



Sacred Heart of Jesus

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4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home" - Mt 1:20

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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.

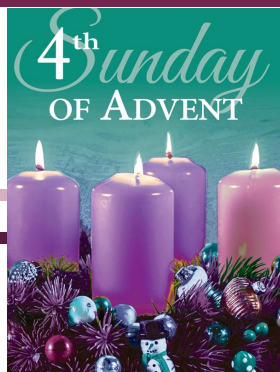
FIRST SATURDAY MASS: 9:30A.M.
Exposition & Confession 8:30-9:20A.M.

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

CONFESSIONS: Tuesday-Friday 6:00A.M.,
Saturday-8:30A.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!



December 20-21, 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.—Clara Ryan
Sunday, 8:00a.m.—Dean Listi,
11:00a.m.—Vera Judycki, 6:00p.m.—Peggy Gowland

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

1st Reading Question:

Seven hundred years before the birth of Jesus, Isaiah prophesies to King Ahaz that a virgin would bear a son and name him, Emmanuel (“God is with us”). When have you felt close to God this Advent season?

2nd Reading Question:

Paul instructs the Roman Christians that they are “called to be holy.” What do you see as some of the steps toward growing in holiness?

Gospel Question:

We hear how Joseph struggled initially with the news of Mary’s pregnancy. How do you discern making difficult decisions?

Readings for the week of December 21, 2025

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

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

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

Wednesday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

Thursday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

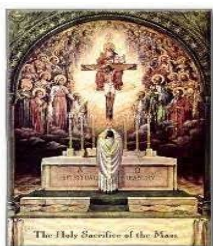
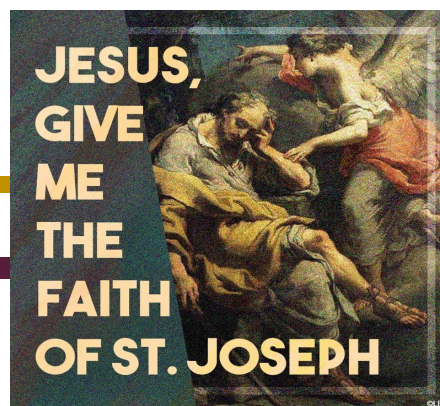
Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Sometimes we want God’s instructions to be clear and precise — like the angel in Joseph’s dream. But Joseph’s understanding was only as strong as his devotion to God’s will. If we give our lives to God as Joseph did, we will know what he asks of 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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Weekday, Dec. 20, 9:30am: Pro Populo.

Saturday, Vigil, Dec. 20, 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., Chauvin/Boudreaux Family L/D, Caballero/Bucci Family L/D, Rafael Basas, Mary & James Groves, Mary Michael, Francis X. Bassa.

Sunday, Dec. 21, 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, Sheldon & Claire Bergeron, Lisa B. Bryan, Dale Hayes, Sr. **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, Fara Thibodaux, Samuel Roland Bollhalter, Glynn Girardi, Donna Uzzo. **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, Earl Laughlin, Sr., Joseph C. Russo, Sr. Fam L/D, Freddie Metrejean, Sr., Ridley Blanchard.

Tuesday, Dec. 23, 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, Emeldean N. Miller, John Vidos, Jr.

Wednesday, Dec. 24, 4:30pm: Gowland, Sr., Marcelle Ordogne, Jan Covington., Frank & Rita Listi, Rosalind Listi, Gerard Call, Glynn Rozas, Mable Lester, David Blanco, M/M Ridley Blanchard, M/M Oliver Bergeron, Kathleen Landry, Chauvin/Boudreaux, Caballero/Bucci Fam. L/D, Nellie & Robert Blereau, Robin Cole, Pamela Isslied, Albert "Buddy" & Maria Collins, M/M Benjamin Montet, Ralph Hebert, Ralph Hebert, Jr., Anton Fromenthal, Patty Fontenot, Donna Uzzo.

Thursday, Dec. 25, 12:00am: 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 Fam., Shannon, DeRouen, Eues, Madere, Guzzetta Fam. L/D., Charles & Vera Dupuis, Donald Loupe. **8:00am:** Blanchard, Fontenot, Leggett Fam., Maggie & John Vidos, Jr., Elnora & William Cline, Jr., Erlene Geisler, Marie Fromenthal. **10:00am:** Joe Parsiola, Agnes Robicheaux, Samuel Roland Bollhalter, Glynn Girardi, Dale Hayes, Sr., Santo & Stella Rousso.

Friday, Dec. 26, 12:10pm: 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, Pat McCleary, Horace A. Naquin, Clarence Delaune.

MASS INTENTIONS Mass Book is now Open for 2026. 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.

