



# Sacred Heart of Jesus

Roman Catholic Church—Est. 1859

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3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**IN JOY,  
WE WAIT**



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

#### 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.

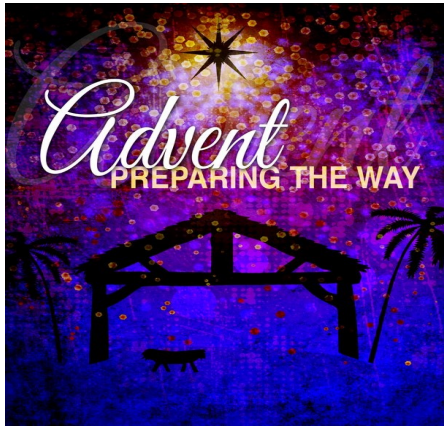
#### OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

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!



Readings for the week of December 15, 2024

- Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25
Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25
Friday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45



Liturgical Ministers Dec. 14-15 2024

Sacristans: Saturday, 4:30p.m. — Maureen Alfred
Sunday, 8:00a.m.—Gail Dupuis, 11:00a.m.—Susie Myers, 6:00pm— Christina Lange
Eucharistic Ministers: Saturday, 4:30p.m.— Conrad Poe
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.— Gail Dupuis, 11:00a.m.—Susie Myers, 6:00p.m.— Christina Lange
Lectors: Saturday, 4:30p.m.—Leslie Smith
Sunday, 8:00a.m.—Dean Listi, 11:00a.m.—Emile Babin, 6:00p.m.—Jovita Compton

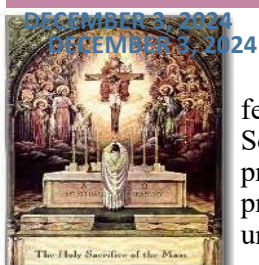
Advent Season ABIDE NIGHT
Tuesday, December 17 from 6-7pm in Church
Prayer, Eucharistic Adoration and Confession~



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.



Advent Wreath
Week 3 Shepherd's Candle Joy
The pink candle symbolizes rejoicing. During the third week of Advent we are filled with joy for the near arrival of Jesus on Christmas day.



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. 14, 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. 14, 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, Buccii/Caballero, Boudreaux/Chauvin Fam. L/D, Patricia Duplantis, Robert & Maridel LaBauve, Madelyn Fontenot, Carolyn Blum Breaux, Larry Sampey.

**Sunday, Dec. 15, 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., Larry Sampey. **11:00am:** Jim Holt, Holt/Alfred Families L/D, Hugh & Nell Brown, M/M Raymond Egle, Marian & Richard Romaire, 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 Fanguie, 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, Louise & Clem Bourgeois, Virgie Watkins.

**Tuesday, Dec. 17, 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.

**Wednesday, Dec. 18, 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, Helen Anne Laughlin.

**Thursday, Dec. 19, 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. 20, 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, Mr. Antonio Le Quoc Thong.



~~~ *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.*



Catholic Daughters of America would like to **Thank everyone** for supporting the Bake Sale. It was HUGE success!

### ST. ANDREW ADVENT PRAYER

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires,  
*[here mention your request]* through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother.  
*Amen.*



### 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 vestibule of 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.

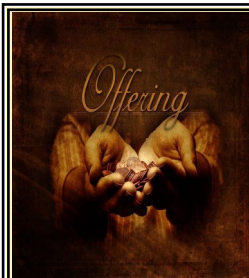
### PRAY FOR... PEACE,

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 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, 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 Lamartiniere, 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 Thibodeaux, 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 Trascair, Jason Dugar, Patricia Stelly, Peggy LeBlanc, Jennifer Beckett, DPG., JB, BW, Lanie White, and All those in Nursing Homes.



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**STEWARDSHIP: 11/24/2024**

**Regular Collection: \$4,800.25**

**Maintenance: \$937.00**

**Online: \$116.88**

**11/30-12/1/2024**

**Regular Collection: \$5,847.00**

**Maintenance: \$570.00**

**Online: \$116.88**

*Thank you for your contributions!*

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### On-line Giving

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

Follow link below.

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/sacrp0214>

Thank You for your generosity!



## Children's Corner

### Sharing the Gospel

How can you show you love God? Instead of keeping all of your clothes and food, share some with people who don't have any. Be happy and thankful for all God has given you. When you love God more than money, you'll be happy to share.



**Prayer** Dear God, help me to share happily with others.

**Something to Draw** a picture of yourself sharing a snack with a classmate who has none.

**Mission for the Week** The next time you go grocery shopping with your parents, ask if you can pick out some foods to share with the poor. As a family, talk about how thankful you are for the many ways God takes care of you.

## 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](mailto:shsecretary@htdiocese.org) or call the rectory 385-0770 and we will include them in our daily prayers.

## 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.+

**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.

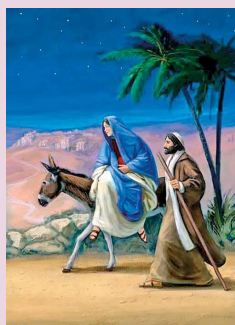
To request a Parish Registration Form, call the Rectory at 385-0770 or [shcsecretary@htdiocese.org](mailto:shcsecretary@htdiocese.org)

## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Give. Love. Act with justice. This, says John, is how to live out your repentance. As Christmas approaches, be “baptized” by these words of God’s greatest prophet. Let them fill you with new life as you await the coming of Christ.

### Prayer for the third week of Advent Prayer with St. John the Baptist

Through the intercession of St. John the Baptist, help us to remember the least fortunate, and how caring for them shares in the caring of the beloved Christ-child. Bring your generosity into our community. Amen.



## REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

### First Reading:

The prophet Zephaniah speaks of a future joyful time of God’s forgiveness and return to his people, Israel. What excites you most as you think about the future?

### Second Reading:

Paul encourages the Christians in Philippi to be a community that rejoices and finds peace with God. What could you celebrate this Advent season with family or friends?

### Gospel:

John the Baptist encouraged the crowds, tax collectors, and soldiers to live ethically in very practical ways. How could this apply to your life this week?



## Diocesan Priests Retirement Fund

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



The Light is  
on for You

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Light is on for You  
Wednesday,  
December 18, 2024  
6-8p.m.(Church)

We invite you to receive the Sacrament of  
Reconciliation as you prepare to celebrate  
the Nativity of the Lord~

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 24 – 4:30pm Vigil

Wednesday, December 25  
Midnight, 8:00a.m. & 10:00a.m.

### Baptisms

Sunday, December 1, 2024

Marcel Joseph Young

Child of Brodie Paul Young & Ciara Landry Young

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



### Christmas Second Collection -

Catholic Charities of Houma-Thibodaux  
assists thousands of people each year  
through programs dedicated to offering  
essential services for people experiencing poverty, hunger  
and homelessness in Houma-Thibodaux.

**Thank you** for responding, during this holy season, to the  
needs of some of the most vulnerable in our community to  
the *Second Collection at all Christmas Masses.*



## 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.