

# Sacred Heart of Jesus

## Roman Catholic Church

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### 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.- John 1:6-7

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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.

**24- HOUR ADORATION:** Thursdays, 7:00A.M.—  
Fridays, 6:00A.M. Held in the Souby Baptistery

**December 17, 2023 - Vol. 38 No. 51**

**Rev. Brett Lapeyrouse, Administrator**  
Deacon Randall Jennings, Deacon Larry Callais

#### 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:** 8:30A.M.  
Exposition until 10:00A.M. Confession 9-10A.M.

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

**CONFESSIONS:** 30 minutes before all Masses and by  
appointment.

**ROSARY** Wednesdays, 7:00A.M.  
Sunday– Saturday 4:00P.M. (Church)

Please silence your cell phone during mass! Thank you!



### ADVENT

This third candle is pink (Shepherd's Candle) and symbolizes rejoicing. During the third week of Advent we are filled with joy for the near arrival of Jesus on Christmas day.

This Sunday is often called "Gaudete Sunday" as we reflect on the joy the shepherd's felt at the birth of Jesus.

**Advent Wreath Prayer:** *Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen.*



### December 16 & 17, 2023 Schedule

**Sacristans:** Saturday, 4:30p.m.— Maureen Alfred  
Sunday, 8:00a.m.— Gail Dupuis, 11:00a.m.—Regina Duval  
6:00p.m.— Marcia Bergeron

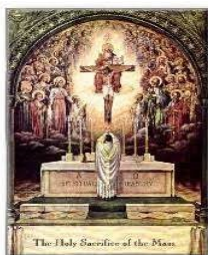
**Lectors:** Saturday, 4:30p.m.— Leslie Smith  
Sunday, 8:00 a.m. — Chris Hunter  
11:00a.m.— Gerrie Byrne, 6:00p.m.— Cathy Siracusa

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Saturday, 4:30 p.m.— Conrad Poe  
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.— Gail Dupuis, 11:00 a.m.—Barton Blanco  
6:00p.m. — Marcia Bergeron



### Mass Schedule 4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday,  
December 23— 4:30pm  
Sunday, December 24— 8a.m. & 11:00a.m.



### 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 of December 17, 2023

**Sunday:** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/  
1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**Monday:** Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

**Tuesday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

**Wednesday:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2,  
3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

**Thursday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-  
18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk  
1:39-45

**Friday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5,  
6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

**Saturday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66



### Advent Season Schedule

During this season of Advent Fr. Brett will offer "Abide Night" on Tuesday, December 5, 12, and 19 from 6-7:30p.m. (church.)

The night consist of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration, Reflection talk, prayer, confession and Benediction.

"The Light is On for You," Wednesday, December 20, 6-8p.m. (Church). A time to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation during the season of Advent.

Added Confessions, Saturday December 9,16, & 23 from 2-4:30 p.m.

**Christmas Mass Schedule**  
**Sunday, December 24th 4:30p.m. Vigil**  
**Monday, December 25th**  
**12:00a.m. (Midnight)**  
**8:00a.m. & 10:00 a.m.**



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Sat., Weekday, Dec. 16, 8:30am:** Anthony Cannata, David Arcemont, Joyce & George Melancon, Eloise & Bill Gowland, Charles Gowland, Sr., John & Stella Mula, Joe & Bet Cefalu, Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin.