### Christmas Season December 24– January 11

The liturgical season of Christmas begins with the vigil Masses on Christmas Eve and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During this season, we celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts and reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with him, including the fact that he was born to die for us. The Christmas tree and the Nativity scene are popular symbols of the season and a tradition in many Christian homes. It is also traditional to exchange Christmas gifts with family and friends to honor God the Father's gift of his only son to the world. Having received the gift of Christ, we naturally want to pass that gift along to our loved ones.



### 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, 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 Touns, 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, 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, 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, Jerry Trosclair, Danny Chiasson, Kenneth Hope, Max Anderson, Jeanne McCloy, Keelan Ar buckle, 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, Gloria Canova, Karlie 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 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 Trasclaire, 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, Camdyn Besse, Sheryl Doiron, Larry Mayon, Sr., Bill & Carol Krogg, David Morrow, 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,  
Brycen Verdin, Ethan Blanco, Zan Alcino,  
Matthew Domangue.

#### 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: 12/7/2025**

**Regular Collection: \$7,264.00**

**Maintenance: \$4,553.00**

**Online: \$606.88**

**Christmas Flowers: \$630.00**

*Thank you for your contributions!*

#### On-line Giving

**ParishSOFT**  
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

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

**Sharing the Gospel** Long ago, God promised to send a Savior into the world. So when Jesus was finally born in Bethlehem, the angels praised God. The angels shared God's great news with the shepherds, so they could find Jesus and praise God, too.

**Prayer** Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus into the world. I want to praise you like the angels did.

**Mission for the Week** You can praise God like the angels did. Go Christmas caroling together as a family. Sing all of your favorite songs together.

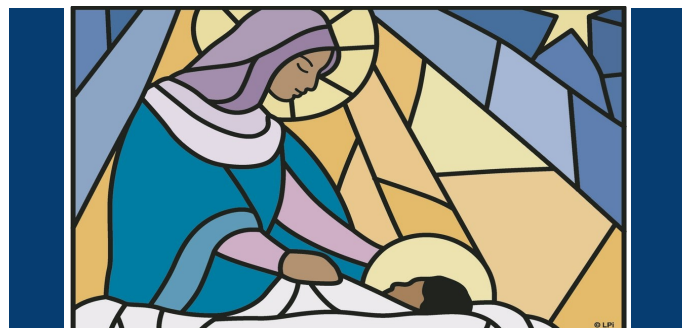


### The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

**Sharing the Gospel** The angels shared the good news about Jesus so people could worship him, too. Maybe it was the way they glowed when

they sang about Jesus. Maybe it was the words or the tune of their songs. After the angels left, those shepherds were curious enough to stop what they were doing and look for Jesus themselves. When they found him, they were thrilled. Everything the angels told them was true.

**Mission for the Week** Ask your parents to light candles and join you in singing songs about Jesus.





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

## PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

### Christmas Blessing

On this blessed Christmas day,  
may the joy and goodness of the  
sweet baby Jesus fill our home and  
our hearts.

Jesus, bless every member of our  
family, near and far.

May peace prevail, goodness reign, and love triumph.

Amen.



## Christmas Second Collection - December 24-25

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.

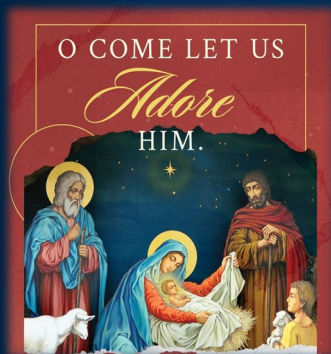
“Thank you for your unwavering commitment to Catholic  
Charities of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux. Together, we  
are a testament to the power of love and compassion in  
action. May God bless you abundantly for your generosity.”

*Most Rev. Simon Peter Engurait*

*Bishop of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux*



## Christmas Mass Schedule



*December 24,  
4:30p.m. Vigil*

*December 25,  
Midnight, 8am  
& 10am*

## Lector Schedule — December 24-25

- ♦ Wednesday, 4:30p.m.—Gwen Luc
- Thursday, 12:00a.m. - Peggy Gowland
- 8:00a.m.—Julius Hebert
- 10:00a.m.—Angela Kraemer



## DAILY MASS

**Friday, December 26 Mass  
will be offered at 12:10p.m.**  
There is NO 6:30a.m. Mass  
that day only.

## SING A SONG FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmastime has so many favorite songs  
associated with it; we all have a favorite. Scripture  
gets in on this, too—the word of God sings for the  
Word-made-flesh!

## Parish Office

### Holiday Schedule

The Parish Office will  
close December 23 at  
Noon and remain closed  
through January 2, 2026!



*This Christmas Sacred Heart wishes you and your Family  
abundant Love as you celebrate the Nativity of The Lord,  
and may you share a Joyful and Peaceful Christmas  
Season with all those you hold dear in your heart!*

## 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.

