



# Sacred Heart of Jesus

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HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

LOVINGLY  
DEDICATED TO  
ONE ANOTHER



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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 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.

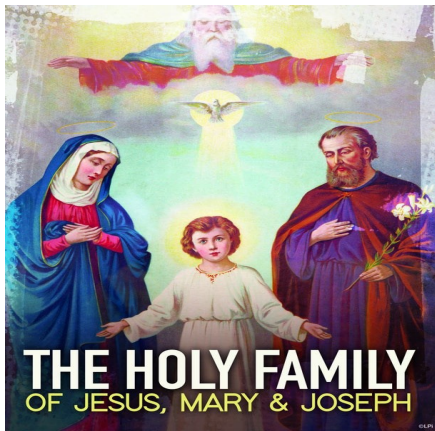
#### OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

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 29, 2024



Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (see a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

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

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

Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3,5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

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

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

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42



Litururgical Ministers

Dec. 28-29, 2024

Sacristans: Saturday, 4:30p.m.— Elaine Williams
Sunday, 8:00a.m.—Jeannie Landry, 11:00a.m.—Brenda Besse, 6:00pm— Mary Eues

Eucharistic Ministers: Saturday, 4:30p.m.— Elaine Williams
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.— Jeannie Landry, 11:00a.m.—Larry Besse, 6:00p.m.— Mary Eues

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

First Reading:

In gratitude to the Lord, Hannah returned the gift of her son, Samuel. Is there a gift from the Lord for which you are particularly grateful?

Second Reading:

As children of God, John teaches us that believers should love one another and believe in the name of Jesus. In addition to faith and love, what else do you think unites us as children of God?

Gospel:

Luke presents an anxious experience that Mary and Joseph had as parents raising the young boy, Jesus. Do you recall a time when your parents were worried or anxious about you?

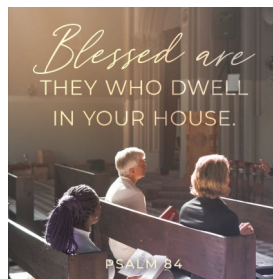
PRAYER FOR A NEW BISHOP

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.



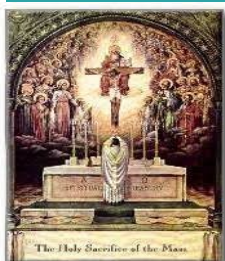
LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

For three days, Mary and Joseph search and worry before finding Jesus in the temple. "Didn't you know where I was?" he says to them, in so many words. We, too, look for Jesus. We, too, know where to find him. Let us never forget and never despair.



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. 28, 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. 28, 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 Breaux, Larry Sampey, Theresa Johnson, Mary Catherine Laughlin, Priests, Edward Absher, Rose Marie Sager.

**Sunday, Dec. 29, 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 McCleary.

**Tuesday, Dec. 31, 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, Santo Rousso.

**Wednesday, Jan. 1, 9:00am :** 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, Clarence Delaune, Edward Absher, Larry Sampey.

**Thursday, Jan. 2, 6:30am:** 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.

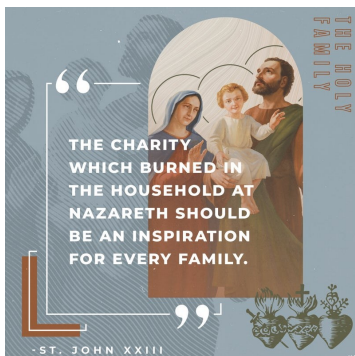
**Friday, Jan. 3, 6:30am:** Holy Souls in Purgatory, Carl & Glenda Streva Fam. L/D, Cameron Webster, Audrey & Joe Webster, Audrey & Bert Chauvin, Charles Gowland, Sr., David Duplantis, Santo & Stella Russo, Anthony, Vincent C. & Fannie Cannata, Patrick Bergeron, Clarence Delaune.

**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.*



### 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.+ 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,

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



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## 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 or call the rectory 385-0770 and we will include them in our daily prayers.



**STEWARDSHIP: 12/15/2024**  
**Regular Collection: \$5,120.00**  
**Maintenance: \$1,440.00**  
**Priests Retirement: \$1,473.00**  
**Online: \$216.88**  
**Christmas Flowers: \$296.00**

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## Children's Corner

### Sharing the Gospel

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

When Jesus traveled to Jerusalem as a 12-year-old young man, he felt completely at home in the Temple. He enjoyed talking to the teachers about his Father in heaven. His questions and his answers showed how much he loved God.



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**Prayer** Dear God, help me to feel at home in my church like Jesus did.

**Something to Draw** a picture of yourself learning about God with your teacher.

### Sharing the Gospel Mary Mother of God

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.



**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](tel:385-0770) or [shcsecretary@htdiocese.org](mailto:shcsecretary@htdiocese.org)

## RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### Where is Jesus?

Every mother who has ever lost sight of her child in a crowd, even for a few seconds, knows the panic. I think of Mary living with that level of anxiety for three straight days. I doubt she slept, but I'm sure Joseph forced her to lie down at night, imploring her to think of her health, to rest while he kept on searching the streets of Jerusalem. I imagine her lying there, eyes open and staring at the ceiling. Mary, full of grace. Mary, spotless of sin. Weeping in the dark, whispering, "Where is he?" It's an experience that we all have at one point or another. Running through the world, desperate and confused, just trying to find God and failing so miserably that we wonder if He's purposefully eluding us. If Mary couldn't even find Him, do we stand a chance? Why didn't Mary think to look in the temple? She had wisdom beyond anyone else who ever lived, at least when it came to Jesus. But I think God purposefully dropped a veil over her reasoning for these three days, so that He could show us it's okay to lose our way. He isn't eluding us. In fact, He's trying to make it easy. He's staying put, in one place, the very place we should know to look. But the streets of our life are so crowded and loud, so full of distraction. The Christmas season is about God revealing to us who and what and where He is. He has told us. The question is, have we listened?

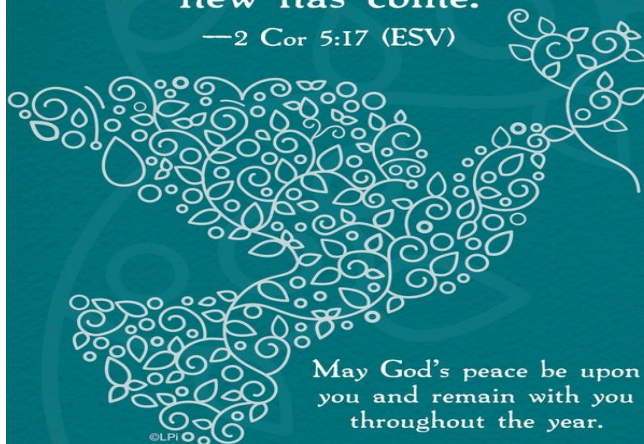
### Parish Office Closed

During this Holy season of Christmas the parish office is closed December 30 through January 1. Regular business hours will resume Thursday, January 2, 2025

*Happy New Year*

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

—2 Cor 5:17 (ESV)



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

Vigil Mass Tuesday,  
December 31, 4:30pm

Mass Wednesday,  
January 1, 9:00am

### **MAINTENANCE COLLECTION**

The **second collection** next weekend, January 4-5 is for the Parish Maintenance Fund.

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

### 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.