**Sat., Vigil, Dec. 16, 4:30pm:** Patrick J. Bergeron, Vera & Charles Dupuis, Frank & Corinne Mula, Seth & Jackie Sumrall, Santo & Stella Rousso, Stephen Giroir, Lester & Belle Simoneaux, George & Joyce Melancon, Robert & Maridel LaBouve, 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, Theresa & William Maxwell, Pauline & Randolph Landry, Andrew, Bill & Eloise Gowland, Luda & Eli Fields, Vivian & Eddie Fields, John Robert "Bob" Keeling, Jr., Donald Fields, Sally Anderson, Ruby Miller, Marius Carlos, Elmo & Viola Goulas, Troy Fanguie, Martin & Deshotel & Prince Families, Joe & Bet Cefalu, Melvin J. Pitre, Doris B. & J. Darwin Richard, David Duplantis, Viola Percle, Loupe/LaHoste Fam., Sidney Solar, Jr., Joe Parsiola, Agnes Robicheaux, Nick LaRocca, Judy Duval, Dot & Sonny Duval, Bill & Eloise Gowland, Rafael Basas, Warren & June Fortier, Eulice, Carol & Steven Adams, James Kullman, Sr., Debra Duhon, & Fam. Sonia Hebert, Lionel & Mildred Arceneaux, Bucci/Caballero, Boudreaux/Chauvin Fam. L/D, Debra Madise Myers, Mary Siracusa, Velma Vaccarella, Yvonne Adams, Vera Cole, Kathryn Shirey, Gene Nezat.

**Sunday, Dec. 17, 8:00am:** Rose H. Percle, Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin, Joe & Bernice Giandelone, Jason DeHart, Rickey Arceneaux, C.J. & Viva Solar, Blackie & Mildred Arceneaux, Mark Manfre, Biundo/Bourgeois Families, Cay Price, Karen Ordogne, Lisa Bergeron Bryan, Claire & Sheldon Bergeron, John Landry, Sr., Emelina Basas, Bon Van Nguyen, **11:00am:** Jim Holt, Holt/Alfred Families L/D, Mr. & Mrs. Oliver J. Bergeron Family L/D, Hugh & Nell Egle Brown, M/M Raymond Egle, Vivian & Ferris Romaine, Sr., Marian & Richard Romaine, Nellie Bleureau, Joe Giordano, Adam E. & Dorothy Conner, Fred & Edna Williams, Bill & Eloise Gowland, Charles Gowland, Sr., Hogan/Landry Families, David Duplantis, Mark Manfre, J.P. Morella Family L/D., Beverley Hamer, Conner & Williams Families, Sonia Hebert, Rocco Guarisco, Jr. & Fam. L/D, Betty Theriot Smith, Don Domino, Sammy Bollhalter, Rosetta Boudreaux, Fannie Cannata. **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, Wilbert, Nan & Tim Melancon, Conner-Melancon Fam., Mac, Mary & Stephen McCleary, Lonnie Landry, Sherrel Landry, Bon Van Nguyen, James "Jimmy" Rink, Tom & Alice Shannon, Alice Guzzetta,, Louise & Clem Bourgeois, Virgie Watson.

**Tuesday, Dec. 19, 6:30am:** David Arcemont, Carl & Glenda Strevia Fam. L/D, Boudreaux/ Sewart families, Eloise & Bill Gowland, John & Stella Mula, Pauline & Rudolph Landry, Theresa & William Maxwell, George & Joyce Melancon, Nellie Blereau, Dupuis family, Mr. & Mrs. John Parker Conrad, Sr., Anthony Cannata, David Duplantis, Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin, Larry Bergeron, Charles Gowland, Sr., J.P. Morella & Fam. L/D, Rickey Arceneaux, Mark Manfre, Rosemary Cutrera, Howard Thibodaux, Debra Duhon & Family, Helen Laughlin, Antionette Mire, A.J. Cannata.

**Wednesday, Dec. 20, 6:30am :** Mark Manfre, David Arcemont, Joyce & George Melancon, Carl & Glenda Strevia Fam. L/D, John & Stella Mula, Pauline & Randolph Landry, Bertin/Dupuis Families, Manfre/Grizzaffi Families, David Duplantis, Gerald Blanchard, Bet & Joseph Cefalu, Sr., Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin, Charles Gowland, Sr., Beverly Hamer, Marcelle Ordogne, Debra Duhon & Fam., Linda Duke, Antionette Mire.

**Thursday, Dec. 21, 8:00am:** David Arcemont, Joyce & George Melancon, Carl & Glenda Strevia Fam L/D, Bessie Roy, Manfre Family, Teresa & William Maxwell, John & Stella Mula, Randolph & Pauline Landry, 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., Horace Naquin, Dung Nguyen, Rosalee Loupe, Rickey Arceneaux, Debra Duhon & Family, David Duplantis, Joseph C. Russo, Sr. Fam. L/D, Earl Laughlin, Sr., Antionette Mire, Ridley Blanchard, A.J. Cannata.

