



# Sacred Heart of Jesus

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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!



## Liturgical Ministers

Dec. 21-22, 2024

**Sacristans:** Saturday, 4:30p.m. — June Pennison  
 Sunday, 8:00a.m.—Loretta Landry, 11:00a.m.—Cindy Marino, 6:00pm— Rebecca Pye

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Saturday, 4:30p.m.— June Pennison  
 Sunday, 8:00 a.m.— Loretta Landry, 11:00a.m.—Cindy Marino, 6:00p.m.— Rebecca Pye

**Lectors:** Saturday, 4:30p.m.— Kathy Callais  
 Sunday, 8:00a.m.—Courtney Matherne, 11:00a.m.—Barry Dufrene, 6:00p.m.—Peggy Gowland

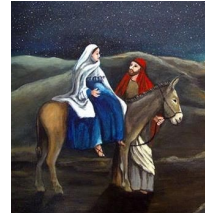
### PRAYER FOR A NEW BISHOP

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 22, 2024

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45  
 Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66  
 Tuesday: *Morning:* 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79



Wednesday: *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/Heb 1:1-6/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

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

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

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18

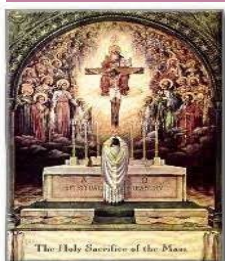


### Advent Wreath Week 4 Angel's Candle Love

As we light the purple candle we rejoice in the endless love that God has for us, which is made apparent in the birth of his Son. We reflect on the good news of God's love brought to us from the angel Gabriel.

**"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."**

—John 3:16



### 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. 21, 8:30am:** 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. 21, 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, Carolyn Blum Breau, Larry Sampey, A.J. Cannata, Ridley Blanchard, Theresa Johnson, Earl Laughlin, Sr., Family of Joseph C. Russo, Sr. L/D, Rita Bernucho, Gerald "Pete Prestenbach,.

**Sunday, Dec. 22, 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, Emeldean N. Miller. **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 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, Tom & Alice Shannon, Alice Guzzetta, Rev. John Gallen, Rev. Anthony Rousso, Msgr. James Songy, Msgr. Philip Whitney, Msgr. George Landry, Rev. Guy Zeringue, Fields/Beadle Families, Delaune/Aucoin Families.

**Tuesday, Dec. 24, 4:30am:** 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, Santo & Stella Rousso, Joe Parsiola/Agnes Robicheaux, Patricia Duplantis, David Blanco, M/M Ridley & Rena Blanchard, M/M Oliver & Marion Bergeron, Kathleen Landry, Frank & Rita Listi, Rosalind Listi, Gerald Call, Henry & Mildred Call, Henry & Jeanne Verheugen, Ralph Hebert, Jr., M/M Benjamin Montet, M/M Ralph Hebert, M/M Anton Fromenthal, Ms. Patty Fontenot.

**Wednesday, Dec. 25, 12:00am :** 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, A.J. Cannata, Shannon/DeRouen/Eues/Madere/Guzzetta Families L/D, Rickey Arceneaux, C.J. & Viva Solar, Glenda Solar Gros, Blackie & Mildred Arceneaux, Edward Ahsher, Lyn Bernucho & Steven Hall Families L/D., Charles & Vera Dupuis, Donald Loupe.

**8:00am:** Gerald "Pete Prestenbach, Tim Benoit, Larry Sampey. **10:00am:** Jim Holt, Holt/Alfred Families L/D, Lester Fryou, Blanchard/Fontenot/Leggett Families, Janella Spears, Clarence Delaune, Nolan & Katherine Michel, Luda & Eli Fields, Walter & Irma Michel.

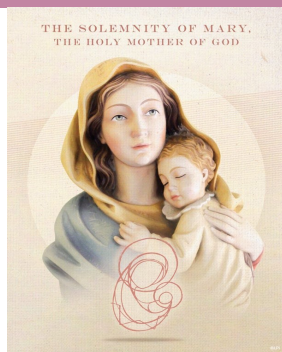
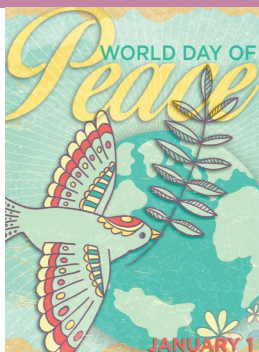
**Thursday, Dec. 26, 12:10pm:** David Arcemont, Joyce & George Melancon, Carl & Glenda Streva Family L/D, John & Stella Mula, Bet & Joe Cefalu, Gerald Blanchard, Santo & Stella Rousso, Adam & Dorothy Conner, Fred & Edna Williams, Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin, Charles Gowland, Sr., Rickey Arceneaux, C.J. & Viva Solar, Glenda Solar Gros, Blackie & Mildred Arceneaux, David Duplantis, Horace Naquin.

**Friday, Dec. 27, 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, Nolan & Katherine Michel, Clarence Delaune.

**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.*



**Holy Mother of God**  
**January 1, 2025**  
*Holy Day of Obligation*

**Vigil Mass Tuesday,**  
**December 31, 4:30pm**

**Mass Wednesday,**  
**January 1, 9:00am**



Special thanks to everyone who  
 donated towards the LAS Christmas  
 Food Drive. Because of your gener-  
 osity 20 needy families were gifted.

