



Sacred Heart of Jesus

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THE HOLY FAMILY

He went and dwelt
in a town called Nazareth,
so that what had been
spoken through the
prophets might be fulfilled.
- Mt 2:23

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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.

EUCARISTIC 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.

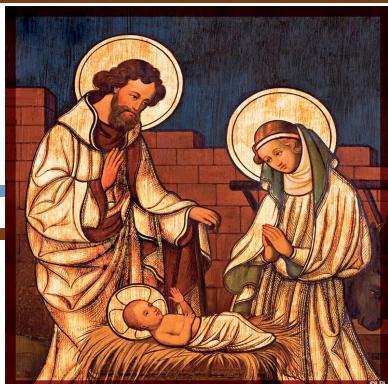
FIRST SATURDAY MASS: 9:30A.M.
Exposition & Confession 8:30-9:20A.M.

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

CONFESIONS: 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 27-28, 2025

Sacristans: Saturday, 4:30p.m.– Susie Myers

Sunday, 8:00a.m.–Jeannie Landry,

11:00a.m.—Lisa Mire, 6:00p.m.-Jackie Conner

Eucharistic Ministers: Saturday, 4:30p.m.–Susie Myers,

Sunday, 8:00a.m.– Jeannie Landry,

11:00a.m.—Barton Blanco, 6:00p.m.– Jackie Conner

Lectors: Saturday, 4:30p.m.—Gwen Luc

Sunday, 8:00a.m.—Angela Kraemer,

11:00a.m.—Emile Babin, 6:00p.m.-Constance Wallace

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

1st Reading Question:

Sirach emphasizes the importance of children honoring and respecting their parents. What are some of your favorite memories of your parents?

2nd Reading Question:

Paul taught the Colossians that families should show mutual respect and love toward one another. How do you encourage these virtues in your family?

Gospel Question:

We hear how the Holy Family faced some very dangerous circumstances early on. Can you think of some challenges your family has had to overcome?

Readings for the week of December 28, 2025

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Thursday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

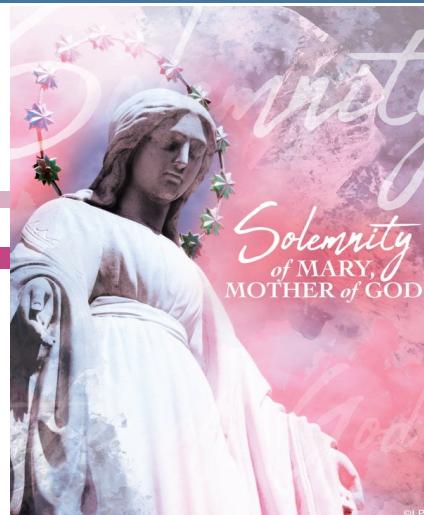
Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God created the Holy Family with a great sense of purpose, because he knew that Jesus would be defined by the woman and man who raised him. Who is our “Holy Family” — the people who will define us? Who has God placed within our lives for a specific purpose?

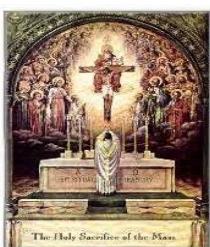


New Year's Day– Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Mass schedule

Wednesday, December 31, 4:30p.m.,

Thursday, January, 1, 2026, 9:00a.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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Weekday, Dec. 27, 9:30am: Pro Populo.

Saturday, Vigil, Dec. 27, 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/Boudreault Family L/D, Caballero/Bucci Family L/D, Rafael Basas, Mary & James Groves, Mary Michael, Donna Uzzo, Kent Pogue, Dale Hayes, Sr., Ramona Kullman.

Sunday, Dec. 28, 8:00am: Patrick J. Bergeron, Rose H. Perle, 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/Perle Family, Donald Luc, Sr., Steve Luc, Dale Hayes, Sr., Shelia Ann Burdick, Bonnie Landry Mashburn. **11:00am:** Jim Holt, Holt/Alfred Families L/D, Hugh & Nell Brown, M/M Raymond Egle, A.J. Cannata, Marian & Richard Romaire, Bill & Eloise Gowland, Charles Gowland, Sr., Rocco Guarisco, Jr. Family L/D, Francis X. Bassa, Donald Loupe, Pat McCleary, Fara Thibodaux, David Duplantis. **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, Mac, Mary & Stephen McCleary, Mary Catherine Laughlin, For Priests.

Tuesday, Dec. 30, 6:30am: Patrick J. Bergeron, Carl & Glenda Streva 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.

Wednesday, Dec. 31, 6:30a.m: Mark Manfre, Carl & Glenda Streva Fa., L/D, Charles Gowland, Sr., Marcelle Ordogne, Jan Covington, Santo & Stella Rousso.

Thursday, Jan. 1, 9:00am: Patrick J. Bergeron, Carl & Glenda Streva Family L/D, John & Stella Mula, Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin, Charles Gowland, Sr., Rickey Arceneaux, C.J. & Viva Solar, Glenda Solar Gros, Blackie & Mildred Arceneaux, A special & Generous Couple, Lester & Lois Fryou, Joe Parsiola, Agnes Robicheaux, Dale Hayes, Sr.

Friday, Jan. 2, 6:30am: Holy Souls in Purgatory, Patrick J. Bergeron, Carl & Glenda Streva Fam. L/D, Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin, Charles Gowland, Sr., Anthony, Vincent C. & Fannie Cannata, Pat McCleary.