**Friday, Dec. 22, 6:30am:** Holy Souls in Purgatory, Carl & Glenda Strevia Fam. L/D, Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin, Charles Gowland, Sr., David Duplantis, Family, Mark Manfre, Santo & Stella Russo, Anthony, Vincent C. & Fannie Cannata, Patrick Bergeron, Debra Duhon & Fam., Don Domino, EmelDean N. Miller, Antionette Mire.

**MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN FOR 2024.**



~~~~ 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.*



### Prayer for Advent Week 3

Dear Lord,  
Give us boldness as we move through the motions of the holiday season, to reflect and remind those around us of Your deep and abiding love for them. Allow them to encounter Your love, through us. Amen.

### 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,

Harold Ross, Huan Tran, Kathryn Stadalis, Carol Bergeron, Stephen Giroir, Beulah Deshotel, Mona Thibodeaux, Hilda Landry, Kim Verrett, Rodney Frederick, Roger Liner, Donna Henry, Jane Davis, Roger Adams Jr., Gene & Edie Nezat, 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, Drew Clements, Robbie & Kacie Touns, Janet Bennett, Jean Stephens, Zweigle/Dupree Families, Gloria & Jessie Michel, Ida Mae Percle, 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, William LaPoint, 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, Francis Smith, Layla Giroir, Wendy Hotard, Charles Gibson, Jr., Patty Fontenot, Rhonda Lile, Beth Naquin, Raymond Daniels, Renee Harper, Warren Landry, Louis Tamporella, Vera Judycki, Mable Lester, Tammy Richard, Elliot Prejean, Kim Hanks, Kattie Ghirardi, Lynette Breaux, Barbara McCloy, Ashia Starling, Gene Arce-neaux, Mary Ann Adams, Kay Olds, Franklin Pierce, Marlene Pierce, Brent Gravois, Ava Carpenter, Ellen Rink, Richard Ford, Kelley Dalton, Jim Mestepey, Ryan, Francis Loupe, Willie Mae Lewis, Earline & David Gastins, Elias Dupree, Peggy Perry, Keely Price, Steve Sealine, Shirley Verdin, Robbie Sword, Mary Price, Austin Courtney, Elijah Allen, Jerry Trosclair, Danny Chiasson, Howard Johnson, Kenneth & Judy Hope, Max Anderson, Steve Morell, Jeanne McCloy, Keelan Arbuckle, Myrtle Verdin, Louis Chaisson, Dr. Conrad Poe, Billy Lamar, Audie Taquino, Sabrina Gaspard, Billy Giordano, Catherine Bourdier, Brenda Landry Lamartiniere, Dr. Melvin Bourgeois, Zachary Daniels, Ron Michel, Christian Smith, Rebeka Cowen, Kim Stansbury, Bernie Percle, Jr., Glenn Ghirardi, Sr., Logan Fromenthal, Cindy Dupuis, Gloria Canova, Karl Brasseaux, Merlin Boudreaux, II, Debbie LeBlanc, Jim Boudreaux, Lance Richard, Cosmo Christopher, Russell Vicknair, Peter Businelle, Ann Eastburn, Eddie Nope, Jr., Laura Vice, Nolan Bernucho, Anne Murray, Philip Dural, Joe Percle.



**STEWARDSHIP: 12/3/2023**

**Regular Collection: \$7,480.00**

**Maintenance: \$4,835.00**

*Thank You for your contributions!*

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

Follow link below.

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/sacrpo214>

Thank You for your generosity!



### YOUTH FORMATION

Meets this Wednesday, December 20th

6-7:15p.m. Grades 1-11

### LIVE THE LITURGY— INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God sends a John the Baptist into every person's life  
— someone who prepares His way, who calls out  
His truth. Look for the John the Baptist in your life.  
Pray you can be this person for someone else.