## Angel of God

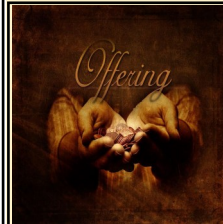
my guardian dear to whom His love commits me here  
ever this day be at my side to light and guard to rule  
and guide. Amen.

### 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 Lamartinieri, 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, 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 Trascclair, Jason Dugar, Patricia Stelly, Peggy LeBlanc, Jennifer Beckett, DPG., JB, BW, Lanie White, and All those in Nursing Homes.



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**STEWARDSHIP: 12/8/2024**  
**Regular Collection: \$6,616.00**  
**Maintenance: \$5,694.00**  
**Immaculate Conception: \$653.00**  
**Online: \$881.88**  
**Christmas Flowers: \$667.00**

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## Children's Corner

### Sharing the Gospel 4th Sunday of Advent

Mary couldn't wait to visit her much older cousin, Elizabeth, up in the hills of Judea. Both of them were expecting babies. Each of them knew that the birth of her child was a special event that could only happen because they trusted God. Your own mother trusted that God would give you life in this world. Both Mary and Elizabeth watched their children grow up to do good things. You can grow up to do good things too, if you trust in God.



**Prayer** Dear Jesus, help me to trust you and to remember that you are the reason we celebrate Christmas. Amen.

**Something to Draw** Ask your mother who she visited while she was waiting for you to be born. Draw a picture of her visiting with a relative or friend.

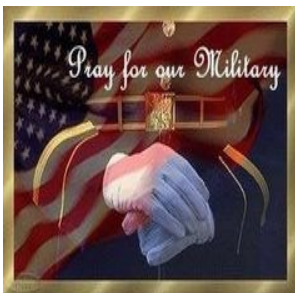
### Sharing the Gospel - Christmas

Mary and Joseph put all their trust in God. Once they found out what God wanted, they did it. God wanted Mary to have a special baby, and she said "yes" to God. God wanted Joseph to be a good husband and father, and Joseph said "yes" to God. When that special baby from God was finally born, Joseph named him Jesus. One day God would ask Jesus to save the world from sin on the cross, and Jesus would say "yes" to God.



**Prayer**  
God, help me to trust you and say "yes" to you. Amen.

## 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.

**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.

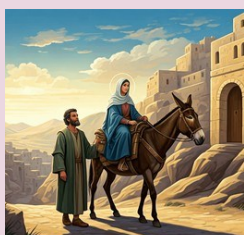
To request a Parish Registration Form, call the Rectory at [385-0770](tel:385-0770) or [shcsecretary@htdiocese.org](mailto:shcsecretary@htdiocese.org)

## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

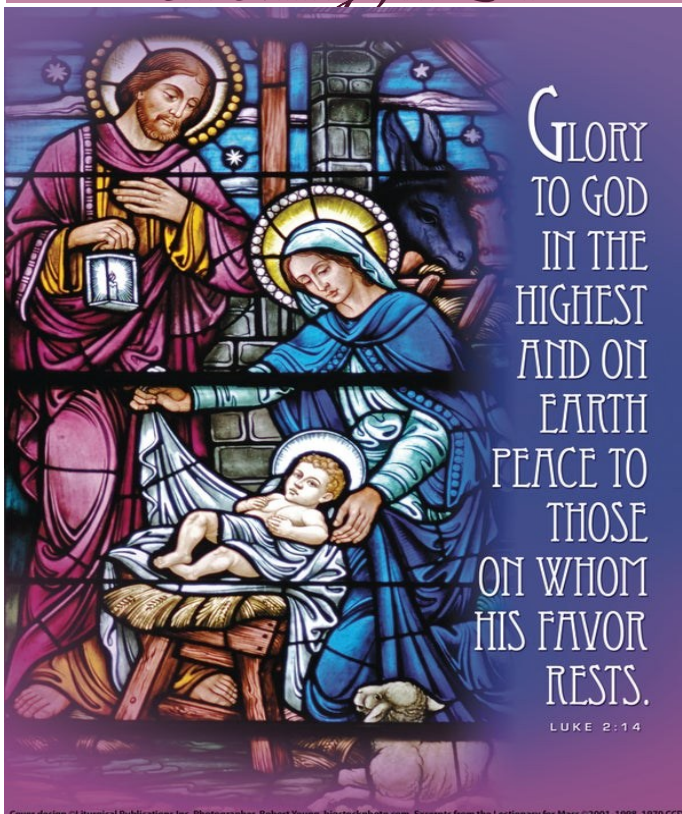
“Blessed are you who believed,” Elizabeth tells Mary. Do we believe? When we hear the voice of God whispering in our heart, do we listen — or do we ignore, out of fear and uncertainty? This last week of Advent, follow Mary’s example, and believe.

### Prayer for the Fourth week of Advent Prayer for Advent Joy

Dear Jesus,  
The news of your coming was met with boundless joy — fill us anew with the wonder of your presence. You are Emmanuel, God with us.  
Amen.



## *The Nativity of the Lord*



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### Prayer for Christmas Visitors

God bless us all this Christmas season, those who enter and exit our home, those near and far away, those who will visit and those who cannot. Fill our lives with the peace that comes from You. Amen



## Christmas Holidays

In observance of the Christmas Season the Parish Office will be closed December 20 at Noon and remain closed through January 1, 2025. We will resume regular office hours on Thursday, January 2.

**Thursday, December 26 Daily Mass will only be offered at 12:10p.m. There is NO 6:30am Mass or Eucharistic Adoration in the Baptistry that day.**

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 24 – 4:30pm Vigil

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

### 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 the diocese of 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.