Jeffery, DiMatteo, Hilda & Richard Landry, Sr. **11:00am:** Jim Holt, Holt/Alfred Families L/D, Hugh & Nell Brown, M/M Raymond Egle, Marian & Richard Romaine, Adam E. & Dorothy Conner, Fred & Edna Williams, Bill & Eloise Gowland, Charles Gowland, Sr., David Duplantis, Mark Manfre, Beverley Hamer, Conner & Williams Families, Rocco Guarisco, Jr. & Fam. L/D, Betty Theriot Smith, Elaine Fangue, Donald Loupe, Janella Spears, Clarence Delaune. **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, Wilbert, Nan, Lois, & Tim Melancon, Conner-Melancon Fam., Mac, Mary & Stephen, Tom & Alice Shannon, Rosie/Agnes/Mable/Elaine John.

Tuesday, Dec. 10, 6:30am: David Arcemont, Carl & Glenda Streva Fam. L/D, Eloise & Bill Gowland, John & Stella Mula, George & Joyce Melancon, Nellie Blereau, Anthony Cannata, David Duplantis, Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin, Charles Gowland, Sr., Rickey Arceneaux, C. J. & Viva Solar, Glenda Solar Gros, Blackie & Mildred Arceneaux, Rosemary Cutrera, Howard Thibodaux, Joe Parsiola, Agnes Robicheaux.

Wednesday, Dec. 11, 6:30am: Mark Manfre, David Arcemont, Joyce & George Melancon, Carl & Glenda Streva Fam. L/D, David Duplantis, Gerald Blanchard, Bet & Joseph Cefalu, Sr., Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin, Charles Gowland, Sr., Marcelle Ordogne, Clarence Delaune.

Thursday, Dec. 12, 8:00am: David Arcemont, Joyce & George Melancon, Carl & Glenda Streva Family L/D, John & Stella Mula, Bet & Joe Cefalu, Gerald Blanchard, Santo & Stella Rousso, Adam & Dorothy Conner, Fred & Edna Williams, 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.

Friday, Dec. 13, 6:30am: Holy Souls in Purgatory, Carl & Glenda Streva Fam. L/D, Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin, Charles Gowland, Sr., David Duplantis, Santo & Stella Russo, Anthony, Vincent C. & Fannie Cannata, Patrick Bergeron, Clarence Delaune, Angela Price, Lucy Russo.