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.*



### Why does Mary have a special role in helping us?

As the Mother of God, the Virgin Mary has a unique position among the saints, indeed, among all creatures. She is exalted, yet still one of us.

Redeemed by reason of the merits of her Son and united to Him by a close and indissoluble tie, she is endowed with the high office and dignity of being the Mother of the Son of God, by which account she is also the beloved daughter of the Father and the temple of the Holy Spirit. Because of this gift of sublime grace she far surpasses all creatures, both in heaven and on earth. At the same time, however, because she belongs to the offspring of Adam she is one with all those who are to be saved.

Mary embraces God's will and freely chooses to cooperate with God's grace, thereby fulfilling a crucial role in God's plan of salvation. Throughout the centuries, the Church has turned to the Blessed Virgin in order to come closer to Christ. Many forms of piety toward the Mother of God developed that help bring us closer to her Son. In these devotions to Mary, "while the Mother is honored, the Son, through whom all things have their being and in whom it has pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, is rightly known, loved and glorified and . . . all His commands are observed."<sup>33</sup> The Church honors her as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf. USCCB

### 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 Toups, Janet Bennett, Jean Stephens, Zweigle/Dupree Families, Lelia Johnson, Nicki Plessala, Jim Miller, Jaiden, Tammy Fitch, Chad Duval, Jr., Harley Blanco, Demaruis 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 Perle, 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 Perle, Layla Giroir, Wendy Hotard, Charles Gibson, Jr., Patty Fontenot, Rhonda Lile, Beth Naquin, Renee Harper, Warren Landry, Louis Tamporella, Tammy Richard, Elliot Prejean, Katie 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 Arbuckle, Louis Chaisson, Dr. Conrad Poe, Billy Lamar, Audie Taquino, Sabrina Gaspard, Billy Giordano, Catherine Bourdier, Brenda Landry Lamartinierre, 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 Perle, 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](mailto:shsecretary@htdiocese.org) or call the rectory 385-0770 and we will  
include them in our daily prayers.



**STEWARDSHIP: 12/14/2025**

**Regular Collection: \$7166.00**

**Maintenance: \$2,294.00**

**Priests Retirement: \$1,527.81**

**Online: \$303.13**

**Christmas Flowers: \$250.00**

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to Sacred Heart Church.

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## Children's Corner

### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

After King Herod found out that Jesus had been born, little Jesus was no longer safe. Herod did not want any other kings around, even baby kings like Jesus. In a dream, God warned Joseph that their little family needed to move far away from Herod. Joseph took Mary and Jesus and got out of Bethlehem as quickly and as quietly as they could.

God protected little Jesus. God wants you to be safe, too.

**Prayer** Dear God, thank you for keeping Jesus safe when he was a little baby.

## Holy Mother of God

### Sharing the Gospel

Mothers think their babies are pretty special, and Mary was no different. She probably kissed his nose, snuggled his little cheeks, and sang songs to him. But a lot of people thought her baby was special. Mary had more than just curious relatives showing up to visit. Angels praised God, and shepherds came running to see the baby, too. When it was time to name him Jesus, Mary knew he was the Savior.

**Prayer** Dear God, thank you for letting everyone know that Jesus was more than a special baby. He was the Savior. In Jesus' name, Amen.



Mary Mother of God • Luke 2:16-21

**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.

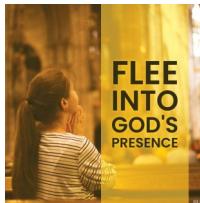
**HOSPITAL VISITS:** If you or someone you know would like to be visited in the hospital, call the rectory at 385-0770.

To request a **Parish Registration Form**, call the Rectory at 385-0770 or shcsecretary@htdiocese.org

#### PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

##### Family Blessing

May God bless, protect, unite, mend, and renew our family.



Help us to be instruments of healing and holiness, breaking generational curses, rewriting scripts, overcoming tribulation, joining in gratitude, and growing in joy ... together.

Amen.

#### MAINTENANCE COLLECTION

The **second collection next weekend**, January 3-4 is for the Parish Maintenance Fund.

*Thank you for your continued support of this important fund!~*

- *Special Update on Maintenance work being done in the Parish-*

The Baptistry roof leaks have been repaired, inner walls have been torn out, treated and all new wood and sheetrock have been installed, it is moving along very well. No date yet when it will be completed.

We have replaced a few new A/C units in the school building with only 1 left to replace.

#### The Sacrament of Marriage



"Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh." Genesis 2:24

Thursday, December 11, 2025

Emile Louis Babin &  
Curline Matte~

#### 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.



#### Celebrate Life Gala

Thursday, the Fifteenth of January  
Two Thousand Twenty-Six  
6:30 PM-9:30 PM  
Thibodaux Regional Wellness Center

Guest Speaker  
**Bishop Oscar Solis**

Entertainment  
Ned Fasullo & the Fabulous Big Band Orchestra

Wine | Hor d'oeuvres | Live Auction  
Formal Attire Encouraged

Benefiting Crossroads Pregnancy Resource Center



Featuring guest speaker  
**Bishop Oscar Solis**

Entertainment by Ned Fasullo & the Fabulous Big Band Orchestra

Scan Here



To Register  
or call 985.446.5004



#### Parish Office Holiday

The Parish Office remains closed through January 2, 2026!

Will reopen  
January 5.