### Children's Corner

**Sharing the Gospel** People noticed John the Baptist.  
He loved God, and he used words honestly. He really wanted  
to help people change  
and grow closer to God.  
He stood out as some-  
one really different and  
special. People came  
from all around to hear  
him and learn about him.  
When people asked him  
questions, he pointed  
them to Jesus.



**Prayer** Jesus, help me  
to be different because I  
love you.

**Something to Draw** a picture of yourself being  
honest and kind with your family.

**Mission for the Week** Ask a friend if he or she is ready  
to meet Jesus.

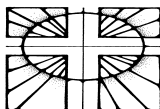
### PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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 Le-  
Blanc, Matthew Tregle,  
Tanner Richards, Johnathan Villegas,  
Brandon Daigle.



### 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.



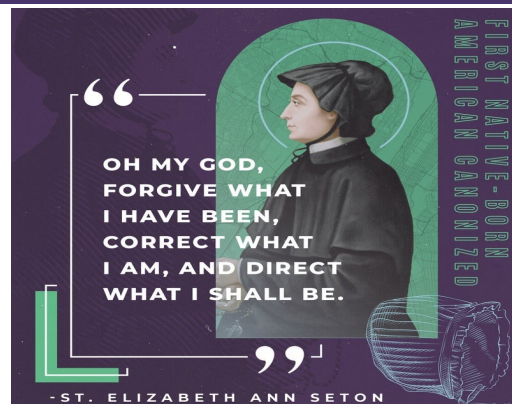


**BAPTISMS:** Second & fourth Sunday of each month, 10:00 AM. BOTH parents AND Godparents MUST attend a baptism seminar held first Tuesday of each month, 6:00PM in the Gallen Room (parking lot entry).  
**WEDDINGS:** Couples should make an appointment with the parish priest at least six months in advance.  
**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)



### Christmas Second Collection Catholic Charities

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. *A second collection will be taken up at all Christmas Masses in support of Catholic Charities of Houma Thibodaux.*



### Ladies Altar Society Annual Christmas Food Drive

Through your generous donations the LAS was able to provide food for 25 families in need.

Thank you for giving!



### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

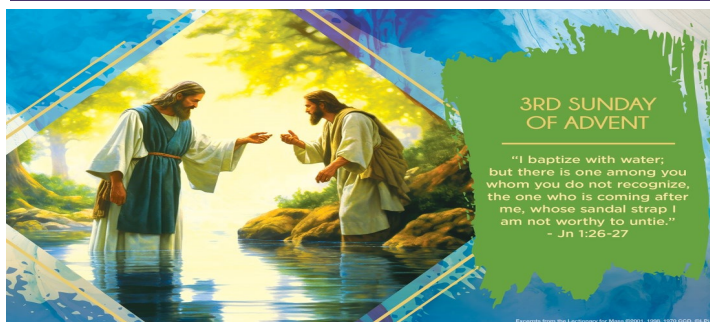
#### A Constant Companion

As Christians, we are called to a life of prayer. This is not just during seasons like Advent, but all year long. When we talk about being prayerful everyday stewards, we are speaking about cultivating an awareness of God being with us at all times. Each day we begin by offering God the entirety of our day. Each night we rest in Him and hope that the hours that passed gave Him glory.

During this busy time of Advent, it is hard to cultivate this life of prayer, but without it we can too easily lose sight of the reason for the season. It is during this time of year we need to heed the words of St. Paul more than ever when he wrote to the Thessalonians, "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing." This is how we will be able to avoid the pitfalls of consumerism and secularism and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Bring Jesus with you into the office Christmas party. Take him with you shopping for gifts in the department store. Be aware of him when you sit down to watch television specials you have seen every year of your life. Give him all your time and let his presence fill your every moment. By striving to be connecting with Jesus at all times, you will bear greater fruit and the joy you experience will be much greater than you could imagine. You might even spend a few less dollars and spend more time with those you love, particularly the one who loves you the most, the Incarnation himself.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



*First Day in the Octave  
of Christmas Mass*

*Tuesday,  
December 26th  
12:10P.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.