Mass Book is now open for 2025.



~~~ *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.*

### Why do we celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe?

In 1531, the Blessed Mother appeared four times to St. Juan Diego asking for a church to be built in her honor. The last time she appeared to St. Juan, on December 12th, 1531, she arranged roses in his tilma, which he then took to the bishop. When he opened his cloak, the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe was miraculously present on the tilma.

We therefore celebrate the feast day of Our Lady under the title of Guadalupe on December 12th. It is preceded on December 9th by the feast of St. Juan Diego, who was canonized in 2002 by Pope St. John Paul II.



### Ladies Altar Society Annual Christmas Food Drive

Non perishable food items as well as monetary gifts are being accepted now through December 18. Boxes for your donations can be found in the church.



## 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, Jane Davis, 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, Marilyn Pye, Leonard & Priscilla Scully, Catherine & Elijah Landry, Robin Jeansonne, Charlie Solar, Sr., Karen Duhan, Barbara Olson, Jahmarla Guidry, Laine Moshier, 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, Jim Davis, Rachel Adams, Ave Ross, Elijah Carter, Valerie Streety, Larry Guillory, Anna Broussard, Reberta Ford, 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, 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 Lamartinier, Dr. Melvin Bourgeois, Zachary Daniels, Christian Smith, Rebeka Cowen, Kim Stansbury, Cindy Dupuis, Gloria Canova, Karlie Brasseaux, Merlin Boudreaux, II, Debbie LeBlanc, Jim Boudreaux, Cosmo Christopher, Ann Eastburn, Laura Vice, Nolan Bernucho, Anne Murray, Philip Dural, Lane Cantrelle, Kent Ledet, Jr., Gina Guzzino Crooks, Avery Compton, Claire Smith, Karley Theriot, Betty Keeling, Stephanie Broussard, Rita Duplantis, Sandra Mensman, Ward Mensman, Glenn Thibodaux, Duval Arthur, Takeshia Dixon, Russell Vicknair, Myra White, Lester Beam, Fern Giandelone, Gertrude Prestenbach, Lisa G. Kent, Ida Mae Percle, Joseph Mensman, Edmond "Eddie" Guidry, Jr., Spenser Kron, Dr. "Chip" Metz, Dickie Shannon, Everett J. Prestenbach, Dianne Broussard, Very Rev. Simon Peter Engurait and family, Annette Landry, April Kindred, Donna M. Credeur, Cynthia A. Wiltz, Mark Landry, Chris Sunseri, Mary Trasclair, Jason Dugar, Patricia Stelly, Peggy LeBlanc, Jennifer Beckett, DPG., JB, BW, Lanie White, and All those in Nursing Homes.

## PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

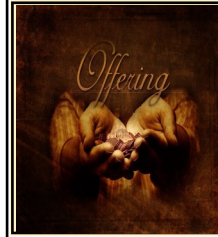


U.S. Armed Forces and All who serve & protect us, Craig Bourdier, Ryan Bourdier, Andrew Bourdier, Joseph Johnson, V, Mathew Young, Luke Zweigle, Draven Smith, Brian Hartman, Ory Arcemont, Ryan Hunter, Cameron Case, Carson LeBlanc, Matthew Tregle, Tanner Richards, Johnathan Villegas, Brandon Daigle.



### PRAYER INTENTIONS

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



**STEWARDSHIP: 11/24/2024**

**Regular Collection:**

Will post all totals next week.

**Maintenance:**

*Thank you for your contributions!*

### On-line Giving

If you are interested in giving a contribution to Sacred Heart Church.

ParishSOFT Giving

Follow link below.

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/sacrho214>



## Children's Corner

**Sharing the Gospel** Have you ever played a game where you asked for a "do-over" so you could try again? When John told his neighbors to be baptized, he wanted them to have a second chance, A "do-over." He wanted to give them a fresh, clean start with God.



**Prayer** Dear God, when I find myself doing or saying things that you would not like, help me to stop and start over.

### Mission for the Week

When you catch yourself being selfish, not following directions, or using hurtful words, stop. Say you're sorry, ask for forgiveness, and then try again.

### PUZZLE

Circle these words from today's Gospel:

BAPTIZED  
FORGIVEN  
ISAIAH

JOHN  
DESERT  
STRAIGHT

CROOKED  
SMOOTH  
ROUGH

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### 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.



**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.

**ANOIDTING 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@htdiocese.org](mailto:shcsecretary@htdiocese.org)

## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

John the Baptist was appointed to prepare the way for the Lord. This Advent, follow his example and prepare the way for the Lord. Invite the Lord to make straight the roads in your life that wind, and to smooth all that is rough in your heart.

### MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

The **second collection** this weekend, December 7-8 is for the Parish Maintenance Fund.  
*Thank you for your continued support!*

### Prayer for the second week of Advent Prayer of Preparation

With abiding hope as we look forward to Jesus' arrival —  
Make straight the paths, Lord!  
Fill us with holy excitement, in Your name.  
Amen.



## REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

### First Reading:

The prophet Baruch offers the Israelites in Babylonian exile a vision of hope in which their broken relationship with God will be fully restored. Is there a broken relationship you could help heal this Advent season?

### Second Reading:

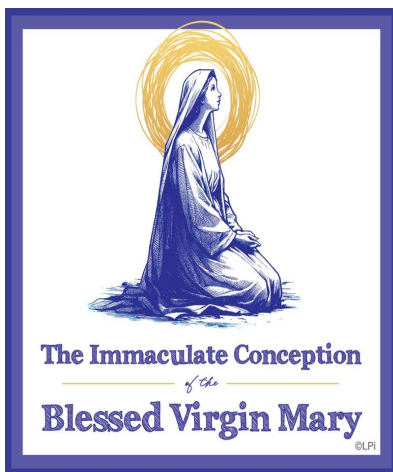
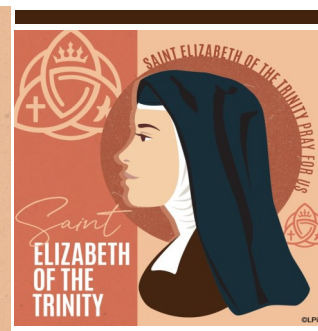
Paul prays with joy over the partnership he experiences with the believers in Phillipi. What relationships in your life bring you joy?

### Gospel:

Luke is careful to place the activities of John the Baptist in their proper historical and political context, showing how God acts in human history. Can you think of a time in your personal history when you felt God present?

## Saint of the Week

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity (1880-1906) was a French mystic, a member of the Discalced Carmelites. In her writing, her fierce belief in the Trinity within us, reachable through contemplative prayer, and her deep wish that we embrace God's love by letting ourselves be loved, are her powerful legacy.



Immaculate  
Conception of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary

*Holy Day of  
Obligation*

celebrated Monday,  
December 9.



*Mass times are 6:30a.m. @ 6:00p.m.*



## Diocesan Priests Retirement Fund

Second Collection next weekend  
December 14-15 directly support  
retired priests of our diocese.

*Please be generous.*



## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 24 – 4:30pm Vigil

Wednesday, December 25

Midnight, 8:00a.m. & 10:00a.m.

## 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.